

MONTANA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER

BMW Motorcycle Club
Montana BMW Riders



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Club Activities - Editor

Judging by the number of activities, and the participations in the past month, the MONTANA BMW RIDERS are ready to come out of Pandemic Hibernation. A good turnout at the monthly meeting in Winston, many of whom rode their bikes, Don Duel and Greg Hintz (Honda Goldwing riders) appear to be on their annual sojourn to Daytona Speed Week and, Rebecca Coursey is home after nearly a month of touring South America. The group from the Billings area plus Lance Lerum appear to have had a successful tour of Death Valley National Park based on the photos they provided for this issue. And things are looking good for the coming season - the second annual "2 Helena and Back 2" ride is confirmed and the details are being finalized; several new rides have been acquired by club members. Alastair MacLean has listed many events for our members in Canada. I have tried to cover these in this issue, I hope you enjoy them.

Editor

Secretary—Treasurer's Corner - Dave McCormack



Come On, Man! Send in your dues. To date, we have roughly 90 members "re-upping" their membership in the Montana BMW Riders club. That's about 35 members short of last year's membership total. And last year, we didn't ride much as a group while this year appears to close to "back to normal" in most areas of Montana. With membership to belong to BMWMOA at \$45/ year and membership in AMA at \$49/ year, belonging to an active group of riders like the Montana BMW Riders is a bargain at \$15. As of March 31st, folks who haven't 're-upped' will no longer be carried as active members and will not receive the newsletter by email. So, Come On, Man... send it in.

Make your check out to: **MTBMWRiders**

Send to: MTBMWRiders
C/o Dave McCormack
18 Lone Pine Trail
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Dave McCormack

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Tom Moe - 33028 BMW MOA Regional Coordinator



Greetings from Northern California. I do not regret, not being in Montana for the recent cold snap, hope you all 'weathered' it well. I know it will fall on deaf ears when I say it wasn't all that warm here either.

As one of my duties as a Regional Coordinator, I have been sending a hand addressed greeting and personal note to new Montana BMWMOA members, including a note inviting them to join MONTANA BMW RIDERS. I have shared this most recent list with Dick and Dave to determine if the effort bears any new members. I am including that list here to welcome them to MOA and MONTANA BMW RIDERS, if they have already joined, and also in the hope that, just perhaps, some of you might know them and encourage them to join. It would be great in increase the Club's membership, which will hopefully, help to retain them as MOA members. Current MONTANA BMW RIDERS members are highlighted in yellow.

Name	Location	Name	Location
David Jessen	Belgrade	Matthew Wetzel	Great Falls
Robert Roshon	Bigfork	Ridley Jo Hungate	Great Falls
Don Loveless	Billings	Russ Ehnes	Great Falls
Jody Sundsted	Billings	Susan Reed	Great Falls
Mac Clark	Billings	Brian LaMoure	Helena
Michael Massey	Bonner	Benjamin Reed	Helena
Bob Koostra	Bozeman	Richard Largent	Kalispell
McKenzie Ball	Bozeman	John Luff	Manhattan
Scott Bryant	Bozeman	Robert Carpenter	Missoula
Scott Kocan	Choteau	Mark Mniszewski	Missoula
Michael Stanhope	Choteau	James Rehm	Power
Jesse Mullen	Deer Lodge	Robert Hylton	Red Lodge
Matthias Schalper	Great Falls	Tom Reap	Victor
Deen Pomeroy	Great Falls		
Keith Shutz	Great Falls		

Bozeman and Billings area activities. Hopefully now that the worst of the pandemic is behind us, we can schedule and enjoy some activities east of the Continental Divide. I, for one, would sure enjoy getting to know the Bozeman area members and getting to Billings for events and rides. As spring approaches, I will set up some lunch destinations for the Bozeman area and in concert with some of our Billings members as well. Ideas and suggestions would be most welcome.

For those who are BMW MOA members and, for those who may be considering joining, the organization has initiated a program titled, **"50 MILLION MILES OF MEMORIES."** The following are excerpts from some of the organization's introduction and promotion for the program:

"The BMW Motorcycle Owners of America (BMWMOA) is out to document 50 million miles of member memories for our 50th Anniversary! We have partnered with PCI (also known as Publishing Concepts) to produce an Oral History publication for BMW MOA members. Oral History Project publications are the first of their kind and the stories we're collecting will leave a legacy for you and your fellow members."

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"You'll [BMW MOA members] soon be contacted via email by our project partner, PCI. Follow the instructions in the email to submit up to two photos and tell your story! The finished publication is something you and your family will enjoy for years to come and it's our hope you will contribute a written story today to make it complete."

