

# MONTANA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER

**BMW Motorcycle Club**  
**Montana BMW Riders**



**CLUB CHARTER**

**MEMBERSHIPS :**

BMWMOA #155

AMA #6830

**NEXT MEETING**

**Wisdom, Montana**

**The Crossings**

**Main Street**

**August 25, 2019**

**1:00 PM**

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

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Confiding in my wife that I was frustrated about what to write about this month, she says boldly, "Just tell them to get out there and ride"!! Caren is usually right about most things (don't tell her I said that) and I am blessed that she encourages me to go riding simply because she knows how much I like motorcycling. Yes, I have been riding more this year than many prior years but it's mainly because of good timing, good weather and other fellow riders in the club. As has been discussed before, we are an independent sort, us motorcyclists, but I think deep down most of us want someone, some two or even some three or four to ride with. To share company, to share the coffee and pie at rest stops, to share our glorified and

mis-remembered adventures, to share the risk by bringing along that Gear Head that knows how to fix motorcycles or that Doctor who knows how to fix bodies, especially when dual sporting with Phil ;0). In a nutshell, you get to share experiences and have the camaraderie of other like-minded riders.

That's where this club comes in. I see it as a great place to meet other riders and develop friendships and gain riding partners whether for a day or a month-long tour (or even a lifetime). You can get some of that Mojo at the monthly meeting but the real place to get to know the inside of the other guy, is out on the road. Helping each other when something goes amiss; either mechanically or helping pick up a surprised rider with a shattered ego after a small, or big, 'get-off'. You are baring your motorcycle soul to your fellow rider of the great experiences you've done, bad things that have happened and your expectations of the future. What could be more fun or be more satisfying?

That said I hope you are all getting out there in the 'fat' part of this motorcycle season. Thought we have hot days to complain about; it's hot today but as we all know...that will be a welcome expectation come December. So, as Caren says, "Get out there now and Ride, Ride, Ride!

Thanks to Phil Haglund of Belt for putting together a fantastic off-road ride in the Little Belt Mountains for 3 days in July. We had a great time with lots of laughs and unforgettable fun. We did not need a Gear Head or Doctor on the ride, but some people might have suggested a psychiatrist. Phil had things organized and everything fell into place like a well-oiled machine. Plus, he must have even put in a word with the Main Man upstairs cause the weather was Perfecto! Bob's Motel Restaurant and Bar and I'd even say the whole town of Neihart was extremely friendly and welcoming, even if gas was \$4.99 a gallon for non-ethanol. Janice the new owner had more energy than anyone I've seen in that job in a long time. She treated us like royalty and tried so hard to remember our names and make us feel at home. (A Dale Carnegie gift card is in the mail to her for Christmas). We enjoyed coffee early in the morning at The Neihart Inconvenience Store, plus one local brought homemade pie to the coffee clutch every morning.

You couldn't help but buy a raffle ticket to support this store (it failed as a private store and is now trying to survive as a co-op. Thus, the raffle tix.) Otherwise the closest milk, coffee, grocery & beer is 60 miles away.

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Those off road characters making up the Phil's Special Off Road Weekend were; Our great leader....Phil Haglund from Belt on his Yamaha WR250, from Missoula Steve Inabnit KTM 990, K. Bill Clark 800 Triumph Tiger XT, Chuck Reaves F650GS, from Billings Mike Hofferber F800GS and Pat Endres R1200GS; from Lolo Chris Froines Honda Africa Twin, from Florence Mike Wright R1200GS, from Belgrade Mike Kreikermeier R1200 GS and, from Townsend Lance Lerum F650GS.

First Saturday is coming up this weekend so see the schedule for Missoula, Bozeman, and Helena in this newsletter.

I'm still hoping our club can make a sizable showing at the Beartooth Rendezvous August 15-18th in Red Lodge. I know of five people going. Let me know if you are going and hopefully, we can co-ordinate a time to go over together. Same with the Stanley Stomp in Grand Jean, Idaho. Date for that is August 8-11. I've gone to the bucket list & signed up for that. Call me if you are going to either rally, 406-240-1771.

Our August monthly meeting was put back one weekend because of the Beartooth Rendezvous. It will be in Wisdom at Fetty's/ The Crossing on August 25th. Sorry, I will not be able to make that ride and so there will not be an off road ride on Saturday in the Big Hole.

Ok. Ride Ride Ride and Happy Trails!! Hope to hear your motorcycle stories when we meet on the road.

