

MONTANA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Wow I'm starting to see a lot of bikes out on the road as we move from the shoulder season to the riding season. Seems the 40 degree days are enough to get riders motivated. That and maybe the promise of a ride to a favorite pie place that hasn't been visited since last riding season?!

Speaking of pie, a big thanks goes to Jill Frizbee, @ The Pit Stop in Lincoln, for hosting our February meeting. Jill went above and beyond to bake pies (which she doesn't usually do) for us and I have to admit we took advantage of her generosity.



As is usual in February we didn't have anyone ride a motorcycle to our Lincoln meeting. Those caging it included: From Butte: Mike Donna and Thelma McInerney, 3-up in a Volkswagen TDI, says Mike. Thanks for the cookies Donna!!! From Victor: Crazy Dave McCormack. From Helena: Dick Field, Ed field, Steve & Karen Moore. From Missoula: Chuck & Mike Reaves, Jerry Abbott, Larry Banister, Kim Lemke, Gary & Loretta Edwards.

Stay tuned as our next meeting is Sunday March 17th in Basin, Montana. Time 1:00 PM. And

as usual, turnout especially on motorcycles will depend on the weather. That does happen to be St. Patty's Day and on the way back you may want to stop in Butte for the festivities. Wouldn't recommend stopping in before the meeting; we might not have any turnout.

Other BMW Club news includes the ARC class Vice President Tina Schmaus is organizing for May 4th in Helena. Unfortunately this class has to be held in a larger than normal venue which only Helena and Great Falls offer.

It is however a great class teaching practical everyday techniques needed to be a better and safer rider. And best of all, It Is Fun!! Plus, the two instructors are great (Ken Conrad & Udell Peterson) & have taught this class many times. Plus, Montana BMW Club members get a 25% discount. If it doesn't fit in your schedule

(see the MMSF website) maybe another weekend would; but this is the only one w/ a discount. Thanks Tina for organizing this. Contact Tina for details. Contact info in the newsletter.

MOA # 155
RA # 072
AMA #6830

Other club functions in the spring include the YMCA Riverbank Run in Missoula Saturday, May 11th. We'll be needing 3-4 riders to help Marshal this footrace/fundraiser. Tour of the Swan River Valley is Saturday and Sunday May 18-19. We'll need lots of riders to help w/ this. I think our club has been motorcycle Marshals for this event for close to 20 years. This is not only a great way to help in the community but a great way to get to

NEXT MEETING

Sunday

1:00 p.m.

17 MARCH

BASIN...LEANING TOWER OF PIZZA

A Grand St. Patrick's To Each and all

know your fellow club riders. The snacks and lunch stops along the way are famous for their great food and if you wish, our group usually motels in Bigfork on Saturday night & goes out for dinner together. Hopefully Mark Cadwallader will be our lead rider and organizer again this year.

Some fun summer local motorcycle rides & rallies coming up:

Wednesday night Lochsa Lodge Runs starting when the gravel and temperatures allow. I got a picture from Dave McCormack today who had gone up this past weekend. I saw more snow in the parking lot than gravel. Dave, you the man! Crazy man!!

May 11.....YMCA Riverbank Run in Missoula

May 18-19.....TOSRV Missoula to Seeley to Bigfork & back to Missoula via Hiway 93.

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This past month has also seen 7-10 members turn out for a tech session w/ Andy Main of Big Sky BMW. Andy went over in person what he'd put in our newsletter back in the October issue...bike winterization...which

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Locations announced in newsletter.

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

turned into an any-question and answer session that was

very informative. Also a big thank you to Carol and Gary Graham who put together a fantastic travelogue of a trip they did several years ago in the Balkans. We had a great turnout of about 25 people. Even the Costco pizza tasted good. After their presentation I'd say 'Start putting some money in the rainy day travel fund'!

