

Presidents Corner– Larry Manchester



It sure seems like the Month of May has flown by fast. May was a good month here in the Bitterroot Valley. My wife and I got busy pruning the shrubs, working in our garden, planting flowers, and lots of spring clean up. Yet with all the work I still found some time to get out and ride. A couple of trips up to Lochsa Lodge, a loop up through Missoula, Ovando, Helmville, Drummond, Phillipsburg, Anaconda, Wisdom and back home. Rode up to the Huddy Outpost for Tech day and the lunch the next day at Hauser Lake. Got caught in a nasty hail and rain storm on the way home from Helena. Visibility was next to nothing with strong winds driving the hail sideways. Found a pullout on Eastside Highway where I hunkered down for a few minutes to let the worst of the storm pass. Made it home safely thanks to good rain

gear and a guy in a big Ford pickup who parked behind me with his flashers going to make sure no one ran over me while parked along the roadside. Montanans look out for each other.

One of the highlights of May is the celebration of Mothers day. My Mom was a special lady and I sure miss her. She recognized very early that I was fascinated with motorcycles. I would stare for hours at the Montgomery Ward Christmas catalog and especially the section with the little trail bikes. When my old Tote Goat finally quit running she talked my Dad into buying a used Yamaha 80cc trail bike for me. Money was real tight in those days and I am sure the 50 dollars Dad paid for that bike upset the family budget pretty severely. Mom worked extra hours at the local Gambles store to make up the deficit.

Linda, my wife of 48 years also saw the motorcycle bug in me when we first met. I was driving a retired Wyoming Highway Patrol car with a bike rack on the rear bumper with a Yamaha 250 Motocross bike hanging on for dear life. But she took a chance on me and we have carved out a pretty amazing life together so far. She has always supported my love of two wheels, and just like my Mom she has made the budget work so I always had a bike of some kind. I bet most of you reading this have that special person who enabled your two wheel passion also. So I offer a belated thank you to all the mothers, wives, significant others who support our riding habit. And fellow riders, I urge you to keep your bikes in good shape, ride safely, and practice AGATT. Our loved ones need us to come home safely from our rides.

Larry Manchester

President, Montana BMW Riders



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Tom Moe 33028, BMWMOA Regional Coordinator



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Can an iPhone 14 save your bacon? - update

I followed my own advice and updated to the iPhone 14. I fortunately have not experienced a crash nor do I ever hope to but I do feel better having it in my pocket for both riding and everyday life. From what I learned it does notify emergency services if a crash is detected but beyond cellular communication it also allows communication via satellite. In Montana, and other remote areas, it could be lifesaver. Here is how it works according to macrumors.com.

The iPhone 14 models have a new dual-core accelerometer that can detect G-force measurements up to 256Gs, and a new high dynamic range gyroscope, both of which are for **Crash Detection**. Crash Detection is a new feature that pairs with emergency satellite, as it allows you to get help even if you crash in a remote location.

iPhone 14 models contain the new emergency SOS via satellite feature designed to allow emergency messages to be sent even when cellular and Wi-Fi connections are unavailable. Here is how it works:

Apple says that it was designed for use in open spaces with a clear line of sight to the sky, so performance may be impacted if there are trees or buildings that are nearby.

You can't make phone calls using the SOS via Satellite feature, but you can send short text messages. The iPhone will actually front-load vital questions to assess your situation, and it will send that information to emergency personnel as soon as you're connected.

Apple created a compression algorithm that makes text messages three times smaller to speed up communication as much as possible.

If you're in an area where emergency services can receive text messages, the text message will be sent directly, otherwise it will go to a relay center with Apple-trained specialists that will be able to place an emergency call for you.

All in all short of having a satellite cell phone I don't know of a better currently available tool to notify emergency services of a predicament. I tried out the satellite feature and it worked from where I tried it out.

Central Montana Event – August 5

As a reminder I repeat this information. We have reserved a block of Rooms at the Yogo Inn (*yogoinn.com*) for both August 4 and 5 for any that want to arrive a day early and take a day ride on Saturday. We will come up with some route ideas for both GS and road riders. The rate at the Yogo Inn is \$125.00 plus tax for a total of about \$136.00 per night. When you call ask for the MT BMW Riders rate, your credit card will not be charged until arrival and cancelations prior to 24 hours of arrival will not be charged. We need to fill at least 8 rooms to get this rate or it will go back to rack rate in effect at the time. While the Yogo Inn will hold the rooms until about July 1 let us reserve early and let club leadership know how many are attending so we can plan properly, text me at **406-599-5226**. The Yogo Inn number is **406-535-8721**.

There is a great brewery, Big Spring Brewery, across the street from the Yogo Inn crafting great beers from that fabulous Big Spring water.

Other options include free first come first serve camping at the Kiwanis Campground west of Lewistown with restrooms and water available.

There is a music festival in town that weekend as well so we have competition for rooms and food, at the same time some might enjoy the music festival.

For those that arrive Friday night we will have a loop road ride Saturday and some ideas for a bit of mild off road riding. I purchased a KLX 300 to explore with and will be learning some adventure routes with some old buds.

Ride safe, keep the rubber side down.

Tom Moe

Classified - John DiBari

2016 Honda Africa Twin, \$10,750, 28,124 miles.

6-speed manual transmission. Purchased with 998 miles on it in June of 2017. Bike is in great shape. Well maintained. I have records for the time I've owned the bike.

