

Club Activities - Editor



May was a very active month for the club; Huddy's Tech Day - see the coverage of that event in this issue; a well attended meeting at the Missouri Inn Restaurant & Bar, south of Cascade. We had two MONTANA BMW RIDER club members in an Advanced Riding Course and several others who are also members of the Last Chance Riders Motorcycle Club, who were the primary participants. Don't forget, **Ken Conrad** will be conducting another advanced riding course on July17, 2022. This course is fully committed with 12 MONTANA BMW RIDERS. It should be fun.

Two of our member, **Greg Hintz** and **Don Deuel**, will be riding the Southern California sponsored Three Flags Rally over the Labor Day week end. Missoula will be one of the Check Points - we will publish the location when it becomes available - so that you can meet Greg and Don as they roll in for their overnight in Missoula, or see them off as they make the final leg to the terminus in Canada.

Kevin and **Annie Huddy** will make the ride from the Outpost to Dawson City, Yukon Territory for the annual Dust to Dawson motorcycle enthusiast gathering. Annie on her R1200GS and Kevin on his recently acquired R1200 Sidecar.

Ken Conrad is scouting out rides for the "2 Helena and Back 2" scheduled in September. He has published one ride shown later in this Newsletter.

Looking forward to next year, **Phil Haglund** is considering organizing another Little Belt Mountains ride, similar to the one in 2019, depending upon participation interest. Check out **Dave McCormack's** column to register your interest in this event.

Editor

<u>Footnote:</u> I made a run to Ovando and the Stray Bullet, and visited the only museum in Ovando. Check out the article in this month's newsletter.





Tom Moe - 33028 BMW MOA Regional Coordinator



National Rally

While I can't make the rally this summer due to my wife's class reunion, I have received confirmation from a Billings member that he is attending and would be happy to have a riding companion. I would be happy to coordinate members getting together to make the ride. Contact me via email <u>tom.moe@sbcglobal.net</u> or 406-599-5226 call or text and I will do my best to coordinate members to make the ride.

Dave Fishbaugh from Billings has plans to attend the rally and is leaving the 13th from Billings if someone would like to ride along with him. He is staying in hotels going and coming back. His number is 406-698-2265.

Bozeman Area Ride and Lunch



Ride safe, keep the rubber side down.

We had a very soggy but nice area lunch at the Bank Bar and Vault, Wilsall Sunday May 29th. In attendance clockwise from the left **Mike Kreikemeier**, **Mike Meredith**, **Deb Dechert**, **Jason Humberger**, his mother **Janet**, **Lance Lerum** and me (I took the photograph). Several others had hoped to attend but the nasty weather kept them away. **Mike Kreikemeier** and **Lance Lerum** rode, much to their credit. While the rain was a pain it sure was good for the country.

I will just be getting back from California June 23rd, but will schedule a Bozeman area ride for June 26st. Several suggestions were made; The Buffalo Bar, West Yellowstone; The Gravel Bar, Ennis; Café 191, Melville; The Big Bull Bar & Grill, Winston and Bar 47, White Sulphur Springs. We are of course open to other suggestions. Email tom.moe@sbcglobal.net or text or call 406-599-5226.

Billings area events

I had a nice visit with **Mike Hofferber** at Huddy Tech Day and sometime this summer we will try to have breakfast and take a little ride or just have lunch – stay tuned.

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BMW Club Motorcycle Owners of America

Secretary - Treasure's Corner - Dave McCormack



If you didn't get to Huddy Tech Days or the Missouri River Inn meeting this past month, you missed what this club is all about. We had not only great riding weather but large groups of riders who loved exchanging information about how they got through the pandemic and how they kept their bike ready to ride as soon as the weather became rideable.

