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#### Presidents Corner - Larry Manchester



Hopefully you all made it through that Arctic blast of cold weather that hit Montana a few weeks ago. I went to my closet and pulled out my old cowboy hat. Nothing like a good felt hat to warm up a bald head. I "used to" wear that hat all the time when I lived in Wyoming. Back then I rode horses as much as my bike, but in the winter the horses got more work than the bike did for sure.

During the cold spell I caught myself looking out the window and thinking about all the things that I "used to" do. I bet many of you have a "used to" list of your own. I "used to" officiate High School and Junior College Basketball, and High School Football. Age and artificial knees put a stop to that, but I still enjoy watching sports and catch myself watching the officials as

much as the players. I "used to" go backpacking and hiking in the mountains, but now the hikes are much shorter and the backpack remains hanging in the garage. I "used to" play tennis at a fairly high level, and competed in many tournaments in Wyoming and Montana. I still play and can hold my own with players of my age, but thirty somethings tend to overpower me.

So where am I headed with all this "used to" talk? I am still a biker, (I prefer Motorcyclist) and I ride more now than I did in my younger days. Retirement has helped in that regard as I have more time to ride now. The Montana BMW Riders Club has a lot of bikers, and many have more years riding than I have. Some have gone to riding three wheel machines, or sidecar rigs. They are still bikers. I have heard some who ride the three wheel machines say they are looked down upon by the two wheel crowd, and that makes me angry. I have had the good fortune to ride several times with our past Sec/Treasurer **Dave McCormick.** Try following him down Lost Trail pass some time. He pushes that Spyder around corners like a real pro and it was all I could do to keep up with him. I have heard many stories about other riders in the Club, some who no longer ride. Those are real bikers, real Motorcyclists in my book. They do not belong in any "used to" group. So if you have a "used to" list, remember this. Once a biker, always a biker. You are welcome in this Club, and I hope you never say, "I used to be a biker".

# Larry Manchester

President, Montana BMW Riders





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Nate Bertland OWNER



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## MONTANA BMW RIDERS Hats - K. Bill Clark

Ten dollars each; contact any of the club officers, Larry Manchester, Al Murray or me.

(Contact information on last page of Newsletter)



# K. Bill Clark





Last month, we ran a short article on Rick Kuschel's motorbike, literally. I failed to get the total story and background on how it came to be in Rick's possession. The details are worth re-running the story. Editor

#### The saga of the Huffy-Davidson Moped

My wife **Chris**, was driving around the neighborhood and ran across a big "Free" pile and she retrieved four fishing poles and this motorized bicycle. The bike consists of a Huffy Cranbrook cruiser frame and an eBay Chinese two stroke engine which had been installed. She brought it to a gathering of motorcycle enthusiasts and **Mort Olson** promptly declared it to be a Huffy-Davidson.

From the date under the seat, I determined that it was about 6 years old and examination of the engine led me to believe that it had never been started as the slide for the carburetor was assembled upside down.

After filling the tires which had been dead flat for some time, starting the bike was the next order of business.

This required a bit of work as the magneto was intermittent, requiring replacement with a new magneto and CDI for a whopping \$16.00.

I designed a logo which was produced by Garage Tees and made of adhesive vinyl.

Riding this bike is a lot of fun. To start it, pedal furiously and let out the clutch which will (hopefully) start the engine. It will cruise at about 20mph and requires pedal assist for ascending hills.

Descending hills is a bit sketchy with only a coaster brake so I added a side pull caliper front brake which was sourced from Free Cycle.





January Meeting - Double Arrow Lodge - Seely Lake



A turnout of 12 members and guest was good, considering the below freezing temperatures and wet roads. In addition Highway 200 was blocked from the Helmville turn-off (Highway 141) to some point north of there. Above, Al Murray—Secretary/Treasurer (standing), Dean Hall, Lynn Springer, Ken Senn, Don Deuel, Greg Hintz, Sue McCormack, Dave McCormack, Larry Manchester, Karen Springer and Sandy Knutsen.