Includes:

Barkbuster handguards, Double Take mirrors, aftermarket foot pegs, Outback Motortek upper and lower crash bars, Outback Motortek skid plate, Outback Motortek luggage rack, SW Motech EVO pannier rack, Tusk pillion rack, 2 SAE plugins

(lower and dash), Lithium battery (installed 8/2022), Rigid Ignite lights, Heated grips, Garmin Zumo XT mount (small RAM mount needed), Camel ADV right foot peg support, Camel ADV windscreen brace, Tall and OEM wind screen, Seat Concepts seat, Large kickstand foot, Vizi-Tec brake light flasher, Givi 15 liter tank bag with adapter ring, Dunlop TrailMax Mission tires (1800 mi).

Will sell with (or separately) SW Motech TRAX aluminum hard cases (37 liters each) for an additional \$350 and SW Motech TRAX 15 liter accessory bags for an additional \$100.

Contact:

John at jndibari@yahoo.com

Located in Missoula.

Additional photos available upon request.









The Rear View Mirror - Kim Lemke - Historian



June 19, 2011 meeting was at the Wagon Wheel in Twin Bridges.

President **Chuck Reaves** reported that Tina Schmaus did a great job getting our new T-shirts ordered.

Chuck also reported son Mike took his MMRS class; many of you have met him Riding over the past years!

July meeting was scheduled for <u>Monarch</u> (*perhaps in the Cougar Canyon Bar and Grill*) and August, one of the popular sites: Wisdom MT!

TECH DAYS - Huddy's Outpost- Annie and Kevin Huddy



It is difficult to write an article describing the events of the Tech Day at Huddy's Outpost. The motorcycles, the conversations, the images of bikes in all states of assembly and disassembly, the laughter over plates of food and drink, two puppies training for sidecar duties, the

tails of woe and glory and adventures all blend into a images that float about your mind. No one story or event standout over the rest, but simply change places as you think about that day.

The informal guest log recorded 41 people who, at various times, made their way through the gates at the Outpost.

I have tried to capture this year's Tech Day in photos, and have selected one event to feature, that of **Ron Kitchen's** 1981 R100T's decision to pick this day to breakdown.

Dick French—Editor



Host, **Kevin Huddy** applying his expertise on the tire changing machine removing a tire from the rim of **John DiBari's** new (sort of) Yamaha Ténéré.







K. Bill Clark putting all of the pieces back where they came from on his Yamaha 250. There were none left over and it ran perfectly.

TECH DAYS - Huddy's Outpost— Annie and Kevin Huddy (continued)



A classic BMW can always draw spectators and a lot of conversation.



Bleeding the brakes on an R1250 sidecar rig can be a complicated task.

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Sometimes the visual is better than the convenience of digital records.



Brenda Conrad and **Sandy Knutsen** ensuring the guys in the shop were well nourished.



TECH DAYS - Huddy's Outpost— Annie and Kevin Huddy (continued)





Hostess, **Annie Huddy's** preparations begin many weeks prior to Tech Day. Planning, scheduling, guessing how many for breakfast, lunch, dinner, and then breakfast again are all in advance of keeping an eye out for most advantageous food purchases.

Again, this year's Tech Day meals were the highlight of the event.



TECH DAYS - Huddy's Outpost— Annie and Kevin Huddy (continued)





Ron Kitchen, Lethbridge, Canada was making his way to the Huddy's Outpost approaching Flesher Pass on Highway 279, when his 1981 BMW R100T started to slow down. Rolling on the throttle did not seem to solve the problem, so as Ron started to stop, he discovered he did not have any front brakes. A quick inspection reveled the front wheel was locking up.

Kevin Huddy retrieved the disabled bike and Ron and soon had it on the lift in Kevin's shop. Not only had the front wheel bearing seized, it spun the steel axial in the

aluminum clamps of the front fork, essentially melting the aluminum and molding the axial in place.

As can be seen by the near by photos, extensive leverage could not free the axial.



Ron and the crew removed the entire front fork assembly, as seen in this photo.



In true BMW comradery, John Beyrau, contributed an entire replacement fork assembly to enable Ron to get his bike back home. The swap did however, require servicing the replacement fork with new damper fluid, and lubricating the wheel bearings. In that process, Ron determined one bearing

had to be replaced, which requires a unique tool. This led them to visit Bob's Motorwerks, Roberts, Montana who possessed the special tool. Bearing changed, wheel installed and Ron was on his way back to Lethbridge. As Ron said,

an uneventful trip, except for running out of gas just short of the border crossing. A good Samaritan with a pickup and gas can came to his rescue.

Ron stated, "I would ask that you add to your article that I was overwhelmed by the generosity of everyone who helped."

Editor



Bob Clement

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Report from the Road - Lance Lerum

Wrong Way Round

"Want to go the back roads?" "Yeah, I could go to the bathroom." "It's windy today." "No, today is Thursday." "You're thirsty? Want to get a beer?"

And so it seemed to go for eleven days and 1300 miles of helmet chatter from four Yanks with compromised hearing and sketchy helmet com connections, while riding lost on the wrong side of the road in Ireland. I must confess to plagiarizing the final couple above from a greeting card but we were all pretty proud of coming up with that first question and response. A couple weeks before we left, Mike flew over the house and dropped a spare Sena Com to install in my helmet as Kevin and Jay already had systems in their helmets. So in theory, we would be able to communicate with one another on our ride. We did, however, often relive the old Verizon commercial....'Can you hear me now?' and never did get all of us on at the same time. Mike then often just reverted to his old standby strategy, "OK, I'm going to cut you off now and listen to music."

