

MONTANA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER

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President's Corner



Greetings from your southern agent in Hurricane Country. No sooner had I settled into my new house in Louisiana did the neighbors come by to inquire whether we needed help preparing for the coming Hurricane Ida. Truth be told I had not been following weather forecasts— no internet nor cable TV at the house yet – so I was caught flatfooted. I was informed that in this neighborhood it's not uncommon to lose power and even water for a handful of days after such events. I had not accumulated sufficient anxiety or funds to purchase and install the high-capacity generator recommended. Instead, I settled for stocking bottled water, replacing flashlight batteries, and herding lawn furniture into the garage. But up here in the Louisiana Far North, all we experienced were some light breezes and spitting mist – frankly, a welcome break from the stifling summer

heat. I could have as easily been in Montana as I remotely followed the distressing news reports from the coastal areas. Aside from some refuges taking shelter up here, and some emergency relief efforts preparing for a southern journey, it seemed like a faraway event.

I'm happy to see that the club bylaws referendum passed by a large margin. It's rewarding to have those improvements made to the bylaws of course, but what's more rewarding and rather surprising to me is the response rate from members. The fact that more than four dozen members participated in the referendum tells me that we have a membership that is actively involved and concerned enough to care, and that sure does speak well of our club's status and future. I realize it doesn't take a monumental effort to cast an electronic ballot, but it's even easier to take the apathy path – skip it, forget it and move on. If you cast a ballot, thank you for doing so.

This month marks my last turn at the helm of this fine club, as I intend to resign at the end of September. We have a few loose ends to tie up and then I'll sign off and leave the business of club stewardship to Dave and Mark, aided in no small measure by Dick and Lance. My absence will hardly be noted; by October the Montana riding season is petering out anyway and the work, like the weather, begins to cool off a bit. I'll remain as a club member and will continue to send in some written pieces now and again from my perch down here. But I'll do so as a lay member once again.

Let me make a final case to encourage you to run for club office or volunteer in some other capacity. Please do not approach it from the angle of what the club needs from you, but how serving the club might enhance your life as it has mine. When I first joined this group of misfits, I was in search of other people who want those noisy things to play a central role in their lives: riding them often and well, tinkering with them and making them better, reading books and magazines about them, watching YouTube channels, and listening to podcasts, talking with others about the places they've been or will go. If that's why you joined the club, then you'll get more of all of that as an officer or volunteer.

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President's Corner (continued)

I joined the club in September 2013 and within two years was handed the checkbooks, cashbox, member list, and distinguished sounding title of Secretary-Treasurer. Before long, I was interacting with nearly every member and learning a little bit about each one. Sure, you can meet some members at each club meeting or event, but what better way to engage and learn about ALL club members than by hunting them down each year in pursuit of fifteen dollars? Now that's good sport! And it's a good way to put yourself at the center, rather than exist out on the periphery.

And now look at what happens. I get to write a couple of pages of whatever I please each month, and it goes straight into the newsletter and before the eyeballs of more than a hundred people, including yours. I'm not a writer and don't strive for an audience any larger than this one, but I read once that the best advice for budding authors is to write the kind of stuff, you'd enjoy reading. It makes a lot of sense, but I think it's also good advice that transcends writing. Exactly what kind of motorcycle club do you want to be part of? Get yourself into a service position and help shape your club into the kind of club you want to belong to.

Chris Keyes

President

Montana BMW Riders



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Secretary - Treasure's Column - Dave McCormack



School Contest...OK folks, the weather has cooled, the kids are back in school and the smoke from California regularly lifts long enough to make an all-day ride possible. Get a picture, do a little local research, get the GPS coordinates, and file your work by the end of October to win one of two great prizes. File your work with me at... dhmcc@aol.com, preferably as a file, to be sure to be included in the scoring. Results will be announced at the December Christmas Party.

The delay of the newsletter is due to our wanting to publish the results of the vote on the proposed new **by-laws** as soon as the voting period was over. The voting took place between August 1st and August 31. We needed to give Larry Banister enough time to tabulate the results and post them to Dick French, the editor.

Our up coming meeting for September is still planned for Three Forks on the museum lawns across from the Sacagawea Inn. The date is **September 26th at noonish**. It will be picnic style as our original host restaurant closed due to shortage of staff. Bring a lunch or pick one up at the Three Forks Market.

If Kevin Huddy doesn't mention it, I will here, by saying the **Tech Days session planned for September 24-25, has been canceled**...mostly due to the uptick in Covid cases and the northern border staying closed. However the connecting meeting on the 26th mentioned above is still on.

We will begin our push to contact our advertisers about re-upping for 2022 suggesting to them new artwork to snazzy up their contributions. That's the reason for suggesting a volunteer position for a **graphic artist or illustrator** to help make advertising even more exciting in the newsletter and web site. It's also a good time to talk to businesses we like, use, or think highly of to suggest an ad in our two public outlets. Our rates are low, and we offer not only an ad for 12 months but connectivity in our website which certainly goes beyond Montana borders. It's a good deal for any business big or small that wants to reach quality folks like our club members.

I am personally uncompetitive this year in the **mileage contest** because of heat, smoke, and post covid issues, but I'm still hanging in there because I might be in the random drawing for the \$50 gift certificate...again.

Get out there and put some fun miles on!

Dave McCormack
Secretary—Treasure
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BMW Ambassadors - Kevin and Annie Huddy



Greetings from the Outpost! With more than a little regret we once again feel compelled to cancel the TechDay that was scheduled for late September. The resurgence of the COVID virus makes it unwise for us to host such a gathering for the foreseeable future. We are, however, committed to continuing the tradition of hosting an annual TechDay here at the Outpost and are hopeful we will be able to do so in May 2022. So, stay tuned and look for an announcement of the date for TechDay 2022 in the next few months.

We hope those of you who attended the Beartooth Rendezvous had a great time. We intended to attend, but it did not happen. We planned to take a ride around Montana, Wyoming and Idaho for nine days prior to making our way to Red Lodge. We did meander around hitting Red Lodge, Cody, the Big Horn Mountains, Wind River, Grand Tetons NP, the Klim HQ and store in ID and even an early morning ride through Yellowstone NP. We camped except for a couple of nights, but then the rain started. We spent the night before the rally in Red Lodge with much of our gear wet and awoke to rain with a forecast of more to come. We covered in the face of adversity and headed home. We did feel more than a twinge of regret as we passed several groups of Beemers on HWY 78 as we rode out of Red Lodge, but ultimately, we made the best decision.