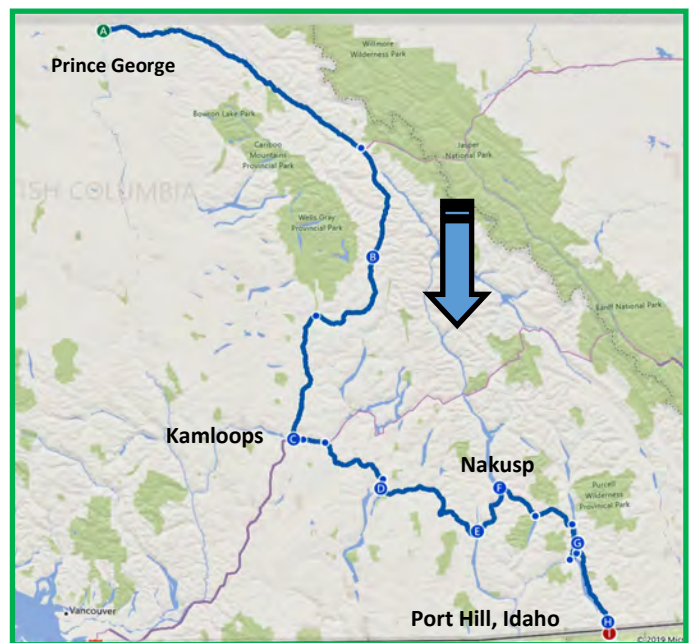
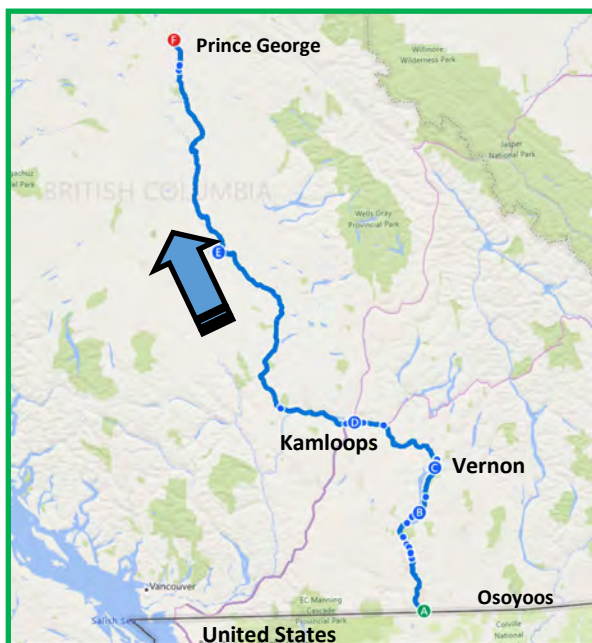
*Chuck*

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### Editor's Note:

Chuck Reaves, his son Mike and Bill Clausen checked off a 'bucket list' item this month with a riding trip into British Columbia following roads selected at random to Prince George and return by another route. Their ride is recorded on the tracks and photos shown below and on the following page.

*Dick French*





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## **President's Corner (continued)**





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## **First Saturday Breakfast Schedule**

HARDWARE CAFÉ

Montana City, Montana (Helena Area)

**9:30AM**

Contact: Kevin Huddy

COUNTRY CAFÉ

Four Corners (Bozeman Area)

**9:00 AM**

Contact: Tom Moe

PARADISE FALLS

3621 Brooks Street

Missoula, Montana

**9:30 AM**

Contact: Dick French

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### **Editor's Corner**



The 2019 summer riding is in full swing. We covered some good rides in this issue, that have been recorded with great photos and tracks provided by club members. Your contributions to the Newsletter in the form of photos, tracks and things you have done on your rides, all over the world and sharing with your fellow club members has enhanced the content of the Newsletter. From my viewpoint I am always amazed by what an interesting group of people that have come together in this club.

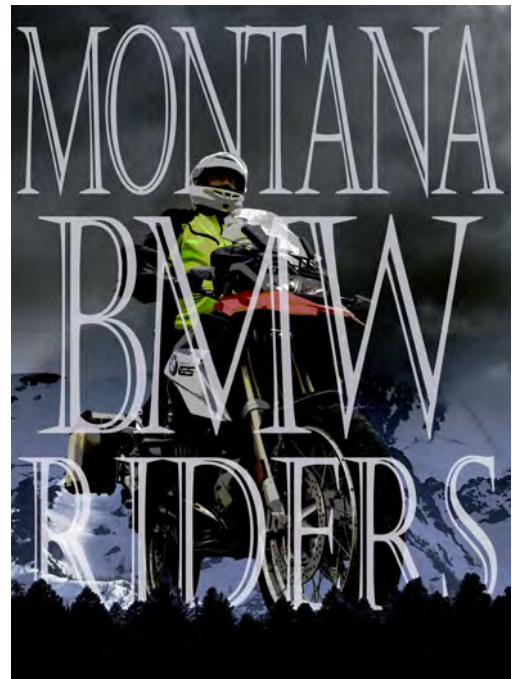
I have discovered you are a group of pretty hard core adventure riders, who consider 200 miles before breakfast routine.

In the summer riding season I have a little fun hanging around parking lots talking with motorcyclist on their way from somewhere to someplace. This month I had a good chat

with a couple of sidecar riders from Nevada along with their very friendly black Labrador dog. You will see the interview with them on the following pages.

Hope you enjoy this issue.

*Dick French*



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## BMWMOA CORNER

Tom Moe 33028 – BMW MOA Regional Coordinator



### Bozeman First Saturday Breakfast, Billings Centric Rides, Beartooth Rendezvous, TOURSTART APP

Let's try our first Saturday Breakfast in the Bozeman area at the Kountry Korner Cafe, Four Corners at 9:00 (August 3<sup>rd</sup>) just to gauge interest. I will be there. Perhaps as somewhat of a committee we can consider a ride later in the month.

The Big Horn ride was held July 13<sup>th</sup> starting in Billings to Dayton, WY and then west up the Bighorn Mountains to Burgess Junction and then to Greybull over a really nice twisty mountain pass with Lunch in Greybull and then returning to Billings. We started with breakfast at the Rendezvous Casino. Unfortunately for me I was feeling puny and had to bow out and head home. Mike Hofferber (F800GS), Gary Armstrong (R1100RT), and guests Dale Butterfield (R1200RT) and Dick Smith (R1250GS) had a very pleasurable ride and lunch. We all admired Dick's new GS. WOW!!

I will be attending the Beartooth Rendezvous (<https://beartoothbeemers.org/>) August 15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> and am hopeful that MONTANA BMW RIDERS members will attend and support the event. I do have a bit of a conflict so will only make Friday and Saturday night. We have changed the August ride to coincide with the Rally, please see the Billings Centric rides for details. I am certainly looking forward to this rally and the ride.

