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Montana BMW Riders



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Club Activities - Editor



A year ago, we were just leaving the 2021 riding season behind—which was best depicted by this poster—and headed into the 2022 riding season. We were ready to ‘bust out’ and hit the road. **Phil Haglund** and **Kevin Huddy** were adding sidecars to motorcycles they found in a back corner of their respective garages;

Rebecca Coursey already had her F750GS on a ship to South America for the RUTA 40 ride down the spine of the Chilean Andes Mountains; The Huddys had there plans made for the “Dust to Dawson” rendezvous; The Beartooth Rendezvous was on after at two year hiatus as was the Three Flags Rally, with Check Point 4 in Missoula, and club participants, **Greg Hintz** and **Don Deuel** for their 6th or 7th time.

Mike Hofferber, **Gary Armstrong**, **Pat Endres** and **Lance Lerum** had their plans laid out for the Death Valley National Park ride in February, a jump on the season. The “To Helena and Back 2” adventure rides was being scheduled. Our Club Ride Schedule, disguised as monthly meetings had several new venues—the Bull at Winston, the Legal Tender in Clancy, the Missouri River Inn at Cascade and the Silver Saddle in Basin.

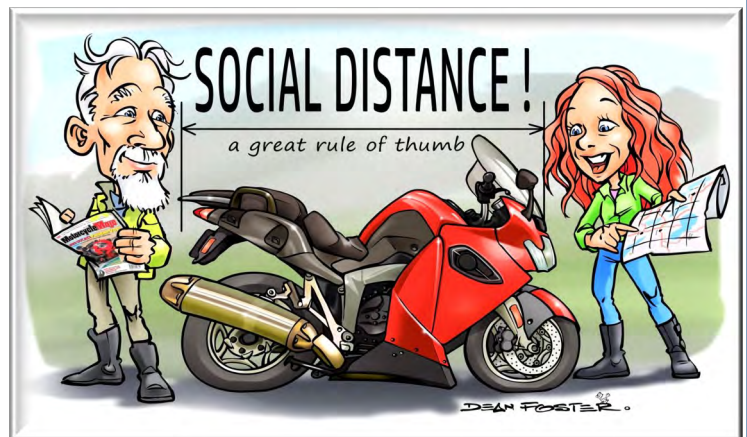
In addition to our Club events, some members were laying out plans to swing through the BMW MOA Rally in Springfield, Missouri. Others were looking forward to the Chief Joseph Rally in John Day, Oregon. Others were looking at off the chart rallies such as the Touratech Rally in Plain, Washington or such things as the United Sidecar Association National Sidecar Rally in Hotchkiss, Colorado. True to form, our Gold Wing crew, Don and Greg loaded up in a snow-storm and headed south for meanderings, Iron Butts rides and Dayton Bike Week.

In addition, there were some special event rides and adventures with special meaning to the riders and participants.

In addition, the season was full of short one and two day rides through out the west, and Huddy’s Tech Day was back on the schedule.

All in all, it seemed to be a good season, a ‘breakout’ season. I have tried to capture, in photos, some of these events and rides club members offered of ‘their’ 2022 rides in this issue.

Editor



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Ah, the end of the year and wishing an end to the winter weather. And now, business...

The treasury is in great shape...we are sitting on roughly \$6,000 in checking, which is a combination of member dues and advertising. We also have, for some reason, the same \$362 in a savings account. Our two accounts are free accounts as a non-profit, so we earn little to no interest for either one. We also have a little over \$2,200 in CD's that were put there several years ago as a hedge against dwindling membership, lawsuits, or fines from either the state or the IRS.

As for the 2022 budget versus actual, we came within \$138 of our budget. Not bad considering we beat the budget by that amount. Therefore, I feel good that our membership is solid financial footing going into 2023. We did finish with 133 paid members, a genuine affirmation of how the club is running and perceived. I am sensitive that the next Secretary/Treasurer may wonder how I managed the position, but I am comfortable that I will be handing off a decent record of what this club has accomplished. It is positioned to continue growing even beyond the 133 current members and has the financial health to support expansion of the club and its activities.

Speaking of expansion, a member suggested we try doing a club overnighter that would force our members to ride a long distance in one day, and as an added feature, make it somewhere, where our eastern Montana members could participate. You'll note in the 2023 Ride Calendar that we've spotted that idea in Lewistown, Montana in early August. The idea is that our meeting there will be a dinner meeting rather than a lunch meeting, giving all participants a chance to put their feet up and get to know other members without having to think about getting back on the bike until the next day. **John DiBari** has further suggested that riders go early or stay late and explore the area. Lewistown is dead center of the state and there are back roads and paved roads worth investigating. We are committed to fleshing out more information before then, including hotels, campgrounds, local activities, and a meeting place.

