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#### **PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

·HOME OF THE NEXT BEST RIDE·

There's been a lot of miles under the Montana BMW Riders Bridge over the past 10 years. Though I am feeling a bit conflicted about leaving the club with no designated President I feel this is the right time for me to begin other pursuits. I am leaving you with a ride schedule for 2020 (see further on in this newsletter) (*Whoops, I forgot to format the schedule - look for it next month - Editor*) and a willingness to help out where needed. Know that because of the club's structure, the club is in great shape right now. Many different members have been willing to split up the duties and time it takes to run a club, give it purpose and make it fun. Doing what is needed to have a vibrant club is not a one person job in this day and

age.

Our success goes to many members like:

- Mike Wright who got our web page up and running, keeping members informed & showing our persona to the world.
- The past VPs: Tina Reineke, Terry Kay, and David Gordon & Ed Field. These guys not only had my back but organized logos, ran T-Shirt orders & organized rides.
- To the Secretary and Treasurers, probably the toughest job in the club. Keeping track of not just the receipts, money and billing but being keeper of The List of all who come and go within Montana BMW Riders. Thanks Chris Keyes and past Sec/Treasurers Annie Huddy and Mike & Donna McInerney.
- To our newsletter editors who have made our newsletter something to look forward to. Our newsletter has
  evolved into a first class publication. It's Hall of Fame is lead by current newsletter editor Dick French. He
  spends lots and lots of time with this and he's the person who bares our club's soul with member interviews &
  pictures, special expose's of riders, their rides and past histories and how that got them into the addictive
  world of motorcycling. Dick was preceded by Dave McCormack who'd taken the newsletter to the next level
  making it such a great publication. Dave, not a hunt-and-peck guy and wanting to make a first class publication,
  on his own dime even took on-line Publisher classes (at his own expense) to get the process figured out. He
  succeeded way above what was normal for a nonprofit club's expectation of just getting out the information.
- There are myriad members who have helped make the club what it is. I'm sure I will leave someone out and if I do I apologize. Those who've shown so much interest in the club and have organized rides, events, parties,

#### **PRESIDENTS CORNER - (continued)**

volunteer functions, summer fun contests for eating and discovering the great state we live in. Off road rides that had you puckering one minute and laughing like crazy another.

- Thanks to Phil Haglund, Terry Kay, David Gordon, Chris Keyes, Chris Froines, Tina Reineke, Jim Iverson and others.
- Larry Banister and Kim Lemke who've done the mileage contest for at least 10 years.
- Our local MOA Ambassadors, the Huddys, for all their interest in education and fun riding. They've had Huddy Tech Days at their home each year, as well as organized rides; especially those summer contest for finding the best restaurants and State Parks.
- Gary & Carol Graham who worked together to get the Park to Park going as well as the Place to Place. I personally loved having places picked out & ready to go at the drop of a hat. Gary I think about went stir crazy organizing & herding all those contestants.

One thing I am sure of, there are lots of club members who have many more miles under their belts and a greater appreciation of Montana thanks to these guys.

Point Being....this membership has within its self the talent, ability & experience to keep a great club going. With those who have an interest in motorcycling and a willingness to spend a little time, much can be done cumulatively.

Many thanks to Big Sky Motorsports for their help & cooperation over the past 10 years, especially hosting our Christmas party. Hope to see you all at the 2019 Christmas Party, **6:00 PM December 7**, at Big Sky Motorsports in Missoula.

Happy Trails!!

Chuck







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#### **BMWMOA CORNER**

#### Tom Moe 33028 - BMW MOA Regional Coordinator



I was unable to make the scheduled Bozeman Breakfast event on Saturday November 9 as I had to deal with some family business, sorry.

I don't know how many or who showed up for the November 2nd Saturday breakfast in Bozeman but I certainly hope there were some attendees and that a good time was had. I do hope that we can make it a standing event starting again in May when we return from CA. I hope we can build attendance.