### Another benefit of BMWMOA membership:

[Tourstart](#) Introduces BMW MOA Ride Map App Monday, July 15, 2019 Posted by: Ted Moyer, 100360

"If you love to track, create and share ride maps with friends, the new BMW MOA Ride Map App is for you. Created by Tourstart, the BMW MOA Ride Map app allows BMW MOA members to track and create ride routes, share rides with other users, insert waypoints and pictures, and add descriptions about places to stop or things to do along the route. You can even download maps as .pdf files with points of interest along the route."

"The [WEB VERSION](#) is available on any desktop browser, along with applications for Apple and Android devices. The Tourstart service is free for planning, sharing and tracking rides. Users may also subscribe to premium "Pro" features that enable in-app navigation or GPS file downloads in a variety of formats. Each Pro feature is available separately for \$19 per year for BMW MOA members. "

"Visit the [BMW MOA CLUB PAGE](#) to download the mobile apps mobile or by search BMW MOA in the Apple or Android store. Users can also visit the [BMW MOA WEBSITE](#) for latest Ride Map App news and details. And, for a great "behind the scenes" interview of the app creator Jan Pederson, listen to Wes Fleming's podcast "200 Miles Before Breakfast" at [bmwmoa.club/tourstart](http://bmwmoa.club/tourstart). Wes and Jan dive deep into the inner workings of the navigation app and what users should expect."

Be sure to check the ride schedule shown on the following page.

Ride safe, keep the rubber side down.

*Tom Moe*





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## Place2Place - Gary Graham

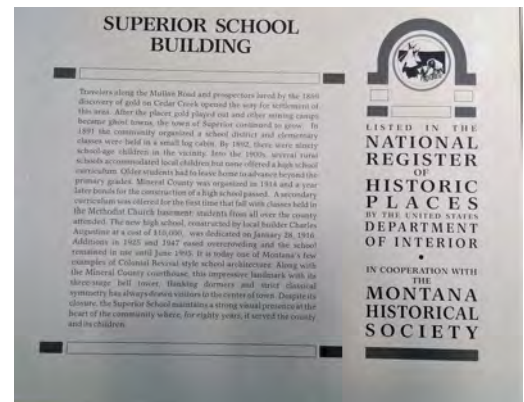
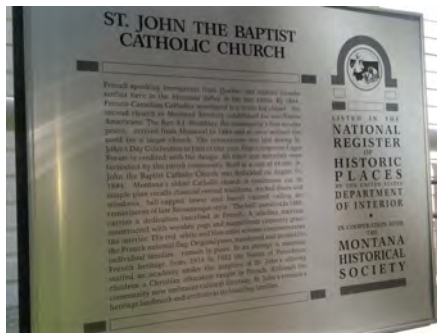


The weather is great for riding and all of our excuses have been used up, so start knocking off the places on the list. We all had great plans in the beginning so lets follow through on them!! Some riders have only a few destinations left. **DON'T LET THEM HAVE ALL THE FUN!**

Now is the time to send in the order for the T-shirts. Get me your size, type of shirt (long or short sleeve, male or female) and the number of shirts you want before August 10<sup>th</sup> ([grandcrahm@gmail.com](mailto:grandcrahm@gmail.com)) since I will order them then.



*Gary*



**LATE BREAKING NEWS - Mike Meredith** was the first to cross the finish line in reaching all destinations in all categories, and three of the four corners, on his new (to Mike) 2009 R1200R. Mike has accumulated 8,000 miles on the new bike plus some on his F800RT. He plans to reach the 'fourth' corner (Monida Pass) in early August.

**GOOD FOR YOU MIKE!!**



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## 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 **except for the August ride - see below.** 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.

### Beartooth Ride



August 17—REVISED to coincide with the Beartooth Rendezvous

- Meet in Red Lodge at the Rally, you do not have to attend the rally for this ride
- 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 Red Lodge, or break off earlier if desired

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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## Reports from the Road



John Wing and Mick Baughman had their 'Bucket' list tour along the ALCAN Highway interrupted by John's R1200GS tipping over which resulted in a broken clavicle (collarbone to most of us) for John. He left his motorcycle with some good Samaritans in Teslin, Yukon and returned to Missoula for a little repair on himself. Mick continued on his way.

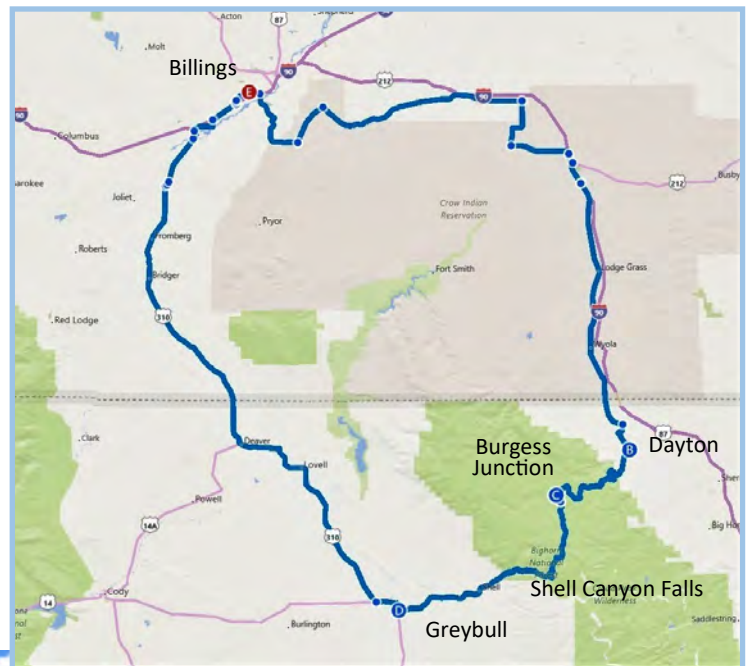
John reported recently that after some surgical repair, he made the return trip with his pickup and trailer, along with an adult supervisor, and after 1,850 miles and nine days has his undamaged bike back in Missoula. Mick, after some touring in the region, loaded himself and his motorcycle on a ferry boat for a three day cruise back to the lower-48.

