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Secretary/Treasurer Corner - Two days ago, four of us (Mark, Dave, Dick, and Lance) met on a Zoom call to talk about the year end and what's coming up ahead in 2022. It was a good meeting. We looked ahead and saw that the Huddy Tech Days will be coming back this next year along with a revised version of 'Helena and Back,' plus several smaller activities. We are working on a couple of new contests (dirt and pavement) added to the traditional mileage contest. Monthly meetings are scheduled on the Ride Calendar with an emphasis on spreading the destinations around more evenly. We had incredibly positive feedback about how our Christmas celebrations were managed this year and vowed to look at that more seriously as we approach December next year.

As Treasurer, I reported to the group that our financial situation remains strong with a yearend report of 50 renewals so far, half of the advertisers from this year signed up for next year and a projected expense lower than revenue. Our financial goal as a non profit social club is to break even, not to accumulate wealth. Our goal is to have plus/minus 125 paid members against a budget of roughly \$2500. If you do the math, our revenue most equal or exceed that number. This past year with 8 advertisers committing \$525 and 32 new members, we exceeded our revenue goals. As a result, we have approximately \$5700 in cash to fund contests, awards, special activities, the scholarship program, and an altered Christmas process, plus the usual raffles. The other 75 folks who haven't yet renewed should, just to make a commitment to the club and to the other members who faithfully continue their

support, year to year. Even as we fret about the effects of inflation, our club finances remain strong and will allow us to respond to innovative ideas and challenging activities, while not moving the needle on the \$15 dues.

I recall my old friend and long time member, **Jerry Abbott**, saying he would always send in is dues even if he didn't ride because he loved motorcycling and wanted to support any outfit that had Motorcycling in its title.

This damn year is finally over. It was a plus and serious minus year for us motorheads. We all know the downsides: heat, Covid, smoke, closed and boarded up favorite ride sites. On the plus side, we did have a new ride activity in Helena that was a first and the two contests, although lightly attended, were enthusiastically taken on. The Mileage contest had several participants with most achieving half of their usual annual mileage. Attendance at Monthly Meetings was more than we expected. Picnic meetings were a new twist and it seemed like they were an exceptional opportunity to thumb our noses at Covid. We will continue to keep those in our back pocket in case Covid again interferes with our schedules.

As we close out 2021, I wish for all of you, good health, safe travels, and a forward looking attitude about a return to near normal. The club expects to **Keep It Simple** and allow our members to easily choose from a wide menu of options to get out on the road. There's that old saying about "keep the rubber side down." I prefer to think in terms of putting a fast spin on the odometer.

Dave McCormack



The Year that Was - 2021



Year 2021 will certainly go down as one without precedence for all us, yet from a review of past Newsletters, we, as the picture to the left shows, adapted to continue to ride. The three-wheelers plowed through the snow, some of us got out early and found that riding on ice really is not a good thing to do, we attended the BMW MOA Rally in Great Falls to share events with nearly 5,000 of our closest friends. One of our Honda Gold Wing riders spent 35,000 miles traveling from one relative to another. One of our newest members rode from one riding skills work shop to another and got a

Backcountry Discovery Route in the process. We rode, talked, laughed, told tall tails and fell over on the To Helena and Back event. We had riding members crisscrossing the State and the Country. We were even able to congregate in smaller groups for our annual Christmas gathering. All-in-all, it was a pretty good year. I hope the photos on the succeed pages bring back some good memories of a year that challenged us in so many ways.

Editor





This is <u>not</u> the rider who tipped over and spent the next four weeks healing some very sore ribs. That will remain a secret forever, for fear his MSF certificate may be revoked.



Kim Lemke, riding to work at Traveler's Rest on Highway 12, Lolo, Montana.

"What did you do during the great Pandemic Grand Dad?" Huddy's Outpost got a big make-over, but then no "Outpost Tech Days" to utilize it. We all hope 2022 with be the year to show it off.



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Month	Date	Location	Venue	Day	Time	Theme (1)		
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	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.							
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Perhaps one of the most difficult Club events to forego was the hiatus of the monthly club meetings, ostensible to conduct club business, but really to eat and share with friends. When April arrived, we were ready for the Montana Steakhouse in Lincoln.



