

MONTANA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

March 2014

As I write Missoula is getting a foot of snow! "What a winter"!!! Our family has had a couple of unplanned trips this winter with 2 recent relative's passing. We've endured an even worse winter in the Midwest, but found a milder winter & beginning of spring in the Southeast. I'd say it's not hard to determine which is the more preferable. Seeing these two weather-scapes makes me compare these to our yearnings to get out and flog those long covered motorcycles. But our members, not being

able to ride, have been able to psychologically keep winter at bay with some club activities. We've had two great motorcycle travelogues and a couple of tech sessions. The tech sessions brought a contingent of like-minded members and non-members wanting to get smarter if they couldn't get warmer. Thanks to Big Sky BMW for helping set these up. We've also had a couple of monthly meetings and an election this winter. Remember, bringing friends to any/all of these is a good way to help increase membership.



Regarding the election, I'd like to welcome Terry Kay of Florence as our new Vice President and Annie Huddy of Helena as our new Secretary Treasurer. Also the bylaws were amended to help make the running of the club a little clearer and easier. Thanks to Gary Graham for help with those. Thanks for past service to Tina Schmaus for all her efforts as Vice President and Dave McCormack who did a great job stepping in as interim Secretary/Treasurer, after Mike & Donna McInernery. Also thanks to all of you who participated in elections and all who have sent in 2014 membership dues. I think we're about half way there; a record for this time of year. All our affiliations have been paid to RA, MOA and AMA. Plus Dave McCormack is just finishing the paperwork, as we speak, on our tax exempt status with the state and the IRS.

Annie Huddy will be available to collect membership dues at the March meeting @ Fairmont Hot Springs and at the Alaska presentation put on by her and hubby Kevin, March 8th (roam) @ Big Sky BMW, or by mail.

MOA # 155
RA # 072
AMA #6830

Our February meeting at Lincoln's The Pit Stop included several prizes and those attending were John Beyrau of Helena who won the book Moto Raid, whose author owns Ride West BMW of Seattle. A good/easy read and a true story of the author and a friend riding from Seattle to the tip of South America in the 70's on their BMW motorcycles. They were definitely going on economy class. J

NEXT MEETING

March 16

Fairmont Hot Springs

Time: 1:00 PM

Also from Helena, Steve Moore, Annie and Kevin Huddy of Helena. From Calgary, Alberta Marq Lang, our 2nd place mileage winner and traveling companion, Phyllis, also from Calgary. Seems putting on the miles is part of the life of our members from the North. From Victor, Dave McCormack winner of a car wash. From Missoula, yours truly. Jill's food and service @ The Pit Stop were great and she made homemade pies which were popular as eat-in & take home items. As you'll see in the pix we have a new banner for these occasions thanks to Vice President Terry Kay's design and persistence. Also a club calendar (another of VP Kay's winter projects) which was given to The Pit Stop. See our club calendar on the wall @ Big Sky BMW/Kawasaki/KTM. If you wish we can have more made, \$10 for the smaller size.

So what will spring bring? Maybe some 65 degree temps?? but that's a ways out and an unknown. For sure on March 8th, we'll be having a presentation by Kevin & Annie Huddy on everything you want to know about travel to Alaska, from planning, to gear, to execution (of the trip, not you). Another tech session, to be determined, will be on how to pick up your motorcycle if you do an oopsy, where nobody is watching (whew) but nobody can help you (oh boy)! Also, later in March, mem-

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ber Jim Kraush has agreed to do a travelogue on his 2013 motorcycle trip to Spain w/ Edelweiss Tours. There will also be a garage tech sessions in April and one in May. The one in May will be the weekend of May 17-18th. Kevin & Annie Huddy have offered to host a ride-in 'basic' motorcycle tech session. The Huddy's, being the

'hosts with the most', are also combining this with a Saturday cookout, sleepover, and next morning breakfast at their home in Helena; this prior to our Sunday club ride to the Sunshine Station in Philipsburg. Contact Kevin klhuddy@hotmail.com Also in May we'll be looking for help with our two annual community service projects...Marshals for the YMCA Riverbank Run May

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Club Dues: \$15 (includes newsletter)

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

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

10th and TOSRV (Tour of the Swan River Valley) bike event, May 31st and June 1st. It'd really be great to see lots of volunteer help turn out...hint hint.

Some other things coming up in the fairly near future... our March meeting is Sunday, March 16th @ Fairmont Hot Springs. You can bring your swimsuits for a Sunday afternoon soak after the meeting or stay over Sunday night, do lots of swimming and head for Saint Patrick's Day celebration in Butte (15 miles away) the next day. March 13-16 is the Inland Northwest Motorcycle Show in Spokane.

