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President's Corner



As your newsletter editor will attest, I can tend to push a deadline, especially when it comes to submitting my monthly column. Procrastination, poor time management? Sure, guilty as charged. But also, and more often, it's because I want to write something that's worth reading. Sometimes it takes awhile for that month's rightly theme to present itself, and for the first wave of wobbly ideas to move over to the right. That's not the case this month though. I'm pushing the deadline this month because what I've got to write about is an issue I'm not real anxious to address.

So how about a little bit of that procrastination first. Surprisingly strong turnout for May's meeting, eh? I couldn't attend it myself, I had double-booked that Sunday and was committed to giving a presentation and field tour at Lubrecht Forest. As I drove up along the

Blackfoot River through heavy snow-rain and 34 degree temperatures, I thought: there won't be a single fool to show up at Hauser Lake. Boy was I wrong! 16 hearty souls drove/rode (some for hours) through that slop weather for – for what exactly? There's certainly some mystically strong underlying motivation at work there. Otherwise-barren social calendars? Poor cinematic offerings at the local movie theater? Or something deeper perhaps.

Speaking of confoundingly strong turnout, here's something that really knocked my socks off: 32(!) club members petitioned Camping Czar John Webster for pup-tent asylum within the MTBMWR Autonomous Zone at the BMW MOA National Rally later this month. Again I ponder: What gives? Well, we will have to show up there at Great Falls to find out, and I hope reporter-on-the-scene Mr. French has his pencil sharpened and can discover exactly what it is that compels one-in-every-four of our members to sleep on the ground alongside 31 other members in a refugee camp environment. Poverty and frugality can explain only so much. By the way, if you're going to be a rally day-tripper, be sure to scan the horizon for our unfurled banner and come on by to join the frivolities.

All right, enough procrastination. As I type these words I'm looking out the window of an airplane over the emerging spring beauty of Montana. Lisa and I are on a flight back to Missoula from Ruston, Louisiana where we've just inspected a house that we're under contract to buy. We need a house in Ruston because I've taken a new position as Director of the School of Agricultural Sciences & Forestry at Louisiana Tech University. I'll be leaving Montana at the end of July, which is when I intend to forfeit my gold-plated MTBMWR gavel and prematurely terminate my presidency of this illustrious club.

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President's Corner - (continued)

Let me preemptively provide responses to a few common questions:

- Yes, I do agree that Louisiana Tech is probably located in Louisiana, not Montana
- Yes, I am looking forward to the change, and yes the whole family is too
- Yes, I have considered: heat/humidity, snakes, mosquitoes, hurricanes, floods
- Yes, I will miss this place and the friendships I've made here, quite badly I'm sure
- Yes, I will consider lowball offers on my battery tenders, studded snow tires, etc.

My research has indicated that there are actually many similarities between Montana and Louisiana. They both have pine trees (lots of them), and they both share the same watershed (albeit opposite ends of it). Montana has mountains, and Louisiana has one too: Driskill Mountain, elevation 535 feet. So when you really think about it, not so different. And really not so far either – less than two Iron Butt days away.

Your initial concerns over my capacity for independent decision-making now alleviated, your thoughts may next turn to the club leadership and its future. But then you will recall that I no longer am the Treasurer, so the club's financial resources are safe and secure. I don't produce the newsletter, and I don't manage the website, so those vital institutions remain intact. I don't oversee the riding contests, or host a tech day, or organize any multi-day riding events. All those things are done by other people. In retrospect, it seems that I have rather few responsibilities aside from making proclamations and attending gala events in my MTBMW President's Regalia. And those are replaceable and relatively unimportant things.

The current success of the club is mainly a case of many hands making light work. It's also a case of a core group of dedicated and service-minded members leaning in with gusto to attend to the finer administrative tasks and details. They appear to have found the fountain of youth; I am humbled by them and I can barely keep up with them. The club leadership will be fine in their hands until the next round of elections takes place. In the meantime, consider joining them by throwing your hat in the ring and becoming a club officer or volunteer.

With the pandemic fading off, it feels as if we have apexed the corner, are coming out of the lean and rolling on the throttle. There's no doubt that club is riding a crest of high activity and interest, but I don't believe it's just a temporary, post-pandemic phenomenon. We've been getting better and growing despite the pandemic, not because of it. We're a club filled with interesting, welcoming, and energetic motorcyclists, and as long as that's the case, we're destined to attract more new members and continue growing. Who knows what the future holds?

For me the future holds some riding – as many Montana miles I can squeeze in during the next two months. The clock is ticking so I have to hurry!

Chris Keyes

President, Montana BMW Riders



Chris Keyes

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Secretary - Treasure's Column - Dave McCormack



School's Contest Update: There are several players already rolling on the schools contest and it looks like folks are having fun with it along with some discoveries. **You can sign up any time as long as you're a paid up member**. So if the riding itch is getting to you as the weather warms, sign up and get started. The contest doesn't end until October 31st so there's plenty of time to get on your Iron Horses and get some Montana history under your belt for those times when at a cocktail party there's a lull in the conversation.

We're experimenting with a number of ideas this year left over from our COVID days with nothing else to do. So, you'll notice we're trying out the **membership card** idea with you this year and now we've done a pilot program with **business cards**.

We printed off 250 and will hand them out at meetings and the rally. They're a simple way to identify you as a club member and can be used when you meet someone who obviously has a bike and might be interested in joining a club like ours. As

for the treasury, our ability to attract new members and advertisers has been tremendous this year. Our war chest is solid and enables us to attempt some new stuff that we think will advance our goal of finishing the year with **150 members**. So next time you're at a meeting or event ask for some of the business cards. We're even seeing referrals from Big Sky Motorsports and are delighted with their increasing support.

