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SUNDAY

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Hey, did you ever notice the three little dots in the upper right hand corner of your computer when you're online? Yes, the stacked 3 little dots. Well did you know that when you click on those, one of the options is to increase your font size. Yep, and then wonder of wonders depending on the website you are on, when you crank that up to whatever....110% (where it's just a little easier to read for those of us with older eyes) or to 200% where it is hardly readable because it's so big...Yeah well, at one of those larger sizes, guess what? All the ads on the right hand side of the page disappear. Now you're looking at just what you want to, not what the web world wants you to. Now you've got some control over your content. Yeah! (*ed. note: Depends on what browser you're using*).

So yeah, this column is going to be a little random this month! How'd I get to this?



Well, looking online for "What is the average yearly costs of motorcycle maintenance". Kevin, see where I'm going with this?! The blogosphere is full of ideas but no concrete answers. But I think we can all agree that as much as we love riding and love our bikes, the cost of motorcycle maintenance is sometimes over the top. It's everything from the annual fluid changes and tires when you need them, to 'what the heck is making that sound' and how much is that gonna cost me?

So, when you can get help; and I mean a place to do the maintenance, where you don't have to buy a lift or the tools needed and where there is expert advice, why wouldn't you go there?? Plus, where can you go where they also feed you, house you and even bring out a jug of something for celebrating the fact you all love the same thing...Motorcycles?

That's just what's happening in May at the Huddy Outpost in Helena; a tech day where all these things are available and you can save some money on the cost of maintaining your motorcycle. And maybe this year while getting that maintenance done...there will be a discussion and maybe even the answer to... "What is the cost of motorcycle maintenance"? To be sure one of the answers will be "A lot less if you do it yourself"! **And** a lot more fun doing it with others of the same persuasion. Thanks to Kevin and Annie Huddy for putting on this Tech Session!

Hope to see you at Kevin and Annie Huddy's this coming May 19-21 in Helena.

And how convenient; you can leave the Huddy's Outpost on Sunday morning if you stay over and head to Philipsburg for our May meeting at the Sunshine Station! Same time, 1:00 p.m. This is the month we celebrate everyone's birthday, so plan on eating some cake!

After you get all this maintenance done, you'll be ready to pour on the miles for the upcoming summer. I hope you will remember to sign up with Larry Banister for the club mileage contest. This runs in conjunction with the BMW-MOA mileage contest. I hope you will also send in your application to participate in that as well. When I was going through some old MOA magazines from the 1990's, our club use to have up to 20 people sign up for that MOA contest. Now, most years, we are under 10 participants. Come on, gang. Show the motorcycle world that we ride in Montana. No charge for this and it's a good way to keep track of your miles down the road. Now, back to our club's contest...**Larry's contest involves a possible cash reward at the end.** Prize money awaits and not only for the mile-

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age contest winner. After that winner is determined, we draw at random from the pool of legally registered mileage contest participants for the remaining cash prize. How do you get legal? See Larry Banister's article within. And a reminder...the true path to legality goes through Secretary/Treasurer, Chris Keyes. To take advantage of all these folks working so hard for you, you will have to hand over \$15 for your annual membership. We are almost half way through the year. If you've been putting this off, now's the time to pull out that checkbook.

And if those things are not enough of a carrot...get signed up with Kevin Huddy at the **TECH SESSION** or by email for the Café 2 Café. All in all, after the month of May, your bike will be **so ready** for the season. You'll have plenty of reasons to put on the miles between Larry's mileage contest and the Café 2 Cafe. Let's just hope the summer is as long and warm as the winter was cold!

Thanks to all those who helped with the YMCA Riverbank Run. Gary and Carol Graham, Dave McCor-



mack, & Dick French. I don't know how many years our club has volunteered for this event but I'm thinking at least 15-20. The weather on race day was perfect. It was cool but the skies were blue. It was a lot of fun hopping the curb and riding onto the University of Montana campus and the Kim Williams trail with our motorcycles, not to mention the short stops at Le Petit for sweet baked goods and coffee and the cool T-shirts we got from the YMCA.

