

# MONTANA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER

BMW Motorcycle Club  
Montana BMW Riders



CLUB CHARTER  
MEMBERSHIPS :

BMWMOA #155

BMW RA #072

AMA #6830

NEXT MEETING

LINCOLN

LAMBKINS

APRIL 15

SUNDAY, 1:00 PM

**-HOME OF THE NEXT BEST RIDE-**

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Ahhh... April... bringing forth the renewal of the motorcycle riding season! And though 27 degrees outside this morning belies that statement, I sit here listening and planning. Listening to my kids

plan an early summer trip to Mexico and I, a late spring motorcycle trip to southern Utah. So, whether you are pulling the bike from under its cover for that first ride down still graveled frontage roads or are planning a ride for later, April is the month of hope, planning, and excitement.

Looking back at our club's March meeting in Missoula, our weather was typical, cold with the threat of snow; not good for rolling the bike out for its initial foray. But in contradiction, there was a great turnout, with member Tom Moe coming up from Bozeman, and new members Stephanie and Mark Johnson, driving down from Kalispell. Welcome Mark and Stephanie! Tom Moe has taken on the job of regional coordinator for BMW-MOA and is working on a rebirth of an 'East Side' riders club and/or coordinating more events between east and west riders in this state. It's a big state and a big job. I wish Tom the best and hope any of you out there that are interested will contact Tom [tom.moe@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tom.moe@sbcglobal.net).

For the rest of us, the March meeting at Missoula's Pressbox was pretty short, the balance being just us locals. Those members from River City...Roving Reporter Dick French & Sandy Knutsen, Mileage Coordinator Larry Banister (get your mileage turned in) & Liz Banister & her sis Kathryn Kuebler, Lynn & Karen Springer, Chris Froines, Rick Kuschel, Jim Krausch, John Torma and Roger Tulberg who I believe also joined the club. He is the head of the

backcountry ATV club in the Missoula area. Representing the Bitterroot Valley were Ken Senn & illustrious Newsletter Editor, Dave McCormack. Also in the house, handing out Park 2 Park maps, were members extraordinaire, Carol and Gary Graham. A special thanks to these two for all their hard work organizing & running Park 2 Park. Looks to be a really fun way to put some miles on this summer. And it starts today. And thanks to another member trying to burn the rubber off your tires, Larry Banister. Get your mileage forms in to Larry for the club mileage contest and maybe win some dough to replace that rubber.

Good news...looking at the budget we are doing well, well enough to feel like we can offer scholarships to members for rider education.

Advertising helps fund our overhead along with membership fees and we have money in the bank.

So, if you're thinking of a Montana Motorcycle Safety class, click on the following link to check out their classes.

<https://motorcycle.msun.edu/docs/2018StudentRegistration.pdf>

Then at year end the club will help pay for some of that class. Looks like there is only one Advanced Rider Class nearby; in Helena on Saturday, July 28. Better sign up early. Other classes may qualify including off road classes or even track classes, but they must be ok'd ahead of time. Contact Chuck Reaves or Chris Keyes.

Not so good news...thanks to those who helped get John Munch moved in March. Sadly John's Werks is no more. Sad news...the Bee Cee Beemer president that gave us all those good roads to travel in the Salt Lake area for last summer's MOA Rally, Jeff Thurmond, passed away at 73.

This month our first Saturday breakfast meeting will be April 7<sup>th</sup> at River City Grill in Missoula. Time: 9:00 am. These breakfasts have become very popular. This is not a business meeting. These breakfasts are just for fun & meet and greet. Once the weather gets better these

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breakfasts will be another excuse to check out breakfast places in small town Montana.

Coming up, and based on past club turnouts, our April meeting is one of our favorites...Lincoln! We'll meet at **Lambkins Sunday, April 15 at 1:00 PM**. Bring your check book if you haven't paid your dues or see Secretary/Treasurer Chris Keyes address on the website.

Hope to see you in Lincoln or at River City Grill. Bring a friend.