A loud group "Huzzah" goes to the Huddy's for hosting a great day at their acreage and shop. A special thank you to **Annie** for the food and refreshments. If you went and left hungry, you weren't paying attention. We are also aware that our Canadian members, **Ron Kitchen**, and

Alastair MacLean, came over the border to participate. As **Kevin Huddy** has said, 'If it weren't for these men willing to come down for the weekend and provide their unique BMW specific mechanical talents to the Tech Days, we wouldn't have the Tech Days'. Welcome, guys, eh. Good to see you, finally. Tech Days was canceled or postponed for the last 2 years because of Covid, and it was super special to finally put it back on the club calendar. So the turnout of approximately 50 members was especially pleasing for those of us who manage the club calendar.

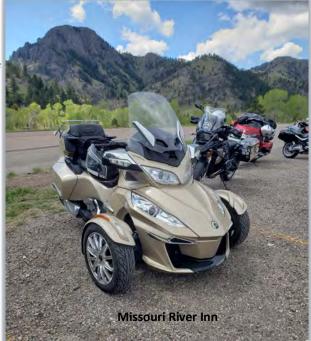
As for the Missouri River Inn...it was closed several years ago, but recently purchased by new owners who reopened the Inn just this year. Around 17 folks showed up eventually (some of us got lost before finding the correct turn). It's clear the River Inn has a ways to go before it will go back on the club calendar as they are still renovating the old Inn. However, you can't beat the ride to get there. To get there, you have to traverse several miles of frontage road alongside the Missouri river. Temperatures were perfect, visibility was unimpeded, and it seemed every drift boat ever manufactured was on the river.

I sat next to **Phil Haglund** at the Missouri River Inn meeting. We got to talking about things to do next year and getting them on the club calendar early. He said he would be willing to put together another off road ride in the Little Belt Mountains like he did several years ago if there's enough interest. He suggested it would be at least a Friday through Sunday event in July. A group of 10 folks is an optimal crowd, so if you're interested, drop me a line at <u>dhmcc@aol.com</u> and I'll coordinate with Phil. Sooner would be better than later.

As for club finances, we are in continuing good shape and may explore the scholarship fund issue if there are more participants this year versus what we have seen in the past. You're encouraged to use this year to get additional training as I'm sure many of us are somewhat rusty from 2 years of Covid related reluctance to ride. Check out the easy qualifying on the web for information about how to apply and what courses are authorized.

Rising gas prices be damned, I'm riding this year!

Dave McCormack



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Kevin and Annie Huddy— TECH DAY



After a two year hiatus, Huddy's Tech Day made its return in May of this year, and judging by the participants, a very welcome return. At least 33 attended, riders and guests. The lifts were always in use. **John DiBari's** Honda Africa Twin received a front-to-back maintenance service; **Mike Hofferber's** Ural front suspension received a lot of attention after its collision with a Jeep. **Kevin's** new, to us, tire changing machine seemed to be in constant use. **Annie's kitchen** was a beehive of activity, and



a continuous source of great food. The beef for the hamburgers was provided by the Lance

Lerum ranch from Townsend. Guests and participants arrived bearing food and refreshments - food and conversation was abundant.

I hope the photos and captions display what appeared to be a very good time by everyone. I have tried to identify as many of the people shown as possible, hoping that each of you would learn the name of a person who has been only know by their face, and the bike they ride.

Editor



A very brisk 40's with a bit of wind, but that did not deter riders from Big Fork (Dave Grode); Bozeman (Lon McComas); Hamilton (Dave McCormack); Townsend (Lance Lerum, Georgjean Brewster, and Don Davis. Helena riders included Ed Field, John Beyrau, Ken Conrad, Todd Jones, and Udell Sharp.

It was great to see the Club's Canadian members, **Alastair MacLean** and **Ron Kitchen**, taking advantage of the relaxed US/Canadian border crossing protocol, even it had to be by car.



Lance Lerum





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Kevin and Annie Huddy- TECH DAY (continued)



Kevin Huddy giving some serious attention to mounting a new tire for **Dean Hall's** R1200GS.





I am sure there is a reason **Mike Hofferber** would raise his Ural on a lift, then use a step ladder to adjust the valves on the right-side cylinder, under **Ken Conrad's** supervision.



Georgjean Brewster with her immaculate 1968 BMW R50/2. Both Georgjean and her ride are frequent guests at Tech Day.

