

# MONTANA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER

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Montana BMW Riders



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## Presidents Corner — Larry Manchester



I just completed my leg in the 2023 Ride for Liberty relay ride. This is the third year I have participated in this ride. A copy of the Bill of Rights starts in southern California in early May and works its way up to Oregon, Washington and over to Idaho. Two ladies from Boise, Idaho bring the document to Montana where I meet them. This year we met in Missoula and from there I took it to Evanston, Wyoming, where I met up with my Son. We rode together to deliver the BOR to some Colorado riders who met us in Vernal, Utah. I covered 1,745 miles in total. For more information on the ride check out the website, <https://libertyrides.org>

The ride this year turned out to be very challenging to this old rider. I rode Wednesday afternoon from Corvallis to Belgrade to stay the night at my daughter's place. It was very nippy, temperature in the low 50's with strong winds the entire way. I rode over Lost Trail pass and through Wisdom, Jackson Hot springs, Dillon, Whitehall, Cardwell, Norris and on to Belgrade. Yes, I know that's not the most direct route to Belgrade, just wanted to avoid the Interstate and see more country.

Thursday, I decided to ride from Belgrade to Riverton, Wyoming. Again, not the shortest route to my eventual destination Evanston, but I decided to see some country I had not seen in some time and visit with some family and friends. That is the beauty of the Ride for Liberty, you can pick your route as long as you meet up at the predetermined handoff location on time. I left Belgrade and rode to Big Sky and on to West Yellowstone. Forty-five degrees when I left Belgrade. As many of you may know, the highway from Big Sky to West Yellowstone has heavy traffic in the summer as the tourists are in full force. Throw in some highway construction and it made it slow going. From West Yellowstone I rode to Ashton, Idaho and took Highway 32 over to Driggs and Victor, Idaho. Put this on your bucket list if you have never ridden it. It is 35 miles of winding road through fields of grain and potatoes with views of the backside of the Tetons in the distance. Not much traffic either so it was a glorious ride. I then rode over Teton Pass and dropped down into Jackson, Wyoming with thousands of tourists all in a hurry to get somewhere. Just stopped long enough to take the customary picture of the Antler Arch and headed north through Grand Teton National Park. I worked for many years in Yellowstone and Jackson for the telephone company so do not feel inclined to spend a lot of time in those places. Kind of sad to see all the growth that has happened over the years. After leaving Grand Teton National Park, I headed over Togwotee pass towards my destination of Riverton. It was 40 degrees at the summit of the pass with some wind. Glad to have several layers on and put the heated grips on the Super Ténéré to good use. More highway construction just east of Dubois, Wyoming. Had to wait for 30 minutes for the pilot car to lead us through. The flagger, a nice Native American lady from Ft. Washakie waved me to the front of the line. They always try to put motorcycles in the front for their safety, she told me. Turns out we knew a lot of the same people. I worked closely with the tribal right of way department in the Wind River Indian Reservation as part of my job and her cousin was one of the agents I knew quite well. Small world we live in.

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## **Presidents Corner— Larry Manchester - (continued)**

I made it to Riverton around 8:00 pm, checked into my cheap room, (quick note, you get what you pay for) and headed to the nearby KFC for a quick bite.

Met my older brother from Shoshoni for breakfast the next morning. Had a nice visit over a good meal. I was not in a terrible hurry as I only had a 4 hour ride to Evanston in front of me. In looking at the weather report I noticed some rain and thunderstorms forecast but nothing looked terrible. I went up to visit my old boss from my Engineering days in Riverton. Visited for a while and the TV was on in the background. A national weather alert for dangerous hail and thunderstorms appeared on the TV. A quick look at the radar on my smart phone showed some nasty weather headed my way. Just then, some hail started to pound the house. My old boss opened his garage and I put the bike inside just in time to avoid golf ball size hail. The hail quit after 20 minutes with just light rain. Another look at the radar and it looked fairly clear going towards Evanston. I put on my rain gear and headed out in the light rain. After 3 miles the light rain turned into a downpour with strong winds. Damn radar! It cleared up shortly before Lander, Wyoming and I stopped for gas and a text to let the wife know my location. The sky was dark in the direction of South Pass so I knew I would be in some rain. South Pass is known for its wind, it is the southern portion of the Wind River Mountain range. Boy did I find some wind to go along with the rain. All was good up to the Sweetwater Highway Rest stop, just 20 mile or so wind gusts with very light rain. But looking south I could see a dark and ominous cloud bank forming with flashes of lightning in the distance. I noticed two Harley riders going by with the typical ape hanger handlebars, loud pipes, and no windshields. They had no rain gear on, just short sleeves under leather vests and of course, no helmets. They were going pretty fast and I just shook my head as they disappeared in the distance. I headed out and within five minutes I hit the brunt of the storm. Driving rain, lightning and winds that I learned later were gusting at 65 miles per hour. This is a long stretch of highway with no shelter, just wide open sagebrush as far as you can see. The traffic I was meeting was fighting the wind also, several campers were leaned over as were a couple of big rigs. I had no choice but to fight on. I was glad the Super Ténéré is a heavy bike, around 630 pounds with the panniers. With my 215 pounds of pure muscle added on, the Super "T" was holding its own to stay on the road. The wind was a direct cross wind, and gusting so I had a tight grip on the bars with the bike leaned way over into the wind. I noticed a vehicle following me at a safe distance, probably just worried about this crazy biker. It was 20 miles of terrible riding, I thought several times I was going to be blown off the road. The water was standing an inch deep on the roadway and I was worried about losing traction. Finally broke through the storm three miles from the small town of Farson. Pulled into the local gas station where there were several campers, trucks, and the two Harley riders trying to calm down after the drive. The two riders turned out to be members of the Bandido's Motorcycle club. They were drenched head to feet and were visibly shaking while smoking outside the gas station. One of them looked at me with my three coats, rain-gear, full face helmet and said, "...now I know why you wear all the S\*^\*t!" I just nodded and moved on, they did not seem in the best of spirits. Wind all the remaining ride to Evanston made the ride slow. Finally made Evanston around 6:00 that night. What a day, one for the memory book.