June should be a busy month and if the weather holds, we should continue to have large turnouts. As evidence we had a crowd of over 25 at Lincoln and a solid 14 at Hauser Lake, even with snow and rain slush in the passes.

June is the BMWMOA Rally in Great Falls and if you haven't signed up but are curious, you can do a day ride and check out the goings on. If that's not on your 2021 bucket list, then head out to Choteau for a picnic lunch (bring your own lunch or purchase one in town) on Sunday the 26th. Many of our members attending the rally will use Choteau as a reason to get out of the tent and put some fresh air in their cigar smoked lungs.

Enjoy the summer.

Dave McCormack



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Tom Moe - 33028 BMW MOA Regional Coordinator



I am planning to head to **Big Timber** for lunch at the **Big Timber Bakery** on **June 12th at 1:00 PM**. All are welcome, including guests, but I hope some **Bozeman** and **Billings** area members and riders will join me. They may or may not take reservations but please call or text me at **406-599-5226** so I can get a count. Look forward to seeing you there. I am also thinking and looking for other destinations and ideas for Bozeman and Billings area folks to get together now and then.

Looking at the rally website I see we are short some volunteers for the rally. Take a look at the volunteer sheet and see if you can assist in any way. I am going to take another look and see where I might help out. There are currently shortages of volunteers in many categories for many shifts.

I am so pleased to see we have a good number of folks signed up to assist with the post rally cleanup. Thanks to those that signed up and the help is much appreciated.

The Beartooth Rendezvous is on – information for sign up is on the next page.



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

The 23rd Annual Beartooth Rendezvous will be August 19-21, 2021 in Red Lodge, Montana. It is sponsored by the Beartooth Beemers, BMW MOA Chartered Club #303, claimed to be "The Best Little Rally in the West". Online registration will be open through Tuesday August 17th, and walk-in registrations will be accepted. Register online at:

- (www.beartoothbeemers.org).

Registration by July 20, 2021 will be \$80, after that it will be \$100. If you have problems with your online registration or need help with cabins, please call Charlie at 208-661-5639 or email "Registrar@Beartoothbeemers.org".

Unfortunately for me it doesn't look like I will be able to attend this year due to a conflict in scheduling.

Ride safe, keep the rubber side down.

Tom Moe



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BMW Ambassadors - Kevin and Annie Huddy



Well hello there from lovely snow covered Central Montana and welcome to third winter otherwise known as the month of May. Even for Montana this has been a crazy Spring and I, for one, am really looking forward to a warm June.

It was quite a nice gathering out at Lakeside for lunch this past weekend. Having never been there before we were pleasantly surprised with the back deck and the attending heaters that were going full blast. The food, the service, and the company were excellent. One hearty soul actually rode a motorcycle to this event! We are pondering how long it took him to dry out once he returned home.

Speaking of motorcycle riding-we here in Montana are truly fortunate to have some of the best roads upon which to venture. With all the down time from Covid, there are many roads and routes that should have been planned. One of those routes should take you to Great Falls for the **BMWMOA Rally, Thursday June 24-Saturday June 27**.

The list of vendors for the Rally has been updated on the BMWMOA website and it is always so much easier to actually see, feel, and try on things rather than ordering, hoping for the best, and returning anything and paying for shipping. There is a day pass available for just Saturday, but bear in mind it does NOT give you a chance at winning any of the trips or bikes that are given away at the closing ceremony Saturday night. We currently have 34 members attending the rally, some camping, some motel-ing it, there will be a chartered camping/gathering spot for our group. Look for our MT BMW RIDERS Banner and the Orange enclosure courtesy of **Chris Keyes**.

The current border situation with Canada/Covid is still not resolved and the border remains closed for leisure travel at least thru 21 June. This will definitely put a damper on travel northward. Dust to Dawson has been cancelled, as has the Nakusp gathering.

However, the Beartooth Rendezvous is still a go in mid-August and if you have never attended, this should be the year you register and ride to Red Lodge Lions Camp. For those who might be tent averse, they have cabins (rent the entire eight bunk cabin with some friends or just rent one of the bunks and share with some new people) and there are hot showers in the bath houses. There are many motels in Red Lodge as well and it is a very quick ride out to the camp.

The riding in the area is-- --well at the very least, FABULOUS!! Grab a coffee or breakfast in the dining hall and head out in any direction: go hang out in downtown Red Lodge for shopping, take the Chief Joseph Highway, ride up to Belfry, go to Cooke City, or just ride the Beartooth. All drool worthy ways to spend a day on the road, return to the camp for camaraderie and a dinner prepared in the dining hall by the local Lions' Club members, they have yet to disappoint!

It is summer, C'MON LET'S RIDE!

Annie



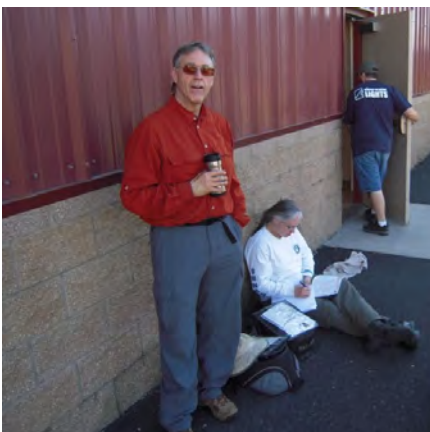
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Historian - Kim Lemke



In anticipation of the 2021 BMW MOA Rally in Montana, Kim Lemke, Club Historian has assembled a collage of photos of past rallies, some in the Rocky Mountain area. I hope they rekindle some good memories.