There will be another tech session this Saturday March 16th. It will again be @ Big Sky BMW and put on by Andy Main. Time 10 AM. Subject: Preventative Maintenance. After the basics, we'll again have a question and answer format. Donuts and coffee will again be served. \$1.00 donations will be accepted.

The club format for the mileage contest will start soon. See Larry Banister's note in the newsletter. I believe this year we will again have first and second place winners and a 3rd place prize drawn from all those entering, but who turn in both their beginning and ending mileage to Larry by the due date.

Don't forget if you have items to sell to give them to both Ken Taylor for the newsletter and Mike Wright our web-master. See their addresses in the newsletter. All free.

Again I would like to see folks enjoy our monthly rides each month, but also encourage all of you to participate in the club by organizing a ride yourself, a poker run for a good cause, a fall colors ride; place an article in the newsletter of a ride, consumer item, a safety tip, or an event that's near and dear to your heart. A motorcycle joke, a heads up on a bad stretch of road, say one that's gonna be worked on for the summer, etc. Love to have someone head up a GS/Adventure subgroup or someone interested in Air Heads to organize a tech session. It's all good and the more we can offer our members the better.

For club business: We are in the process of amending the club bylaws to clarify about 3 of the articles and bring up to date since they are 27 years old. We'll be sending out the proposed changes in the April newsletter for you to review and then vote on a month or two later.

Hey I want to give a big thank you to Nate Bertland owner of Big Sky BMW/Kawasaki/KTM for letting us use his facility and the use of Andy Main for our tech sessions. Stop in a see the great array of bikes and check out the new ones, namely the water cooled BMW R1200GS. BMW had a record year in sales in 2011 for lots of good reasons; so I'm sure they'll be lightening up on the deals they offer...heah, heah.

Look forward to seeing you all out there; at the meetings or on the road.

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Happy Trails!!

Chuck Reaves

clutch. \$5,995OBO...Call Larry Banister 406-728-8914 (home) or 406-274-3887 (Cell) (7/13)



2007 F800S/ST-Sunset Yellow, 1,190 miles! This is a new bike. Purchased for my wife who has decided to quit riding, it has ABS, heated grups and has been lowered by Big Sky BMW to a low seat/low frame configuration. Modifications include: Factory shorter side stand, factory center stand sectioned to accommodate lowered frame, Hyper-pro rear shock spring, BMW low seat, F800ST handlebars and bar risers, Aeroflow highlight cover, Wunderlich tinted Ergo Windscreen and mirror extender set and a Cortec tank bag. In its current configuration it is a low seat/low frame F800ST without the lower fairing. \$7,750 OBO.. Call Larry Banister 406-728-8914 (home) or 406-274-3887 (Cell) (7/13)

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.

Update Your Address -- Phone -- Email

To assure the accuracy of our records and that you are receiving your newsletter, please report any recent changes in your club info, address, phone, email etc to mtnarider@hotmail.com.

Thanks
Mike

Renewal Time:
Make Sure to Get Your Membership Renewal to Mike McInerney

PO Box 4494
Butte MT 59702

BUY SELL TRADE
Two seat sets for R1100RT and similar: Corbin, very nice leather - \$250; Rich's, \$200. Both are almost unused and are built for a smaller rider. Dick Walton, Missoula, 241-6385. 06/13

Looking for hard or soft bags (saddle bags and/or tank bag) in good condition for KLR 650 E model. Call Chuck 406-240-1771 or reavesrealtymt@gmail.com Thanks. 06/13

2001 K1200RS-Silver/Blue, 66,500 miles. Way better than the average used bike. in addition to stock heated grips, ABS and hard bags, I have added Ohlins front and rear, Remus headers and titanium exhaust, aftermarket touring whicshield, bar backs and risers, aluminum cell phone/GPS mount, Aeroflow head light cover, Hyper pro steering damper, dual Fiamm horns, foot peg lowering kit, rear Hyper lights, a Ztechnic carbon fiber tank protector and Conspicuity reflectors on the backs of the saddle -bags. Recent dealer service included lubing the splines and replacing the