"The BMW MOA Oral History Project is a living history for members both old and new and it won't be the same without you. We hope you will join us in celebration of 50 years and this exciting project to document 50 million miles of memories. We can't wait to read your story!"

"If you have received a postcard or an email with a telephone number, you may call the number to speak with a dedicated representative for the Oral History Project. The representative will verify all the information we have on file for you, make any updates where needed, then ask you to share your story about your time at BMW MOA. Your story will be recorded, and the sound clip provided to BMW MOA at the conclusion of the project. If you have received an email with an embedded link, you may go to the online site to review your information and submit a story. If you did not receive a postcard or email, you may [call the dedicated BMW MOA update line at 1-866-561-3726](tel:1-866-561-3726)."

Ride safe, keep the rubber side down.

Tom Moe



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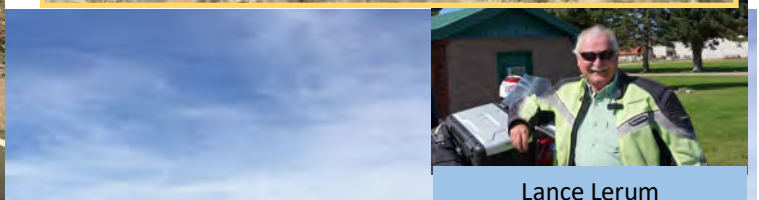
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Death Valley National Park Adventure

A Montana winter and a lack of patience prompted **Mike Hofferber** (F800GS), **Pat Endres** (R1200GS), **Rich Bradley** (Honda XR 650L), **Gary Armstrong** (K75) and, **Lance Lerum** (F700GS) to trailer their bikes to Death Valley National Park for a week's worth of riding. Rich, with his off-road bike skipped the paved and more moderate unpaved roads, but the adjacent map shows most of the other routes explored during their stay. Base camp was the Shoshone RV Park (Green Pin at the bottom of the map) which had exceptional accommodations. Shoshone is approximately 1,200 miles from Billings. All agreed the riding justified the trip.

Editor



Pat Endres and his R1200GS, Rich Bradley, Honda XR650 and Gary Armstrong on his K75, at the intended destination point. Rich is a new member, no photos available.

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Death Valley National Park Adventure (continued)



Gary Armstrong, Pat Endres and Lance Lerum at the common facilities in the Shoshone Campground.



Lance Lerum (orange tent) and Mike Hofferber choose to 'campout'. The area was windy, Mike's tent finally succumbed to the wind so he retreated to the back of a pickup for the last night.



The adventure would not be complete without a stop in 'Death Valley.'



Who says you can't have fun on an adventure? Mike Hofferber and Rich Bradley repairing a punctured tire, from Rich's bike.



Pat Endres pausing along the route



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Death Valley National Park Adventure (continued)

As noted previously, Rich Bradley with his Honda 650, picked the more challenging off-road routes, and provided a narrative and photos in the following section.

Editor

The West Side road through Bad Water is big bike friendly, soft and sandy in places.

The road to Warm Springs is big bike friendly past Warm Springs to Striped butte. After that it is a class 3.0 Jeep trail over Mendel pass to the Goler pass side, and is not bike friendly. Barker Ranch is where the Manson Family was apprehended, road through Goler pass to Barker Ranch is doable for an experienced big bike rider. A few patches of about 20 yards each are challenging for a big bike.

One item of importance, cell service is extremely limited. Furnace creek area has cell service, but my TracFone couldn't connect with the carrier. I relied on SPOT with texting and email.

Also the storm front was cool until I was in it.

Rich



Pat Endres commented there seems to be a lot of rocks, everywhere and make up a much of the landscape.



According to the National Park Service, these burros, *Equus asinus*, are an introduced species that originally descended from the Africa wild ass. They populate quickly and are considered an invasive critter, but quite friendly.

Editor



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Michael Dean - Rider Profile



Meet **Michael Dean** currently living in Missoula. Michael, like so many of us, became addicted to motorcycles at a young age. Michael's reason, however, may be a little unique. He professes he started smoking incredibly young, at 16 years old, and at 26 years old quit. Much to his surprise, he had extra cash in his pocket, and what better way to spend it than to purchase a 1968 Suzuki 50 cc 2-cycle motorcycle



The Suzuki receiving some top-end work in Michael's kitchen.

in 1970. (Photo to the right) Its 'status' was qualified by the fact it had an electric starter, very unusual for that size and at that time. Since then, he admits to owning 38 motorcycles, with maybe the most unusual, a Clarabella, 2 cycle with a right-side foot shift. History says they were assembled in Mexico from Italian components for the US markets using Mannarelli and [Villa](#) engines.