Club President, **Larry Manchester** outlining the coming events and activities for the 2024 riding season.



Sue McCormack, Sandy Knutsen and Karen Springer.



**Sandy Knutsen** drawing the lucky number for the raffle.

#### Letters to the Editor - Klaus Lambrich

Some of you may remember Klaus Lambrich from the 2019 Tech Day at the Outpost. Klaus, born and raised in Germany and a graduate of an apprentice program found a job in Australia, and stayed. Klaus works construction jobs in the summer, our winter, and occasionally makes his way to the USA for summer riding. Klaus wrote, "I was at work over Christmas-New Year and now back in Perth for (a) weeks break. Back to the site on Wednesday for another three weeks and that might just about do me for this financial year. I've been watching the news of the cold snap in the US. By contrast it has been very hot here in Western Australia. There's been lots of dry lightning around Perth and the fire warning level is classed as severe to catastrophic."



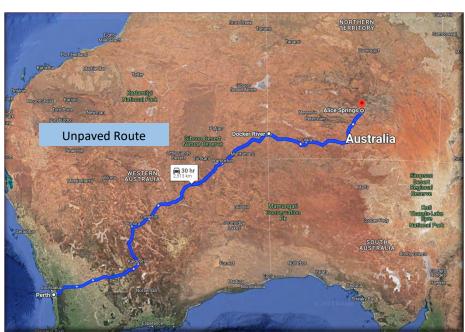
A group of Australian motorcycle adventure riders, who post videos on Utube, under the name MOTORCYCLE ADVEN-TURE DIRTBIKE TV (MAD tv), about riding in Australia, almost all of which is on unpaved roads. I commented to Klaus that there did not seem to be any paved roads to such places as Alice Springs, Northern Territories. It turned out I was

partially correct. Klaus wrote, "Australia has thousands of miles of paved roads. Most destinations are accessible by sealed roads, just not always in a straight line. From my place (Perth) to Alice Springs one would drive 1,500 miles due east on the Eyre Highway to Port Augusta then turn north on the Stuard Highway for another 800 miles to Alice Springs. All paved. More adventuresome types can take the Great Central Road from Laverton to Uluru/ Avers Rock via Warburton, Docker River and then to Alice Springs. That's mostly dirt and pretty remote. Not sure how many miles you would save but any sudden rainfall or mechanical break downs could delay your arrival time by several months."

Klaus is considering another trip to the USA and wrote, "I'm keen to come the USA and Canada this year but I have yet to finalize my plans for that. I will let you know the date once I've got it booked. Would be great to catch up with all the Montana BMW guys again".

Klaus







Highway 200 and the Flathead River (47.33712°N; 114.6592°E)

## A Flying Member's Santa Clause Run

In 2019 we did an article on two of the Club's flying riders, **Paul Oliver** (upper right) and **Mike Kreikemeier**. Both are private pilots and consider a fly & ride, i.e., fly into a forest or high desert airstrip, unload their dirt bikes and camp gear, a nice summer adventure. Paul is also a member of the **Angle Flight** - <u>People Flying People in Need</u> - volunteer group. Angel Flight is a non-profit organization that provides free air transportation for passengers in need of medical treatment far from home and performs other missions of community service. The organization is made up of vol-



unteer pilots who fly their own airplanes or rental aircraft to provide transportation, often for people who need to get to medical appointments. The passengers generally come from rural areas where specialty medical care is not available. Angel Flight pilots take them to places where treatment can be obtained.

For Christmas 2023, three pilots, **Paul Oliver** being one, of the Montana group adopted an Angle Flight family in Malta, each flying in bearing gifts for Christmas. Paul's load, photo in the lower right included bicycles for two little girls, ages six and seven. I am sure this was a major event in Malta, Montana.



## Editor

Paul, his airplane and off-road bike at an airstrip somewhere on the high desert, for a camping trip.

Definitely an alternative to driving a camper to a campground.



