

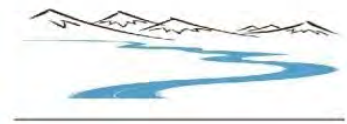
MONTANA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER

BMW Motorcycle Club
Montana Riders



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- HOME OF THE NEXT BEST RIDE -



It was 70 degrees in the Bitterroot Valley when I carefully backed the Super Ténéré out of the garage and hit the start button. The big twin fired right up, and I let her idle as I finished putting my gear on. The first ride of the year is always good for my soul and as I pulled out of the driveway I was smiling ear to ear. As I motored through Corvallis, I met another rider out enjoying the great weather, and as I turned south on Highway 93 headed to Hamilton, I met several others. Lots of fellow riders getting out on the highway. I wondered if they are retired like me or just skipping work.

I rode into Hamilton to the Coffee Cup Cafe where I met up with friends **Ken Senn** and **Bob Gibson** to talk about motorcycles and summer riding plans. After a good lunch I just had to hit the Highway for a few more miles so went up to Victor and took the Victor cutoff road over to the Eastside highway and back home. The weather looks good for the next two days so plan to burn through that tank of gas in the Super Ténéré

I have been doing a lot of internet research on the state of the motorcycle industry. There are lots of rumors about manufacturers going bankrupt or being on their last legs. I found lots of articles from many sources with varied opinions of the future of motorcycling. Time will tell which of the bike builders weather the storm and which ones fall to the market pressures. I feel that motorcycling has a strong future. But who knows what that will look like, maybe electric bikes will be the norm or smaller bikes under 700cc's. Maybe the big high displacement road and touring bikes will make a comeback. I hope I am around for many more years to see how this all shakes out.

I did find some interesting statistics that I will share with you. I was surprised by much of what I learned. In 2024 the leading motorcycle sales in the world are as follows:

1. Honda leads the pack with 32% of market share. They sold 19.4 million bikes.
2. Hero Motor, (an Indian Company) comes in at number two with 5.9 million bikes sold.
3. Yamaha Motors was third with 4.6 million in sales.
4. Yadea^(a) - I have never heard of this one - is fourth with 4.3 million sold.
5. TVS^(b) is number five with 3.7 million sold.

Harley Davidson or BMW are not in the top ten worldwide. If you watch the YouTube channel for Itchy Boots as she rides in different areas in the world you see lots of small displacement bikes. Those make up a lot of sales but those are also very inexpensive. I would like to see the leading manufacturers by dollar amount but so far in my search I have not found that out. You can buy several small bikes for what one BMW 1300GS or Harley Bagger sells for.

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President's Corner - Larry Manchester - (continued)

I also found it interesting to see the highest selling bikes in the US. The top ten are:

1. Kawasaki Z650, 45,000 sold.
2. Honda Rebel 1100, 40,000 sold.
3. BMW 1250GS, 33,000 sold.
4. Yamaha MT-07, 30,000 sold.
5. Harley Davidson Sportster.
6. Honda CB500X.
7. Indian Scout Bobber.
8. Suzuki V Strom 650.
9. KTM 390 Duke.
10. Triumph T120 Bonneville.

That is quite an assortment of bikes. I am a little surprised that small dual sport bikes are not on the list, but I suppose those are not as popular in the large metro areas. Walk into Al's Cycles in Hamilton for instance and you will find a dozen or so dirt and dual sport bikes for sale and maybe one or two street bikes.

Let us hope for good weather in April. Our next Club meeting is in Lincoln on the 13th. It would be nice to see the parking lot at Lamkins full of bikes.

Ride safe as you dust off your mounts this spring. Remember ATGATT!

Larry



(a) YADEA is a holding company headquartered in Wuxi, China whose products are electric bicycles, electric motorcycles and electric motor scooters.

(b) TVS Motor Company claims to be the 3rd largest two-wheeler manufacturer in India.

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Lamkins in Lincoln, Montana 18 April 2018

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Monthly Meeting - Bank Bar and Vault Restaurant—Wilsall, Montana

Eleven members and four guests made their way to the Bank Bar and Vault Restaurant in downtown Wilsall, Montana for the monthly meeting, eight of who were riders. **Larry Manchester** made the run from Corvallis, which made a nice 500 plus mile round trip via his Ram pickup. **Lon McComas**, from Seely Lake, was among the riders on his R1200RT got the record for riders at a little over 400 mile round trip. The **Huddy's** rode their BMW R1200/1250 Sidecar rigs from the Out Post west of Helena, getting into shape for their Dust to Dawson run later in this year. It was good to see four visitors, whom are identified in the follow section.

