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SATURDAY, 1:00 PM

-HOME OF THE NEXT BEST RIDE-

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Ok...so during the Memorial Day weekend my bride of 30 years and I (on our 30th Anniversary) decided to travel to the wilds of British Columbia. For her it was new territory, for me a return to

some favorite roads and places along with some great memories of travels gone by with friends that are no longer with us.

After 725 miles (and 3 days of marvelous weather) over the 3-day weekend, we are ready to go back!

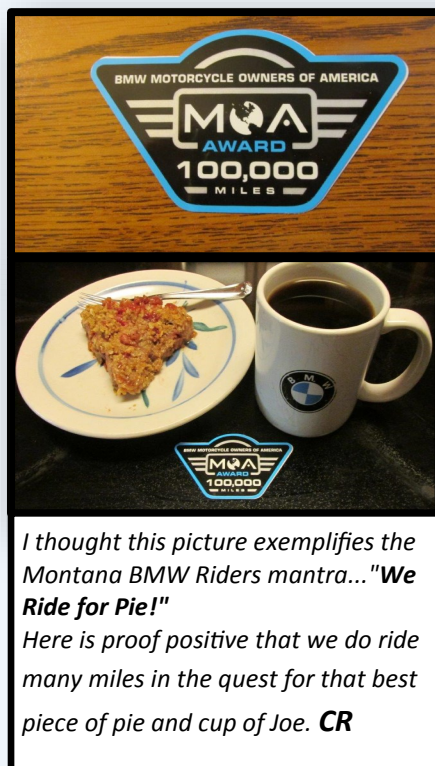
Canada is alluring yet familiar and affordable and around almost every curve (and there are lots of curves) the scenery is beautiful! It's like an adventure crossing the border, meeting with people that are speaking what really is English (with an accent, eh?) They are almost all nice, laid back, and hospitable. Our stay was made more affordable, by no one's reckoning except fates, in that the Canadian dollar against our dollar is seeing a large discount in our favor, about 23%. It's a nice savings...except when you go to the gas pumps...still about \$5.72 per Imperial gallon of 'petrol'.

Our travels took us through the lakes country. In our Honda Odyssey we crossed the border on Highway 95 in Idaho at Porthill, north of Bonner's Ferry, and fol-

lowed the Highway designated as the best motorcycle road in all of British Columbia <http://www.destinationhighways.com/default.htm> Creston to Kootenai Bay, taking the ferry across to Balfour Bay. That day, Kootenai Lake was like liquid glass, the cloudless sky as blue as a robin's egg and traffic was light. Next, we motored to a B.C. town that's like a little Missoula, Nelson, had a great meal at the *Jackson Hole* and then motored up to Ainsworth Hot Springs for a soak. All with light traffic and not press of people. Very impressive on a 3-day weekend that in the States is usually hectic and crazy with traffic and you worry if there are any rooms at the inn or any campsites at the campground.

Canada is unique and fun. Hopping on the ferries and chugging across the lakes (free of charge) to get from town to town is a blast. As noted, the weather on this weekend was a bonus. It was stellar, increasing the enjoyment of travel and helped make this Lakes Region even more beautiful and panoramic. On the way home, our last stop was Creston, BC. We stayed downtown at a great place, The Creston Hotel, which was clean and affordable and had a great restaurant with wonderful covered outdoor seating. People were very nice, one local even stopping at our table to visit. And you'll be happy to know Canadians have discovered micro-brewing there too. You really notice in all these small towns a sense of community; you enjoy shopping in local stores, not the big box stores, and again friendly folks everywhere. Yep, it was a great refresher for me and I'm ready to

go back. So, if you want to put some miles on, visit somewhere out of country that feels like an adventure but is safe & clean & offers good food, has friendly folks (that almost speak perfect English) go to



I thought this picture exemplifies the Montana BMW Riders mantra... "We Ride for Pie!" Here is proof positive that we do ride many miles in the quest for that best piece of pie and cup of Joe. CR

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Canada! They are happy to see you and they welcome motorcycles.

Ok, back in Montana our club's May activities included Tech Days at the Huddy Outpost in Helena where the advice and help was free, the food wonderful and the fellowship extraordinary. Annie figured over the course of the weekend there were about 50 people there. Thanks to Annie and Kevin for putting this on, for the fourth year in a row! It's a great venue for the club and a way to get your bike repaired and make new friends.

