

President's Desk

Hello from the desk of, well, I guess the "President" of the club now. As Chris Keys has moved out of Montana to start a new chapter in his life, we have had to make some changes to the club layout. I will miss his leadership of the Montana BMW Riders as I move into his role. I have been a member of the club for a couple of years now. I believe in 2017 or 2018 is when I first met Chuck (Reaves) and many of the other members at the Press Box in Missoula for a lunch gathering. It was a great time, so I joined the ranks of the club.

My first BMW was a 1999 F650 Funduro that both, my wife Stephanie and I ride. The next BMW is my current 2010 F800GS that has been the most amazing bike so far. The bike as taken me on several great adventures with many more in the planning phase.

I do work a full-time job at Flathead Lake Brewing as Lead Sales Representative, that keeps me a bit busy just about year-round. I do look forward to my new role with the club, but will rely on Dave McCormack, Dick French, Lance Lerum to aid me as I move forward in the role of President.

I am not the best at written communication, so the staff will be helping me to fill the newsletter with letters and articles for your amusement, instead of me rambling on and on.

The last couple of years have been a challenge with Covid-19 making it a hard to have indoor meetings. We did have amazing lunches this last year and I would like to thank everyone who attended the events. I feel like the more members and guests we get at the lunch spots the more fun we can have. This is a terrific way to meet friends and make new ones.

The schedule of events has been in the works since October, so plan on some great meeting spots this year. We will be looking for

ride/contest ideas for the 2022 riding season so if you have any fun plans, please share them with Dick French or Dave McCormack, but just remember you will most likely be put in charge of running the contest. Make it easy and fun, but don't be afraid to join in on the fun.

As this will be the letter that is in the December newsletter, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. See you in 2022.

Mark Johnson



Secretary/Treasurer Corner



DUES ARE DUE, NOW! I hate to start off with all Caps in this message but technically all dues for the coming year are due by January 1, 2022. Although there is a grace period through the end of March, it's a good idea to write that check and get it in the mail to secure your place on the list of members supporting the work of the club. \$15.00 is a small price to pay when you consider that if you only attend one meeting next year and win a raffle prize, you are money ahead. Same thing at Big Motorsports. Mention that you're a member and get 10% off, which easily covers your investment in the club. As of this writing, there are only 22 members who have re-upped out of the 130 members who supported the club in 2021. Let's "get 'er done"!

Dave McCormack

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Some of what we do as a motorcycle club.......







December (Christmas) Meetings (Parties)



HELENA AREA - As promised, here is a copy of the Central Montana BMW Riders Christmas party [menu, attendees and comments].

Sausage and cheese balls, veggies and dip, cream cheese topped with cranberry jalapeño relish. The hot course was a baked ham, with potato casserole (which included hatch green chiles, cheese, bacon, and ranch dressing), butterscotch pecan monkey bread, and a salad of romaine, fresh mandarin or-

ange, pomegranate arils, with a vinaigrette dressing.

Dessert was Swedish almond cake, shortbread cookies dipped in chocolate, grapes, chipotle peanut brittle, and assorted chocolates. Bever-



Mike Meredith, Lance Lerum and co-host, Kevin Huddy

ages included Coffee, water, wine, beer, and various sodas. Each plate had a number underneath it. Checking your number, without spilling your food, was critical to drawing a small gift from the collection of wrapped items!



Ken and Brenda Conrad.

Those attending were Steve Moore, Ken and Brenda Conrad from East Helena (East Helena); Larry Sheldon, Mike Meredith, Todd Jones, Paul Smietanka and Mark Ellzey all from Helena. We also had Jason Andreas who made the trip from East Glacier. Lance Lerum, Don and Nancy Davis Townsend and, Bernie Bjornsen from Great Falls.

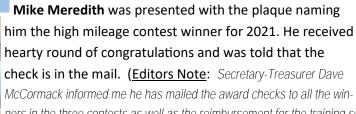


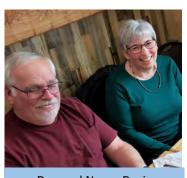
Bernie Bjornsen



Steve Moore

There were tons of interesting conversations and lots of travel plans were heard - Ireland, China, Alaska, Nova Scotia, Germany, Norway, and Maine to name a few, all of which should provide many photos and more newsletter articles in the coming months.