The ride the next day to Vernal with my son was thankfully uneventful. Nice ride over the Uinta Mountains with views of Flaming Gorge Reservoir. Lots of sun with no wind. Handed off the BOR to the Colorado riders and returned to Evanston on the same route.

Made a long day of it and rode from Evanston, Wyoming to Corvallis, Montana the next day. Over 500 miles, went the long way through Afton, Wyoming; Rigby, Idaho and then up to Salmon to avoid the interstate. Heavy rain over Lost trail pass but no wind. Slept well that night.



Snow on Togwotee Pass

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## Presidents Corner— Larry Manchester - (continued)

I learned a few things on this 1,745 mile trip:

- 1) The Super Ténéré is a great road bike with a terrible seat. I will be getting a custom seat this winter for sure. An Air Hawk seat pad and cheap Walmart padded bicycle shorts made it somewhat tolerable.
- 2) Good rain gear is a must, and don't be an idiot and put it on in the rain. Put it on when you see the rain coming.
- 3) The Bandido's MC riders are not as tough as they think they are. Of course I did not tell them that.

We have some of the most breathtaking riding in the Western US at our doorstep. Take advantage of it!

*Larry Manchester*, President

Montana BMW Riders



My son and I perform the Bill of Rights hand off in front of the old Evanston railroad machine shop.



I picked up a copy of the Bill of Rights from three great riders, **Lori Steiniker**, **Terrie Cathcart-Shurte**, and **Tim Hallrud**, who rode in from Idaho and met me in Missoula.



Very fitting to be riding on this road with the Bill of Rights.



Red Canyon overlook South of Lander. Right before I got in the rain storm.



# ***MONTANA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER***

**Tom Moe 33028, BMWMOA Regional Coordinator**



## **2024 BMWMOA National Rally**

The 2024 Rally is scheduled for the Deschutes County Fairgrounds, Redmond, Oregon June 13 to 15, 2024. WHOOHOO! Back on our side of the country, great scenery and attractions and I am told some great riding roads as well. I certainly look forward to attending it.



## **Central Montana Event – August 5 – Reservation Deadline July 5**

**As a reminder I repeat this information.**

We have reserved a block of Rooms at the Yogo Inn ([yogoinn.com](http://yogoinn.com)), **LEWISTOWN**, Montana for both August 4 and 5 for any that want to arrive a day early and take a day ride on Saturday. We will come up with some route ideas for both GS and road riders. The rate at the Yogo Inn is \$125.00 plus tax for a total of about \$136.00 per night. When you call, ask for the MT BMW Riders rate, your credit card will not be charged until arrival and cancellations prior to 24 hours of arrival will not be charged. We need to fill at least 8 rooms to get this rate or it will go back to rack rate in effect at the time. The Yogo Inn will hold the rooms until **July 5** and then let them go back to the hotel. Reserve now and let club leadership know how many are attending so we can plan properly, **text me at 406-599-5226**.

**The Yogo Inn number is 406-535-8721.** The Yogo Inn has a liberal cancelation policy, up to 24 hours prior to arrival date.

There is a great brewery, Big Spring Brewery, across the street from the Yogo Inn crafting great beers from that fabulous Big Spring water.

Other options include free first come first serve camping at the Kiwanis Campground west of Lewistown with restrooms and water available.

There is a music festival known as Centerfest that weekend as well so we have competition for rooms and food, at the same time some might enjoy the music festival. See [centerfestmt.com](http://centerfestmt.com) for details if interested and for tickets.

Keep the rubber side down.

*Tom Moe*

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**Classified - John DiBari**

**2016 Honda Africa Twin, \$10,750, 28,124 miles.**

6-speed manual transmission. Purchased with 998 miles on it in June of 2017. Bike is in great shape. Well maintained. I have records for the time I've owned the bike.

**Includes:**

Barkbuster handguards, Double Take mirrors, aftermarket foot pegs, Outback Motortek upper and lower crash bars, Outback Motortek skid plate, Outback Motortek luggage rack, SW Motech EVO pannier rack, Tusk pillion rack, 2 SAE plugins (lower and dash), Lithium battery (installed 8/2022), Rigid Ignite lights, Heated grips, Garmin Zumo XT mount (small RAM mount needed), Camel ADV right foot peg support, Camel ADV windscreen brace, Tall and OEM wind screen, Seat Concepts seat, Large kickstand foot, Vizi-Tec brake light flasher, Givi 15 liter tank bag with adapter ring, Dunlop TrailMax Mission tires (1800 mi).

Will sell with (or separately) SW Motech TRAX aluminum hard cases (37 liters each) for an additional \$350 and SW Motech TRAX 15 liter accessory bags for an additional \$100.

