

# MONTANA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

February 2014

Hope this finds all of you well and well ensconced in the New Year. With our warmer January temps some of you may have even had your bikes out. I know I took the opportunity to get in a few chilly but dry road miles in when the temps hit 45'. Mostly though, it is a time of the year for thinking and planning for the later part of the year when the lows are in the 40's.

Speaking of getting out and riding in the recent 'warm-up'; my hero John Torma rode his K1200LT to our January meeting @ Double Arrow Resort. Way to go John! Actually he rode up Saturday to scout and even sent me a road report to send out to everyone else. Unfortunately I didn't see it till it was past the meeting time. So much for checking email. As I recall John has done this kind of thing @ other times in the past. He humbly credits his willingness to ride in the cold to his well-faired steed.



Along with John the others members arriving by cage were Kevin and Annie Huddy from Helena, Dave & Sue McCormack from Victor, Terry Kay from Florence, and myself.

The month of February will now be our annual business meeting. We'll go over elections, our finances, and club-things to come in 2014. It'll be informational but we'll keep it short. I'd remind members to get in their \$15 membership dues to Dave McCormack as soon as you can.

This past year as part of membership we supported the club and membership in many ways. Got a discount for MMSF's Advanced Rider class; thanks to Tina Schmaus, savings equaled the amount of the annual dues. Club campout, Christmas party with a prize for each attendee, monthly giveaways, paid our affiliation dues for RA, MOA, and AMA and keeping up the club's non-profit status with our friends at the IRS. Yes some boring things but unfortunately necessary. Mainly our goal in leadership is to make sure we organize a few fun days of riding during the year, some good opportunity for fellowship and to keep you informed of as many things motorcycling as we can.

MOA # 155  
RA # 072  
AMA #6830

Just a note to point out all the work done by Mike Wright, Dave McCormack and Terry Kay this past month. They have kept things on an even financial keel and we now have our logos set up, a new BMW Riders banner, and club calendars. I have about 5-6 club calendars for sale and more can be ordered (\$10 each). If you haven't seen them you can go by Big Sky BMW/Kawasaki/KTM and look on the upcoming events door by the front desk or @ the service desk. I'll bring some

### NEXT MEETING

February 16

Lincoln

Pit Stop (Annual Biz Meeting)

Time: 1:00 PM

to the February meeting in Lincoln @ The Pit Stop. Thanks also to Web Master, Mike Wright, who has included all this new information on our web site. Did you know we now have a Facebook page. OK, I hear you saying "What the \_\_\_\_". But pictures are much easier to download there than our website. So LIKE us and if you have pictures you'd like on the Facebook page send them to Terry Kay for submission. And just clean ones please...except for GS rides. J

Other upcoming events in February... 1) another tech session Saturday February 1st @ Big Sky BMW in Missoula @ 9:30 am. We'll have staff give a presentation on helmet fitting, 'com' systems for same, new clothing w/ the new impact resistant 'armor'. 2) February 15th @ Big Sky BMW @ 10:00 am.....a travelogue presentation by , Terry Gauthier, of Helena, who recently completed a 7,400 mile globe-trotting tour with Helge Peterson. I know it doesn't matter but coffee and donuts will be served. Speaking of which....

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Goldwing Riders have included us in doing a CPR class Feb. 8th. You must contact Greg Hintz [ghintz@bresnan.net](mailto:ghintz@bresnan.net) by Feb. 4th to sign up.

Since most of you guys are like me and not getting any younger, this is a great class to take. May just save a partner's life someday. It also includes instruction with the defibrillator. Cost is \$65. It will be given at the ambulance service's building @ 1200 Burlington in Missoula.

Next month, March, Kevin Huddy of Helena will give a "how to" presentation to help you plan your bucket-list trip, North to Alaska! Please be looking at your emails

for other spontaneous upcoming tech sessions and get-togethers. Or you can keep up w/ these things on our website...[mtbmwridders.org](http://mtbmwridders.org)

Looking forward to seeing you in Lincoln in February and subsequent rides when those temps are well above 40 degrees. (Except for John Torma of course)!

Till then Happy Trails!! wherever you find them.