Year-end thoughts... I've enjoyed my years of volunteering. They've kept me active, involved and learning, attributes that us older folks should always be doing to maintain our overall health. Also, I got to work with some really terrific people. Most of us don't think we know anything about running a club like ours. We are personally surprised how easy it is to slide into roles never experienced before and then find real satisfaction in "the doing". An example is **Dick French**. Dick was drafted to become the editor of the newsletter several years ago. He was apprehensive because he was NOT called on in his career to do a lot of writing or editing. He was a trained engineer, you know, numbers mostly. The man is having the time of his life putting out a 20+ page newsletter every month. It's allowed him to fully participate in the club. He goes to every event, has gotten to know and encouraged more amateur writers than ever before and he has been a driver of a vision that everyone is welcome, and everyone has something to offer. **Lance Lerum** is another draftee. He raised his hand when we were looking for a web master understudy, saying he thought maybe he could help. Before you know it, Lance had taken over Mike Wright's spot and found us a new web provider, reduced the cost by half and checks the web page regularly to keep it updated...all on a slow internet connection from Townsend. I don't think we'd have as many new members as we've had if not for the webpage run by Lance. **Mark Johnson** and **John DiBari** were reluctant participants because they both had regular full time and demanding jobs. However, when called upon they pitched in wherever they could and were invaluable to keeping the club on track. Beyond those individuals I would be remiss if I didn't mention the **Huddys, Kevin** and **Annie**. They have continually stepped up to help the club. They originated Tech Days several years ago that has now become a "Calendared"

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event each May. Kevin also manages the Scholarship Program for the club and then at Christmas, throws their house open for a Christmas meal for members east of the Divide. There are others who work to keep the club going, too numerous to mention. They've all been great new friends and contributors. One last thought... being president of the club is a challenge. The last two presidents, **Chris Keyes** and **Chuck Reaves** did yeoman's work to keep their eyes up and on the horizon for the club. So, sit back, take a breath and clap for all those that make sure you, the member, enjoy the uniqueness of this club and its opportunities.

While you're applauding that last long paragraph, how about sitting down, if you haven't already, and writing a \$15 check to the MontanaBMWriders for next year's dues. Send it to:

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See you at whatever meeting you can make. Bring a friend.

Dave McCormack

Report from the Road - Ken Senn

My 2022 riding season showed fewer miles than normal, but the miles were really momentous as I was, in fact riding again after months of treatment and rehab.

My most significant ride started from home in Hamilton on the Labor Day weekend, up to Kalispell with a short stop to see my kids and grandkids, then on to Libby & up to Yaak then down to spend the night at Thompson Falls. The following morning I went over Thompson Pass to St. Maries, Idaho and across to Potlatch, further west to Davenport, north and east to Tumtum, Washington, and south to spend the night in Spokane. The next morning I rode south toward Pullman avoiding the main road & exploring the Palouse country ending up in Lewiston, Idaho. From there, on over Highway 12 and back home to Hamilton.



This was a very personal and somewhat challenging ride for me, and therefore was best done solo. Sorry no photos.



I recently purchased a dual sport - 2020 Suzuki DR 650 and have been planning several dirt road rides including some tougher stretches that I'm reluctant to travel on my Tiger Explorer - for me lighter is better. A couple of years ago I cancelled a voyage on the Idaho BDR, and now have added it back to my bucket list. These proposed adventure rides have ignited more motorcycle enthusiasm, which can make difficult these long dark winter evenings.

Ken Senn

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BMWMOA Regional Coordinator — Tom Moe 33028



Hard to believe another year has come and gone by already. Happy New Year to all and to all a great riding season.

Dave McCormack and I have been cussing and discussing a Central Montana Event and it looks like 8/5. I look forward to assisting with the event and, of course, attending as well. There are some interesting things to see and do in Lewistown and surrounding areas. Stay tuned for more details.

I hope you will find this post helpful should you have BMWMOA Platinum Assistance & Tire Hazard Program and need to file a replacement tire claim. So far, knock on wood, I have not had to use it but I do carry the coverage, which I think is a great insurance program.

We've all heard the story or even experienced it ourselves: You're out riding on a new (or new-ish) tire, and boom! Roofing nail? Deck screw? You can plug it, sure, but no matter what the internet says I should do, I never feel 100 percent safe riding on a plugged tire at sustained highway speeds.

If you've got the MOA's Platinum Roadside Assistance and Tire Hazard Protection plan, you've got coverage consisting of up to two tire replacements a year with a maximum of \$250 coverage per incident. This amount is usually enough to cover at least most of the parts and labor associated with replacing one tire, but that can vary depending on whether it's a front or rear tire, what brand and model tire you put on, and the labor cost at the shop doing the work. As frustrating as you might find it—I certainly did—you have to work the claim precisely through their process, or it will be denied.

The first thing to do is call the number on the back of your membership card—888.684.9327 if you don't have that handy—and speak with the representative of Nation Safe Drivers Motor Club (NSD). You'll need to provide your personal information, and they'll ask for your "plan number," which is also on your membership card. They'll also ask for your "contract number," which is your MOA member number. Once you've given over your info, they'll give you a claim number, a web address and an access code in case you need to submit your own paperwork for reimbursement—more on that in a moment.

You'll need to give NSD's phone number and your claim number to your mechanic, and—this is absolutely critical—ask them to call NSD before they do any work on your motorcycle. If they don't do this, NSD will likely deny your claim. Your mechanic will need to provide some basic info to NSD, including confirming your bike's make and model info, a description (and possibly photos) of the damage, tread depth remaining on the compromised tire, and pricing information on the replacement tire.

Once NSD has the info, your mechanic can move forward. I recommend paying for the work yourself and having NSD reimburse you, rather than asking them to pay the mechanic directly. This is especially important if you're away from home and not dealing with your usual mechanic. Use the website (and the claim number and access code) NSD gave you to finish up your claim. I received my check from NSD about a week after receiving a text message informing me my claim had been approved.

