

MONTANA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

December 2013

There's a lot going on in this 28 year old club as we move into 2014. Lots of things relating to what most consider the boring business-end of the club. Fortunately or unfortunately these things need to be done to keep members & the club going forward into a new riding year.

Looking back on last year and ahead to 2014 I'd like to thank all who helped make all the club functions happen. I'd especially like to thank club officers, Mike &



Donna McInerney for carrying the Sec/Treasurer torch and doing such a great job before said torch was passed to other capable hands, meaning Mr. Dave McCormack. Dave only wanted temporary & is stepping down for 2014. He did a great interim job but is passing the torch also. No, this is not a game of hot torches. Thanks to Tina Schmaus for her help as Vice President & agreeing to be our safety officer, for organizing MSF classes, and other things to make us safer & smarter out there on the road. She has gotten the Advanced Rider's course organized for at least 3 years and gotten the club a

great discount on price plus we wouldn't have monthly meeting giveaways if it wasn't for her.

Other recognition goes to Mike Wright for a terrific job as web master. He really has done a great job, setting the website up from scratch getting things up/running & updated. If you haven't been on the website lately, you'll see there's a place to sell/buy previously used 'farkles', a place to update your information, and even a forum for discussing those most important of things....motorcycling! Also thanks to Ken Taylor for putting this newsletter together each and every month. Great job Ken! Now that he has retired he may even have time to make some monthly rides...eh, what?

Thank you to those of you who are not club officers but have volunteered & have done a yeoman's job of making things fun: Larry Banister, mileage contest coordinator; Terry Kay, GS and road ride co-ordinator; BMW Club 'attorney-on-retainer', Gary Graham, for all his help with the bylaws as well as he & Carol regaling us w/ mo-

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torcycling trips near & far... Mark Cadwallader for running Tour of the Swan River Valley for the umpteenth time in a row along w/ help from Big Fork member Gordon Phillips; Jim Iverson, not only for setting up our fall bonfire but for help with TOSRV, and as co-rider on the spring YMCA Riverbank Run, along w/ Dave McCormack, Terry Kay; A big thank you to my wife, Caren, for helping organize events, cooking and generally giving me

NEXT MEETING

Christmas Party

December 7th

5:30 pm @ Big Sky BMW.

(and son Mike) the green light to feed that addiction we call motorcycling. Thanks to Nate for his generosity in letting us use Big Sky BMW for the Christmas parties, the Long Winter's Night get-togethers, as well as the Saturday winter tech sessions; & thanks to Jim Morrow @ MMSF for the generous donations to the club of gift certificates for and discounts on classes up and down the ladder of rider safety education.

So now to the aforementioned club 'bidness'. In this December newsletter you will find a ballot of members running for club offices. Club bylaws changes are also on the ballot. Mark your ballot for club officers and a 'yeah' or 'nay' for the proposed amendments to the bylaws (see them inside this newsletter).

Also club officers and past presidents have a meeting in a week or so to come up with ideas for rides, monthly and otherwise, tech sessions, long winter's nights, campouts, etc. In short, organizing the fun things for 2014. So if you want some input, contact me w/ your ideas/wishes and we'll try to accommodate you. We have 3 monthly ride dates open at present, but you have to let us know by December 15th, what locations you would like to see in the annual ride schedule.

Lastly, if you'd keep Jerry Abbott in your thoughts and prayers. He's recovering from surgery from a really bad bout of pneumonia.

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He's at Riverside Health Care on E. Broadway in Missoula.

Wishing you all a fun, safe & healthful holiday season. Look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas party December 7th 5:30 pm @ Big Sky BMW. May all your wishes for those motorcycle farkles be under your tree on Christmas morning.

Happy Trails & Merry Christmas!! Chuck Reaves



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**Montana BMW Riders Newsletter
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Club Dues: \$15 (includes newsletter)

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

Locations announced in newsletter.

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emailed text copy is preferred, Photos as attachments.

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

YOUR LISTING HERE

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.

Family Dental Group
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Full service dentistry
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2014 MEMBERSHIP DUES

By Dave McCormack

Awhile back, some of us were sitting around a beat up loaned table talking about the amount of dues we extract once a year from each of you for the privilege of sporting a Montana BMW Riders sticker or T-shirt. There was a complaint that maybe we're charging too much for a newsletter that gets e-mailed to most everyone.

Well folks, that brought a few of us out of our chairs to take on the whiner..."Look!", we said, "Not only do we publish a newsletter every month (at least 5 people spend their volunteer time putting it together), but we also pay for membership in three national BMW organizations. We also pay for the monthly prizes at the gatherings; pay for the website and its maintenance; pay for camp out and party foods and accoutrements; pay for expenses related to maintaining our bank accounts; pay for tax exempt status and related taxes; and pay for office supplies, like stamps, paper, and copying, and sometimes cover a bill that one of you didn't pay at a restaurant. But even more important is the time that at least 5 volunteers put in every month to ensure that the club remains vital and interesting for our over 100 members, scattered from Missoula to parts east, south and north. Additionally, other club newsletters throughout the Northwest are as much or more than our membership fee; most \$29 or \$30- annually."