My thanks to **Ed Field**, of Field Photography for the photos.

Editor



On the near right, Shelly Golden, Mark Ellzey, Larry Manchester, Kevin Huddy and Jason Humberger. On the near left, Annie Huddy, Bru Bizzitto and visitor Mark Nardin.



Starting on the left and going around the table, Bru Bizzitto, Mark Nardin, Robert Smith, Nate Johnson, Rick Lepage and Jason Humberger.



Al Murray



Jason Humberger & Kevin Huddy



Mark Ellzey



Rick LePage



Dustin Owen (visitor)



Shelly Golden (visitor)



Robert Smith (visitor)



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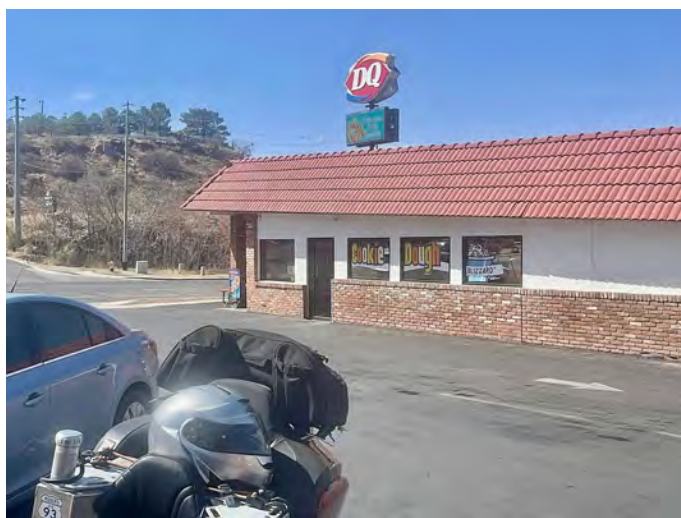
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Annual Ramblings - Greg Hintz

Greg Hintz is well known in the Club for his long distance riding, i.e., Iron Butts and Three Flags Rally. He also leaves the snow and cold behind about the last week of February each year, with his Gold Wing in an enclosed trailer, and heads south until he reaches a spot, usually Utah, where the temperatures are warm and the snow is non-existent. Although the ultimate objective is Daytona Bike Week, some visits to a MLB spring training game and an Iron Butt are usually included in the ride. Greg also seems to locate some unique tourist stops along the way. I believe the photos that he posted on his FACEBOOK page shown below tell his story. Editor



Spring training, Peoria Sports Complex—Peoria, Arizona. No mention of the teams playing.



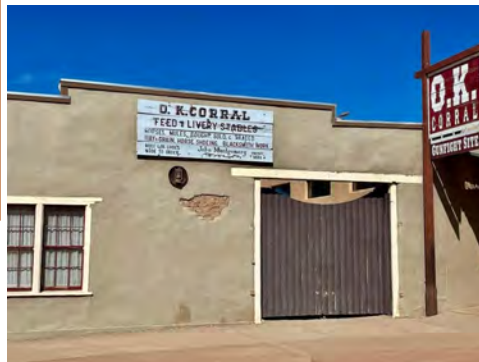
It has been said the Greg has never met a DQ he didn't like.



About a 100 yards or so to the south of the marker, on October 12, 1940, Mix wrecked his Cord automobile in the nearby wash while driving at a high speed. The crash cost him his life, though accounts from the time vary as to the exact cause of his death.

Mix's fans were heartbroken, and decided to erect a monument to their beloved star. Ever since, this monument has caught the eye of motorists passing by on Arizona State Highway 79; there's even a geocache placed at the site in the Western star's honor.

One of the covered picnic tables next to the monument displays memorabilia about Mix, copies of newspaper accounts of his death, and a register for guests to sign. Just down the road (to the south), the desert wash where Mr. Mix died is aptly named Tom Mix Wash.



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Annual Ramblings - Greg Hintz— (continued)



Greg's version of 'Meals-on-Wheels'



The "Tail of the Dragon" - Three times on three different bikes.



Every annual trip is never complete without one stop at the Honda motorcycle dealer in Russellville, Arkansas



"Amarillo by morning, up from San Antone....." high winds and dust (note the semi truck in the background). Both the Gold Wing and Greg needed a rest. No damage to either bike or rider.

