

MONTANA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER

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Montana BMW Riders



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SUNDAY APRIL 28

1:00 PM

-HOME OF THE NEXT BEST RIDE-

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



What can I say...? The hot topic is that we've turned the corner on Winter and now full speed ahead for Spring and the riding we've been longing for since last November. Hopefully this spring-summer-fall will be as awesome for riding proportionally as the winter's torque was long & strong with snow and cold.

Some shout-outs to fellow members. One, Dick French for taking up the president mantel and being the chaperone for 12-14 rowdy biker types at Double Arrow Lodge for the March meeting. That's the best turnout we've had there in 5-6 years.

Also, big Atta-boy to Chris Froines for his presentation on navigation. Great presentation. Chris additional video of his adventure rides specifically the *Best of Montana* back roads, brought back memories from the off-road class Larry Banister, Dick French, Mike Wright and I took two summers ago. Chris' video, like the class we took showed us nimrods two things...we learned how to ride better and safer in back country adventure riding. And we learned about situations we never wanted to get into...so one of the big memories was.... learning when to not go any further.

Hey — other shout-outs to Jim Krausch for his great presentation in March on securing those wonderful places worldwide to ride and Gail Leonard and Andy Main of Big Sky Motorsports for their time and efforts to teach us more about best wrenching techniques and correct helmet fitting.

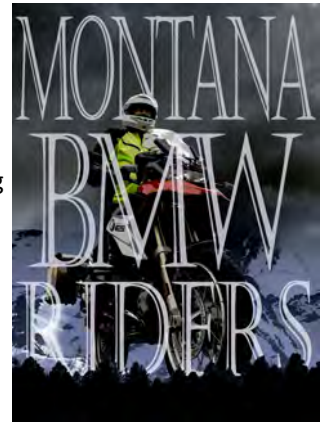
So, with all this knowledge in combination with warmer temps and bare and dry roads, we are now ready to take on the world... or at least the roads of western Montana. Time to get that planning finished, preemptive wrenching done, new FARKLEs installed and schedules set. Even time to get those tank bags loaded up and ready. Which reminds me to remind you...what are the 5 most important things you carry in your tank bag. Send that in to me and we'll publish the results in the May newsletter. So far, I've only gotten about 4 members recommendations. At the May meeting we'll draw something nice for one at-large member who has sent something in. Send to reavesmt@msn.com or 406-240-1771.

The **Saturday** breakfast schedule:

- Missoula — Montana Club **2620 Brooks Street** will be April 6th at 9: 00 AM
- Helena — Perkins Restaurant & Bakery, 1803 Cedar Street, Helena. Look for more details from Kevin Huddy
- Kalispell - Montana Club on April 20th at 9:00 AM

April's monthly meeting will be at one of our most popular locations - **Lincoln, Montana**. We'll meet at Lambkins at 1:00 PM on Sunday, April 28th. This is a week later because of Easter, which should make the odds for good weather riding even better.

Additionally, looking for volunteers to ride in the YMCA Riverbank Run which is Saturday April 27th. This event is always a lot of fun. Starting the morning out, yours truly buys breakfast at another Missoula classic festivity; the annual *Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast* which is the same morning as the Riverbank Run. The job involves (by motorcycle) leading a lot of fun-loving runners over the Higgins Street Bridge and through the University of Montana Campus a couple of times. Quite fun and we're done by noon. EZ-PEZE. Let me hear from you if you can make it.



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In April, I'm hoping to get one more educational get-together scheduled. It would be a repeat of an earlier, well-received presentation, by a nurse and certified back country medicine professional. The topic would be 'What to do if an accident happens'. Stay tuned.

The very artistic logo shown in this month's newsletter is the work of Vice President Ed Field. This will be the logo for the club T-shirt this year. Ed's now looking into the material for a quality t-shirt, companies to go with, and cost to produce. We'll have these offered as soon as the details are finished.

Another reminder. We'll be having an election a little later in the year. We need members interested in keeping the club moving in a positive direction down the road. We have a lot of great members with a lot of cumulative experience in all phases of motorcycling. Additionally, there is already an established group of members involved and currently helping with different jobs within the club (see the list on page 20).

Corny as it may sound, it's the old "Many hands make light work". But we do need club officers that will oversee the organization to literally keep things organized. I hope you will consider putting your name in as a club officer for 2020. I'm happy to help anyone that is interested in getting up to speed in their first year but know my last day will be December 31st, 2019. I'm saying this now because I know you'll all be too busy riding, to remember that, from this point on. And on that note, I say "Happy Trails" to you all! Hope to see you in Lincoln. Bring a friend.

Chuck

Place2Place - Gary Graham

Did you ever catch yourself wondering how to escape from the Troy Jail? Or what Clubfoot George's foot actually looked like? Or are there really 1000 Buddhas in the garden of that name? Now is your chance to find answers to those questions and others you haven't thought about. Place2Place officially starts on April Fool's Day so get signed up -- it is free and easy -- so you can start racking up the visits although any submissions made on that very day will be carefully scrutinized. We already have 9 riders signed up. Just email Gary at gandcgraham@gmail.com and join the fun. See you on the road!



Photo by Richard Bauer—Troy Montana Uploaded by Maicpiano

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BMWMOA CORNER

Tom Moe - BMWMOA Regional Coordinator



For the May newsletter we plan to have organized a few Bozeman area meetings and rides. I hope you find the following information from the BMWMOA Website helpful.