**Happy Trails till then!!**

## Chuck

*The only two riders to actually RIDE to the Monthly breakfast at The Press Box: T to B: Kim Lemke & John Torma*



## BMWMOA Corner



Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Tom Moe and I live in Bozeman, MT. My co-worker, Jean Excell, VP of BMWMOA asked if I would be interested in taking the position of BMWMOA Regional Coordinator for this general

area. I asked just how big an area that would be and got vague answers but suspect it is all of MT, WY and ID. Way too much territory to cover I am sure. Anyway, I hope to start by trying to get more BMWMOA and local club activity in MT going. Being a bit east of Missoula and traveling east more often than west I am hoping to get Bozeman, Billings and eastern MT activities going and will start by trying to get a monthly lunch meeting at various locations in the east. I am working with the list of MT and WY members for starters and plan to send out an announcement and perhaps meeting invitation soon.

I would welcome members to contact me with ideas on how to expand the membership and club activities.

As background I was born in Bozeman, raised on a farm south of Lewistown and returned after 29 years in AZ, CO and CA building a career in the construction management business in 2014. My first motorcycles were all dirt bikes with my first BMW being a 1973 R60/5 purchased in 1984 which I rode to the 1984 rally in Missoula. Sold the Honda and have been on BMWs ever since. I bought a new R1200RTW in May of 2017 from Big Sky and sold a 1976 R90/6 that I had since 1985 last fall to my BFF in Lewistown. At least I know where it is. Miss the old bike but enjoy the R12RTW very much.

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**[www.mtbmwridders.org](http://www.mtbmwridders.org)**

**We're on Facebook Too:**

**MONTANA BMW Riders**

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I have been a member of River City Beemers, Sacramento, CA since 2003 and served as an officer for many years with that fine club. I hope that experience will help me with this new assignment. I have also been a member of BMWRA and MTBMW riders for quite some time.

Feel free to contact me at [tom.moe@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tom.moe@sbcglobal.net) or 406-813-8388. I look forward to hearing from you. Let's get riding.

*Tom Moe*

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### **2018 RIDES AND RALLIES**

<b>April-28</b>	<b>YMCA Riverbank Run</b>
<b>June 11-15</b>	<b>Sasquatch Dual Sport &amp; GPS Adventure Tour in the Cascade Mountains of Oregon</b>
<b>June 14-15</b>	<b>Red Rocks Rendezvous in Panguitch, UT</b>
<b>June 29-July 1</b>	<b>Chief Joseph Rally John Day, Oregon</b>
<b>July 12-15</b>	<b>BMW MOA Rally in Des Moines, Iowa</b>
<b>July 14-15</b>	<b>Montana Ride For Hope, Lewistown, MT</b>
<b>July 17-19</b>	<b>Cascade County Rendezvous, Republic, WA</b>
<b>July 19-22</b>	<b>BMW RA Rally in Wellsboro, PA</b>
<b>July 18-21</b>	<b>Top of the Rockies Rally in Paonia, Colorado</b>
<b>July-23-25</b>	<b>Montana BMW Riders GS weekend ride</b>
<b>July 26-28</b>	<b>Gold Wing Riders Association Rally in Missoula, MT.</b>
<b>August 3-12</b>	<b>The Sturgis</b>
<b>August 16-19</b>	<b>Beartooth Rendezvous in Red Lodge, MT</b>
<b>August 16-19</b>	<b>BC Beemers Rally In Nakusp, BC</b>
<b>August 22-25</b>	<b>Rally in the Gorge in Hood River, OR put on by Sound Rider</b>

*Ed. Note: So far, the rides above are all we know about for the moment. If you know of similar events, charity rides, or clubs putting on a ride worth doing, let us know and we'll add it/them to our list.*

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE HUDDY EXTRAVAGANZA IN MAY.** The tech session is a ride-in event (weather permitting) that includes "oohing and aahing" over Kevin's extensive collection of tools, knick-knacks, and occasionally some of Annie's home-made chili. Watch for his definitive article coming up in the May Newsletter. Actual dates are May 18-20 at the Huddy Outpost, in Helena.



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## MONTANA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER MASTHEAD

The Montana BMW Riders NEWSLETTER is Published Monthly.