Editor



The McInerney's—Rally Unknown

BMWMOA Missoula - 1984

Flagstaff Rally - 1991

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School House Contest - Latest from the Road - John DiBari, K. Bill Clark and Robert Carpenter



John DiBari



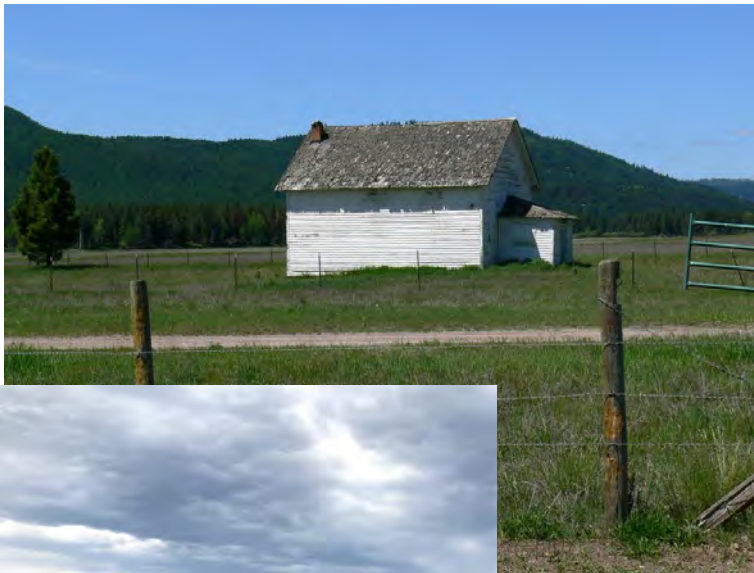
K. Bill Clark



Robert Carpenter

John, Bill and Robert checked off Seely Lake (No. 36) and a 'phantom' school, now an empty field on the return leg from Lincoln.

One photo below is the empty field where the school was and another of what the school used to look like in 2016 or so.



Seely Lake School (No. 36)



The 'phantom' schoolhouse, about 2016 in the photo above, and what John, Bill and Robert found on April 18, 2021.



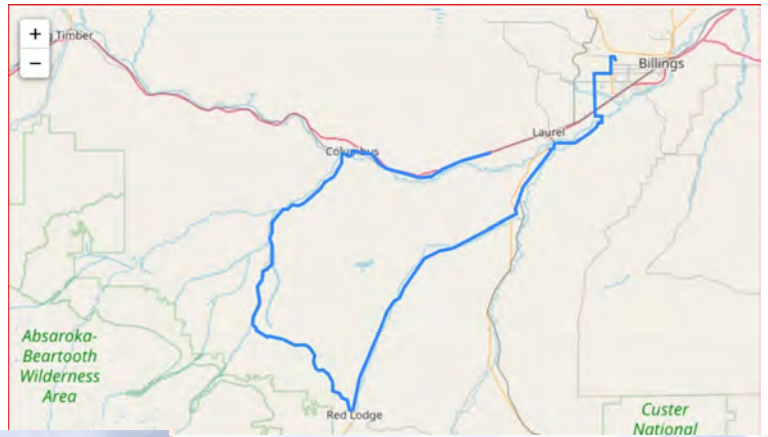
Woodman School, about ten miles west of Lolo on Highway 12, and Number 37 on the Schoolhouse List, was logged by John DiBari.

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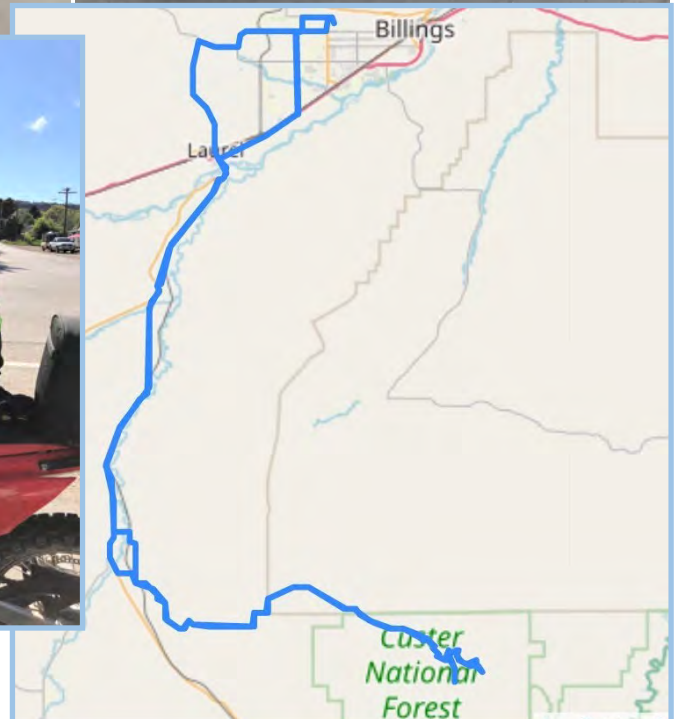
Reports from the Road - Mike Hofferber

Mike Hofferber, Billings has been racking up the miles with riding buddy Rich Bradley, Ducati Multistrada and Dick Armstrong, BMW R1200RT on a loop through Red Lodge.

