

MONTANA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

January 2014

Sorry guys but I'm so behind because of the holidays and going to Iowa (the real 'ice-bowl') for a family Christmas. I just want to get the 2014 calendar out and let you know of upcoming dates for club functions, deadlines for elections, and motorcycle events.

Our Christmas Party December 7th was attended by about 30 members. Good considering it was colder than heck, below zero, there was a playoff football game in



the afternoon and a basketball game in the evening. And for the first time there were no Goldwingers or CMA folks attending. We had a lot of giveaways and everyone that attended won something. A big THANKS to Nate Bertland for donating Big Sky Motorsports upstairs meeting room and Dean Thompson for being the "host with the most" downstairs! Also thanks to Larry & Liz Banister for putting up/taking down all the decorations that made the evening festive. The party was a little duller without Jerry and Carolyn Abbott there. Jerry is home now getting his strength back and

looking to go to coffee with anyone that asks. He may even buy! So give him a call.

Along w/ the monthly scheduled rides we're looking to do a few different things in year 2014. Other than the Wednesday night Lochsa run we'd like to do some more rides on off weekends. Perhaps a long one to a favored destination or a couple of dual sport day rides to complement our August weekend ride in the Big Hole. Rumor has it the Huddy's, of Helena, are cooking up a fun day ride, setting up points for multiple places to ride to, taking pictures of different locations, sort of like a picture scavenger hunt, for some time this summer complete with a cookout/campout afterwards. While snow & ice still rule, maybe we'll have a Saturday breakfast or two; for a wakeup & some fellowship. Whatever we come up with, keep your eyes out for emailed broadcasts or keep your eye on the website mtbmriders.org for updates on local happenings. Don't forget the website now has a classified section where you can sell that tire stretcher or helmet w/ the Mohawk haircut. There's also

MOA # 155
RA # 072
AMA #6830

a forum now where you can discuss all things motorcycle in real time. Plus links to some great websites.

Elections are going on now for club officers and amendments to the bylaws. Get your votes in by January 31st and we'll announce those outcomes @ the February meeting which will be our one and only business meeting of the year.

NEXT MEETING

January 19th, Sunday

Seeley Lake
Double Arrow Resort

East side of Hiway 83
approximately 2 miles South of Seeley
Lake, MT.)

Time: 1:00 PM

See a list of local/Northwest rallies further on in the newsletter. Since the MOA National Rally is in St. Paul, MN, in July I'd like to sew a seed: How about a good rally closer to home? Our past Sec/Treasurer Mike and Donna McInerney are interested in meeting us; say at the Paonia, CO. rally the end of July, or maybe the Stanley Stomp Rally in Grand Jean, ID in early August. Let's see if we can make it happen. I'll remind you later in the winter so we can get registered. The Stanley Stomp is limited to 250 riders.

Note the Gold Wing Riders are offering a CPR/first-aid/AED class geared towards motorcyclists. You must contact Greg Hintz (ghintz@bresnan.net) by February 4th. Cost for the certified class is \$65.00. Date of the class is February 8th, 2014.

Thanks to Terry Kay for putting together calendars and a BMW club banner, to be unfurled at our meeting at Double Arrow in January. Look for an upcoming tech session soon. We'll broadcast the time and subject soon.

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Don't forget this is a great time to get your bike in for repairs so you are ready for the coming riding season. (Please, soon). And don't forget Big Sky Motorsport has 20% off on labor during the winter.

Hope to see you with your checkbooks for membership in hand at the January meeting.

Happy Trails & Happy New Year !! Chuck Reaves



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Club Dues: \$15 (includes newsletter)

Monthly meeting, third Sunday of each month, 1 p.m., unless specified otherwise.

Locations announced in newsletter.

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emailed text copy is preferred, Photos as attachments.

Signed articles do not necessarily reflect the consensus opinion of the Montana BMW Riders.

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Note: Unless the editor is notified the items are still available, ads will be removed at the end of a 4 month listing. Ads will be dated to reflect the end date.

MONTANA BMW RIDERS 2013 MILEAGE CONTEST RESULTS

At the annual Christmas party on December 7th, the results of our 2013 club mileage contest were unveiled! Topping the list again this year was the Honorable Kevin Huddy of Helena, MT, who recorded 16,237 miles. Second place went to his lovely wife Annie who had a total of 14,285. For his efforts we awarded Kevin \$100 and his name is again indelibly inscribed on the mileage trophy which is on display at Big Sky Motorsports in Missoula. For her efforts, Annie took home \$75!. The names of the remaining official participants who turned in their final mileage prior to the "extended closure date of 11/08/13" were placed into an "at large drawing". From that....one name...Dave McCormack....was drawn for a \$35 dollar gift certificate to Big Sky Motorsports. Rumor has it Dave spent his gift certificate within minutes of winning it!