Michael was born and raised in Oklahoma and in the 1972-73 period tried his hand at flat track racing on the local circuits. He prides himself that his competition included Karl, and Norm McDonald, two professional racers from California who became the founders of K&N Motorsports, most well know for their K&N Air Filters.

Michael's flat track competition was in the 125-cc class on a Yamaha and the 200-cc class on the Clarabella. He also competed in motocross on various motorcycle in the 250-cc class. In the latter, he attempted to qualify for a six-day enduro race held in Europe. He notes the initial qualification was a two-day event in Selma, Alabama, for which he towed his motorcycle (Number 14A in the accompanying photos) with a Chevrolet Vega Van, that also doubled as a camper and a trailer for his bike, extra tires and seven jerry cans of fuel.



The **International Six Days Enduro** (ISDE), formerly known as the **International Six Days Trial** (ISDT), is the oldest 'off-road' motorcycle event on the [FIM](#) (*Federation International of Motorcycles*) Calendar. Usually referred to as the 'Olympics of Motorcycling' with trophies for best six-rider national, four-rider junior national, three-rider women's national, three-rider club national and three-rider manufacturing teams. Gold, silver and bronze medals are awarded on an individual level. The medals are typically awarded based on percentage of finishers, or relative to the best individual performance in the event within their specific class. Individual gold medals go to participants who finish within 10% of their class top competitor's total elapsed time, silver medals are awarded for those who finish within 25%, and bronze medals are awarded to any rider who finishes all six days within their time allowance.

In retrospect, Michael lamented, "As an unknown rider lacking a stellar competition record I had to submit a "Letter of Intent" declaring my aspiration to qualify for selection to the US team. My medal is a bronze, the lowest of 3 levels so I was no where close to qualifying. I considered myself lucky to even have earned a bronze."

Although he failed to qualify at this event, he made one more try at an event at Fort Hood, Texas, and again was unsuccessful. Thus ended his competitive riding career, but satisfaction he had tried.



MOTO CROSSING - Before and after.



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Michael Dean - Rider Profile (continued)

Motorcycling of course, requires a source for income. Michael was with the United States Postal Service Tulsa, Oklahoma from 1969 to 1986, and then to an assignment in Colorado. Upon retirement, he somehow found out about the “Nature Trail” in Missoula, and decided that is where he had to be, resettling here in 2010.

His riding has been primarily off-road, and even his one-and-only ‘tour’ to Alaska from Colorado was off-road to the extent possible. His ride for this adventure was a 1990 Suzuki DR 650. He recalls that in his attempt to buy a used one at an acceptable price, netted a bike that took a significant amount of work to prepare for the ride. He had planned on 80 days with Prudhoe Bay as the destination. He rode alone, spent about 35 nights camping, 35 nights in hostels, cover over 10,000 miles, all with two soft side bags and one hiker’s backpack. He noted the front strap of the backpack supported bear spray and a camera, so as to be close at hand.

He became ill in Fairbanks, Alaska on the final stages of the trip and was not able to make Prudhoe Bay but did cover about 60% of the route off-road. Part of the return leg was via ferries on the inside passage eventually landing at Bellingham, Washington to complete the loop back to Colorado.

Michael’s current inventory of motorcycles includes:

- 1987 Yamaha TT350 (Lowered)
- 1997 KTM MXX 360 (Lowered)
- 2009 BMW G650X Country (Stock)
- 2016 Husqvarna 701 Enduro
- 2016 Husqvarna FE 501
- 2017 Zero FXS Electric

He has found the Zero to be “supper fun” and is in the process of converting the Husqvarna 701 – lowering it four inches - into a fire road runner.

We are looking forward to seeing Michael on the road (off-road) and at our club functions.

Editor



Poker, Alaska July 20, 1993



Fully loaded, and fully unloaded Suzuki 650 on the Alaskan tour.



An Alaska trip side trip. A rail road bridge to an abandon Endecott Copper Company mine, converted to a vehicle roadway.

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JANUARY Meeting - The Big Bull Bar and Grill - Winston, Montana

Winston proved to be a good place for the monthly meeting. Sixteen members - ten of whom road - and one guest, took advantage of the rare 50 degree February day. (Note the temperatures forecast for Tuesday on the adjacent temperature screen shot.) We were glad to see new member **Nate Johnson** from Helena, who was also one of the riders.