John has promised there is a story to follow.

## *Dick French*

### Big Horn Ride - Mike Hofferber

Mike Hofferber (Billings) lead a ride through the Big Horn mountains in southern Montana and Northern Wyoming on July 13<sup>th</sup> as shown on the map on the right. Bear Lodge was the way-point in Burgess Junction at 8,300 feet elevation. A Bull Moose sighting was thrown in for good measure.



From the left, Mike Hofferber, F800GS, Gary Armstrong R1100 RT, Dale Butterfield R1200RT and Dick Smith R1250GS at Shell Canyon Falls between Burgess Junction and Greybull, Wyoming.



Bear Lodge

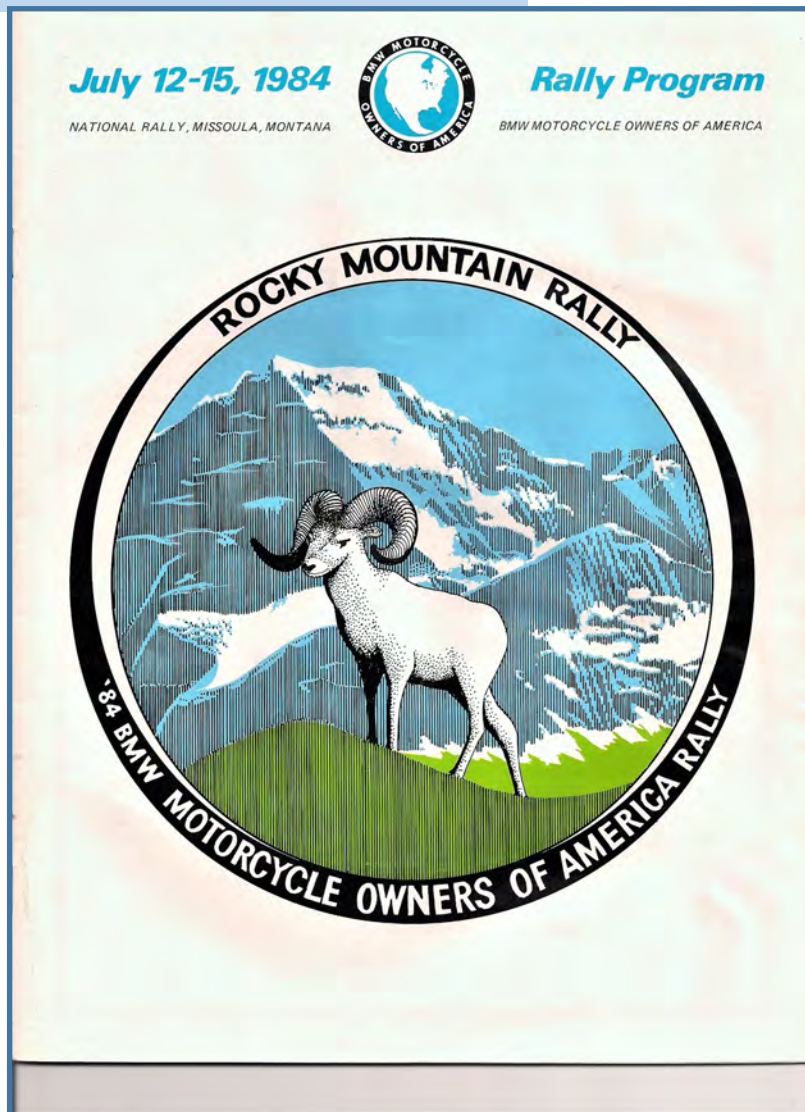


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## Historian's Corner—Kim Lemke



Very hot in Spokane at a rally attended by MONTANA BMW RIDERS Kim Lemke, Rick Kuschel, Chuck Reaves and Rojene Lemke.





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## FSSNOC Thumper Cafe #48

Four Stroke Single Cylinder National Owners Club (FSSNOC) - the name says it all - is as Phil Haglund puts it, a bunch of old riders with nothing better to do. The MONTANA BMW RIDERS has at least four dues-paying-card-carrying members in good standing in this organization. Their most formal event is to congregate at some off-the-beaten trail café once or twice a year, with the goal of as many members as possible attending. Your Editor rode his BMW G310GS along with Kim Lemke on his Royal Enfield to attend this event (The Crossings in Wisdom, Montana) where we met Phil Haglund (Yamaha WR250) and Ken Conrad (BMW F650GS). Note the word "National" in the title. We were certainly local among license plates from at least as far as Alabama. I hope the photos adequately describe this event at The Crossings in Wisdom, Montana on the July 17<sup>th</sup>.



Kim Lemke confirming his status to member Ken Conrad.



Just for lunch?



Your Editor's G310GS was in good company along side the FSSNOC Director, Jack Robinson's F650GS



Phil Haglund (on the right) along with six others made a coast-to-coast run in 2017. They started from Kitty Hawk South Carolina and finished in Bodega Bay California about four weeks later. The decals on the two Honda CBR 250s tell the story of the intensity of the FSSNOC riders.



From Alabama just for lunch.





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## FSSNOC Thumper Cafe #48—(continued)

This group had riders from 17 states and two countries. The metric for attendance is measured in total miles ridden to attend the event and return— a shattering 115,000+ miles!

