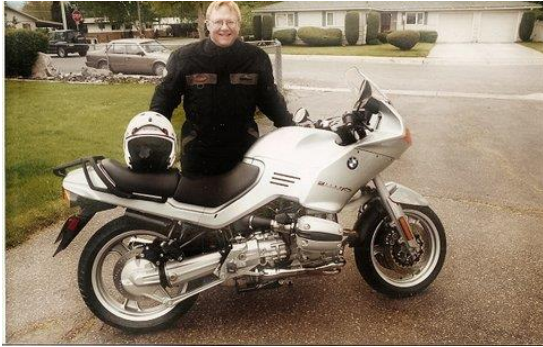


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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Excitement seems contagious getting together with members this spring; slipping in short rides between weather fronts. This has definitely been one of the best early springs for riding with consistently warmer temps. One springtime danger though...gravel. It's probably best not to get too excited in those corners just yet. Though I have not climbed "The Mountain" yet this spring (to Lochsa Lodge) there have been several short trips on popular on-road and off-road loops. Dual sport riders should be getting into the back country early this year with all the melting snow. But on the other side of that coin, we may be breathing smoke from fires by mid-July. So get those knobbies rollin! If you're interested in a dual sport ride contact Vice President David Gordon. He's our dirt man and has already gotten out to play in the mud last weekend on a loop ride west of Missoula. It starts in Missoula, then to Lolo. Turn west up Hiway 12 to Graves Creek (about 12 miles). Then turn right onto the dirt Graves Creek Rd. We didn't go far, just a couple of miles, before stopping at the Lumber Jack Saloon for a look round. Back onto Graves Cr. we headed N. to its end at the Petty Cr. exit in Alberton, approximately 18-20 miles. But, before crossing the railroad tracks & Clark Fork River bridge here we turned right (east) going along said

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river back to Missoula (approximately 20 miles) where the road dumps you out at the Kona Ranch Rd. bridge and Mullan Rd. (Alternatively you can turn right at the intersection of Kona Ranch Rd onto the Blue Mountain Rd. Following that road it goes thru Big Flat and comes out at The Peak on Hiway 93 just south of Buck House Bridge (by Walmart). It was the perfect length for a

### NEXT MEETING

**April 19**

**Lincoln**

**Lambkins**

**Time: 1:00 PM**

nice afternoon loop. Afterwards our health food guru Mike Wright treated us to a humongous plate of Paradise Falls Nachos! Almost as good as pie and coffee at the Stray Bullett Café! Thanks Mike!!

What's the club been up to? Well, March was actually a busy month. There were travelogues and tech sessions. Thanks to Jim Iverson for his travelogue on Norway. Afterwards I think several folks were ready to go to the *Land of The North*. And thanks to Big Sky Motor Sports and tech-meister Andy Main for the tech session they put on; how to take wheels on & off in a roadside emergency and what tools to have if you need them. At the tech session coffee and donuts were the tools of

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the day & the only emergency was “Would we run out”? Also thanks to John Munch for his tech session on ‘trouble shooting on the road’. Seems his was a similar theme of being prepared before you leave. “How old is that battery”?

I’m looking forward to our last travelogue of the season...March 31<sup>st</sup> put on by Carol & Gary Graham of their trip to the Black Sea area in Eastern Europe. The U.S. State Department could use the Graham’s as a political warning sign as they seem to travel to places that become off-limits, soon after they are there! What’s up with that? One of their previous trips and travelogues was about their trip to the Middle East, including Iran. That trip made the front cover of the BMW-MOA magazine along with a 6 page article.



*L to R: Mike, Dave, Lynn & Karen, & Kelly & Shirley. Chuck took the picture.*

We had seven members at our meeting in March at Fairmont Hot Springs. The weather was a 50/50 proposition. The temps were decent but rain and wind had most folks coming by cage to this Montana resort @ Gregson, MT. Mike Kreikemeier, R1200GS, from Bozeman was the only one to make it by motorbike. On the preceding

day he and his wife had been touring the Freezeout Lake area NW of Great Falls. They were taking in the spring migration of waterfowl that is a showcase of this area during the spring. It sounds as if his GS had had wings, they would have been flying



with those birds. The winds along the front range can be daunting when the Chinooks blow in this time of year & there was plenty of wind on the Front Range that day. His wife had him curtail their return trip home, the wind was so bad. Undaunted, next day, Mike drove in from their sanctuary in Boulder where they’d retreated for the night. Also at Fairmont from Bozeman were Shirley and Kelly King. From Missoula Lynn and Karen Springer. Lynn won a neat BMW ball cap with the old BMW racing logos. Lynn, you are “Mr. Lucky”. I expect to see him come to the meetings often. Lynn also won the free BMW MOA Rally registration we drew for at the Christmas party. Also arriving by cage, yours truly from Missoula & newsletter editor Dave McCormack from Victor. Thanks to Fairmont for good food and service and also for donating a half dozen free swim passes. We still have some left. Maybe use for another drawing?