Don and Nancy Davis

ners in the three contests as well as the reimbursement for the training session nominee.)

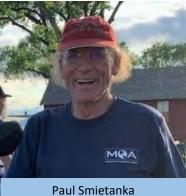


We ALL bemoaned the fact that our Safety Mom, math guru, and keeper of the mileage extraordinaire, (otherwise known as **Larry Bannister**) suffered a defeat to his ladder and rain gutters and everyone hopes his leg recovers quickly.

December (Christmas) Meetings (Parties)

HELENA AREA (continued)

Everyone here thought this idea of a "local" Christmas party was a fabulous idea as many have never been able to make it over to Missoula for the annual Christmas gathering due to distance and weather. Kudos to the board members for coming up with this plan.







Jason Andres

Only one tire was changed on an arriving auto that suffered a puncture in route and thus a tour of the shop was needed.

Merry Christmas to all our Members near and far, in Montana, Oregon, and Colorado!

Kevin and Annie Huddy



BITTERROOT AREA

Mick Baughman, Rob McCrea, Dave (he took the picture) & Sue McCormack, Lyndon & Leanne Clark enjoyed a meal and a few laughs at The Frontier Café in Stevensville for the Bitterroot members. Raffle prizes went to everyone but the McCormacks (conflict of interest, you know). There was some discussion about starting a monthly breakfast for the Bitterroot bunch and much chatter about the medical issue of falling over on dirt bikes while riding alone.



Dave McCormack



Sue McCormack, LeAnne Clark, Rob McCrea, Mick Baughman, and photographer, Dave McCormack.

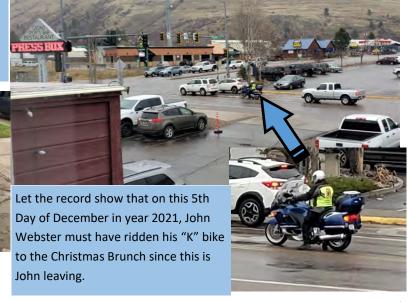
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MISSOULA AREA - Based on the decibel level, and the duration of the conversation, an enjoyable time was had by all. The group recognized **John DiBari** as the recipient of second place in the School House Contest award, first place in the Lookout Contest award and the "Average" Mileage award (4,485). **Kim Smolt** received the 'Luckier-Than-a-Rabbits-Foot' mileage award, i.e., the participant whose name was drawn at random by Liz Banister from the names of all participants. **Carol and Gary Graham** were the over-all winners in the School House Contest, visiting 26 different one-room schools across the state, as well as some interviews of former students and teachers. They also provided historical information for most sites. See Dave McCormack's article elsewhere in this Newsletter.



From the left, Antje Engelhard, Don Deuel, Dean Hall, John Webster, Janet Webster, Bill Clark, Chuck Reaves, Karen Reaves, Mike Reaves, John DiBari, Chris Kuschel, Rick Kuschel, Greg Hintz, Brian Campbell, Kim Smolt and Sandy Knutsen.

Janet had planned to ride her CAN AM with John, but it was covered with too many Christmas decorations.



December (Christmas) Meetings (Parties) - (continued)

BILLINGS AREA - Although Mike Hofferber, Pat Endres and Gary Armstrong did not have a 'Christmas' party in the traditional sense, they took advantage of some balmy (for Billings) weather for a December 1st ride to Red Lodge on High-

way 212 returning to Billings via way of Montana Route 78 to Columbus. From the photos they apparently made all of the applicable stops for refueling man and machine.

Editor





BOZEMAN AREA - Rebecca Coursey is coordinating a Bozeman Area meeting on Thursday 9 December at the Red Tractor Pizza, at 5:45 PM located at 1007 West Main Street, Bozeman. See photo to the right, but considering Bozeman, imagine a bit of snow.