The “Thumpers” have been meeting once or twice a year at a “Thumper” Café somewhere in the USA for 33 years and have recorded over 3.7 million miles.

This statistic perhaps leads some credence to the saying that is not what you ride, but that you ride is what counts.

The next Thumper Café get together will be in Alabama, should any of the BMW 650 riders be interested. Visit [www.fssnoc.com](http://www.fssnoc.com).

*Dick French*



Kim Lemke may be hoping his finger will become stuck in that hole and he'll have to take another Royal Enfield home.





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## Fourth-of-July - Marysville, Montana

Marysville is a small unincorporated community in Lewis and Clark County, Montana, United States. In the 1880s and 1890s it was a bustling mining town of three thousand residents, and was the center of gold mining in Montana. The town was named by Thomas Cruse, mine owner, to honor Mary Ralston the wife of a miner. A few buildings remain, including a baseball field with bleachers. The population now consists of a few local residents, most of whom commute to and work in nearby Helena.



So what do they do on the 4th of July? Hold a parade, with the help of the Huddy's, Ken Conrad, their Urals and a few kids.





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## **Three-Wheelers Corner**

Member Ken Conrad and Brenda Pineiro made a riding tour in Norway in mid-summer 2018. One of their stops was a museum at Vemork, Norway, home of a heavy water plant that was the focus of sabotage efforts during World War II. Although the plant probably has an extensive history, we are glad that Ken's focus was on this side car shown in the museum.



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## **Classified Corner**

### **2005 Covered Motorcycle Trailer**

- 12' x 6' Exterior dimensions
- 10.2' x 5.2' Interior dimensions
- 2-axle trailer with electric brakes
- Electric Leveling tongue
- Interior forward has bike tire nodes
- Plenty of tie downs throughout
- Exit door on the right with locking closure
- Self-closing rear ramp with easy drive up
- Double locking rear ramp door
- Ideal trailer for a couple of small displacement off road bikes or one 'gigantic-us' cruiser.
- Will provide additional pictures if requested.
- Asking price is \$2750



**Call Dave McCormack at 370-6628 for more information**

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## **MOTORCYCLE FOR SALE**

2011 BMW R1200 RT Grey Tricolor, Premium package, 36,000 miles, one owner, includes, Cee Bailey windshield, Cee Bailey side bag liners, Garmin 550 LT on an Adaptiv mount, Hyper Lites, Micro tire pump kit, Hornet electric deer horn, Rick Meyer custom seat, BMW 47 Lt tail trunk, BMW tank bag, Security wheel lock, storage and travel covers, new battery, new alternator belt, brake fluid change at 35,000 miles. Always dealer serviced, service current, next service due at 40,000 mi, all records. I also have a Schuberth C3 helmet silver and an Aria RX-Q in white, both size Medium. I can provide more photos on request.

Ask \$8,700

Gordon Phillips

[gphillips@centurylink.net](mailto:gphillips@centurylink.net)

406-250-4350





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## **Classified Corner - (continued)**

Airhead increased capacity oil pan, free to a loving and caring home. Should fit any of the early airheads, /6 or /7 and likely anything up to about '88 when they started changing stuff. The GS bikes have a shallower pan, even the early ones. The one thing to watch out for is for the deeper pan interfering with the center stand. On some it may or may not fit. Who ever looks at it should measure to see if there is clearance. Increases capacity by one quart. Comes with oil temperature sensor installed in the pan, wiring for the sensor and oil pump extension. Donated by Dave Perry of Alberta; located in Helena, contact Kevin Huddy (huddykl@gmail.com)





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## Monthly Meeting - White Sulfur Springs

Twenty-one MONTANA BMW RIDERS congregated at Snook's Diner in White Sulfur Springs for the July meeting. It was also the final stop on three days of off-road riding in the Little Belt mountains. Check out the Dual Sport Ride section of the Newsletter. Nineteen riders, including one passenger road in for the meeting. White Sulfur Springs, and especially Snook's Diner seemed to be on the 'destination' list for a lot riders.



We were preceded by a group of riders from Pennsylvania (except for club member Bob Testut—third from the right) who were high school classmates and met in Wyoming to begin a group ride through British Columbia, Canada.



Sandy Knutsen (Missoula). Bob Rennick (Helena), Snook's Diner owner, Kevin and Annie Huddy (Helena), Don and Nancy Davis (Townsend).



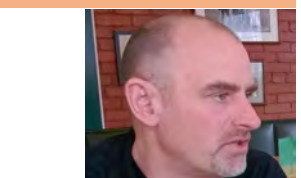
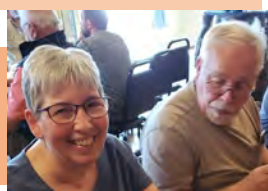
Starting from the near right, Pat Endres (Billings), Dan Mainwaring (Helena), Bill Clark (Missoula), Tom Moe (Bozeman), Chris Froines (Missoula), Chuck Reaves (Missoula), Paul Oliver (Bozeman), Lance Lerum (Townsend), hidden, but probably Mike Kreikemeier (Belgrade), Mike Hofferber (Billings), Phil Haglund (Belt), Greg Hintz (Missoula) and Kevin Huddy (Helena)



Paul Oliver (Bozeman) on the left and his 1986 BMW K100RT.



Nancy and Don Davis) and their CNAM Spyder RTL



Chris Keyes made it a day to tour.



