

# MONTANA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER

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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 26**

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



I was thinking about where we are in the calendar year for motorcycling and found a quote from Henry Rollins that seems to sum up summers and motorcycling in Montana. "No such thing as spare time, no such thing as free time, no such thing as down time. All you got is life time. Go." Today's calendar for motorcycling puts us right where we dream of being during the long winter months. Now is the time to take advantage of this weather, even the hot days to enjoy what we love. So hope the rest of the summer holds lots of opportunities for you to be able to do just that. If you don't, two months from now you'll be saying why didn't I .....?!

July for me held two kinds of rallies. The BMW-MOA rally in Des Moines and an in-law family rally just a few miles away in Ames and NE Iowa. Just prior to that my mom and sister visited us in Missoula for two weeks. There wasn't a lot of motorcycling during any of that time as wife, Caren, and I drove our Honda Odyssey to Iowa.

The MOA rally, like in Salt Lake City, the year prior was very hot! Then add humidity, lots of humidity and the results of the turnout were similar to Salt Lake...lots of riders decided to stay home. Rumor has it the total number attending at Des Moines was 4,000. The Iowa State Fairgrounds in Des Moines was a great venue. The fairgrounds were gargantuan, compared to other venues over the years. The greatest thing was that the vendors and almost hourly seminars were housed in the same building. Going outside like at other fairgrounds was minimized and with the air conditioning cranked up it was very nice! Starting next year, because of the hot

temps in July, MOA has decided to hold their rally in mid-June. Next year it'll be in Lebanon, Tennessee just east of Nashville. That should help with the heat but there may be other weather issues then. As we all know snow in the mountains in June is not unusual.

On to the Montana BMW Riders dual sport mini-rally at the Bend Guard Station in the NW part of Montana.

Chris Keyes will have lots of details in his article in September but let me just say thanks to Chris, our little rally was joyable larger Bend Cabin perfect With having



more than many ones. Guard was a per-venue. the cabin 2 bath-

rooms and sleeping 14, our 11 members had plenty of room. The ride there was either 13 or 31 miles of riding on gravel, depending on whether you came from north or south. But the roads were like some of us like... 'Winnebago roads'; easy to navigate and scenic with nothing to make the ride too exciting. The big adventure was figuring out the roads. The ACM or company road in most cases ran parallel to Forest Road 556. The roads interchanged in and out. It was good to have map and GPS, but luck also figured in to the navigating. J Once there it turns out Chris and son Wyatt are not only great organizers but great cooks. Pasta with Marinara sauce for dinner and eggs and thick slabs of bacon for breakfast. We all thought we'd hire Chris and Wyatt for next year's outings. At the end of the weekend everyone agreed that we have to do this again next year! Thanks and great job, Chris!!

The July ride to Choteau was all highway, and a lot of it, and drew 13 riders. *The Log Cabin Restaurant* gave us

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## MOA CORNER

### Billings Area Get Acquainted Lunch and Copper Mountain

**Attention Eastern MT members:** we are having a MTBMW Riders and BMWMOA get acquainted no host lunch meetings on August 11 and September 8 at the Rib & Chop House, 1849 Majestic Ln, Billings, MT 406-839-9200. We will meet at 1:00 PM to allow the regular lunch crowd to thin out. This will be an informal get-together to measure the support for a monthly lunch meeting and the beginning of an effort to get eastern MT members together more often. Call or text me at 916-919-6770 to RSVP.

I sure enjoyed the monthly lunch in Choteau and meeting more of the group. I combined that with my quest to get a pic of my BMW in front of every county seat courthouse in the state. I have the NW and NE counties to get to and will finish this year.

I am hoping to attend the BMWMOA getaway to be held at the Copper Mountain Resort August 24th to the 26<sup>th</sup>. The address is 509 Copper Rd., Copper Mountain, CO 80443 (888) 760-7561. I sure enjoyed the Grand Targhee getaway. Here are the details:

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#### DETAILS

the summer the mountain forms into an spoiled play-for hikers, tain bikers those seeking ine Colorado ence. Three

waiting during your visit. No matter which way you go, something spectacular is ahead. Independence Pass, Rocky Mountain National Park, the historic town of Leadville and so much more. It is all here for you to explore.