We all caught overnight flights into Dublin, hopped buses, and met up in Limerick for a first night of rest. The next morning we were picked up at our hotel by Elaine of *Retroventures*, who ran us down to Adare to pick up our rented bikes so we could begin our personal retro adventure. Kevin Wolfe opted for the just released BSA Gold Star 650 single, and Jay Cowan, Mike Kreikemeier and I selected the Royal Enfield Interceptor 650 twin. Chris and Elaine, the owners of *Retroventures*, were the models of efficiency in checking us out, wiring up our power outlets to the bikes, making sure we had everything we needed, and sending us off down the road....with insurance on the bikes.



The guys had expressed some concern about riding on the left, but I've driven cars in Ireland on a number of trips and felt that the trick was just concentration and having a key focus point. For me, as a driver (sitting on the right side), this has always been to keep myself at the center of the road, whether heading down a road, or more importantly, when turning at an intersection. As bike riders, concentration and staying alert is always part of the game, so I was sure we would all do just fine on bikes. Maybe not always spot on, but well enough to be safe. I told the guys to just focus on hanging at the left shoulder until they got used to it, and upon leaving the rental shop and before getting out of third gear, lead them off the main highway onto back roads with little traffic all the way to our first stop at Kenmare, a lovely small town in Southwest Ireland where we began our Wild Atlantic Tour. And just in case any spouses or significant others should chance to read this, I'll say that we had no near misses. And the lads will swear to it.

Report from the Road - Lance Lerum - (continued)

This trip came about because last fall, while in Ireland, Jan (the smart half of our household) bought me this book, <u>Cycling in Ireland</u>, that showed all these awesome back road cycling routes in Ireland with really enticing photos and routes designated as to type: mtb, greenways, gravel, roads, etc.. Figuring anything labeled road would be ok for motorcycles, I dreamed about such a trip. Jan kind of pushed me forward with the statement that "You don't have many more years left that you can do this sort of thing, so you had better do it now." Well, she might have been a bit more tactful in her choice of words but I did appreciate the sentiment, and so decided I was going to do it, even if solo. Turns out that didn't have to be, as when I suggested the trip to Mike and Kevin they agreed to come along, and then Jay came on board so we had our assault team together. These trips take on a whole new dimension of fun when you have compatible riding companions along and these guys are all awesome travel mates.

I should probably confess right up front here, but just like one shouldn't wear new boots when hiking across the Bob, one probably shouldn't begin a trip like this with a new, unfamiliar GPS nav unit. I had purchased a TomTom Rider 550 for my bikes last winter. I then fell on the ice, (Twice. Maybe I'm just supposed to stay down?) and hadn't been able to ride prior to the trip. I really hadn't used this GPS more than in the house, and once in the car to show me the way to Helena, which it managed flawlessly. I won't give a full review here, but this unit goes beyond the shortest-fastest-avoid toll roads options from my old Garmin and offers up 'Thrill' categories designated with icons representing three choices for twistyness (WORD says this is not a word) of ever more squiggly lines and increasingly larger mountain icons for three choices for hilliness. I, of course, picked the categories 'snakes den' and 'Everest'. Who doesn't enjoy a thrill?

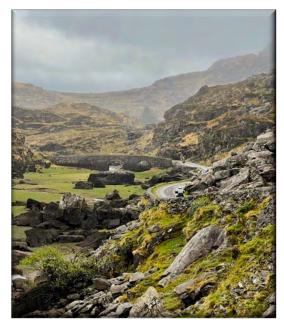




There are many back roads in Ireland following the contours of the land, created centuries ago, as this island's history goes back a long way. Set with those 'thrill' settings this nav unit will seemingly avoid any road with paint on it or over one lane wide and create a bit of anxiety such as, 'will we ever get there' and 'did we just make a full circle?' I also had inadvertently turned on a feature 'suggest alternatives' and although I had picked an Irish lass, Niamh for the voice (pronounced Neev, go figure), I had her turned off as I didn't have Bluetooth hooked up. There is currently much ado about artificial intelligence in the news, but I am convinced that such has been present in these GPS nav units for some time and that these units and voices soon take on a personality of their own. At times, every road on the screen would turn magenta with arrows going every which way and I didn't know what the hell was going on.

Report from the Road - Lance Lerum - (continued)

Maybe Niamh would have talked me through it if I could have heard her, but I was ready to donate that GPS to the fishes in some pond along the way until we figured it all out and toned things down a bit. I must say that the guys following were really good sports about all this craziness, but I suppose it helps if you don't know or care where you are going as every road was a new experience. Or maybe it was just that I couldn't hear what they were saying in their helmets.





For the kind of riding we were doing, which was mainly to avoid main highways and explore the more remote areas, a GPS is pretty helpful as we might still be wandering around in some areas without one. In rural west Ireland many people speak Gaelic (proudly referred to as Irish and taught to all children in the schools) and road signs are often only in Irish. While concentrating on the narrow twisty roads, with very limited sight distance, riding alongside mirror scraping rock walls and shrubbery, and with the occasional quick glance down at the GPS, there really isn't time to try to decipher what those Irish signs could possibly mean as you pass by. So you kind of just ignore them. I had previously load-

ed the longer main routes between our B&B's figuring I'd let the guys plan the daily excursions. Since I have been to some of these areas in the past they kind of didn't move too fast on that, so I mostly also ended up planning the general areas to visit. Jay and Mike both had Garmin GPS versions along and Jay had downloaded maps with really good detail of the small roads which often helped big time. Mike seemed to eventually lose patience and started putting in towns for destinations which really didn't sync well with my unit's 'Thrill' routes. Lots of helmet chatter ensued: 'I show a left in 500 meters'.....'Mine says right in 200.' It's all fun; right?