Because of the April showers this year the turnout at Lincoln was not as robust as the two previous years. There were 17 folks, 5 rode bikes. They were: from Helena...new member Denise Barrett, Mike Meredith, Dick and Loretta Field, Bob Rennick K1300RS. From Victor...Dave McCormack. From Florence...Mike Wright R1200GS. From Missoula...Chuck Reaves, John Torma K1200LT, Lynn & Karen Springer, John Webster, Larry Banister, Carol Graham F700GS, Gary Graham F700GS, Dick French, Sandy Knutsen.

We'll return to the monthly breakfasts this coming Saturday, May 6th. For those who can make it we'll meet at Paradise Falls on Brooks Street across from Cabela's in Missoula at 9:00 am. There can be everything from jawboning, to kicking tires, to a spontaneous ride afterwards.

Hope to see you at the Huddy's in Helena and out on the road this summer. Philipsburg also awaits...bring a friend.

Till then, Happy Trails!!

Chuck

2017 MILEAGE CONTEST

Those of you who were at our monthly meeting in Lincoln know that we had a great turn out (given the funky weather) including several who made the rest of us look like sissy's....and rode! (John Torma, Mike Wright, Gary and Carol Graham, that I remember.) We also welcomed new a new member Denise Barrett who has just recently purchased a Ural Patrol and joined the club on the spot, including joining the mileage contest! Whoo Hoo!! The following members submitted their mileage info at the meeting: Denise Barrett, John Torma, Mike Meredith, Mike Wright, Dave McCormack and Gary and Carol Graham. They join Gary Armstron, myself, Dick French, Marg Lang, Kim Lemke, Mike and Donna McInerney and John Webster as being "officially signed up" for this year. Remember you have until May 8th to get on board. (We all need to shame our honorable president into submitting his mileage!!!)

A formal club congrats to Marg Lang and Donna McInerney who are listed in the April issue of the MOA magazine, Marg Lang is listed among the top 25 female finishers in the nation wide MOA mileage contest and Donna is featured as the "average Female Rider" along with a nice bio write up! Congrats Donna and Marg...see what belonging to the famous Montana BMW Riders will do to forward your career! (Thanks for turning in your mileage to the national contest too!)

Once again, I encourage you to enter our local mileage contest. Done in conjunction with the Café 2 Café, we should record some serious mileage this year (provided it ever quits snowing!). Thanks for participating....

Larry Banister

Montana BMW Riders Mileage Coordinator

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READY FOR CAFÉ 2 CAFÉ 2017?

START YOUR ENGINES

Café 2 Café (C2C) is back for 2017. The purpose of C2C remains to ride your motorcycle, travel through our wonderful state and region, spend time with friends and, of course, Good Eats! And it is FREE.

There are some changes in how we will conduct C2C in 2017. The significant changes are:

Participants will place themselves into one of two categories; the **Retired** category or **Worker** category. The Retired category is intended for those who are not employed, all others are Workers. Participants will self-select the category in which they will compete. Both categories will have a first, second and third place award based on the number of cafes visited. In addition, there will be a Grand Prize for the person(s) who has the greatest number of cafes visited regardless of the category in which he/she competed.

Optional Café 2 Café t-shirts will be available for purchase by participants. Cost of the t-shirt is \$15 and is not required to participate.

Dates of the event are 1 April – 31 October 2017

The list of cafes was expanded and now includes: One in Utah, One in South Dakota, three in Idaho, one in Wyoming, and two in Canada, including one in British Columbia. And a special event will be the Four Corners Challenge that requires a rider to visit four cafes that are spread across the four corners of Montana.

The 2017 C2C Guidelines and Café list will be published soon. The guidelines will describe how to register, order a t-shirt and the rules for participating. In the next several days you can expect an email from President Chuck that will provide both documents, and our Internet Techno Giant, Mike Wright, will also have them available on our club web site.