Editor



What you do when it is too cold to ride - Kevin Huddy

On one recent morning Annie and I were having our morning coffee. It was still dark when one of our cats, Merlin, began howling as he sat on a kitchen window sill. He often does this when one of the local barn cats wanders through our place, so we shooed him away for the window. An hour or so later, once it was light, Annie looked out the window to see 40 or so buffalo on the slope east of our house. Our neighborhood rancher has a herd of buffalo in addition to his cattle herd, so we knew where they came from. Annie walked out on our back deck and the buffalo got spooked and before we knew it we had a scene worthy of a John Ford western on our hands. The herd stampeded down the hill, through the middle pasture, across Silver Creek and to south end of the lower pasture adjacent to the quasiabandoned railroad track. Most of the herd stopped, but a half dozen or so got on the rail bed and headed west, away from where they needed to be. That group soon turned around and rejoined the herd. I called the rancher, Billy. His family has continuously ranched on his land since 1863; he is a very pleasant fellow. Billy was 100 miles away; ironically he was helping a friend on a fence project. There was no one at the ranch that could help us, so I called a neighbor and the three of us decided to get the buffalo home. Now, I know someone out there is thinking, "Why didn't he fill his freezer with buffalo meat?" Beside the fact that Billy is a friend, in Montana it is a landowner's responsibility to fence animals out of his property, so shoot it and you bought it, but you do not get to keep the meat. Buffalo, even those from domestic herds, are aggressive and skittish and will charge you in numbers; therefore plan "A" was to observe and do nothing so long as the buffalo were not moving away from where we wanted them to go. On the south side of our property there is an old rail line. It has not been used in 30 years or so except for the occasional storage of rail cars. The land on the other side of the rail line is Billy's; the ranch is both east and south of us. After a bit, we three began slowly walking towards the herd remaining about 150 yards away.







Our movement started the herd to move slowly across the rail line and through two large holes in the barbed wire fence on Billy's land. Not sure how or when the holes got there —took about 20 minutes for the herd to completely cross and climb the ridge onto Billy's land. One group of six doubled back at one point and were trotting towards us. I picked up a branch in case I needed to whack my neighbor in the knee (he is young and could out run me), but the breakaway group turned back and joined the herd. And that is how our day started.



Kevin Huddy



Editor's Note:

Kevin and Annie Huddy's anniversary ride in early 2021, on their Ural's, included a swing through Yellowstone park. This provided a bit of up close and personal association with buffalos, perhaps building the confidence needed to herd them off his land.

Kevin reported subsequently, buffalo grazing on his land has become an almost daily event. See photo the upper-right. The Ural may have to be 'unwinterized' and returned to service.



Club Contest Winners - 2021

Annual Mileage:

Ladies and gentlemen, it is greatly disappointing that we can't make our usual public announcement, complete will laser light show and a marching band, of the 2021 mileage contest results and final winners! However, as you've all read, the Christmas party is being parsed by local, which given the uncertain weather this time of year and our wide disbursement of members will probably allow for more to attend.

That being said, I certainly want all who participated to know how much I enjoyed working with you and appreciate your discipline in turning in your beginning and ending mileage within the contest parameters. I am attaching the final spread sheet which shows those who turned in their entries within the allotted time frame. As you can see, we had a record number of participants this year and overall, we did our part in converting hydrocarbons (gasoline and rubber!!)

into a useful purpose. I can attribute that to not only the durability and dedication of the riders of the Montana BMW club, but to the excellent contests and group riders that were put on this year by members of the club. Thanks. The overall winner this year in most miles ridden is **Mike Meredith**. The winner who's mileage came closest to the average miles ridden is **John DiBari** (who was within 57 miles of average). Note how close **Brain Campbell** came to the average rider award. Finally, after eliminating Mike and John's name from the list of finishers, **Kim Smolt's** name was drawn from a hat for the "lucky participant award". This latter drawing should serve as an enticement to enter and finish the annual contest as you may get a nice stipend for playing! (And should ease Brian's angst!)

Mike and John will each receive Montana BMW Riders check of \$75 and Kim will receive a check in the amount of \$50. These checks will be mailed to them after the publication of the December newsletter in which this announcement is published. Additionally, Mike will have his name indelibly engraved on our Montana BMW Riders mileage plaque which is on display at Big Sky BMW.



Many thanks to all who participated, for those who organized the group rides and contests and certainly to Mr. Dick French for keeping us appraised of the season's adventures via an excellent newsletter.



Larry Banister

Mileage Contest Coordinator





Club Contest Winners - 2021

Fire Lookout Towers:



This years winner of the Tower to Tower contest is **John DiBari,** Congratulations John.