My most recent run through this process was admittedly a bit of a hassle, mostly because the mechanic didn't call NSD before replacing my tire, but I was successful in the end.

One thing to note is NSD does not provide an appeals process in the event of a denied claim; the only thing the folks on the other end of the phone would tell me was, "There is no escalation for denied claims." I find this infuriating, but I try hard to remember that insurance companies make their money by not paying out as often as they possibly can—it's not personal. The people on the phone have no desire or authority to shortcut the process and because it's a busy call center, they can come off as unsympathetic to your individual case.

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Because of my difficulty in navigating the process, it occurred to me my experience might benefit some MOA members and help them get through the process with less difficulty than I had. I would like to note that even had I never gotten reimbursed for this tire, my use of the towing portion of the Roadside Assistance plan has saved me more money than any one tire has ever cost, so in the long run, I'm still way ahead.

During regular business hours, follow this process for a successful tire claim using your MOA Platinum Roadside Assistance and Tire Hazard Protection plan:

1. Call NSD at 888.684.9327.
2. Provide the requested personal information; your “contract number” is your MOA member number.
3. Write down your claim number, the web URL they provide and your access code. Keep this info in a safe place!
4. Provide the claim number to your mechanic and instruct them to call NSD (at the number above) ***BEFORE*** they do any work on your motorcycle. They will need (at minimum) to provide a measurement of your tread depth and the brand, model, size and pricing of the replacement tire.
5. Pay for the work and keep a copy of your receipt in a safe place.
6. Use the website NSD provided to you to submit your reimbursement claim.

If both the damage to your tire and the replacement take place outside of NSD’s business hours—on the weekend, for example—you’ll need to submit a proof of loss form, which complicates the process a bit. Visit the [ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE PAGE](#) for more information and to download the PDF you need to fill out and file with NSD.

Ride Safe, keep the rubber side down.

Tom Moe

Mileage Contest Winner



| MONTANA BMW RIDERS MILEAGE REGISTER | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 2011 - Marg Lang | 2018 - Kevin Huddy |
| 2012 - Kevin Huddy | 2019 - Mike Meredith |
| 2013 - Kevin Huddy | 2020 - Mike Meredith |
| 2014 - Marg Lang | 2021 - Mike Meredith |
| 2015 - Don Deuel | 2022 - Kevin Huddy |
| 2016 - Marg Lang | |
| 2017 - Mike McInerney | |



The club may have reached a milestone. Kevin Huddy won this year’s Mileage Contest with 11,200 total miles—10,670 miles of that was on one of this sidecars, i.e., A Three-Wheeler!

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“HOW I SPENT MY SUMMER”

by Dave McCormack

I own a Can Am Spyder 3 wheeler. It's the only bike I own. In June I received a Recall Notice from the manufacturer that there was a serious problem on Spyders, my model included. The notice didn't say what the issue was other than I might lose all propulsion at any moment...which if you think about it, means I'd probably be severely rear ended or stranded with no cell towers nearby. In the Spyder Forums, it was the front sprocket which would lose all its cogs because of a too soft metal against a hardened steel spline. Replacement parts were a warranty issue. It was recommended against riding until parts were available. Parts were not going to be available until the end of August at the earliest. Calling the dealer only made matters worse. Parts weren't really expected until late September. Dang it, there went the riding season.

So, what did we do instead? We booked a river cruise from Paris to the Normandy Beaches, a trip that had been on my bucket list for a long time. We went in September for 12 days. Weather was perfect for that time of year, and we meandered down the Seine River stopping in villages and cities along the river each night. We reached a city called Honfleur on the last two days of our trip. There we caught a motor coach to the Omaha beach's memorial, cemetery, and the beaches themselves.



It was breathtaking to see where 73,000 US soldiers came ashore on D-Day on the way to liberating Europe. Best estimates were that 1465 died, 3184 were wounded and 1928 were MIA. Total troops committed to the D-Day landing was 160,000 troops from the US, Canada, England, Poland, and the Free French.



Sue and I walked out to water's edge and looked back at what our soldiers must have seen when the ramp dropped. The beach is completely clear now of all the obstacles, but

they weren't that day. So, it was a more staggering scene they must have experienced. Normandy beaches are famous for their shallow water. So, the likelihood is that the LST's dropped ramps far out from the actual beach. It was low tide that morning, a decision that allowed our troops to see all the obstacles above water level. From the German sites on high ground, it must have been an eerie sight.

Once back on the high ground and peering into what's left of the pillboxes and gun turrets, it was clear that it would seem insurmountable for our troops. Further south, where there were 300 ft cliffs to the high ground. You felt a deep sense of dread, the same feeling that our soldiers must have had that day.

We then spent some time at the American cemetery where we were witnessed one of the daily ceremonies for visitors. First, a laying of a wreath at the tomb of the unknown soldier by a couple of veterans from our group,



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then Taps, followed by a 21 gun salute, and finally the Star Spangled Banner played on carillon bells. It was so moving that our group just didn't dare look up for fear that our tears were still streaming down our saddened faces.

Before we went on that trip, we watched several D-Day movies, among them, The Longest Day, Saving Private Ryan, and The Big Red One. Our guide said that the movie, Saving Private Ryan, depicted the closest to how D-Day actually occurred.

