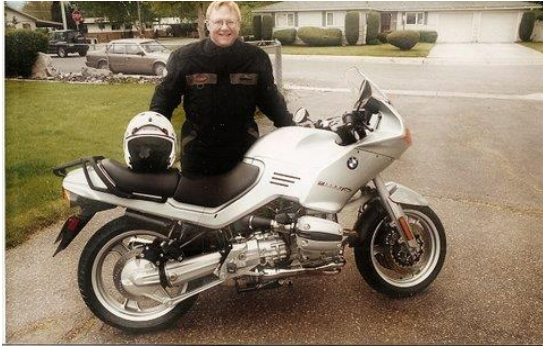


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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



It's a cruel thing to have to live through.....every time I go out to the garage for something; there I spy my two summer getaways. Namely the RS and the GS; road bike and off road bike respectively. But this time of year neither are going anywhere. It seems like a dream, moving from one of the best riding autumn seasons I've seen in Montana in 36 years, to the winter curtain falling like a guillotine. Hoping for a few more nice days ended abruptly, the second week of November.

From then to just after Christmas, like most, I've been too busy to think about motorcycles. But recently turning over the pile of Christmas sale bills & newspapers, the RA magazine *On the Level* & the MOA magazine appear from the bottom of the pile. Now I pick one or the other up. They take me away from the white stuff falling from the dark overcast sky. I thumb through each magazine which creates lots of reminders of warmer days gone past, the need for warm blue sky days, and wants for things that maybe didn't make it under the lighted tree the end of December. Now I'm turning to my favorite motorcycle author, Peter Egan, his *Leanings* series of books. The magazines and Egan's stories give me those feelings of anticipation, of throwing on the gear, turning the key and sullyng off on an early summer morning to a predetermined destination, or not, allowing me to go to that place....well, that place that we are longing for now with the cold and snow keeping us apart. Now I can start thinking & planning for those days ahead...what kind of riding I want to do most in the upcoming year? Road or dirt? And I'm thinking of the adventures I might have and the people I might meet going to those places. During this downtime of the year, what work should I be

Club Affiliations

MOA # 155
RA # 072
AMA # 6830

2015 MT BMW Riders Calendar

January 18th	Seeley Lake - Double Arrow Lodge
February 15th	Avon – Avon Cafe
March 15 th	Fairmont - Fairmont Hot Springs
April 19 th	Lincoln – Lambkins
May 17 th	Philipsburg – Sunshine Station
June 20 th	Big Fork – Echo Lake Cafe
July 23-26	MOA Rally in Billings (Friday 14 th - Breakfast ride to Ft. Rockvale Café from the rally)
August 9 th	Wisdom – The Crossings at Fetty's
September 20 th	Polson – Kwa Tuk Nuk Lunch meeting followed by optional boat tour of Flathead Lake
October 18 th	Ovando – Trixies
November 15 th	Drummond – Wagon Wheel
December 5 th	Christmas Party at Big Sky Motorsports

All meetings Begin at 1:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

doing to get my motorbikes ready for that first ride, rally or campout of the year? What new aftermarket farkles do I want to put on *Old Paint*? Maybe signing up for an MMSF class that will make me a better rider, maybe the time researching a place I've wanted to go, but have never been. One big thing for me in this upcoming year, and I hope for you, is the BMW MOA rally in Billings. It's on top of the list. It's seldom we have

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a rally of this quality so close. The rally offers vendors, classes, sites to see and like-minded people that love our sport, so that individually and cumulatively, our motorcycle experience is enriched.

Now, looking ahead to the beginning of the New Year I hope the monthly rides are to your liking. We'll start in January with Double Arrow Resort's Restaurant, a four star eatery, Sunday January 18th. The food and service are great there and they set us up all by ourselves in the bar. Some adventure riders (riding a K1200LT) like John Torma, have been known to scout the ride on Saturday, then ride there again on Sunday...in January, that's a leap of faith no matter how you do it.

Directions for Double Arrow Resort: Going north up Highway 83 from Clearwater Junction, Double Arrow is about $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 mile South of Seeley Lake and on your right (east). You won't see the Double Arrow sign until you're almost on it. Turn right and follow the resort's main road 1/4-1/2 mile. Go past the tennis courts and the main building is on your left. Come in the main building's front door and go left to the bar/restaurant. Meeting time as usual, 1:00 PM.