Despite being rained out of the Rendezvous we had a great ride. We decided where we were going each day as we folded our tent and more than once changed our decision as we pulled out onto the road. We ended up spending three nights camping in Cody, on two separate visits, and made our first tour of the Buffalo Bill Center of the West (five museums under one roof). We spent two days riding in the Bighorn Mountains and rode most of the roads twice. It really is a very different experience riding the Shell Canyon Road down than it is riding it up. We also made our first ride through the Wind River Reservation in central Wyoming then made our way through the Tetons to the Klim HQ/Store in Rigby, Idaho. It was Annie's birthday, and she did very well at the store.

We met some interesting people along the way as well. Sturgis was winding down so the campgrounds had more than a few Harley folks headed home. There was the farmer from Iowa riding two-up with his wife. They had trailed their bike to the rally but decided to leave their RV in Sturgis to take a ride to Cody and camp. Top Tip: don't wait to put your tent up for the very first time as it is getting dark and starting to sprinkle. Another Sturgis evacuee was a rancher from the Lewistown area that had just sold his ranch. The buyers don't want to run the ranch, so they hired the owner to stay on and manage things. I looked up the ranch and found the sale listing online. The asking price was \$19.5 million so I guess he could afford a bike trip..... There was the guy in his 30's just south of the Wind River gorge who struck up a conversation with us at a McDonalds. He roams around the country in his pick-up sleeping in it every night. He said his alarm clock is normally a tap on his window made by a Deputy's flashlight telling him he needs to move on. And finally, the couple from Iowa that have a farm where they raise mostly corn. They had just left a relative's farm in Idaho who was going to try growing corn for the first time. They were quite instructive on how to get rid of voles and moles and claimed they had rid the Idaho farm of over 9,000 of them! All in all, it was a good ride despite our missing the Rendezvous. Looking forward to the rendezvous next year with great anticipation...and perhaps a new tent or a cabin rental.

Fall is just around the corner, but it looks to be great riding weather!

Kevin and Annie Huddy



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Tom Moe - 33028 BMW MOA Regional Coordinator



As Regional Coordinator, I have been getting a list of new members added to the roles of BMWMOA in our area. We have a program where we send a welcome card and I have been includ-

ing a reference suggesting that new members also join MTBMWriders.org as well. I hope that some are, it will boost our membership if they do.

We just got back from a great RV trip to the Black Hills of Wyoming and South Dakota. It has been 40 years since I was last there, and the first time for Susan. She had wanted to see Devils Tower since 1978 and the movie Close Encounters of the Third Kind. When the movie came out she did not know it was a real thing. We headed over there in one of the first good rains of the late summer and it was wet all the way, and the first day we were there. A nice break from the heat of late July and early August.



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

We had been looking for a second vehicle to take to California and leave it there, but found quite a shortage in inventory all over the country. We really like our GMC Acadia and were hoping to duplicate it. Lo and behold, we get the RV tied up in Spearfish and are driving on one of the main drags and there sitting on the Spearfish GMC Cadillac are three new Acadias. With rebates expiring the end of August we went ahead and purchased one. Susan does not like to drive but did just fine following me home driving the RV.

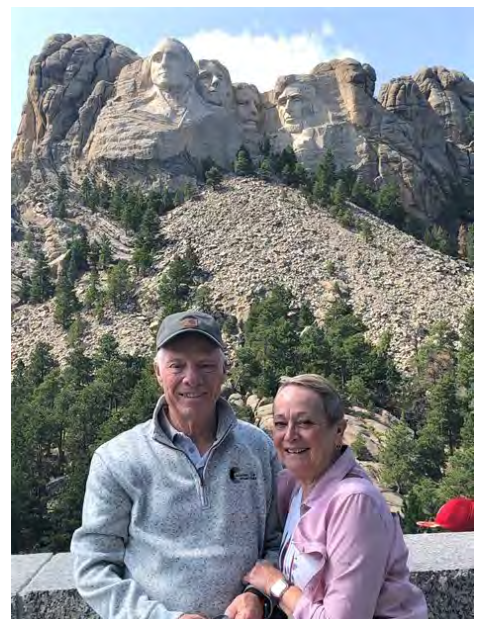
In 2016 the company I worked for bid on a project at Lead, SD known as the Sanford Underground Research Facility - we did not win the project. Had we, I would have probably been on site for a year or so as I was the lead estimator. It was thrilling for me to visit the visitor center and learn more about how the project had progressed.

The facility is an adaptation of the Homestake Mine from gold mining to underground research and development. One of the major experiments is collecting data from neutrinos blasted from the Chicago area and intercepted. The science is way above my pay grade, but it is of course very interesting. To learn more about the facility visit <https://www.sanfordlab.org/facility>. I suspect you will find it to be very interesting.



We also visited Mt. Rushmore which, as I stated earlier, I had not seen in 40 years. The facility is much improved and pretty easy to visit now. Very inspiring to see.

We also visited Deadwood which is an interesting place, perhaps too many T-Shirt shops but still interesting and of course famous as the place where Wild Bill Hickock met his demise.



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

One thing we both noticed, there must be a law or at least an unwritten law that one cannot wear a helmet while riding a motorcycle in NW South Dakota. I found it quite disturbing as someone who believes in ATTGATT.

We did manage to get to Sturgis BMW and found it quite interesting. They are multi line ,like so many dealers these days, the manager told us that usually they have 300 bikes in stock, more like 50 right now. I know BMW riders from Billings that head there for service as it is about the same distance as Missoula.

Ride safe, keep the rubber side down.

Tom Moe



Ladies and Gentlemen of the Montana BMW Riders:

Here are the results of our recent voting to approve our amended club by-laws. As of the close of voting (8/31/21) we have 48 member voting to approved the amended by-laws, 1 opposed.

Thank you,

Larry Banister

"Vote Counter"
Montana BMW Riders



A FARKLE not found in the usual accessory website.



Perhaps for pursuit of speeders on Urals.

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Reports from the Road - Rebecca Coursey

Rebecca Coursey, from Bozeman, recently joined the MONTANA BMW RIDERS and has focused on off-road riding. Earlier this year, she completed an Adventure Immersion Training course in MOAB (June Issue of the Newsletter); completed the off-road riding course in conjunction with the BMW MOA Rally in Great Falls; and recently participated in the WEST38MOTO Idaho BDR (Backcountry Discovery Route) tour. The intent of the tour was to follow the Idaho BDR shown in the Butler Motorcycle Maps, but due to forest fires, many of the BDR roads were closed. The tour guides improvised, following roads that were available, and on Day 6 completed the tour in Bovill, Idaho. Rebecca branched off from the group at Bovill, Idaho and made her way back to Missoula, the starting point of her tour. The track maps in the article are essentially correct for the overall route but are missing some of the details in the side roads and trails used to meet the intent of a BDR experience.