PAUL B. SCHOLARSHIPS

The Paul B. Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 2011 to honor the memory of Paul Bachorz. Paul was an avid BMW motorcyclist with a big heart and a love for the BMW riding community. He was an active member of the BMW MOA and a regular contributor to the BMW Owners News as editor of the "Touring Tips" column. Paul was also a member of his local chapter, the BMW Motorcycle Owners of Vermont who generously provided the seed money to establish a scholarship fund in his memory. The MOA Foundation has continued to fund the scholarship program on an annual basis to further our mission supporting rider safety, education and training.



The purpose of the Paul B. Scholarship is to award grants to individuals in the motorcycle riding community to assist them in pursuing rider education and training opportunities. The Foundation will award grants of up to \$250 for MOA members, or up to \$100 for non-members (neither amount

to exceed the actual cost of the training), towards the cost of participation in an approved training course. A committee comprised of 3 Foundation Board members will review all requests submitted and exercise broad discretion in approving training proposals.

Individuals interested in receiving a scholarship should complete the submission form below or download the pdf version and submit via email to PAULB@BMWMOAF.ORG. Requests must be submitted at least 30 days prior to the registration deadline for the training course selected and should contain a description of the training including the training provider, cost, location, and dates of the training. In no case will grants be approved for scholarship requests submitted after a training or rider education program has been completed. You can expect to be contacted by the Foundation within 10 days of submitting your scholarship request. Grants are limited to individuals and one grant per applicant annually.

Thanks, Paul B. Your friends and fellow BMW riders continue to be touched by your generosity.

Ride safe, keep the rubber side down.

Tom Moe

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Apply for a \$250 Paul B. Scholarship to attend the rider training of your choice. Complete the web form (available on the website) or [DOWNLOAD THE APPLICATION](#), from the website complete and forward via email to PAULB@BMWMOAF.ORG.

Paul B. photo by Mitch Group.

BILLINGS CENTRIC RIDES 2019

Save these dates for the Billings Centric Rides:

We will meet in the COSTCO Parking lot, 2290 King Avenue West, Billings, Montana. There is a restaurant (Rendezvous) at the north end of the lot for those who want breakfast. Clutches out at 9 a.m.

Your ride leaders will be Mike Hofferber and Tom Moe.

June 15

- Billings to Red Lodge
- Red Lodge to Roscoe (lunch at the Grizzly Bar)
- Roscoe to Columbus
- Columbus to Billings on the back roads
- This trip takes about 5 or 6 hours

July 13

- Billings to Dayton, Wyoming
- Dayton west up the Bighorn Mountains to Burgess Junction
- Burgess to Greybull—really nice twisty mountain pass
- Lunch in Greybull
- Greybull to Billings

This is a full day ride.

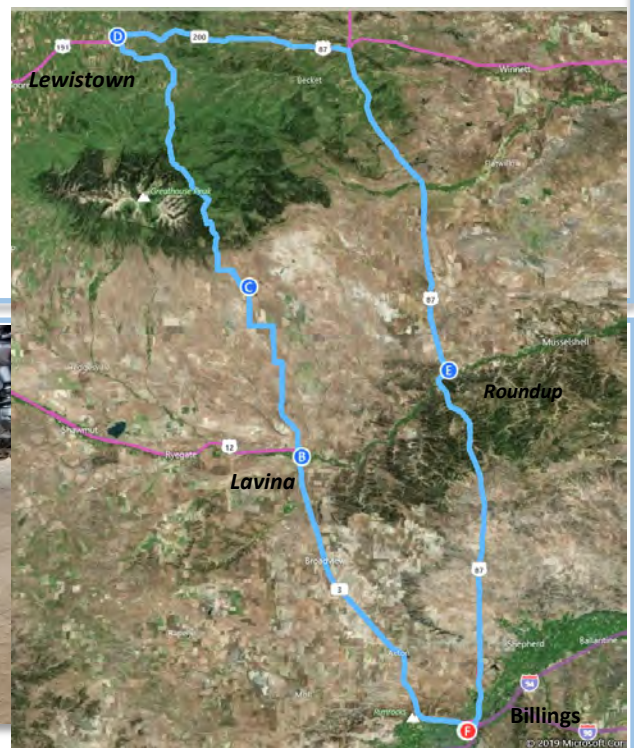
August 10

- Billings to Red Lodge
- Red Lodge south up to the Beartooth highway
- Beartooth highway to the intersection of Chief Joseph Highway
- Chief Joseph highway to Cody
- Lunch in Cody
- Cody to Billings

This is a full day, one of the best rides in the country.

September 21

- Billings to Lavina (42 paved miles)
- Lavina to Lewistown (via East Redhill road) 67 miles of good gravel
- Lewistown to Billings (through Roundup) 135 paved miles
- A great lunch at Central Feeding Grilling. Trip takes three-quarters of a day.



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Editor's Corner



I took Larry Banister's and Ken Conrad's article in the March issue on motorcycle safety training to heart and registered for the Advanced Rider Course in Missoula on June 1, 2019. I hope to see some of my fellow riders who have not taken the ARC on the practice field with me.