The club's December ride as usual was replaced with the club Christmas Party. This year it was December 6th. As I recall, with my good, but short, memory; we were already having frigid temps and the roads were not the best. Other than the local Bitterroot crowd, there were no out of town members at the party.



Though there can be other conflicts that early in December this year's turnout was great. 45 people attended and between the main chicken entrée, all the side dishes & deserts we had plenty of great food to power us through the party, the shopping downstairs, and the White Elephant drawing. It's

such a tough crowd, no one made it past the 8:30 bewitching hour. Thanks to Kim Lemke, Larry and Liz Banister for our setting up, especially Liz's decorating skills and Larry's ladder climbing skills getting all the lights & decorations up. Thanks to Big Sky BMW/Kawasaki/KTM for donating their upstairs room & the give-away items. Also thanks for the generous donations from Montana Motorcycle Safety, donating 2 MMSF Advance Rider classes; Jon Munch @ Jon's Motor Werks, an oil change; Andrea @ Lochsa Lodge for a dinner & desert for two; Maverick Motor Sports for T-shirts; and Tire Rama for giveaways.



The following weekend, thanks to the organizational efforts of the Christian Motorcycle Association, Larry Banister, local motorcycle shops and the generosity of your fellow motorcycle riders, the Toy Run for disabled kids was a huge success. Local riders showed up on Saturday morning at Cabela's parking lot. It was another nasty winter morning. 1 brave soul, the mighty David Gordon, showed up on his bike. Though there were few bikes, toys were piled high on the tables inside the Missoula Alliance Church. Smiles on those kids were almost as high and those adults attending from the local clubs saw the effects of that old adage, "giving is much better than receiving".

Marg Lang has been announced the winner of the High Mileage contest 2014. Marg had over 22,000 miles, yes miles, though she uses kilometers in Calgary, Alberta, her hometown. Marg has now made club history and her name duly engraved into our contest plaque located at Big Sky BMW. Congratulations Marg!!

While I'm at it I'd like to thank Mileage Contest Coordinator Larry Banister for running this year long event. Also for the safety columns he's

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written. This would be the place to also give credit where credit is due. This club happens because of those willing to help. FYI....this club is not being run from the President's office only. The executive committee meets 4-6 times per year to discuss things affecting the club. We collaborate on ideas to make this club better for itself and its members.

I would like to thank the executive committee for their time & efforts keeping this club organized & running like the fine German machine it is....Secretary/Treasurer Annie Huddy, Vice President Terry Kay, Web Meister Mike Wright, Newsletter Editor Dave McCormack, Past President Kim Lemke & Larry Banister as stated.

We've had quite a few new members join recently. I'd like to welcome them and say that you will get the most out of this club by participating, coming to rides and events. With everyone's busy schedule, I know it is not possible to make all meetings. This club will help you meet other like-minded riders that may become future riding partners or even best friends. The club will give you a forum for trading ideas and on the road experience; for help and advice for all the gear needed with a motorcycle outfit, be it tires, heated seats, GPS's or just great places to go. Affiliation with the club and its members will give ideas that help if you get in trouble out on the road. All in all, it adds up to BS-ing about a subject you enjoy BS-ing about, but with credible accomplices (hopefully). And there's always the "how lucky are you feeling" for our monthly meeting drawings. Look forward to seeing you all in the New Year. Bring your high-water boots.

Coming up we have two tech sessions in the near future. The first is **January 24th at Big Sky BMW @ 10:00 am. Then one on February 14, same time, with Jon Munch at Jon's Motor Werks.** We also will be having at least 2 or 3 travelogues put on over the winter by members who rode last summer to some far and fantastic locations. Stay tuned and be watching your emails and the website, "mtbmwridders.org" for more.

Best wishes, Happy New Year, and Happy Trails!!

Chuck Reaves/President Montana BMW Riders

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Annie's Corner



Happy New Year!