Report from the Road - Lance Lerum - (continued)

Briefly our trip entailed exploring portions of the Wild Atlantic Way which follows those scenic coastal areas of west Ireland. If you stay on the main routes you will encounter tour buses, and cars carrying local tourists and those not so local, and maybe even struggling more than we did with driving on the wrong side of the road. Since we timed this trip for the shoulder season (and April and May are also the driest months for this area) we missed much of the summer tourist madness. We did at times have to run on those main routes but mainly explored as many of the old pathways as we could. We first based out of Kenmare for four nights and toured the Beara, Iveragh, and Dingle Peninsulas, crossing over the peninsula ridges on great twisty passes as often as possible. At the north end of Connor Pass on Dingle Peninsula is a beach where, a fellow told us, we could ride on the sand for eleven miles. The sand was pretty hard packed and it looked like Mike and Jay had a fun time squirreling around out there.



We then left Kenmare and rode up to Doolin, taking a shortcut ferry across the River Shannon. My objective was for music in the pubs and a couple days exploring the Burren, which is currently a barren limestone landscape. This included the obligatory visit to the Cliffs of Moher and a dolman (a Neolithic burial site).







Report from the Road - Lance Lerum - (continued)

On an earlier visit Jan and I had hired a local tour guide to take us out on a hike in the Burren to learn about the ecology of the area. We visited some off-the-beaten-track very old forts and dolmans and got a naturalist take on the flora and fauna of the area. These limestone hills contain many plants that are relics of the ice age times and some plants in the Burren are only found there and in the far arctic. This gentleman explained to us how Ireland used to be covered in forests and the Burren limestone was once covered with deep soil and grasses. Centuries of overgrazing, tree cutting, and habitation had resulted in the loss of the soil and vegetation leaving the Burren in its current state. Many people wax lyrical about the beauty of Ireland with all the green fields and picturesque rock fences across the land-scape, but this fellow characterized Ireland as an "ecological disaster." Ah well, I didn't have a bubble to pop, and can still appreciate what is there now.



We left Doolin to head north to Clifden for four nights to tour the Connemara area as far north as Westport. We had been having very little rain on the trip and even when it did shower, once Jay and Mike put on their raingear that would pretty much put an end to it. I tend to primarily only have the time to just look at the surface on these trips and don't get too deep into history, geology, religion or any other deeper takeaways from my travels. The Connemara area is more mountains, sea, lakes, and open landscapes with some great riding especially through open range country north to Westport.





Report from the Road - Lance Lerum - (continued)

We passed a number of farms with signs out offering up the opportunity "Hold a Baby Lamb." Other than comments on the redundancy in the sign, I couldn't get any of the guys to bite, so another opportunity lost. The lambs were quite cute though, and you had to be careful riding because when we would encounter sheep loose on a road the lambs would immediately run for cover behind the ewe and peek around her at us. The ewes would seldom look up and seemed to know that as long as they weren't over pavement they were safe and would often just continue to graze on the edge of the road inches away from any traffic. Several times in the middle of nowhere in Connemara there would be a road sign advising everyone to drive on the left. I couldn't help thinking that if whoever was reading those signs had made it that far then they probably had it down.



Our last riding day was booking it back to Adare to turn in the bikes. Elaine and Chris met us at 3:00 on a Sunday and opened up the shop so we could turn our bikes in, and then shuttled us back up to Limerick for a last night and then a bus and plane ride home. I have to give a plug for Retroventures, https://www.retroventuresireland.com/, if any of you are considering a bike tour of Ireland, and you should, you might check out their site. They also rent camper vans and are most willing to make whatever you want happen. The Interceptors were quite well matched to the old roads we traveled, with smooth shifting transmissions and gearing perfectly matched to the power band of the engines. Coming off the north side of Connor Pass I had smooth pavement, no traffic in front of me, and open sight distance between curves for once, so opened the bike up a bit. It has a lovely snarl charging between curves reminiscent of the old British twins, which I suppose it actually is, even though now built in India. I never used all 50 horsepower of the bike and in retrospect I might have chosen one of the Himalayas with a bit more suspension travel. The Interceptors are road bikes and sprung fairly firmly with fairly short suspension travel making them just a bit harsh on some of the rougher roads though they handle surprisingly well. My top speed on the whole trip was a (GPS stored) 61 mph. These are also not all-day-in-the saddle bikes for me unlike our beemers (once you put good seat on the thing), and I did suffer from TB a time or too. Next time I'll just throw a bit of sheepskin in my kit for the bike (and the plane ride). I never did try out the BSA. Kevin said it did kind of grow on him but it seemed unnecessarily loud to me. It did attract the most attention from passersby that stopped to admire the bikes. Last thing on bikes...you really don't need to spend the money on renting a big beemer in Ireland unless crisscrossing the country on the main highways.

