

MONTANA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Happy New Year!! We missed you if you didn't make it to the BMW Christmas party at Big Sky Motorsports. A great time was had by all, with 42-45 party goers showing up. Several prizes were won; the white elephant roamed & there was lots of good food and holiday camaraderie. The mileage contest winner was Don Deuel, from Arlee, with 31,327 miles with Marg Lang next @ 17,646. Yes, being retired helps. When I talked to Don early in the year, before the mileage contest start date of April 15th, he & compatriot Greg Hintz had already ridden their Gold Wings 7,000-8,000 miles. Great to have these guys in the club to keep up the image of "riding enthusiast"! Congratulations, Don.

Tis the season for talking about motorcycles, reading about motorcycles, & working on your motorcycle (if you have a heated garage). These are just a few of the options you have instead of downhill skiing, cross country skiing, ice fishing, snow shoeing, skating, pond hockey, dogsledding, or sitting by a nice warm fire watching whatever with a hot buttered rum. It is not a good time to be *riding* motorcycles. So now we compensate by some of the above and start the planning process for our next riding season.

Now is the time to peruse in detail all those emailed offerings of tempting motorcycle tours of Italy, Slovenia, the Alps, South America or you name it. Or time to think about who you can live with traveling by motorcycle.... for a day, several days, or longer. With that figured, you can plan something local or adventuresome; like Alaska. This is one of the inanimate advantages of this club.... that over the course of a few club meetings, or over several years, you get to know like-minded people & can figure out who you'd like to ride with for a day, a week, or longer.

Many of our members are "of that certain age" called retirement. So, you have no

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Montana BMW Riders



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excuses! Assuming someone can handle your persona for the above mentioned time frames, now is the time to pull out that bucket list of motorcycle rides, call those compatriots and get to planning (with or without the hot buttered rum).

NEXT MEETING

JANUARY 16
SATURDAY

SEELEY LAKE

THE DOUBLE ARROW RESORT
LODGE

On a smaller scale it's time to look at those ride days for the Montana BMW Club. Whether it's these club rides or a bucket list ride, experience tells me, if it's not on the calendar it doesn't happen. I hope to see you all at Seeley Lake for our first meeting of 2016. Note that the calendar for the year has some different ride dates, and January's meeting date is one of them. It's a Saturday as are several rides, in response to the Survey Monkey we sent out last year.

Also, other than what you see in the newsletter, keep an eye out on the website & subsequent newsletters, as we'll be adding some "Long Winters Nights" get-togethers this winter. And the 3rd annual tech session at the Huddy's Outpost in May promises to be a great addition to the calendar and a tradition in the making. I

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believe we'll see a couple of dual sport rides organized for later this year. We're just waiting to see how much snow has to melt in the high country this spring to know when to schedule those rides.

Till then, batten down the hatches with a good Peter Egan or Clem Salvatore tome, watch Star Wars hero, Ewen McGregor, take on the true 'Force' in *Long Way Round* or shop (research) for all those farkles needed for next riding season... (Makes those brochures of the Alps seem cheap).

Until we meet (1:00 PM) at Double Arrow Resort just south of Seeley Lake on Saturday, January 16th.... Happy Trails!!

Chuck

LARRY'S CORNER

Safety Thoughts

Greetings fellow "beemerphiles". If you're like me, you've probably been confined to the house, pouring over new and old motorcycle mags, watching anything motorcycle related on TV/Netflix, or perhaps venturing out to the motorcycle shops for a breath of "motorcycle shop odor"! I know the last time I ventured out, the sales staff was delighted to see me, perhaps because I was the only guy in the place! Got to look at some neat stuff, escaped with my credit card intact, but brought home a couple of new model brochures... which will probably lead to future damage to said credit card!

Thanks again to all of you who participated in last year's Montana BMW Riders mileage contest, it was a great time and hopefully you're planning your riding season for 2016. In the meantime, if you're tempted to ride in this weather DON'T! It should be more than obvious, even to those of us who

didn't completed our physics classes, that two wheeled vehicles have NO traction on snow and ice covered streets. Even if January provides us with some above freezing weather, it will still remain cold enough for black ice in the shaded areas which is even worse, because we approach at "normal" speeds on the otherwise bare and dry roadway, only to completely lose control in the shaded areas! Also... hypothermia REALLY sets in at sub-freezing temps. Even the electrics you have won't keep you warm if you're out long enough. Riding with impaired physical and mental faculties is not a great plan.