Rebecca is sharing her experiences in the following article.

Editor



This was a great trip on my new Yamaha XT250, 1682 miles for me on this bike. It encompassed riding on basic good roads, like HWY 12 over Lolo Pass and along the Lochsa, to I-90 over Lookout Pass (unplanned due to fires), forest service dirt roads, freshly graveled roads, and a lot of fun ATV type of tracks with rocks, gullies, and countless switchbacks. This trip had one river crossing, which I did with some help! I fell in love with this XT250, really surprised at how capable this bike is, even compared with the big twin 1200 and 1250's. There were 12 participants, two leaders, and two support people helping with cooking and carrying gear during the day that we didn't need. We had five nights of camping, and two hotel nights. Great trip, too hot at times, and the fires required some



Fresh out of the box and fully loaded.

re-routing. About 850 miles dirt. I'm gaining skills for sure!



I owe some big thank you's for this trip. Maverick Motorsports in Missoula was gracious to help unloading and loading my bike from the truck (I drove it over in the truck from Bozeman to Missoula to spare myself some freeway miles). Huge thankyou to Richard French, who picked me up from Maverick, helped me pack the XT250, stored my truck at his home, and routed me through the most beautiful road, with lunch included, from Missoula to Lolo. And helped again when I returned to Missoula. Another huge shout-out goes to Dustin Wessels and Cassie Maier of West 38 Moto. Both are exceptional leaders, experienced motorcyclists, and totally fun, alive and exciting fellow human beings riding and evolving in their own lives.

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Reports from the Road - Rebecca Coursey (continued)

I began riding from Missoula, spent the first night camping at Wilderness Gateway along the Lochsa. Second night spent along the Salmon River at Spring Creek (?) campground. It was Hot. Not too smokey. Swimming was great! The fires were burning in the West Lolo Complex for going over Lolo Pass, and the Dixie Fire south of Elk City was gaining ground.

From there I made it to Boise, where I met the group and began the ID-BDR ride with West38Moto. The trip out of Boise—headed to Pine —began innocently enough, with some basic gravel-good-dirt, but within miles, we were climbing up a truly technical dirt road with ruts and rocks in 103 degrees weather. A peer rider got stuck in a rut about 5 feet deep, I passed, praying to not go down (RPMs and momentum are your friend!) and later another rider went off in a rocky section. It's the first time I have seen a bike off the side of a road, upside down, scrambled up in bushes. The guys turned her around, and to my amazement, Dusty Wessels rode that bike up at an oblique slant as if he were basically riding a nice dirt road. Inwardly I thought — "OK Dusty, no questions asked, I'm in!"



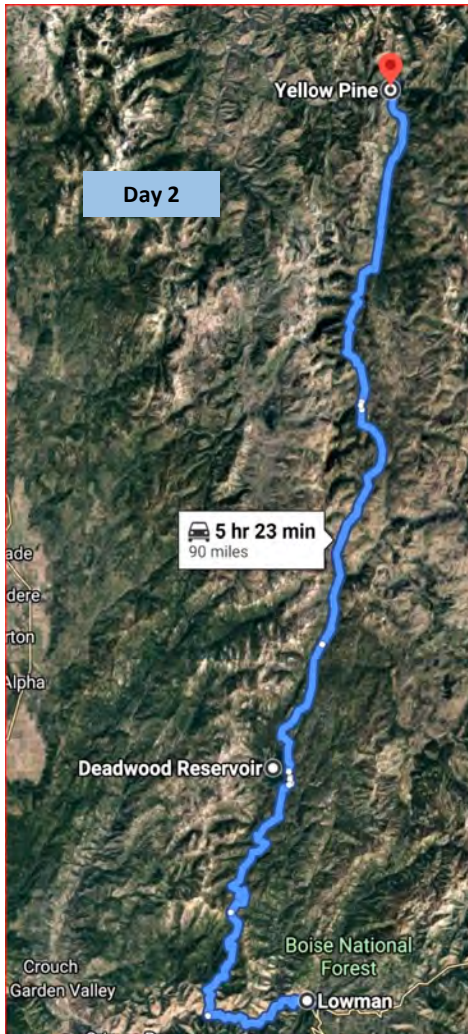
Lunch break and swim along the Salmon, Slate Creek. Enroute to meeting the group in Boise, ID

Camping at Yellow Pine, creek roaring in the background, steak dinner at the Corner Saloon. Most memorable place to camp!



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Reports from the Road - Rebecca Coursey (continued)



Along the trip there were a thousand plus switchbacks, loose gravel, rocky sections, almost all two-track jeep and ATV roads, and some basic forest service roads. There were mishaps along the way, so adventure was part of it. On day 3, I went down softly in a left-hand uphill switchback turn, decreasing radius, stalled the bike. Duh, forgot about the clutch! Cassie helped me pick the bike up. Gratitude. I had been having problems turning in that direction and how I weight the inside peg but freeze my arms. This fall helped me understand what I was doing and begin corrections. Other riders went down as well, with another rider going off the steep bank along a downhill hairpin turn. An epic rescue effort by five of the guys in the group. No one was hurt, motorcycle un-

scratched. However awakening understanding of why we ride with an In-Reach and with another person or more. On day four we split the group. The more advanced riders went with Dusty across the Magruder road to Darby, and others went over White Bird Hill and along Hwy 12, over Lolo Pass. We spent a night in Lolo that was unplanned due to fires. We were unable to ride the Lolo Motorway. Then we headed north over Lookout Pass and into the Pritchard area north of Wallace. That was great riding. Swimming. Camping. And just plain fun getting to know the other participants as we celebrated our experiences. I returned home after the group dispersed going over Thompson Pass (what a great artesian spring!) and swam mid-hot-day in the Clark Fork outside of Thompson Falls. Got back to Missoula, Richard helped me, and got in the truck, turned on Grateful Dead tunes, and back to Bozeman. Now the Yamaha XT250, named "Xena T Dirt Road Warrior", sits in a very special place on the patio out the back door. She's known to be practicing her tight-radius turns around the apple tree and flower beds in the backyard.

Rebecca Coursey

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Reports from the Road - Rebecca Coursey (continued)

She's getting better, waiting for her next Adventure Ride-training with Cassie M with West38Moto in Colorado with the Ladies in September 2021.