So the 'whiner' sat back and said, "Well, I'm okay with the \$15 but why not charge folks for the real expense for the 'snail mail' charge? 12 issues mailed is over \$ 5 in stamps alone without regard to paper, envelopes and copy time. Why not charge an extra fee if someone wants to have the newsletter mailed?"

"Great idea", we said.

So, send in your \$15 for the 2014 membership year. Or send in \$20 if you want your newsletter mailed (black & white only) too.

Send to:

Dave McCormack, Secretary/Treasurer, P.O. Box 1353, Victor, Montana 59875. Cash is acceptable at meetings but a check is preferred, made out to **Montana BMW Riders**. We're not snazzy enough for credit cards yet. Sorry.

Please be sure you've paid your dues by January 31st, so your vote counts in the election of officers.



TENTATIVE 2014 RIDE SCHEDULE:

Let us know by December 15th, what locations you would like to see in the annual ride schedule.

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| January 20th
For Sure | Seeley Lake...Double Arrow |
| February 17th
For Sure | Lincoln...Pit Stop |
| Tentative
March 17th | Fairmont HS, E. Helena Pizza Place |
| April 21st | Bigfork...When in Rome, Fairmont HS, Seeley Lake area, |
| May 19th | Philipsburg...Sunshine Station we do TOSRV this month May 18-19 (which is our normal weekend for the club ride) |
| June 15th | on a Saturday...Deer Lodge...? Restaurant...tour of Towe Ford Museum |
| July 7th or 28th | 1st or 4th weekend...good month for an overnight...Bigfork, When in Rome or Echo Lake Café; Salmon, Id; Havre & tour of underground city; W. Yellowstone Area; Tour thru Glacier Park; campout in Lincoln |

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August 18th Wisdom...Fetty's combined w/ a GS ride

September 15th Missouri River Inn, Townsend, White Sulfur, Monarch, or Lincoln

October 20th Ovando...Trixie's or Lincoln

November 17th Avon, Drummond, Trixie's, Lincoln, Fairmont HS

December 7th Missoula Area Wide Christmas Party

Other places to go L&C Caverns, Chico Hot Springs, Fred's Lounge in Missoula.

Official Club Business !! Please Read Carefully!!

Bylaw amendments – Montana BMW Riders

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Article 1 – Montana BMW Riders is a Montana Non-Profit Corporation which is referred to in these bylaws as 'the club'.

Article 2 - We are organized to promote interest in ownership, riding and safety for people who enjoy BMW motorcycles and others. At all times, it shall be the club objective to promote a better image of motorcyclists, engage in activities that demonstrate this objective, have fun, and ride-ride-ride!

Article 3 - The club is chartered with BMW-MOA Inc. We are also affiliated by membership in BMW-RA and the AMA. Membership in these organizations is strongly urged and highly recommended.

Article 4 – Membership dues for Montana BMW Riders shall be due January 1 of the membership year. The duly elected officers, which shall also be the board of directors of the club, may change those membership dues to be effective January 1st of the next membership year.

Article 5 – Each member of the club who has paid dues shall be entitled to one vote. The board of directors may permit couples to join for the payment of the single membership dues but the couple shall only be entitled to one vote. **If dues for the membership year are not paid by January 31st of that year, the member shall not be entitled to vote that year.** In any event,

a person must be a member for at least six consecutive months to be qualified to vote.

Article 6 – Club meetings will be held on the third Sunday of each month at a time and place to be announced in advance by the President. The annual business meeting of the club will be on the third Sunday of February. Membership action can be taken by a majority of the members present at the annual business meeting.

Article 7 – The club officers shall consist of a President, Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer. The President shall preside over the meetings and handle the daily operations of the club. The Vice-President shall, in the absence or incapacity of the President, substitute for the President. The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep the minutes, membership records and financial records of the club and prepare any necessary reports to governmental entities. Secretary/Treasurer is responsible to provide a quarterly financial report to the President (based on calendar year). There will be an annual financial report to members at the annual meeting. All officers shall be elected for one year terms which shall be automatically renewed unless that officer shall resign, be removed or become incapacitated. Any election to fill officer vacancies shall be at the annual business meeting in February. If a vacancy occurs during the membership year, the board shall appoint a temporary replacement to serve until the next annual business meeting. The officers shall also constitute the board of directors.

Article 8 – None of the officers/directors shall receive any compensation nor shall any of the funds of the club be personally used by any officer or member.

Article 9 – In the event of dissolution of the club, all remaining funds of the club will be donated to a charity to be determined by a majority of the members present at the annual business meeting or a special meeting called for that purpose.

Article 10 – These bylaws may be changed by a majority vote of the members in attendance at the annual business meeting. See article 5 for voting.

Note: "these amended bylaws will be put on the ballot to be voted along with the club officers in the December newsletter".

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Ride Smart Reward

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