I look forward to another exciting riding season as we RIDE TO EAT & EAT TO RIDE!

SAFETY CORNER

I note an increasing number of dual sport bikes in the parking lot of our monthly meetings (like mine!), which leads me to believe that many of us are gravitating toward some dirt riding after a career of street riding. There is an interesting article by Ken Condon in the May/June issue of Motorcyclist which you should read in its entirety. However, I'll re-cap it here because it has some great stuff. He introduces his article by saying "According to a recent study by the MSF, rolling your street bike off the pavement and onto dirt or gravel roads increases the risk of a mishap by a factor of 9. As much as you may try to avoid anything but clean pavement, you are eventually going to have to deal with a gravel driveway, a dirt highway shoulder, or other loose surface. That's why it's smart to know some basic off-road riding techniques.

These simple tips can make the inevitable encounter with dirt or gravel safer and maybe even enjoyable." 1. **Slow down!** Slowing down reduces the risk of sliding and allows more time to respond calmly without the need for last-second maneuvers that can put you on your head. 2. **Brake right.** Instead of using predominantly front brake like you would on clean, drive pavement, you use a light amount of front brake in favor of more rear brake. 3. **Clutch it.** Trying to control your speed with the throttle alone will make your life more difficult. Instead, keep the throttle steady and slip the clutch to control your speed. 4. **Eyes up.** Scan the road ahead and look for the safest

route. If you find yourself looking down at the surface just in front of the tire, you're likely carrying a little too much speed. 5. **Stay Loose.** Nothing good comes from excessive muscle tension. Try to sit with your body slightly forward to allow your arms and torso to stay loose. Lightly clamp your legs against the tank to stabilize your body and allow your arms and upper torso to move freely. 6. **Counterweight.** Shifting your body to the inside in low-traction conditions increases lateral force that tries to wash the tires out from under you. Instead, position your butt on the outside edge of the seat while pressing down on the outside footpeg for better grip. 7. **Stand Up,** If your motorcycle allows, get your keister off the saddle over very rough terrain so your legs can act as a second set of shock absorbers.

Read the whole article. Its very good and for folks like me who have a career predominately on pavement and are now looking forward to doing some gravel road exploration, it gives me something to think about and practice.

Larry Banister

Montana BMW Riders-Safety Mom

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2017 BMW MOTORCYCLE CLUB RIDES & EVENTS

- May 15-19.....Sound Rider GPS Motorcycle Road Tour...E. Oregon & Idaho
- June 4-5.....Black Dog Dual Sport Odell, Oregon blackdogdualsport.com
- June 12-16.....Sound Rider Sasquatch GPS Adventure Tour...TBD
- June 15-17.....Red Rocks Rendezvous...Panguitch, Utah (Bee Hive Beemers)
- June 23-25.....Chief Joseph Rally...John Day, Oregon (Oregon BMW Riders)
- July 6-9.....BMW RA Rally...Petosky, Michigan
- July 13-16.....BMW MOA Rally...Salt Lake City
- July 21-23.....Cascade Country Rendezvous...Republic, WA. (BMW Club of Washington)
- July 20-23.....Top of the Rockies...Paonia, Colorado
- August 10-13.....Stanley Stomp...Grandjean, Idaho
- August 7-13.....Sturgis
- August 18-20.....Bee Cee Beemers Rally...Nakusp, British Columbia
- August 18-20.....Beartooth Rendezvous...Red Lodge, MT.
- August 20-21.....Rat Dog Dual Sport Ride Tillamook, Oregon (blackdogdualsport.com)
- August 23-27..... Rally in the Gorge...Hood River, Oregon

Ed. Note: If you know of other rides or events for BMW owners and/or events that would interest all motorcyclists, please forward them to "Editor, MT BMW Riders at P.O. Box 1353, Victor 59875" for inclusion in future Newsletters. Or there is an error in dates, places of event names, notify Editor at dhmcc@aol.com.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S CORNER

Chris is burdened with classes, family and children right now. He has an endearing sense of what it takes to run a non-profit 501(3)(c) organization. It takes money. And yet over the years this club has expanded its scope to both asphalt and dirt riders, added a number of fun activities for all manner of riders and still kept the membership dues at \$15.00 We think he'd make a good president some day (of the U.S., that is, if he can budget a club like ours with only 40% of our regular membership getting their dues in in the 1st quarter and still come out in the black at the end of the year). So, take a break from 1 (one) expensive breakfast, and throw that \$15 at the club. As Jerry Abbott used to say, "I'll always contribute to any club that supports the sport of motorcycle riding".