We had a good turnout for May's meeting in Philipsburg at the Sunshine Station, about 14 made it for the meeting including: From Missoula: Chuck and Caren Reaves - R1200GS & Honda Odyssey; Chris Keyes - R1200 GSA; Greg Hintz - Goldwing; Phil Yasenak - Triumph Trophy; Kim Lemke - K 100RS. From the Bitterroot: Dave McCormack - Can Am Spyder; Tony Braunreiter - R 1200 RS. From Bigfork: Gordon Phillips - R1200RT. From Helena: Annie and Kevin Huddy - R1200GS for Annie and R1200GS Adventure for Kevin. From Denver, Colorado: Mike and Donna McInerney - VW Jetta. And Don Deuel from Arlee- Goldwing.

Our **1st Saturday June breakfast** is coming up fast. It'll be at **Lochsa Lodge at 9:30 am**. Weather looks to be good but it's still early. May want to bring along the electrics! Hope to see you there.

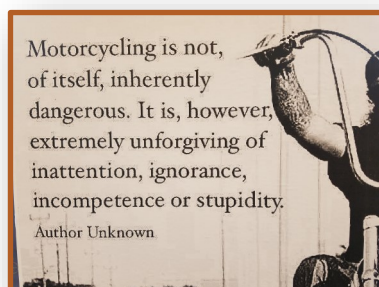
Our June meeting will be at **Echo Lake Café** just north of Big Fork, MT. That's **June 16th at 1:00 PM**. Bring a friend.

Again, a big-big 'thank you' to Kevin and Annie Huddy for hosting Tech Days.

The month of May had some great riding weather. Hope you are getting out putting on some miles and enjoying that great weather.

Happy Trails till then!!

Chuck



BMWMOA Corner



BMWMOA Regional Coordinator

Tom Moe

The Superstakes is Back!

There are 25 New BMW Motorcycles up for Grabs. The Superstakes is back for 2018 and it's bigger than ever with \$250,000 of new BMW motorcycles in the prize pool. The popular raffle that supports the BMW MOA Foundation will include 25 new BMW motorcycles including a new R 1200 GS Adventure, R 1200 RT or K 1600 GT for the grand prize winner. And, we've added a cash option this year. Want to use your prize as a down payment on the bike of your dreams? No problem!

But that's not all. For 2018, every ticket will include the buyer's choice of an MOA Icons series t-shirt. Eight classic designs are available of the BMW R32, R12, R69S, R90S, R80GS, R100RS, K1 and R1100RS. This year, every ticket is a winner!

But, that's still not all! The 2018 Superstakes will benefit the Paul B. Scholarship fund. The MOA Foundation is guaranteeing \$100,000 in funding for the popular scholarship program that grants \$250 awards to MOA members for the rider training of their choice.

MOA members can purchase tickets for \$100 each between May 1 and July 7, 2018. Every ticket has 25 chances to win. Odds of winning depend on the number of tickets sold, but you definitely have 25 chances to win. Winning tickets will be drawn July 14, 2018 at the BMW MOA National Rally in Des Moines, Iowa. You don't have to be present to win. Anyone can purchase a ticket.

PRIZE LIST

Drawing #1: 2018 R 1200 GS or \$16,500 cash!

Drawing #2: 2018 G 310 GS or \$5,000 cash!

Drawing #3: 2018 F 800 R or \$10,000 cash!

Drawing #4: 2018 G 310 R or \$5,000 cash!

Drawing #5: 2018 R nine T Urban GS or \$12,500 cash!

Drawing #6: 2018 G 310 GS or \$5,000 cash!

Drawing #7: 2018 S 1000 XR or \$16,500 cash!

Drawing #8: 2018 G 310 R or \$5,000 cash!

Drawing #9: 2018 R 1200 RS or \$15,000 cash!

Drawing #10: 2018 G 310 GS or \$5,000 cash!

Drawing #11: 2018 R nine T Scrambler or \$12,500 cash!

Drawing #12: 2018 G 310 R or \$5,000 cash!

Drawing #13: 2018 F 800 GS Adventure or \$13,500 cash!

Drawing #14: 2018 G 310 GS or \$5,000 cash!