In last month's newsletter, Dave Fishbaugh mentioned the importance of bringing home stories to share from your travels. I have seen this best expressed by the travel writer David Chaffetz in <u>A Journey Through Afghanistan</u>. When asked what he would bring home from his travels, he explained that he never had room to acquire material things (sound familiar bikers?) and would content himself with collecting and bringing home stories. In his words: *"It was the*

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stories which assured the traveler, in telling them, that he had really been to those now distant places. The stories equally reassured the listeners that the traveler had really been absent, had exchanged this familiar life for another, different one, that there is some escape". I'm sure that when you run into Mike, Jay, or Kevin they will have their own stories and perceptions to share with you. From working with the native Tlingit clans in Southeast Alaska, who have an oral history much dependent on stories, I learned that it is not proper to tell someone else's story. I have stories of my own but will save those for now, until we next meet.

Shortly after I returned home, my good friend Robbie Piehl in Oregon called to wish me a happy birthday and see how the trip went. He asked what the highlight of the trip was. He kind of caught me off guard and I couldn't quickly think of a response and so just said that there was no one specific thing but that it was all good. Later, after thinking about this further, I realized that you don't have to travel to Ireland or elsewhere for beautiful scenery as we have plenty of that right here at home, although it was a treat to not see any roadside trash at all in Ireland. The highlight for me, and what I never get photos of, was the people we met and the interactions we had. Everyone we met was so open and unguarded and willing to take the time to engage in conversation. You didn't go into a pub and see people sitting around focused on their phones, but rather engaging in conversation or listening to the music so willingly offered up. The bikes were a real conversation starter and several times older (than us) gentlemen would come up to talk bikes they used to have and ask how we liked ours. Servers in bars and restaurants were always so much fun to engage and weren't just hustling tips, but enjoying their work and seemingly us as well. After catching the music and sampling the beer in McDermotts pub in Doolin one evening, we stood around in the misty dark outside the pub, trying to call a taxi

to take us back to our B&B, with no luck. Our B&B host, Aoife (pronounced 'Eefa') had given us a lift into town earlier, so when this woman (I never got her name) listened to us trying to get a ride, and without any concerns, loaded these four big tough bikers into her car and ran us home. When riding a narrow track which went through a farmer's homestead, he comes out and gives us a thumbs up as we pass by. I saw no 'No Trespassing' signs in rural Ireland. At one remote beach access with only one other car present, I no sooner shut off my bike than these; I assumed grandparents, ran up and shoved a baby in my arms so that they could get a photo of the baby on the bike. Kevin was quick to also get a photo for me and in looking at it I don't think the baby was thinking that was all such a great idea, but the grandparents loved it. I can't remember when the last time was (ever?) that I had a stranger in the states shove a baby in my arms.

In Ireland you never feel like you are a stranger in a strange land. Maybe I'm just nostalgic for how I perceive things used to be, but I love Ireland!



Now ride right,

Lance Lerum



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Report from the Road - Kim Smolt and Brian Campbell



Brian Campbell and **Kim Smolt**, frequent participants in the Rose City Motorcycle Club Oregon 500 came home as top winners in the recent 2024 event. This was Brian's 18th and Kim's 5th year of competing. Brian was the winner in the timed portion for the Non-AMA members, and Kim took the top spot of all participants for both time and distance.

The event is run along the lines of a classic motor sports rally, i.e., timing over prescribed routes between check points. Winners can be determined by any number of criteria.

In this years event, riders were issued route directions for the entire distance and the check point locations just prior to leaving their starting point in Beaverton, Oregon at 6:00 AM. Riders had to complete their run, by returning to the starting point before 8:00 PM. The ride this year took



them halfway up the west side of the Cascade Mountains, across the Willamette Valley on the windiest back roads, and over the Coast Range to Lincoln City before heading back to Portland. Temperatures ranged from 41[°] to 90[°] Fahrenheit, and refueling...., approaching \$6.00 per gallon.

Winners were determined by being closest to the average run time and closest to the average distance of all participants. Kim won in both categories riding her Triumph Tiger 800 (not the bike shown in the photo above). Brian's 92,000 mile BMW R1200RT carried him to his win for time.

Reported by Kim Smolt.

New Ride - Mike Hofferber



Picked up my new to me 2001 Moto Guzzi V1100S in New Ulm, Minnesota yesterday (May 29th). Rode the first 100 miles of the return trip yesterday in wind and rain. Only have 715 miles to go, from where this photo on the right was taken.

Mike



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Mileage Contest - Larry Banister

Ladies and Gentlemen,

You will find this year's entrants and bike(s) on the **attached spread sheet**. It has been revised to account for delays in the mail, black hole email, etc. and now contains everyone who indicated they had submitted entries for this year's contest. (After the squib I sent out earlier showing those folks who I had heard from, which elicited several folks who had in fact submitted their entries, but were lost in space.)

We have a great number of folks who are participating and I'm hoping looking at the last couple of weeks of excellent riding weather, we'll do our part in burning up the hydrocarbons, wearing out tires, and keeping the service department in business again this year. There are lots of great club activities planned and as BMW riders are known for, lots of individual adventures planned.

Thanks to everyone who submitted entries (and for those of you who missed the cut-off, I hope to see you next year).

Great and safe riding,

Larry Banister

Montana BMW Riders Mileage Contest Coordinator

You meet the most interesting people riding motorcycles, even when it is simply taking shelter from the rain in the local coffee shop.