When Dave McCormack retired as the Newsletter Editor, he suggested the inclusion of a three-wheelers corner in the newsletter. Dave, as most of you know, rides a spotless Can Am Spyder, and quite rapidly I might add. Ken Conrad (East Helena), an active and long time rider and club member, has reached one of those forks on the road of life and has chosen the ride less ridden, a Ural. This month's issue includes a Three-Wheeler Corner with contributions from Ken and from the photo archives of the Huddy's 2017 Tech Session. I think you will find it interesting.

Dave has also contributed an article reflecting his thoughts on transitioning from two wheels to three, and maybe back again.

This issue has a new section where members can simply drop a photo and perhaps a short note on a particular ride they would like to share with Newsletter readers. Don Deuel (Arlee), Greg Hintz (Missoula) and Chris Froines (Missoula) have contributed to this new section, via way of Facebook, as well as Mike Meredith (Helena).

Technical Center - GPS

Presented by Chris Froines

The Rider Profile of Chris Froines in the January issue, provided us a glimpse of his use of a global positioning application (GPS) to navigate his way along backcountry roads. Chris gave a presentation on the equipment he uses and the application for Club members. When fully loaded to travel, his device luggage has a iPad-Mini, storage battery for charging devices, a quadcopter with camera and the associated joy stick to fly the machine. His basic program is from GAIA GPS, a download available at any of the 'stores' associated with a commercial mobile device, as well as for desk top computers. The quadcopter with camera is also an off-the-shelf item available at just about any retail store dealing in multi-media equipment.

Chris found that planning a route was more efficient using a GAIA GPS application on a desk top computer that has a software platform compatible with the iPad Mini. The iPad-Mini is his onboard navigational device, and seems to be quite durable.

Chris shared some of his adventures on the monitor at the back of the room shown in the nearby photo. The featured 'film' was a 2016 The Best of Montana 1000 Adventure Ride (this can be found on the web) with "Adventure" being the operative word.

Chris has recorded many of his backcountry rides and loaded them on his YouTube account. Simply go to YouTube and search for "Chris Froines" to find 51 videos with some fantastic views of the Rocky Mountain west.

Dick French



From the left, Tony Braunreiter, Kim Smolt, John Scibek, Chris Froines, Bill Clark, Steve Inabnit, Chuck Reaves, Larry Banister, Jim Krausch and Lynden Clark. Steve and Lynden are frequent companions with Chris on adventure rides.

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Ambassador's Corner—Annie and Kevin Huddy

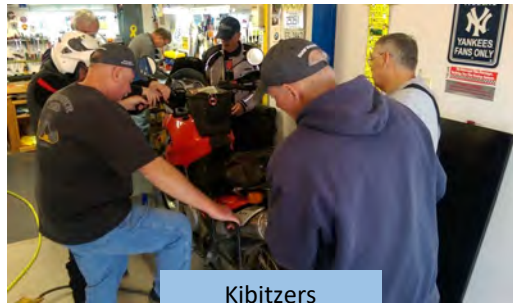


Greetings from the Outpost!

Annie here this month. Today in the mail I received a magnet with the saying:

“PROCEED AS IF SUCCESS IS INEVITABLE”.

My game plan for the coming riding season, should Spring or Summer ever get here in Montana, will be aligned with this saying. I am proceeding with maps, books, and internet information to check out the categories listed in the Place2Place contest. Not only am I learning some more Montana history, but it is also helping to pass the time waiting on the SNOW to melt.



Kibitzers

I am also planning the menu for the Tech Day here in May. Friday night supper, Saturday morning breakfast, Saturday coffee break (fresh cinnamon rolls for sure), Saturday lunch is always weather dependent: cold weather we have had elk chili, or hot soup and warm honey cornbread (my neighbor has bees!) and if warmer weather, make your own sub sandwiches, Saturday supper is a BBQ with all the fixins’.



Cook and Hostess



Dinners

Sunday, a continental breakfast, then we are on the road to Phillipsburg for the May Montana BMW Riders meeting.

Some members come to work on bikes, some members come to kibitz and watch bikes being worked on, and some members just come to eat! So plan on coming, proceed to put it on your calendar. I don't believe anyone left hungry. Just ask the 50 people who came last year from as far away as Denver and Salt Lake and as close as a few miles down the road and Missoula. Success is inevitable when we all get together over good food and camaraderie.

And those **Place2Place** rides.....:} yup they are inevitable too!

And as always; *RIDE SAFE!!!*

Annie

Tech Days—2017



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Rider Profile – Carol and Gary Graham

We have several club members who, in an emotional sense are a single entity but are really two units, or riders. Carol and Gary Graham fit this perception and are nominally referred to as “The Grahams”. They, as some others in the Club started their riding career in mid-life when retirement started to look like it might be a reality and the children reached adulthood. In the case of the Grahams, who had no previous incentive or involvement in motorcycling, other than to forbid their teenage children to have a motorcycle, the 1998 BMW MOA Rally in Missoula started their motorcycling career. Inspired by the beauty of an ice blue R1100RT, they signed up the following weekend for a Motorcycle Safety Foundation beginning riding course. The going-in plan was one motorcycle, with Carol riding pillion.



The week after the MSF class, Gary became the proud owner 1990 BMW K75 from Big Sky Motor Sports, owned by Rich Gates at the time. The K75 is now in their son’s garage in Portland with less than 30,000 miles on the odometer.