At the end of the day on the bike, pamper yourself with 10% off facials and massages at the Copper Mountain Spa before the evening activities begin. Book your Weekend Getaway now as space is limited and we anticipate this Weekend Getaway will sell out quickly.

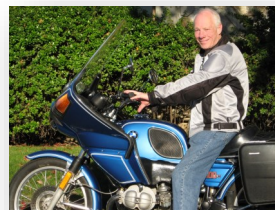
The \$99 event fee includes a Friday night welcome party and dinner with cash bar, Saturday night dinner and awards with cash bar, \$500 worth of door prizes, event t-shirt and a special MOA gift. Getaway event fees are non-refundable. If you must cancel for reasons out of your control, you may receive a credit toward a future MOA event.

Event registration and hotel rooms are reserved separately. The beautiful [COPPER MOUNTAIN RESORT](#) will be the base of operations for all there is to see and do in the area.

Accommodations begin at a special event rate of \$105/night. Follow the link or call the lodge at (866) 837-2996 and mention group code **4015** or BMW MOA 2018 Colorado Getaway for the special rates. Due to the low room rates for this location, the resort will strictly enforce its reservation cancellation policy. Please be aware of the policy when reserving your accommodations as the BMW MOA will not be responsible for cancellation fees charged by the lodge. **THE HOST PROPERTY AND THE MOA MAINTAIN SEPARATE CANCELLATION POLICIES.**

You don't have to be a member to attend. See the BMWMOA website for details and sign up information.

I hope to see you there.



*Tom Moe*

BMWMOA Regional Coordinator

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## **ADVANCED RIDER COURSE Attendee**

By John DiBari

**I** took the Advanced Rider Course (ARC) on July 7<sup>th</sup> in Great Falls, MT. My Rider Coaches were Rick Harerter and Brian Pound (who rides a Suzuki DR650). I took no photos so

you'll just have to take my word for it. There were nine participants in the course, seven of whom rode Harleys, and two of us on Hondas, me on my Africa Twin and another participant on a Honda street bike. The ARC is really all about riding. The "classroom" component to the course is minimal, and there is no written or riding exam. The intent of the course is to encourage riders to be honest about their approach to riding and level of risk-taking (classroom part), as well as to engage in drills that advance riding skills. Due to higher speed activities, the ARC is only offered in Great Falls, Helena, and I believe Billings. The day was full of activities addressing bike handling and cornering, proper riding technique, braking, and safety.

My basic philosophy on riding is to do what I can to stack the odds in my favor – to be safe and successful in whatever riding I choose to undertake. This involves being willing to learn new things, be reminded of things I already (or should) know, practice skills, and receive feedback on how to be more proficient. I have now taken the Basic Rider Courses 1 and 2 and the ARC. All have been valuable. I think my next course in a year's time will be the BRC2, which I found to be the most substantive of the bunch.

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much older than me.



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## CHOTEAU MEETING



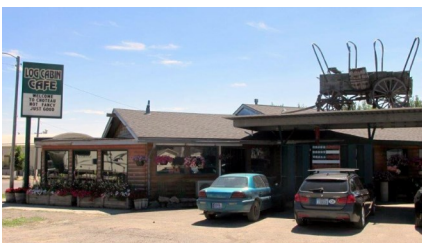
We had ten riders, 11 members and one guest at the Club's July 2018 meeting in Choteau, Montana. Shown above are Carol and Gary Graham, Brian Campbell (back to the camera) Tom Worbel (Cascade), Greg Hintz, Don Duel, Ed Field, Chuck Reaves and a guest. Not shown are Tom Moe (Bozeman), Mike Hofferber (Billings) and Dick French.



Pictures and captions by Dick French



Tom Wrobel, Cascade and Ed Fields, Helena each with very nicely outfitted motorcycles.



And no BMW Riders meeting is complete without the Goldwings of Don Duel and Greg Hintz.