Rebecca

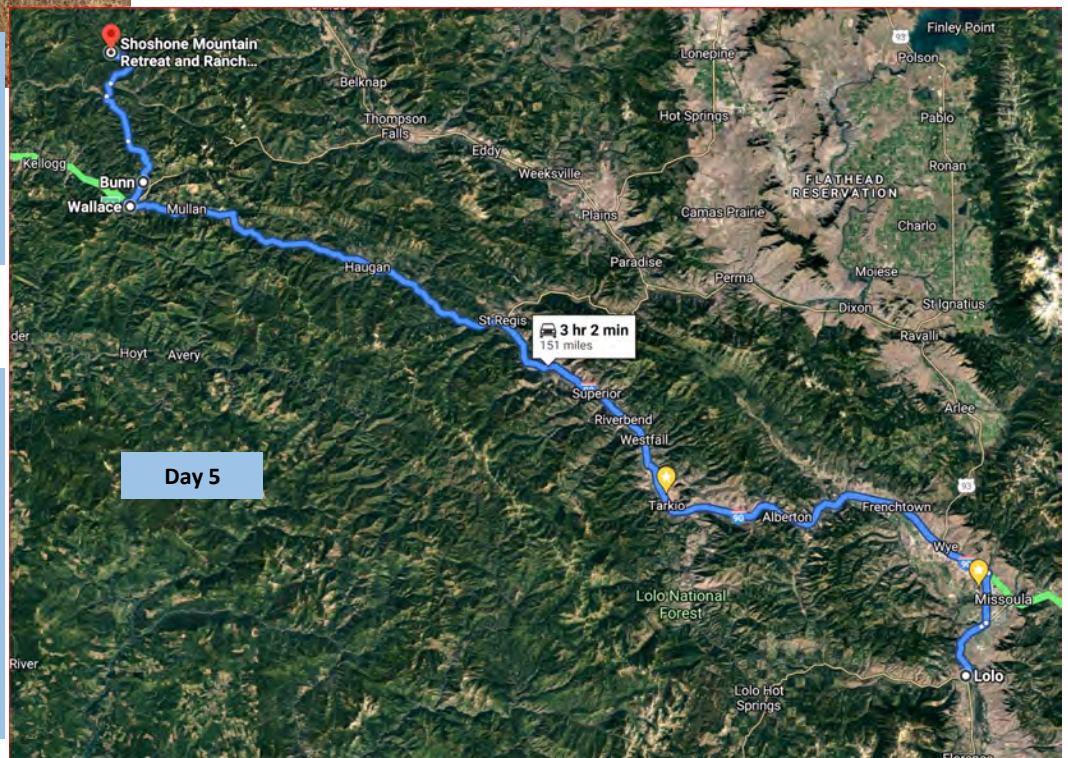


Yellow Pine, amazing ride, about 200 miles from previous days camp at Pine. The little 250 is holding its own with the big bikes.

Day 5 was a 'recoup' day, i.e., getting back on the BDR track. We followed I-90 to Wallace, Idaho. My XT 250 ran 'pinned' most of the way, getting me to the appointed destination on time. She was a good girl.



Day 4 is where things started to become complicated. One group traveled from Riggins to Lolo, Montana by Highway 12, and a hotel night. A second group rode to Lolo via way of the Magruder Corridor, or that portion of it that was available.



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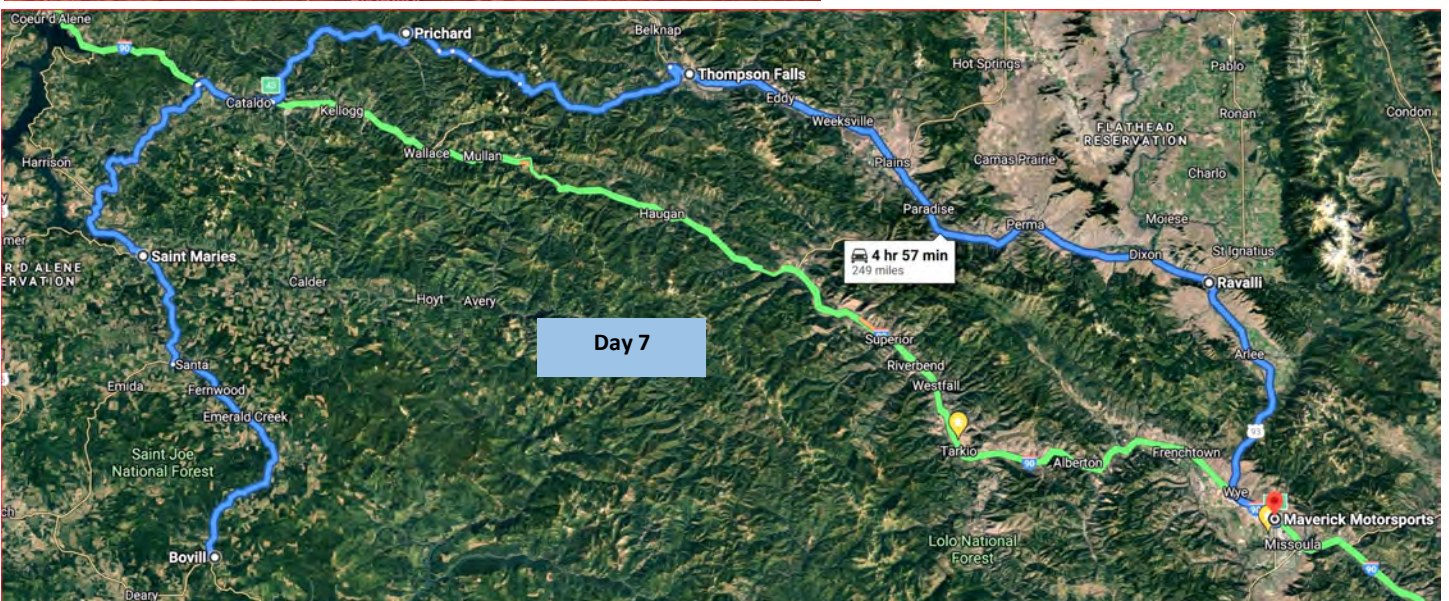
Reports from the Road - Rebecca Coursey (continued)



From our campsite north of Pritchard, we returned south through Avery and had our final night of camping together in Bovill, Idaho on Day 6.