John was the only person to sign up for the ride. He visited two lookouts to make it a win. The first lookout was Slide Rock Tower at Fort Missoula and the second, was Garnet Butte. These are great photos of your ride. Thanks for participating, looking foreword to next years rides.

Brian Campbell



Sliderock Lookout

One Room Schoolhouse:

Originally seven members signed up to participate. Even though there was always the threat of Covid in the air, folks got started on the list of 59 schools provided and began to turn in photos and questions. The questions were about One Room Schoolhouses <u>not</u> on the list but found by our intrepid participants. As it turned out, at the end, 13 of the schools on the list were visited and 13 not on the list, but verified as legitimate schoolhouses, were found.

At the end of the contest, only two members finished while the other 5 presumably succumbed to the smoke and heat and decided not to go ahead with the contest.

The final results are as follows:

Gary and Carol Graham are the winners. They amassed a total of 84 points by finding and noting 26 different one room schoolhouses. In addition, they took time and found historical information at most sites and even interviewed a previous teacher and student at another. They additionally provided GPS coordinates for the "found" schools not on the original list.





John DiBari is our second-place winner with 34

points. He visited 7 of the schools on the list and found another 7 not listed. Neither member found either of the jokers embedded in the list. They were a school in Pontrichina, MT and one in Ringling, MT. Both of those came with 15 extra points if photographed.

The winners will receive a beautiful hardback book called "Visions and Voices: Montana's One-Room Schoolhouses" by Charlotte Caldwell. The book was the original inspiration for the contest. We made contact with at least two nonprofits that were collecting data on the over 2500 One-Room Schoolhouses in Montana. We have partnered with them to turn over our results to help flesh out their research. We've been in contact with the author of the book and are hopeful that she will in-

scribe each one for the winners.



Tom Moe - 33028 BMW MOA Regional Coordinator



Greetings from Lincoln, CA. I hope you all had a great time at the MONTANA BMW RIDERS Christmas parties. I am sure they were enjoyable events. I am sure I will read about them

elsewhere in this Newsletter—wish I could have been there.

We attended the annual River City Beemers Christmas party held Saturday December 4th at A & S Cycles in Roseville, CA. While the number of attendees was down a bit from parties I remember from years past, the crowd was congenial and had a great time. I think there were about 80 in attendance. Like many clubs, membership is down a bit, a few members were lost in the last couple of years and the fear of COVID still prevents some interaction. I did get to see a few of the folks who were also at the National Rally in Great Falls this summer. They reported that they had a great time in Montana and truly enjoyed seeing the state.

I am pleased to see that **Rebecca Coursey** is organizing a Bozeman area Christmas event to be held at Red Tractor Pizza December 9, 2021 at 5:45. Thanks so much Rebecca.

This coming summer I plan to schedule several Bozeman area lunch get-a-ways within 100 to 150 miles of Bozeman. I am certainly open to suggestions for destinations and, for that matter, routes.

To keep members up to date I have copied and included the annual report, starting on the following page.

Have a wonderful Christmas season and winter. Ride safe, keep the rubber side down.

7om Moe



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Tom Moe - 33028 BMW MOA Regional Coordinator

2021 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BMW MOTORCYCLE OWNERS OF AMERICA

Tuesday, November 2, 2021

Posted by: Ted Moyer, 100360

The 2020 financial year is complete, and the organization achieved its second-best financial performance in over a decade, recording a net profit of \$165,000 after taxes and investments. The effects of COVID-19 were certainly apparent in 2020. Revenue decreased by 26 percent over 2019 with the cancellation of the National Rally and several Getaway events. However, the organization did benefit from the federal stimulus package and effectively managed administrative expenses to earn 8.2 percent net income by year end.

Members can <u>DOWNLOAD THE COMPLETE REPORT</u> and review the financial performance of the organization. Members may request a hard copy of the financial report by contacting the membership team at (864) 438-0962, or by emailing membership@bmwmoa.org.



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Montana BMW Riders November Meeting - Jackson Hot Springs - Jackson, Montana

We may have been few in number, but we were amply rewarded with a sunny day, pleasant although brisk temperatures and a robust and active venue. The annual MSU/UofM football game had attracted the local residents with about an evenly split cheers and tears. We were also treated to some "...you may be in Montana if...." local color when, just south of Wisdom, we encountered about a dozen riders moving 350 head of cattle north from their summer range, back a ranch for the winter. Jackson Hot Springs should be a good riding destination or stop with warmer weather and more conducive riding conditions.