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ARC SATURDAY, MAY 4
STILL SOME SLOTS AVAILABLE

*Tina Schmaus,
VP MT BMW Riders and MSF Rider Coach.*

Riding season is just around the corner, and there is no better way to get prepared than the put your safety first! Montana BMW Riders has reserved ONE day this year for the club's 2013 MSF Advanced Rider Course, which will once again be held at the range in Helena. The dates is Saturday, May 4. This date is reserved for club members first, so save the date and sign up soon! We filled two days last year and members learned a great deal – at the end of the day there was a bunch of smiling, hot, tired, happy riders who had their skill base expanded or at least reinforced.

This one-day course complements a rider's basic skills and helps with personal risk assessment. It includes a fast-paced classroom segment with several interactive activities to improve perception and hazard awareness. Range exercises enhance both basic skills and crash avoidance skills. Improving braking and cornering finesse is emphasized. The course is beneficial for riders on any type of street motorcycle.

This year we are holding the class early in the riding season for those of you who have expressed interest in an early season class with the idea of getting the most benefit and use from your training this summer. A cool day will make a great training day, so please look at your calendars now and let's get this class filled.

The day will be limited to twelve riders and at \$60 for the day, it is a great deal. Checks are to be made to Montana BMW Riders. The cost for the class is a 25% discount from the public price, and should be paid at the time of registration. There is no better way to show a friend or loved one that you care than encouraging and supporting their motorcycle safety education. Is there a family member or friend you can bring?

To register, please send an email to Tina at tntina@rocketmail.com with your address, and the registration forms will be sent to you either as an e mail attachment or through the snail mail. You can also call me at (406) 544-8508. Once you complete the form you will need to return it to me via snail mail – you will be provided complete instructions in the packet.

As more information becomes available regarding the classes, I will keep you posted. Last year the days were

filled with many laughs and it was an enjoyable way to spend the day with other club members. As a side note to those who cannot make it on these dates, see <http://motorcycle.msun.edu/> for a list of dates, location, and prices for ARC and other courses offered around the state this riding season.



MILAGE CONTEST

All right you mileage junkies....even though there is still snow in the ditches, the roads are starting to clear. Now, if the temp will get above 20 we'll be in business! As the "emperor in charge of BMW mileage" I announced to a cold bound, but food empowered bunch of BMW riders at our Sunday meeting, the 2013 mileage contest is starting in conjunction with the BMWMOA's official start on 4/15/2013. For those of you who get the MOA news, the forms should be in next month's mag...

So, here's the deal: If you want to participate in the Montana BMW Riders 2013 annual mileage contest, you need to get your name, address, email address, bike model(s) and beginning mileage of each model(s) to me via email (beemermt@msn.com), snail mail (102 Ironwood Place, Missoula, MT 59803) or hand delivered (for those wanting a jump on the mileage for 2013). You can use the official BMWMOA form, a sheet of paper or your email, just make sure it contains the information outlined above and you've signed it.

Unlike the national BMWMOA contest, mileage does not need to be accumulated on a BMW, just on a motorcycle (scooters too!). The calendar period for the contest is 4/15 to 10/15. Winners will be announced at the annual Christmas party in December.

Jerry Abbott turned in his contest form at Sunday's meeting, so he has the honor of being the first "official entrant".

Thanks to all who participated last year, let's see if we can get more finishers this year. (We had 23 folks start,

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but only 15 who turned in their final mileage forms.) I'd like to encourage all to participate, after all, you're riding anyway, why not let me keep track of your annual mileage!?

See you on the road,

Larry Banister

Montana BMW Riders mileage contest coordinator (aka Emperor in charge of BMW mileage)

BE A RIDER COACH

Terry Funk

If you are reading this article, I will assume you are that oddest of creatures; admired by some, envied by others, excoriated by a few but respected by your peers, you are a **MOTORCYCLIST!** You have motor skills, balance, an inherent understanding of the laws of physics and familiarity with the mechanics of a machine that is an extension of your body and soul.