My wife and I are in the Sacramento area arriving on the 24th and have taken up winter residence at our "winter" home in Sun City Lincoln Hills. I unloaded the RT at A & S Cycles, Rose-

ville, CA from the back of the pickup. Wouldn't you know we got here just in time for the "rainy season". Not to be compared with the "snowy" season however. There is a lot of rain in the area over the winter but still plenty of oppor-

tunity to ride and snow skiing will be another of my winter activities at Sierra at Tahoe and Squaw Valley.

Coincidentally the River City Beemer Christmas Party is December 7<sup>th</sup> and I am looking forward the party and seeing my old buds, and they are getting older by the day.

#### BMWMOA offers another nice benefit I am taking advantage of — Emergency Contact Data Added as BMW MOA Member Benefit

The BMW Motorcycle Owners of America is pleased to add another money-saving benefit for members. Emergency Contact Data, a provider of medical information in times of critical care, now offers MOA members 25% off the cost of service by using the promo code BMWMOA.

When you experience a sudden illness or are involved in a



crash or other serious incident, medical personnel cannot get your medical records to help save your life. Emergency Contact Data solves this problem by displaying your personal, electronic medical records to first responders and medical personnel - even when you are unconscious. The Emergency Contact Data Service can display your complete personal Electronic Medical Record through a secure online platform and mobile app on your phone including:

- medical alerts
- rare blood type
- medical condition

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- medications list
- Allergies
- recent test results that are critical to your health care
- your doctor's names and their contact information
- X-rays, EKGs, summary reports, etc.
- your photo ID and insurance information.

After enrolling with Emergency Contact Data (ECD), enter your information in your online profile. Emergency Contact Data does not ask for any personal identifiers, does not store credit card data and information is encrypted in transit. In the event of an accident or illness, links on the ECD identification card and keychain tag direct first responders and medical personnel to the Emergency Contact Data website for immediate access to medical records.

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The standard cost for service is \$19.95 per year, but BMW MOA members pay only \$14.95 per year for this coverage. Members can find more information and enroll online at *emergencycontactdata.com*. Be sure to enter the promo code BMWMOA to receive the discounted price.

#### MOA Executive Director Bob Aldridge Announces Retirement

BMW MOA Executive Director Bob Aldridge has announced his retirement from the organization effective December 31, 2019. After seven years of dedicated service, Bob has informed the Board of Directors that he intends to ride as much as possible and enjoy his grandkids in the new year.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to Bob for his dedication and leadership not only during his tenure as an employee, but also for over 20 years as a dedicated MOA volunteer, including time as the Foundation President, 2012 Rally Co-Chair and as an Ambassador. I hope all Bob's future roads are as twisty as he imagined!

Along with Bob's retirement, the Board of Directors announced the promotion of Ted Moyer to the position of Executive Director. Ted has been a valuable member of the organization since his earliest days as the Advertising Manager beginning in January 2002. Ted worked his way through the organization by organizing recruiting efforts in 2007 before becoming the Director of Membership & Marketing in June 2013. The Board promoted Ted to the position of Associate Executive Director in April 2016. Ted has also served as the Executive Director of the BMW MOA Foundation from 2011 until the effective date of his promotion on January 1, 2020.

## Tom Moe 33028 - BMW MOA Regional Coordinator - (continued)

Many of you know Ted from his years of dedicated service to our members. The Board of Directors firmly believes in Ted's abilities to lead our club well into the future. Please take a moment to congratulate Ted on his promotion and thank Bob for his years of service.

Ride Safe, keep the rubber side down.