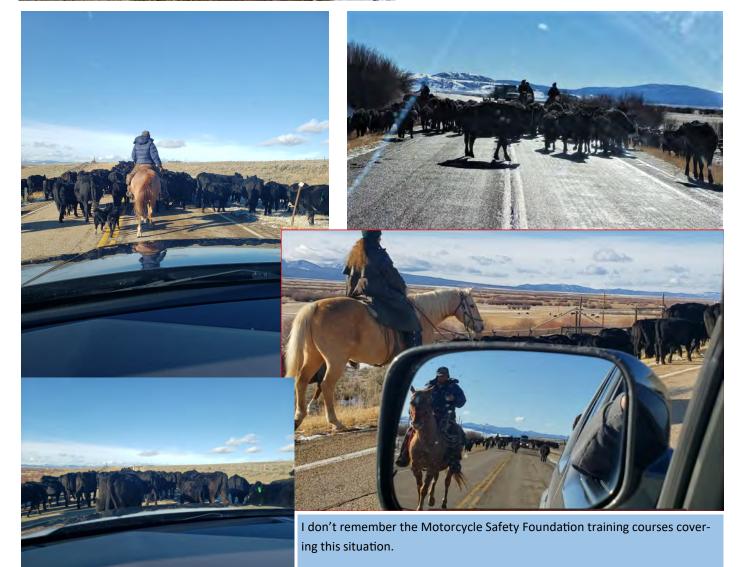
From the left, Dave McCormack, Sue McCormack, Lynden Clark and Dean Hall. The venue was certainly prepared for a larger group.



Montana BMW Riders November Meeting - Jackson Hot Springs - Jackson (continued)







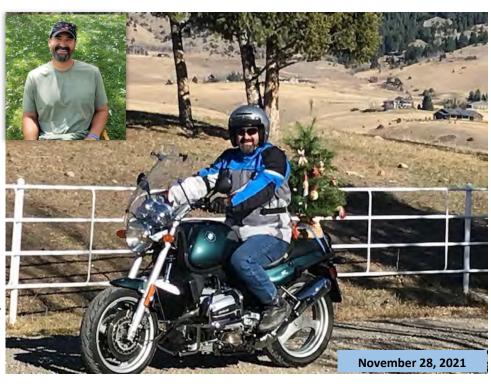
The Christmas Tree Challenge

The Challenge—who had a photo of themselves on their motorcycle with a Christmas Tree. Jason Humberger, from Bozeman was the first to respond with a November 28, 2021 photo, on his 1997 BMW R110R with a tree in the passenger seat. Thanks for participating Jason.

Editor

There was not a lack of interest in this challenge, photos shown below from many Club members. Historian, Kim Lemke also reported, "40 yrs. ago AMA magazine featured a BMW sidecar with Xmas tree on McDonald Pass!"

And the web seems to be prolific with these types of photos, as shown below:

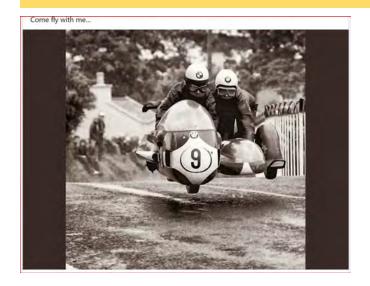






Three Wheelers

There is something about added a third wheel to a motorcycle that challenges perfectly sane and reasonable men to do things that seem, well, just a bit strange. See following photos.









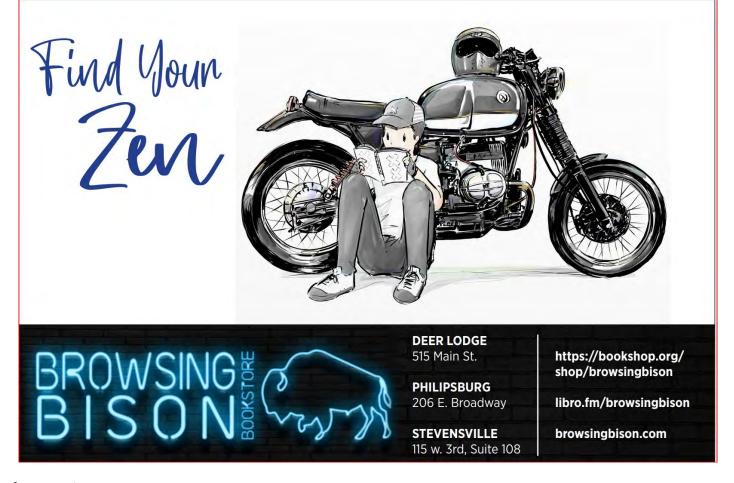


Social Media Administrator

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**.