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## Safety Corner



Don't we wish we could summarize safety into "Don't do anything stupid!". The problem is often, it's not what we do or don't do, but the guy in the vehicle who "does something stupid". Since we can't control "the other guy" and it does no good to curse his stupidity, we need to take our safety into our own hands and minds. There is an article in the most recent Motorcycle Consumer News entitled "Safety". Interestingly enough the subjects covered all have to do with the things that we can do help protect us from the "other guy". Some are technological applications to our motorcycles...ride by wire which includes ABS, traction and wheelie control, modulating throttle and brake input, etc. Some include the FARKLEs we add like lighting which has become increasingly bright and makes us more visible. Other technological evolutions include modern helmet construction coming out of the NFL and their concerns over concussions, heads up displays in helmets and even night vision adaptations to motorcycles. Finally, there is a section concerning air bag integration into riding gear and the Helite vest (owned by Dick French, Kevin Huddy, Annie Huddy and others that I have seen at our club events).

So what's my point here? While it might be "retro cool" to ride in leathers or old waxed cotton gear, an old pudding bowl helmet with goggles and on a vintage motorcycle, none of these items incorporate the newest safety features and riding thusly exposes you to even greater risk. Our group is extraordinarily represented by folks on modern motorcycles using the latest personal safety gear. Way to go! Plus we have a high level of participation in continuing safety training and we compliment each other on these achievements.

Bottom line, if you haven't investigate the latest improvements in bikes, accessories and riding gear, do yourself a favor and tell your spouse the Larry the Safety Mom says its ok!!

See you on the road...ride safe....

*Larry Banister*

**Safety Mom**

**Montana BMW Riders**

**BMW MOA Ambassador, Annie Huddy** provided the excerpt shown on the right with the cautionary advise not to overdrive our headlights. Colorado Highway 325 appears to be the type of secondary road beckoning motorcyclist.

A similar situation on the frequently used I-90 Frontage just east of Bearmouth shown below. A rock slide blocked the entire roadway between two curves that restricted the line-of-sight to the slide.



**LOCAL**

### Large section of CO Highway 325 near Rifle collapses

The bank failure is in the northbound lanes of CO Highway 325 north of Rifle Gap Reservoir.

Author: Janet Oravetz  
Published: 5:11 PM MDT July 12, 2019  
Updated: 5:11 PM MDT July 12, 2019

RIFLE, Colo. — A large section of the northbound lane of Colorado Highway 325 north of Rifle in Garfield County collapsed Friday, according to the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT).

The bank failure is in the northbound lane and is about 200 feet long by 8 feet wide, CDOT said. The northbound lane is closed and one lane; alternating traffic is being controlled by a portable stop light signal, according to CDOT.



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## DUEL SPORT RUN IN THE LITTLE BELT MOUNTAINS

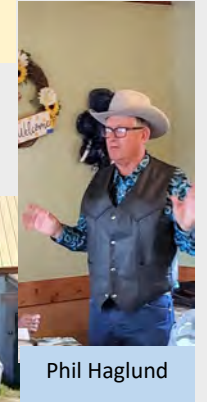
Phil Haglund (Belt, Montana) lead nine riders on some backroads of the Little Belt Mountains on Friday, Saturday and Sunday (July 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>) on his Yamaha WR250. The riders, and their bikes are shown in the photos below.



Phil's Yamaha WR250 outfitted for the long haul.



Left to right - Lance Lerum, Bill Clark and Mike Kreikemeier. Lances BMW G650GS in front, Mike's BMW R1200GS, Bill's Triumph 800XR, and Mike Hofferber's F800GS.



Phil Haglund



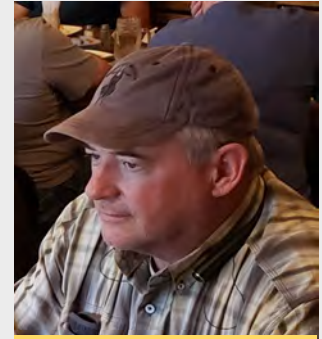
Mike Hofferber



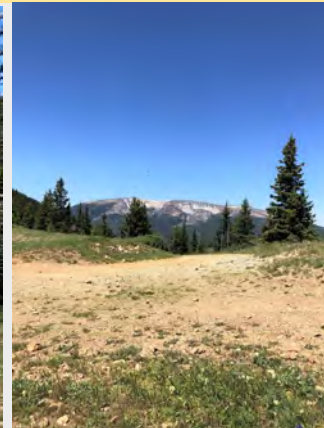
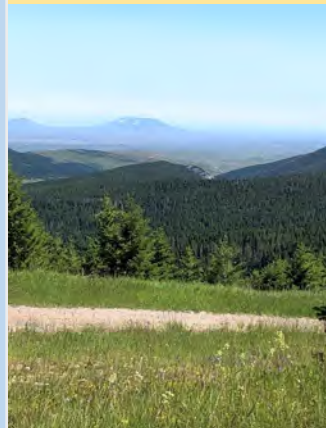
Chris Froines and his Africa Twin, fully loaded