After several attempts (early morning rides in the Rattlesnake area) to master the K75, Carol was destined to have her own ride. She purchased a Yamaha Radian from Mike Tingley Suzuki Yamaha in Missoula.

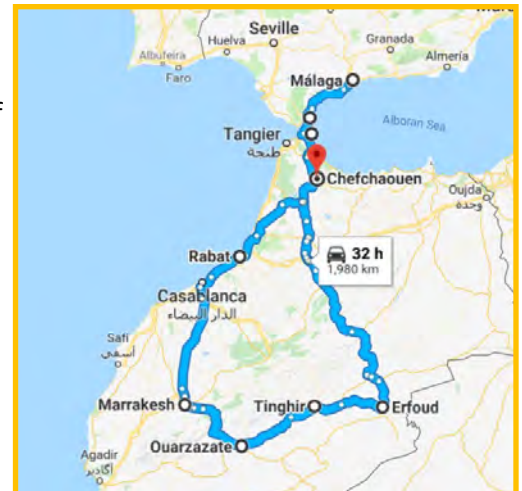


Triumph TR4

It did not take long for them to find their passion for motorcycling. Rides became longer, and further from their home base of Missoula. After their first long ride adventure in 1999 to the San Juan Islands on the K75 and the Radian, the lakes and provincial parks in the Kootenay and Okanagan valleys in British Columbia provided new adventures. In

November 2000 a red Triumph Legend was a new ride for Carol matching the 1966 red Triumph TR4A sports car they have had since they married in 1967. Their frontier expanded as rides to the National Parks throughout the southwest United States, California and the Bay Area were added to their destinations. In 2002 Gary purchased a BMW R1100R. Not to be left out, Carol got her own R1100R in 2003.

By this time they were ready to venture further afield and they signed up for an Edelweiss Motorcycle guided tour of Morocco in North Africa in the fall of 2003. They laugh now about when the tour mobilized in Spain, the guide took them for a ‘shake-down’ ride into Gibraltar to see if two ‘mature’ people were up to the rigors of the planned ride. Both passed the test in the pouring rain with Gary on a R1200R and Carol on a F650GS. They soon found that guided tours did not allow them to follow their curiosity and adventurous spirit to experience the culture. Consequently, they convinced the tour guide to allow them to independently venture off into Marrakesh on their own, a trait that seems to have become their trademark. Following this tour, they each purchased a 2003 F650GS.



This was the first of several overseas adventures they feel very fortunate to have been able to take. Skip Mascorro of Moto Discovery out of San Antonio and his partner Kazim Uzungoglu in Istanbul have put together most of the tours they have joined. In 2005 they traveled for 28 days in Turkey following a counter-clockwise route that took them to Gallipoli, along the Aegean Sea and the borders of Syria, Iraq, Iran, Armenia and Georgia. Along the way they explored the remains of the early Greek and Roman conquerors and the architectural glories of the Ottoman Empire. Gary tried out an R1200GS on this trip. It was on this trip that they learned to find their way around without a GPS – have a local (or on one occasion, a small child) hop on the back and tap your shoulder at turns, hire and follow a taxi or have a kid on a moped guide you to your destination.

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2006 found them back in Istanbul ready to fly to Van in eastern Turkey near the border of Iran. From here they started an 18-day tour of Iran. The Grahams considered this tour to be the most memorable trip they have ever taken. They marveled at the ancient Persian capitol of Persepolis, enjoyed the beauty of Esfahan and Yazd, the splendor of Mount Ararat, the ride over the



high mountain passes of the Alborz and Zagros mountains. Most of all they enjoyed their many encounters with the Iranian people. This was the third majority Muslim country they had visited. Everywhere they went they were greeted with kindness, enthusiastic curiosity and welcoming hospitality. Their Istanbul guide called this “Truth through Travel”.



Carol with Mount Ararat in the background

BMW Istanbul provided the bikes for these tours and is the largest, most comprehensive dealership the Grahams have ever seen; all the latest cars, motorcycles and gear along with a riding circuit and cafe. In 2008 and again in 2014 they returned to Istanbul for trips around the Black Sea and across the Southern Caucasus, along the way observing the transformation of the former Soviet block countries of Bulgaria, Romania, Moldova, Ukraine and the Crimea and Russia. The ride from the Black Sea to the Caspian took them through Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan and back to Turkey.

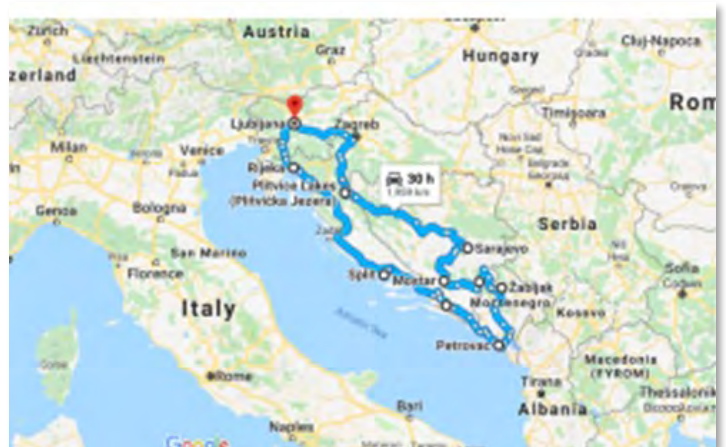
There was a six-week independent tour of Mexico in 2006 with three good friends, and a return visit for just the two of them in 2010 riding their trusty 2003 F650GS bikes and a 2014 ride down the Baja to kayak on the Sea of Cortez. A 2007 ten-week ride on



Polish biker encounter. “It’s not too late!”

the R1100Rs from Missoula to Nova Scotia taught them that a clutch will fail when you are at your furthest distance from a BMW mechanic.