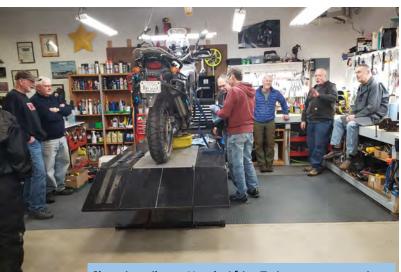


Under Ron Kitchen's skillful eye, John DiBari added a FARKLE to his Honda Africa twin, to preclude breaking off his right-side foot peg. Although a simple part, it necessitated removing the exhaust pipe to install, as seen here.

Kevin and Annie Huddy- TECH DAY (continued)



Alastair MacLean discussing the attributes of Lon McComas's R1150RT.





Probably talking about motorcycles.

Changing oil on a Honda Africa Twin seems to require a lot of supervision. From the left, **Mike Meredith**, **Chuck Reaves, Ken Conrad, John DiBari** (working), **Dave Grode, Kevin Huddy** and **Ron Kitchen**.



Karen Reaves, Sandy Knutsen and host, Annie Huddy.





John Beyreau's 1964 BMW R60, a frequent guest at Tech Days.

Kevin and Annie Huddy- TECH DAY (continued)



Bill Erhardt



Randy Carpenter



Dan Mainwaring



Perhaps a new definition of a 'feeler gauge' for setting the valve clearance on a Ural.



Dave McCormack



John Beyrau



Larry Banister





Todd Jones (missed photo of Todd's wife)





Don Davis



Larry Sheldon



Ed Field

Liz Banister



Udell Sharp

Tech Day Report from the Bayou Outpost - Chris Keyes as copied by the Editor

A Tech Day was held in Ruston, Louisiana for local area members of the Montana BMW Riders that were unable to attend the Helena affair. Only one person showed up, and he stayed for the whole weekend (*editor: he never left*). What inspired him to participate in the Bayou Outpost Tech Day? It was seeing photos of his many club comrades participating at the Huddy Outpost Tech Day. "My first reaction on seeing those photos was a pang of regret to be missing out," he said wistfully. "But then I noticed all the coats and hats and felt a little better."

The man did not appear to accomplish much work to his R1200GSA. He just removed a perfectly fine top box and replaced it with a newer, larger one. When asked why he made the switch to a larger box, his explanation was that the old box had, "apparently shrunken in the southern sunshine, because it somehow no longer accommodates the contents." He then gestured to the



elasticized waistband on his suspendered trousers and reported observing the same phenomenon among pants.

Presumably the GS required no real mechanical service, because an inspection of club mileage contest records reveals that the rider had only slightly depleted tire rubber since moving to Louisiana last August. His tan forearms suggested that climate posed no constraint on riding opportunities and was not responsible for the idle odometer. When asked whether he could share any stories with his Montana fellows about adventures on the Louisiana twisties and curves, he commented glumly, "the only curve I know about is the steep learning curve I've been on at work." No time for the GS on weekends? "All my Saturday seat time is aboard this new 2-cycle thumper!" he bellowed, and with a bang of his fist sent up a cloud of grass clippings from the yellow seat of a John Deere lawn tractor.



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Nate Bertland



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Memorial Day ride report from the Bayou Outpost - Chris Keyes



In commemoration of Memorial Day, Montana BMW Riders in the Western Gulf region enjoyed a breezy 100-mile route traversing the hilly, winding backroads of northern Louisiana. Just one rider participated in the event. The 'group' departed the Bayou Outpost early on Monday morning in order to avoid afternoon temperatures in the mid-80s. Occasional stops were made at sites of natural and historical interest (a.k.a. lakes, plus various old buildings that have somehow remained upright despite the best efforts of