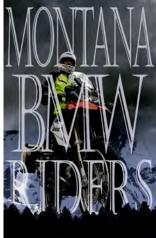
Tom Moe

#### **Editor's Corner**



I always enjoyed talking with the members, finding out things about their motorcycling careers. Some started young, some waited until they 'matured', others only rode motorcycles waiting until they 'matured' to buy something with four-wheels. This month I have tried to capitalize on the diversity of the club riders. This month's issue includes the first, of I hope many short clips of some of the humorous, or nostalgic, or unique experiences our riders have had relative to motorcycles. Ambassador Kevin Huddy starts the series with his 'first' motorcycle. Thank you to the other members who sent articles in response to my request. Yours will appear in future Newsletter issues. This issue

also includes a rider profile that highlights a riding style not akin to touring, off-road or the short day rides. Stunt riding has its place in our hobby. I think you will enjoy it.



## Dick French

#### **NEW MEMBERS**



**Bob and Judy Colby** from Big Fork, Montana. We just met them at the First Breakfast, 30 November 2019 at the River City Grill in Bonner. They add to ranks of the club's Goldwing riders with their 2000 Gold Wing. Like several other club members, they plan to trailer their bike to Phoenix soon to take in a little winter time riding.

Glad to have you in the Club.

Dick French

#### Ambassador's Corner - Annie and Kevin Huddy



"Over the River and Through the Woods, to Grandma's house We Go..."

I get it now. Grandma was a planner.

Back in the day, Grandma didn't drive but boy oh boy could she cook! Rarely was she seen without her trustworthy apron. Weeks of list writing, shopping, prepping, cooking, and finally the Grand Finale-sitting down to eat. Of course there was a kids table, but that meant we could skip the vegetables and eat rolls, cookies and pie. To this day the smell of sugar cookies baking takes me right back to her kitchen.

After barely surviving two entire semesters of Home EC (which my family still fondly re-

fers to as Home Wreck) I never felt the need to bake or cook. My family often said the best thing I made for dinner was reservations. And that if I had ANY recipes, they all started with "get the car keys".

In reality I inherited two things from Grandma-her skill at baking and her ability to plan.

And the planning part is key and essential. Which is why I am here to tell you, in December, you can never start planning too soon. Dig out those maps (foreign or domestic), check your passport expiration date, and those guides to weird roadside attractions, the list of the top ten pie shops, and best hot springs in the nation from the "SOME DAY" pile. This is the time to start planning those trips and get things listed on your calendar-- you know, the new one you just bought for the upcoming year.

Do your maintenance now, change oil and filters, check plugs, look very closely at those tires now in the mostly nonriding season, will that tank bag make it another season? How about your personal riding gear? The time to wash it and waterproof it is now so that you are ready for the start of the new riding season when it arrives. And yes it will arrive, even in Montana!!, and you will be able to take full advantage of the pre-tourist shoulder season riding through Yellowstone, Glacier, Chico Hot Springs, and the Bitterroot Valley. Plan your route for the upcoming Tech Day

in May as well as the BMWMOA Rally in Great Falls June 24-28. Just went up to the Fairgrounds in Great Falls to do some pre-planning for chartered club camping and locate the nearest bakery/coffee shop.

It's going to be a busy but well planned summer, and of course many, many rides to bakeries. I have a list. Thanks Grandma! (A.K.A. Ambassador Annie Huddy)

Annie



DECEMBER 2019

#### **Mileage Contest Report**



Well ladies and gentlemen, this years ◊
 Montana BMW Riders mileage contest has officially closed and we have
 16 "official entrants" (those who submitted their beginning and ending mileages within the contest opening and closing dates. The 16

are:

- Gary Armstrong
- Larry Banister
- John DiBari
- Dick French,
- Gary and Carol Graham
- Chris Keyes
- Kim Lemke
- Dave McCormack
- Mike Meredith
- Thomas Moe
- Chuck Reaves
- Ken Senn
- John Webster
- Mike Wright

The smoke you see rising on the horizon is the mileage contest official scorekeeper's computer, finalizing this years winners. As you know, we will have three winners this year:

1<sup>st</sup> overall for the most miles accumulated during the contest season,

- 2nd a "average mileage winner" that person who's actual accumulated mileage was the closest to the "average mileage" run this year (all 16 finishers total mileage divided by 16 official participants=equals the "average mileage") and,
- finally a winner drawn from the official participants excluding the overall winner and the average mileage winner.