They rode through the Balkans in 2009 with Adriatic Motor Tours from Ljubljana, Slovenia through Bosnia and Croatia to Montenegro and back up the Adriatic Coast followed by ten days of independent travel around Slovenia on bikes rented from the same company. They rented bikes again from Adriatic Motor Tours for an independent tour through Austria, Hungary, Poland, and the Czech and Slovak republics. A fellow biker they encountered in a café in Poland seemed a bit surprised to find two old fogies' who rode. He asked to take their picture so that he could send it to his parents, “To tell them it’s not too late!”



Along the way, they’ve negotiated the setbacks of a lost passport, lost wallet, and lost camera. They’ve paid bribes and “fees” and had abuse heaped upon them when they declined to cough up the cash in Russia and the Ukraine. When Gary refused to cooperate with the Azerbaijan police request for “fines”, they were rescued by a gang of bikers from Baku.

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Gary with bikers from Baku, Azerbaijan who rescued him from the local police. Skip and Nancy Mascorro of Moto Discovery also in photo.

They have been lost, suffered breakdowns, injuries, and flat tires and, perhaps, ridden beyond their respective skill levels on more than one occasion. Most of all they have been blessed by the kindness of strangers who never laughed at their mangled attempts at foreign languages and were always willing to help. Gary has been a true BMW owner, from the first one, the K75, then an R1100R, an F650GS and now his faithful 2009 F650GS twin (that is actually an 800 – only BMW knows why!) that we see at many events with Carol's matching 2009 F650GS.

No word on the next adventure tour, but I'm sure there will be some in the future. Having over 150,000 miles behind them seems like a good reason to put more on the odometer; most likely riding "Place 2 Place" in this summer's competition.



The little fellow behind Gary is actually a local 'GPS' guiding them to their hotel destination.

Dick French as contributed by Carol and Gary Graham

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MILEAGE CORNER

Mileage Contest — 2019



Larry Banister

Ta Da!!!! According to the recap of high mileage finishers in the latest issue of the BMWMOA magazine, our very own Annie Huddy is listed in the top 25 female finisher and counting down into the list, she finished 11th nationwide!!! Way to go Ambassador Huddy! Not only that, we had 9 intrepid Montana BMW riders enter and complete the national contest.

Way to go. (I'd have participated, but unfortunately they don't consider those of us riding Triumphs as citizens of BMW!!)

Now about this coming riding season - it seems like an oxymoron, writing an article about this season's mileage contest when there is a couple of feet of snow on the ground and the wind chill is hovering at minus 15 degrees!! However, entertaining myself by reading the new March issue of the BMWMOA magazine, I find the mileage contest forms include, so it seems like a good time to put out the information. That, in conjunction with the article in our most recent newsletter concerning the Place2Place contest for the coming riding season, it seems like a natural fit.

This year's Montana BMW Riders mileage contest will parallel the dates for the national contest, April 1, 2019 through October 31, 2019. In order to participate in our local 2019 mileage contest, here are the rules:

- 1) You must be a paid up member of the Montana BMW Riders.
- 2) You must submit your entry **in writing** stating your name, address, email address and the year, make, model and beginning mileage of each bike. Entries can be via email or snail mail. Entries can be sent to my email at: beemermt@msn.com or to my address: 102 Ironwood Place, Missoula, MT 59803. If you choose to use the BMWMOA form, you can just send me a copy.
- 3) Each bike you intend to include in your total riding miles this year must be included. (Make of the bike can be anything). If you buy a new (or new to you bike) once the contest has started and you've already entered, you can send the information on the new/new to you bike (year, make, model and beginning mileage as of the date of purchase).
- 4) **Beginning entries must be received prior to 30 April to be considered "official"**. Entries received after that date will not be included (except as allowed under #3).

We had excellent participation last year and I'm looking forward to another banner year. With the growth in our club, we should have more folks riding and with the great "Place2Place" contest running, there should be lots of fun opportunities. I am looking forward to hearing from all you all this month!

Larry Banister

**Mileage Contest Coordinator
Montana BMW Riders**



Photo: Courtesy Kim Lemke

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Three Wheelin' Meanderings

By D. McCormack

Snow is melting in my driveway and it's likely that I'll be able to take the Spyder down the road some time in April. Fresh oil, filters, and tires (3) in November were added before "Vader" was pickled at the end of the riding season. He was hand washed and waxed, and all bags and cases were checked for rot, smells and unneeded gear for tootling around town in spring. The battery has been on the tickle charger. For now, just getting to Lochsa Lodge for breakfast would be a great ride.