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Drawing #15: 2018 R 1200 R or \$14,000 cash!
Drawing #16: 2018 G 310 R or \$5,000 cash!
Drawing #17: 2018 R nine T Pure or \$12,500 cash!
Drawing #18: 2018 G 310 GS or \$5,000 cash!
Drawing #19: 2018 S 1000 RR or \$16,000 cash!
Drawing #20: 2018 G 310 R or \$5,000 cash!
Drawing #21: 2018 F 800 GS or \$12,000 cash!
Drawing #22: 2018 G 310 GS or \$5,000 cash!
Drawing #23: 2018 R nine T or \$15,000 cash!
Drawing #24: 2018 G 310 R or \$5,000 cash!
Grand Prize: Winner's choice of a 2018 R1200 GS Adventure, R1200 RT, K 1600 GT or \$22,000 cash!

To buy tickets go to: <https://www.bmwmoa.org/news/398791/The-Superstakes-is-Back.htm>

I like the odds and will be buying a ticket or two.

Tom Moe

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2018 RIDES AND RALLIES

April-18	YMCA Riverbank Run
June 11-15	Sasquatch Dual Sport & GPS Adventure Tour in the Cascade Mountains of Oregon
June 14-15	Red Rock Rendezvous in Panguitch, UT
June 29-July 1	Chief Joseph Rally John Day, Oregon
July 12-15	BMW MOA Rally in Des Moines, Iowa
July 14-15	Montana Ride For Hope, Lewistown, MT
July 17-19	Cascade County Rendezvous, Republic, WA
July 19-22	BMW RA Rally in Wellsboro, PA
July 18-21	Top of the Rockies Rally in Paonia, Colorado
July 23-25	Montana BMW Riders GS weekend ride
July 26-28	Gold Wing Riders Association Rally in Missoula, MT.
August 3-12	The Sturgis
August 9-10	The Idaho Stanley Stomp Rally in Lowman, ID
August 16-19	Beartooth Rendezvous in Red Lodge, MT
August 16-19	BC Beemers Rally In Nakusp, BC
August 22-25	Rally in the Gorge in Hood River, OR put on by Sound Rider

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The Montana BMW Riders NEWSLETTER is Published Monthly.

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Editor's Corner



One of the privileges of being the editor of this here newsletter is being able to fool with other people's pictures without their permission and to insert articles or humor I personally enjoy or connect with. However, I take the job seriously and occasionally realize there is serious material that the membership would like to hear about. In this issue, I've inserted a small and abbreviated "In Memorium" column about a man many of you relied upon to take care of your BMW's and other machines of value. **John Munch** was one of us. It is sad that he's gone but sadder still that he won't hear how much we valued him and will miss him. We've lost others and the club will continue to lose bike warriors but we would hope we are all out there making sure that people know that this group is worth joining and supporting. And, that the people we rely on for assistance are valued now, not after they're gone.

On a less serious note, for the second time I wimped out and drove the car to Huddy's Tech Days. It was raining as I was about to start. In any case, it was even better than last year with many more members finding fun, conversation and oohing and aahing over Kevin's huge, well equipped shop and Annie's food and hospitality. Pictures will be found on the back pages. Thanks to the Huddy's for the fourth year of Tech Days at The Outpost. Plan on going next year...if they host it again. It's a hoot.

A member that I enjoy very much, mentioned that I needed to make the type bigger for all the older, eyeball impaired riders... I didn't have a quick retort at the time...I was enjoying a single malt with Kevin...brain was slightly pickled, but I now have the answer I should have given him..."**It (The newsletter) comes in PDF form and you can enlarge it by at least 6400% if it's too small and what are you doing riding a motorcycle???**"

There's another little gem I found somewhere about "What I learned from riding my motorcycle" that's shared with you later in the newsletter. Enjoy.

The 'Funny' just below Chuck's signature was forwarded to me by Terry Pohland. Thanks, Terry.

Dave

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IN MEMORIUM

John Anthony Munch, 65, passed away May 4, 2018, after losing his battle to cancer.



John gave his time to the Cub Scouts and to the Alberton Volunteer Fire Department, and he loved working with his hands. If you knew John, you know he was a workaholic, and that he was fair and trustworthy in his transactions. A small engine mechanic, John occasionally

taught classes at Missoula Vo-Tech and throughout the years worked at various motorcycle shops in Missoula. He opened his own shop, **John's Motorcycle and ATV Werks**, in 2010. Because of his work ethic and honesty, John developed a loyal clientele — consistently earning five-star ratings — whom he served with his usual integrity until virtually the very end. Though he knew his time was short, he worked to complete the remaining repair jobs as long as he could physically do so.

