

# MONTANA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It's November and the riding appears done for the year, at least in the Montana climes. At this point I'm just hoping for a day with temps warm enough to do the requisite 15 minute ride to warm the oil so it can be changed.

So, time to start looking ahead to the new year and living in anticipation of next year's rides, rallies and trips, specifically the Nat'l BMW Rally in Salem, Oregon and other motorcycle related events like guided tours you might want to take, classes to improve that off road yen



you've had to start dual sporting. Or a track day to get help in nailing those lines in all the curves you have planned in 2013. VP Tina Schmaus makes for a good case in her article in this month's newsletter.

And then there's "where to go for club rides in the new year"? I'm looking for some direction(s) from the ride happy members of the Montana BMW Riders, of places, locations and restaurants you might like to visit for this year's ride calendar. Prefer rides in Montana and not too far off the grid. We'll be needing to get this done in the next 6

weeks so let me know your preferences as soon as you can.

Local news for those of you who knew Bob and Ann Clement. Ann passed away last spring. First I'd heard of it was at last month's meeting. If you know Bob, I'm sure he'd appreciate your condolences. He did say the Beartooth Rally will continue on.

Uncle Larry Banister is still compiling the miles from this year's mileage contest. Make sure you get your miles in to him soon to be recognized at the annual Christmas party, not to mention be showered with gifts and flower petals.

Speaking of the Christmas party...It will be Saturday, December 1st at Big Sky BMW/Kawasaki/KTM.

Owner, Nate Bertland, has again donated his facility for our Christmas pleasure.

MOA # 155  
RA # 072  
AMA #6930

The party starts at 5:00 PM with dinner @ 6:00 PM. Nate will offer some special deals for party goers downstairs during the party. To be announced by Dean at the party. I understand BMW's motorcycle division was up 10% in sales for 2012 so I'm sure we can expect a donation of a new GS or RT from Mr. Nate...hello...Nate?

The Christmas party will again be a pot luck affair. The club will donate the entrée (chicken), plates, cups, uten-

**NEXT MEETING  
WEST  
Sunday  
1:00 p.m.  
NOVEMBER 18TH  
DRUMMOND WAGON WHEEL CAFÉ**

sils, coffee, water and pop. BYOB if you like. If you please, members with last names beginning with the letters A-M bring a desert and N-Z bring a side dish; except for Gene Entzel. Gene please bring your famous beans!

There will be some prizes to give away; Larry Banister corralled a couple of ARC course certificates from Montana Motorcycle Safety Foundation. If anyone would like to donate something in their business name or has possibility of snagging a donation for the party from someone you know who has a motorcycle related business please contact me on that. Also, we'll continue w/ the White Elephant gift exchange. This is purely to add to the frivolity. Try and keep your gifts at the \$10.00 maximum and please make sure they are wrapped. If you bring a gift you may participate and you are guaranteed 1 gift to go home with...except for Chuck Bloom. Sorry Chuck.

In the spirit of saving some of you outta-towners some motel costs and offsetting excuses for coming to the party, my wife, Caren, and I are offering a place to stay at our home Saturday night to as many of you as we can. Don't be bashful. There might even be a continental breakfast in it for you.

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Looking for folks to help set up for the party Friday afternoon and take down afterwards. Call Larry Banister or Chuck Reaves 240-1771 if you can help.

In Missoula & most of our Montana towns, October mornings can be coolish. That was the case for our ride to Trixie's Antler Saloon this October. The skies were beautiful blue, but the temps in Missoula showed 38'.

Though it was cold in the am leaving, we should pat ourselves on the back as we had a huge turnout of riders. The great character of this Montana saloon was complimented by great service and everyone enjoyed a great lunch. Those riders braving the cool temps were...from Arlee, Adam Jurgens R1100RT, from Missoula, John Torma K1200LT, Kim Lemke K100RS, Jim Iverson Honda ST1100, Terry Sullivan Honda Gold Wing,

Chuck Reaves R1100RS, Mystery Man Jerry Abbott, yes he was there! I have spy pictures, Honda Pilot;



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

from Florence, Terry Kay R1200GSA, Mike Wright, what the heck were you ridin Mike? From Helena John Beyrau R100RT, Kevin & Ann Huddy, R1200R & F650GS, Steve Moore R1200RT. From Bigfork, Gordon Phillips R1200RT. From Calgary Alberta, Marq Lang, Toyota Highlander. Where was our newest 'old' member, Jim Krausch? Guess since he just turned 60 he wasn't able to get out of bed to make it by the 1:00 pm time? Happy Birthday Jim!

Our next meeting is in Drummond, MT. When Sunday November 18th Time: 1:00 PM. Place: The back room of The Wagon Wheel Restaurant. I look forward to seeing you there.

Happy Trails!!

Chuck Reaves

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Thanks

Mike

### 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.

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](mailto:reavesrealtymt@gmail.com) Thanks.

***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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Chuck Bloom, Russell Dahl, Signe Johnson, Kelly King, Kim Lemke, Dave McCormack, Donna Mcinerney, Mike Mcinerney, Mike Meredith, Michell Powell, Tina Schmaus and Mike Wright..



So, if you're on this list and want to be considered for the new K1600GTL being given away to the winner (Probably not!!!), I need to have your ending mileage NLT 11/14/12. Winners (as well as the awesome prizes will be announced at the annual BMW Christmas party on December 1, 2012 at Big Sky Motorsports.

For those of you I've heard from, thanks, for the rest of you, I look forward to hearing from you. Remember, to be considered in this year's contest, I must have your ending mileage in my hands by November 14th!!