Secretary-Treasurer **Dave McCormack** came supplied with some neat raffle item, and became the 'bag-man' at the cash only grill.

Editor



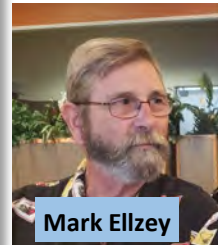
Todd Jones, Helena



It was a good thing Secretary-Treasurer **Dave McCormack** was there, or a few of us would have been washing dishes.



Bull standing guard over the Ural parking area.



Mark Ellzey



Under the watchful eye of the Big Bull



A few of the ten riders who took advantage of the balmy 50° F weather.

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JANUARY Meeting - The Big Bull Bar and Grill - Winston, Montana (continued)



Rarely seen, Paul Smietana's 2000 Moto Guzzi with a Ural side car, and purchased in Canada. I believe there is a story here for another time. A sharp looking machine.



Nancy Davis



Guest, **Deb Dechert** modeling her newly acquired BMW thermals vest. It shrank while in the closet, and would no longer fit your Editor.



Don Davis



From the left, Mark Ellzey, Sandy Knutsen, Dean Hall, Donna Davis (Partially hidden), Deb Dechert and, Jason Humberger. From the right, Annie Huddy, Kevin Huddy, Don Davis and, Lance Lerum.



Ken Conrad (left) and new member Nate Johnson.



Steve Moore



Jason Humberger, Mike Meredith and Dan Mainwaring. Todd Jones with his back to the camera.

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Year 2022 “2 Helena and Back 2” - Ken Conrad



Here's some preliminary information for our 2022 Helena and Back club event.

This will be the second 'Helena and Back' and it has an appropriate 'Official' title - **“2 Helena and Back 2”**.

Dates are **September 15th, 16th, 17th, and 18th**. I am aware that the 17th coincides with the **September Club meeting in Bozeman**. There are a number of interesting paved and unpaved ways to get to Bozeman from Helena if you are planning on going to the meeting.

The overall ride/event format will be the same as last year, comply with KISS, and will again be based on the original MTBMWR founding principle of a 'Disorganized Organization'.

We will be returning to Jorgenson's Inn and Suites, now called Ramada by Wyndham.

Many thanks to **Annie Huddy**, who 'volunteered' to take over Ministry of Lodging duties from Mike Hofferber, for searching the Helena area for accommodations. She was a wee bit reluctant but when made aware of the exorbitant compensation package the club offered gladly 'volunteered'.

After looking at a number of options, it was decided that Jorgenson's/Ramada by Wyndham offers better centralized accommodations, all under one roof, as well as a much better room rate than other facilities in Helena.

Last year there were a few comments about dinner being limited to what the kitchen prepared for us as a group meal in a buffet style. Short staffing last year resulted in the restaurant not being open regularly in the evenings. However, Jorgenson's kindly offered to provide a limited buffet for us on the days that we were there, so as to accommodate our group.

This year I have been assured that with the change of ownership from Jorgenson's to Ramada by Wyndham the restaurant will be fully open, and meals can be ordered from the menu. And, as last year, breakfast is included with the cost of the room.

There are 20 rooms blocked for our group, located in the west end of the motel. Most of these rooms are at ground level and have doors opening to the outside, so you can park your motorcycle/sidecar/Spyder at your door. When making your reservation be sure to request a ground level room if parking at your door is desired. In one section some rooms are located on the second level with their doors consequently not at ground level.

Calling for reservations is encouraged. Be sure to mention our group, the Montana BMW Riders. And also mention our special reduced room rate, to preclude surprises (eh, Dave?). My motel contact's name is **Robert**, and he has coordinated and confirmed the details.

Room rate is \$75, and I don't think that includes taxes.

Motel phone number: 406-442-1770.

There will be more information about **2 Helena and Back 2** in the newsletters as we get closer to September.

For questions about the 2 Helena and Back 2 concept, details, or suggested routes and rides from Helena, check the MTBMWR website to search last year's newsletters. I don't remember which editions addressed those details, but it's a good opportunity to also re-read some of the newsletters.

There were more suggested routes last year than time to ride them. A description of some of the suggested routes from last year can be found in last year's newsletters, as mentioned above. Some riders simply created their own routes, using maps, GPS, and/or mapping apps. I have a few copies of maps left over from last year.