Celebration of Life will be held this summer at a date still to be determined.

Condolences may be shared with the family by visiting sunsethcmemetery.com

RIP...John....you will be missed by all who were privileged to have you care for our bikes.

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THINGS MY MOTORCYCLE HAS TAUGHT ME OVER THE YEARS.

The only good view of a thunderstorm is in your rear view mirror.

Four wheels move the body; two wheels move the soul.

Most motorcycle problems are usually caused by the nut that connects the handlebars to the saddle.

Life may begin at 40, but it doesn't get real interesting until about 80mph!

You start the game of life with a full pot of luck and an empty pot of experience! The object is to fill the pot of experience before you empty the pot of luck.

If you wait, all that will happen is that you get older.

Bugs at midnight taste just as bad, as bugs at noon.

Saddlebags can never hold everything you want, but they can hold everything you need.

Don't ride so late into the night that you sleep through the sunrise.

Sometimes it takes a whole tank full of gas before you can think straight.

Never hesitate to ride past the last street light at the edge of town.

Never do less than forty miles before breakfast.

A bike on the road is worth two in the shed.

Respect the person who has seen the dark side of motorcycling and lived and still rides.

Young riders pick a destination and go; Old riders pick a direction and go!

A good mechanic will let you watch, without charging you for it.

Sometimes the fastest way to get there is to stop for the night.

Always back your bike into the curb and sit where you can see it.

There are drunken riders and there are old riders, but there are not many old drunk riders.

Ride to work. Work to ride.

Two-lane blacktop isn't a highway - it's an attitude.

When you look down the road, it seems to never end; but you better believe it does!

Winter is nature's way of telling you to test the electric's and install new tires.

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Keep your bike in good repair; Motorcycle boots are not all that comfortable for walking.

People are like motorcycles; each is customized a bit differently.

Sometimes, the best communication happens when you're on separate bikes.

When you're riding lead, don't spit, but farting is okay.

A friend is someone who'll get out of bed at 2 am, to drive his truck to the middle of nowhere to pick you up when you break down.

Catching a Bee in your shirt at 70 mph can double your vocabulary.

Catching a Hornet in your helmet will help triple that special vocabulary.

There's something ugly about a bike on a trailer.

Everyone crashes, some get back on, some don't, and some can't.

If you can't get it going with bungee cords and duct tape, it might be serious.

If you ride like there's no tomorrow, today will be a BLAST!

The best modifications cannot be seen from the outside...

Always replace the cheapest parts first.

You can always forget what you do for a living when your knees are in the breeze.

Only a Rider knows why a dog sticks his head out of a car window.

Remember you meet the nicest people on a motorcycle, no matter where in the world you travel!

For those who have experienced the joy, no explanation is necessary; for those who have not, no explanation is possible.

By **Anonymous** (but we all have been there).

INCIDENT ON HIGHWAY 12



It was reported by a member, that on Memorial day, a motorcyclist was hit by a deer or the

deer was hit by him. He was life flighted to the closest hospital in Missoula. What makes the brief story poignant is the time it took for him to be seen to by either police or medical folks. Below is the note that came with the picture:

"While riding on highway 12 yesterday around 11:30 a.m., my buddy and I had to play first responders for a few minutes. A guy from Stevensville hit a deer on his cruiser going east bound a couple of miles west of Graves road. We were lucky a guy stopped that had a SAT phone, so we were able to get a call to 911. The rider should be OK. He was in a lot of pain, but mostly just a bad broken leg.

If I learned a lesson from this it would be to go buy a Garmin InReach or Spot system tracker/transmitter with SOS texting ability. Can't afford SAT phone bills.

First to arrive were the forest ranger guys in white trucks. They took about 10 minutes to get there. Sheriff took about 20 minutes to come from Lolo and Lifeflight was there in about 25 to 30 minutes."

(Ed. Note: I don't know anything about systems to get help when mobile phones don't work, but the message is clear, it takes a while for help to arrive if you're not prepared with 911 capability. Would love to hear from anyone about systems in non mobile friendly areas.)

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ESCAPE TO ARIZONA

BY Terry Kay



Took the first week of May off for a 950 mile ride around Arizona. Trip was good except one day we hit snow. Can you believe it? Went South for the warm dry weather

and this is what we got!