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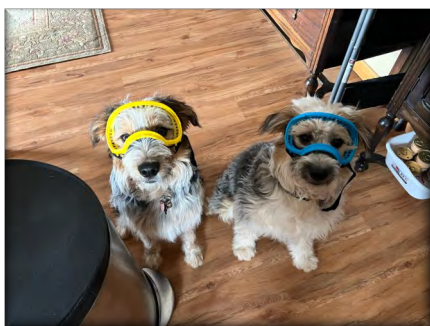
John at [jndibari@yahoo.com](mailto:jndibari@yahoo.com)

Located in Missoula.

Additional photos available upon request.



## Side Car Puppy Training - Huddy's Sidecar Puppies



Earlier this year - First the doggles.



Now, the real thing. They look like they may be enjoying themselves.



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Report from the Road - Dave and Mary Fishbaugh



## ROCKS

**Rocks can be a road hazard in more ways than one.**

Mary and I decided this spring, now that we are another year older, maybe we should buy a road bike. We have only owned GS's. So, we bought a 2023, fully loaded R1250RT triple black, with cruise control (Wow, do I like that cruise control!). One of our great-nieces was getting married June 3rd in LA and we were invited. So, we thought that would be a great maiden voyage for the new bike. We boxed up our wedding and rehearsal dinner clothes in a FedEx box and shipped them off to our hotel. We set off on a 3,100-mile bike ride through the southwest. As you know, I like to collect stories on bike trips, and certainly we did collect a few. However, sometimes the route you pick is telling a story.

We started out riding over a low saddle in the Bridger and Belfry Montana area that lies between the Beartooth Plateau to the west, and the Pryor Mountains on the east. We dropped into the Big Horn Basin, rode over the Heart Mountain Detachment Fault and exited the basin through the Wind River Canyon, which cuts through the Owl Creek Mountains. South of the canyon, we dropped into the Wind River Basin. Heading west, we passed over South Pass (a hump on the Oregon Trail) and into the 3,500 square miles of the Great Divide Basin. Heading south, we rode over both the Rawlins and the Rock Springs uplifts in the Flaming Gorge area located on the north flank of the Uinta Mountains. Turning west, we went over the Unita Mountains with the Colorado Plateau and Unita Basin to our left. We rode over the Wasatch Fault and into the Basin and Range area of southern Utah and Nevada ending up in Death Valley. Finally, we arrived in Clearmont CA (north side of LA).

Returning, we headed west from LA, and passed through the Mojave Desert. If you have to ride through that desert on June 4<sup>th</sup> of any year, don't do it! 107<sup>o</sup> F! From there we rode up onto the Kaibab Plateau to the Grand Canyon. Continuing east, we rode through Painted Desert, Monument Valley, and the Four Corners area. From there we headed north unto the Uncompahgre Plateau and on through the mountains of western Colorado including the Piceance and Sand Wash basins. Finally, we repeated of the geology of Wyoming on our home stretch.



Now why did I tell you this? Where do roads get curvy? Where there are out-crops of rocks. I am a geologist. I like rocks, geologic structures, and interpreting the depositional environments of sedimentary rocks. Rocks are a serious hazard for motorcyclist who have an interest in rocks. Before Mary and I had a helmet-to-helmet com system. Mary would tap the back of my helmet once for "slow down" and twice for "watch the road not the rocks." I can't count the number of times I heard that on this trip.

You know what I get to see riding on a trip like this? Asphalt, concrete, double yellow lines, orange construction cones, the rear-ends of semi's, RV's, cars and pickups. The scenery I get is similar to those digital picture things that sit on someone's coffee table and flash random pictures of their vacations and family photos. Maybe I should wear one of those cameras on my helmet. Then when I get home, I can review what I missed. I would recommend that bird watchers should not ride motorcycles.

This trip was long, hot, but never endingly beautiful. And the rocks were phenomenal! Both Mary and I have a new appreciation for the beauty of rural Nevada. And even Mary wants to return to Death Valley (but in the winter) to explore the crazy geology.

*Dave*

P.S. I need to ask this geology/hydrology question of everyone. How many Continental Divides are there in the US? Hint: Mary and I grew on top of one and we are originally from Indiana.

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## BMW MOA RALLY—2023 - Doug Anderson

I left Red Lodge on June 1<sup>st</sup> with the destination of Richmond, Virginia and the 50<sup>th</sup> MOA rally.

Wyoming and Nebraska were cool and wet, Kansas and Missouri went from pleasant to hot and humid. After a visit with friends outside of Bowling Green, Kentucky I headed for my first experience on the Tail of the Dragon. The 11 mile stretch is well marketed and hyped so that box has been checked.

While in Deals Gap ,I met Mario Rodriquez who was riding his RT from Guatemala to the rally; now that's a trip.

Next was the Blue Ridge Parkway, a beautiful roadway nestled in the deep forest of the Smoky Mountains.

The rally was very well attended with 5,600 folks and plenty of vendors both inside and out. My wife, Linda flew in to experience her first rally and had a great time seeing the vintage bikes and sidecars.

The return trip took me through West Virginia on Highway 64, a beautiful drive with big sweepers and little traffic.

After an oil change in Iowa City, IA ,I stopped for a visit with aunt, uncle and cousins in Waconia, Minnesota.

Then the final stretch through North Dakota was back to cool and wet. Sixteen days, 4,900 miles, a journey through some beautiful country and a nice rally with friendly folks. It doesn't get any better than that.

