

MONTANA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Gonna make this short. Just got back from North Carolina where my sister captured me with her wedding this past Saturday. I'd say North Carolina in summer is pretty warm but upon our return to Missoula this morning at 1:00 am, our house was so warm we

couldn't sleep. Had to wait outside till 2:30 am for the house to cool down enough to sleep. Is this the new Montana normal? Up to now it's been a great riding year. But if this heat continues we may be only riding like the 'Snow Birds' in Phoenix do...start at 5:00 am and ride till it's too hot at 10:00 am. As VP Dave Gordon said, I'm looking for an air conditioner that will fit my tent...hello Billings in 3 weeks.

Which brings me to the MOA Rally in the 'Magic City' starting Thursday, July 24 & running thru that Sunday the 28th.

As the "local club" we've been asked to help with the clean up on the rally's final day, Sunday morning. I've had quite a few people tell me they will be there for the task. Start and end times are: Sunday morning 8:00-10:00 am for said cleanup. The rally chair, Sue Rihn, has said it's an easy job and to make it interesting Sue said she will give out, to cleanup volunteers, unclaimed items donated by the rally vendor's. Not sure if that's t-shirts or bike farkles. I'd say with some certainty there will not be any BMW motorbikes in the mix. Anyway, I'd appreciate your help and appreciated hearing

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from you so we can know how many to expect Sunday morning. Thanks in advance.

The July monthly meeting will be at the MOA Billings rally. We plan to meet by the (probably closed) beer tent at 8:30 am Friday morning. From there we will go to breakfast

NEXT MEETING

July 24 thru July 28

BMWMOA Rally

Billings

July 25th

Ride to Fort Rockdale

Time: 9:00 AM

at Fort Rockvale, approximately 20 minutes away. John Beyrau is our leader and has mapped out a nice breakfast loop to do that morning. For those of you who don't like the group ride thing, meet at Fort Rockvale at 9:00 am and do your own route. Beartooth Pass is certainly close by. Our planned loop would be just for the morning.

A kinda' fun ride in June saw several riders meeting at the Dinner Bell Café for a sit-down chicken dinner ala the Mennonite community in Gold Creek, Mt. This is 14 miles east of Drummond off I-90. It was the old timey dinner where lots of folks show up (probably 80-90) and sit at long community

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tables. You are not disappointed when the bowls of fried chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, cold slaw, creamed peas (yuck) homemade bread & jam as well as their homemade to-die-for deserts; this night was coconut cream pie and raspberry pie (yep, with homemade ice cream). Banisters, Larry & Liz; Huddy's, Annie & Kevin; Reaves, Chuck and Mike; Haglund's, Delorie & Phil were in attendance. If you can waddle home on a motorcycle...we did. They are open for lunch on Saturday, so we'll try and put this on for a ride next year.

The turnout at our June club meeting at Echo Lake Café was fantastic. Echo Lake has become one of our favorite spots to reconnoiter. We had our 'usual table(s)' outside on their deck. Food and service were great and about 18 riders from all over the state showed up. Afterwards, member Terry Logan showed us his machine shop in Somers, where he produces some great tools & items for large companies across the country. His shop looked like it belonged in the Swiss Alps. He showed us a couple of machines that, each one alone, cost more than a couple or three BMW motorbikes. This weekend's ride seemed to be the start of our hot weather but on the positive side this time of year is so nice because the days are Montana long. So if you want to just keep going for a while, on the ride home, you can! Those attending at Echo Lake Café were: From Missoula: David Gordon K1200LT, Chuck Reaves R1100RS, John Fredrickson F800GS, Chis Keyes R1100RTPD; From Kalispell: Doug Byrne R1100GS; From Helena: Mike Meredith F800ST, the Huddy's Yamaha FJR & F800GS, Bob Rennick K1300S; From Somers: Terry Logan R1200GS; From Belt: Phil Haglund; From the Bitterroot: Dave McCormack Spyder, Terry Kay 1600 GT, Terry Pohland HD Road King, Robi Folts R1200GS; From Polson, Billy Earl HD Tri Glide; From Dayton: John Stoianoff and Chuck Flynn riding a HD RKC.

Big winner in the drawing was VP David Gordon...he didn't get an air conditioner for his tent but he did get a cooling vest for his body. Must be feeling good about now!

Hope we have a big showing at the MOA Rally in Billings. Please, when you sign in at registration, note you are a member of the Montana BMW Riders, club # 155. Let's see if we can get some notoriety for our club at this rally & not just at the beer booth.

Next month we step out into the Big Hole and the Gravelly Range Road with a **dual sport ride**. This is **August 7-9**. Contact David Gordon for details. His article is further on in the newsletter.

Then on Sunday, August 9th, the club meeting is at The Crossings Restaurant at Fetty's in Wisdom. Usual time @ 1:00 PM.

Note: the August meeting date is the second Sunday in August because of two popular rallies, BC Beemers in Nakusp, British Columbia and the Beartooth Rendezvous in Red Lodge, MT. Both are on our usual 3rd weekend meeting time. Both are great rallies with which we didn't want to conflict.

Look forward to seeing you at all, or some, of the above.

We are glad to hear John Munch is out of St. Patrick's Hospital and back to health and...that Marg Lang is back to her usual 20,000 self after some health issues this past winter.