Yes, you and your bike are cool!

If you also have the desire to help others enter the world of motorcycling, becoming a Rider Coach with Montana Motorcycle Rider Safety (MMRS) may be for you. MMRS is always looking for motorcyclists who have excellent people and riding skills coupled with a desire to help others develop a solid foundation in motorcycling. Becoming a Rider Coach will not increase your coolness or your wallet. You will find, however, great personal satisfaction in the accomplishments of your students.

Call 1-800-922-BIKE to talk to Jim Morrow, Director of Montana Motorcycle Rider Safety about how you can become a Rider Coach.

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2013 RIDES

**24 FEBRUARY LINCOLN...THE PIT STOP...
SHE'LL HAVE HOMEMADE PIE. (A 4TH WEEKEND BE-
CAUSE THE 3RD WKND=PRES DAY HOLIDAY WKND)**

**17 MARCH BASIN...LEANING TOWER OF PIZ-
ZA...THIS IS ALSO ST PATS DAY & YOU'LL BE GOING
RIGHT BY BUTTE AMERICA ON THE WAY TO BASIN.**

**21 APRIL DEER LODGE...YAK YAK'S...
TOUR OF THE TOWE FORD MUSEUM OR TERRITORIAL
PRISON AFTER LUNCH.**

19 MAY PHILIPSBURG...SUNSHINE STATION

**15 JUNE (SATURDAY) BIG FORK...
ECHO LAKE CAFE**

**14 JULY SEELEY LAKE.
CAMPOUT TO PRACTICE YOUR PACKING BEFORE HEAD-
ING OUT TO SALEM, OR. FOR THE BMW NAT'L RALLY.
DETAILS TBA.**

**18 AUGUST WISDOM...FETTY'S
IN CONJUNCTION W/ A SAME WEEKEND GS BIG HOLE
RIDE/CAMPOUT.**

15 SEPTEMBER HARDY...MISSOURI RIVER INN

20 OCTOBER OVANDO...TRIXIE'S ANTLER SALOON

17 NOVEMBER DRUMMOND...THE WAGON WHEEL

**7 DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY
@ BIG SKY BMW MISSOULA**

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RIDES AND RALLIES

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Two pipes shine
Five gears push
Brakes stop fine
Handlebars

1200 GS

LACK OF CHROME REVEALS THE SMARTS,
ENGINEERING PROWESS WITH ERGONOMIC
ART.

SECOND TO NONE WITH HANDLING TO
SPARE,

ON OR OFF ROAD, SOME WHEELS IN AIR.

RAIN OR SHINE THIS BABY WILL GO,
ITS RUGGED, READY, AND NOT JUST FOR
SHOW.

BIG TANK AND HIGH TECH DEEP IN THE
CORE,

RIDING THIS BIKE IS NEVER A BORE.

POWER, DESIGN AND COOL FOR YOU,

LITTLE ROUND EMBLEM SAYS B-M-W.

FORWARD!



Changing the Oil

Three thousand miles of smooth riding fun,
Oil turning dark, means my riding's done.
Time to change the oil, oh, and find that nut,
Filter which brand, and the oil type rut.
Ten with 'W' 40 says the guide quite clear,
Old filter on too tightly, makes my tempter sear!
Adding three quarts plenty with all parts in place,
Run the motor gently till no leaks can trace.
Saved some of my money by the work I do,
Cleanup toxic remnants and the job is through.
Recycle!

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Come In and Check the Newest BMW's Out!

We are closing out all remaining 2012 BMW's. Call for availability and pricing. Rebates up to \$3000.00

The new 650 GT scooters are now in stock. Look for the new water cooled 2013 R12GS and new F800GT to arrive in March. These are both going to be very exciting new models for BMW.

Check out www.bigskymotorsports.com or www.bmwmotorcycles.com for the latest info.

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