Cheers

*Doug*



## Report from the Road - Kim Lemke

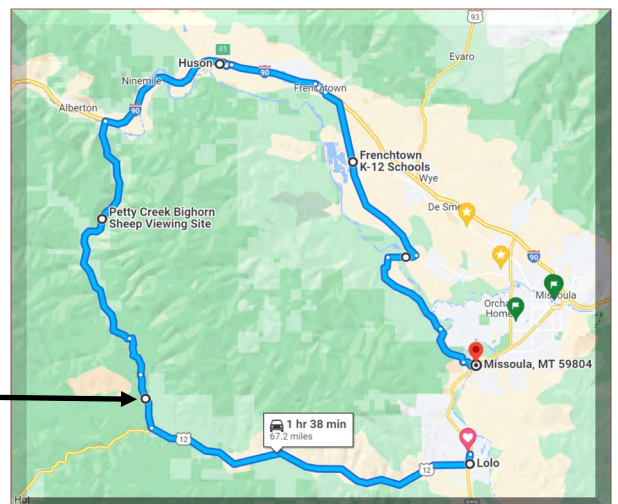


Unfortunately, Dick French and I have not had a ride together yet this year! In the past we often had a few rides in by now. The same with Chuck Reaves. Chuck and I also have started our rides early in the year and ended in October or November. So Thursday last was a celebration, Chuck and I made a loop, heading west on Highway No. 12 to "The Jack" to test their menu and then, heading north on Graves Creek/Petty Creek to Alberton. Home on frontage roads and Mullan to Big Flat, completing our circle route on US 93.



I was on his BMW K100, and Chuck on his Moto Guzzi. Who says you need an ADV bike for a little gravel?

*Kim Lemke*



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## Report from the Road - Mike Hofferber

Terry Pancich on a Roadglide, me on Sophia the 2001 Moto Guzzi v11 Sport.

Great day. A break in the weather. 168 miles.

*Mike Hofferber*





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Report from the Road - Robert Carpenter



## CMA National Rally, Gillette, WYOMING June 20<sup>th</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup>

Motorcycling is always an adventure no matter how short or how long the trip for sure! Rushing to get off work and get on my pre-packed Suzuki VStrom 1000XT was the goal for the day. Once I got on the road for day 1 to Billings, I encountered what was to be a long week of weather! From Deer Lodge to well after Bozeman, it dumped rain with gusty winds, and a few hailstorms - passing big trucks was sketchy at best! Once past Big Timber the strong wind gusts stopped and the sun came out, and the rest was great!

Once in Gillette the next day, you could see the storms brewing, dark, and overcast as we set up camp before it started raining. Night one camping was in high winds and lots of rain, wiped out part of our camp. That set the tone for the week. We evacuated to a local hotel the next day!

Thursday, we did have a nice ride to the Devils Tower state park with no rain and some sun, great ride and only one-mishap when a friend went down in the muddy "shortcut" that we were led into. That night it rained even harder than the night before, trapped in the Gillette Cam-Plex, 1,200 of us waited out the storm to leave for the night.

Friday, we greeted with tornado warnings and a possible super big storm for the afternoon. That hit about 4pm or so - rained hard, blew a lot, wiped out a vendor easy up and sent them all packing. We had our nightly event, to the sound of strong winds and heavy rain, once again waited it out to head back to the hotel. Found out the next day that a tornado had hit a local Gillette coal mine and hurt eight people there! We were blessed to be spared.

Saturday, we had a blast with a Motorcycle rodeo, shooting nerf guns at our leaders, throwing hats onto bull's horns, and a barrel race with a passenger doing the shooting and tossing, what a blast that was.

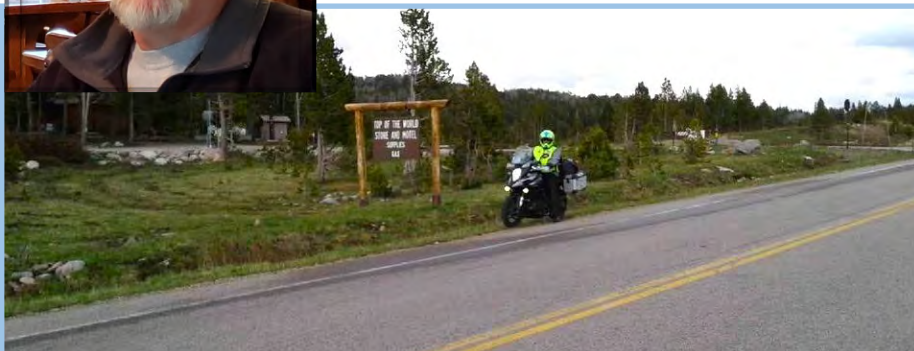
Sunday, we decided since we had gone that far, to head over Highway 14 from Ranchester, Wyoming and through the mountains to Cody, where we hit Highway 120 to 296, and then Highway 212 over the Beartooth pass. There isn't enough room for me to say that that whole corridor was spectacular, and challenging, enduring several more hailstorms, (pea sized) loud in the helmet, and then 2" of snow on the Beartooth portion. I rode out the car tracks that melted a path for us. The beauty of the area made it all worthwhile.

Total miles at 1,154 and lots of fun! The best part is I didn't think about work, not even one time during the trip!!

PS. Got to see the train bridge collapse and derailment just past Columbus on the way home!