Over the course of the winter (Gads! I've never shoveled and plowed snow as much this year since we moved here 16 years ago), I met with some fellow riders over breakfast. We spent some of that time dreaming and planning for 'Riding Season 2019'. In those chats, I mentioned how much I still miss riding on two wheels. An encouraging lot, these fellows, got me dreaming of what I would do if went back to two wheels. I mentioned my gut level fear of falling off again (you may recall I had two get offs whilst in my 70's with long recoveries). As encouraging as they were, I began to think about what my possible fears would do if I tried to get on a 2-wheeler. The boys suggested a few light weight, easily handled and cheap test vehicles... like the Yamaha TW200. If I rode scared, that would be the end of my dreaming about 2-wheel riding. So, off I went to my favorite dealer who said, "Sure, as soon as it's dry and we're selling motorcycles again, you can take one of these lightweights out for a day". So that's my plan. See what happens.

Like all of you who love to ride, I mentally minimize the vulnerabilities I take on when riding. If you've never had an accident you are happily and blissfully unaware of the dangers, only because to worry is to be a crappy rider. Oh, you know about the dangers intellectually but again, put them down in the mental pigeon holes where they belong. That's what it'll take for me to go back to 2 wheels...blissful ignorance and major bravado about how good I am as a rider.

Yamaha Niken



So, you ask, is this column about three wheelin' or not. It is... because the decision to go to 3 wheels is really the toughest decision. Once you've made it, for whatever reason...safety, spouse, physical capability, one or all of the above, the vehicle to do it on is an easier decision. Some of that decision will be purely financial...are you willing to spend \$ 30,000+ for a Trike, conversion or Spyder... or are you limited by budget to a lesser versions of a 3-wheeler (like the Ryker, Niken or Piaggio). The other decisions are about style of riding, looks, available service, engineering, and personal fit. What kind of riding is a decision point...scooters are basically

no good for the long haul nor really are the sidecar rigs. Eighty mph freeways are the bane of bikes that effectively top out at 65 mph. For now, there is no 3-wheeler capable of true dual sport riding, except the Ural, which can shift into 2 wheel drive and reverse but is only comfortable at slow speeds.



Spyder



You have to ask yourself, why am I considering a 3-wheeler? Is it because I have a physical issue that makes it impossible to keep riding 2 wheels? Is it like my case, where a couple of accidents have threatened my comfort on 2 wheels, or is it pressure from outside, like family to be more aware of the issues that develop as you get past Medicare qualification, or are you simply bored with having to put your foot down at stoplights?

I believe two up front is considered the best approach to 3-wheeling. It's a more stable platform, engineered from the ground up as a 3-wheeler and less likely to roll over if a mistake is made, like going into a corner too fast versus Trikes which have tendency to lift a rear wheel in the corners and be incredibly difficult to steer. Not to minimize the trike...it's been around since cops used them to give out parking tickets in big towns back in the 30's.



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In previous columns I've basically said there are about 5 different ways to go with choosing a three wheeler: Trike (2 out back with one motorcycle tire up front), Spyder (two up front with car tires all round), a side car rig (motorcycle with a sidecar bolted to it... ala the Ural), a motorcycle with two up front that actually lean (ala Yamaha Niken or Piaggio M400), and head stumpers like the Polaris Slingshot (two tires up front, a bench seat and steering wheel). However, in most all cases, the riding sensation you've had on two wheels **will not be duplicated** on any 3-wheeler. So, get over it and accept that 3-wheelin' is way different and requires a physical and mental adjustment. In some ways the fun factor is different too, even more sedate for some. To my knowledge, only the Niken and Piaggio closely replicate the feeling of motorcycling... they lean, like a motorcycle. But they are compromised as two wheelers. Soon as it's dry and I can find a Niken at a dealer who'll let me test drive one, I'll have a few notes to share. The Piaggio is a scooter. Nuff said.



My plan is to check out my fears and if they remain on the two wheeled variety, I'll stick with the Spyder and spend some cash on it in upgrades. If fears go where they belong, I have a list of acceptable 2 wheeled vehicles that I'll test ride this coming season. My specifications will be tough though... I want all the features that are in the Spyder (paddle shifter, heated grips, cruise control, ABS, Stability Control, and a low seat height, all for under \$10,000). Put smiley face here.

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Otherwise, I'll resurrect the list of 2-wheel possibilities and see you on the road.

Dave McCormack

Montana BMW Riders Monthly Meeting — Double Arrow Lodge — Seely Lake, Montana

Fourteen members and guests arrived under relative sunny skies and warming weather at the Double Arrow for the March Club meeting. Lots of discussion of the 'must-do' rides in the coming season, Place2Place and the Mileage Contest. Historian and past President, Kim Lemke implored us to participate in the BMW MOA annual mileage contest. Montana had nine finishers last year, with Annie Huddy topping the list.



Starting in the lower left, Mike and Karem Mosley, Dick French, Sandy Knutsen, Karen and Lynn Springer all from Missoula. Brian Campbell (Huson), Kim Lemke, Kathryn Kuebler, Larry and Liz Banister. Shown in the inset, Fred and Susan Reed (Missoula).



