

MONTANA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER

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Montana BMW Riders



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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

1:00 PM

TRIXI'S

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



!Conflicted! ("A mental struggle arising from opposing demands or impulses"...one of many definitions from Webster's). For motorcyclists, yes, there are so many things to cause that mental struggle this time of year.

For instance if this is truly the last good day of ridingshould I ride? Or should I do the final maintenance to get the bike ready for winter rather than change oil, et cetera on that COLD concrete floor? Or should I go to that Grizzly game?

Should I winterize at all? I want to keep riding (just not over any mountain passes from here on out!!). Should I send in my mileage for the club mileage contest or wait until the last day. I could maybe get one or two more Café 2 Cafés in. Kevin is waiting.

Or, I just bought a 'new to me' bike. I need farkles. Should I wait till darkest December to shop, hoping for the deepest discount, or buy now so I have them for the last few days of riding? And on and on.

Looking back at our riding year, I think my feelings are like most, that we were kinda cheated out of riding for the summer season of 2017. I want to ride as much as I can and as long as I can. But then there's

the reality of Mother Nature. I'm already conflicted over so few miles driven and places visited on the bike. But I'll just have to let these feelings go...enjoy the last few miles riding I can, enjoying the fall colors along the Blackfoot, Bitterroot, or Clark Fork River bottoms; maybe one last Lochsa burger.

And while lying on that old cold concrete, trying to avoid motorcycle fluids everywhere, I'll be thinking about planning some 2018 trips during the winter, a few Long Winter Night get-togethers with friends this winter, maybe some good books on motorcycle travel or repair or....? Now's even the time to catch up on all the motorcycle magazines, blogs, websites. Iowa for the 2018 MOA Rally? Seems a long way but I personally have relatives there so it's sounding like a possibility. If not to the MOA, that Alaska trip that's on your bucket list or another venture to visit long distance relatives or the Idaho Back Country Discovery Route, or....?

Yes, we are so close to the proverbial time..."There's always next year"...but we're not there yet! So, I hope to see you out there for that final ride of the year or maybe at the gas pumps in Drummond taking the last Drummond to Helmsville to Ovando Loop. Any ride from here on out could hold lots of adventure, which I think most of the people in this club are always up for!

We've had some good get-together's over the summer. I have been super impressed by the club's participation at the MOA rally, as well as the monthly club meetings and our new breakfast's venues. Our last breakfast saw 17 folks attending. Unfortunately, the inclement weather put a dagger in the September ride to Choteau. We'll have to try that again next year.

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EDITOR'S CORNER

Upcoming is this month's club breakfast this weekend, October 7, at 9:00 am at The Stone of Accord. It's right across the street from Maverick Motor Sports which is having an open house and big Swap Weekend all day this Saturday. Call Maverick if you need a booth or for details 549-4260. This is something the Tingley's used to do at their shop, but it's been many years ago. The Swap Meet is a great idea and I hope our club will support this venture.

The monthly club ride is set for Sunday, October 15th, to Trixi's in Ovando. Time is 1:00 p.m. That may give a little extra time for the temps to warm up that morning...or not. One thing I do know.... you'll be getting your money's worth out of your electrics on this ride. Amazingly, in most recent years, we have been able to ride our bikes for many of the October meetings at Trixi's. Looking way ahead, November's final ride meeting will be in Drummond, at The Wagon Wheel. Yum...homemade pie! And put December 3rd, a Saturday night, on your schedule for our wild and wooly (or not) Christmas party at Big Sky BMW.

Starting about now, the executive committee will be planning ahead for next year. Please start thinking about places you'd like to see the club plug-in for next year's monthly rides. Or for that matter, any rides/venues/events you'd like to see the club do as part of our ongoing quest to make the club a fun place to participate. Speaking of which, we are always looking for new folks to step up for leadership positions, advisors, organizers, newsletter contributors so that we do have a breadth of experience and ideas to make the club better. I'd love to hear from you if you'd like to share that experience however big or small. Hope to see you at Trixi's in October. Bring a friend! Till then, Happy Trails!!

Happy Trails...

Chuck



Not too much to contribute this month. Had a wonderful cruise to the British Isles to check off England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland on our bucket list. Weather was perfect (for island nations in the North Atlantic) and we were only disappointed that we couldn't get to Normandy which was supposed to be

the high point of the cruise because of French dock worker's strike. Instead we spent a day on the island of Guernsey... one of the channel islands.