We decided the prizes will include:

- overall winner, name on the official mileage plaque put on display at Big Sky BMW and a cash honorarium of \$75.00 USD.
- the average mileage winner a cash honorarium of \$50.00 and finally for the name drawn from a hat at the Christmas party, a cash honorarium of \$50.00

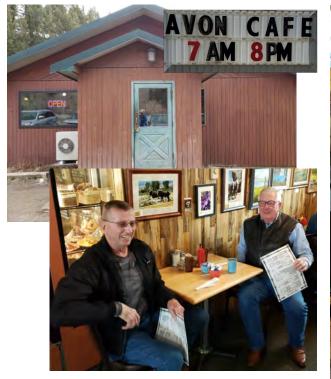
So if you participated this year, you're in the running for one of these cash award, which should be an added incentive to attend our annual Christmas Party at Big Sky BMW on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM

To all who participated, thanks, it is always a fun adventure. I look forward to seeing "all you all" at the Christmas party.

Larry Banister



#### MT BMW RIDERS MEETING - Avon, Montana



Some members were tempted to ride, but raining in Missoula and the promise of snow on McDonald Pass discouraged even the most adventuresome. In all, 15 members and guests made the trek to the Avon Café for the November meeting. Above, Don Deuel and Greg Hintz. In the upper right, starting on the far right, Karen and Lynn Springer, Ed Field, Annie Huddy and across the table, Lane Lerum, Kevin Huddy, Dean and Marylyn Hall. In the lower right, starting on the right, Mike Meredith, Bill Earnhardt and across the table, Nancy and Don Davis.



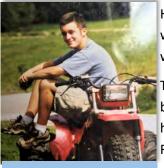


#### **Rider Profile - Patrick Gantert**



Many of you know **Patrick Gantert**, sales manager at Big Sky Motorsports in Missoula. I had a chance to sit down with Patrick to learn a bit about his involvement in motorcycling. He was born and raised in New Fairfield, Connecticut – a few miles north of Danbury and due north New York City. He is not sure how or when it became apparent motor sports would be his life's destiny. It may have been when he saw the introduction of the Dodge Viper at the New York Auto Show. In the mind's eye of a five-year-old, he knew that he would own one of those someday. Or it may have been his mother, who owned and operated a restaurant in their hometown, and always drove a BMW. May-

be it was as a teenager he rode a friend's CBFR-2, a 600-cc sport bike. Perhaps it was his extended family who make their living in the world of motorsports.



He also learned early in life the need and value of work. Working in his mother's restaurant was his introduction to the real world. That foundation lead to other jobs, the earnings from which bought his first motorcycle – 2000 Honda CBR 929.

Patrick and a Honda Trike

To support his riding ambitions, he started working for Danbury Power Sports in 1998, well before graduating from high school in 2002, a group that he worked for intermittently until he moved to Missoula in 2013. His field, parts and sales there as well at stints with Hyper Racing in Manhattan, New York and Charleston Power Sports in Charleston, South Carolina were well suited for his current position at Big Sky Motorsports.

As his skills developed, he soon wanted to copy what he saw on the street – stunt riding. As you can imagine, a teenager wanted to gain acceptance with the 'in' crowd which in this area was stunt riding on public streets and areas (parking lots).



Stunt riding can be characterized as 'impulsive' - any time and any where there is a vacant lot or area. Patrick and his bike, a 1999 Honda CBR 600cc F4 with some obvious modifications for this type of riding.

He reflected on the riding style he was exposed to and participated in during the formative years of riding. For whatever reason it was peculiar to the northeastern United States, and in its infancy as a style of riding. It had the name "Hooligan" or "Stunt" riding – groups of riders, usually young working men, on sports bikes in the 750 to 1000 cc size range who would gather at night in empty parking lots and sparsely traveled roadways – and stunt ride. Wheelies, stoppies, controlled drifting and outright racing. Even though it was largely tolerated by the local law enforcement,

professional encounters with local police occurred, with the obvious results. Trips to hospital emergency wards were frequent occurrence. Patrick carries several metal rods and pins in his body as evidence. It was in this venue he met Teach McNeil, a stunt rider often performing at BMW MOA events. Patrick did not perform with McNeil, but they often rode together on their hooligan rides.