Mike has been exercising his recently acquired Suzuki DR650, along with Dick Smith on a Honda 400 with a few miles of dirt road in the Pryor Mountains in the Custer National Forest, in the area known locally for its ice caves.



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Reports from the Road - Kevin and Annie Huddy



In last month's issue, the Huddy's shared some photos of their anniversary ride, this time through Yellowstone National Park. This month, they offered a few more of the classic views from a very memorable trip.



The Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone



Yellowstone Falls, May 2, 2021



That moment you conclude there could be some unintended consequences to this situation.



Depending upon your point-of-view, traffic was light.

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Mileage Contest - Larry Banister

Ladies and Gentlemen, attached to this Newsletter, as I did for the last Newsletter, is my most recent spread sheet which shows those from whom I have received your beginning mileage entries for this year's **Montana BMW Riders Mileage** contest. As a majority of the submissions have been via email, I'd like you to make sure that if you've sent me your mileage, you check the list and make sure I have you on this roster, the OFFICIAL DULY RECORDED AND DOCUMENTED roster. (Last year it seems that at least one individual submitted their entry to me and I never got it!)

Thanks again to all who signed up, and if you did so, and I don't have you down, let me know. (The final day for participating in this year's contest was April 30th but I have had to do some corrections and recoup missing data and information.

Larry Banister

Montana MBW Riders Mileage Contest Coordinator



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Hanging out at the Big Sky Motorsports Parking Lot

Hanging around Big Sky Motorsports, I photographed an R1200GS in the parking lot. I didn't locate the owner, but a little research on the web revealed two Montana residents were participants in the Globe Rider's Silk Road Adventures—2015. John McKittrick and Terry Gauthier, both from Helena. *Editor*



BMW In Chinese, literal translations, “Precious Horse”. A Chinese language expert friend, a bit miffed at the modern, or simplified characters, advised that the ‘correct’ characters are 寶馬, should you wish to be ‘technically’ correct.



The route map, on the left is from **Globe Riders** website, (www.golberidersl.com).

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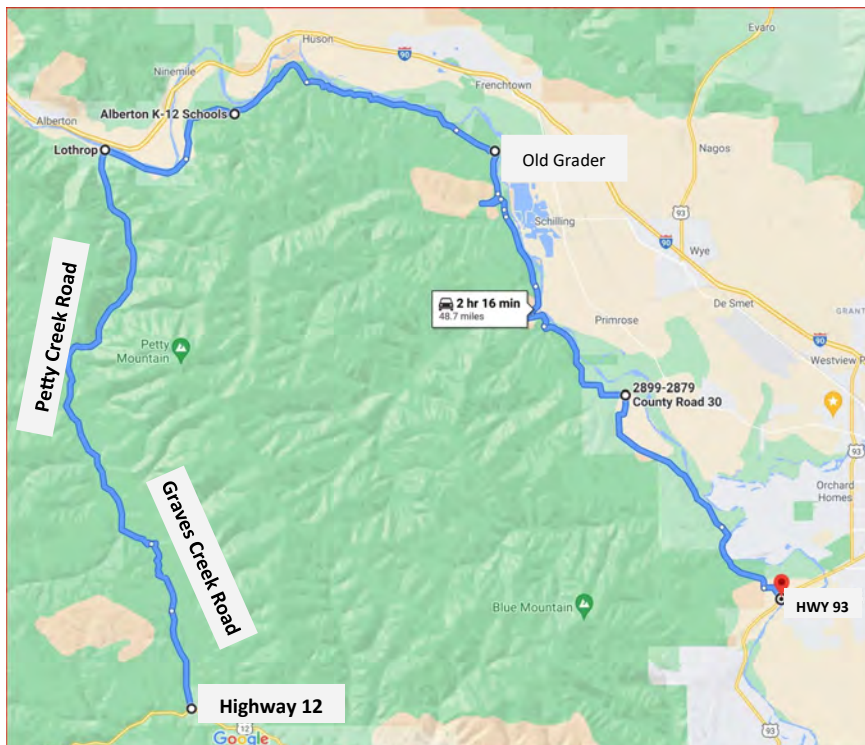
Reports from the Road - Marrea Matthews



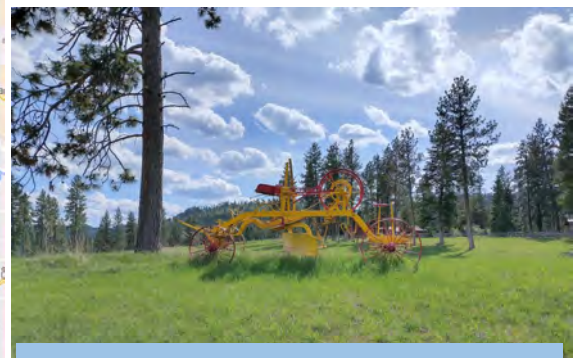
Three women of the MONTANA BMW RIDERS met in Lolo for their first ride together on a beautiful, bright and warm day in mid-May. With **Antje Engelhard** coming from Missoula with myself and **Carol Helm** from the Bitterroot, Highway 12 was the choice. While Antje was the catalyst for this get together, the route was decided by group consensus. With the Lochsa River flowing beautifully, it was thought whitewater enthusiasts would be fun to watch as they enjoyed the perfect water level. So, into Idaho we rode. On our return trip we decided to ride a little dirt and took Petty Creek north. This was Carol's first attempt at riding dirt. It looked like a mixture of elation and relief on Carol's face once we reached the junction with the I-90. Next, there was discussion of checking out what looked like a dirt road from Petty Creek to Big Flat Road in Missoula. But because the gazetteer and GPS maps were dated, that route was uncertain. As Antje was on a time constraint and needed to return to Missoula, she jumped on the interstate. Carol Helm went that way as well. I decided to try the dirt road and was rewarded. It proved to be a single lane with pull outs overlooking the Clark Fork river. Traffic was very light, in fact finding a motorist with his wife and little girl to confirm that the route was open all the way to Big Flat in Missoula was a relief. It was a fantastic first ride together for the women. The next women's ride will be in June. Company will be welcomed. As Antje explained in the January Newsletter, longer rides are desired. So, if you don't live in Western Montana, not a problem. Express an interest and routes to accommodate will be sought. For further info contact **Antje Engelhard** by text **406-546-0673** or Antje.eng@outlook.com