On Day 7, the group went on their separate ways. I had hoped to follow the St. Joe River and cross over the Idaho/Montana state line to ride to St. Regis. Parts of that route were closed, so I had to re-route myself back to Pritchard, and then to Thompson Pass, Thompson Falls for a quick dip in the Clark Fork river, and on to Missoula. I reloaded the XT250 on to my pickup and was soon on my way back to Bozeman, all the while planning my next adventure ride.

Rebecca



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New Member - Chadmon (Chad) Householder



Meet **Chadmon “Chad” Householder** from Missoula, Montana. Originally from Noblesville, IN just north of Indianapolis, he professes to be an addicted but “average-at-best” fly fisherman. A few years after graduating from DePauw University in Greencastle, IN, Chad moved to Boise, Idaho in 1995 and decided to add another activity to his leisure pursuits. A motorbike seemed to be just the answer to tear up the twisty roads surrounding the Boise area. Not having ridden before, he took the Idaho STAR (Skill Training Advantage for Riders) Motorcycle Safety Program and passed with flying colors. With a license endorsement in hand, he was ready to ride, but needed a motorbike. A 1991 red BMW K75s was soon found and purchased. Although he never rode extensively, many miles were spent touring around Idaho, as well as a trip to Crater Lake and the California coast.

The “K” bike served its purpose, and was sold it to a friend, after Chad moving to Missoula in 2016 from Sidney, Nebraska, where he was working for Cabela’s HQ. It was several years before the “K” bike was replaced by a 2002 silver BMW R1150GS in April 2021. It now resides next to his frequently used drift boat and raft. As a contractor working for the U. S. Department of Agriculture in IT applications project management, his riding is primarily dictated by his work and fishing schedule. When he does ride, he can be seen in a black with yellow trim riding jacket and pants, or a light grey summer riding jacket, with a hi-vis yellow helmet. Chad would like to learn off-road riding (he has not had the GS off of pavement) and is anxious to meet up with fellow riders on some of the less technical roads to gain experience and confidence on his R1150GS. He is also happy to teach fly casting and take people fly fishing, so let him know if you would like to learn or float our local rivers with him.

Welcome to the MONTANA BMW RIDERS club, and we hope to see you soon and often at our riding and social events.

Editor



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August Meeting - Lochsa Lodge

In spite of the weather report threatening rain, 15 members and two impromptu guest made their way to Lochsa Lodge on the 21st. Six members rode plus the two guests.

Editor



Dave McCormack officiating the 'lucky ticket' drawing. Karen Springer, facing the camera, the only good photo of the group.



Since Dave McCormack is not in the photo, it appears he is providing the entertainment for both club members, and the other guests in the background. That is John Wing, facing the camera, with Mick Baughman on his left, and Larry Manchester on the far right, all of whom rode to the event.



Rob McRea - new member - and John Wing, both from Missoula and both rode to the Lochsa.



Also new members, Wayne and Dawn Pastorius, Missoula arrived on their BMW R1200GS and R1150R respectively.



Lochsa's official greeter.



From the left, guests Seamus MacTreinfhir and Sean Carroll. Facing the camera, Dean Hall and Sandy Knutsen on the right.

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July Meeting - Phillipsburg (continued)



Seamus MacTreifhir and Sean Carroll rode in from Nampa, Idaho just as we arrived and accepted an invitation to join the group. Seamus belonged to a BMW group in Idaho, but said it was not very active. The two grew up in Ireland and came to the USA as young men, maintained contact and join up for motorcycle touring. They were on a four-day loop through the region. Seamus, noted that he had gained much of his riding experience in Dubai while on an international assignment in the food industry.



Seamus rode this very well FRACKLE'd BMW F800 Trophy.



Lynn Springer



Sean rode this unusual 2007 BMW G650 X-Challenge with an aftermarket fuel tank in place of the fairing, supplementing the normal fuel tank under the seat.



Mick Baughman preparing for the return to Florence, and perhaps some rain.



Also in attendance, Greg Hintz, Don Deuel and Mark Johnson

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August Meeting - Lochsa Lodge (continued)



John Wing and Rob McRea, anticipating a little rain for the return trip.



The long-lost banner retrieved from Chuck Reave's closet.

Lords of Dirt Flat Track Racing - Right here in River City

The Western Montana State Fair held annually in Missoula had an added feature this year - Flat Track Motorcycle racing and some extreme stunt riding. Several MONTANA BMW RIDER club members viewed the event, and contributed the following photos.

Editor



A group of amateur riders, without sponsors, from the North West put on an entertaining how. Plan to attend next year if they return.



Follow the leader - with a twist. Probably not found in the Motorcycle Safety Foundation training manual.

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Reports from the Road - Mike Hofferber

Mike Hofferber, Billings, spent a week-end with the "As the Magpie Flies" group camping on a ranch in the Bitterroot Valley. A segment of his return, on his Ural, was over Skalkaho Pass, as highlighted in the photos shown below.

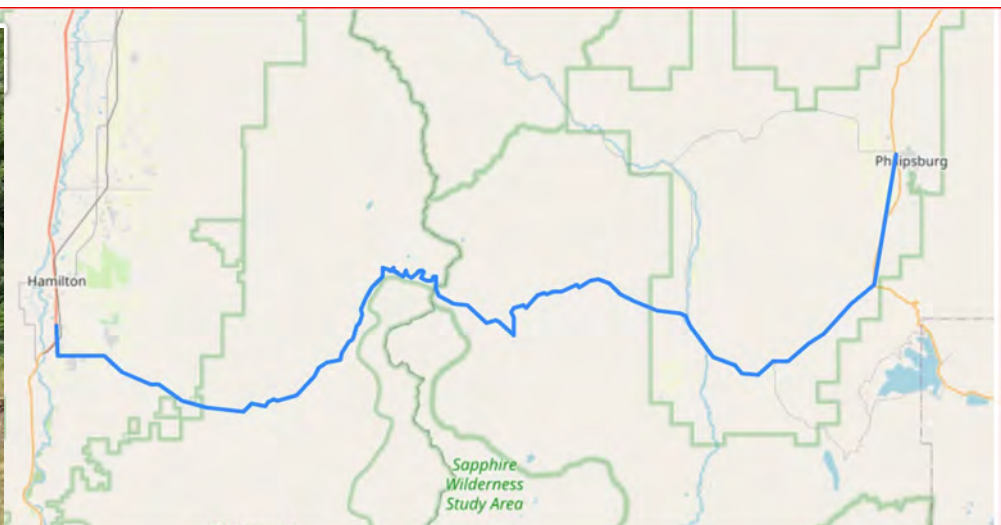
Editor



Skalkaho Falls



Mike



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Reports from the Road - John Dibari



John DiBari

This is a route that **Dan Siddens** and I did starting this past Saturday (8/27) through Wednesday (9/1).