hurricanes and termites). Chris Keyes

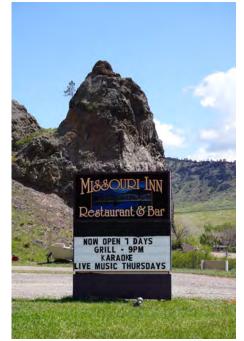




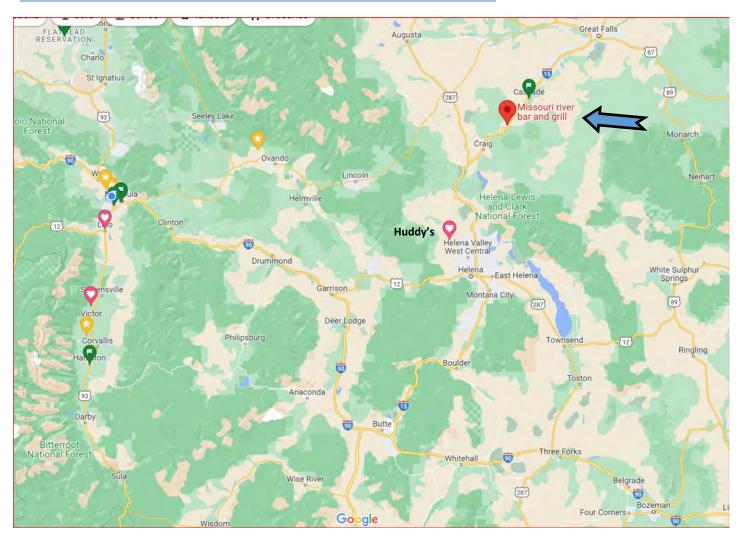
APRIL Meeting - Missouri Inn - Cascade, Montana

Amazing turnout at the Missouri River Inn, ten mile upstream on the Missouri River from Cascade, Montana and on Old Highway US 91. A majestic setting close to the Missouri River. Eighteen riders, including **Jane Hazzard** who was the passenger in **Charlie Rossell's** BMW K75 sidecar, a fantastic looking machine, and rode in from Great Falls. **Dave McCormack** and **Larry Manchester** rode in from the Bitterroot Valley, (Dave making a stop at Huddy's Tech Day and overnighting in Helena). **Mike Kreikemeier** rode from Bozeman and **Phil Haglund** rode his R1200C sidecar from Monarch. **Greg Hintz** and **Bill Clark** made the ride from Missoula. **John DiBari**, also from Missoula, rode over from Huddy Tech Day. (See Tech Day article.) From Townsend, **Lance Lerum** and **Dan Mainwaring**. The Helena gang included **Kevin** and **Annie Huddy**, **Todd Jones, Bill Ernhardt, Mike Meredith, Al Murray** and **Mark Ellzey**.

Three—three wheelers were among those who rode. A good showing.



Editor



APRIL Meeting - Cascade, Montana (continued)



Dave McCormack and his CAN AM



Dan Mainwaring and his Buell Ulysses.

Phil Haglund brought his R1200C with the recently installed sidecar. Its first appearance at a Club event.



Interior, rustic and fitting for the environment. Very suitable for our meeting.



A local joined in the parking lot party.



This photo is deceiving - this little fellow was really moving!



K. Bill Clark (on the left), Phil Haglund, Lance Lerum and Mike Kreikemeier, with a spectacular backdrop.



One of the two sidecar rigs, **Charlie Ros**sell's specially constructed sidecar.



Any rider passing through this area, should take Old Highway US 91 that winds along the Missouri River between Exit 219 on I-15 and Cascade, Montana.



Facing the camera, Dave McCormack, Kevin Huddy, Greg Hintz and Larry Manchester. From the near right, Sandy Knutsen, Annie Huddy and John DiBari.

APRIL Meeting - Cascade, Montana (continued)





Sometimes it is hard to breakup a party.