You can email your ending milage to me at: beemermt@msn.com or your can snail mail it to me at : 102 Ironwood Place, Missoula, MT 59803

Larry Banister  
Montana BMW Riders Mileage Contest Coordinator.

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2012 MILEAGE CONTEST CLOSING NOVEMBER  
14, 2012

*Larry Banister*  
*Montana BMW Riders Mileage Contest Coordinator.*

Watching the snow falling out the window this morning, I can presume only the most intrepid riders are still at it, and if you're one of those...way to go. Regardless, however, the Montana BMW riders 2012 mileage contest officially closed October 14, 2012 with your final mileage to be sent to me NLT November 14, 2012. I have heard from some of you thus far, but here are the folks that originally entered that I have not yet received your ending mileage:



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we are the hottest thing on the road, it's not too early to start thinking about taking the Advanced RiderCourse next year.

### 2012 RIDES

NOVEMBER 18TH  
DRUMMOND WAGON WHEEL CAFÉ

DECEMBER 1ST  
MISSOULA CHRISTMAS PARTY

I know, I know, I know – many long time riders think they have nothing to learn about riding. I took a dance class recently – and guess what the first thing was the instructors did with the group? They took the whole class back to dance basics. The comment by the teacher was that he could “already tell the experienced dancers in the group because of all the bad habits they were exhibiting while trying to learn a very basic step.” It is really no different with any sport – and thus the reason that even Olympic skiers train – to improve technique, become smoother, and go faster.

### LEARNING TO RIDE

*Tina Schmaus, VP MT BMW Riders  
MSF RiderCoach, Montana Motorcycle Rider Safety*

I have been spending quite a bit of time lately taking care of my dear old dad, whose health is beginning to fail. While this is not an experience unique to me, and it takes away some of my riding time, it gives me time to pause and think about the man who led me to motorcycling. I remember my childhood well – growing up riding a Yamaha 60 and Honda Trail 90 in the river bottom in the Bitterroot valley, we rode horse and motorcycles. My parents would not let us ski because it was “just too dangerous.”

Initial instruction on the bike was short and sweet: gas goes here, oil there, squeeze the clutch in to shift, you should not be already be in fourth gear when you are still in the driveway, and “NEVER touch that front brake!” So we didn’t – in fact, when it broke off in one of the numerous crashes my brother and I experienced, it usually stayed that way. As a result, my brother and I spent many evenings in the barn with our dad, repairing motorcycles. Fortunately the injuries were few and minor. And while I hold no ill feelings for my dad or his less-than-stellar approach to introducing the concept of riding safety, I have become a staunch advocate of motorcycle safety, and want to encourage YOU to consider becoming the best rider you can be through safety training.

If you are the parent, spouse, or friend of a new rider, consider encouraging them now to plan in a safety course early next riding season. For young people under the age of 18, the two day class is half-price. For the experienced or re-entering rider, one day and \$80 spent with a group of other people improving their skills is inexpensive insurance. And for those of us who believe

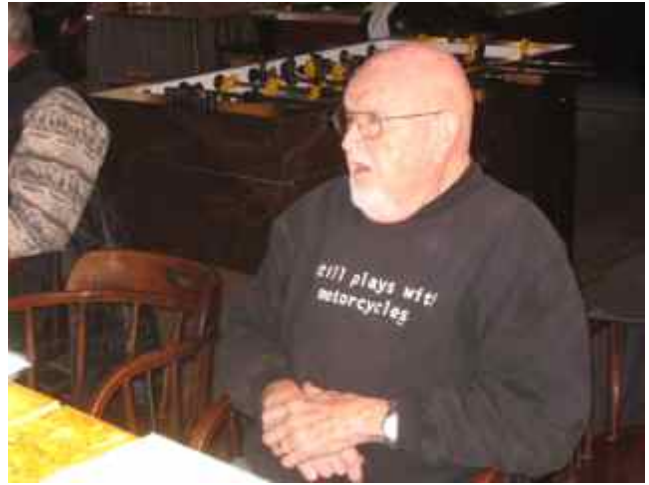
The Montana Motorcycle Rider Safety 2013 Motorcycle RiderCourse training schedule will be published soon after the first of the year, with classes beginning in April. As in years past, individual classes comprised of club members can be added to the schedule (weekday dates are available also) so if a group of BMW riders (and any other riding friend or family member) wants to fill a class with 12 students and spend a day riding together in Helena, it can be arranged. Attend the class – it’s fun, you get to play with your motorcycle for a day while learning (or refreshing) skills, techniques, and mental strategies that will keep you more safe on the street, you enhance your riding pleasure and work to become a more confident, smooth, and proficient rider.

Twelve members completed classes last year. That’s impressive and illustrates a healthy and serious commitment to riding safety/proficiency on behalf of our club members. Already taken the ARC? Take it again! For \$80, It’s excellent recurrent training, and, if done early in the year is a good tune-up for the riding season after our long winter. Have a motorcycle you haven’t ridden in years or new motorcycle? Take the ARC on that motorcycle; it’s a great way to get familiar with how it handles and responds to your control inputs. Been riding for a hundred years? Nothing else to learn, seen it all, been there done that? Take the ARC. You will come away a safer, more proficient, more knowledgeable rider, with new/refreshed techniques and skills giving you a greater safety margin. No one is the best rider they can be, especially not mere mortals such as us.

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A Warm Day at Trixie's



Jerry Abbott still plays with motorcycles.



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