Patrick's stunt riding was a serious endeavor so he modified some standard bikes specifically for stunt riding. The model shown here started life as a 2002 Honda CBR 600 F4I. His modifications included installing Honda RC 51 front forks and wheels as well as a Nissin brake system. He added a sub frame at the back for an extension to rest the bike on its tail, or perhaps preclude a backward flip. A hand rear brake lever was added on the left handlebar, just below the clutch lever to permit rear wheel braking when his right foot was off the foot brake lever. As you can see, a larger rear chain sprocket was added.

The east coast provided many high-performance riding and racing opportunities. He outfitted himself with a Kawasaki 636 (shown on the right) for track days at Louden, Road Atlanta, and Daytona. Also mixed in there was a 1996 Ducati 996 for track days, both on and off the track.

Lime Rock Park was the site of his first formal training in high performance driving, in a Skip Barber Racing School. The automobile in the background of the photos of his stunt bike is a Datsun 510 that he built and raced both formally and informally on 'Track Days' at Lime Rock. He eventually added a BMW M3 Clone, well





modified for the same purposes. He chuckles that he spent track time with some guy by the name of Paul Newman – who he knew as the 'salad dressing' guy and a very good driver.

Patrick related that as an academic student, his mind was more focused on the motorcycle and automotive world. Most of his reading material was automotive and very light on the Classics and history. In response to a high school teacher's endeavor to guide him to a more academic course of study, Patrick said that someday he would own a





Dodge Viper and a BMW car. "When pigs fly" was the teacher's response. Later, when that goal was reached, Patrick sent the photo to the left to the teacher. As Patrick remembers, the teacher's response was quite positive with a bit of pride at the accomplishments of his former student.

It wasn't motorcycles, but mountain biking that brought Patrick to Montana in 2013. He started downhill mountain biking on the east coast at a young age and was given a bike buy his boss at Hyper Racing, Rich Cortez. His aunt lives in Missoula and summer visits was a perfect time, and place to mountain bike. The photo is Patrick catching a little air on Blue Mountain. What better reason to migrate here, a haven for mountain biking and motorcycling? With his background in motorcycle parts and sales, he found his current position with Big Sky Motorsports in 2106.

The memories of the Dodge Viper to a five-year old have remained with Patrick. On one the trips west to Montana with his mother, 1998 or 99, they came across a Viper Club event in Ohio. Patrick made his mother turn around and visit the gathering. His enthusiasm, and I suspect his knowledge of those ground burning sports cars, made them a welcome guest with several 'hop in and let's go for a ride' invitations. You will occasionally see Patrick's current Viper in the Big Sky Motorsports parking lot. Check it out.



Patrick notes that his 'hooligan' riding is well behind him, but he can still pop a wheelie, but only on a bike he owns he quickly added. His garage doesn't have a motorcycle now, but his eye is on a BMW R1200/1250 GS that meets his criteria. No mention of wheelies.

## Dick French

#### My First Motorcycle/Most Unique Motorcycle/Memorable Motorcycle - Kevin Huddy



My first motorcycle was not really mine. I was 15 going on 16 and my middle bother was 19. He had recently purchased a Honda CB450 Blackhawk. A big bike back in the day and a huge step up from his previous Honda 90. Well, brother got married in a fever hotter than a pepper sprout and moved to an apartment with his bride, but left the CB450 parked in our garage.... with the keys in it. I was in high school and got home almost three hours before my parents. The temptation was

strong and I was weak so soon I was cruising around on the Blackhawk on the streets of Virginia Beach. I knew virtually nothing about how to ride a motorcycle but some how managed not to injure myself or wreck the bike. My brother came by the house occasionally, but he seldom gave more than a cursory look at the bike. I was careful to park it as close as possible to the way he left it, but worried he would notice the mileage. I did have a flat on one of my excursions. I rode home a couple of miles on the flat and casually pointed it out to my brother on his next visit. To my hap-

py surprise he had the tire fixed even though he was not riding the bike anymore. Surprisingly I never got caught and after a year or so the bike was sold.