As I walked in for my daily brew, it was easy to spot the riders of these two Africa Twins, loaded and waiting. Jerry and Jamie Robinson, from Oregon were taking shelter during their quest to visit one of the 30 check points on the Pacific Northwest Grand Tour (*https://pnwgrandtour.com*). They were on day six of their quest, with Moise, Montana the next destination to take a photo of their bikes, and the PNWGT banner in front of the antler pile at the entrance to the Bison Range.





A \$23 registration fee is donated to the local YMCA in their hometown in Oregon.

Rider contestants are given GPS coordinates to provide the approximate location of an object at the location of the check point, in this case the antler pile at the Bison Range entrance. Their overnighters were a combination of camping (Lolo Camp Grounds the prior night), hoteling and couch crashing with friends.

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Nate Bertland



Andy Main MASTER CERTIFIED BMW TECHNICIAN





Nik Anderson BMW & KTM CERTIFIED TECHNICIAN

Monthly Meeting - Lakeside on Hauser Lake

A warm sunny day brought out 31 members and three guests to Lakeside on Hauser for the monthly meeting, with 29 riders (bikes, sidecars and CAN AMS). Albert Murray, Secretary-Treasurer conducted a raffle of prizes provided by the club. Michael McInerney taking home a tow strap, donated by Dean Hall, for coming the longest distance - Northglenn, Colorado.

President, Larry Manchester conducted the meeting.

Phil Haglund provided an update on the Little Belts ride, July 13th-16th which will base camp in Neihart, Montana at Bob's Bar, Restaurant and motel.

Ken Conrad reported that 11 of the 12 slots for the Advance Ridercourse, to be conducted July 9th had been filled. (<u>Footnote:</u> *The 12th slot was subsequently filled*.)

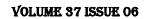
Your editor followed up on a previous email about the injuries sustained by Lynden Clark and Leeann Clark. Lynden is home moving about on crutches, and recovering. Leeann was expected to be hospitalized for several more weeks prior to being released.

Editor





The accommodations were functional if not fancy, and well suited for a group of motorcycle riders. We got to take a look a **Phil Haglund's** newest addition, a sidecar mounted on a Kawasaki KLR 650. We expect to see it at the Little Belts ride.







Secretary—Treasurer, Albert Murray conducting business. Al was also recovering from knee surgery to correct a meniscus problem, and doing quite well.



Michael McInerney, distance winner and new members, **Rick LePage** and **Bru Bizzotto**, both from East Helena. Rick rode in on a BMW 1200RT and Bur on a Honda CTX700.



Nate Johnson inspecting Paul Smietanka's BRAKE FREE safety light. It is a wireless brake technology using a combination of gyro meter and accelerometers to detect normal deceleration, normal braking and emergency braking. It mounts on the rear of a helmet, is interchangeable and battery powered.

We hope to hear more about this safety device from Paul later.



Paul Smietanka at the BMW MOA Rally, Great Falls



Classified - Todd Jones

2016 R1200RS Premium Build (Cruise Control, Heated Grips)

- \Rightarrow 41,547 miles
- \Rightarrow Smoked taller windscreen with original
- \Rightarrow Bar risers
- \Rightarrow Clearwater LED driving lights
- \Rightarrow Rich's leather saddle
- \Rightarrow Lockable saddle bags with interior luggage bags
- \Rightarrow Navigator V (currently not installed)
- \Rightarrow Metzeler Roadted Z6 tires

Bike located in the Helena area

\$9,800

Contact:

Todd Jones: 406-437-1256

Email: *penitodd@gmail.com*











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2023 Ride Schedule

Month	Date	Location	Divide	Venue	Day	Time
January	15 th	Seely Lake	West Double Arrow		Sunday	1:00 PM
February	18 th	Helena	East	Grubstake	Saturday	1:00 PM
March	19 th	Lincoln	West	Lambkins	Sunday	1:00 PM
April	23 rd	Wilsall	East	The Vault	Sunday	1:00 PM
May	20 th	Huddy Outpost	East	Huddy Outpost	Saturday	All Day
	21 st	Houser Lake	East	Lakeside on Hauser Lake	Sunday	1:00 PM
June	17 th	Big Fork	West	Echo Lake Café	Saturday	1:00 PM
July	13 th -16 th	Neihart	East	Little Belt Moun- tains	Thursday - Sunday	All Day
	16 th	White Sulphur Springs	East	Jesse Pepper's Smoke Shack	Sunday	1:00 PM
	5 th	Lewistown	East	Saturday	TBD	6:00 PM
August	20 th	Phillipsburg	West	Picnic Lunch Murfitt Park	Sunday	1:00 PM
September	17 th	Ennis	East	Sportsman's Lodge	Sunday	1:00 PM
October	15 th	Ovando	West	Trixi's	Sunday	1:00 PM
November	18 th	Basin	East	Silver Saddle	Saturday	1:00 PM
December	TBD					→

Classifieds - Pat Endres

Motorcycle Riding Gear

I am 5'-11", 210lbs, and these fit well.