Coming up: I won’t say anything about dues as I believe Annie Huddy will take care of that later in the newsletter. Our April meeting will be Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, in Lincoln

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at Lambkins. Time: 1:00 PM. The Lincoln ride is usually in February. If the weather holds, this should be a good ride & Lincoln is usually one of the clubs best turnouts. Also in April our mileage contest starts. We're looking for lots of folks to enter. Mr. Larry Banister will fill in the details later in the newsletter. Our last year's contest winner, **Marq Lang, the Alberta Mileage Clipper**, has undergone some surgery this winter. Marq, our thoughts and prayers are with you. Anyone that would like to send her a note; [mlang@3web.com](mailto:mlang@3web.com) & knowing Marq a note with a joke would be even better.

That's about it for recent club activities. I'd say if you're planning on riding a lot this year get those tires & parts while retailers still have them in stock. Get that maintenance done or plan on coming to the May 16 tech session at Kevin and Annie Huddy's in Helena, see article in this newsletter.

Looking ahead; if you are going to want a room with a bed for the club campout in June @ Lake Inez (cabins nearby at The Tamaracks) or the rally in Billings in July, best to get those reservations made now before they're taken by all the incoming Turons.

Happy Trails and see you in Lincoln. Bring a friend!

**Chuck Reaves**

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## Safety Corner

I have heard the sound of rubber sliding and smelled the smoke as you all have been

practicing your emergency braking.....right???

This month we'll talk about the "ounce of prevention", which is avoiding those situations where we need to employ our "superior riding skills"! That "ounce of prevention" is actually a skill that is very difficult to master and maintain.... keeping our head and eyes up and looking where we intend to go.

If you were ever in one of my classes, you probably got tired of seeing me point at you, tapping under my chin, and encouraging you to "keep your head and eyes up....look where you want to go". You do in fact go where you look so we'll talk about only one aspect this month: Not looking down at the ground immediately in front of you.

When you go to your favorite store and walk in looking for the article(s) of interest, do you look at the floor as you walk? No! You're looking into the isles, looking for the item you came to buy....right? How do you avoid tripping over display items or running into the end of isles? You can see them out of your peripheral vision! This is exactly the skill you use when you're riding. While I know gravel is a problem this time of year and we are all concerning about riding through a patch, you can discern the discoloration of gravel in your peripheral vision and avoid it. The same is true for chuck holes. The best way to run through a patch of gravel or a chuck hole is to look right at it! If your intention is to miss these "obstacles" then you need to be looking to the clear path of travel (the isle in the store of you will) and not at the object you want to avoid.



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More about looking ahead next month. For this month, practice “keeping your head and eyes up....look where you want to go”!

## Larry Banister

Retired MSF Instructor

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## Annie's Corner

*Just a reminder for those who have procrastinated—DUES are DUE! The 2015 riding season is upon us.*

*Also remember that Spring means drivers are really not used to seeing motorcycles out and about on the roads. Watch for gravel, mud from local farming communities, and cow plops, as cattle are being moved from winter to spring/summer forage areas. Sheep really don't leave much on the roads, and are generally quieter while transitioning!*



*Don't know who that is up ahead, but Annie Huddy took the picture of the things we have to deal with here in Montana.*

*The BMWMOA riding contest begins 11 April 2015 and runs through 11 October 2015. If you need paperwork signed bring it with you to the April meeting at Lambkins in*

*Lincoln, any BMWMOA member can sign. Our club officers can sign your paperwork, and that means you only need one signature. Bring your checkbook to the meeting and pay your dues, get your riding contest start mileage signed off, visit, chat, eat, and ride. Let's give Marg some competition this year.....See you in Lincoln!*

## Annie

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## SECOND ANNUAL TECH DAY AT THE OUTPOST

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>

**WHERE:** 6750 Silver Fox Court, Helena

Get your motorcycle ready for a summer of riding by performing 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 Outpost or bring them with you. Disposal of used tires, oil and filters is free. If you are new to working on your bike there will be others there to assist; including with changing tires. If you are an experienced wrench then we need your expertise as well.

Starts at 10 a.m. and runs until whenever on Saturday, 16 May. There are bunks, cots 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, 17 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 I-15, Exit 200 and approximately 23 miles east of Flesher Pass and is on the south side of Lincoln Road, at 6750 Silver Fox Court. Please RSVP to Kevin Huddy at [klhuddy@hotmail.com](mailto:klhuddy@hotmail.com) no later than 10 May and let him know if you plan to stay either or both of the two nights. For more information or to arrange tire delivery you can email Kevin.