Move ahead to around 2009. I came across a picture of a 66-67 CB450. I emailed it my brother with a note that said, "Remember this?" He replied with a lengthy response about how much he loved the bike (he never owned another one) and the great times he had on it. I told him about my experiences on it and boy was he hot. I was glad we lived 4,400 miles apart at the time.



Kevin Huddy

Historian's Corner - Christmas Parties Past - Kim Lemke

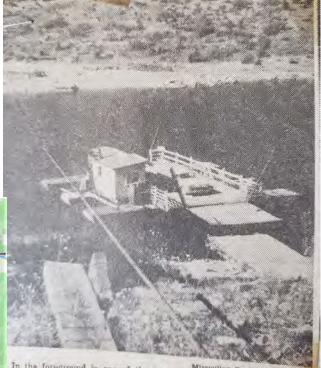


#### **Editor's Historical Corner**

Many of you have ridden the 21.5 miles of Montana Highway 135 along the Clark Fork River from St. Regis to its intersection with Highway 200 where the Clark Fork empties into the Flathead River, with a refreshment stop at Quinn's Hot Springs. It is a pretty ride, especially in the Spring time following the sweeping turns of the Clark Fork. A branch of the Northern Pacific Rail Road was completed in 1910 following the river from St. Regis to the main line on the Flathead river. The motorcar road was not paved until the late 1960s, and the bridge did not replaced a self propelled ferry until 1962-63. As a small child I remember travelling this unpaved, nominally referred to as the 'cutoff',

road and the ferry crossing. I was very impressed with the ferry, something that could carry our car and float on water. It was self-propelled by simply turning the bow of the pontoons into the upstream current allowing the force of the water to 'push' the ferry across the river along the guide cables anchored on each shore. The old road to the ferry landing is now a fishing access route. Although the current paved route is a pretty ride, I lament a bit about an off-road ride and a ferry boat crossing, and perhaps a stop at Quinn's Hot Springs Resort.





In the foreground is one of the two heavy cables to which the ferry, about to dock, is tethered.

## **Three Wheeler Corner**



## Montana BMW Riders Breakfast Get Togethers

#### Missoula



John Webster, Susan and Fred Reed, Lynden and LeeAnn Clark, Sandy Knutsen, Chuck Reed and Kim Lemke.

Photos by the Editor

#### Helena



Ken Conrad, Mike Mainwaring, Mike Meredith, Paul Smietanka, Lance Lerum Mark Ellzey, Nancy and Don Price. Not pictured are Ed Field and Kevin Huddy.

#### Place2Place - Gary Graham



#### **First Saturday Breakfast Schedule**

- Missoula
  - Saturday 30 November
  - River City Grill
  - Bonner, Montana
  - 9:00 AM
- Helena
  - Saturday 7 December
  - Perkins Restaurant and Bakery
  - 1803 Cedar Street
  - Helena, Montana
  - 9:30 AM

I know this is past tense, but will report on it in the January Newsletter.

Please do not forget the MONTANA BMW RID-ERS Christmas Party, also on 7 December at Big Sky Motorsports starting at 6:00 PM.

2019 Ride Schedule (Revised 12/1/19)					
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/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 Springs	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
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Also stop by and meet Cody Zabit, Service Manager and schedule your winter storage servicing. Since November 1<sup>st</sup> Big Sky Motorsports is offering 20% off on labor on all shop work. Pick up and delivery is also available in the Missoula area.



Cody Zabit

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