In keeping with KISS and Disorganized Organization principles, there are no organized rides, nor any ride leaders (cat herders). Simply plan your day's ride, leave when you want, return when you want, have fun, don't fall down, maybe even get lost a couple times. And have your war stories ready for telling in the evening.

It was a fun event last year and I'm sure it will be again this year. I hope you'll put it on your calendar.

More or other questions? **My phone number: 406-431-4999**. Leave a voicemail if necessary and I'll call you back.

Ken Conrad

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Three-wheeler Corner - Reports from the Road



We can always count on our "Uralogist" (I'm sure that is a legal word for one who 'rides' a Ural sidecar) to be the season earlier birds, especially in a beautiful sunny day on the banks of the Missouri River. **Ken Conrad, Annie Huddy and Kevin Huddy** were able to don enough clothing to have a good day on the road.

Editor



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Letters to the Editor

These past two years - COVID restrictions, closed borders and mandates have hampered our interactions with the Club members from Canada. **Alastair MacLean**, shared an email - in the following section - to his fellow airhead aficionados. From talking with Alastair and **Dave Perry**, Canadian winters seem to precipitate a lot of 'shop' time. Random parts often add one more motorcycle to an already fully occupied garage. Also, when the snow clears, there are numerous events to crowd into a Canadian summer.

Editor

I have received some new information about a couple of events since the last email which I will share and I will also provide a little information on the structure of the events for some who have not attended these events in the past.

1. George, the BC Airmarshal has found the parts needed to repair his motor. He also advised the BC Airhead event in Midway BC is scheduled to go ahead on it's regular first weekend in June which this year will be June 3/4. He is currently having difficulty with catering Saturday supper but our camp site has been reserved. Because of timing I don't think this will make the Airmail newsletter. For those not familiar this was initially a tech day that has become an unstructured no host camping weekend that normally attracts up to 50 or so attendees and is organized by the BC Airheads. There is tent camping available and motel accommodation available in Midway or Greenwood which is a 10 minute ride east of Midway. In past years a Saturday supper was catered and there was a Sunday breakfast. There are a couple of local restaurants and a food store for other meals or groceries.

2. Horizons Unlimited has moved their event to June 11-18 in Nakusp evidently to try to get ahead of the fire season we seem to have had annually in British Columbia. HU is a large event that has been held in Nakusp for many years and with it a week after the Midway event some have suggested they may stay in the area for it as well. Information can be found on the internet.

3. George indicated the annual Vintage Motorcycle Rally is once again scheduled to be held in Ponoka on the third weekend in July. Some of the Alberta and BC Airheads regularly attend this event which is free to attend. I note there is no information on the CVMA website but is referred to on the Ponoka.ca site. I will pass on any info I receive to confirm if this event will be held.

4. Garnet had indicated in an earlier email he would appreciate a tentative list of those considering going to Pincher Creek AB for a tech day the first Saturday in May. The event has not yet been confirmed by the Pincher Creek Museum but numbers of potential attendees will help with arrangements. If confirmed this will be the fourth tech day held at the museum after a two year Covid break. Because of the late date no information will be provided in the Airmail. In the past we have had a few projects to complete and a lunch has been provided by the museum with proceeds going to the museum for future programing. Some tools are provided but if special tools are needed please advise. There is a local NAPA store for some basic needs but it is recommended you bring the parts you need for your project. If you are thinking of attending please advise. Questions... ??.. please contact me.

5. One of the Corbin seats has been sold... I was reminded the remaining seat was rebuilt by an upholstery shop in Vancouver and is in like new condition. It will fit R90s, 100s, 100rt/rs/cs and R80 rt... all bike models with the round seat cowling. All offers will be considered. Contact me and I will put you in touch with the seller.

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Letters to the Editor - (continued)

6. I note registration is open on the BCbeemers website for their rally in Nakusp BC on July 7-10. This has been a long time favorite event with many BMW riders. Because of it's popularity the number of those attending has been limited. Depending on how the Covid situation plays out this spring early registration might be necessary after the two year Covid break. The rally fee includes camping at the municipal campground with various meal options available. There is plenty of accommodation in local motels and if a meal option is not selected there are quite a few restaurants in Nakusp.



Once again Good wrenching and as spring arrives Ride Well!

Alastair

AB Airmarshal



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New Rides



Don Davis has added a 2022 BMW R1250GSA (Adventure) LS (Low Susp). The Luggage is custom built for the bike by 2 Wheels Welding in South Carolina. The tank bag is by Givi - The Christmas tree indicating a Christmas present, probably from Donna. The GPS is the BMW Navigator VI by Garmin and interacts with the bike.