Chuck Reaves



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### Montana BMW Riders Newsletter Published Monthly

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

### YOUR LISTING HERE

*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.*



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Family Dental Group  
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4 Corners Rider  
Fellow in the Academy of General  
Dentistry



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

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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

### 2013 MILEAGE CONTEST CORRECTION!

*Larry Banister*

Ladies and Gentlemen...as your esteemed mileage contest coordinator I have an embarrassing announcement...I made a mistake! Hard as it may to believe, I erroneously report Marg Lang's mileage! As if that wasn't bad enough, her accumulated mileage for 2013 puts her in 2nd place, ahead of Annie Huddy! Marg reported her mileage in kilometers, which I knew, but I used the wrong formula in converting them to miles! She graciously inquired after I published the results and in following up, she was correct.

Here is what the top places should have looked like:

Keven Huddy	16,237
Marg Lang	15,235
Annie Huddy	14,285

Marg has graciously allowed Annie's prize to remain, but is certainly entitled to some formal recognition for her high mileage accomplishment! Congratulations Marg and please accept my apologies!

PS: I've corrected the mileage contest spread sheet to convert kilometers to miles!

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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.

### ELECTION RESULTS

By Law Changes — Passed  
President: Chuck Reaves  
Vice President: Terry Kay  
Secretary / Treasurer Annie Huddy

Thanks to Dave McCormick for stepping in and serving as Secretary / Treasurer when Michael and Donna left.

### *2014 BMW Club Ride Calendar*

*All Meetings Begin At 1:00 p.m.*

*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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### 2014 LOCAL/NATIONAL RIDE EVENTS MONTANA BMW RIDERS

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.

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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

### BMW OF AMERICA BILLINGS 2015

*From the Billings Gazette*

Event may draw 7,000

The BMW Motorcycle Owners of America has booked a rally in Billings for July 23-25 next year that is expected to bring up to \$5 million to town.

The international BMW organization has about 35,000 North American members and expects about 7,000 visitors for the 2015 rally.

About half the group is expected to spend four nights in hotels and motels, which would be a \$2.7 million boost to the local economy just from lodging. The other half of the group will camp on the MetraPark grounds.

"It's satisfying from time to time to be reminded through the eyes of our guests just how desirable Billings is," said Chamber president and chief executive John Brewer.

The announcement was made over Skype by Bob Aldridge, executive director of the BMW Motorcycle Owners Association, who spoke from the group's headquarters near Kansas City, Kan.

"You've got just great natural amenities, whether it's the Beartooth Highway, or the Rimrocks or the Little Big Horn National Monument," he said. "All of the routes to get to Billings are wonderful rides."

The international convention could draw BMW motorcycle fans from two dozen countries, including Australia and New Zealand, said Billings BMW veteran rider Gary

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Smith. He is an ambassador for the organization and has worked for three decades to bring this event to town.

There are only two kinds of BMW riders: "Those who have ridden the Beartooth Highway and those who haven't," said Smith, quoting another fan of the German-made bike.

With today's helmet and bike-mounted digital cameras, their trip will be shared with thousands of other people, he said.

"They're going to take all those pictures home and they're going to share it with their clubs," Smith said. "We're going to see the spilloff for the next 15 years."

Steve Wahrlich, who heads the Chamber's Tourism Business Improvement District, said the TBID spent up to \$15,000 in travel expenses over the last four years courting the BMW owners.

"When you go after these things, it's like a date," he said. "It worked and we got engaged for one year."

By promoting this event, Wahrlich said the TBID hopes to boost attendance from around 7,000 to 8,000 or more.

The BMW owners hold a convention each year alternating regions of the U.S. This summer's convention will be held in Minneapolis/St. Paul. The 2013 rally was held in Salem, Ore.

Billings beat out two other Rocky Mountain communities, which Aldridge declined to name.

During two scouting trips to Billings, the BMW executives walked almost every inch of MetraPark's 189 acres, said the facility's general manager Bill Dutcher.

Ron Spence, who manages the Billings Hotel & Convention Center, said the group comes at the right time for his hotel, which is completing a \$1.5 million project remodeling all 235 of his rooms.

"We'll be doing something special like bike washes and things to make sure these guys have a great experience," Spence said.

A BMW motorcycle starts at \$7,500, Smith said, and ranges up to \$30,000.

The Honda Gold Wings Road Riders Association held its convention at MetraPark in 1997, 2000 and 2007, Dutcher said.

In 2006, the Harley-Davidson owners group brought about 10,000 people to Billings, who spent an estimated \$6 million.

When asked how the BMW folks differ from the Harley riders, Smith said, "We're a lot quieter."



### JANUARY PHOTOGRAPHS



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Effective: January 01 – December 31, 2014

#### Ride Smart Reward

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#### Military Motorcycle Purchase Program

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