## Letter to the Editor - What I did during the Big Freeze - Larry Manchester

One of my bucket list items is to go to the Bigfoot museum in Willow Creek, California. I am combining that with another bucket item, riding to a BMW national rally with my wife. So I have spent time pouring over maps, looking at websites for motel rooms, and planning routes. I have a room reserved at the Bigfoot Motel in Willow Creek, a Bigfoot themed room at a motel in Coquille, Oregon. We have an Airbnb reserved in Redmond, (my wife said no to camping. She says if her butt has to sit on a Motorcycle for 6 to 8 hours a day, then she wants a real bed and warm shower at night.) I have a new Seat Concepts rider and pillion seat on order. It should be here in a couple of weeks and Al's cycle in Hamilton will install that on my stock seat pans for me. That should make the Super Ténéré much more comfortable. Have more motel rooms to reserve, I am not a fan of risking it. Still looking for more attractions and scenic routes on the way home. My Granddaughters gave me Bigfoot stickers for Christmas so need to find a place on the bike for those. Lots of planning for a MOA/Bigfoot adventure!



#### Places to Go - Brenda Conrad

#### THE AMAZING AMAZON RAILROAD TUNNEL

(Also called the Wickes or the Boulder Tunnel)

In 1887 the Montana Central Railway let a contract for a rail line from Helena to Butte; which included building a tunnel through the mountain from Wickes to Boulder. Crews worked from both ends. The north end was called Portal and the south end Amazon.

The tunnel was started May 1887 and completed October 1888.

Construction was not without tragedy. A dynamite explosion on September 11, 1888 killed 10 men and five seriously injured.

Great wooden doors were placed at each end and were kept closed in winter to keep snow drifts out and the warm air in. These doors had to be opened and closed as trains passed through.

Trains started running even as interior construction continued.

At the time it was built, it was the longest railroad tunnel in Montana at 6145 feet. Later the Kalispell Tunnel was built which was 6 miles long.

Photo by Rose Johnson

The first train through the tunnel was October 24, 1888. Boulder hosted a barbecue.

Great Falls Tribune dated October 27, 1888 excerpts from article follow:

"The Wickes tunnel was formally opened on Wednesday. Many prominent citizens from Helena, Boulder and Butte passed through the tunnel in a train of six coaches. William Bird was the conductor. On arriving at the east approach of the tunnel, a photograph was taken of the train. The train entered the tunnel at 1:10 and arrived at the other end at 1:28, consequently taking 18 minutes to pass through. Upon arrival at the west end the whistles of engines were blown for five minutes. This shortens the trip by nineteen miles. Incandescent lights are placed 200 feet apart through the tunnel. It cost \$1,500,000.00 to build. They intend to line the tunnel with stone and brick, which, when completed, will necessitate an additional outlay of \$250,000."

Due to the tunnel caving in 1891 it was decided to re-line it, a project that took nearly 18 months.

As locomotives got larger it created problems in the tunnel because hot stack gasses eroded the 1893 brick arches so they removed the brick ceiling and replaced it with a new material - concrete. Between 100 to 150 men were employed to do this. They started in October 1901 and ended in the spring of 1902. They only lined 2500 feet of it and the rest was granite with granite blocks installed in the roof and inside both portals. At that time the floor was lowered 18 inches which made it 21 feet high and 15 feet wide.

A Nov. 7, 1901 article in the Jefferson County Sentinel Newspaper reported it was necessary to erect boarding and lodging houses and a plant for the manufacture of the concrete, and generation of electricity for lighting up the tunnel. There would need to be some business house and residences. The railway built a depot, and stationed E. O. Foster as agent. There are about thirteen buildings at present composing this lively little town.

J. Otis Watson was the manager of the Amazon Mercantile company, which carried a full line of men's furnishing goods and notions and did a thriving business as did the company store and the boarding house.

Places to Go - Brenda Conrad - (continued)

V. E. Wilhems, ex-county assessor, was the deputy sheriff of Amazon, but there was very little trouble from the unruly element.

An article in the newspaper states that a new school was built in 1910 and ran at least until 1935.