Steve Moore acquired a 2012 CAN AM RT Limited. It was a unit purchased from a friend who added a large number of upgrades. Last year was a limited riding year for Steve but he is looking forward to a more inclusive year in 2022. We hope he brings it to some of the monthly meeting so we can inspect this beautiful machine.

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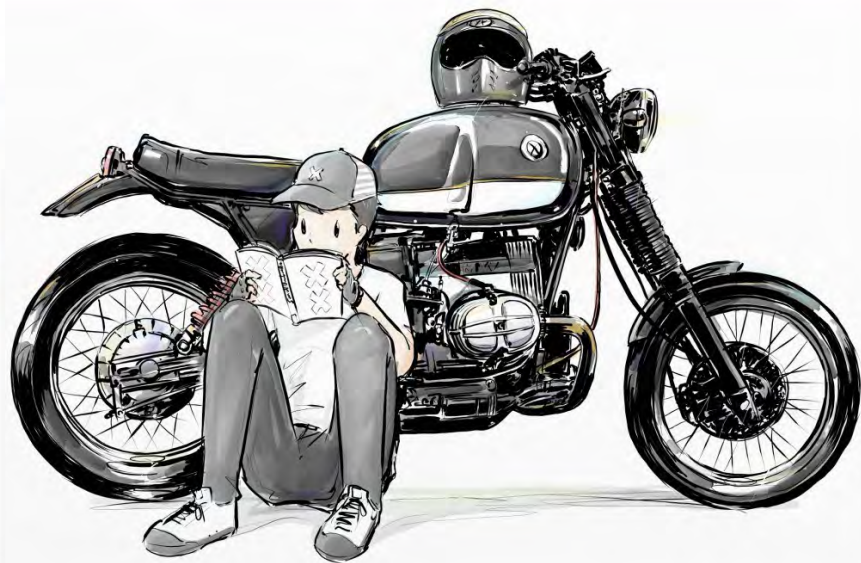
Social Media Administrator

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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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 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



A



B



C

Hi Kim,
Thanks for all the history and old photos. The mystery photo (giant cowboy in background) [Photo "B"] was taken July 24, 2015 in conjunction with the MOA Rally in Billings. I did not take the photo but I was riding the white K75 that appears first in the line of bikes. This was taken at the Fort Rockvale Cafe in Rockvale, MT and was advertised in the club newsletters as Breakfast ride to Ft. Rockvale Cafe from the rally in the 2015 riders calendar.



Gary A[rmstrong]

Photo "C" - Chuck Reaves, unknown Harley Rider and Larry Banister at Larry's favorite lemon meringue pie (Connie's Countryside Café) at the intersection of Highway 93 and Montana 12, operated by two very nice no-nonsense ladies who are the best pastry chef's in the valley. **Editor**

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MYSTERY PHOTO "D" I am sure most recognize Chuck Reaves on his 'checkerboard bike, but who is the other rider? And where? A court house next to a grain silo has to be unique. Let me know who, where and when.

Kim Lemke

A 'hint' to the identification of the bike and rider in Mystery Photo "A". This is the same bike, R100GS as shown in Photo "A" and it has Montana License number 6-7761. So this may be someone in Bozeman at house number 826. Are you the rider in the red shirt?



Reminder: 2022 Safety classes are coming up in April there are three levels; check it out at ([MMRS: Training Courses \(msun.edu\)](https://www.mmsr.org/)), or call 800-922-BIKE .

The calendar year 2022 schedule should be up in March.

Kim Lemke



Some notes from the past 20 years: Most Newsletters from June 2012 are on our Website. This column will try to concentrate on 2001-2013; However, my paper files are also incomplete.

Over the years, venues have changed as Cafes come and go. We also try to vary so that we cover varied parts of Montana and make it possible for members to attend since we have a widespread membership.

That said, we go back to March 18, 2001 when we had a western (Willow Creek) and eastern (Joliet) Montana meeting. Ken Conrad remarked that Spring was expected March 20, but at the end of February he was not sure we would be riding in March.

An issue before us was that the Legislature wanted to absorb the limited funds designated to Motorcycle training that came from license plate costs. Michelle Hand in Missoula and Dal Smilie in Helena lobbied the Legislature on our behalf.

Note: As long as I have been aware of the safety program in Montana, many trainers/coaches have been members of Montana BMW Riders.

For old timers who remember Frank Risley a long-time member of our group, died March 3, 2001 while riding near San Diego. Our Club and members contributed to a Memorial Service for Frank.