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Marrea Matthews



Southside Road, overlooking the Clark Fork River between Petty Creek and Kona Ranch Road



Horse drawn road grader at Clark Fork Cattle Company

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New Members



Meet **Stephen Sullivan** from Whitefish, Montana. Stephen found out about the MONTANA BMW RIDERS from his high school friend and long-time fellow dirt bike rider, **Steve Inabnit**. Stephen was born and raised in Missoula where he received his primary and secondary schooling and earned a degree from the University of Montana. He followed that with a paralegal degree and then followed a career that specialized in construction claims resolution and analysis.

He started riding at 13 years old on a Honda 50, and then progressed to competing in motocross on dirt tracks in Western Montana. His bike for this endeavor was a Husky CR250 and later a Suzuki RM370. He lamented the MX track in Missoula has long since been replaced by commercial buildings.

One of Stephen favorite types of riding is single track trails & dirt roads on his dirt bike, a 2021 Beta 390, with the Pipestone riding area as one of his favorite destinations. For the last 10 years Steve has operated *Great Divide Dual Sport Adventures* – a adventure bike guide operation that specializes in guiding adventure riders along the Continental Divide. Steve's guide bike is a 2021 KTM 890R. From the appearance of his garage, we should not be lulled into believing riding the dirt is his only riding. The count shows a 2014 BMW K1600GTL (that he recently rode from California to Daytona Bike Week), a 1974 BMW R60/6, two Moto Guzzi's, a 2016 Griso and a 2015 Stelvio. You will also find a 1972 Triumph T100 and a 2005 Kawasaki KRZ1200R.

Welcome to the MONTANA BMW RIDERS club.

Editor



Meet **Marrea Mathews** currently living in Corvallis, Montana. Marrea, originally from Kentucky, 'found' the Bitterroot Valley in 2010 on the solo leg of a long-distance ride to the west coast. Marrea, along with four other female riders (and one tag-along husband) made the ride from Frankfort, Kentucky to a Motormaid's⁽¹⁾ (<https://www.motormaidinc.org/>) rally in Cody, Wyoming. While the rest of the group took a more direct route home, Marrea turned the ride into a solo event to the west coast. The return route included Highway 12 over Lolo Pass. At its junction with Highway 93, of the two choices, north to

Missoula and south to Hamilton, she chooses south. It was fortunate turn of fate. She passed through Hamilton, on through Darby and followed the West Fork of the Bitterroot, over the Montana-Idaho divide to Horse Creek Hot Springs. She vowed to return to the Bitterroot Valley, which she did in 2012.

As a mid-aged birthday present to herself, along with retirement, she took her first MOTOCYCLE SAFETY FOUNDATION course and earned the endorsement on her driver's license. Then came a 1980 Yamaha 650 Special, most memorable for its low output charging system. Stops, for any reason required maintaining high revs to ensure the motor would not stop, and then not enough battery to restart. She remembers getting looks for the male drivers which unspoken, indicated some skepticism of her riding ability. She remembers coasting it into the garage when the motor stopped at the top of the driveway.

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New Members - (continued)

Marrea solved the generator charging problem by trading the Yamaha in on a Suzuki Boulevard. Marrea found a way to combine her bicycling interests with her motorcycling passion, as you can see from the nearby photo. Although the Suzuki advanced her riding skills, the 'feet forward' riding position was not her style. The Boulevard was replaced by her current ride, a 2005 BMW F650GS, with 20,000 miles on the odometer. It now has 60,000 miles to its credit.

Although Marrea has many pavement miles under her belt, she is equally adept on, and prefers dirt roads and camping.

We hope to see Marrea at the club riding and social events. Be sure to read her "Report from the Road" elsewhere in this Newsletter.

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Editor

⁽¹⁾Motor Maids is a women's motorcycle club in North America with over 1,300 members from the United States and Canada. Established in 1940, Motor Maids was one of the first women's motorcycle groups and has been called the oldest existing women's club in the United States. The first president of Motor Maids was Dot Robinson, who held the position for 25 years.