There are no known pictures of this little town and there is nothing remaining of it.

Speed for passenger trains through the tunnel was 20 mph (took 4 min.). Freight trains went 12mph (7min.)

Water pours from the tunnel year round because part of the tunnel was cut through glacial debris.

There are some emergency bays built into the tunnel for a person to get into and be safe, if a train came along.

The last train ran through the tunnel on January 9, 1972.

The Montana Central Railway became the Great Northern Railroad in 1906.

<u>Information is taken from numerous copyrighted materials for which we give credit:</u>

- Boulder Newspapers (including The Boulder Monitor), The Montana Central Railway by Bill and Jan Taylor, The Great Northern/Montana Central Railway by Fr.
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- Researched, compiled and written by Ellen Rae Thiel The Heritage Center, PO Box 51, 210 N. Main, Boulder, MT 59632.



The winter of 2023-2024 will be remembered for the University of Montana Grizzles division championship (FCS) game, and very little snow for the winter sports enthusiasts. At **Kevin Huddy's** suggestion, I asked our club members, at least those who are retired, how they are whiling away their time. The responses are on succeeding pages.

#### Editor



**Kevin Huddy** is preparing one of his motorcycles for an anticipated visit from an Australian friend, along with another rider so they can explore the backroads in the northwest. You know he is serious, note the surgical tweezers. The pen may be for numbering the parts as they are removed.

Kevin also noted that temperatures plunged to minus double digits, exposed the weaknesses in his shop heating system. However, all was restored in time to do a full service on **Annie's** Ural, the sidecar in reserve.

#### **CLASSIFIED - Ken Conrad**

Virtually brand-new **Yuasa** battery. It's a sealed maintenance-free battery, can be installed upright, on its side, upside down, etc. Yuasa number YTZ14S. Honda part number 31500-MCR-D03AH. Less than 25 miles of use.

I replaced this new battery in my 2016 Africa Twin/DMC sidecar rig, thinking I had a defective battery, only to find out a poor negative lead ground connection was causing the issues; Hence, I have an extra, almost brandnew battery. It was tested by the Honda dealer in Helena, showing it meets its stated capacity. I can provide a copy of the test data upon request.



Battery dimensions are: 5-7/8" length x 4-1/4' tall x 3-3/8" deep. Positive terminal is on the left.

This battery was a \$209.45 cost, no installation cost, at the Missoula Honda dealer. The receipt is available upon request.

This battery needs a good home, so make an offer that recaptures a reasonable amount of my cost.

Ken Conrad

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#### **Planned Rides - Ron McQuarrie**

#### **Wounded Knee Massacre Memorial Run**

The Run, closely following the trail of Chief Big Foot, begins at Fort Yates, North Dakota and ends at the Wounded Knee gravesite, with a meal to follow in Manderson, South Dakota.

Nancy and I started riding in and supporting this annual prayer ceremony in 2007 and have been able to do so ten times over the following years. The last two years as supporters, driving our truck as a sag wagon and hauling water. Nancy and I have annually observed the December 29<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Massacre in various ways. Eight of those anniversaries were marked by demonstrating on the Higgins Street Bridge near the Wilma Theater.

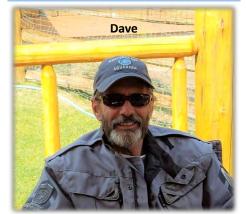
## Ron and Nancy McQuarrie

What Dave Dixon did during the Big Freeze and other Vintage Motocross Riders

As Dave related this to me,

"I'm refurbishing my, new to me, 1975 Husky 250cr. I bought it at an auction and it has no spark and the transmission won't go into gear. My goal is to have it ready to ride by early summer."

**Editor** 



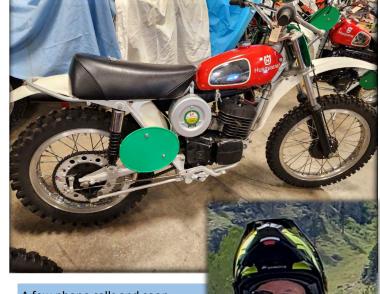


Dave's goal is to make his bike look like this: a 246 cc, two stroke single air-cooled six speed, 220 pounds motocross bike. Since it is leaning on the door, side stands must not be an option. No sign of a kick-starter!