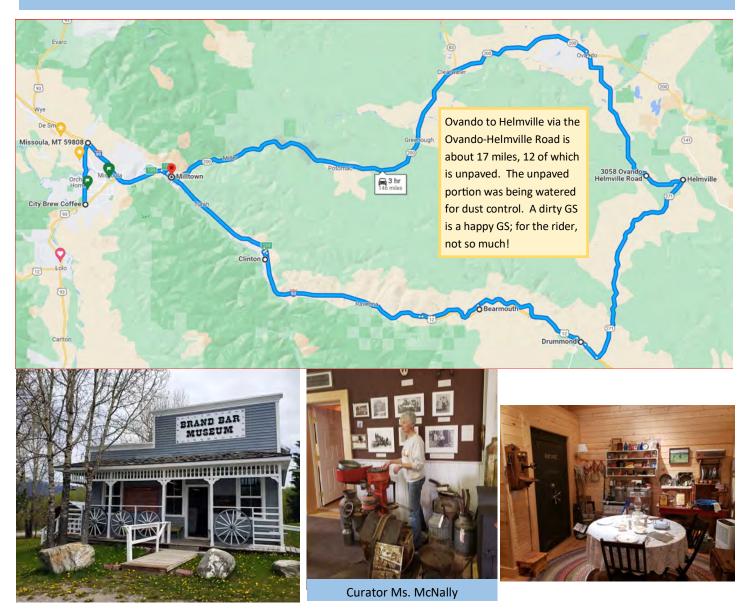
A good representation of the motorcycles ridden to the meeting.

Reports from the Road - Ovando—Helmville-Drummond Loop

Last week I took advantage of a break in the weather to make the Bonner-Ovando-Helmville-Drummond loop, a 140 + mile ride familiar to the club members in the Missoula area. The secondary reason was to check out the Stray Bullet Cafe, which has been closed for most of the pandemic duration. The good news it has been reopened and appears to be doing well.

Ovando is probably known to most Club members as the home of Trixi's Antler Saloon, an annual meeting place for the Montana BMW Riders. Perhaps not so well known, is the Brand Bar Museum, maintained by Barbara McNally and a group of local historians. It is easy to find, as all streets in Ovando - all three - lead to the town square marked by a large fir tree and bounded by Blackfoot Commercial Company and Inn, the Stray Bullet and the Museum. For those curious about local Montana history, the museum, converted from a saloon, is worth a few minutes of your time, after breakfast or lunch at the Stray Bullet.

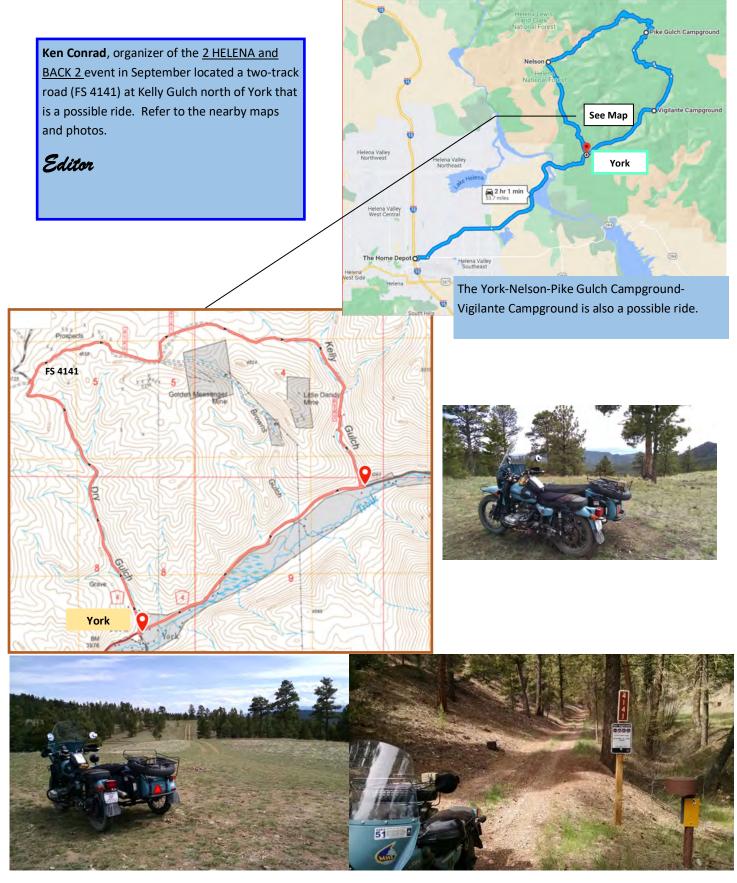




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2 HELENA AND BACK 2 - Some Possible Rides