Just a quick update to let you know we have added several new members to our ranks. They hail from Missoula, McAllister, Belgrade, and Billings. Most found us on the MTBMW Riders website maintained by our Webmaster, Mike Wright. A couple are brand new to Montana. New bike owners have also been referred by Big Sky BMW. Thanks to everyone for getting the word out about the club.

Speaking of getting the word out, I must apologize for missing the December Christmas Party. It was the perfect storm of weather, National Guard weekend, a gun shoot in Idaho, and an 8 month old Imp with the cutest smile ever. I realize this put a crimp in the dues collection but I heard that the party was a marvelous success!

I do want to thank those members who have already mailed in their dues for 2015. This really helps with the expense of maintaining the website, (Mike gets only our undying thanks), the Christmas Party and Rider awards. Next time you are in Big Sky BMW check out the engraved plaque, now sporting the name of Marg Lang, WOOHOO!!!!

Let's continue to keep our wheels moving forward in 2015, upright at all times.
Mail in your check of \$15.00 for 2015, to 6750 Silver Fox Ct., Helena, MT 59602.

The events for the year are already planned, the newsletters will be posted on the website, and the riding season really is out there..... just hidden for the moment behind all that wind and snow.

The best is yet to come!

Annie Huddy
Secretary/Treasurer

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Mileage Contest

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2014 Mileage Contest comes to a close and the winner is announced!!

Our annual Christmas party at Big Sky Motorsports on Saturday, December 6th, was a smashing success! We counted 43 folks in attendance and worlds of wonderful food and fellowship was enjoyed by all. We also got to announce the winner of this year's Montana BMW Riders mileage contest (after the fireworks display and the marching band!!) Marg Lang from Calgary, Alberta was our winner this year with a total of 22,674 miles! For her efforts she received a \$75 gift certificate from Big Sky Motorsports. Our second and third place finishers merit special mention (Kevin and Annie Huddy) not just because Kevin did not win this year (after winning the last two years in a row), but because his wife Annie actually beat him out for second place by a total of 225 miles!! See the spread sheet at the back of the newsletter showing the mileage participants and the finishing mileage for all who submitted their beginning and ending mileage.

As an incentive for all who participated, all official entrants names (those who actually submitted their start and finish forms on time) other than Marg Lang who won, were placed in a hat and one name was drawn for a free oil change donated by John Munch from John's Motorcycle ATV Werks. This year's winner of that drawing....drum roll.....was me! Many thanks to John for his contribution and to all of you who participated.

I hope that as we begin next year's mileage contest, we'll have more folks participating. I know from the faces that I see at our monthly meetings, we have many more of you riding than are entering our contest. So, why not join, send in your beginning and ending mileage and who knows, you may be a winner next year! Thanks for allowing me the opportunity to be your mileage contest coordinator. Watch for the announcement of next year's contest in the newsletter.

Larry Banister
Montana BMW Riders Mileage Contest Coordinator

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Missoula Area Motorcyclists Toy Run

The annual "Missoula Area Motorcyclists" toy run in support of the Missoula Child Development Center was a great success thanks to the many wonderful toys left in boxes set up in the local motorcycle shops and a last minute HUGH donation by the Peak Health and Wellness Centers of Missoula.



Friday, December 12th was a wonderful sunny day. Saturday December 13, however, the day of the toy run dawned cloudy, rainy and cold! We had only one motorcyclist ride for the event, and of course, it was none other than the Montana BMW Riders Dave Gordon on his trusty KLR 650! Made the rest of us look like real sissies! However we also had our illustrious president Chuck Reaves, Kim Lemke myself and our newest member Wes Mitchell and his wife Kimmie from the Montana BMW Riders, so we were well represented. We were joined by other motorcyclists from the HOG chapter, CMA, the GWRRA chapter, and the Mission Mountain Survivors, so overall the "Missoula Area Motorcyclists" were well represented.



Through the generous donation of the motorcyclists and Peak Health and Wellness Center, we were able to provide the 36 families of the CDC with a wonderful selection of toys and stuffed animals. Through the kindness of Greg Lee (Santa) and Wilma Bardgett (Mrs. Santa) each of the kids got to sit on Santa's lap, talk with Mr. and Mrs. Santa and then receive what for many of them is the only gift that they'll be receiving this Christmas. Ramped up with new gifts, cookies and something to drink, the kids all had a great time and through their parents

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expressed a heartfelt “thank you” to each of you who helped with this event.