The end of the story was the earliest I could get my Spyder into the dealer for the sprocket replacement was early October and even then, they were still waiting for parts. Turns out my specific bike had been outfitted with the up-graded sprocket and I could have been riding all over Montana had I known. However, I am glad my bike troubles were an excuse to finally say "Thanks" at the Normandy cemeteries to all those men and women who died on D-Day.

Converting a BMW R1250GS to a Sidecar Rig - Kevin Huddy



First, transfer FARKLEs from old R1200GS to new R1250GS



R1250GS in DMC's shop for sidecar and shop tour



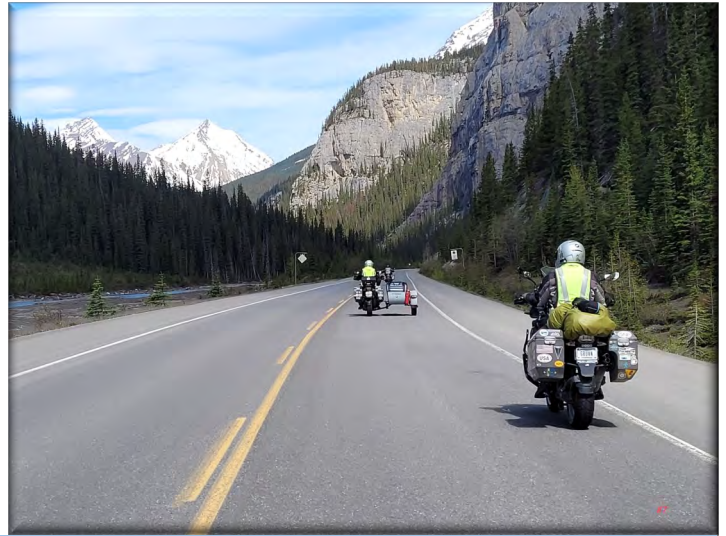
Picked up R1250 sidecar from Ural dealer, Salem, Oregon



Rode new rig home, a break along the Columbia River

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Dust to Dawson - Kevin and Annie Huddy



Headed for Dawson City, Yukon Territory passing through Jasper National Park



The Dust to Dawson crowd



Headed home, along the Cassiar Highway

An Epic Ride - Michael McInerney



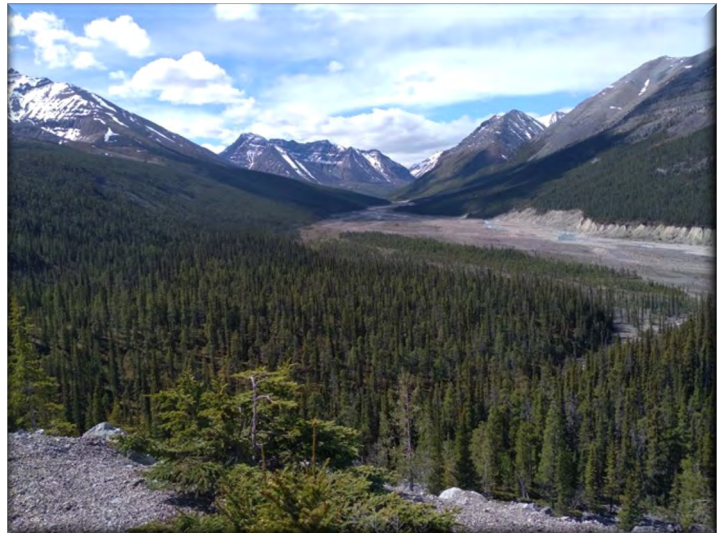
Alexandra Falls Territorial Park

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An Epic Ride - Mike McInerney (continued)



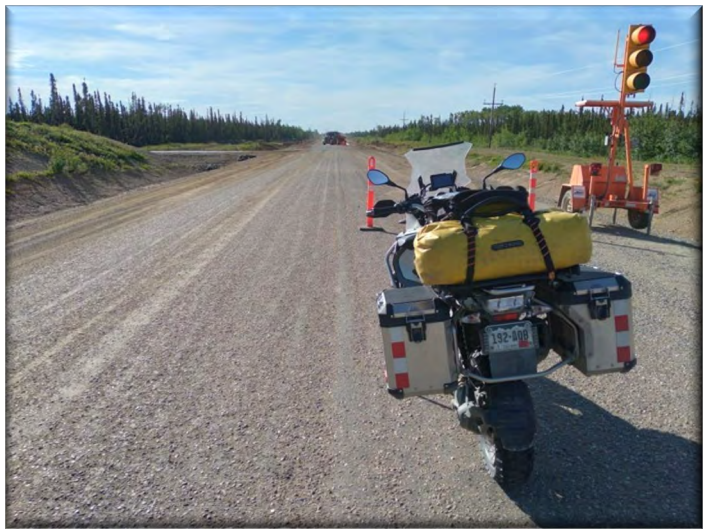
Waiting for the Ferry to cross the Laird River in order to fuel-up in Fort Simpson NWT



View along the Alaska Highway in Northern BC on the way to the Yukon



Dust to Dawson "Gathering" in Dawson City Yukon Territory



Waiting for the water truck to make some mud for me, in one of the many Construction Zones while heading Home.