*Robert Carpenter*



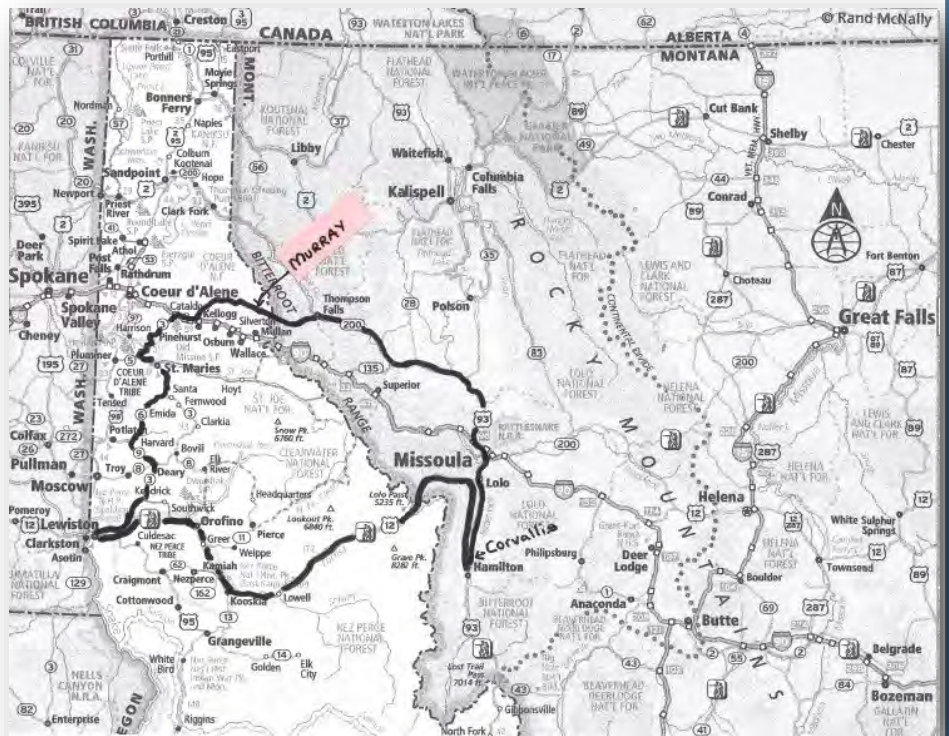
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Report from the Road - Larry Manchester

Fellow rider and friend from Hamilton Ken Senn invited me on a two-day road trip with him and I am sure glad I took him up on the ride. We left the Corvallis Merc at 9:00 am and headed up Highway 93 to Missoula and continued to Ravalli where we headed west towards Thompson Falls. Great ride along the Flathead River and through Paradise and Plains. After a quick lunch at a Taco stand, we started up Highway 471 and stopped at the top of Thompson Pass. What a great view and a fun ride up and down. We headed down the pass and cruised into Murray, Idaho to see the sites along the main street. This will definitely be a place to explore more when time permits. We jumped on I-90 at Cataldo for a few miles and exited on Highway No. 3 towards St. Maries. We left Highway 3 and rode on State 6 through the St. Joe National Forest. Beautiful scenery with lots of curves and light traffic made the miles drift by quickly. At Harvard, (not the college) we went on State 9 towards Deary. Ken was surprised to see the name of the cute little town was Deary. He told my wife and I earlier when discussing the route that the name was Dreary. We got a laugh out of that confusion of names. After Deary we got back on Highway 3 and rode it to meet up with Highway 12 and then 15 miles on to Lewiston, Idaho and the Holiday Inn for the night.

The next morning at the crack of 10:00, (too much talking about riding and bikes at breakfast) we gassed up and jumped on Highway 12 headed to Lolo and home. Stopped at Lochsa Lodge for a bowl of chili which tasted real good after riding the last 20 miles or so in the rain. The ride to Lolo and home was relaxed with moderate traffic until we hit US 93 and the dreaded Missoula to the Bitterroot traffic. That highway sure seems busy these days. When I pulled into my driveway on Joy Street, my trip meter showed 598 wonderful miles. I would encourage anyone to try this ride. You will see some amazing scenery and this route has more curves than the Rockettes! Thanks to Ken for the great ride. Sorry I don't have many pictures to share. You put two old riders on bikes with roads with that many curves and there was not much stopping to smell the roses. Just lots of spirited riding.

*Larry Manchester*



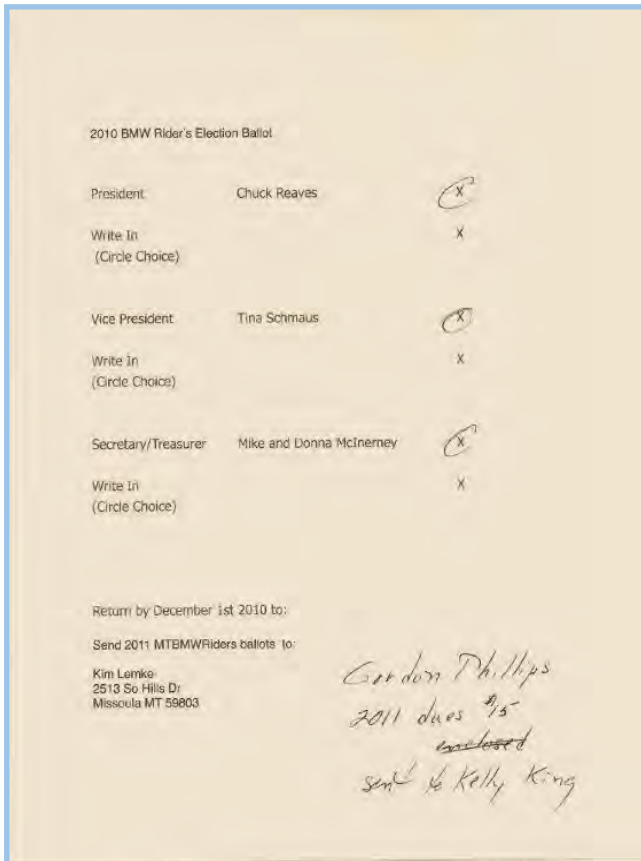
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Classified - Robert Carpenter