While you all were Thanks to all the shops who hosted toy boxes, especially our own Big Sky BMW. Through your willingness to participate and all the motorcyclists who contributed, we had a great event for these kids and their families. Maybe next year we’ll even have a day that will allow us to ride!

Submitted by
Larry Banister
 Christian Motorcyclists Association
 Montana State Coordinator

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<p>FamilyDental Group Rowan P. McQuarrie, DDS, FAGD</p>	<p>4 Corners Rider Fellow in the Academy of General Dentistry</p>
<p>MontanaSmiles.com Appointments Available Evenings & Saturdays!</p>	<p>We are here when you need us. Southgate Mall in Missoula Next to Dillard's 406-541-2886</p>

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Editors Box

While you all were snow shifting here in Montana, Sue and I were enjoying our Christmas gift to each other: a 19 day Princess Cruise from Rome, Italy to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Stopping in ports like Rome, Livorna (Pisa), Marseilles, Barcelona, Mallorca, Gibraltar and Madeira before crossing the Atlantic was a dream cruise that had been on our bucket list for some years.



Yes, it does lean as do all the other buildings around it.

It is what is called a “repositioning cruise”, moving the ship from one geographic area to a new one. In our case from the Mediterranean to the Caribbean. The value is that those cruises tend to be less expensive than others. Anyway...my observation is that because of the tiny nature of most European cities, scooters tend to be **THE** ultimate in transportation for the everyday student, worker, businessman or woman. Legitimate parking places are scribed for scooter before they even think



about what to do with cars. That’s especially true on the two islands we visited...Mallorca and Madeira. Most of the scooters were 125cc to 250cc types, known to get incredible mileage on a gallon of gas (gas is very expensive in Europe). We arrived back home on December 20th after having been diverted from Missoula to Spokane because of ice and fog at Missoula. It was the only

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glitch in an otherwise great trip. I managed to represent the club mightily at the bar and racked up an incredible bar tab. I hope you appreciate my sacrifice.

Looking forward to getting used to riding three wheels in the coming riding season and hope to see a great number of serious motorcyclists at our events.

Dave McCormack
Editor

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Mileage Contest Spreadsheet

2014 Montana BMW Riders Mileage Contest

Beginning April 12, 2014-Ending October 12, 2014

Name	Motorcycle	End Miles	Begin Miles	Total Miles	
Armstrong, Gary	R1150RT	98510	95,004	3,506	
Banister, Larry	K2100GT	24507	17,186	7,321	
**Carpenter, Randy	ST1300	36262	31,140	5,122	
Gordon, Dave	KLR650	10549	9,146	1,403	
	K1200LT	65653	61,840	3,813	5,216
Huddy, Annie	07 F650GS	20888	19,789	1,099	
	11 F 650GS	47033	36,371	10,662	
	14 F800GS	5638	1	5,637	17,398
Huddy, Kevin	R100GSPD	0	-	0	
	FJR	19464	5,087	14,377	
	R1200R	39081	36,285	2,796	17,173
Lang, Marg	F700GS	24330	344	14,907	
	F650GS (KM)	136418	127,858	5,320	
	K100RT-(KM)	174283	170,346	2,447	22,674
Lemke, Kim	R75/7	74890	74,731	159	
	Enfield 535GT	1242	5	1,237	
	K100RS	78616	77,041	1,575	
		0	-	0	2,971
**Matthews, Marrea	F650GS	74209	71,130	3,079	
McInerney, Donna	R1200GS	61627	58,348	3,279	
McInerney, Mike	R1200GS	61187	57,894	3,293	
	R1150GS	131232	129,064	2,168	5,461
Meredith, Mike	Vstrom	10358	10,358	0	
	R1100RT	62638	56,385	6,253	6,253
Mitchell, Wes	R1200GS	10211	7,095	3,116	
Phillips, Gordon	R1200RT	22180	19,200	2,980	
Reaves, Chuck	R1100RS	62771	59,327	3,444	
	F650GS	11891	11,521	370	3,814
Reaves, Mike	KLR650	8569	7,047	1,522	

** Indicates either late entry or incomplete data