BACK COUNTRY TRAVELS - First picture is me and the bike high in the San Juan mountains of Colorado near the Alamosa River north east of Wolf Creek Pass. Second picture looks like a scene from a filming of Dune, headed south into Monument Valley on the Utah Arizona border. Very windy on the day I headed to Monument Valley.

Greg Thornton



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Ride for Liberty - Larry Manchester

In 2022 I participated, for the second year in a row, in the annual Ride for Liberty. The Ride for Liberty is a group that celebrates our founding documents via a relay type ride carrying copies of our Country's important documents including the Bill of Rights, Declaration of Independence, Emancipation Proclamation, and the Constitution. These documents start from the far corners of the US and are carried across the US by a diverse group of riders and eventually arrive in Washington DC. The Bill of rights starts in Southern California and is carried to Oregon, Washington, Idaho and then to Montana. I met a group of riders from Idaho in Big Fork and received the Bill of rights from them. I then carried the document from Big Fork through southwest Montana into Idaho and then western Utah and down to Evanston Wyoming where I met up with my son **Steve**, "KTM 990 Adventure Bike". He then rode with me from Evanston down to Vernal, Utah where we met some riders from Colorado and passed the document on. This year we also carried a banner to bring awareness to the freedom to vote that is the bedrock of our great country. In total, down and back I rode 1,900 miles. Took a little side trip back through Wyoming to visit some friends. *Larry Manchester*



Leaving home to head to Big Fork



Red Canyon area of Wyoming on way home from Utah



My son and I hold the banner with Flaming Gorge in Background



My old BMW along side the bikes from Idaho

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Tech Day at the Outpost



Tire changing, maintenance - with lots of assistance - food and conversation was the order-of-the-day at the 2022 Tech Day.



Chris Keyes sent his 'tech day' report from the Bayou Outpost, somewhere in Louisiana.



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Reports (photos) from the Road



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A Summer 2022 Ride - Mick Baughman

This was a Backcountry day trip in the Whitefish range on my KLR. Riding with a buddy who was on an ATV. He had an easier day than I did but I managed to stay upright.

Mick Baughman



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Letter to the Editor - Charles Rossell and Bob Balderson

Bob and I didn't do much road riding this year. Photo with the flag in the background is me at the Rattler's Run AHRMA National at Fairfield, WA. Bob finished third and I made second. Neither one of us could catch the fast guy from Hawaii; however, we both placed better than the guy who ended up first for the year in our **+70 class**. Photo of Bob on the Maico is at the Boise Inter Am and he placed first. We both own Airhead BMW's. Bob has a smoke grey 1975 R90S and my ride is a 1988 R100RS that should give us old timers credibility in the BMW community. Enjoyed the Huddy Tech day. We did get the K bike timed and running. As you might recall, the K expert did not arrive. We didn't unload it, but enjoyed socializing with one and all. Our solution was to just fuss and old fart it to life.

Merry Christmas and a Healthy Happy 2023 to the Montana crew.

Sincerely,

Charles Rossell

Bob Balderson



Why I Ride - Robert Carpenter



A beautiful view of the Johnson Creek drainage in the Big Hole during my first ride on the new 2018 Suzuki V-Strom 1000XT. The beauty of our world, sharing it with others, and the journey is why I love to ride!

Robert Carpenter



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2022 on 2 Wheels - Mike Hofferber

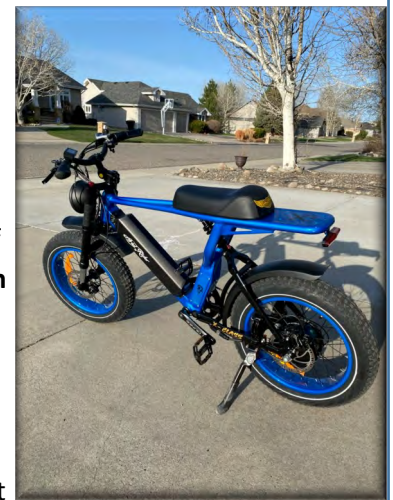


Very good year for me. Logged over 12,000 miles split among the 7 bikes, and added another 1,500 divided between the two e-bikes. Many great rides with good people so very hard to highlight, but here are the top four in my mind.