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Annual Mileage Contest - Larry Banister

Ladies and gentlemen,

As I am writing this for the April newsletter, my wife and I are still in AZ. That may be relevant to you for a couple of reasons: 1) The start date of our annual mileage contest is April 1st, 2025 and I will not be home in MT at that time; 2) I have yet to receive my MOA magazine which should have the beginning mileage contest forms from MOA in it (mail forwarded to AZ from MT rarely comes in a timely fashion); 3) My spread sheet for the mileage contest is safely stored on my home desktop, thus my ability to update it will have to wait for me to get home.

What all of this means is that this is the official notice of the beginning date of our Montana BMW Riders Mileage contest. Our rules for participating are simple:

1. You must be a paid-up member of the Montana BMW Riders to participate.
2. Any brand of motorcycle is eligible for the contest (not exclusively BMW's which is a national mileage contest requirement);
3. You may enter any number of owned motorcycles into the mileage contest;
4. If you buy a new motorcycle during the contest and originally signed up, you can enter the new ride when you get it;
5. All entries must include the make, model, year and beginning mileage of each motorcycle you are planning on entering;
6. All entries must be in writing. They can be mailed to me at 102 Ironwood Place, Missoula, MT 59803, they can be emailed to me at: beemermt@msn.com or texted to me at 406-274-3887.
7. To count for this year's contest, all entries must be submitted on or before 4/30/25. (Given my location in AZ, and the fact that some email entries and/or snail mail entries may get lost in the dark hole of transit, please keep a copy of your entry.)

When I get home to MT, I will update this year's mileage contest spread sheet with the names and motorcycle information as per above and will get a copy of that spread sheet to Dick French for membership-wide distributions. If, when you get a copy of that spread sheet and it does not include your name and bike info, you need to contact me by re-submitting your initial entry info as what has happened is that I did not get it for some reason.

Reasons for entering: 1) It's the BMW trademark to ride our bikes, not just look at them; entering this contest will help you keep track of your mileage; 2) there's CASH involved...the overall winner gets a check from the club for \$75, the one who's overall mileage is closest to the calculated "average mileage" of all participants will receive a check for \$75; 3) after excluding the overall winner and average mileage winner from the total participants, the remaining names are placed into a hat, one is drawn, and this individual becomes the "at large" winner and the recipient of a check for \$50. 3) The overall winner gets his/her name engraved on the club mileage plaque which is kept on display at Big Sky BMW in Missoula. (What more could you ask for!!!??)

As our group is known for adventures and as you can see from the club newsletter, there are a great many of club excursions planned, this should be a great year to get out and ride. Why not let me keep track of your mileage for you (you could win cash for riding!).

Looking forward to hearing from you beginning in April. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me as per instruction #6.

It is a pleasure to bring this contest to the table again this year, thanks for participating.

Larry Banister

Mileage Contest Coordinator
Montana BMW Riders



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Report from the Road - Belize ADV Part II - Sandi Simons



After miles of this we reached the Caracol Mayan ruins. By then the rain had stopped but we were not taking chances, gear was stored in a nearby building. The ruins were spectacular, and we were the only ones there besides the guards and workers. This site also allows you to climb to the top of the pyramids unlike other sites. The steps are oversized, and it was a workout, but the view was worth it. It is amazing to think of all the work that was needed to build these structures and the civilization around these cities. At one point howler monkeys could be heard in the distance.



I could have spent an entire day there, but we did not have that option, we still had to make it to the research center for the night. The center was a couple of kilometers back the way we came then about the same distance on a small road that as Emma put it 'can be dicey if it rains a lot. It was midafternoon and we only had a couple of hours of sunlight left, so off we went.

After turning onto the center's road, I quickly understood what she meant by dicey, muddy sections of very slick mud and deep puddles. The first section, the person in front of me went down and I got completely cross rutted but through dumb luck the bike stayed upright (it certainly was not skill, I had never encountered this much mud in my life). We went a little further then my one crash of the tour happened. One moment I was standing on the pegs and the next on the ground with a painful knee and a foot caught under the bike. I had gotten cross rutted on a tiny, thin section of mud that I did not see. After getting the bike off, I made sure my knee still worked, thankfully, it did, and the bike was damaged. In the brief time we were on this road, three of us had small crashes. Emma and Shal decided to slow it down, better to get to our place for the night without injury to us or the bikes. We were all tired from a long day's ride, most of it in wet gear.