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When May arrived, it was ready for the cabin fever to break, so we tried a new venue for the monthly meeting. Temperatures were brisk, snow on the ground, but one sole was undaunted and rode his R65 to Lakeside on Hauser (Lake). The rest of us simply set the temperature to 'comfort' and the cruse control at the speed limit. We braved the open deck, albeit with radiant heaters and wind breaks to dine and view Hauser Lake. It was a good time.











Helena Weather

Helena Weather (Lake Hauser)

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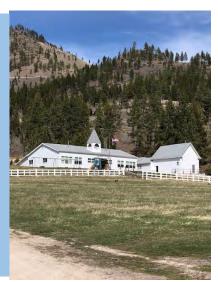
ALERT - Winter Weather - Advisory

Helena, Montana Updated a few minutes ago



37 °F 41° Precip: 90% 37° Wind: 8 MPH

The 'One-room School House' contest was also launched in May, challenging us to locate and ride to 59 historic oneroom school houses spread across the State.



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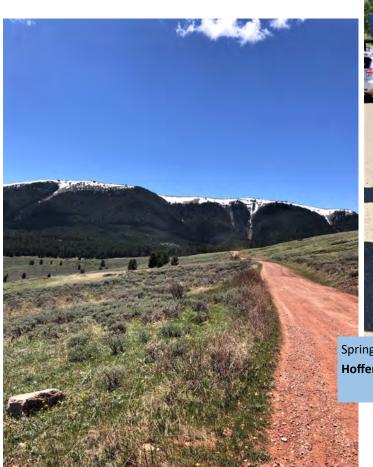
The Huddy's broke out their Urals and made an anniversary swing through Yellowstone Park, and honed their buffalo herding skills in the process.



Antje Engelhard, Carol Helm and **Marrea Matthews** tested the snow limits at Lolo Pass.



We also initiated the Fire Lookout contest in May.





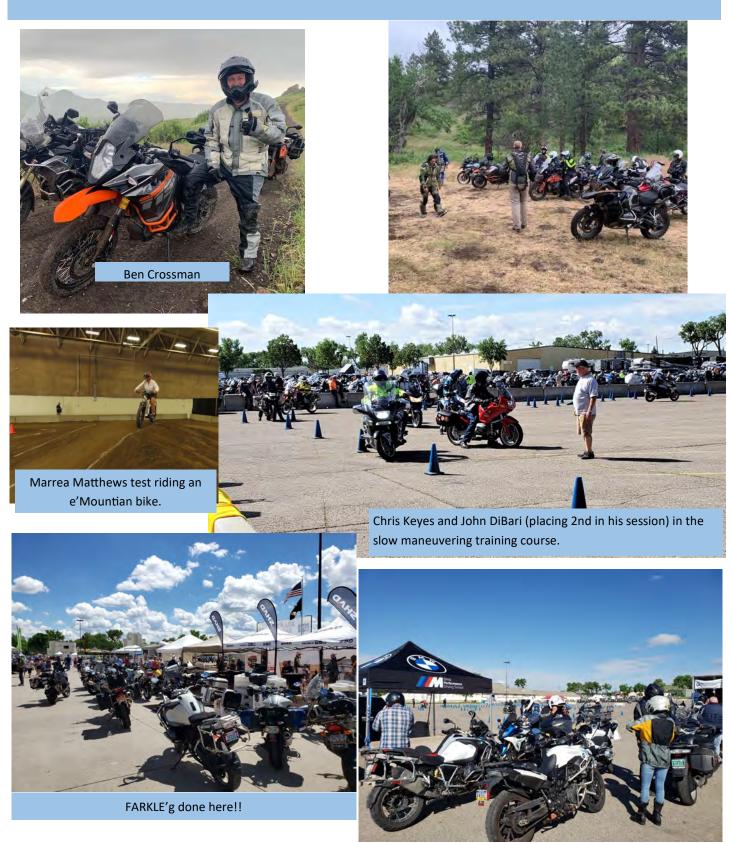
Spring came early in Central Montana. **Dick Smith,** with **Mike Hofferber's** bike in the foreground, were able to hit the dirt early.