Club Dues: \$15 per calendar year - Membership includes monthly electronic newsletter (or \$20 per year for snail mailed newsletter).

Monthly Meetings: Third Sunday of each month, 1 PM, unless specified otherwise. Location announced in Newsletter and on Web Page.

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Emailed text is preferred. Photos as attachments. Signed articles

*I was thinking about old age and decided that old age is when you still have something on the ball, but you are just too tired to bounce it.*

## SAFETY CORNER



If you're like me, its getting tougher to remember stuff, so I'm defaulting to simple but critical info. As we all look forward to the coming riding season (and some like Dick French have already been out!!!), we always face a litany of pre-season reminders of things to do, check on, get prepared for, etc. I recently received a succinct reminder from our friends at Aerostich...5 spring riding tips:

1. **Practice** -Turns, quick-stops, obstacle avoidance, etc. Increased frequency means improved fluency.
2. **Scan the road**—Re-learn situational awareness. How to see ahead, close-and-far, and to both sides. Notice residual sand and gravel, fresh potholes, winter roadway damage, and icy spots in shaded places.
3. **Pressure** - Check tire pressure for proper inflation. There's always a loss from last fall.
4. **Be seen** - Myopic, catatonic, somnolent motorists need a while to adjust to seeing motorcycles again...Be as visible as possible.
5. **Gear up** - Wear appropriate gear for protection against the elements and unplanned get-offs.

So...as you prepare for the upcoming season...you'd do well to remember these five things.

Looking forward to seeing all you all on the road to state parks, great restaurants, or just riding from A to B.

*Larry Banister*

Safety Mom-Montana BMW Riders

## PARK2PARK

For those of you wanting an easy way to show the date and time of your visit to different parks in the Park2Park competition there are several free apps available to load on your phones. We like TimeStampIt. You can either take the photo directly from the app or retrieve a picture from your Photo storage and add the date and time. You can change the color of the label for greater clarity.

*Gary & Carol*

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## 2018 RIDE SCHEDULE

Month	Date	City	Place	Sat/Sun	Time
✓ Jan	21	Seeley Lake	Double Arrow Lodge	Sat	1 PM
✓ Feb	18	Avon	Avon Cafe	Sun	1 PM
✓ Mar	18	Missoula	The Press Box	Sun	1 PM
Apr	15	Lincoln	Lambkins	Sun	1 PM
May	18-20	Helena	Huddy's Tech Days	F,S,S	1 PM
May	20	Philpsburg	Sunshine Station	Sun	1 PM
Jun	16	Big Fork	Echo Lake Cafe	Sat	1 PM
Jul	21	Choteau	Log Cabin	Sat	1 PM
Aug	19	Wisdom	The Crossings	Sun	1 PM
Sep	15	Three Forks	Sacajawea Inn	Sat	1 PM
Oct	21	Ovando	Trixi's	Sun	1 PM
Nov	18	Drummond	Wagon Wheel	Sun	1 PM
Dec	8	Missoula	Big Sky Motorsports	Sat	5:30 PM

We added two different meeting places that you might find challenging: The Press Box in Missoula in March and the Sacajawea Inn in Three Forks in September. We are open to suggestions for next 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. to serve all our riders... and be open both Saturday and/or Sunday. Send your suggestions to Chuck Reaves, Chris Keyes or Ed Field.

All our meetings always begin at 1:00 p.m. so that we don't push local restaurant patrons out and create an issue for the staff. We always call ahead and confirm we are coming. Therefore, we encourage members not to request seating until 1:00 p.m.

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## Editor's Corner



**E**aster Weekend...I am here at the computer putting together the April edition of the club newsletter thinking about how I only have 200 miles on the odometer since last November. And only now, am I beginning to believe I'll be able to ride in decent weather again. It's still chilly here and rideable except for the wind. The wind takes my 38 degree riding minimum back down into the 20's.