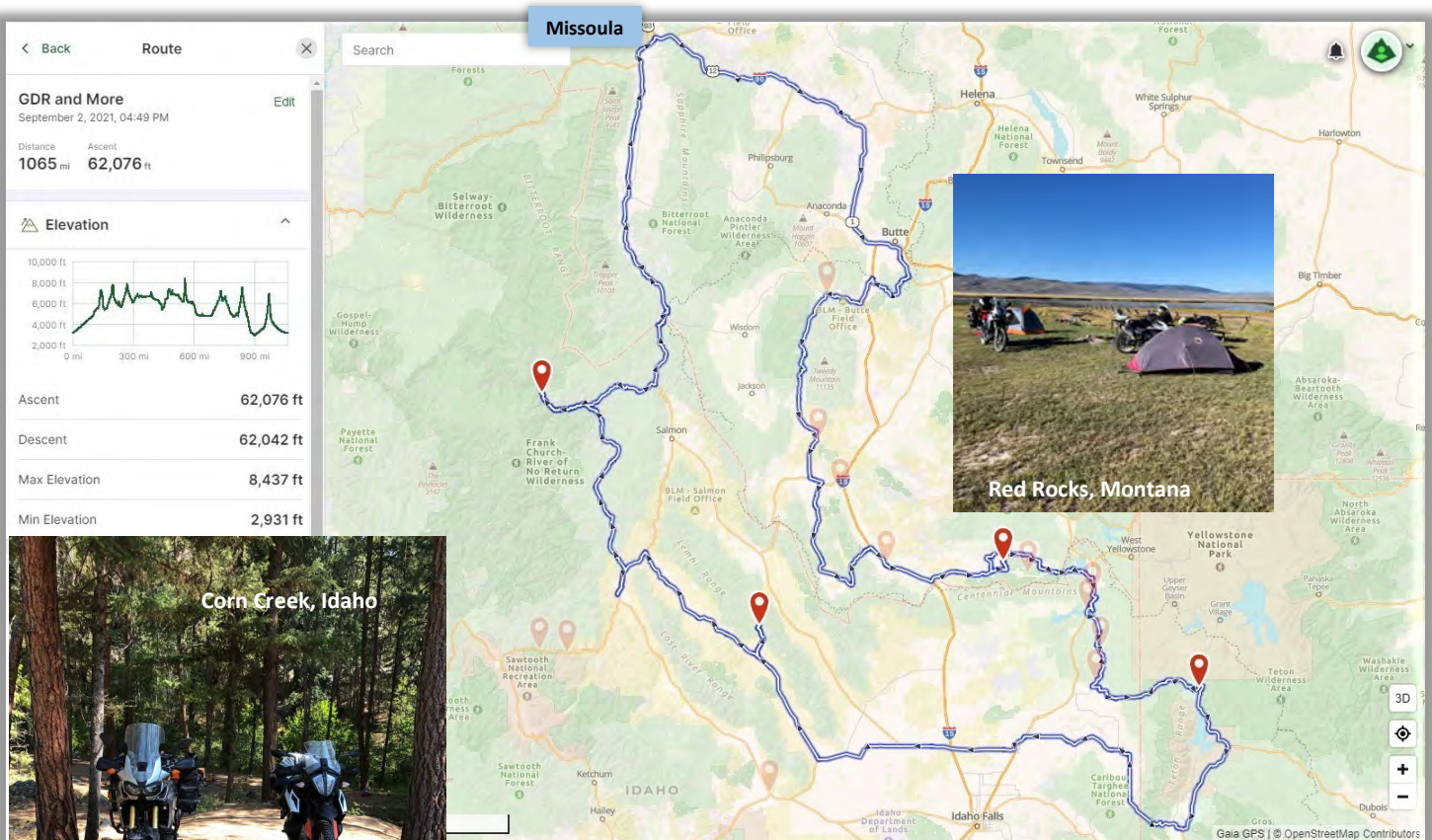
The waypoints represent our camping locations. In order: Red Rocks National Wildlife Refuge, Grassy Lake Campground, Mill Creek Campground, Corn Creek Campground.

Dan rode his KTM 790. I rode my Africa Twin.