**Bob Balderston** sent a photo of his vintage Husqvarna, with 18 vintage motorcross bikes in the background.



A few phone calls and soon more vintage motorcross bikes appeared. **Charlie Rossell** has a similar Husqvarna, with several others seen behind the one in the upper-middle photo. The middle left photo Charlie's 1977 BMW R100 S, but it has 750cc barrels to run in a lower class.

The frame has been reinforced, engine raised, Mikuni carbs and trick shocks/forks. An 'Old Warrior' that runs in the AHRMA Super bike class. He plans to lighten the flywheel. One front rotor has been removed to meet class specifications.

Editor

## What John DiBari did during the Big Freeze

Shortly after New Years, John loaded his Yamaha Ténéré 700 behind his RV and made his way to Tucson, Arizona. Once there, he quickly assimilated himself into the Tucson Adventure Riders. From the photos on their website, I don't think they have heard the term, "Winnebago" Road relative to off-road riding.

John shared a few photos of him with the group on their recent ride - the Reddington Ramble - a 56 mile trek. As John described it:, "A challenging ride with lots of ups and downs. Road was often eroded with several steep long up and downhills. Lots of loose rocky area and baby heads and embedded rocks and bedrock. There was also a couple of mile section in a wash, which was quite fun and flowy. The sand was mostly not too deep."



The Tucson Adventure Riders. Two Ténéré 700s; a KTM 390 Adventure; a Gas Gas ES700; a Yamaha WR450; a Honda CRF 450RL; a KTM 300 two-stroke dirt bike. Definitely some serious off-road equipment.

Editor

John, in the lead, headed down one of the 'challenging' sections. Tucson, AZ, is just off this map to the 3D west. •

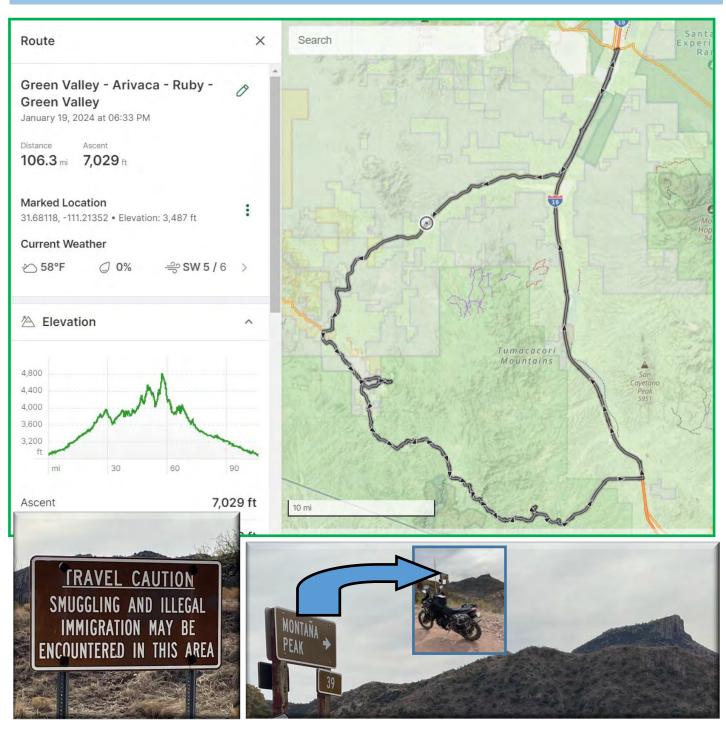
## What John DiBari did during the Big Freeze - (continued)

This is a ride I did last Friday. It starts and ends in Green Valley, AZ. The ride is through the Atascosa highlands west of Nogales, AZ. It is an incredibly biodiverse place where flora and fauna from the Sierra Madre in Mexico intermix with that of more northern latitudes. This is a place that can be inhabited by both black bears and jaguars. Unfortunately the border wall creates a physical barrier for migrating and dispersing animals across the border, which has a large negative effect on the ecology of the whole borderland area in Arizona and elsewhere.

