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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Well "Tis the Season" as they say. Time to secure the cover on your summer steeds, winterize all things winterizable, if it hasn't been on the to do list yet (oops), pull the warm boots and coats from the back of the closet, and decorate the house in anticipation of greeting friends and family from near and far. (This is a great way to get the house cleaned)! Yes, these short cold days get some kind of mystic grip on you: to eat more calories and get everything in your life organized. (Why is that?) And part of that, if you are a motorcyclist, is spending lots of time during the long dark days dreaming of rides of years past and planning rides in years to come. This is conveniently done by pulling out all the old BMW-ON or Cycle World magazines stored under the bed (I'm gonna organize those), reading a good moto-tome from Clem Salvatore or Peter Egan, perusing the Aerostich Catalogue, and of course spending massive amounts of time on 'the net' doing research for that possible next bike. I love research!

So what better way to help those plans along and get help with all that research than meeting with your riding friends at the annual Montana BMW Riders Christmas Party? Maybe you'll get lucky and win an oil change, an MSF class, or a gift certificate from the Mileage Contest. Even if you don't win anything, enjoying the company of your fellow riders and all that good food is a great

BMW Motorcycle Club
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catalyst for keeping you in the 'riding mode' during this non-riding time of year.

NEXT MEETING

DECEMBER 5

ANNUAL CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

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BIG SKY MOTORSPORTS

I hope you can make it and look forward to seeing you at our annual Christmas Party, Saturday December 5th. The party will start at 5:00 PM with dinner served at 5:30 PM and festivities almost never go past 8:30 PM. Please bring a dish. Names ending A-I bring a side dish, J-R a desert, S-Z bring a salad. The entrée, chicken, will be supplied by the club as well as coffee, water, all paper & plastic-ware. If you like, bring a beverage of your choice. We'll have a cooler with ice there.

Again a big thanks to Nate Bertland at Big Sky BMW Motorsports for donating

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the room upstairs for the party. He also has some items that will be on sale for us downstairs prior to and after dinner.

If you want to participate in the White Elephant drawing, bring a gift (value in the \$10-\$15 range) and make sure it is wrapped.

Winner of the mileage contest will be announced, club officers announced and the new riding schedule for 2016 is further on in this issue.

On a more serious note, another of those tugs this time of year & probably what should be the most important one. It's the time of year of giving. As we count our own blessings in all things let us not forget those who are less fortunate and struggle each day for things we may take for granted. The Toy Run for developmentally disabled children, the charity we support, is on Saturday, December 5th. Our own Larry Bannister organizes this ride. We'll meet in the Cabela's parking lot at 10:30 am (on bikes, weather permitting), take a short spin with Santa and Mrs. Claus, then head up to the Missoula Alliance Church at 108 Foss Court in the South Hills to drop Santa off and enjoy cookies and coffee, not to mention the looks of amazement from those kids receiving presents their families would not be able to afford. If you wish to be a blessing, leave an unwrapped gift at one of the local motorcycle dealers. Toys will be picked up on Friday for distribution on Saturday. And what the hey, before the Griz game, come on this jaunt, bike or no bike,

yourself. It will certainly put a happy face on you!

Merry Christmas to all and to all a happy, healthy & joyous holiday season.

Happy Trails to years gone by and Happy Trails to those years to come!!

Chuck



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Annie's Corner

Hi All and Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Festive Kwanzaa, and Bah

Humbug (does that cover everyone?).

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and planning on attending the upcoming Christmas Party at Big Sky BMW in Missoula. Having just popped in there on Saturday 11/28 to check on a bike in for a recall, I also JUST HAPPENED to walk through the main store. Helmets, gloves, pants, jackets, battery tenders, bikes(!), the store was just chock full of items on my shopping list. My wish list also includes all of our members paying their dues for 2016 in a timely manner. To that end, I will be at the party with the correct change and my Naughty or Nice list... currently 17 members are already listed on the NICE list for paying their dues early!!! And while I cannot divulge their names here, they know who they are; if you are not sure which list you are on please check with me at the event as you do not want to miss your chance for any door prizes. A certain Elf presented me with several give-aways at the November meeting in Drummond in the hopes that they will help with the long winter which seems already upon us! See you on the 5th in Missoula.

Annie - Secretary/Treasurer

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Murphy's Motorcycle Laws

1. A motorcycle cannot / will not fall over without an audience.
2. The fact your keys are still in your pants pocket will become apparent after you put your gloves on.
3. Motorcycles are to yellow bugs what aircraft carriers once were to Kamikaze pilots.
4. Quick fixes are named for how long they stay fixed.
5. The only part you really need will also be the only part on permanent backorder.
6. Nothing is harder to start than a used motorcycle being shown to a prospective buyer.
7. You will never suffer a punctured tire on the road until you leave the repair kit at home.
8. "Universal" accessories are so named because that is where you must search to find the bike they fit.

Be Smart. Ride Safe.

Further to the above in last month's newsletter, the following laws have been submitted:

9. If you pull over into what you think is solid ground, you'll find it isn't.
10. Your low beam will go out on the one and only night you're coming home after dark.
11. When you accidentally park slightly downhill in the parking lot, you'll discover that there's no one around to pull you uphill when you're ready to leave
12. The only time you forget to remove the disk lock is in front of a crowd.