- 1) February 11-18 was the Death Valley trip. Four long days of bikes on trailers just to get three days of riding. I think all of us would do it again. I was on my BMW F800GS, **Lance Lerum** on his BMW F700GS, **Pat Endres** on his BMW 1200 GS, **Rich Bradley** on a Honda XR 650, and **Gary Armstrong** on his 1988 BMW K75CBMM. We rode around 600 miles of the valley, didn't scratch the surface and all left feeling the need to return.
- 2) June 26 and 27. Nothing spectacular about the route, it was the guest that made it cool. Rode the Beartooth and Chief Joseph one day, and the backside of the Bridgers out of Ringling the next. My companion was **Kazi Faisal**, a young man living in Vancouver BC but on a quest to ride the entire USA on his Moto Guzzi VT85. I picked his story up on YouTube and offered to put him up if he needed a place. Kazi spend three days with us and we got to ride together. When he left us, he went back to Vancouver, packed up and went back home to Dubai to take over the family business. Kazi graduated with a degree in aerospace engineering at age 18, but decided he didn't enjoy being a rocket guy. He is now married and running a fresh produce company of 250 plus employees. Very cool experience and I highly recommend hosting travelers like this if you can.
- 3) August 5-8, Rocky Mountain Roll camp out sponsored by **Amanda Zito**, "As the Magpie Flies", ([As the Magpie Flies - YouTube](#)) in Stevensville. I rode over solo from Billings and traveled the Skalkaho pass to get there. If you've not ridden it, you need to. When I got there, I got to camp out with 80 plus like minded people on Amanda's family ranch. This was my second year and it was a blast. I've already signed up for 2023. Some of us rode up Dead Horse Creek, all I can say is WOW! Spent some time with a young couple that work for the Aspen Ski Corporation and we would later meet them and ride together in Colorado.
- 4) September 14-24, Colorado Colors Ride. From Billings, I was on my new (new to me) BMW R1200GS, **Tom Dunn** on his Victory, and **Pat Endres** on his R1200GS. We picked up **Darren Davis** (from Snowmass) on a KTM 890 when we got to Grand Junction. We spent a couple days in Snowmass, rode all over Colorado, even had Darren's wife **Martina** join us on her Himalayan. Ten of the best days of riding I have ever had. If you get the chance to ride that area in the fall "just do it". We covered 2,700 miles in that 10 days and even spilled into Utah. Great time with really cool people. Many more fun rides took place in 2022 with some very special people, just hard to want for much more.

See you out there,

Mike Hofferber



Kazi Faisal



Amanda Zito



Pat Endres

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My Favorite Ride - Lance Lerum



The photo is taken along my favorite loop ride out my front door. 100+ miles of forest and high range dirt roads with only a half mile of pavement to cross HWY 12. This is Ivan Doig family homestead country and, and no traffic!

Lance Lerum



John and Janet Webster's 2022 Ride



Here are a few photos of the ride Janet and I took up through Noxon, Troy, Libby, Eureka, Columbia Falls, and back home in early August. Very hot but great trip.

John and Janet Webster



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Major Milestones in 2022 - Don Deuel



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Report from the Road - Rebecca Coursey



The photo of me at Grand Canyon is my favorite photo of me for the past year, taken May 2022. It helps me remember who I am when I am in my riding-adventure self. I learned and practiced a lot of skills on this level 2 training with West38Moto, with **Tommy Thompson** as trainer and **Dusty Wessel's** training too. We trained in Globe, AZ and then rode from Globe to Blanding, UT covering several sections of the Arizona and Utah BDR's. This was a mostly camping trip, and the challenges of this area were fun. The beauty of coming into Grand Canyon on dirt roads from south of Grand Canyon was a new experience for me. We also rode Valley of the Gods, Moki Dugway, and north out of Bluff. The Yamaha



XT 250 is such a friend--spirited, able, gritty, and light enough that I dance with her in an easier freedom. Both of my bikes (750GS and XT250) are my favorite bike, it just depends which one I'm riding!

Rebecca Coursey



Mike Meredith and friends - Devil's Tower, Wyoming



Conquering the Beartooth on a Ural, in conjunction with attending the Beartooth Rendezvous - Annie Huddy



Mark Mniszewski, another Montana rider, and Beth Mniszewski at the Chief Joseph Rally in John Day, Oregon

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For Sale - Steve Sullivan

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The Rides I Remember in 2022 - Nate Johnson



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Report from the Road - YOUTUBE WEB SITE - Robert Carpenter



Momentum Moto MT fall trip to Clayton, ID

Momentum Moto Mt • 50 views • 9 days ago

Beautiful trip to see the Chinese Wall or Gun Sight pass area in Clayton Idaho. Very different terrain than southern Montana, scenic rivers, hot springs everywhere. A fun trip for most any...

MONTANA BMW RIDER, Robert Carpenter has launched a You Tube website, [Momentum Moto Mt](#) to chronicle his riding adventures, along with a bit of his personal philosophy. His first posting, Fall Trip to Clayton, ID, brings his riding adventures to life. We hope he continues sharing these on You Tube.

Editor

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December Christmas Parties



Christmas gatherings were held at The Outpost (Huddys) in Helena and The Press Box in Missoula. Both were well attended, with new member **Bill Fain**, his wife **Terry** and daughter **Kelly** at the Missoula location.

Larry Banister announced the mileage contest winners - **Kevin Huddy** overall, **Dean Hall**—'average mileage' winner, and **Tom Moe** as the 'lucky draw' winner.

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Photos from the Road



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Classified - Phil Haglund



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Tents for Sale - Mike Hofferber

I have four tents, the bigger blue one (north face), I'd like to get \$100 for it. The other three are all 2-3 person tents. The Scheels model has a footprint, not sure about the other 2. I'd take \$40 or best offer for any of them.