Here is a link to a really interesting website about the Atascosa borderlands:

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## John DiBari



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

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## Dan Siddens



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#### This time in History - Kim Lemke - Historian



We are not sure of the year, but it was January, 17 at the <u>Double Arrow</u>. From the left, **Sue McCormack**, **Karen Springer**, **Lynn Springer**, **Chuck Reaves**, (the young man is probably **Micheal Reaves**), **Dave McCormack** and **Chris Keyes**. Is does not look like anyone rode that day.



**Mike Kreikemeier** flew into Seely Lake for the Club meeting in January 2020.

# MONTANA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER MONTANA BMW RIDERS RIDE SCHEDULE - 2024

Month	Location	Venue	Day	Time	Comments
January 21	Seely Lake	Double Arrow Lodge	Sunday	1:00 PM	Club Lunch - Dine-in
February 18	Helena	Grubstake	Sunday	1:00 PM	Club Lunch - Dine-in
March 23	Wilsall	The Vault	Saturday	1:00 pm	Club Lunch - Dine-in
April 21	Lincoln	Lambkins	Sunday	1:00 PM	Club Lunch - Dine-in
May 17-18	Huddy Tech Days	Huddy's Outpost	Friday Thru Saturday	All Day	Maintenance, repair, tire changes, cookout
May 19	Canyon Ferry Lake	Cave Bay	Sunday	1:00 PM	Picnic – Bring your own lunch
June 13-16	Redmond, Oregon	Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center	Thursday Thru Sunday	All Day	BMW MOA MEMBER- SHIP@BMWMOA.ORG
June 23	Big Fork	Echo Lake Café	Sunday	1:00 PM	Club Lunch – Dine-in
July 19-21	Gravelly Range	Cotton Wood Camp Ground—Ruby River	Friday Thru Sunday	All Day	Camping Only  Refer to comments on following page
July 21	Ennis	Sportsman's Club	Sunday	1:00 PM	This might become a picnic lunch.
August 15- 17	Beartooth Beemer's Rendezvous	Red Lodge	Thursday Thru Saturday	All Day	BEARTOOTHBEEMER.ORG
August 25	Phillipsburg	City Park	Sunday	1:00 PM	Picnic – Bring your own lunch
September 15	White Sulphur Springs	Jesse Pepper's Smoke Shack	Sunday	1:00 PM	Club Lunch - Dine-in
October 13	Ovando	Trixi's	Sunday	1:00 PM	Club Lunch - Dine-in
November 17	Butte	TBD	Sunday	1:00 PM	
December	Regional Par- ties		The state of the s		Locations To be determined



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**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.

Marsee RM-3021 Tank Bag: 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 1<sup>st</sup> edition copy of <u>10 Years on 2 Wheels</u> by Helge Pedersen – all in excellent condition.

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#### **Artificial Intelligence (AI) for the NEWSLETTER**

No snow, no skiing, no riding causes Newsletter Editor's fingers to wander on the keyboard. MICROSOFT has added an AI application to its search engine, BING. I have used AI on previous issues to prepare short histories of some of the meeting venues we visit. But a recently added feature was too much for me to pass-up, that of creating images from a word description. Below is one result of some of my 'wandering'.

Editor



I asked for an old rider on a Ural sidecar with a German Shepard dog in the desert southwest. BING must not be familiar with the details of a Ural, but it was an interesting result. Editor

#### **ADVERTISING RATES 2022-2023**

**FULL YEAR**—January through December

Full Page \$100.00

Half Page \$75.00

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\$ 50.00

Business Card \$ 25.00

All ads will be on a calendar year basis. Ads will be billed to the advertiser in October of each year.
Rates are subject to change with advanced notice

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