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*Editor's Note: There is a BMWMOA affiliated club known as the BMW Airhead Club. It is a well-known national club and is for those that ride BMWs made during the period of roughly 1977 - 1995 (known as Airheads). An Air Marshal is the head of the BMW Airhead Club in his/her state. There is overlap between the membership of the MT BMW Riders and the MT Airheads Club. , so I (Kevin) thought it would be a good idea to share Air Marshal Edwards' info. There are also Airhead Club members that are not members of our club.*

Hello MT Airheads and Others,

We are in the process of making arrangements for Air Central at the MOA rally. So far, we have looked at the rally site and the Board has paid the deposit for renting a tent and supplies. The vender will set up starting Tues before the rally and take down on Mon afterwards.

Tony Lehman, WY Air Marshal (AM), has volunteered to bring 20 chairs to help keep costs down. Dick Holfer will have a motorcycle lift available. We are bringing: a Handy Lift, pop up shade for work space, BBQ gas grill, various large gauge extension cords, and compressor for the motorcycle lift. We are also priming the beer supply. We will bring our truck & trailer. OR AM Garry Newby is bringing BIG coolers.

What will help:

- people to sit behind counter of Air store
- people to sit at Airhead renewal/new membership registration
- people to gather comfy used furniture for lounging
- old end tables and table lamps
- big old rug
- a hack would be nice for running errands (getting beer)
- lots of folks for social grease

If anyone has any other ideas, please share; they are encouraged and welcome to help prep Air Central.

Another thing is that Airhead Central is not exclusive to Airheads; it's for motorcycle riders. We're gonna have some fun.  
Thanks,

Jep and Ann Edwards, MT Air Marshals

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## 2015 Mileage Contest

2015 Mileage contest is just around the corner! This is one of those year where we've had riding weather that has begun WAY in advance of the April starting date for our "official mileage contest". I know Chuck Reaves, Kim Lemke and I have already been out a couple of times and the temperature has exceeded many Montana "summer days". So we'll be well warmed up by the start of this years "official adventure".

Be looking for the official BMWMOA mileage contest starting form in next month's MOA mag. As you fill it out for MOA, you can send me a copy. If you're not receiving the MOA magazine or not entering the MOA contest, then I'll need some sort of written entry form...email, napkin, whatever. When the "official form" shows up, we'll post it on our web site so you can pull down a copy and fill it out. Just remember, whatever you send me has to have your motorcycle(s) info, beginning mileage and you name, address and email address on it. I'm not sure what the exact starting date is (it will be on the MOA form) but it is generally around April 15th. In order to be in our Montana BMW Riders

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contest I need to have received your written beginning mileage by April 30th.

I'm encouraging as many of you as possible to join in the contest. It's an easy way to have me keep track of your mileage and a great way to get counted for our meetings, rides and get some neat prizes at the annual Christmas party. I also want to encourage you to join the official MOA contest as we (Montana Riders) get put into the national mileage contest which is published in the MOA magazine.

My contact info: Larry Banister, 102 Ironwood Place, Missoula, MT 59803; email: [beemermt@msn.com](mailto:beemermt@msn.com)

Looking forward to hearing from all of you. In the meantime, enjoy our early spring!

Larry Banister, MBMWMCC  
(Montana BMW Riders Mileage Contest Coordinator)

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## Random Pictures from Members



L to R: Pat Grimes, Darryl Graham, and Mike Laughran with Dave McCormack at Lochsa Lodge.



*Guess Who?*



*Bannister getting ready to mount up.*

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Submitted by Steve Moore after the Avon meeting.*



*On the way to St. Ignatius for lunch.*



*One of our favorite ride destinations.*



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## *2015 MT BMW Riders Calendar*

- January 18th**    Seeley Lake - Double Arrow Lodge
- February 15**    Avon – Avon Café
- March 15**        Fairmont - Fairmont Hot Springs
- April 15**         Start of Mileage Contest
- April 19**         Lincoln – Lambkins
- May 16**          Tech session @ Huddy's (Helena)
- May 17**          Philipsburg – Sunshine Station
- June 11**         Thursday Chicken Dinner @ Dinner Bell in Gold Creek.
- June 20**         Big Fork – Echo Lake Café (a Saturday)
- June 26-27**     Campout...Lake Inez
- July 23-26**     MOA Rally in Billings  
(Friday - Breakfast ride to Ft. Rockvale Café from the rally)
- August 7-9**     Dual Sport Ride (Big Hole Valley)
- August 9**        Wisdom – The Crossings @ Fetty's
- Sept 18-20**     Dual Sport Ride (Flathead Valley)
- September 20** Polson – Kwa Tuk Nuk...Lunch meeting followed by optional tour of Flathead Lake
- October 3**        Fall Colors Ride
- October 18**     Ovando – Trixie's Antler Bar
- November 15**   Drummond – Wagon Wheel
- December 5**    Christmas Party at Big Sky BMW  
*\*All meetings begin at 1:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.*