John DiBari



Dan Siddens



Corn Creek, Idaho



Mill Creek, Idaho



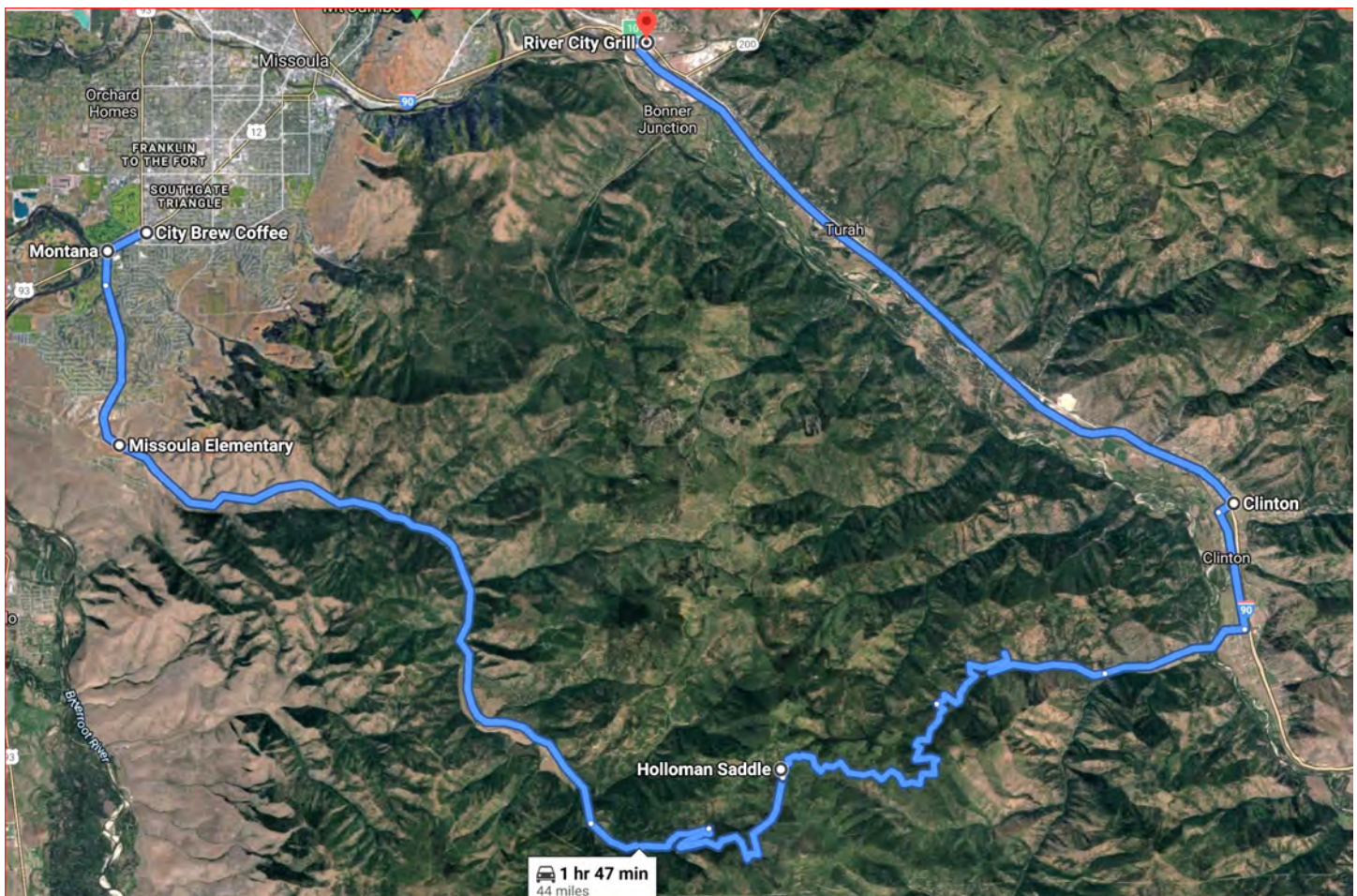
Grassy Lakes, Wyoming

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Holloman Saddle Loop

Dean Hall, his son Jason on a 1980's era Honda XL185S, (kick-start) and your editor did a short (44 mile) coffee to pie ride over Holloman Saddle southeast of Missoula. The ride includes about 22 miles of un-paved ranging from Winnebago Class A to some rocky single lane spanning the saddle. Good practice route.



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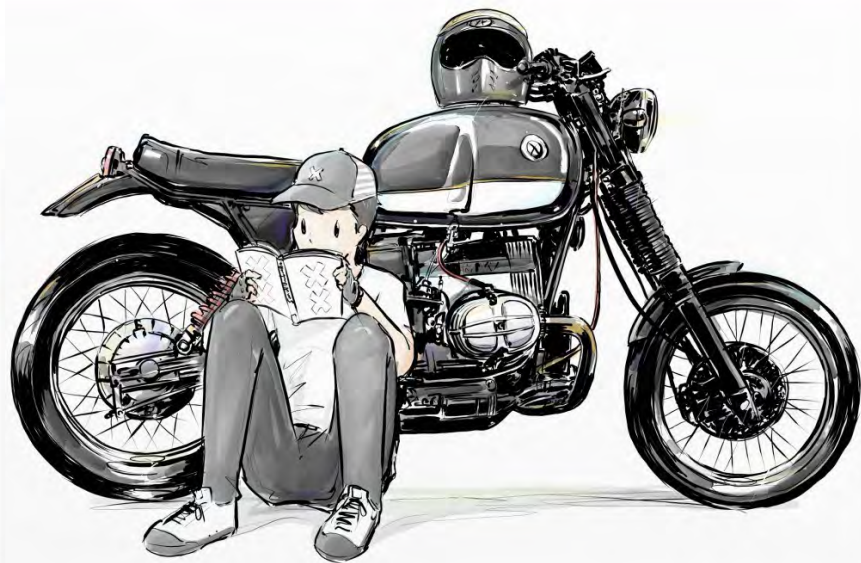
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The MONTANA BMW RIDERS Club has, courtesy **Chris Keyes**, a site on INSTAGRAM that has an address unique to the Club. We would like to take advantage of the audience both INSTAGRAM and FACEBOOK reach to promote our club, especially to some of the younger riders.

We had envisioned something similar to the FACEBOOK Site, "Senior Motorcyclist" founded by Rich Edwards for 60+ riders to share their riding adventures. Several of our current members are active on FACEBOOK and share their riding activities, always interesting to see these activities.

If any members are interested in taking on the task of managing a FACEBOOK and INSTAGRAM site representing the club, please contact **Dave McCormack**, Secretary-Treasurer at (406)370-6628 or dhmcc@aol.com.

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What's New?

Many of you may have been aware that Phil Haglund was in the process of adding a side car to his R1200C bike. The modifications are complete, as shown on the right, and it looks it was well worth the wait. I am anxious to see it out and on the road.

Also, a few photos of Phil under the tutorage of a well know Ural rider (driver).



Phil Haglund



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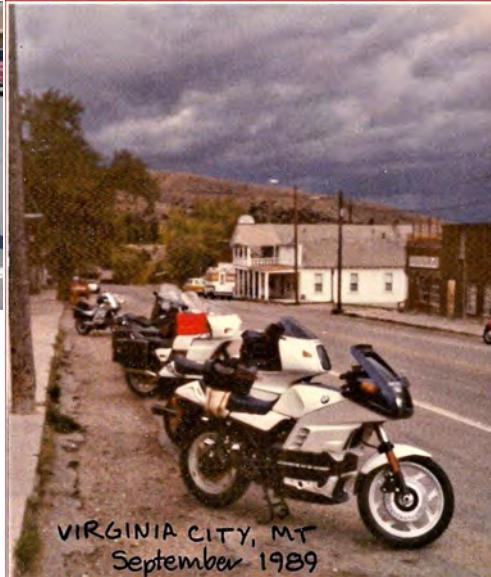
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The Virgelle Ferry, one of three reported to be still operating in Montana, along with one at Carter and the third north of Winifred. Once in Virgelle, the restored Virgelle Mercantile is the destination place.