Reports from the Road - New Rides



An upgrade in the **Mike Hofferber** garage. His 2000 R1100R gave way to a 2008 R1200RT, seen here with **Gary Armstrong** standing watch during a stop in Casper, Wyoming on their way from Denver. Judging by the ice on the inside of the trailer fender well, it is understandable why it was trailered rather than ridden back to Billings.

Editor





I think we need to have a serious talk with **Lance Lerum** about his 'two-wheeler'. Of course there may be an electric motor hidden under that frozen locker filler.

Editor



Kim Lemke - Historian .



Where in Montana?

In my 35 years with the MON-TANA BMW RIDERS club, I have accumulated many photos, of which the identity of too many have been lost. Some, however are still cataloged, at least for lo-

cation. Each month, for the balance of the winter, I will post a photo from past events or rides, some with riders, some such as the one below, simply a motorcycle. Your challenge is to try and identify the location, in Montana.

Location only, or even the vicinity. I am relatively sure the photos I will present were taken by past members, or by current members. The photos are from across the State, so regardless of your location—east, west, north or south—they may be from your area.

When I am able to validate the accuracy of the response, I will post it in a future Newsletter, or on the website as applicable, and if possible, the story behind the photo - Who? Where? When?

Please send your answers to Kim Lemke:

(lemkemt@live.com).

If you have photos from the past that could be included, please send them to me at the email show previously.

Kim Lemke





Club Meetings and Ride Schedule 2021

Month	Date	Location	Venue	Day	Time	Theme ⁽¹⁾
January	16 th	Seeley Lake	Double Arrow	Sunday	1:00 PM	
February	19 th	Winston	The Bull	Saturday	1:00 PM	
March	20 th	Drummond	Wagon Wheel	Sunday	1:00 PM	Ride if you can.

The balance of the year will be added as yenues are selected and confirmed.

December

The protocol for Christmas parties will be determined based on club preferences at the time.

The "Theme" is to encourage riders of the type of bike noted, to ride that motorcycle to the event.

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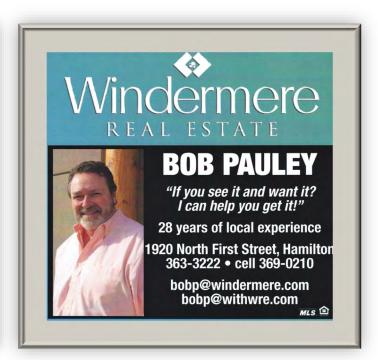
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Volunteer position for <u>a computer graphic artist or illustrator</u> to help make advertising even more exciting in the newsletter and web site. It's also a good time to talk to businesses we like, use, or think highly of to suggest an ad in our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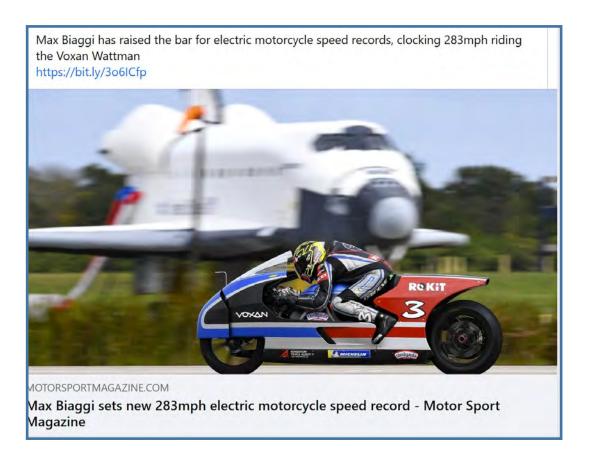


MISCELLANEOUS MOTORCYCLE STUFF



BMW's next iteration of an all electric motor scooter. They certainly must have started with a clean sheet of paper.

Editor



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

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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