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MONTANA BMW RIDERS 2022 Mileage Contest - Larry Banister



It is June my fellow BMW riders, the <u>worksheet attached to this issue of the Newsletter</u> contains the names/bikes of those of you I heard from for this year's mileage contest. As you recall the rules of engagement stated that you must submit your beginning mileage (A/O April 1, 2022) to me in writing of some sort BEFORE 4/30/2022. I received a number of email and one snail mail during the month of April. I responded to each email that I received usually the day or the day after I received it, acknowledging receipt and indicating I would put the info into the contest spread sheet upon my return to Montana. As of June 1^{st,} I compiled the attached worksheet from those entries I've received. On the off chance that you sent me an email (or snail mail) that I didn't receive and respond to, please send me a copy of that email and I will be glad to get you into this years mileage contest.

Thanks to everyone who is participating. Since Liz and I been back in Montana from our sojourn in Arizona, the weather has been really conducive to riding, so I look forward to seeing some really good mileage reports this year. Looking forward to seeing you all this riding season.

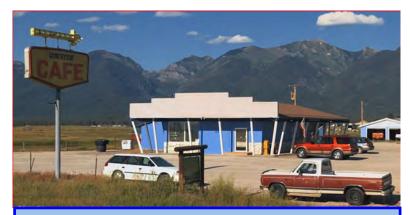
You'll note that I have not entered the mileage contest this year. Unfortunately it is time for me to admit that my riding days are over. As a 21 year veteran of the Montana Motorcycle Safety Education Program as an instructor, I know and taught the importance of consistent riding, practice of riding skills and regular attendance at motorcycle training opportunities to keep those skills sharp.

I have ridden less than 3,000 miles in the last three years, including last year when I rode less than 700 miles. This is not enough riding to keep my skills where they should be. A combination of different seasons in life and a "swan dive" off a ladder last fall which shattered my right femur leave me with fond riding memories, many great miles, many great friends and many great experiences. I will now have to be content with the great fellowship of my BMW and Christian Motorcycle Association riders sharing the memories of great rides over contemporary helpings of food! Thanks for the friendship, fellowship and for faithfully participating in our BMW Mileage Contest. I will compile this year's totals for all who participate and who submit their ending mileage before the deadline and I will work on getting the winners announced and the prize money in the mail!

Ride safe, ride well and ride long.....

Larry Banister

Mileage Contest Coordinator (406) 274-388 (beemermt@msn.com)



Larry's inevitable stop for lemon-meringue pie. They are going to miss him. Editor