*You can update your member information by using the form at our website, www.mtbmwriders.org. Compared to your federal Form 1040 and Montana Form 2, you will find it refreshingly short and simple. Write that check out today and send it to Chris at: **714 Continental Way, Missoula, MT 59803**. If you're unsure whether you've already paid, send Chris an email (crkeyes@icloud.com) and he'll let you know. Make the check out to MTBMWriders. Some members feel so strongly about the club that they write a check for way more than the minimum \$15.00.*

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2017 BMW Club Ride Schedule

Month	Date	City	Place	Sat/Sun
January	21	Seeley Lake	Double Arrow Lodge	Saturday
February	19	Avon	Avon Café	Sunday
March	19	Butte	The Hanging Five	Sunday
April	23	Lincoln	Lambkins	Sunday
May	19/21	Helena	Huddy's Tech days	F,S,S
May	21	Philipsburg	Sunshine Station	Sunday
June	17	Big Fork	Echo Lake Café	Saturday
July	13-16	Salt Lake	Utah State Fairpark	Fri/Sat/Sun
August	20	Wisdom	The Crossings at Fetty's	Sunday
September	16	Choteau	Log Cabin	Saturday
October	22	Ovando	Trixi's Antler Saloon	Sunday
November	19	Drummond	Wagon Wheel Cafe	Sunday
December	2	Missoula	Big Sky Motorsports	Saturday



MARK YOUR CALENDAR - TECH DAY

Mark your calendar. The Fourth Annual Tech Day at the Outpost will be held on Saturday, May 20, 2017 at the Huddy's Outpost, 15 miles NW of Helena. Those with long rides to make can arrive on Friday and stay until Sunday, and then ride to the club gathering at the Sunshine Station in Philipsburg. More detailed info to follow in the May Newsletter, or if you cannot wait, then email Kevin at huddykl@gmail.com.

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FOURTH ANNUAL TECH DAY AT THE OUTPOST

Our Fourth Annual Tech Day will be held Friday, May 19th to Sunday, May 21st at the Huddy's Outpost located in the Helena area.

This is an opportunity to get your motorcycle ready for a summer of riding by performing basic maintenance in a well-equipped shop and with the help of other experienced riders. The shop includes a lift, air-compressor, tire-changer, carb/throttle body synching meters, GS911 code reader and an assortment of other common tools. You provide the tires, oil, filters, plugs and other consumables. If you are having your tires shipped you may have them shipped directly to the Outpost or bring them with you. Free disposal of used tires, oil and filters will be provided. If you are new to working on your bike, then there will be others there to assist; including with changing tires. If you are an experienced wrench then we need your expertise as well.

Starts at 9 a.m. and runs until whenever on Saturday, May 20th. There are beds, bunks, cots and other places to sleep or camp for those that would like to arrive in the afternoon of Friday, May 19th, and/or stay Saturday night May 21st. There will be a BBQ on Saturday afternoon and other sustenance for those who are arriving early or staying longer. BYOB.

The Outpost is NW of Helena and located approximately seven miles west of I-15 (Exit 200) and approximately 23 miles east of Flesher Pass on Lincoln Road (HWY 279). The address is 6750 Silver Fox Court. Silver Fox Court is south off of Lincoln Road and the Outpost is the last house on the right. Phone: 406 438-6776. (46°43'53.4"N 112°09'23.7"W)

Please RSVP to Kevin Huddy at huddykl@gmail.com no later than 16 May. Include your anticipated arrival and departure dates in your RSVP. For more information or to arrange tire delivery you can email Kevin.