Chuck Reaves made the ride on his experienced F650GS



Pat Endres rode his R1200GS

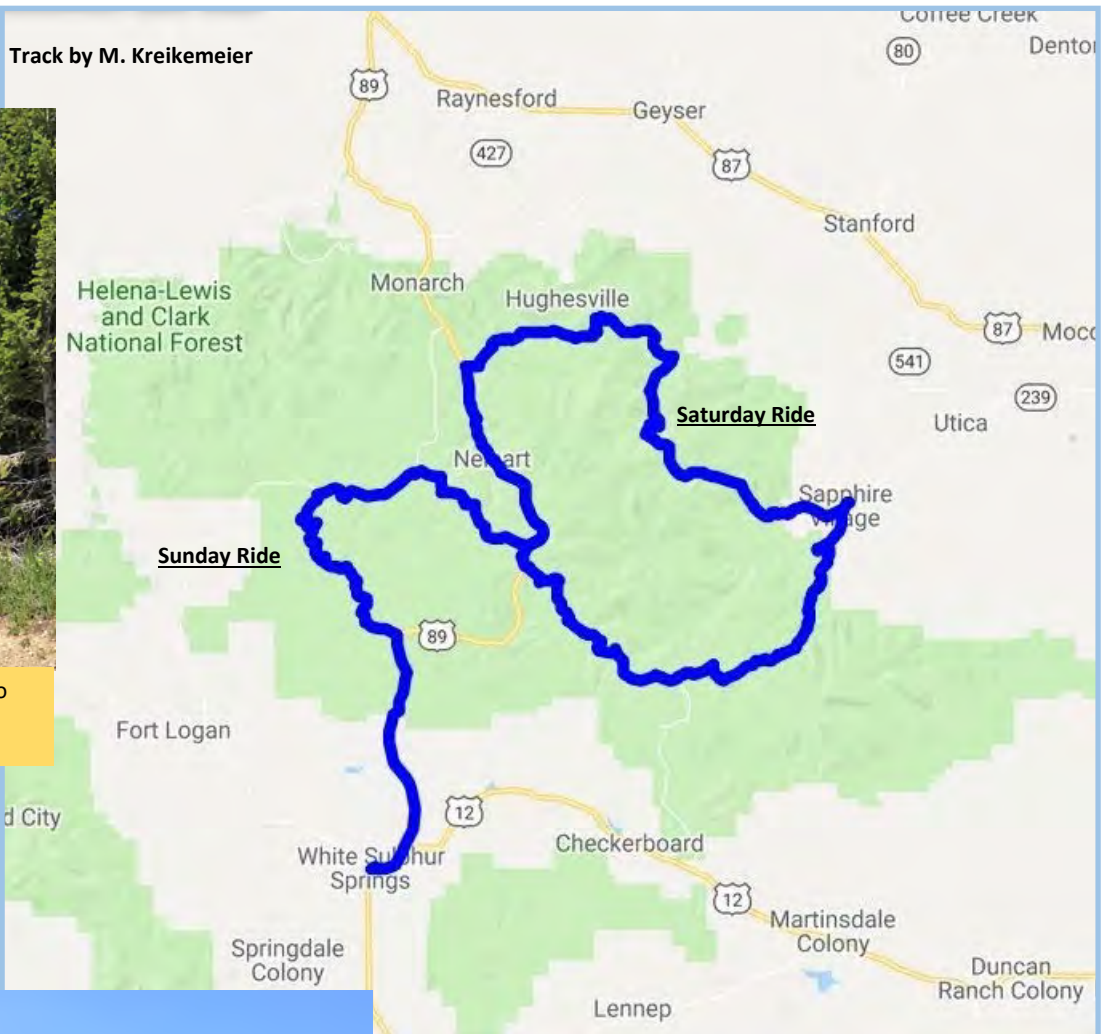


Phil Haglund, Chuck Reaves and Mike Kreikemeier.



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## DUEL SPORT RUN IN THE LITTLE BELT MOUNTAINS (continued)



Track by M. Kreikemeier



Mike Kreikemeier on a Winnebago Class "B" Road



Monument Peak Lookout at the 8,200 foot elevation. This can be rented for 'campouts'.



Mike Kreikemeier, Phil Haglund, Mike Wright, Bill Clark, Chris Froines, Steve Inabnit and Chuck Reaves.



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## Idaho Back Country Discovery Route



Chris

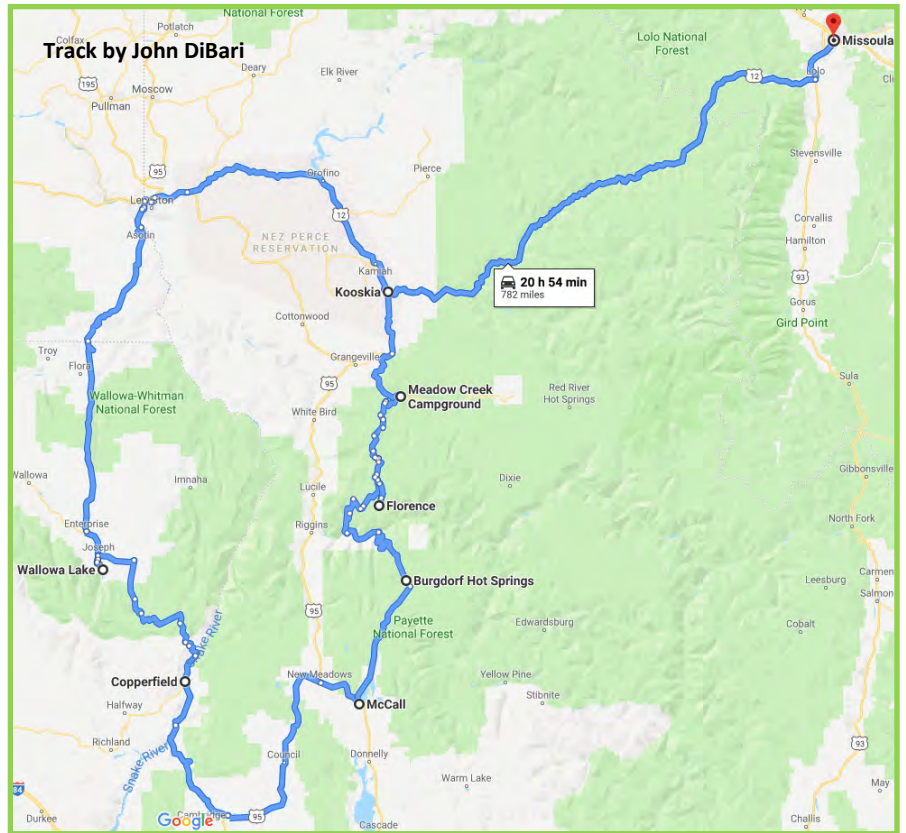
Chris Keys (BMW R1200GS) and John DiBari (Honda Africa Twin) selected Idaho Backcountry Routes from the Butler Motorcycle Map to do a four day ride on routes shown by the track of the included map. Photos by John DiBari highlight a few of the sights along the way. The captions, track and photos are by **John DiBari**.