- Olympia Moto-X ADV suit, XL jacket, 36" pants, hydration pack, hip/knee/elbow/shoulder/back pads. Full zip pants, thermal liners and rain shells. No wrecks – nice condition. \$175.00
- Sidichi Avventura ADV suit, XL jacket and pants, knee/ shoulder/elbow/back D3O pads. Thermal and rain liners. Used for a 3 day road trip from Reno to Billings. Like new. \$200.00
- Bilt Evolution Jacket and Storm 2 pants with thermal liners, full zip pants. XXL but fits like XL. Knee/shoulder/elbow pads. Used 2 days on a Phoenix-Yuma-Phoenix road trip. Like new. \$150.00
- Joe Rocket over pants, L, full zip, rain liner, knee/hip pads.
 Used 2-3 times. Like new. \$75.00 --

Pat Endres

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Classified - Larry Manchester

FOR SALE: 2002 R1150RT \$3,500

Bike has 71,000 miles, all service has been done by Big Sky BMW. Fresh oil and filter. Bike is ready to ride for the summer. Has heated grips, auto windshield and comes with BMW hard saddlebags with two sizes of lids. Had ELF highway pegs and aftermarket windshield. Comes with spare seat and original windshield. Call Larry, *406-360-1893*





MONTANA BMW RIDERS Hats - K. Bill Clark



I brought the MONTANA BMW RID-ERS caps to Tech Day, and distributed and sold quite a few of them. We will have them at the next club meeting at the Echo Lake Cafe, Saturday 17 June.

Ten dollars each; pick up one at Echo Lake, or contact any of the club officers, **Larry Manchester, Al Murray** or me.



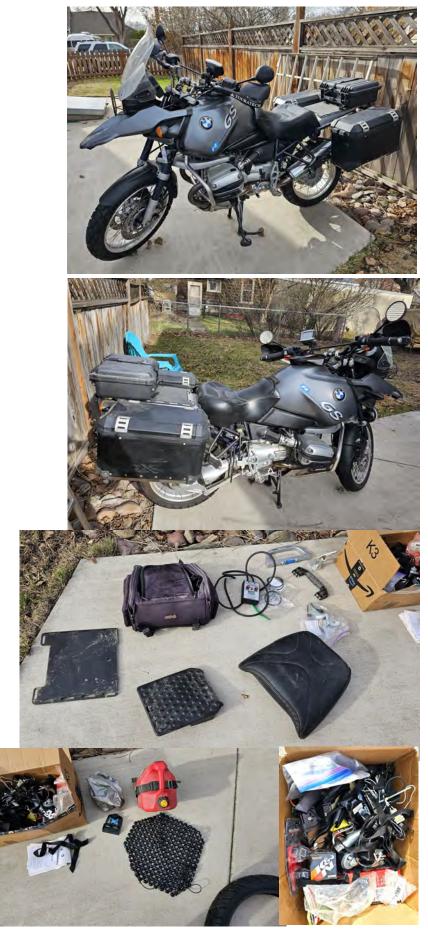


Classified - Chad Householder

2002 BMW R1150GS - \$4,500 - 58,649 miles

- Hand guards Heated grips
- Hyperpro shocks
- Tank bag
- Mini tank bag with accessory plug
- GPS
- SW-Motech Trax hard cases
- Rear box and bag
- Cover
- Half cover
- New front tire
- Additional wind screen
- Battery tender
- Auxiliary gas can
- Electronic Carb balancer
- Various parts, cables, handles, and accessories
- Nolan N44 HiVis Helmet with comms
- Extra riding gear if it fits
- Contact Chad Householder at 208-850-1497
- Motorbike is in Missoula





Classified

2001 BMW K1200 RS \$6,500

- \Rightarrow This is a pretty rare and desirable Mandarin/Grey paint scheme.
- \Rightarrow Owned since 2002 with just 15,650 miles
- \Rightarrow Great bike in excellent, like new condition.
- \Rightarrow Always in heated garage.
- \Rightarrow Never dropped.
- \Rightarrow ABS and heated grips
- \Rightarrow Custom Corbin seat in matching trim.
- \Rightarrow Stay-in-tune exhaust.
- \Rightarrow Halogen driving lights.
- \Rightarrow Back-bars and Throttle Meister.
- \Rightarrow Updated mirrors replaced the "mouse ears".
- \Rightarrow BMW hard case luggage included.
- \Rightarrow All service records included.
- \Rightarrow Located in Bozeman.

Call Bill with any questions:

Phone: 847-561-9201

Email: bmattran@specialityprintcomm.com







Classified



FOR SALE:

2014 BMW F800GS, 43,317 miles, **\$6,900**. Bike has been very well maintained and detailed service records are available. Last serviced at 43,102 miles: oil/filter changed, new air filter, new brake fluid, ABS pump cycled, cleaned idle air valve, scan conducted and no faults found. Valves last checked and spark plugs replaced at 38,979 miles. All brake pads replaced at 32,504 miles. Front tire has approximately 50% of life left, rear tire has approximately 30%. New chain installed at 27,439 miles and stator/flywheel replaced under warranty 21,408 miles. Add Ons installed: FuzeBloc, BMW lower crash bars, BMW hand guards, detachable wind deflector on wind screen, belly bash plate, shock sox on front forks, dual USB charging ports, LED auxiliary lights with detachable amber lens, Happy Trails tail rack, Hyper Lights flashing brake lights and Garmin 660 GPS. Comes with choice of lowered or standard seat. **Contact Kevin** at *hud-dykl@gmail.com* or **406 438-6776** if interested. Located in the Helena area. Additional pictures available on request.

Classified - Bob Jeffrey

For Sale: Motorcycle Gear, BMW Parts & Other Cool Stuff

As an ex-MT BMW Rider member that no longer rides, I have motorcycle goodies left over from my 30+ year riding career that I would like to sell. Below is a brief description of most of the items but I have kept the list short to save space in the newsletter. If interested, please email me and I'll send a detailed list with prices, and with pictures if desired. Thanks for looking and feel free to make offers!