Chuck Reaves, Dave McCormack, Carol and Gray Graham and Dick French represented the Montana BMW Riders at this years annual YMCA Riverrun. Dave whisked the YMCA event coordinator about to handle event details, while Chuck, Carol, Gary and Dick made up the advanced scouting detail. Breakfast was courtesy of the KIWANIS Club. It was an interesting community event to participate in and represent our club.

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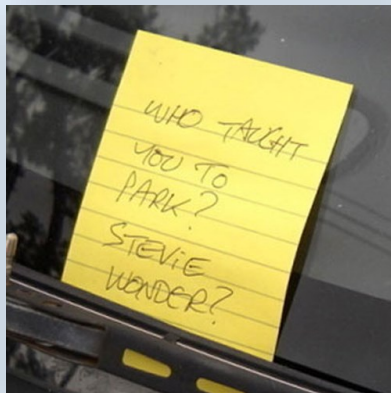
L to R: Dave with race coordinator, an EMT, Dick's bike, Carol & Gary, and Chuck. We lead the cops every year in getting the race course open. Doesn't endear us to them but we try to get along.

Photo by Dick French



6:45 a.m. at the pancake breakfast prior to our volunteering at the Riverbank Run. Photo: Dick French

HUMOR ONLY MOTORCYCLISTS WOULD APPRECIATE:



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Parking at the lunch stop in Polson with the Mission Mountains for a backdrop.



Rest stop at St. Ignatius and picking up a few local riders.



China Gate Restaurant in Polson (hope it's on the Café 2 Café list...) :-)

Larry Bannister lead Chuck Reaves, John Webster and Dick French on a ride to Polson on Saturday 22 April 2017 for some fine dining at the China Gate Restaurant. We picked up a group of Christian Motorcycle Association riders in St. Ignatius and met a few more from Kalispell at the China Gate Restaurant. Thirteen riders in all, with two 'chase' cars for the non-riders. Note, several of the motorcycles were parked at the south side of the lot out of camera range. We had a full assortment of motorcycles – BMWs, Harley Davidsons, an Indian and one stray Triumph. The Missoula riders returned via way of MT 212 and MT 200 skirting the Nation Bison Range on our way to US 93.

The weather was warm and sunny and was essentially a kick-off of the 2017 riding season for most of us. A good group of people and good conversation.

Dick

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In a series of back and forth e-mails between our esteemed President and a member of the Beehive Beemers club in Salt Lake City, we have been receiving fun info about what rides and eateries we might be interested in when and if you go to the BMWMOA rally in Salt Lake City on July 13-16.

The information is fairly extensive so we suggest you save this newsletter and the next two for the continuing series on rides and eateries. The information is from Jeff Thurmond, who is the President of the Beehive Beemers

IF YOU'RE GOING TO THE SALT LAKE CITY RALLY

Salt Lake City, where the MOA rally will be this year, has over 1,000 restaurants in a 35 mile radius. It is in Salt Lake County with a population of just over 1 million residents. There are a dozen small "communities" in the SL County area and all are within 25 minutes riding time and each community has many restaurants. For example, I live some 15 miles from the Utah Fairpark, which is the rally site, and that is 25 minutes of easy riding. In my area, there are dozens and dozens of fine restaurants and I seldom go "downtown" where the rally is near.

Getting around in Salt Lake City (SLC) is easy as the city is laid out in a grid pattern, with roads running east-west and north-south. The rally site is at 1000 W on North Temple Street, a road that runs east-west. There are a few restaurants in walking distance of the Fairpark. There is a light rail system in the city, called TRAX, with one line running right in front of the Fairpark. This line will take the rider to "downtown" SLC.