Contact me:

- Email: mike.hofferber@gmail.com
- Telephone: 406-698-8179



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Classified



Excellent condition, 20,800 miles, Custom pegs, grips, backrest, intercom, extras;

Asking **\$20,000 obo**. KBB is \$24,300 and NADA is \$21,259;

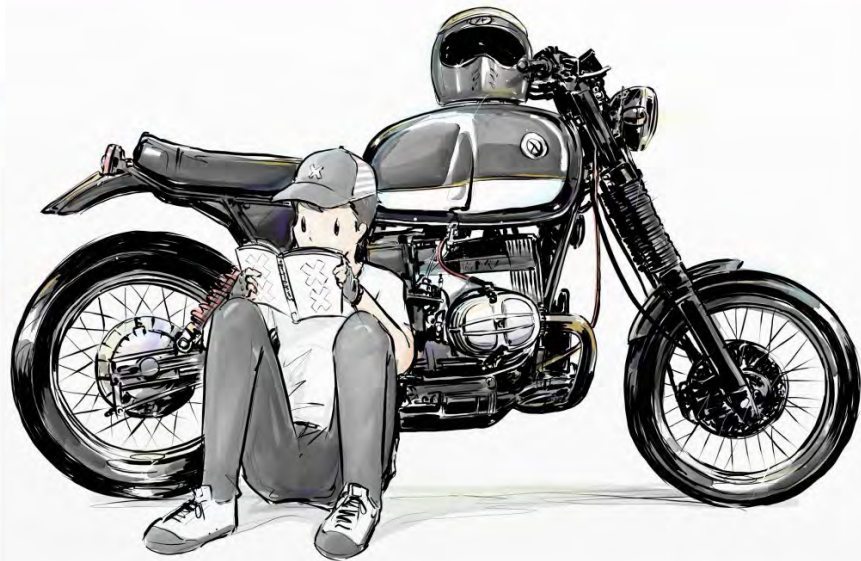
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Classifieds - Lon McComas



BMW 2002 R110RT for sale. 76,000 miles; New tires (Michelin Pilot 4's) and full service 09/2021; New battery in August 2022; Has flashing tail lights and bright LED running lights. Asking **\$4,000**.

For information contact **Lon McComas** (406-388-0678) or email (lwmccomas@yahoo.com).



Just one more, might be my favorite moto photo of 2022. East side of the Bridger Mountains
Mike Hofferber

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Three-Wheelers



A new recruit checking out his ride for 2023. "Where are my doggles?"



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My 2022 Riding Year - Your Editor

It was a good riding year for me, not very many miles, but memorable events, and some very significant things, and lots of people, all interesting each in their own way. Here are a few of them.

Editor



That stop along the Flathead River



The Antique Motorcycle Club of America riders and bikes at Libby



A pleasant afternoon on the banks of Lake Hauser with fellow club members



The Nigerian Guy at the Three Flags Rally Check Point 4



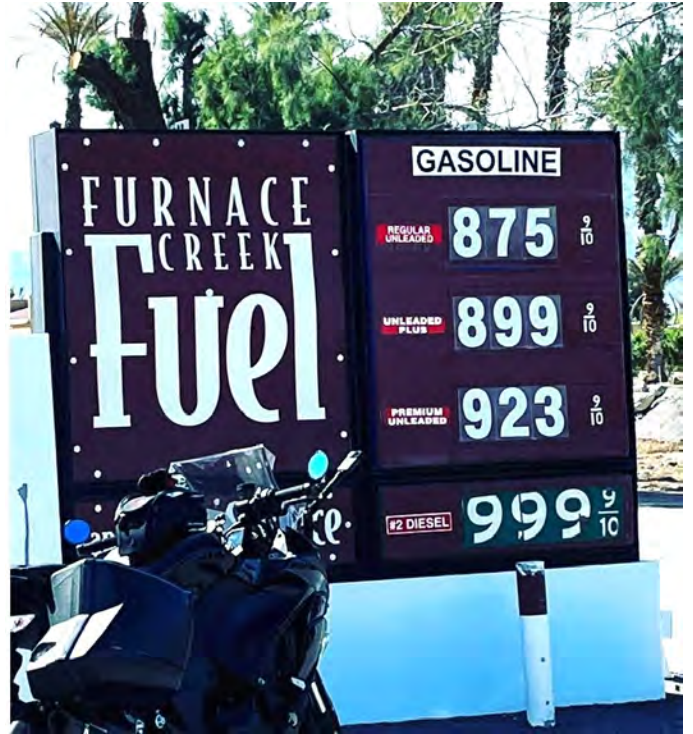
The three days riding through the Libby-Yaak-Eureka region with Dean Hall



The tour of the Rocky Mountain Motorcycle Museum with my kid sister, who I had not seen for two-and-a-half years.