- 2011 BMW F650GS
- 61,000 miles
- Jesse Aluminum panniers
- Wolfman tank bag
- \$4500.00
- Formally owned by MONTANA BMW RIDER Annie Huddy - excellent maintenance
- Located in Missoula
- Contact:
  - ⇒ **Robert Carpenter**
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## Life in the Rear View Mirror - Kim Lemke



Montana BMW Riders officer slate for the term beginning 2011. This probably violates voter confidentiality.



The BMW MOA National Rally returns to Redmond, Oregon in 2024. Above, Historian, past president, **Kim Lemke** at the BMW MOA Rally in Redmond in 2010.



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**Nate Bertland**  
OWNER



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MASTER CERTIFIED BMW TECHNICIAN



**Nik Anderson**  
BMW & KTM CERTIFIED TECHNICIAN

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## Monthly Meeting - Echo Lake Café, Big Fork

It was apparent Mother Nature is not a motorcyclist. For our monthly meeting at the Echo Lake Café, she gave us cold, for June in Montana, and off-and-on-again rain, see the clouds in the nearby photo. All of that did little for the road construction north of Ronan. The weather and road conditions did not deter 11 riders of the 18 members who made the trip. President **Larry Manchester**, **Ken Senn** and **Mick Baughman**, all from the Bitterroot Valley rode to the event, as well as **Mark Ellzey** from Helena. The other riders rode from Missoula. We also got to meet new members; **Earle Merchant**, Kalispell; **Stephen Littfin** also from Kalispell, and guest **James Fountain**, Missoula.

The Echo Lake Café grouped us together, outside under a tarp roof and with gas-fired radiant heaters.

*Editor*



This (left) is guest **James Fountain** (right) Triumph Scrambler.



New member **Stephen Littfin**, Kalispell, (right) and his ultra clean Ural, and riding companion.



**Mark Ellzey**, **Earle Merchant** and **Kim Smolt**.



Guest, **Earle Merchant**, Kalispell, also a Ural rider.

No club function at the Echo Lake Café would be complete without **Greg Hintz** and his Honda (new 2023 in this case) Gold Wing.



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## Monthly Meeting - Echo Lake Café, Big Fork (continued)

Others who made the meeting at Echo Lake:

- K. Bill Clark, Vice President
- Ken Senn

- Dean Hall
- Brian Campbell
- John Wing
- Mick Baughman

- Dave McCormack
- John DiBari
- Dan Siddens
- Sandy Kuntsen

## Three-wheeler Stuff - Ken Conrad

I was out on the Africa Twin/DMC sidecar rig the other day and stopped for fuel. A suburban pulled up alongside.

Out jumped seven or eight young kids from a local church youth group. The lady driving the suburban and herding the kids, came over to me and said the church's youth groups were on a scavenger hunt and one of items on the list was to help someone fuel their vehicle.

The kids were pretty excited about getting to help fuel a sidecar rig.

I doubt that any of the other groups of kids on the scavenger hunt scored a sidecar fueling. I asked if they got extra points for such a unique occasion. They all agreed that was a great idea.

I've had lots of UDF (Ural Delay Factor) moments while on the Ural, but can't say I've ever had an Africa Twin/DMC church youth group scavenger hunt delay.

Made my day.

*Ken Conrad*



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Classified - Todd Jones

## 2016 R1200RS Premium Build (Cruise Control, Heated Grips)

- ⇒ 41,547 miles
- ⇒ Smoked taller windscreen with original
- ⇒ Bar risers
- ⇒ Clearwater LED driving lights
- ⇒ Rich's leather saddle
- ⇒ Lockable saddle bags with interior luggage bags
- ⇒ Navigator V (currently not installed)
- ⇒ Metzeler Roadted Z6 tires

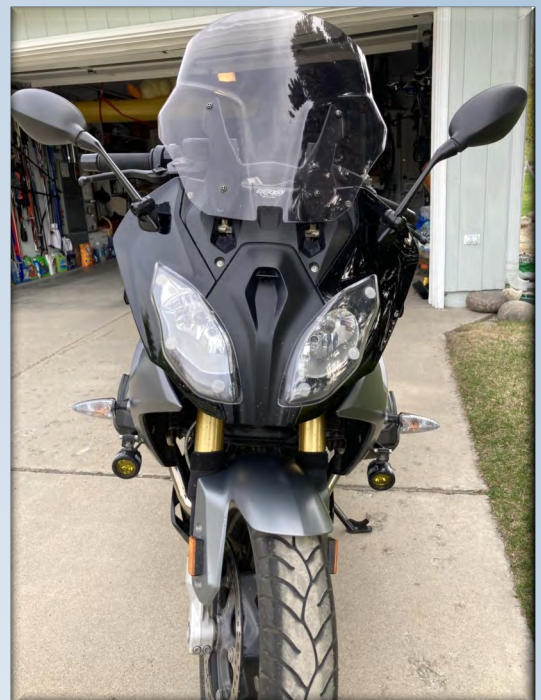
Bike located in the Helena area

**\$9,800**

Contact:

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## 2023 Ride Schedule

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



# MONTANA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER

Classifieds - Pat Endres

## Motorcycle Riding Gear

I am 5'-11", 210lbs, and these fit well.