John



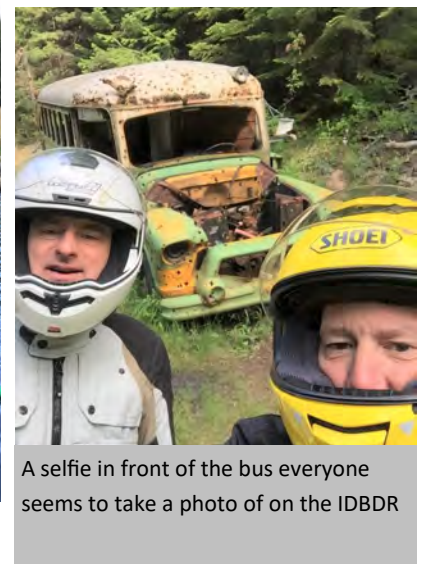
Chris on the Manning Bridge on the Salmon River



Chris picking up the pieces after a more-difficult-than-it-should-have been U-Turn



A nice soak at the Burgdorf Hot Springs



A selfie in front of the bus everyone seems to take a photo of on the IDBDR



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## Parking Lot Encounters—Dick French

You meet the most interesting people in parking lots (Cabela's in Missoula) on motorcycles, albeit in this case, custom built sidecars. Meet Bill Bass, Lee Ann McCormick and Bear (a black Labrador that has ears for you to scratch). Bill and Lee Ann, each with individual sidecar rigs (one for luggage, and one for Bear and to pull the camp trailer) from Nevada on their way to Alaska with a planned return to Nevada in mid-September. They were in Missoula long enough to stop at Big Sky Motorsports to install a replacement part on the Bill's KTM. RIDE SAFE BILL, LEE ANN AND BEAR.



Lea Ann's BMW. Both rigs had electric trim devices, controlled from the riding position to adjust tracking for varying road conditions .



Bear



Bill's side car was specifically designed and constructed to mount on his KTM 990. Structural attachments were welded to the KTM frame for mounting points. The front suspension is also unique. I neglected to ask why this configuration was selected.



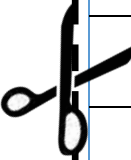
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## 2019 Ride Schedule (Revised 8/1/19)

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	26	Lincoln	Lambkins	Sun	1:00 PM
✓May	18-19	Helena	Huddy Outpost	Sat/Sun	All-Day
✓May	19	Drummond	Wagon Wheel	Sun	1:00 PM
✓June	22	Big Fork	Echo Lake Cafe	Sat	1:00 PM
✓June	27	Gold Creek	Dinner Bell	Thu	6:00 PM
✓July	19-20	Monarch Area	Little Belt Mountains	Fri/Sat/ Sun	TBD
✓July	21	White Sulphur	Snooks Dinner	Sun	1:00 PM
Aug	24	Big Hole	Off Road Ride	Sat	TBD
Aug	25	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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## ADDITIONAL RIDE EVENTS—2019

**August 2 -11 – Sturgis**

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**August 15-18 – Beartooth Rendezvous – Red  
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**August 15-18 – BC Beemers Rally – Nakusp,  
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**August 21-25 – Rally in the Gorge – Hood Riv-  
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**August 27-31 – National Gold Wing Wing-Ding  
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**September 5-8 – BMW-RA Rally – Woodstock,  
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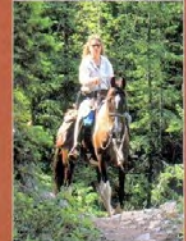
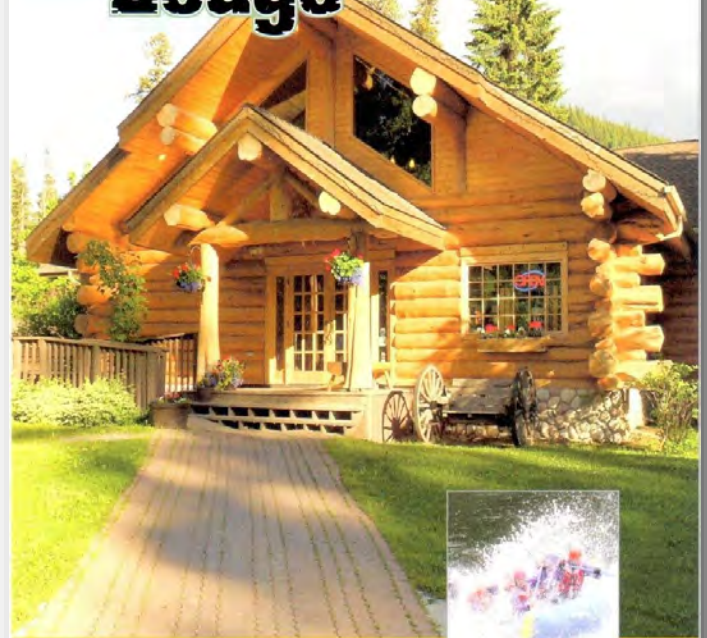
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