We all sit by the window thinking tomorrow will be the day. And yet, I don't think I'm totally prepared if a warm, dry, windless day comes up. I've been so discouraged by this winter weather that I've procrastinated on figuring out what's in the saddle bags (I think there's a quart of emergency gas in one of the saddle bags that's probably gone bad by now.); when did I book new tires for the bike; and where is my Park2Park plan??? All I know is tomorrow, Easter Sunday, I plan to sneak over to Fort Own Park, park the Spyder and get my first P2P photo. It's only 6 miles away, so no problem on my part if it's STILL SNOWING!!!

Those of you who've met Tom Moe, the Coordinator for our region for The BMWMOA organization is a welcome addition to our club and his contact details are now in the Masthead, and he hopes to put together a column for us each month. His goal is to help expand BMW MOA membership throughout his region (Montana, Idaho and Wyoming). He's also an avid rider and will certainly be attending many of our club events. He resides in Bozeman and has connections with folks in Lewistown.

The Park2Park column by Gary & Carol mentions applications that you can add to your phones so that you can date stamp each photo for submission. I found several for iPhones and picked one called DateStamper. It's pretty neat and is free. So far, it works well. You will have to rummage around for Android phones, but I'm sure there are adequate apps there too. Of course, you can always use a regular camera but you'll have to lug a tripod along to get you, the bike and the sign in all in one shot.

Lastly, Chuck sent me a you tube flick about a really well done commercial and it's all about motorcycles. Cut and paste the URL and enjoy.

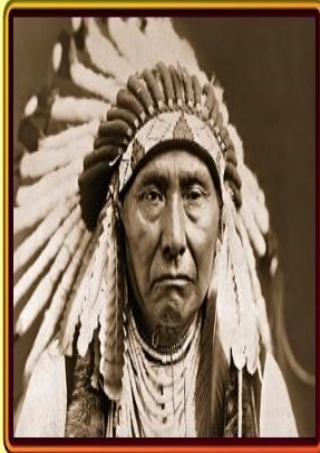
<http://joshspecter.com/now-this-is-a-great-commercial/>

*Dave*

## BMW Riders of Oregon 2018 Chief Joseph Rally

Grant County Fairgrounds - John Day, Oregon

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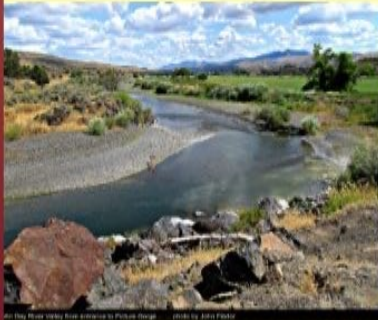


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June 29, 30 & July 1

ONLINE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN: [BMWRO.ORG](http://BMWRO.ORG)

Food / Camping / Guided Rides / Beer Garden



**Employment application blanks always ask who is to be called in case of an emergency. I think you should write, "An ambulance."**



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## MARCH MONTHLY MEETING AT THE PRESS BOX



L to R: Rick Kuschel, Ken Senn, & Jim Krausch



*The usual suspects*



*New members: Mark & Stephanie Johnson*



L to R: Kathryn Kuebler, Liz Banister, and Lynn Springer



L to R: Dick French, Dave McCormack, & Tom Moe

Attendees at the March Meeting in Missoula were: Tom Moe-R12RTW, Dick French-F800GS, Chuck Reaves-R1100RS, Larry Banister-Triumph 800, Lynn & Karen Springer-Van, Liz Banister, Kathryn Kuebler, Mark Johnson-F800GS, Chris Froines-Honda Africa Twin, Gray & Carol Graham-F650GS's, Roger Tulberg-R1150GS, John Torma-K1200LT, Jim Krausch-R1200GS, Ken Senn-Triumph Trophy, Rick Kuschel-RNineT, Dave McCormack-Spyder

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Lolo Pass in late March and Lochsa Lodge.



Not quite ready for Motorcycles at Lochsa Lodge, but the wait staff is ready for the first Motorcycle of spring.