<u>Heavy Duty Leather Jacket and Pants</u>: jacket has ventilation panels, gray, size 48 with a snap-in thermal liner. The touring pants are size 38-40"W x 32-33"L with heavy-duty knee & hip pads, and are fully lined with perforated mesh. Would prefer both together for \$300 OBO but will sell the pants first.

<u>Marsee RM-3021 Tank Bag</u>: expandable 20 liters with quick release mounting straps, rain cover, black and silver colored, awesome unit in excellent condition! \$50

<u>OEM BMW Parts & Tools</u>: tire Irons, oil filter wrench, oil drain plug washers (3), misc. air/oil head small parts, new R1100GS tank decals & alternator cover screw, R100GS rear turn signal reflectors & bulbs, oil pan gasket & crush washer, halogen HB4 light bulbs: HB4 and more...

<u>Riding Gear & Clothes</u>: kidney belt, safety vest, rain pants (2 pr), rubber boot totes and waterproof socks. Heavy duty tie-down straps (2 pr), bungee cords and cargo nets.

<u>Books & Brochures</u>: collectible BMW sales brochure for 1993 R1100RS, World Superbike race program with autographs, <u>Motorcycle Touring and Travel</u> by Bill Stermer, and autographed 1st edition copy of <u>10 Years on 2 Wheels</u> by Helge Pedersen – all in excellent condition.

Please Contact:

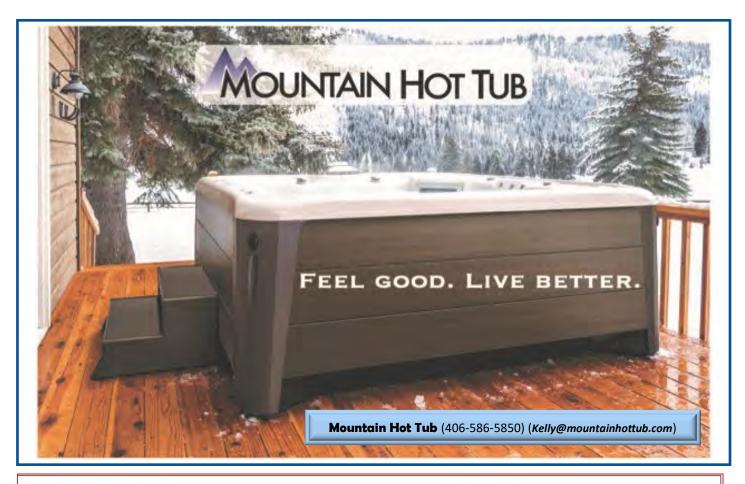
Robert Jeffrey, Helena, MT (406) 495-0059 robertkjeffrey@msn.com

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Classified - Lon McComas



BMW 2002 R110RT for sale. 76,000 miles; New tires (Michelin Pilot 4's) and full service 09/2021; New battery in August 2022; Has flashing tail lights and bright LED running lights. Asking **\$4,000**.

For information contact Lon McComas (406-388-0678) or email (*lwmccomas@yahoo.com*).

Classified - Terry Poland



Excellent condition, 20,800 miles, Custom pegs, grips, backrest, intercom, extras;

Asking **\$16,000 obo**. KBB is \$24,300 and NADA is \$21,259;

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Terry Poland

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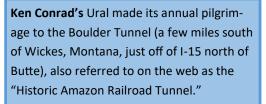






For Sale - 2005 BMW R1200ST. 19,105 miles. Only 580 imported in the U.S. Bike Specific Tank Bag. Nearly new tires. Low Sargent Seat. Aftermarket handlebars for a more upright seating position. PIAA Driving Lights. Recent 24,000 mile service. Service records available. **\$6,800**. If interested, call **Phil Haglund** at **406-939-0600**. Bike located near Belt, Montana, and is also on consignment at Sports City Cyclery, Great Falls.

Three-Wheelers - Ken Conrad









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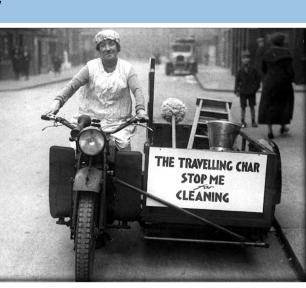
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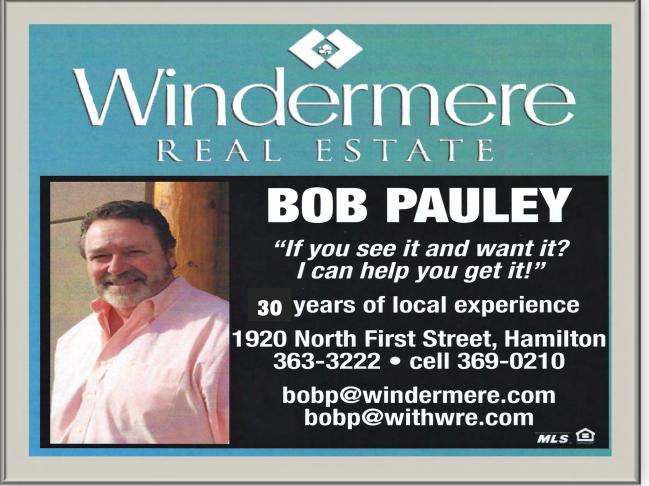
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Bob Pauley and Lynden Clark are both active members of the Montana BMW Riders club.





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Classified - Steve Sullivan

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