In May there's rumor of an ARC class in Missoula we'll try to get a club discount for as the past several years. I'm in N.C. right now w/ no internet, so I can't check that schedule, but we'll let you know in next month's newsletter. Anyway the ARC (Advanced Rider Class) is a great way to tune-up the mind and your riding skills for the upcoming riding season. Note our monthly meeting in April is on the 4th Sunday of the month, because of Easter weekend. Location...Avon...same time, 1:00 pm.

That's about it for now, but I do want to thank & bring attention to Mike Wright, our web site creator and webmaster, for all he has done to set up the website and keep it updated. This is a huge job. The website, if you haven't been on it, has lots of information on the club, past newsletters & links to other motorcycle websites. There are upcoming events/rides, a classified section and even a forum for setting up rides with other members or just talking about something that interests you or confounds you regarding motorcycles. You can even update your contact information. New members can find a membership application form. All in all, our website is a great way to connect to the motorcycle world. Thanks Mike!!

Hope to see you all at Fairmont Hot Springs for the meeting and then a nice long soak. Take care and keep shoveling that snow!

Happy Trails!!

Chuck Reaves

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A 2013 PHOTO GALLERY



YMCA River Run

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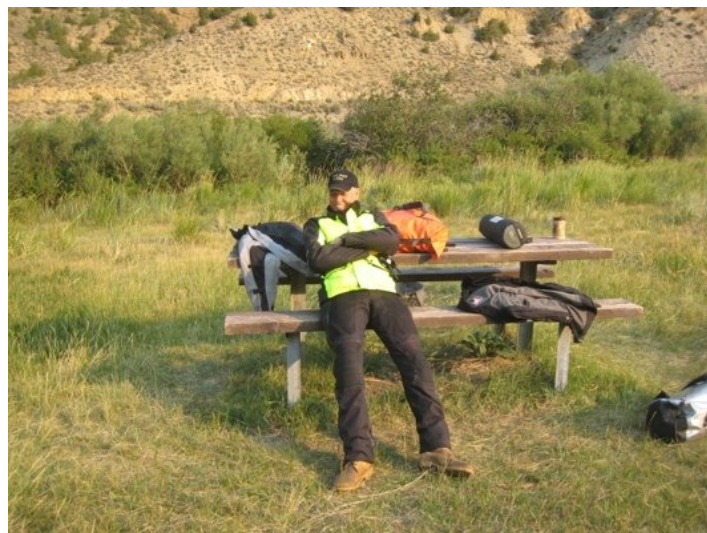
Full service dentistry
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RIDING TO ALASKA

Saturday, March 8th, 10 AM

Big Sky Motorsports, Missoula:

A presentation on traveling to and around Alaska on motorcycles. Kevin and Annie Huddy will share their experiences after living in Alaska for 16 years and making several rides between Alaska and the lower 48. Routes to and from Alaska, preparation, gear and places to go in Alaska will all be topics.



Terry Kay — Our New Vice President

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GS Ride to the Big Hole



January — John Torma Rode to the Meeting !!



Ann Huddy — Our New Secretary / Treasurer



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2014 LOCAL/NATIONAL RIDE EVENTS MONTANA BMW RIDERS

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)

*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



(Mark Cadwallader with his Special Support Rig)

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.



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2014 BMW Club Ride Calendar

All Meetings Begin At 1:00 p.m.

*March 16
Fairmont Hot Springs*

*April 27
Avon
Avon Cafe (4th Sunday)*

*May 18
Phillipsburg
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*

ALL DAY DO IT YOURSELF BASIC MAINTENANCE TECH SESSION

Saturday, May 17th,

@ The Huddy's Outpost, near Helena: Get your motorcycle ready for a summer of riding by performing the basic maintenance in a well equipped shop and with the help of other experienced riders. The shop includes a lift, air compressor, tire changer, carb/throttle body synching meters, GS911 code reader and an assortment of common tools. You provide the tires, oil, filters, plugs and other consumables. If you are having the tires shipped you can have them shipped directly to the Huddy's or bring them with you (they will fit on the back of a bike). Old tires can be left for disposal for a fee of \$1 per tire (that's what the landfill charges).

Disposal of old oil and filters is free. If you are new to working on your bike there will be others there to assist; including changing tires. Starts at 10 AM and runs until whenever on Saturday, 17 March. The Huddys have bunks and other places to sleep or camp for those that would like to arrive Friday evening and/or stay Saturday night and then ride to Phillipsburg on Sunday, 18 May. There will be a BBQ on Saturday afternoon and other sustenance for those who are arriving early or staying longer. BYOB. The Outpost is located approximately seven miles west of I15 or approximately 23 miles east of Flesher Pass just off of Lincoln Road at 6750 Silver Fox Court. Please RSVP to Kevin Huddy at klhuddy@hotmail.com no later than 7 May. For more information or to arrange tire delivery you can email Kevin.

Membership Dues

please get in your 2014 membership dues to Dave McCormack. If dues are not paid by April 1st we'll have to drop you from the newsletter list.

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