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Goodbye 2022



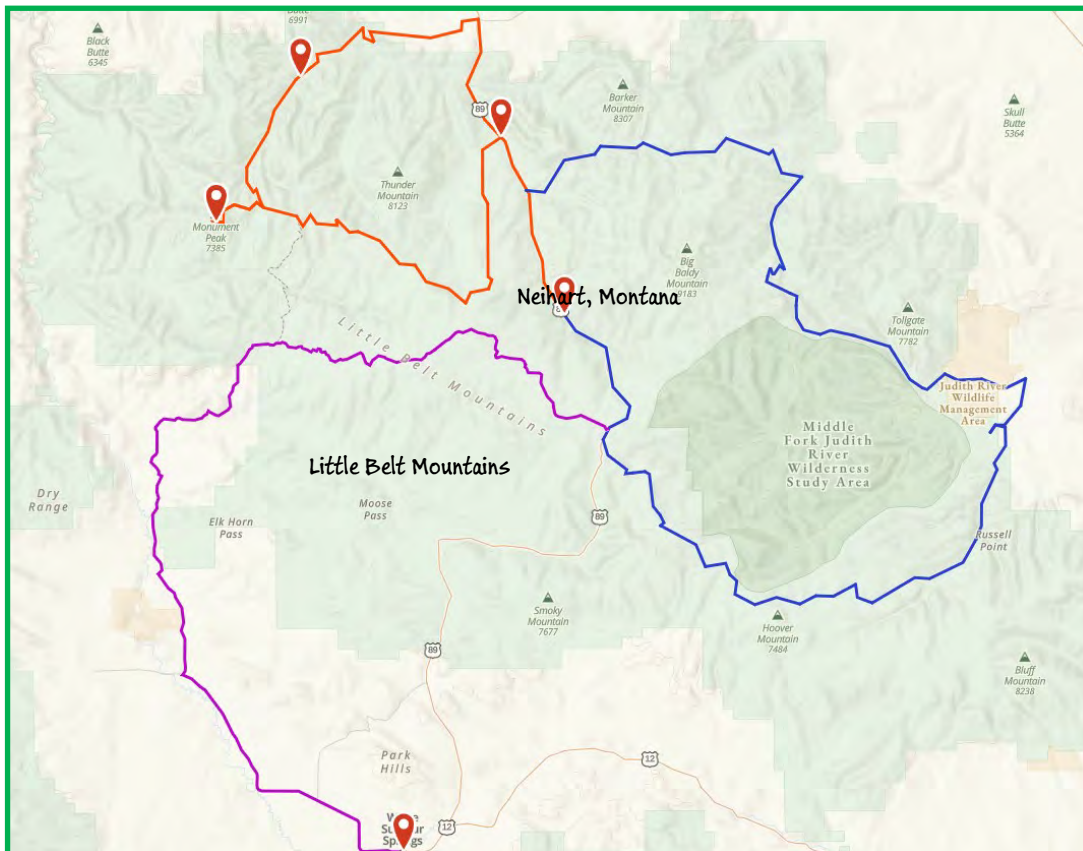
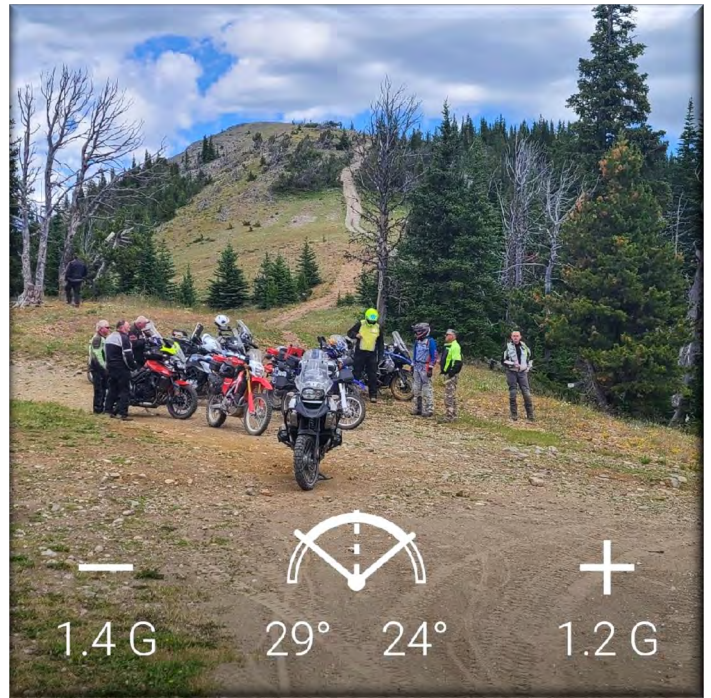
Hello 2023



New rigs to be seen - stay tuned

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Adventures to be had in 2023



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Ride Schedule - 2023

| Month | Date | Location | Divide | Venue | Day | Time |
|-----------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|----------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| January | 15 th | Seely Lake | West | Double Arrow | Sunday | 1:00 PM |
| February | 18 th | Helena | East | Grubstake | Saturday | 1:00 PM |
| March | 19 th | Lincoln | West | Lambkins | Sunday | 1:00 PM |
| April | 23 rd | Wilsall | East | The Vault | Sunday | 1:00 PM |
| May | 20 th | Huddy Outpost | East | Huddy Outpost | Saturday | All Day |
| | 21 st | Houser Lake | East | Lakeside on Hauser Lake | Sunday | 1:00 PM |
| June | 17 th | Big Fork | West | Echo Lake Café | Saturday | 1:00 PM |
| July | 13 th -16 th | Neihart | East | Little Belt Mountains | Thursday - Sunday | All Day |
| | 16 th | White Sulphur Springs | East | Jesse Pepper's Smoke Shack | Sunday | 1:00 PM |
| August | 5 th | <i>Lewistown</i> | <i>East</i> | <i>Saturday</i> | <i>TBD</i> | <i>6:00 PM</i> |
| | 20 th | Phillipsburg | West | Picnic Lunch | Sunday | 1:00 PM |
| September | 17 th | Ennis | East | Alley Bistro??? | Sunday | 1:00 PM |
| October | 15 th | Ovando | West | Trixi's | Sunday | 1:00 PM |
| November | 18 th | Basin | East | Silver Saddle | Saturday | 1:00 PM |
| December | TBD | | | | | |

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