Double Arrow Great Room—Inviting Fireplace

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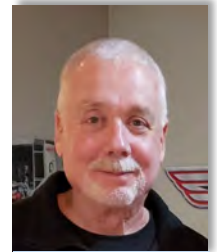
Three-Wheelers Corner

As contributed by Ken Conrad and Kevin Huddy



Ken Conrad

Readers who are considering a 'three-on-the-ground' mode of riding, or just curious, may want to consider the United Sidecar Association National Rally in Coeur D'Alene, Idaho on July 25th - 28th. Information can be found at: www.sidecar.com/rally.asp, or simply search the web for United Sidecar Association. This will be an opportunity to learn about the versatility and the pure fun of a sidecar, especially Urals (Ken may be a wee bit bi-ased) on the two track and forest service roads, and in the snow (Montana winters). Ken reports it is fun to ride a motorcycle in the snow.... and not fall down. He has also given some consideration to conducting a sidecar safety course along the lines of the Motorcycle Safety Foundation's basic riding course. Currently the number



Kevin Huddy

of potential participants would not support a formal course, however if the number of riders grow, it is definitely an event that should be considered. **BMWMOA Ambassador Kevin Huddy** recently purchased a 2018 Ural Gear-Up two wheel drive joining the three-wheel ranks.



Ken Conrad's 2014 Ural Gear-Up with Alastair MacLean's (Lethbridge, Alberta) 2009 BMW R1200GS. Alastair's sidecar incorporated an electric trim as well as an electric winch located on the sidecar frame. No word on whether or not the sidecar was heated.



Researching the archives revealed a series of sidecars at the 2017 Huddy's Tech Session, as shown in the nearby photos.



This sidecar, also at the Huddy's Tech Session, may be of undetermined heritage, but an example of ingenuity, imagination and determination. If only it could talk.



The electric winch is visible in this photo.



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Riders' Corner - Contributions by Don Deuel, Greg Hintz, Mike Meredith, Chris Froines and Lynden Clark

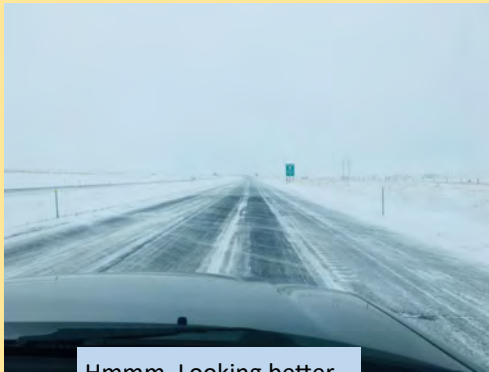
Club members Don Deuel (Arlee) and Greg Hintz (Missoula), are recognized as "Long" distance riders. This year, as in the past, they loaded their Honda's into a trailer and headed south, parking the trailer and unloading the bikes at one of the first warm spots they encounter. Via the world-wide distribution of Facebook, they are sharing some of this ride.



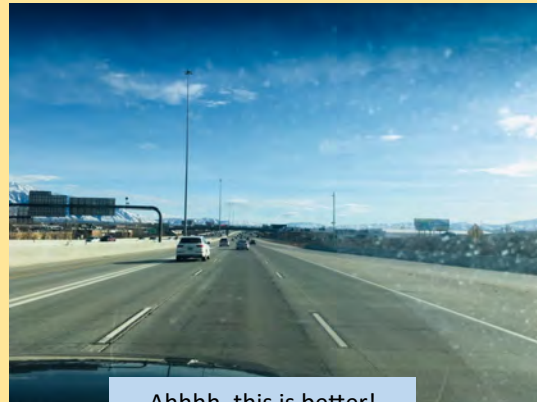
We are out-of-here, LAS VEGAS here we come!!



Are you sure this road is headed south?



Hmmm. Looking better.



Ahhhh, this is better!



Apparently this was the scene that greeted Don and Greg when they arrived in Las Vegas, a rare snow storm the week before a NASCAR race at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway. No word on whether or not they attended the race. They did post the Route 66 photo as evidence they did head east, in the sunshine.



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Riders' Corner (Continued)



A little spring baseball



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Don and Greg added another Iron Butt Rally to their credit.



Mike Meredith (Helena) made a first ride of the season to Great Falls on March 23 in 59 degree weather. Mike's F800ST, but no photos of Mike.

Don Dueul taking in some historic sights on the east coast, and sunshine.



A little sunshine, clear (and occasionally wet) roads were all that Chris Froines (Missoula) and Lynden Clark (Florence) needed to make a run to Ovando on March 23 for their first ride of the season.



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2019 Ride Schedule (Revised 3/1/19)

Month	Date	City	Place	Sat/Sun	Time
✓Jan	19	Lakeside	Tamarack Brewery	Sat	1:00 PM
✓Feb	16	Fairmont	Fairmont Hot Springs	Sat	1:00 PM
✓Mar	16	Seeley Lake	Double Arrow Lodge	Sat	1:00 PM
Apr	28	Lincoln	Lambkins	Sun	1:00 PM
May	18-19	Helena	Huddy Outpost	Sat	1:00 PM
May	19	Philipsburg	Sunshine Station	Sun	1:00 PM
Jun	22	Big Fork	Echo Lake Cafe	Sat	1:00 PM
Jun	27	Gold Creek	Dinner Bell	Thu	6:00 PM
July	19-20	Monarch Area	TBD	Fri/Sat/ Sun	TBD
July	21	Monarch	TBD	Sun	1:00 PM
Aug	17	Big Hole	Off Road Ride	Sat	TBD
Aug	18	Wisdom	The Crossings	Sun	1:00 PM
Sep	14	Ennis	Sportsman's Lodge	Sat	1:00 PM
Oct	20	Ovando	Trixi's Antler Saloon	Sun	1:00 PM
Nov	17	Avon	Avon Cafe	Sun	1:00 PM
Dec	7	Missoula	Big Sky Motorsports	Sat	5:30-8:30 PM

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March 1st Saturday Breakfast, Press Box Sports Bar - Missoula, Montana

A few riders and guests took shelter at the Press Box Sports Bar March 2, 2019 for a First Saturday Breakfast, to lament the unreliable weather forecast of that famous ground hog, Punxsutawney Phil. Also, reminisce about days past.