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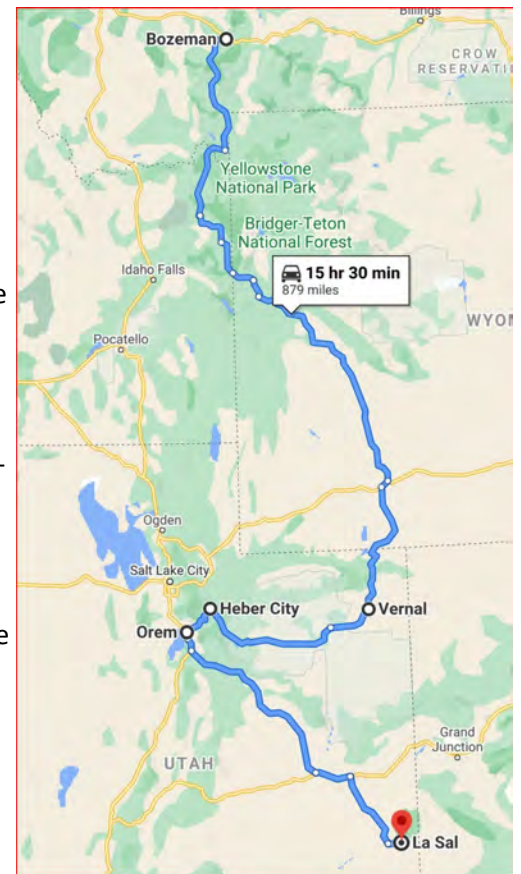
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Moab Adventure Immersion Training May 2021 - Rebecca Coursey

Having purchased my BMW F750GS in May 2019 with the hopes of riding more dirt to get to the places of beauty, camping and the quiet that I enjoy, and not really feeling comfortable yet riding dirt or trail, I signed up for an Adventure Riding Training Immersion through MotoDiscovery. This “camp” included five full days of riding with training exercises, six nights of hotel, all meals, sag wagon help, and meeting other motorcyclists. MotoDiscovery is a 5-star outfit, founded by Skip Mascarro. All details from registration to hotel rooms to the man, Barak Naggan, who was our teacher, to the rental bike for me — a Yamaha XT250—were seamlessly coordinated, expert and fun. For me with no dirt bike training, this was a perfect way to begin.

For this trip, I rode my BMW F750GS from Bozeman to Moab, camping along the Hoback River one night, then Steinaker State Park north of Vernal the second night. I missed the Highway 191 South turnoff in Duchesne, and ended up in Heber City, basically added 210 extra miles and having to go through Provo and Orem—not fun. I did not arrive early to the hotel for the first night as planned. Indeed, the wind was so strong along I-70 that I was leaning the bike over and in terror, so doing everything wrong by bracing against the wind. I nearly quit along I-70, called Barak to explain why I would not be there on time, and was basically in tears by then. After electrolyte drinks, having problems turning my bike around in dirt, and dreading more wind, I somehow pulled myself together and made it to Moab about an hour after the initial meeting — but in time for dinner!



My BMW F750GS loaded for the trip to and from Moab.



This is the cabin I stayed in at 3-Step Hideaway and the Yamaha XT 250 that was my ride for the course.

Some of the highlights of the trip were staying at Scott and Julie’s 3-Step Hideaway near La Sal Junction, south of Moab. Exceptional meals, great western appeal with cabins, super wonderful people. Scott has a shop (the Livery) that would be the envy of most of us. They are also building a very large air circulating green house with grill. They just hosted one of the BMW dirt training sessions last week. It’s very western frontier style. We trained in the “paddock” learning to better balance the bike, stand on pegs, do counterbalance turns all standing up, many braking exercises and some skidding exercises. This was all new to me. In the afternoon we went for a trail ride that usually had an exercise on it. The second afternoon that meant going down a steep rocky hill, crossing a small sand arroyo and up another steep rocky hill, then turning around in this sandy loom stuff that was really challenging for me. I “took out” a few sage brush when I finally couldn’t make the bike turn, and that wasn’t just once!

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Then on Day 3 we rode through Montezuma Canyon, seeing a very neat adobe home built into a canyon wall, like the Anazazi (*Editor's note: also spelled Anasazi – meaning "Ancient Ones" – thought to be ancestors of the modern Pueblo Indians*) did, and a kiva (*Editor's note: a room used by Pueblos for rites and political meetings*) that is being explored archaeologically. The canyon itself was all dirt, beautiful and had a huge mud water we crossed! There were sections of dirt and fun riding, sections of endless fresh gravel that terrorized me (but I finally stopped trying to control the bike and learned to lighten the death grip on the handlebars and then it was kinda fun) and yes, my old friend, wind. Oh, a few trucks that didn't seem to care and wanted the full road, and the switchbacks. Both uphill and downhill. A few of the riders went down on a few of the 10% grade switchbacks going downhill. I just slowed way down. Much easier standing on pegs and taking it in first gear! Counter-steering learned with knee deep in the tank.



This me, doing the log jumping exercise.



Here is where we turned around trying to get over some pass into Moab.

That took us to Cortez, Colorado for another day of training near Delores, Colorado, and an amazingly fun and beautiful ride along a small portion of the Colorado BDR (Backcountry Discovery Route).

The final day we had a 220-mile ride back to Moab, we tried to go over a pass, but the snow turned us around (I felt right at home and laughed, so did the other

two Montana rider participants) and along with the notorious headwind, I made it back to the hotel, turned in my Yamaha XT250, and looked at how huge my 750 is!

The ride home was epic. Left Moab in pouring rain, (It rains in the desert?). I mean-- pouring drenching slicing rain with wind. The 40 some or 60 some miles from Moab to I-70 was one of the nightmare memories of my riding experience. I was packed too heavy on top. I hadn't put on full rain gear. It was hard to see. Lots of cars. At the I-70 junction there was a road-side stop under a huge cottonwood tree. I put on rain gear. I repacked. And finally headed west on I-70. At least the wind and rain had settled down some, but it was not fun. By Price, Utah and going north on Highway 191, the wind kept up a solid challenge, but the rain had mostly stopped. I once again camped outside of Vernal. That's a great State Park, by the way. Hot showers. Nice spots. Even for bikes with tents.