I experienced another birthday over the Christmas holiday, thus the illustrious newsletter editor has now taken it upon himself to re-name me as your "Safety Grandma"! With my admonitions not to be riding in this cold weather, that does in fact probably sound like your grandma!

So...enjoy the new year, plan next year and use the money that you'd normally spend on gas and parts to buy some new gear for next year! Happy New Year!!

Mileage Contest Results

Well boys and girls, we successfully completed our 2015 Mileage Contest and had a great time announcing the winner (Don Deuel with "only" 31,327 miles!!) on Saturday night at the Christmas party. Don received a \$75 gift certificate to Big Sky BMW to help him with next year's riding expenses. The list at the end of the newsletter shows those who submitted both their beginning and ending mileage within the official time frame. The Total Miles column is on the right with Place next to it.

Congratulations and thanks to all who participated.

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We took all of the finishers (excluding Don) and put the names in a hat, drew one and gave that finisher a \$50 gift certificate to Big Sky BMW. The winner this year was Gordon Phillips from Big Fork! Just wanted each participant to know that it “pays to play” and encourage all to participate next year.

Thanks again for letting me be your mileage coordinator. I enjoy the experience and I enjoy getting to see each of you as we work toward our annual totals! Our Christmas party was really a great time...

Larry Banister

Mileage Coordinator and Safety Grandma-Montana BMW Riders!



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2016 Ride Schedule

January 16 Seeley Lake...Double Arrow
Resort Lodge...a Saturday

February 21 Avon...Avon Cafe.

March 20 Whitehall...Karina's or Two
Bit Saloon ...To Be determined

April 17 Lincoln...Lambkins

May 15 Philipsburg...Sunshine
Station

May 20-22 Tech Day @ the Huddy's in
Helena...a Saturday & Sunday

June 18 Big Fork...Echo Lake Café,
a Saturday

July 17 Bozeman...TBD, a
Saturday

August 14 Wisdom...The Crossings
Restaurant @ 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

Monthly rides normally will occur on Sunday unless otherwise stated. Our standard meeting time is 1 p.m. to allow restaurants to get past their busy time for us. You'll note this year that several of our rides are going to be on Saturday.

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Christmas Party Pictures



Donna McInerney just dropped in from Colorado.



Chuck and Nate



Rob Snow and Terry Sullivan



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It's 2016, time to pay your dues to keep this club going. Send checks to Annie Huddy and be eligible for a drawing for a special prize. Pay before January 31st and be entered to win.

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2015 Montana BMW Riders Mileage Contest

Beginning April 11, 2015-Ending October 11, 2015

Name	Motorcycle	End Miles	Begin Miles		Total Miles	Place
Banister, Larry	K2100GT	29745	24,517	5,228	5,228	12
Deuel, Don	Goldwing	67050	35,723	31,327	31,327	1
Gordon, Dave	KLR650			0		
	K1200LT			0	0	
Huddy, Annie	07 F650GS	20985	20,919	66		
	11 F 650GS	48289	47,717	572		
	14 F800GS	20231	9,885	10,346	10,984	4
Keyes, Chris	R100RT	118076	112,349	5,727		
	F650GS	14594	14,442	152	5,879	8
Lang, Marg	F700GS(KM)	43777	26,009	11,043		
	F650GS (KM)	149286	140,093	5,713		
	K100RT-(KM)	175714	174,283	889	17,646	2
Lemke, Kim	R75/7	74991	74,956	35		
	Enfield 535GT	1967	1,607	360		
	K100RS	79674	79,040	634	1,284	14
McCormack, Dave	Spyder ST-LTD	8696	3,255	5,441	5,441	9
McNerney, Donna	R1200GS	66939	61,630	5,309	5,309	11
McNerney, Mike	R1200GS	66615	61,228	5,387		
	R1150GS	134158	131,626	2,532	7,919	5
Meredith, Mike	F800ST	13535	5,274	8,261		
	R1100RT	68723	63,568	5,155	13,416	3
Phillips, Gordon	R1200RT	28666	22,196	6,470	6,470	7
Reaves, Chuck	R1100RS	64810	62,968	1,842		
	F650GS	14493	12,584	1,909	3,751	13
Torma, John	K1200LT	78263	71,150	7,113	7,113	6
Webster, John	K1200LT	45337	39,949	5,388	5,388	10
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