Robert Banis reported on 2001 Beartooth Rendezvous plans.

If you have been to a Rendezvous you understand, if not, talk to someone who has!

Kim Lemke


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New Mystery Photo "E" - Known to many of our riders who have traveled the Pintler Veterans Memorial Highway, one of the area's favorite motorcycle rides. And always, you rode very slowly as you passed by. Let me know if you identify this mystical location. (lemkemt@live.com;)


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Reports from the Road - Rebecca Coursey and others

Last month we reported that **Rebecca Coursey** had joined a tour led by MotoDiscovery Tours—"Ruta 40 South American Expedition" from February 1 through March 4, 2022. Ironically, this same tour includes a promotion by Ural Motorcycles, hence include a unit modified specially for the tour, along with the photographers and chroniclers to support the promotion. It is a large group, composed of two Ural sidecar rigs plus three other sidecars, in addition to a normal array of adventure motorcycles. Rebecca is riding her BMW F700GS. In the following sections, I have included emails from Rebecca, and photos as well as a note from **Ken Conrad**, our sidecar advocate and his knowledge of some of the Ural participants. **Editor**

Attached picture is from a Feb 5th email from a friend who is part of the Ruta 40 MotoDiscovery trip.

He is herding his Ural (not in the picture, he's the one who took the picture), the other Ural, ridden by another participant, is a "press/demo" rig that Ural provided for the trip.

He knows the Ural folks in Redmond, and Skip Moscoro, of MotoDiscovery quite well, and came up with the idea of combining the MotoDiscovery ride with creating a video documentary to promote Ural, MotoDiscovery, and Motul. And Ural loaned him a new, "press/demo" rig for use on the trip and the promo video.

The guy filming the trip, and the promo video, Barak Nagan, is the guy who guided and filmed the trips that **Phil Haglund** and I did into Mexico a few years ago with MotoDiscovery. Interesting guy, Barak, former Israeli helicopter driver, teaches cinematography and photography at the University of New Mexico. Good guy, good rider. Should be a great finished product.

When I read in the newsletter that **Rebecca Coursey** was on the Ruta 40 trip I forwarded my friend a copy of the newsletter, knowing that he would no doubt meet her.

The picture he sent me is from along the coastline south of Iquique, Chile, heading toward Antofagasta.

He said the Ruta 40 trip was overbooked so was split into two groups. Said Rebecca is in the first group and is about a week ahead of him, but there's still a chance they may cross paths.

I'm sure she'll have some interesting stories to relate for the newsletter. MotoDiscovery does a great job.

Ken



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(This is an email I received from Rebecca when she was well into her trip—Editor)

Thank you for your note. I'm slightly south of Mendoza, the Napa of Argentina. We have a rest day, the first one, of this trip. We crossed the border from Chile to Argentina Monday a week ago. We lost our leader, Juan, due to a positive covid test and hence he had to stay in Chile. Instead an Argentinian man, Marcelo, who drives the support vehicle (his F100 4 cylinder, have you ever heard of such?) has orchestrated things, given us information, and got us across the border. It just so happened the border was open last Sunday but on Monday it was closed. Many calls for about two hours were going on between Chile and Argentina, and we came across finally.

I am fine, and there have been moments of immense joy, riding is incredibly fine, the Andes are so amazing and beautiful. Bigger than anything in the States. there is much here like Nevada+Chaco Canyon New Mexico Toas+Grand Canyon+Moab/SW on roads that are like ours maybe 40 to 50 years ago.

Truly the riding has mostly been so good. Curves and mountains. Crossed the highest border passing out of San Pedro de Atacama. Almost 15000 ft. The land looks like Mars with these marches of meadows near the top of that area, where llamas and alpacas and flamingos roam.

Well on Thursday on a stop for water-in-water-out, a wonderful rider named Edemar came back to make sure I was all right (morning, beautiful and we were riding all spread out to some extent). I put my phone down on the back pannier, thinking I should not do that, (systems are really important on a trip like this), but after talking and time to go, off we went. Within about 10 km I realized phone was not on handlebar. It took us an hour to find my new iPhone 12 mini smashed to oblivion on the road.

The journey to getting a new phone, which just now is downloading from the iCloud, has been epic in and of itself. Managed to find a new SE model.

I am not much of a photographer, unlike Mr. Barak Naggan. Barak is a truly gifted photographer, has insights into people's lives and has a clear sense of leadership. He grew up in both Israel and USA.