1. Olympia Moto-X ADV suit, XL jacket, 36" pants, hydration pack, hip/knee/elbow/shoulder/back pads. Full zip pants, thermal liners and rain shells. No wrecks – nice condition. \$175.00
2. Sidichi Avventura ADV suit, XL jacket and pants, knee/shoulder/elbow/back D3O pads. Thermal and rain liners. Used for a 3 day road trip from Reno to Billings. Like new. \$200.00
3. Bilt Evolution Jacket and Storm 2 pants with thermal liners, full zip pants. XXL but fits like XL. Knee/shoulder/elbow pads. Used 2 days on a Phoenix-Yuma-Phoenix road trip. Like new. \$150.00
4. Joe Rocket over pants, L, full zip, rain liner, knee/hip pads. Used 2-3 times. Like new. \$75.00 --

### Pat Endres

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# MONTANA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER

**Classified - Larry Manchester**

## **FOR SALE: 2002 R1150RT \$3,500**

Bike has 71,000 miles, all service has been done by Big Sky BMW. Fresh oil and filter. Bike is ready to ride for the summer. Has heated grips, auto windshield and comes with BMW hard saddlebags with two sizes of lids. Had ELF highway pegs and aftermarket windshield. Comes with spare seat and original windshield. Call Larry, [406-360-1893](tel:406-360-1893)



## **MONTANA BMW RIDERS Hats - K. Bill Clark**



I brought the MONTANA BMW RIDERS caps to Tech Day, and distributed and sold quite a few of them. We will have them at the next club meeting at the July meeting in **White Sulfur Springs, Jesse Peppers Smoke Shack, 16 July.**

Ten dollars each; pick up one at White Sulfur Springs, or contact any of the club officers, **Larry Manchester, Al Murray** or me.

*K. Bill Clark*

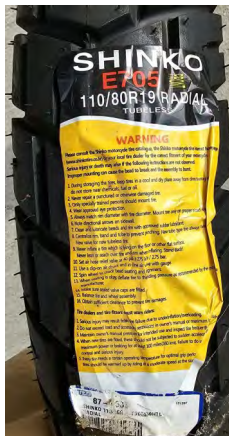


# MONTANA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER

Classified - Chad Householder

2002 BMW R1150GS - \$4,500 - 58,649 miles

- Hand guards Heated grips
- Hyperpro shocks
- Tank bag
- Mini tank bag with accessory plug
- GPS
- SW-Motech Trax hard cases
- Rear box and bag
- Cover
- Half cover
- New front tire
- Additional wind screen
- Battery tender
- Auxiliary gas can
- Electronic Carb balancer
- Various parts, cables, handles, and accessories
- Nolan N44 HiVis Helmet with comms
- Extra riding gear if it fits
- **Contact Chad Householder at 208-850-1497**
- Motorbike is in [Missoula](#)

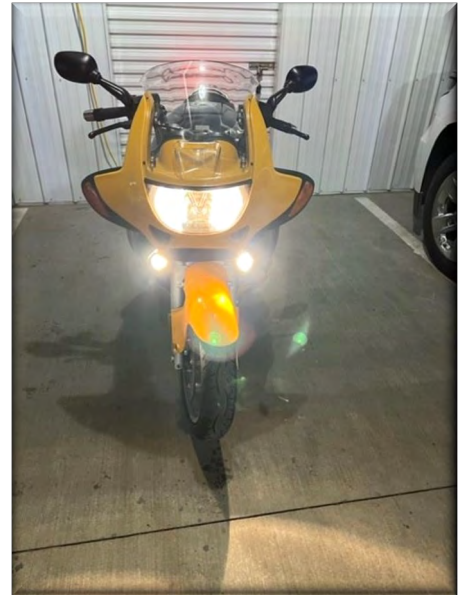


# ***MONTANA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER***

**Classified**

## 2001 BMW K1200 RS \$4,900

- ⇒ This is a pretty rare and desirable Mandarin/Grey paint scheme.
- ⇒ Owned since 2002 with just 15,650 miles
- ⇒ Great bike in excellent, like new condition.
- ⇒ Always in heated garage.
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- ⇒ ABS and heated grips
- ⇒ Custom Corbin seat in matching trim.
- ⇒ Stay-in-tune exhaust.
- ⇒ Halogen driving lights.
- ⇒ Back-bars and Throttle Meister.
- ⇒ Updated mirrors replaced the “mouse ears”.
- ⇒ BMW hard case luggage included.
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- ⇒ Located in Bozeman.



**Call Bill with any questions:**

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# ***MONTANA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER***

**Classified - Bob Jeffrey**

## **For Sale: Motorcycle Gear, BMW Parts & Other Cool Stuff**

As an ex-MT BMW Rider member that no longer rides, I have motorcycle goodies left over from my 30+ year riding career that I would like to sell. Below is a brief description of most of the items but I have kept the list short to save space in the newsletter. If interested, please email me and I'll send a detailed list with prices, and with pictures if desired. Thanks for looking and feel free to make offers!