Happy Trails till then! And good luck finding that tent air conditioner!@#% ☺

Chuck

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Safety Corner

While out and about in my F-150 last week, I was driving down the old brick paving on West Railroad Street at a pretty slow pace (trying not to shake the suspension out of my truck!). I glanced in my rearview mirror and here was a sport bike rider, right on my bumper. Now granted, he probably thought "why doesn't the old fart either pick up the pace or get out of the way", but as we all have learned, you aren't going to "push" the slow old guy in front of you by riding right on his bumper. Anyway, as I came to the end of the brick pavement...blast!, the guy passes me like I'm standing still and actually startled me as I was looking for him in my rear view mirror and in my driver's side mirror and he was not to be seen in either! Had I made an abrupt left, that guy would have decorated the side of my truck. Remember, I'm a driver who is attuned to motorcyclists because "I are one" and I was looking for this guy...he obviously had chosen the blind spot, just to the left of my rear, out of sight in my rearview mirror and not yet visible in my driver's side mirror...bad choice! Then, he added an aggressive full throttle pass when I couldn't see him. Fortunately I was going straight ahead and he made his move, probably thinking, "I showed that old fart!" He was extremely lucky that I was looking for him and didn't do anything but continue straight ahead.

Don't press your luck with drivers...most are not looking for you. Remember the proper following distance is determined by counting "one-thousand one, one thousand two" after the vehicle ahead of you passes some fixed spot or object... Secondly, don't ride in the vehicle driver's blind spot, you never know what they are going to do!

With this blistering hot weather, you need to stay cool and hydrated! The more bare skin

you expose while riding in this hot weather, the faster you dehydrate and if you don't stop often to replenish fluids, you can become dangerously dehydrated in a very brief period of time. If you have a cooling vest, that's great, if not, try wetting down the garments you're wearing under your riding gear. As you move through the heat, the air movement will evaporate your damp garments and really cool you down. If you re-soak the garment as you stop for water, you'll stay cooler and hydrated...good combination! Besides, you'll really draw some looks if you pour a bottle of water down the front of your jacket and the excess exits the legs of your riding gear, forming a big puddle! Time to move along...

Ride Safe! (Ride Safely)

Larry Banister
Retired MSF Instructor

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The Veep's Corner

THANKS to everyone for the free camping last weekend at Lake Inez. There was plenty of shade and a hidden cool stream to keep the drinks chilled! Chris Keyes has decided to plan another camping weekend in September, so keep an eye out for the announcement.

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Maybe too hot for everyone else, but not for our intrepid David Gordon.



All it takes is a BMW and a tent package.

Dual Sport Ride August 7-9: We have 8 people signed up to go. The route is set and reservations made. Chuck has a cabin with room to share so contact him for luxury camping. I have a tent site that can still fit 2-4 more tents if you want to do that on the cheap. E-mail me with questions or interest.

MOA Rally: If you need a cheap place to camp, I have a tent site at the KOA for three nights I will share. E-mail me.

Thanks,

David Gordon
VP

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Pictures from the Echo Lake meeting:



From the North end of the 18 man table.



South end of the table.


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In Terry's shop, getting the lowdown on his capabilities.



Beautiful Somers and Terry's shop.



After meeting at Terry Logan's shop.

We're on the Web:
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From new Member Bob Pauley, from his Alaska trip. (ed.note...on my old Yamaha Super T)



Inside Passage

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Serious Stuff from Kevin Huddy

This is a friend's R1200R. She lives in Alaska and was riding in the Yukon Territory in late June.

She is a very accomplished and experienced rider. She rode this bike to Inuvik, Deadhorse and to the lower 48 numerous times.

She got wide in a corner and ran into some gravel and then a larger rock. The important part is she was not injured beyond some bruises and cuts in her mouth. She was wearing complete protective gear and took the initial impact on the front of her Schuberth C3 helmet. Shows the importance of good protective gear.

Less than 24 hrs. after the accident she was on the phone to me asking to buy my R1200R.



Box reads, "Photo's \$1.00 Fund My Fix"

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 Restaurant 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

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Worth the trip



Sign 'em up before they eat - New member Robi Folts

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Dinner Bell family style...Yum.

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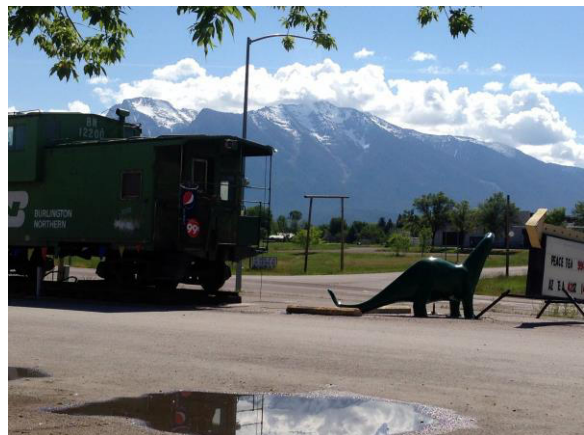
Editor's Corner

We have an opportunity, if we can get enough people to commit (8-12), to put on a First Aid/CPR class for interested members. It would be delivered by the Victor Volunteer Fire Department on a date to be determined. There are other fire departments across the state that might do the same thing. Let me know by e-mail your interest level and we'll see whether we can put one class together this summer or at least later in the year.

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Kevin looking a little sheepish...taking Chuck's portion while he's taking the picture at the Dinner Bell



Leftover shot from TOSRV ride. Small reptile having just gotten off the train in ST. Ignatius.