The Ural group is going much more smoothly. Our group paid some prices getting the bike from the boat, having to wait 3 days in Iquique. It took 8 hours on Friday of week and more ago in the afternoon to get through the paperwork and validation of our bikes, who we are, and get each bike and each Ural out of the container at the loading yards, That in itself was story.

I began first to try to write a blog, there has really been not as much time as one would think. Getting up, pack up, ride, get gas, sometimes food, and everything here takes forever. We are all getting use to the pace, including new normal dinner at 8.

The new SE phone has transferred something and I will see if I can write something more cohesive with a few photos.

I've ridden across more red water mud, water crossings are becoming normal.

What is so great is riding every day, more communion with the bike, better skills each day. Dirt is common, having to turn around suddenly, rain, rocks in road.

I would truly enjoy giving a talk, however combining with photos would take some work for me. The loss of the phone is one thing, then there is my lack of taking them. However on WhatsApp for the group are many.

I'll see if I can write something with a few photos in the next week for your February newsletter.

Got to see the Urals for real, they were unloaded while we were getting our bikes and setting them up. What beautiful creatures. But I'm not planning on trading my two wheels any time soon.

The wine here is amazing, and so is the riding. I will be returning. My heart is touching home here in a way I never have. I've known for a long time the Andes were calling.

Rebecca



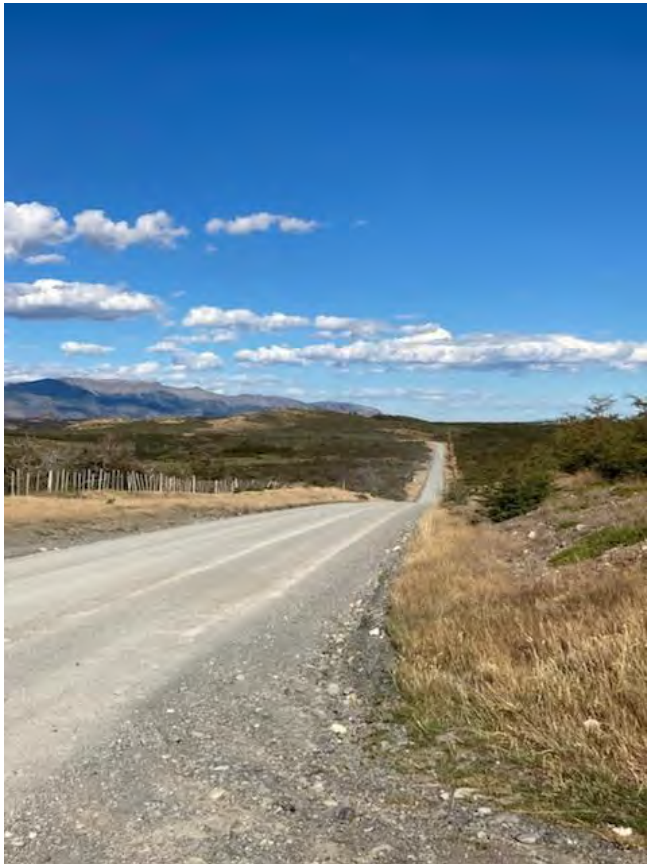
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60 km in, road from hell for sure, washboards, rocks, sand, sand more sand, small water crossings, a bridge of logs held together to cross one, a hill from hell with sand and huge pot hole type of things, needed help, dropped bike on various situations, however hot spring soak in luscious water at an old hotel that didn't make it.

Amazing ride, synergy and camaraderie.

Rebecca



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This is not the actual picture of mine. Just to show the design.

Terry Logan

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Club Meetings and Ride Schedule 2022

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	20th	Missoula	Press Box	Sunday	1:00 PM	Ride if you can.
April	23 rd	Clancy	Legal Tender	Saturday	1:00 PM	
May	21 st	Helena	Huddy Tech Day	Saturday	All Day	Repair, Replace & Socialize
	22 nd	Cascade	Missouri River Inn	Sunday	1:00 PM	
June	19 th	Big Fork	Echo Lake Café	Saturday	1:00 PM	
July	24 th	East Helena	Lakeside on Hauser	Sunday	1:00 PM	
August	21 st	Lincoln	Montana Steak House	Sunday	1:00 PM	
September	17 th	Bozeman	Lindley Park	Saturday	1:00 PM	Bring Your Lunch
October	16 th	Ovando	Trixi's	Sunday	1:00 PM	
November	19 th	Basin	Silver Saddle	Saturday	1:00 PM	
December	The protocol for Christmas parties will be determined based on club preferences at the time.					

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