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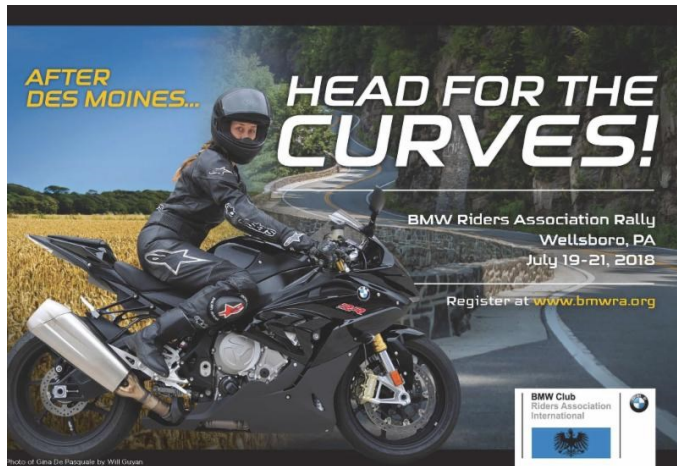




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***The 2018 BMW RA Rally  
will be at the Tioga County Fairgrounds,  
Wellsboro, PA July 19-22.***

***Plan on Joining us!***



**Members SAVE \$10 on admission!  
Pre-registration saves \$15!**

A rider's rally of discovery and touring awaits you in the Pennsylvania mountains and back woods. Come to the 2018 BMW Riders Association International Rally in central Pennsylvania, home of some of the finest riding roads in North America. The roads in the Keystone State are extraordinary, accessible, well-paved and extremely rural. Pennsylvania hosts more small highways and byways than any other state in the country. Little towns and villages connected by both paved and unpaved roads, thousands of picturesque farmsteads, hills, mountains, and covered bridges pepper the landscape of motorcycling nirvana.

Don't miss this great time and be sure and preregister at [WWW.BMWRA.ORG](http://WWW.BMWRA.ORG)

Please be sure to tell your friends about the BMW Riders Association

George Nyktas, President

If you have any questions, please contact us at (866) 924-7102 TOLL FREE  
Thank you!

***BMW RA Rally additional info...***

*This rally will be unique. No matter what the weather will be, the surrounding area will be rideable all day long with great views and vistas. A few miles from the BMWRA Rally resides the Pennsylvania Grand Canyon, where the beautiful Pine Creek has carved its way down towards the New Jersey Shore. Route 414 is a great Scenic Byway heading south to the famous Susquehanna River. Snaking throughout the state are unpaved roads to challenge any GS rider. Thrill seekers can traverse over 80 miles of hard-packed dirt, corners, hills and steep descents in the area.*

*There are one-lane and two-lane paved roads to reservoirs, state parks, picnic areas, rivers, brooks and creeks. Hike wilderness with waterfalls at Ricketts Glenn, find the bridge to nowhere, or go to the covered bridge and country store at Forkston. Rent horses and descend into the Canyon on four legs. Take in Horseshoe curve, find out where the first oil was discovered in America, go to the railroad town of Renovo, or visit the history of the Zip-po lighter. Once you ride the Pennsylvania Endless Mountains, you will want to return again!*

*Other fun activities include taking a splash in the Pine Creek, visiting the Waterville general store, and walking the gas-lighted streets of Wellsboro at night. Look forward to the craft brews at the Brewery in St Mary's, ride to the great Lumber Museum, tour to the BMW dealers near State College or in Port Clinton, or visit Bill's Ol' Bike Barn in Bloomsburg. There are unending possibilities for our great members and guests.*

*The rally's entertainment will comprise of great bands from Pennsylvania that will take you back in time to a place of fun and excitement.*

*Do not expect to see flat roads, corn fields that go forever, interstates that drone on endlessly, traffic, or bad vibes. Expect only great riding, great people, and a fun rally! There will be plenty of room for you and your friends!*

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## SECRETARY/TREASURER

### Chris Keyes' Corner



What follows is the year end club financial report submitted to the executive committee this past Month:

## MONTANA BMW RIDERS – 2017 TREASURER'S REPORT

March 17, 2018

<u>Liquid Assets</u>		2017	2016
Checking	\$ 2537.00	\$ 2146.70	\$ 2127.29
Savings	\$ 316.26	\$ 316.23	\$ 301.14
Petty Cash	<u>\$ 113.00</u>	<u>\$ 113.00</u>	<u>\$ 65.00</u>
TOTAL	<b>\$ 2944.78</b>	\$ 2575.93	\$ 2493.43

### Hard Assets

Certificate of Deposit **\$ 2449.24**

### Membership

2018 Dues Received: 54 members @ \$15 each = \$810.00

Ended 2017 with 78 active members

### Newsletter Hardcopy Subscribers

2018: \$10 total. 2 members

2017: \$10 total. 2 members

### Newsletter Advertising

2018 (paid to date): \$120 total

Mountain Hot Tub; \$60 half-page

\$60 Vibrant Sound Works

2017: \$180 total

Big Sky BMW; \$60 half-page

Lochsa Lodge \$60 half-page

Mountain Hot Tub; \$60 half-page

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## **2018 Budget**

### 2018 Projected Income

Member dues (85@ \$15)	\$1275.00
Newsletter hardcopy	\$ 10.00
Advertising	<u>\$ 240.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1525.00

### 2018 Projected Expenses

Affiliations - AMA; MOA; RA	\$ 80.00
Website - website; hosting; SSL	\$ 291.00
Office Supplies – clerical, postage	\$ 50.00
Tax Filing - Montana	\$ 20.00
Monthly Meetings - raffles	\$ 225.00
Tech Days - Big Sky BMW; Huddy Outpost	\$ 125.00
Park 2 Park Contest - prizes	\$ 150.00
Summer Campout – Bend Guard Cabin	\$ 90.00
Christmas Party – food, prizes	\$ 175.00
Mileage Contest - plaque; prizes	\$ 150.00
Rider Proficiency Training - scholarships	\$ 350.00
Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1906.00

Submitted by:



Christopher R. Keyes  
Secretary-Treasurer, Montana BMW Riders

### **ADVICE FROM AN OLD FARMER:**

**IF YOU GET TO THINKIN' YOU'RE A PERSON OF SOME INFLUENCE, TRY ORDERIN' SOMEBODY ELSE'S DOG**



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## RIDING AROUND WITH ROVING REPORTER

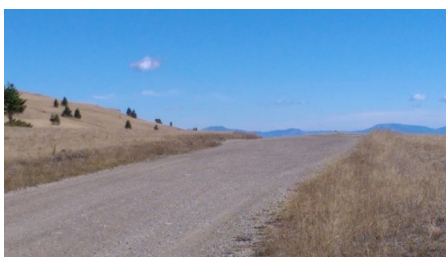
### DICK FRENCH

If you are interested in taking some roads less travelled, the un-paved road (primarily one lane with some two track) from Marysville, Montana to Avon should meet these criteria. The one lane segment is about 15 miles. Marysville, at the entrance to the Great Divide Ski area, is about six miles southwest of Highway 279 on Marysville Road. Highway 279, (between Montana Highway 200 and Helena) turns southeast from Highway 200 about 12 miles north of Lincoln, Montana. This route crosses the Continental Divide at Flesher Pass (6,130 feet elevation) which in itself is a picturesque ride. Marysville has one restaurant, but only open for dinner. The town, like so many in Montana was a boom and bust mining town in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century, referred to as a Ghost Town on the Montana State Maps, is now home to a few friendly folks who prefer living off the beaten path. If you have the time, there is an informal museum of the historic time line of Marysville.



*As seems to be common in the boom and bust mining towns, a church was central to the community. This one is a historic reminder of Marysville's past.*

Although Marysville Road is paved, the road toward Avon turns to a one-lane road once you pass the Great Divide Ski area. It runs close to the Continental Divide, much at the 6,000-foot elevation and eventually crosses to the west side of the divide. A GPS device would be helpful, select the main road from the many roads off the main road, few with National Forest signs. As luck would have it, some previous adventurer facilitated navigation for those who followed by nailing a paper plate on trees, marking the way. They proved to be accurate once I concluded the reason for a paper plate nailed to a tree.