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And then there was training - The Rally offered both on-road and off-road, as well as alternates to motorcycling.



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Another major event in our 2021 calendar was the "To Helena and Back" ride. **Ken Conrad** and **Mike Hofferber** routed us over un-paved roads, no-roads, and leisurely paved backroads from McDonald Pass to Harlowton. Nearly four days of talking, ridings and motorcycling. I hope the photos tell the story.





Our food guardian certainly recognized who, among us, was in control of the money!!

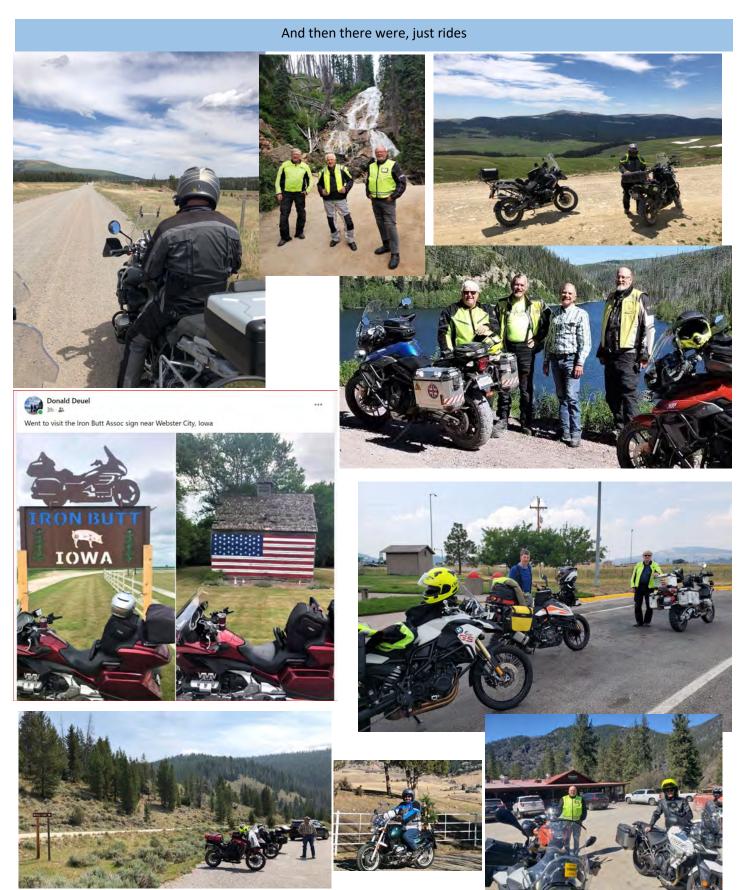




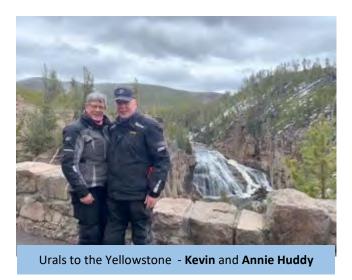




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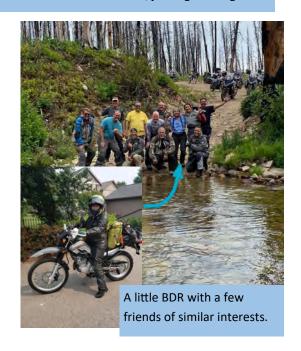
There doesn't have to be logical reason to ride. The results of the competition are not final. (Annie Huddy)



A pina colada sounded good, but the Tiki Bar was closed



When the weather was brisk, just a gathering.



The Year that will be - 2022

The experts tell us the 'bug' is here for the foreseeable future, and we have adapted to our new environment. So we move on to 2022 and plan for a full season of rides and adventures. First is the "Ride Schedule - 2022" shown below.

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To Helena and Back II



Ken Conrad (left) and **Mike Hofferber** are contemplating a "**To Helena and Back II**" based on their experience with the event they organized in 2021. We will look forward to more details as this develops.