I noted that as opposed to much of continental Europe where scooters and bicycles crowd out cars, the islands only have a few scooters and practically no motorcycles on work days. Yet, I spotted at least 2 Harley Davidson dealers (mostly gear) in Wales and Edinburg, Scotland. Apparently by the time we got there, everyone had gone back to work and they don't regularly ride to work. On a weekend day in the Cotswolds, we did spot a gang of bikers in leather although none on a Harley. Nuff said.

Glad to be back and discover that our home did not burn down while we were gone but sad to see that riding season has basically come to an abrupt end.

Dave

Irish Proverbs:

(picked up on our trip)

May you live as long as you want, And never want as long as you live.

You'll never plow a field by turning it over in your mind.

Do not break your shin on a stool that is not in your way.

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MILEAGE CONTEST

Well, I hope that you have made use of the last couple of weeks of clear air and sunshine to log the final miles for the summer mileage contest!!! Our Montana BMW riders mileage contest comes to a conclusion next **Sunday, October 8th** ...so you've still got a week left. If you're getting the MOA magazine the ending mileage contest form is in it... fill it out and mail it to me or scan it in and email it to me. Lacking that form, I'll take your final mileage entries by email. My mailing address is 102 Ironwood Place, Missoula, MT 59803, my email address is beem-ermt@msn.com. Please note that to qualify for this year's awards (presented at our annual Christmas party in December) you'll need to have your final entry to me by **11/8/17**.

Thanks for participating and make use of the next week to get your final "official rides" in. Remember, please get your final numbers as ASAP, but NLT 11/8/17.

Larry Banister

Mileage Coordinator-Montana BMW Riders

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SAFETY CORNER

I'll bet that being involved in an accident is NOT on your list of things to accomplish in your motorcycling career... right? We all know that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure and paying attention to your surroundings and managing your ride within those surroundings is the ounce of prevention. But...what if, in spite of paying attention and leaving space to avoid an accident, you find yourself in the position of having to DO something? There are only three things that you can do...1) pressing the handlebars to change position; 2) throttling up to accelerate; or 3) braking to slow. Which of these activities you choose to pursue depends on the circumstances, but of the 3, you can routinely practice two of them: pressing the handlebars to change position and braking to slow. (I know you can practice acceleration, but I'll bet most of us do plenty of that every ride!!).


So, here's what you can practice on your next ride to prepare you for that emergency: 1) pressing the handlebars to change position: At speeds above about 18 miles an hour, you can avoid most obstacles by a **swerve** better and more effectively than trying to stop. So find a section of road with some obvious visible markings or objects (man hole covers are the most common, but discolorations in

the pavement or pot holes will work. As you maintain a constant throttle, press sharply to either the left or right to miss the obstacle, while keeping your eyes on the clear path of travel (DON'T look at the object you're trying to avoid). With practice you'll find missing an obstacle is easy and when the "crisis" is on, you'll have developed the skill set you'll need. 2) Braking. For the purpose of "emergency situations", we're not talking about long, gentle and increasing application of both front and rear brakes! We're talking about both front and rear brakes applied with increasing pressure to MINIMIZE the stopping distance...all done without losing control of your motorcycle. If you've taken an MSF class, you've had the opportunity to practice "emergency stops", but from a speed of approximately 18-20 miles/hour. How many times have you practiced your emergency braking skills as speeds over that ON YOUR CURRENT MOTORCYCLE????...say 60mph! Technique is the same, while keeping your head up and eyes on the desired path of travel, immediate application of both front and rear brakes, increasing pressure as the weight begins to transfer forward, coming to a complete stop, downshifted to 1st gear and with your left foot on the ground (right remains on the brake).

I know I've covered both of these techniques and topics before...but I have seen or heard about a number of you who have purchased new motorcycles this summer. Have you practiced your swerving and braking technique on your new ride!!!??? Trust me, your new ride will respond differently than your old ride...so get out and practice your emergency techniques, working your way up in speed until you can have confidence in both swerving and braking and in the case of braking to come to a **controlled stop** from any speed at which you normally ride.

Larry Banister

Safety Mom...Montana BMW Riders



Apparently you have to eat healthy more than once to get in shape. This is cruel and unfair.

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THE FRIENDS YOU MEET...