Then, checking out as much of the weather map (actually the night before, luckily because then in all the rain and wind I just didn't plug in my phone and it was dead), when the weather broke on Saturday morning (after more drenching rain at the State Park that night), I realized that I better head to Bozeman directly.



The group, somewhere in Colorado.

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Moab Adventure Immersion Training May 2021 - Rebecca Coursey

Made it home, 488 miles, in one single 10.5-hour day of riding. Coming through Gallatin Canyon was a wicked 34 degrees, but no rain. Snow along the road, but pavement basically clean. The hardest wind was in Pinedale, WY with a huge storm backing up against the Wind River Range. I really was holding up my bike at the gas station while trying to fill it with gas in Pinedale. By then, with phone working, I could see that Teton Pass looked nice enough, Bozeman had some sunshine, and the best bet was to push on.

Overall, it was around 2200 miles of motorcycle riding, including the riding with the rental bike. I learned so much, and I never once dropped the bike. I was the only person (the one woman along with 6 other male participants) who

never went down. I was prudently careful, explored exercises but stayed within my limits, and riding alone, I've learned to check and re-check myself. There were a few exercises I chose not to do when it felt "too much". It was not all fun, however the riding on the BDR trail and other parts, were fantastic riding. I'd do it again in a heartbeat and have already signed up to do the Idaho BDR in July.

Now I'm looking for a Yamaha XT250 or I might try out one of the new Himalayans by Royal Enfield. While I thought I would ride the 750GS on all of this dirt, it feels large to me and more than I can pick up by myself. I might try the BMW 310. The end result though is that I'm a much better rider, I had a really great vacation, so enjoyed MotoDiscovery and the group, and am dreaming about doing more riding and buying another motorcycle.



Our group for the training session



Rebecca Coursey

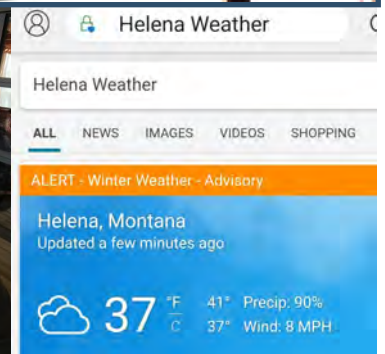
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May Meeting - Lakeside on Hauser Lake

The road to Lakeside on Hauser was both brisk and snowy, as the near-by photos show. But that did not deter 14 determined MONTANA BMW RIDERS, one of whom fulfilled May's meeting theme (Air Heads and Three Wheelers) by riding his BMW R65. The mystery rider is revealed below.

The Lakeside folks set us up on an enclosed outdoor patio, complete with LPG radiant heaters that warmed the area to a balmy 50° Fahrenheit.

Dave McCormack, Secretary-Treasurer filled in for President **Chris Keyes**, who was giving a tour of the Lubrecht Experimental Forest (his primary job). Other participants, **Larry Manchester**, **Steve Moore**, **Annie and Kevin Huddy**, **Lynn and Karen Springer**, **Sandy Knutsen**, **Lynden and LeeAnn Clark**, **Mike Meredith**, **Lance Lerum** and **Ken Conrad**.



Editor



Lance Lerum, our mystery rider, dressed for the occasion.

Photo by Annie Huddy



The west to east run over MacDonald pass.

Photo by Sandy Knutsen



A captive audience hearing about the attributes of a Ural.



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May Meeting - Lakeside on Hauser Lake (continued)



A view from the deck facing Lake Hauser just outside the patio area where we met.



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Club Meetings and Ride Schedule 2021

Month	Date	Location	Venue	Day	Time	Theme ⁽¹⁾
January	Although no entire MT BMW RIDERS club events are scheduled, each geographical area is encouraged to informally arrange social gatherings suitable for your level of comfort with the level of COVID -19 at the time.					
February						
March						
April	18 th	Lincoln	Montana Steak House	Sunday	1:00 PM	
May	23 rd	Hauser Lake	Lakeside on Hauser	Sunday	1:00 PM	Air Heads & Three Wheelers
June	24th – 27th	Great Falls	BMW MOA RALLY	Thursday – Sunday	All Day	Just Ride
	26th	Choteau	Choteau City Park (Bring your own lunch)	Saturday	Noon	
July	18 th	Phillipsburg	Winninghoff Park	Sunday		
	28-31 & Aug 1 st	Helena	Base Camp Jorgenson's	Thursday – Saturday	Thursday Evening – All day Friday - Sunday	To Helena and Back, Paved, Unpaved & Combination
August	21 st	Powell, ID	Lochsa Lodge	Saturday	1:00 PM (MDT)	K Bikes
September	Destination under Review					GS/ADV
	25 th	Helena	Huddy's Outpost	Saturday	All Day	Repair and Winterization
October	17 th	Ovando	Trixi's	Sunday	1:00 PM	Thumpers
November	20 th	Jackson	Jackson Hot Springs	Saturday	1:00 PM	
December	4 th	Missoula	Big Sky Motorsports	Saturday	5:00 PM	
The "Theme" is to encourage riders of the type of bike noted, to ride that motorcycle to the event.						

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For Sale: 2007 BMW R1200RT with 67,880 miles. \$5,500

The bike is in good condition and has been well maintained. Maintenance records are available for the past several years.