Several of the group took advantage of the outing. Tom Moe worked on his personal goal by visited four Montana County Courthouses on his way to Choteau. Chuck Reaves and the Goldwing boys made a loop around the south end of Glacier Park to add to their yearly mileage.



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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).

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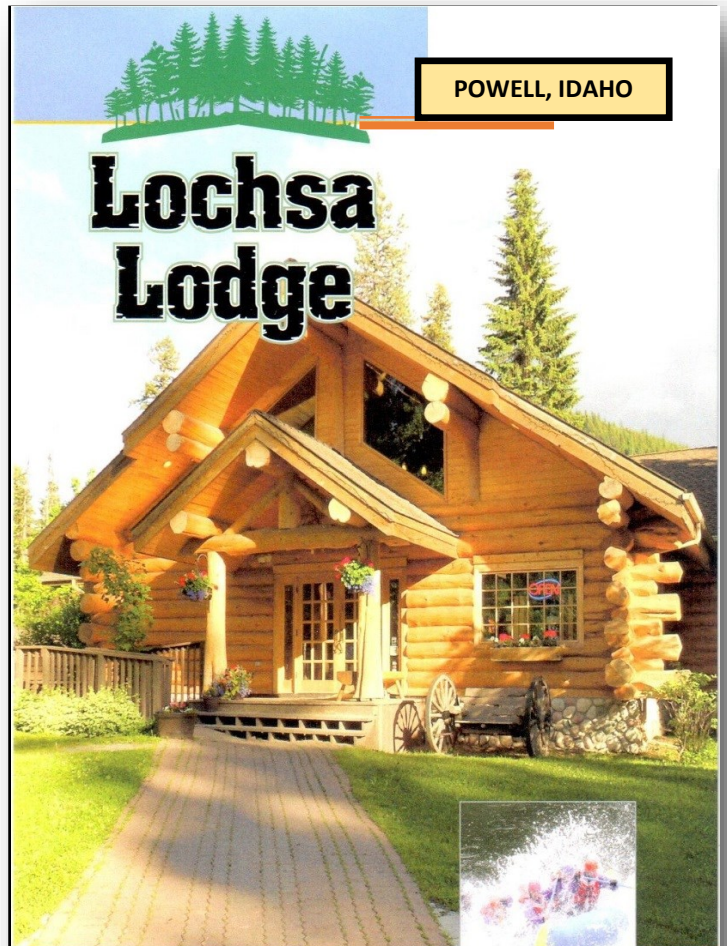
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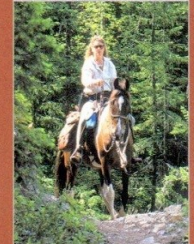
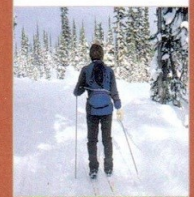
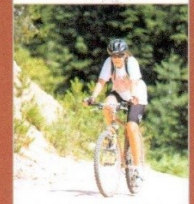


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## 2018 RIDE SCHEDULE

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
<b>Aug</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>Wisdom</b>	<b>The Crossings</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>1 PM</b>
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

**NOTE: The August meeting has been changed to AUGUST 26TH, same time, same place.**



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## ***Park 2 Park***

No new news other than folks are turning in a passel of pictures of Parks visited now that the weather has cooperated.

The t-shirts have arrived and if you let us know whether you want them mailed (postage is extra) or will wait until the Wisdom meeting that will help us. Send us an email about your preferences. The cost is \$21 each. Checks can be made either to Carol or me and sent to either of us at 48 Brookside Way, Missoula, 59802.