Overall, we had a great year and had much fun at the party. I appreciate those who participated this year and want to thank you all for allowing me the privilege of being your "official mileage coordinator". We'll do it

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again next year, so be watching for the announcements in forthcoming newsletters. The challenge we face is to keep our annual mileage trophy from becoming the Kevin Huddy Award!

Here are the final results of this year's contest...those listed in the first group are the "official participants" which by definition means that they got written information on their beginning mileage to me right after the beginning date of 04/13/13 and sent in written information on their ending mileage by the "extended closing date" of 11/08/13. Those in the second listing were "unofficial participants" who did not turn in their ending mileage by the extended closing date of 11/08/13.

2013 Official Participants:

Kevin Huddy	16,237
Annie Huddy	14,285
Larry Banister	8,568
Marg Lang	7,899
Dave McCormack	6,037
Gordon Phillips	3,517
Chuck Reaves	3,202
Kim Lemke	3,060
John Torma	3,050
Gary Armstrong	2,870
Mike Reaves	1,288

2013 Unofficial Participants

Mike Meredith	9,495
Marrea Matthews	4,195
Mike McInerney	3,956
Randy Carpenter	3,267
Donna McInerney	2,490
Don Davis	1,320

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2014 MEMBERSHIP DUES

By Dave McCormack

Time to Renew Your Membership

Send in your \$15 for the 2014 membership year.

\$20 if you want your newsletter mailed (black & white only) too.

Send to:

Dave McCormack, Secretary/Treasurer, P.O. Box 1353,
Victor, Montana 59875.

Cash is acceptable at meetings but a check is preferred, made out to **Montana BMW Riders**. We're not snazzy enough for credit cards yet. Sorry.

Please be sure you've paid your dues by January 31st, so your vote counts in the election of officers.



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WINTER TECH AND SPECIAL EVENTS

There are a couple of winter tech sessions coming up. The first will be January 18 @ Big Sky Motorsports at 9:30 am. Coffee and donuts will be served. There will be a presentation on evaluating your bike for future accessorizing...from the size of the alternator, to making a plan on how to set the bike up to accept aftermarket 'farkels' safely without burning up your charging system.

A second tech session will be Saturday February 1st; same time and place. This will be on how to fit a helmet, communication systems and new changes in clothing for safer riding. Exclusive of all the BS among attendees that is sure to go on, plan on each tech session lasting approximately 1 hour.

Also, sometime later in February we will have a presentation from a BMW rider from Helena who rode 7,400 miles with Helge Peterson this past year. He has a 1 hour slide show of his trip across the hills and dales of several continents. That will also be on a to be announced schedule. So keep your eyes peeled on your email account.

2014 BMW Club Ride Calendar

All Meetings Begin At 1:00 p.m.

January 19
Seeley Lake
Double Arrow Resort

February 16
Lincoln
Pit Stop (Annual Biz Meeting)

March 16
Fairmont Hot Springs

April 27
Avon
Avon Cafe (4th Sunday)

May 18
Philipsburg
Sunshine Station

June (Sat) 14
Basin
Silver Saddle

July 20
Big Fork
Echo Lake Cafe

August 24 (The 4th Weekend)
Wisdom
Big Hole Crossing @ Fetty's

September 21
Ovando
Trixies

November 16
Drummond
Wagon Wheel Cafe

December 6
Christmas Party

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*Official Club Business !! Please Read Carefully!!
Proposed Amendments to the By Laws*

Bylaw amendments – Montana BMW Riders

10-2013

Article 1 – Montana BMW Riders is a Montana Non-Profit Corporation which is referred to in these bylaws as ‘the club’.

Article 2 - We are organized to promote interest in ownership, riding and safety for people who enjoy BMW motorcycles and others. At all times, it shall be the club objective to promote a better image of motorcyclists, engage in activities that demonstrate this objective, have fun, and ride-ride-ride!

Article 3 - The club is chartered with BMW-MOA Inc. We are also affiliated by membership in BMW-RA and the AMA. Membership in these organizations is strongly urged and highly recommended.