To get a jump on the season, **Mike Hofferber**, **Gary Armstrong**, **Pat Endres** and, **Lance Lerum** are formulating a run to the Death Valley National Park in February. The plan is to use a motor home for shelter and trailer their bikes to Shoshone RV park adjacent to the national park, and day ride from there. We hope to see lots of photos and stories for the March Newsletter.



This is **Rebecca Coursey**, readying herself for a guided tour in Chile early in 2022.



Don Deuel (left) and **Greg Hintz**, plan to load their Gold Wings in a trailer in late February and be on their way to Utah where they will start several months of riding. Stops will include baseball spring training camps, relatives, and the <u>81st Annual Daytona Bike Week, March 4-13, 2022</u>. Also, we can expect them to complete several Iron Butt runs in the process.

The Year that will be - 2022



Year 2021 saw **Phil Haglund** add a sidecar to his R1200C, above, as his 'highway' rig. This year, with a recently acquired Kawasaki KLR 650, he plans to add a sidecar to it, for his 'off-road' rig. Maybe we need to organize a Club 'Sidecar' ride?



Marrea Matthews - One-Lap-of-Montana— one of those bucket list things. Marrea, is contemplating mimicking the 'Lap-of-Kentucky' she participated in previously, for a lap of Montana, a leisurely ride to take in the historic sites,

not so historic sites and simply just sites and places she has not seen before. As she prefers camping over hoteling, we suspect her G650GS will be loaded like the photo above on a ride along the Pacific coast.





Mark Brey, (Fairview, Montana) is planning on attending the BMW MOA Rally, June 16-18, 2022 in Springfield, Missouri. Mark moved to Montana from Missouri, so hopes to use this opportunity to return and ride some of the roads in the southern part of the state. If the US/Canadian border reopens, a run to Prince of Whales, may be on his list of rides. To fill in the blank spaces, Medicine Rock State Park, between Baker and Ekalaka is also on his list.

Mark noted it was minus 14 degrees as I spoke to him, so summer rides were looking very inviting.

Editor

Letters to the Editor



As I write these words it is -10⁰ Fahrenheit and snowing sideways out the window and my fancy weather station calculates that the wind chill is -35⁰. We didn't have a number for wind chill when I was a kid up on the highline, we just knew the wind made it colder, and didn't need another number to make it worse. Common knowledge was that you just didn't head into the wind or you'd regret it. I remember walking backwards for miles to get home after my brother and I had drifted with the wind hunting jackrabbits. I could fire up the heater in the shop and work on the bikes, but I rationalize doing so as a waste of propane, there being no real urgency to mounting stiff cold new tires on the 700 at this time. A good book seemed in order.

Browsing the stacks at the Helena library I came across "The Perfect Vehicle: What it is about motorcycles" by Melissa Holbrook Pierson. Some of you may know of this book; I am often a bit of a Johnny-come-lately in matters, but for those of you that have not heard of it, I highly recommend. Ms. Pierson's book articulates the allure of motorcycles and riding from a deeply personal and introspective young woman's introduction and immersion in the sport. Her first bike must be a Moto Guzzi, as it seems only the Italians can capture what she is looking for. She takes us along on her personal ride of discovery: first being introduced to motorcycles by a boyfriend, then acquiring her Guzzi and a new mechanic boyfriend, then realizing that if she always has someone taking care of her bike she will never acquire that independence she desires and so learns to troubleshoot and repair her bike herself. We travel with her through breakdowns and breakups as she seeks to make motorcycling part of her life.

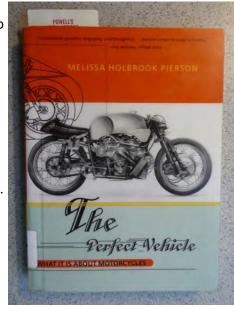
The book includes a historical flashback to obstacles and triumphs of early woman riders in a male dominated activity and sport. She relates how it was once deemed permissible for women to enter races, until they started winning them, and then those triumphs were taken away. While reading of some of these early female riding pioneers the old quip about Ginger Rogers doing everything Fred Astaire did only backwards and in high heels comes to mind. Ms. Pierson mentions visiting with Robert Fulton of "One Man Caravan" fame, who in 1932-33 completed a solo round the world tour on a motorcycle. She introduced me to Theresa Wallach. Even more impressive to me than Fulton's feat, this 17 year old young woman and a friend, in 1935, rode a British made Panther motorcycle with sidecar and pulling a

trailer from London the length of Africa to Cape Town. This was the first motor-cycle crossing of the Sahara; and with no support, no internet, no Airbnb, and no DHL. Such tenacity and perseverance and might I say bravery, from a pair of young women; I am humbled and in awe.