By Dick French

The interesting people you meet while riding motorcycles. Recently, Larry Banister and I accompanied by Gene Entzel and his son made a run to Ray's Wilderness Inn in Lowell, Idaho to check off Number 45 on the Café



to Café Challenge. As we pulled in, a Yamaha Super Tenere, well configured and fully loaded, and with foreign plates was already parked in front of the Inn. It belonged to Gra-

ham Francis, who was inside enjoying some of Ray's fine cuisine. Graham, it turns out was from the UK, had his motorcycle air freighted from the UK to Vancouver, British Columbia to tour the Northwestern United States before attending a meeting in San Francisco later in the month. He had camped at a campground in Missoula the previous night before preceding along Highway 12.

Since he was the only other customer in the café, it was easy to conclude he was the rider of the Yamaha. When I commented I didn't recognize the license plates, he said with a very proper and distinct British accent, "I am not from around here." The healthy chuckle by all was the ice breaker, after which we had a nice discussion about his adventure, British motorcyclist, riding in Britain's weather and his plans to air freight the Yamaha back to Britain. Safe riding Graham.

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www.mtbfmriders.org



Fave Ride

By Chris Keyes

Photo is from a terrific morning of riding last Sunday. John DiBari and I stopped for breakfast at Symes Hot Springs Hotel after crossing the Flat-head Reservation on dirt roads between Moiese and Hot Springs. He on a Honda Africa Twin, me on the R1200GSA. Think I've finally found the perfect bike

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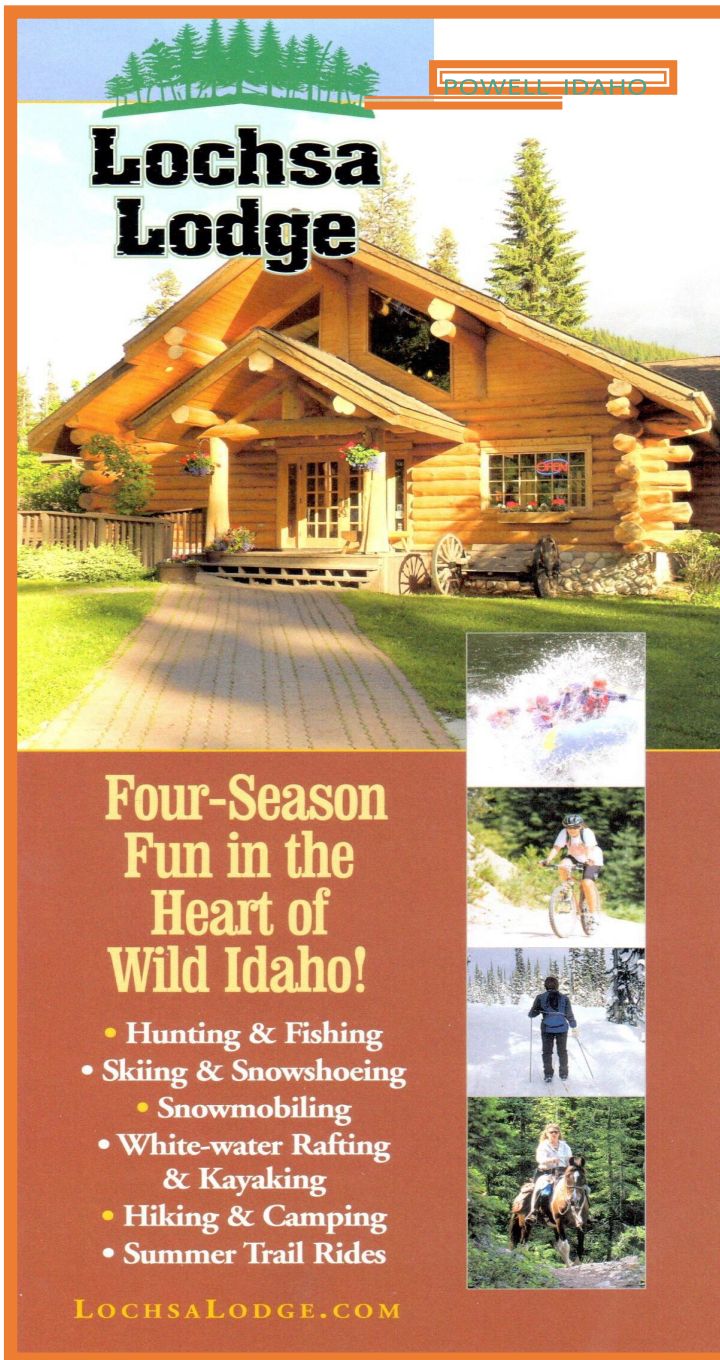
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2017 BMW Club Ride Schedule