*Crossing the Continental Divide*

The area on either side of the road appeared to be open range land, so

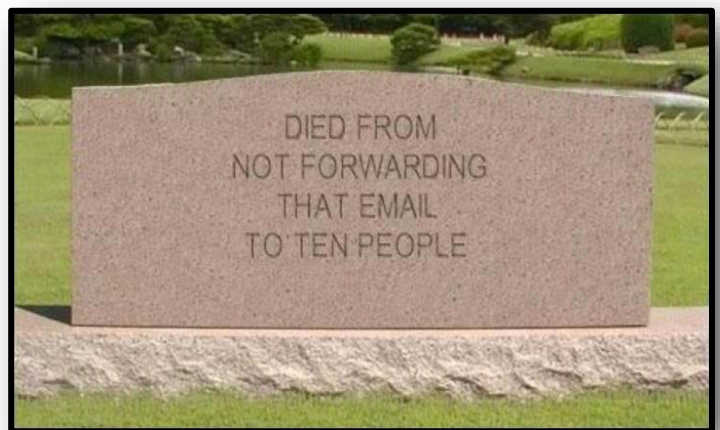
probably, your bike will need a good undercarriage cleaning at the end of the trip.



The un-paved road intersects Montana Highway 141 about three miles west of Avon. According to Google Earth, Marysville to Avon is 23 miles.


*Dick French*

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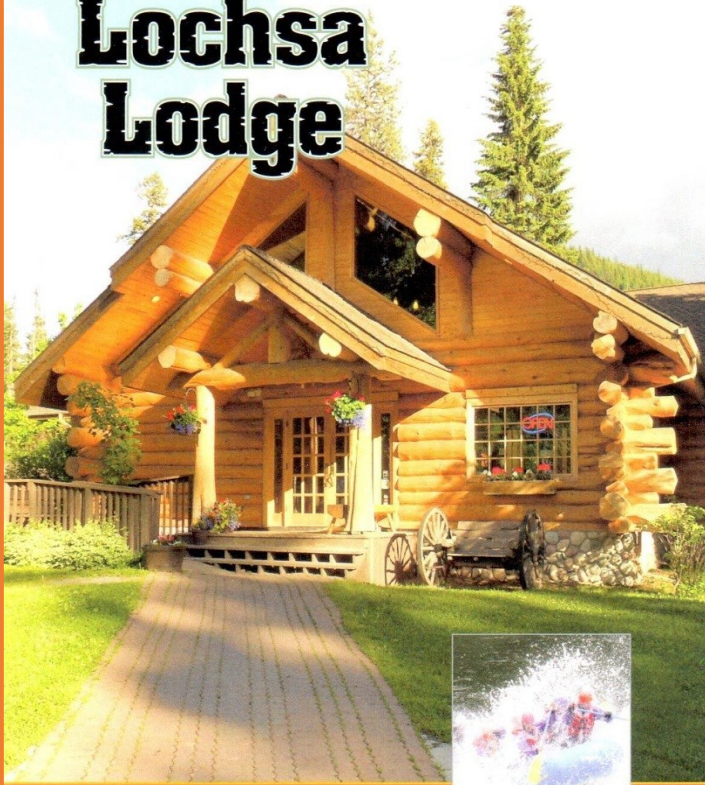


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## Lochsa Lodge

POWELL, IDAHO



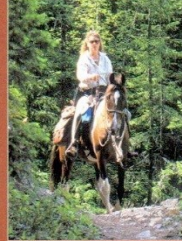
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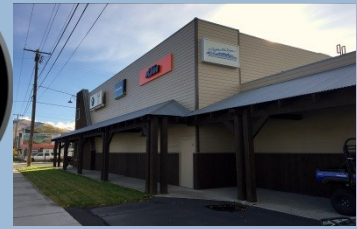
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**A VERY SATISFIED CUSTOMER...** Annie Huddy bought this bike at Big Sky Motorsports on the day of the MT BMW Riders Club **CHRISTMAS PARTY**. No better endorsement could be had. This picture is of her first ride this last month.