Let's continue this conversation... submit your thoughts (laws) via e-mail to the editor at dhmcc@aol.com.

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2015 MT BMW Riders Calendar

January 18th	Seeley Lake - Double Arrow Lodge
February 15th	Avon - Avon Cafe
March 15th	Fairmont-Fairmont Hot Springs
April 19th Lambkins	Lincoln -
May 17th	Philipsburg - Sunshine Station
June 20th	Big Fork - Echo Lake Cafe
July 23-26	MOA Rally in Billings (Friday 14th- Breakfast ride to Ft. Rockvale Café from the rally)
August 9th	Wisdom - The Crossings Restaurant
September 20th	Polson - Kwa Taq Nuk
October 18th	Ovando - Trixies
November 15th	Drummond - Wagon Wheel
December 5th	Christmas Party at Big Sky Motorsports

Election Results

It would appear that all positions within the board and the volunteer positions will remain as is. There are two exceptions however. Annie Huddy will remain as our Secretary/Treasurer until about May of the coming year at which time she will turn over her responsibilities to Chris Keyes who has graciously accepted the role following his return from sabbatical. No one stood for the Vice President position so it will be either left vacant or an individual will step forward and be appointed. The VP slot is part of the 3-man Executive Committee that by our By-Laws has voting responsibilities. It's a critical position to the ongoing health of our club but also the health of our president, who must shoulder almost all of the responsibilities of the club. The slot deserves someone who wants to help the club move forward and is willing to take on projects and efforts for the club's sake. Call Chuck if you're interested.

Your officers and volunteers for next year (2016) are:

Officers

President: Chuck Reaves
Vice President: Vacant
Sec/Treas: Annie Huddy/Chris Keyes


Volunteers

Web Master: Mike Wright
Newsletter editor: Dave McCormack
Facebook Manager: Terry Kay
Mileage Contest Coordinator: Larry Bannister
Safety Guru: Larry Bannister

Thank you for your input and support of these folks. You may be assured that we have a fine team to continue to lead the **Montana BMW Riders** club on into the near future.

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Favorite Pictures from 2015



Anaconda



Lang & Keyes - Somewhere racking up mileage.



The Dinner Bell



Tech Session at the Huddy Ranch



YMCA Riverbank Run



Trixies

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2016 Ride Schedule

January 16 Seeley Lake...Double Arrow...**a Saturday**...to avoid Sunday NFL playoff games

February 21 Avon...Avon Café...Super Bowl is Feb. 7th.

March 20 Whitehall...Karina's or Two Bit Saloon (Karina's has no phone right now)

April 17 Lincoln...Lambkins

May 15 Philipsburg...Sunshine Station...Chuck's birthday. He'll buy the cake!

May 22-23 Tech Day @ the Huddy's in Helena...**a Saturday & Sunday**

June 18 Big Fork...Echo Lake Cafe **a Saturday** cause of Father's Day on Sunday

July 17 Bozeman...TBD...**a Saturday**

August 21 Wisdom...The Crossings Restaurant @ the Old Fetty's

September 17 Fort Benton...TBD...**a Saturday**

October 16 Ovando...Trixie's

November 20 Drummond...Wagon Wheel

December 3 Christmas Party @ Big Sky Motor Sports - Missoula

Mileage Contest

The 2015 Mileage contest is over...winners to be announced at the Christmas party Saturday night, Dec 5! This year, the winner will receive a \$75 gift certificate to Big Sky BMW. For the rest of the participants (total of 13), their names will go into a hat...The name drawn will receive a \$50 gift certificate to Big Sky BMW...so it pays to play! A full listing of all the participants and their mileage for this year will be published in the January newsletter. Thanks in advance to all who participated and turned in your results. I hope to see you in person at the Christmas Party!

Larry Banister-Mileage Coordinator



Safety Corner

Note from your safety mom: *Was talking to a friend last week who related this story to me. Last week "an acquaintance" (who will remain un-named) was lusting to ride a brand new motorcycle. Here are the facts:*

New bike, unfamiliar to the rider; Brand new tires, never had a rotation on the pavement; and Cold! Temp was in the 20's. Several friends of "the acquaintance" urged him not to ride because of the new tires and cold.

"Acquaintance" ignored all of the above and rode anyway!

"Acquaintance" crashed and broke his ankle in two places!

And so what do we learn from this? Violation of too many rules! Major cause of accidents for experienced riders is riding a "new to them" motorcycle. Unfamiliar with controls, handling, etc. greatly diminishes the applied skill of the rider particularly if something unexpected happens. Secondly, bad combination of new tires and really cold...greatly decreases available traction. Finally, ignoring the sound advice of other riders! The result...it will be a longer winter than expected, hobbling around on crutches. So, unless winter takes a substantial break, it is probably time to sit inside by the fire, read a good book, watch a motorcycle movie and peruse brochures on the new models coming out in the spring! So, relax and enjoy the season, we'll pick up the passion next spring.

Larry Banister, Safety Mom

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MERRY CHRISTMAS