Article 4 – Membership dues for Montana BMW Riders shall be due January 1 of the membership year. The duly elected officers, which shall also be the board of directors of the club, may change those membership dues to be effective January 1st of the next membership year.

Article 5 – Each member of the club who has paid dues shall be entitled to one vote. The board of directors may permit couples to join for the payment of the single membership dues but the couple shall only be entitled to one vote. **If dues for the membership year are not paid by January 31st of that year, the member shall not be entitled to vote that year.** In any event, a person must be a member for at least six consecutive months to be qualified to vote.

Article 6 – Club meetings will be held on the third Sunday of each month at a time and place to be announced in advance by the President. The annual business meeting of the club will be on the third Sunday of February. Membership action can be taken by a majority of the members present at the annual business meeting.

Article 7 – The club officers shall consist of a President, Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer. The President shall preside over the meetings and handle the daily operations of the club. The Vice-President shall, in the absence or incapacity of the President, substitute for the President. The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep the minutes, membership records and financial records of the club and prepare any necessary reports to governmental entities. Secretary/Treasurer is responsible to provide a quarterly financial report to the President (based on calendar year). There will be an annual financial report to members at the annual meeting. All officers shall be elected for one year terms which shall be automatically renewed unless that officer shall resign, be removed or become incapacitated. Any election to fill officer vacancies shall be at the annual business meeting in February. If a vacancy occurs during the membership year, the board shall appoint a temporary replacement to serve until the next annual business meeting. The officers shall also constitute the board of directors.

Article 8 – None of the officers/directors shall receive any compensation nor shall any of the funds of the club be personally used by any officer or member.

Article 9 – In the event of dissolution of the club, all remaining funds of the club will be donated to a charity to be determined by a majority of the members present at the annual business meeting or a special meeting called for that purpose.

Article 10 – These bylaws may be changed by a majority vote of the members in attendance at the annual business meeting. See article 5 for voting.

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2014 LOCAL/NATIONAL RIDE EVENTS
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February 14-16
Progressive International Motorcycle Show
Seattle

March 14-16
Inland Northwest Motorcycle Show & Sale
Spokane

May 10
YMCA Riverbank Run
Missoula (community service)

May 29-31
BMW-RA National Rally..
Birmingham, AL.
Barber M/cycle Sport Museum and Track

May 31-June 1
TORSV Tour of the Swan River Valley
(community service)

June 12-15
Chief Joseph Rally John Day, OR.
(BMW Club of Oregon)

July 12
Montana Hope Ride (ends in Hamilton, MT.)

July 24-27
Evel Knievel Days
Butte

July 24-27
National BMW MOA Rally
St. Paul, MN.

*July 24-27
Top of the Rockies Rally
Paonia, CO.
Colorado BMW Club

July 24-27
Cascade County Rendezvous
Republic, WA.
Washington BMW Riders

August 4-10
Sturgis Motorcycle Rally

August 7-10
Stanley Stomp
Grandjean, ID.
Bavarian West Motorcycle Club

August 14-17
Beartooth Rendezvous
Red Lodge, MT.
Beartooth Beemers Bmw Club

*August 14-17
Bee Cee Beemers Rally
Nakusp, B.C.

August 30-31
Miller Sports Park
Labor Day Vintage Races
Tooele, UT.

* Tentative Dates Watch for Updates

JANUARY - SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

Dave McCormack

The month of December saw 26 renewals/memberships paid .Only one membership included the required extra \$5 for a mailed newsletter. In addition, we've had three advertisers agree to sponsor parts of the newsletter publishing costs.

Our club normally sports 100+ memberships, so we are a little behind in renewals but are hopeful that folks will renew before the January 31st deadline. That deadline is for voting purposes too, as your ballot will not be counted if membership isn't paid or renewed. Ballots are available on-line at our web-site: mtbmwid.org

The year-end balance for the club is in the black! There will be a meeting of the new officers following the February election to establish a new 2014 budget and expense plan. There are a number of exciting proposals that the almost elected board has been discussing and I am excited too about the ability of the club to underwrite a few of the more interesting ideas based on a healthy balance sheet.

Thanks to all for your support during my interim role as your Secretary/Treasurer. I credit the great work and dedication of Mike and Donna McNerny, the previous Secretary/Treasurer team, for making my interim time work so seamlessly.

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A GOOD TIME WAS
HAD BY ALL*

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