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	15	Ovando	Trixi's Antler Saloon	Sunday
November	19	Drummond	Wagon Wheel Cafe	Sunday
December	2	Missoula	Big Sky Motorsports	Saturday



We have some favorite and traditional meeting places, like Lambkins in Lincoln, the Sunshine Station in Philipsburg, the Echo Lake Cafe in Big fork, and the Crossings Restaurant in Wisdom. But we always are open to suggestions for the following year's meetings. So pick a place, tell us about it and we'll check it out. It has to be able to accommodate upwards of 25 people all in one space, preferably a separate room from the main restaurant, have enough staff at 1:00 p.m. and beyond to serve all those riders and be open both Saturday and Sunday. Send your suggestions to Chuck Reaves, Chris Keyes or Dave McCormack.



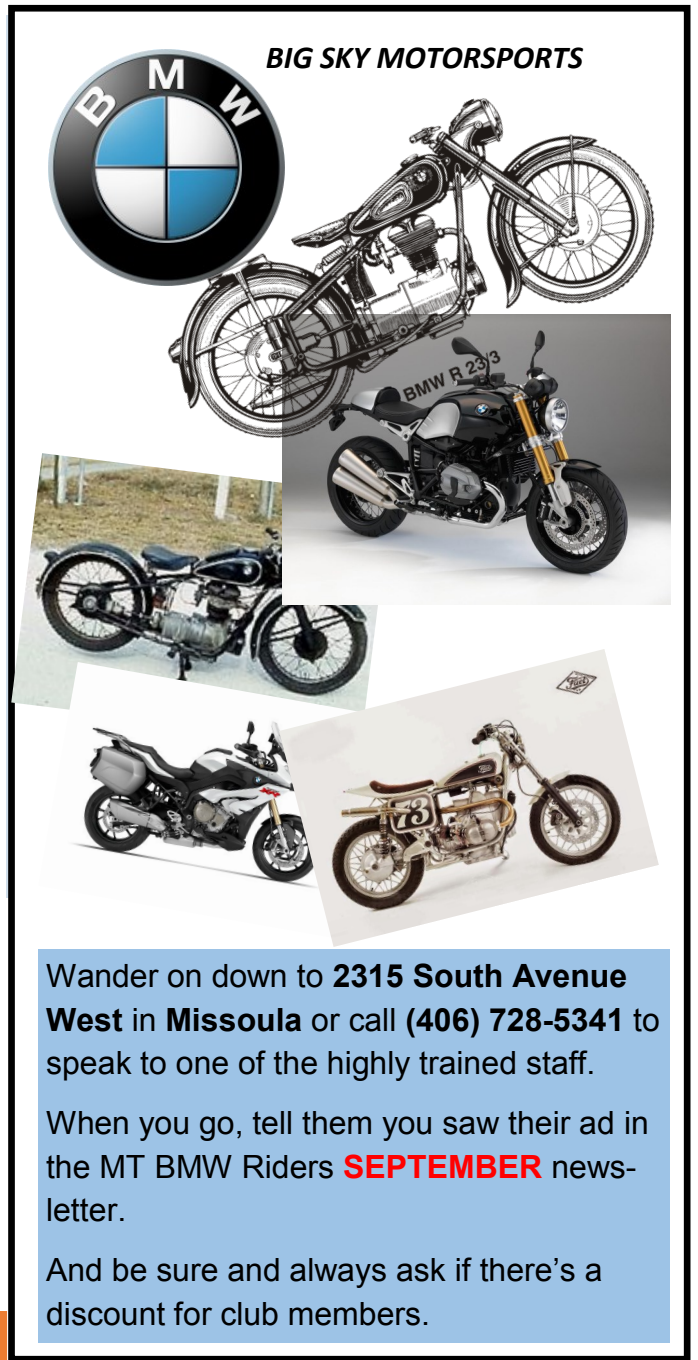
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And be sure and always ask if there's a discount for club members.

Join us for the **Maverick Motorsports** first Annual Motorsports Swap Meet and sales extravaganza!

Bring your old gear, bike, Side by Side and sell it absolutely free Saturday October 7th! Booth Space is 8 X 12.

Clubs join us, for free, new member recruitment.

Special vendors, food and workshops will be available throughout the day. Not to mention a chance to win some of fabulous door prizes valued at over \$500.00

You must pre-register for a booth space by calling 549-4260 ask for Craig. Everyone is required to remove all items brought at the end of the day. Use of the Maverick dumpster is prohibited.