Starting from the left, John DiBari and John Wing, both from Missoula, Mick Baughman (Florence) and John Schibek (Missoula).



From the left, Mike Wright—Club Web Master (Missoula), Lynden and LeAnn Clark (Florence) and Chris Froines (Missoula).



Gary Graham (Missoula), Brian Campbell (Huson), Carol Graham and Sandy Knutsen, both from Missoula. Additionally Jim Krausch, Larry Banister and Chuck Reaves, all from Missoula were in attendance.



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ADDITIONAL RIDE EVENTS—2019

April 27 — YMCA Riverbank Run—Missoula, Montana

May 12-17 — GPS Tour of the Northwest—Vancouver Island, British Columbia (<http://www.soundrider.com/stour/roadtrip>)

June 11-15 — Sasquatch Dual Sport and GPS Adventure Tour Cascade Mountains of Oregon

June 27-30 — Chief Joseph Rally—John Day, Oregon

June 13-15 — BMW MOA Rally—Lebanon, Tennessee

June 27-30 — Touratech Rally West—Plain, Washington

July 18-21 — Top of the Rockies Rally—Paonia, Colorado

July 19-20 — Montana BMW Riders GS Weekend Ride

July 18-21 — Cascade County Rendezvous — Republic, Washington

July 22-26 — Sasquatch Dual Sport Ride (http://www.soundrider.com/dsport/rides/sasquatch_dualsport.aspx)

July 25-27 — Gold Wing Riders Association Rally—Dillion, Montana

July 31—August 13 — Sturgis

August 8-11 — Stanley Stomp—Grandjean, Idaho

August 15-18 — Beartooth Rendezvous — Red Lodge, Montana

August 15-18 — BC Beemers Rally — Nakusp, British Columbia

August 21-25 — Rally in the Gorge — Hood River, Oregon

August 27-31 — National Gold Wing Wing-Ding Rally — Nashville, Tennessee

September 5-8 — BMW-RA Rally — Woodstock, Virginia

Kim Lemke—Historian's Corner - Rides in the month of March Past



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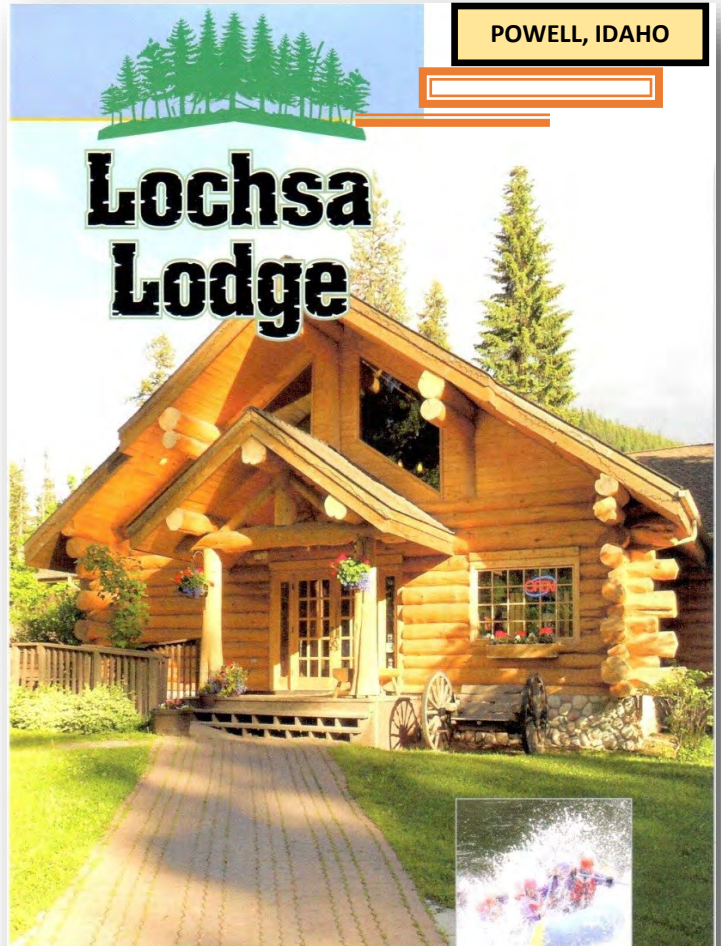
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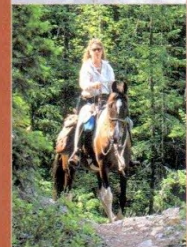
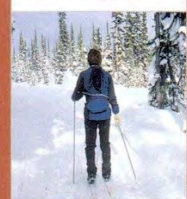
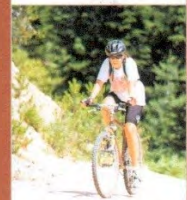
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