(more of Terry's pictures on page 12)

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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	Philipsburg	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 of riders... and be open both Saturday and/or Sunday. Send your suggestions to Chuck Reaves, Chris Keyes or Ed Field.

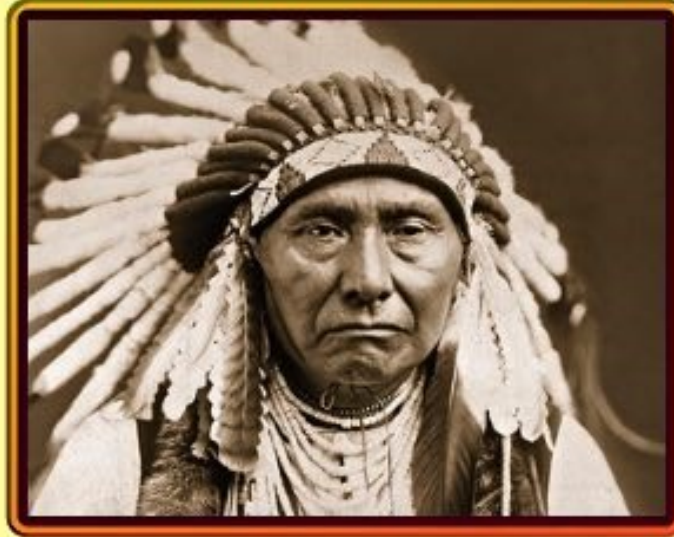
All our meetings always begin at 1:00 p.m. so that we don't push local restaurant patrons out and create an issue for the staff. We always call ahead and confirm we are coming. Therefore, we encourage members not to request seating until 1:00 p.m.

BMW Riders of Oregon 2018 Chief Joseph Rally

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Park 2 Park

Hey there intrepid Park finders!

It's sort of a cloudy, soon to be rainy, day at Lake Garda (Italy), so catching up on P2P doesn't interfere with imbibing food or wine. The report for this newsletter is simple - start hitting the road and checking off parks. Nine riders have made it to 9 or more parks each. In total 37 parks (over half) have had visits from Montana BMW riders with a total of 174 rider visits. Be the first to visit Brush Lake near Dagmar and Medicine Rocks outside Ekalaka!

You can still sign up for Park 2 Park if suddenly, decent weather challenges your ego to get out there and mix it up with other riders participating. Drop us an email at gandcgraham@gmail.com

Gary & Carol

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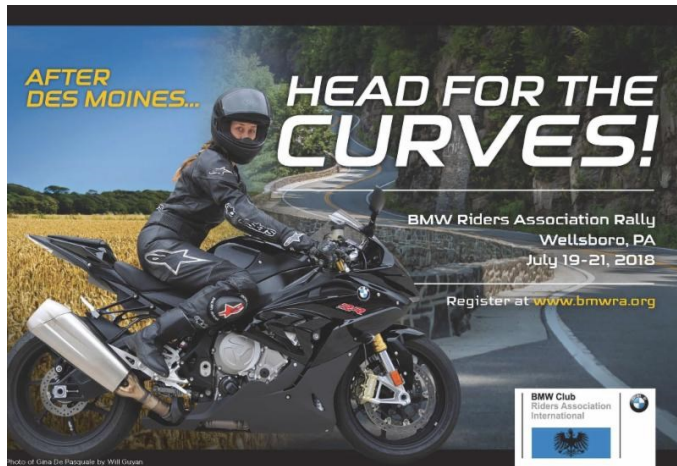
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***The 2018 BMW RA Rally
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Plan on Joining us!



**Members SAVE \$10 on admission!
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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

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.

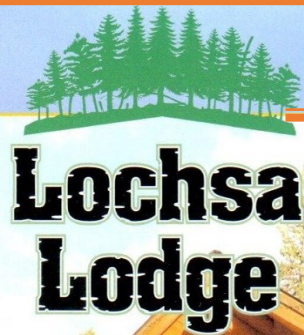
There are one-lane and two-lane paved roads to reservoirs, state parks, picnic areas, rivers, brooks and creeks. Hike wilderness with waterfalls at Ricketts Glenn, find the bridge to nowhere, or go to the covered bridge and country store at Forkston. Rent horses and descend into the Canyon on four legs. 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.