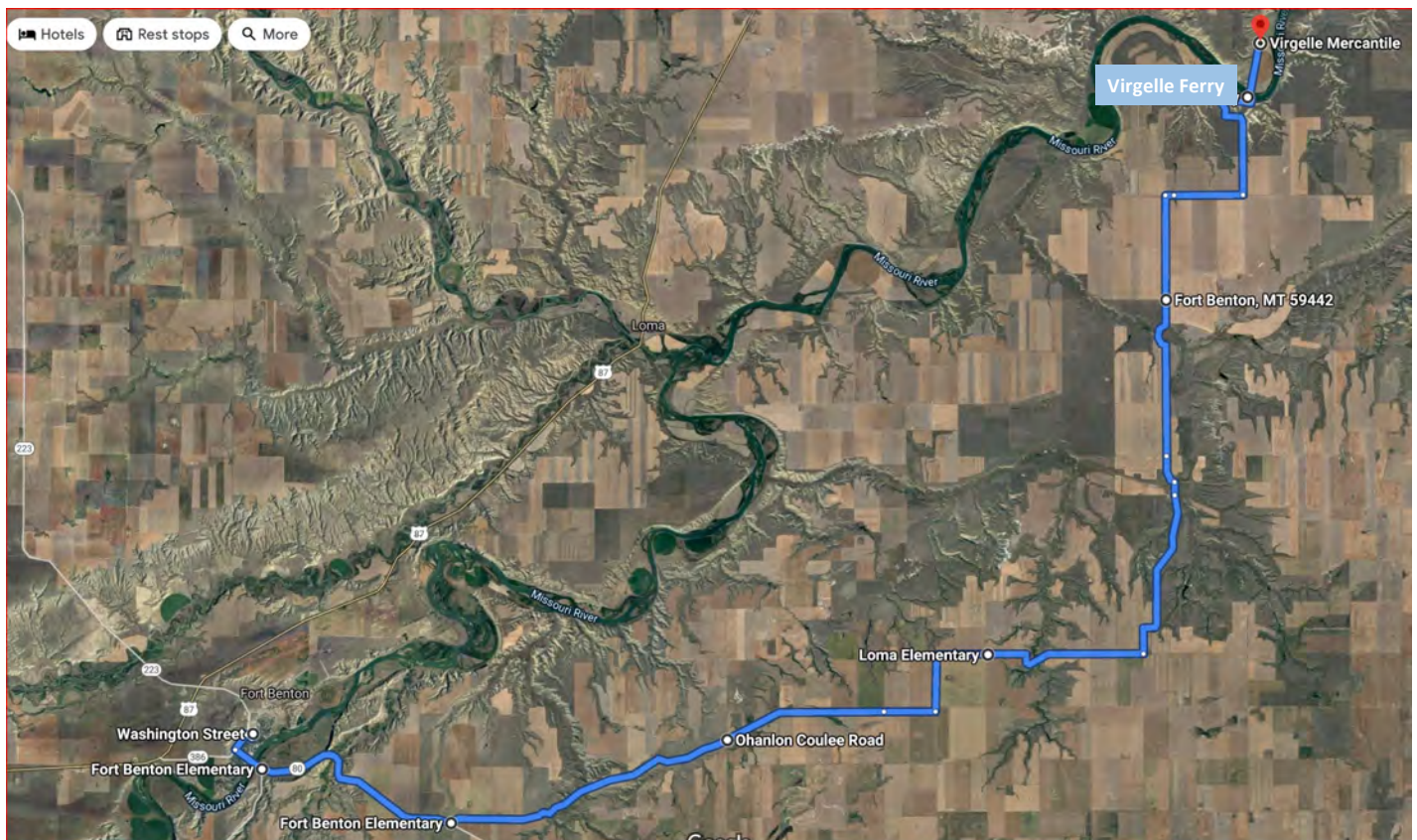
For a 21 mile dirt ride, exit Highway 87 south of Loma on the Loma Ferry Road and zig zag your way to the Virgelle Ferry on the south side of the Missouri river.

For a longer off-pavement ride, exit Highway 80 south-southeast of Fort Benton, and follow your GPS to the ferry landing.

Refer to the maps on the following page. Also refer to (www.distinctlymontana.com/journey-montanas-missouri-river-ferries).

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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	Noon	Newest
	29-31 & 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	26 th	Three Forks	Three Forks Museum Park	Sunday	Noon	GS/ADV
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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POSITION OPENING AT THE MONTANA BMW RIDERS

Volunteer position for a computer graphic artist or illustrator to help make advertising even more exciting in the newsletter and web site. It's also a good time to talk to businesses we like, use, or think highly of to suggest an ad in our two public outlets.

As you may suspect, businesses interested in advertising in our Newsletter have extensive experience in business but very little in the graphic arts, especially web or computer based. We think if we can offer a 'full-service' advertisement option, we may be able to attract more to our newsletter. We benefit from paid advertisements to fund our website, which as you have seen, is very informative and professional presentation of the club.

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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

Artwork must be provided by advertiser in JPEG, TIFF or JNP format.

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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Club Dues: \$15 per calendar year - Membership includes monthly electronic newsletter (or \$30 per year for snail mailed newsletter).

Monthly Meetings: Third Sunday of each month, 1 PM, unless specified otherwise. Location announced in Newsletter and on Web Page.

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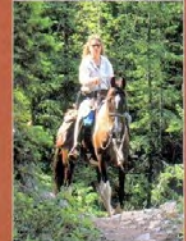
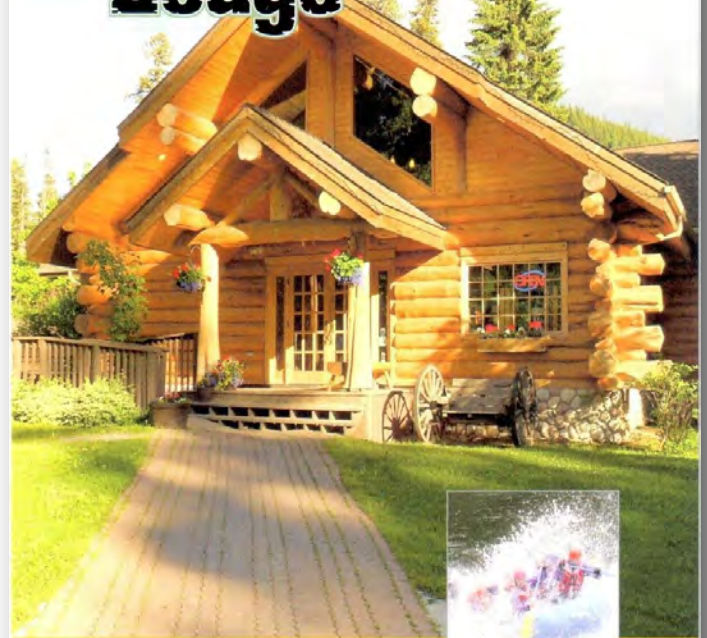
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