Enough drivel from me. Do read this book, male or female, no matter. If you can't locate it I'll bet **Jesse at Bison Books** can get it for you. I'll finish this with the last sentences of her book. Not a plot destroyer...it's not that kind of book:

"Riding *is* dangerous. Riding is dynamic. It is something to look forward to, and it is something to hesitate about—something of both at precisely the same time. It is something to work at, for me, something to surrender to. Close your eyes tonight, I think. You will dream of this ride.

Lance Lerum

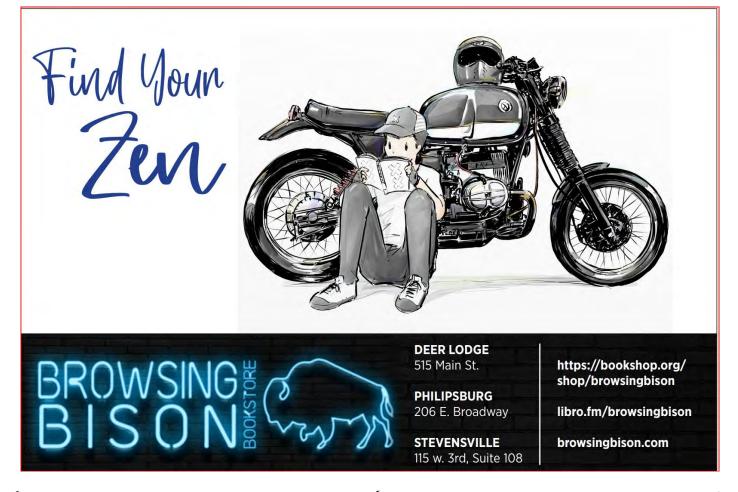


Social Media Administrator

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**.



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POISTION OPENING AT THE MONTANA BMW RIDERS

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.

Please contact Dave McCormack, Secretary-Treasurer at (406)370-6628 or dhmcc@aol.com.



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Kim Lemke - Historian .



Where in Montana?

In my 35 years with the MONTANA 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 location. Each month, for the balance of the win-

ter, 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









Kim Lemke - Historian - (continued)

Some notes from the not-so-distant past:

For many years our January meetings were at Chateau Bearmouth, we later moved them to Drummond. January 2001, our venue was Montana Maggie's which is now only a memory. At some point we moved our January meeting to Seeley Lake, but still continued to go to Drummond; usually in November.

In January 2009 Ken Conrad turned the "Handlebars" over to Ed Field (a Charter Member). Unfortunately, Ed had a work conflict and handed off to Chuck Reaves who held on about as long as your Historian and Ken did. Chuck handed off to Chris Keyes. Mark & Dave are managing without a VP until the next election.

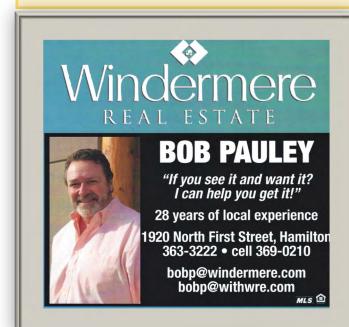
In January 2011 we were at Drummond but the weather was bad enough that no one rode which is unusual for this group. Prior to our meeting, Chuck had arranged with Big Sky (Thanks, Nate) for a Saturday Tech Session with Andy Main.

Chuck continued to have "Long Winter Nights" sessions. In January 2013, Jim Iverson did a presentation on International Travel Arrangements and his travel in Norway.

Chuck scheduled a session at his home with Stan Logan of Logan's shoe Repair on caring for your leather goods, and back at Big Sky for the Grahams' presentation on their ride in the Balkans.

Safe travels & stay warm!

Kim Lemki





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Full Page \$100.00
Half Page \$75.00
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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.

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