*Gary or Carol Graham*

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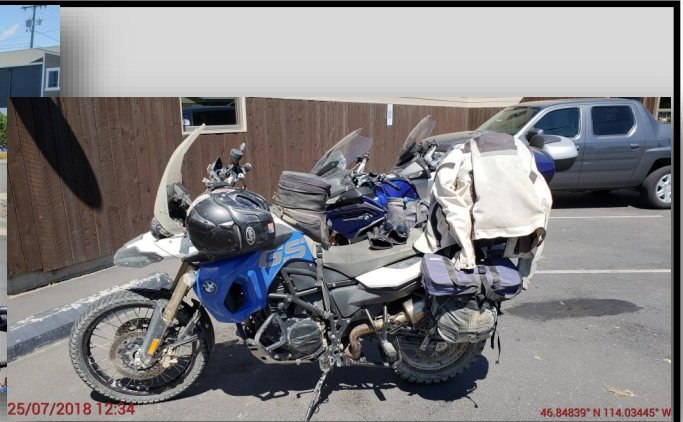
***For all of you who feel that the ideal bike to ride should have a 4-digit cc capacity, consider this:***



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*Submitted By Gary Graham...recently having vacationed near here.*

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**You meet the most interesting people riding motorcycles.** While hanging around Big Sky Motorsports, I met Warren Neville and Ron Hall, both from Kentucky who were riding the Butler Map Backcountry Discovery Route. They had leased two BMW F800GS motorcycles in Utah, where they started their ride. Warren stated that although the route had some challenging sections, they had proceeded without serious incidents. They stopped at Big Sky Motorsports for a new rear sprocket and a clutch adjustments on Ron's bike. Both gave high praise to Big Sky's service, who took them in quickly and got them back on the road.

From the appearance of their motorcycles, it was evident a lot of off-road miles had been covered. Hope to hear from them at the conclusion of their adventure.

*Text and pictures by Dick French*



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Eight Montana BMW Riders club riders made the run to the Lochsa Lodge for a fourth of July breakfast. Weather was clear and brisk, and no road construction. The photo above is the 'gathering' - always wonder whether they are talking about riding or the menu.



As we have noted, no ride is complete without Greg Hintz's Gold Wing, and this time joined by the Africa Twin belonging to Chris Froines.



Sandy Knutsen and Liz Banister, the chase car drivers. Larry Banister, Chris Fronies, Chuck Reaves, Bruce and Kim Campbell, Rich Kuschel and Greg Hintz. Kim rode her Triumph. Now Larry Banister does not feel like the lone ranger on his Triumph.

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This was the line-up preparing to leave the Lochsa with the Roving Reporter's F800GS in the foreground. Chris Froines (Honda), Rich Kuschel, on one of his BMW's and Brian Campbell, on a BMW RT in the background. As you can see, a near perfect day for a ride in the Montana Rockies.

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Our own seating area, provided great service and great food. Those attending were from: Helena...Ed Field R1200RS, from Cascade...Tom Wrobel R1200GS, from Bozeman...regional MOA rep, Tom Moe R1200RTW, from Billings...Mike Hofferber Honda CRV, from Huson...Brian Campbell R1200RT, from Arlee...Don Deuel Honda Goldwing, from Missoula...Greg Hintz Honda Goldwing, Carol & Gary Graham both on F650's, Dick French F800GS, Chuck Reaves R1200GSW. A great turnout considering our last attempt going to Choteau last September when we got snowed out.



Coming up in August...1<sup>st</sup> Saturday breakfast will be at Quinn's Hot Springs on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Time to arrive is at 10:15-10:30 am. If you get there early let them know who we are, they said

they'd put us out on their deck. I say that because some of us are going via Siegel Pass. You never know...Dick French and I ran into trees across the road one time in the summer. If you are going via Siegal Pass meet at the old 9 Mile House Restaurant. 9 Mile exit is just west of Huson. Get off the exit & turn right & go approximately 1 mile to a group of buildings, one, the burned out 9 Mile House Restaurant. We'll meet there and leave soon after at 9:00 am.



Also, the August monthly meeting has been changed so riders can get to either the Beartooth Rendezvous or the BC Beemers Rally in Nakusp. We will meet in Wisdom on Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. Same time 1:00 PM.

Best wishes for a great summer. See our list of local rallies on the website and in the newsletter. I hope you get a chance to get to one of them or to one of those bucket-list locations you've thought about over the years.

Till then, Happy Trails!!

*Chuck Reaves*

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