Heavy Duty Leather Jacket and Pants: jacket has ventilation panels, gray, size 48 with a snap-in thermal liner. The touring pants are size 38-40"W x 32-33"L with heavy-duty knee & hip pads, and are fully lined with perforated mesh. Would prefer both together for \$300 OBO but will sell the pants first.

Marsee RM-3021 Tank Bag: expandable 20 liters with quick release mounting straps, rain cover, black and silver colored, awesome unit in excellent condition! \$50

OEM BMW Parts & Tools: tire Irons, oil filter wrench, oil drain plug washers (3), misc. air/oil head small parts, new R1100GS tank decals & alternator cover screw, R100GS rear turn signal reflectors & bulbs, oil pan gasket & crush washer, halogen HB4 light bulbs: HB4 and more...

Riding Gear & Clothes: kidney belt, safety vest, rain pants (2 pr), rubber boot totes and waterproof socks. Heavy duty tie-down straps (2 pr), bungee cords and cargo nets.

Books & Brochures: collectible BMW sales brochure for 1993 R1100RS, World Superbike race program with autographs, *Motorcycle Touring and Travel* by Bill Stermer, and autographed 1<sup>st</sup> edition copy of *10 Years on 2 Wheels* by Helge Pedersen – all in excellent condition.

Please Contact:

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Willing to dicker or possibly trade for shooting stuff: ammo, reloading supplies or ?

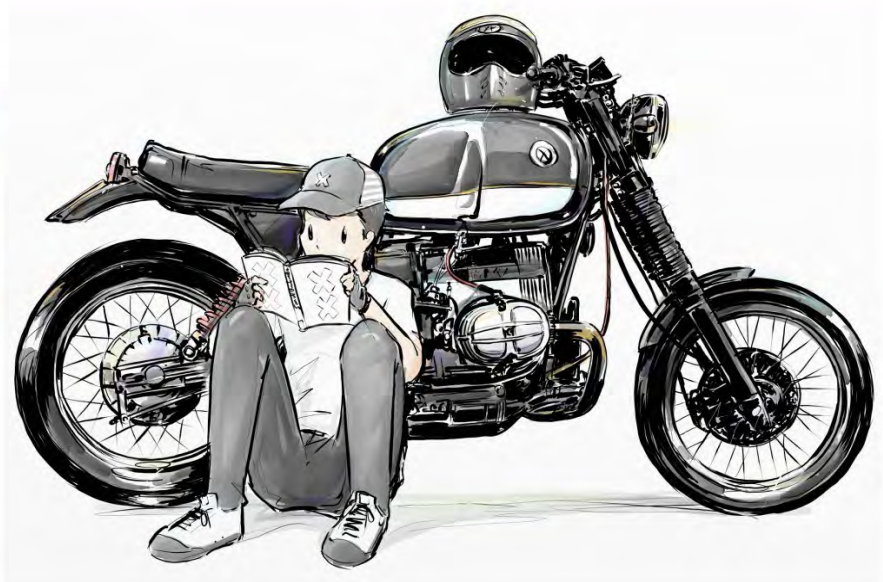
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A photograph of a large, dark-colored hot tub on a wooden deck. The hot tub has a white top and the text "MOUNTAIN HOT TUB" and "FEEL GOOD. LIVE BETTER." printed on its side. In the background, there are snow-covered evergreen trees and a wooden building. A blue banner at the bottom of the image contains contact information.

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# MONTANA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER

Classified - 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](mailto:lwmccomas@yahoo.com)).

## New Ride - Terry Pohland

The Harley-Davidson classified ad that use to occupy this space has offered itself up for a brand new CAN AM Spyder. I caught up with Terry, where he was on the road just west of Cody, Wyoming on his way to the Fishing Bridge in Yellowstone Park for two weeks of camping. The new Spyder, that he purchased from Elevated Power Sports in Billings, was on the trailer behind his motorhome. **Terry** hopes to add some miles to the odometer during the next two weeks to check out the its features.

We hope to hear more about his experiences next month.

**Dave McCormack**, who alerted me to the new ride, counts seven Spyders in the Club. Maybe we can organize a 'three-wheeler' event.

*Editor*





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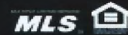
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Bob Pauley and Lynden Clark are both active members of the Montana BMW Riders club.



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**Classified - Steve Sullivan**

*1974 BMW R60/6 Motorcycle - Great running vintage BMW 600. There are 66,988 miles on the odo but it is in excellent original condition and working order. Recently replaced & rebuilt:*

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- ⇒ New Coils, Spark wires & plugs
- ⇒ New Exhaust Pipes
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- ⇒ Includes optional backrest

*This bike is ready to ride for the classic BMW enthusiast! Priced at **\$5,250** - OBO. Call or text **Stephen Sullivan @ 406-250-2039**.*

*I reside in Whitefish and would consider delivering the bike to locations in or near Montana.*



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## Report from the Road

### Kevin Huddy's Canon Indiana Ball Run



Kevin Huddy, launched his 1,500 plus mile run to visit family in West Lafayette, Indiana with a side trip to the Annual United Sidecar Association National Sidecar Rally 2023 at the Gull Point State Park, Milford, Iowa, with 500 plus mile per day legs. Reports are he did make it to a rain soaked Rally, as scheduled, and to West Lafayette, as documented by this photo. At last report, he was facing headwinds somewhere in South Dakota.

*Editor*

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