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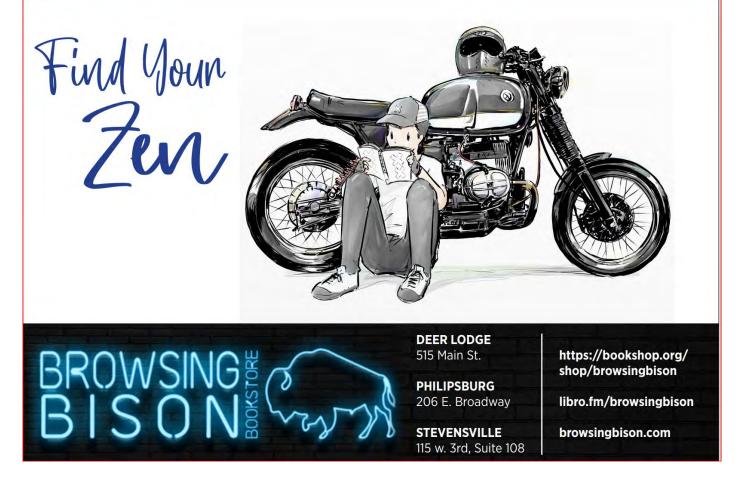
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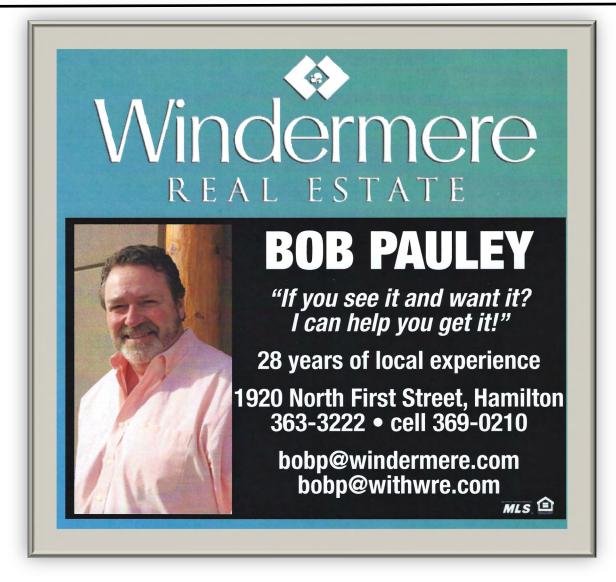
02 BMW R1150R. Comes with heated grips, BMW luggage, top case, center stand. Averages 55mpg.

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Mike Allen 570-688-6708 beef5030@gmail.com





Kim Lemke - Historian - In the Rear View Mirror



May 2004 oldest I could find.

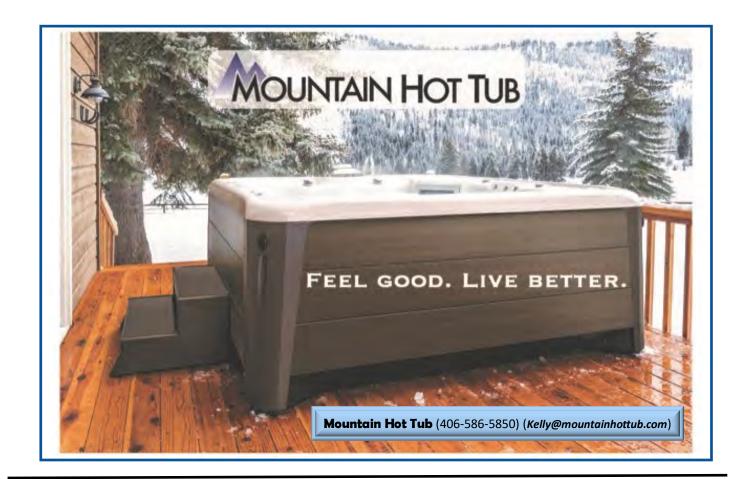
It was 20 years our first Sunshine Station meeting was June 2002. President **Ken Conrad** met a Phillipsburg rider who recommended Sunshine Station. We have had many meeting there since.

Chuck Reaves will appreciate that we had two Guzzi Riders in attendance.

I recognized many of the 29 names that Ken listed. I want to give a "shout out " to **Paul Smietanka**, who I got reacquainted with at Great Falls Rally. My Memory is that we had many May meetings at Phillipsburg. My incomplete files show we met at Sunshine Station, August 2006, March 2007, April 2009. Finally, I find May 2011: *Sunshine Station*.

Kim Lemke





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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	20 th	Missoula	Press Box	Sunday	1:00 PM	Ride if you can.
April	23 rd	Clancy	Legal Tender	Saturday	1:00 PM	
Мау	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
	15 th , 16 th , 17 th & 18 th	Helena	2 Helena and Back 2	Thursday thru Sunday	Check In Thursday— Out Sunday	Base Camp - Ramada Inn by Wyndham
October	16 th	Ovando	Trixi's	Sunday	1:00 PM	
November	19 th	Basin	Silver Saddle	Saturday	1:00 PM	
December	The protoc	ol for Christmas	parties will be det	ermined based o	n club preference	es at the time.

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