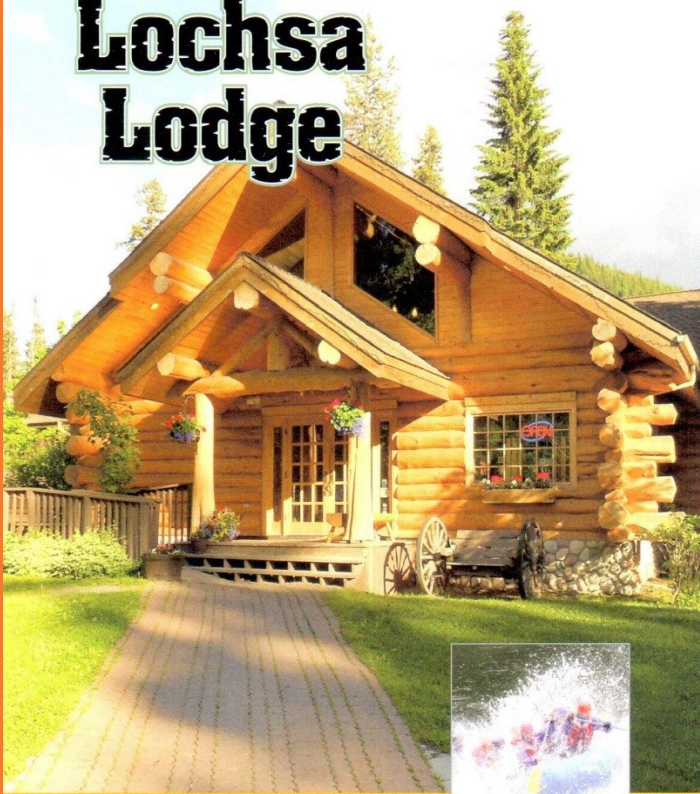
Do not expect to see flat roads, corn fields that go forever, interstates that drone on endlessly, traffic, or bad vibes. Expect only great riding, great people, and a fun rally! There will be plenty of room for you and your friends!

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Lochsa Lodge

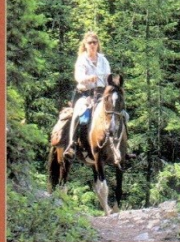
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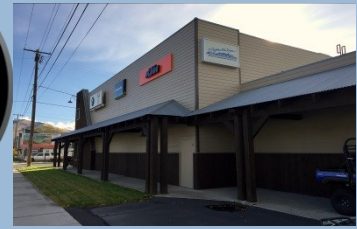


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The usual suspects ...and you'll notice that Kim Lemke has his camera set to date, so he must be doing the P2P competition.



Sure looks like rain and few people decided to go south after lunch.

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PHILIPSBURG PIX



Gordon Phillips and Tony Braunreiter enjoying the comfort food at The Sunshine Station.



The editor and the Prez arrived late...oh well, but they rode.

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TECH DAYS AT THE HUDDY OUTPOST



Annie serving up the lunch chili...yum.



Hands in pockets means you don't know and don't want to get involved.



Always happy to have John Beyrau show up.



Elusive Brian Campbell.



Classic Beemers...still running.



You can never have too many bikes.



Chris taking instruction from Kevin



You coulda cleaned it first!



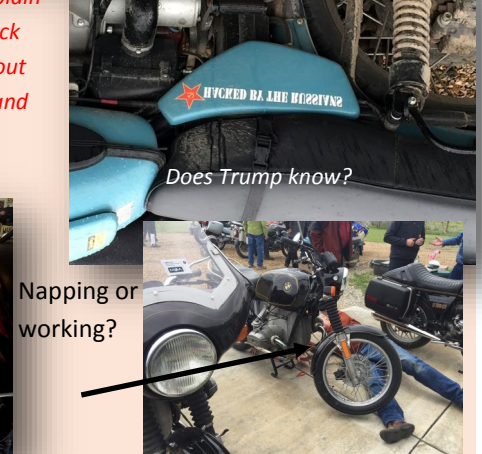
Kevin explaining about beer and such.



"Yup...it's the framenstan."



Mike explaining to Dick Field about angry hand signals.



Does Trump know?

Napping or working?

You mean read the manual?

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YMCA RIVERBANK RUN PICTURES



L-R: Kim Lemke, Carol Graham, Gary Graham, & Jim Iver-son.



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