Here are a few really good restaurants near the Fairpark that I like:

Red Iguana - Mexican / 736 W on North Temple St
Red Iguana 2 - Mexican / 866 W on South Temple St
Blue Lemon - American / 55 S on West Temple St
Red Rock Brewing - American / 254 S on 200 W
Siegfried's Deli - German / 20 W 200 S
Ichiban Asian Grill - Japanese / 3424 S State Street
J Wong's Asian Bistro - Chinese / 163 W 200 S
R&R Baroque - BBQ / 307 W 600 S
Pat's BBQ (live music) - BBQ / 155 W Commonwealth Ave (2150 S)

I would suggest that motorcycle riders use their "smart phones" to look for the type of food they want, e.g. Italian or Chinese or whatever, and then use something like "Yelp" to narrow down the choices. The light rail is called TRAX and heads east from the Fairpark to Main St in downtown SLC, then turns and runs south through town. You can get off at any corner. There are many restaurants in downtown. There are also two "malls" in downtown SLC that have dozens of restaurants, the Gateway Mall and the City Creek Mall. TRAX stops at these.

Sorry for the short list of restaurants but when I started to list the places I like and frequent, I fast realized that there are so many other places, it is hard to pick and select. Though SLC is not a Chicago or Washington DC, the city is now at a point where you need to first decide on the type of food, e.g. Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Thai, and so on, then decide an area of town.

If you have specific food tastes, let me know and I will make 'recommends'.

Part Day, Full Day and Extra Day Rides

If you have a free half day or full day, or a couple of days to spend on your motorcycle, where do you go? There are so many great roads, such great scenery, and excellent destinations near Salt Lake City it is hard to choose.

A consideration is what you are going to ride. If you have an 80's vintage airhead, you probably will not be going as far as if you are on a newer RT or GS.

For example, I have a 1984 R65LS. There are a number of really good 6-8 hour rides that are fun on this motorcycle, but knowing this model and year of bike is not for covering great distance – no windscreen or fairing -- I plan these R65LS rides for no more than a few hundred miles. I also have an R1100R, and even though this bike enjoys 80-90 MPH, the short windscreen means lots of wind noise and a helmet face shield covered in bugs, so day rides on this bike are held to around 250-300 miles. I have an R1150RT with an Airflow windscreen, plug-in for my heated jacket, a Sargent seat, and Works shocks; a great road bike. If I want to go to Great Basin National Park and Ely to explore Lehman Caves and take the Ely Ghost Train, then ride to Wendover for a buffet dinner on the way back to the Salt Lake valley, the RT is the ride of choice.

You can pick where you want to go based either on the time you have to ride, on one or more specific destinations, or on specific roads to travel.

Time is usually the most limiting factor, and assuming you are not able to do a multiple-day ride, you can either just accumulate miles or figure how far you can get within your allotted time. A good figure to use is an average of 45 MPH. If you have 8 hours, that gives you 360 miles. Yes, you can easily cover 500 miles in an 8-hour day but your average speed jumps to 62.5 MPH and limits what you see..

The suggested rides covered here are based on the assumption you will start in the Salt Lake City area. The routes here are on paved roads. Always start with a full tank of fuel. Do a walk around your motorcycle checking all lights. Check your tire pressure when tires are cold before you head off. And take whatever extra riding gear you may need, e.g. jacket liner, rain gear, etc. Don't forget the electric tire pump and tire plug kit, flashlight, and a tool kit.

Two-hour rides

Nearby canyons & Ski Resorts: Salt Lake City has 6 ski resorts very close by and of course the ski areas are up canyons. Facing the Wasatch Mountains on the east side of the valley, starting on the north side, the canyons are City Creek, Emigration, Parleys, Millcreek, Big Cottonwood and Little Cottonwood. A ride up and back any of these will take over an hour. The close-by ski resorts are found up Parleys - Park City and Deer Valley; Big Cottonwood Canyon – Solitude and Brighton; and Little Cottonwood Canyon – Snowbird and Alta.