Features:

- 1) Heated Hand Grips
- 2) Cruise Control
- 3) Side cases
- 4) BMW Top Case
- 5) Denali LED Auxiliary Lights
- 6) Hyper-Lites Flashing Brake Lights
- 7) Stainless Steel Crash Bars
- 8) Garmin GPS (550)
- 9) Highway Pegs
- 10) Extended Shifter by Wunderlich
- 11) Cee Bailey Windshield
- 12) Original Equipment Windshield
- 13) Cee Bailey Headlight Protector
- 14) Side Stand Foot Enlarger
- 15) Wired for Heated Gear and Battery Tender
- 16) Battery Tender
- 17) Bike Cover

Recently Serviced. Engine Oil and Filter Changed. Transmission, Final Drive Oils Changed. Valves Adjusted and Throttle Bodies Synched. Brakes Flushed, Pads and Rotors Checked for Wear; Calipers Cleaned. Air Filter Cleaned. Final Drive Splines Cleaned and Lubed.

New Shinko Raven Tires Installed and Balanced.



Contact Kevin Huddy (huddykl@gmail.com) information or pictures.

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- 2 pair Happy Trail side cases - \$175/pair
- 1 Happy Trail top case - \$85.00
- Set of three black cases - \$240.00
- Prices at Belt, Montana

Counter offers will be considered.

Contact **Phil Haglund**

406-939-0600



See the second set of side bags on following page

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MotoCentric Hi-Viz mesh motorcycle jacket.

- Size Medium. Zip-in windproof/waterproof liner.
- Two handwarmer pockets.
- Several interior pockets including a chest pocket.
- CE Level 1 shoulder and elbow protection.
- Foam back pad. The stock padding can be replaced with D30 protection.
- Very good condition.

Price: \$60

Contact **John DiBari**

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AUTHORITY FOR SALE: 1997 BMW R1100RT-P

Special MTBMWR price: \$1,999.

Traffic slows and eases over to the right as you approach from behind aboard this glossy black and silver road missile. According to the PO, I'm the 3rd owner of this single-spark 5-speed oilhead since its retirement from the Oregon State Police. Acquired in 2011 with 98,274 miles; current mileage is 122,795. A 3-ring binder of all my maintenance records comes with the bike. The few repairs were done by either John Munch's Motorcycle Werks or Big Sky Motorsports. I'm parting ways with this sexy beast because logic has defeated passion: I enjoy my R1200GSA too much, and I need garage space for a bike lift.



The police model has the standard R1100RT stuff (heated grips; power windshield; ABS) but is better in several wonderful ways: 1) glorious spoked wheels; 2) 18" front wheel versus the standard 17" (ride up over curbs in pursuit of miscreants); 3) integrated locked radio box in lieu of a rear seat (no passengers); 4) European switchgear and lighting settings - on/off/running; 5) precision speedometer; 6) BMW Comfort Seat ('comfort' meh, but it is wide); 7) 50-amp alternator; and 8) special front subframe w/ hardpoints. Upgrades/FARKLE's include: handlebar barbacs; LED driving lights; and AF-XiED O2 sensor manipulator to fine tune the air/fuel mixture. Comes with side cases, the original police light bar (though it doesn't fit over standard cases), plus a can of miscellaneous bits and pieces.

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ADVERTISING RATES 2020-2021

FULL YEAR—January through December

Full Page	\$100.00
Half Page	\$ 75.00
Quarter Page	\$ 50.00
Business Card	\$ 25.00

HALF YEAR— July through December

Full Page	\$ 50.00
Half Page	\$ 37.00
Quarter Page	\$ 13.00
Business Card	\$ 10.00

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Artwork changes during an advertising year, will cost \$25 each change.

Montana BMW Riders does not provide artwork services.

All ads will be on a calendar year basis beginning in January of 2021. Ads will be billed to the advertiser in October of each year. Ads not paid by December 31st of each calendar year will be deleted beginning January.

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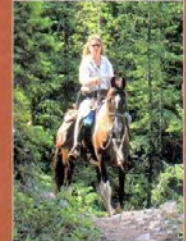
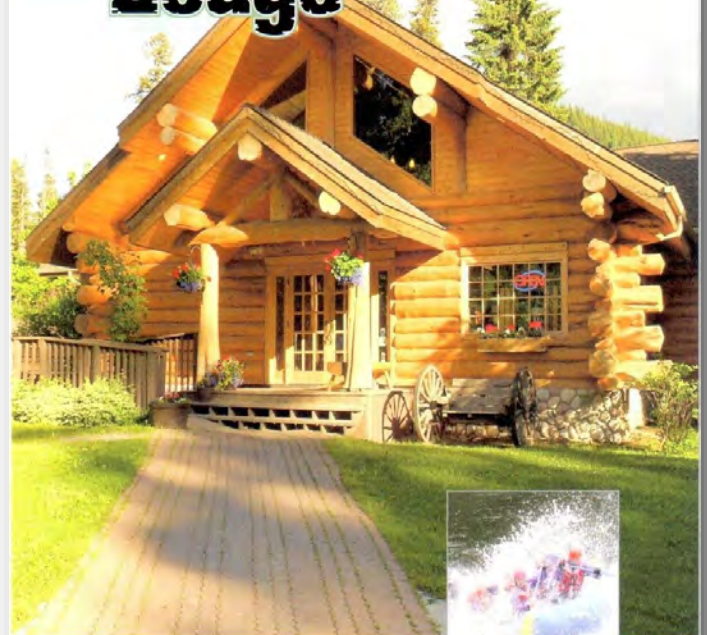
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