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Half-Day Rides

Emigration Canyon, Parley's Canyon, Little Cottonwood Canyon, Snowbird and Alta Ski Resorts: Head east from downtown Salt Lake City on 400 South. This will turn into Foothill Blvd near the University of Utah. At Sunnyside Avenue (800 S) turn heading east. This will take you by Pioneer State Park, then Hogle Zoo, and put you on the road for Emigration Canyon. When the road T's with Route 65, turn right heading south to Mountain Dell which will bring you to I-80 where you can ride west down Parley's Canyon. At the bottom of the Canyon, get into the far right-hand lane and exit to I-215 heading south and then exit at Exit 6 for the Ski Resorts. Follow signs for Alta. Stay on Wasatch Blvd until you are at Little Cottonwood Canyon Road, 9400 S. Turn left and head east up the Little Cottonwood Canyon Road (known locally as Alta Canyon) to Snowbird and Alta Ski Resorts. When you get to the town of Alta, follow the road past the parking lots and buildings, and continue up the mountain. This is called Albion Basin and will take you part of the way up the mountain side. The road is in bad shape so ride slow. The wildflowers bloom in late June through all of July and are specular. At the top, turn around and head back down Alta Canyon to the Salt Lake valley. You might take some time to explore the Snowbird and Alta Ski Resorts..

Big Cottonwood Canyon, Guardsman Pass, Midway, Heber Valley RR, Provo Canyon, Sundance, Alpine Loop and Timpanogos Cave National Monument: Start by getting on I-15 in downtown Salt Lake City and heading south, then pickup I-215 heading east. Exit at Exit 6 for Ski Resorts. Take Wasatch Blvd to Big Cottonwood Canyon Road, 7200 S (known locally as Brighton Canyon). Ride up canyon and near the top, watch on left for Guardsman Pass Road (there is a Fire Station across road from this intersection). Take Guardsman Pass Road into Midway. In Midway (a most delightful little village) pickup up Main Street and ride east into Heber City. Heber City is the home of a great narrow gauge RR (known locally as the Heber Creeper) that you might want to ride if you have an extra hour. From Heber City take US 40 (Main St in Heber City) heading south to interchange with UT 189 Provo Canyon Road. Take Provo Canyon Road heading southwest to turnoff to Sundance. This road will take you to the Sundance Ski Resort and continue as the Alpine Loop Road. The Alpine Loop Road will end in American Fork Canyon at Timpanogos Cave National Monument. The hike to and through the caves is a couple of hours. Continue on the road heading due west and you will intersect with I-15.

East Canyon, Morgan, Henefer and back: Get on I-80 heading east to Cheyenne and Park City. Exit at Exit 134 onto RT 65 to Mountain Dell. Continue on this road over East Canyon past Mountain Dell Reservoir, Little Dell Reservoir, and East Canyon Reservoir. At the Y in the road just past East Canyon Reservoir, bear left onto RT 66. In Morgan take I-84 east and exit at Exit 115 for Henefer. If you have time for a great lunch or dinner, take Exit 108 off of I-84 for Taggarts and dine at Taggarts Restaurant. In Henefer pickup RT 65 heading west back to East Canyon then I-80 back to Salt Lake City.

Park City, Guardsman's Pass, Brighton Ski Resort, and Big Cottonwood Canyon: Take I-80 heading east and exit at Kimball Junction, Exit 145. You will pickup RT 224 heading south to Park City. Note that the Olympic Park is just off this road. The ski jumping and a lot of the downhill races for the 2002 Winter Olympics were staged here. When in Park City, hopefully you have some time to park and explore this old mining town that is now a Ski Resort and home of the Sundance Film Festival. Park City hosted a lot of the 2002 Winter Olympics. From Main Street in Park City, pickup RT 224, Marsac Ave, heading south. This will take you up the mountain side and intersect with Guardsman's Pass. Turn right onto Guardsman's Pass and when it

intersects with Big Cottonwood Canyon Road, go straight onto Canyon Road heading south. This will take you to Brighton Ski Resort. Try the Brighton Country Store for coffee or the Millicent Chalet on the other side of the road for lunch. The one-way road loops around and you are soon heading down the canyon.

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