I was ready for a hot shower and meal; they dangled like a carrot in front of me. My knee ached. Every clearing we reached got my hopes up that we had arrived but Emma would keep going and we'd forge through more mud. Finally, we reached a big opening in the forest with buildings, we made it! We parked under one of the main buildings (a lot of buildings here are built on stilts due to flooding rivers). The manager gave a short talk about the research they do (macaw study and cave exploration). He also informed us the showers were cold. (Darn!!) We headed to our designated rooms. We also noticed there were a lot of foreign military here, too. Soldiers from the US, New Zealand and UK that were doing patrols in the jungle. Curious, to say the least. Our dinner was very not Belizean with a lukewarm pork chop covered in brown gravy and veggies, a spicy bean paste, and cold mash potatoes with diced peppers (tasted a bit like potato salad) and two dinner rolls. After dinner we had a debrief regarding our day then went to bed.



Sometime in the middle of the night, the rain started and as far as I could tell never stopped. Sometimes it was the tiniest pitter patter on the metal roof, other times it sounded like rapid fire drumbeats. My sleep was fitful, all my brain wanted to do was think about that road we came in on and had to leave on in the morning. How much deeper would the water be and would the muddy sections just connect into one long mud road? Eventually I slept, waking to morning light and rain. I guess if you visit a rainforest do not be surprised when it rains, right? After a couple cups of instant coffee and breakfast we gathered our stuff and prepared to leave. My knee was swollen and painful. I popped some Ibuprofen and told it to suck it up!



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We headed out in the rain; my gear was still damp from the previous day. Over breakfast we all voiced concerns about the road but something magical had happened. The road, at least in my mind and later when speaking to everyone else was not nearly as bad as we imagined it would be. Yes, the water was deeper, and it was muddier, but it was not nearly as daunting. Maybe it was because we already knew what to expect, probably a large part of it was that we were fresh after a night's sleep and had food in our bellies.



We made our way back towards Hopkins. We took a slightly different route that took us towards San Ignacio. We stopped in the small town of Cristo Rey for a break and coffee at Carms, a charming roadside restaurant. After we rode through San Ignacio,



Emma turned off the highway and we made our way through the farmland along dirt roads. They were much more enjoyable than the highway, these bikes were a little buzzy at higher speeds and I missed having a windscreen. I noticed we were nearing a river but did not see a bridge, we turned a corner and there sat a ferry. It was the only time my heartbeat quickened during the trip. Boats make me nervous, and I have never ridden a bike onto one. It was fairly narrow. Four of us were going on before two pickups then the other four of us after. I was in the second group. After the ferry left the shore, I focused on my breathing and tried to relax. When we reached the far shore the four riders rode off the boat and then the two pickups. When the pickup in front of me drove off the ferry it caused the ferry to rock up and down. I did not care if I had to be airborne to get to solid ground. I was getting off the thing!



We continued on dirt roads and eventually met the pavement again. We arrived in Hopkins. I was looking forward to a hot shower and to peeling off my gear. It had been damp since lunch the day before and some areas of my skin were feeling raw because of it. Over dinner we talked about the next two days. There was an all-day snorkeling excursion planned for Friday, I had never snorkeled before and even though I did not like boats I would suck it up to go snorkeling. Unfortunately, the weather had other plans, rain was predicted for all day Friday. We decided to move our snorkeling to Thursday afternoon and figure something out for Friday. Thursday morning would



be a time to relax and walk around town.

Thursday, I woke up early and headed to Kat's Coffee for an Americano then hung around in the communal area of the hostel having great conversations and icing my knee. One of the ladies wanted to walk to a nearby Mayan gift shop so I went along. I can only sit and ice joints for so long. There I bought a T-shirt for myself and cooking spices for Pat, my hubby, who loves to cook. We made our way back just in time to get the news that the snorkel company cancelled due to rough seas. We pivoted and quickly geared up for a ride south to Placencia for a late lunch.

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As we pulled into the restaurant's parking lot, I saw someone from the corner of my eye. It was **Kinga** from the YouTube channel, "**On Her Bike!**" I had been following her videos for years, ever since I had gotten into riding. She has been such an inspiration to me, she has been riding around the world solo for 7 years. Her videos gave me the courage to get out of my comfort zone and ride solo trips and now I get to meet her in person in Belize of all places!

After the introduction we sat down for a lovely lunch, I had conch fritters that were very

good. Kinga was not only having lunch with us but riding back to Hopkins and staying at the same place we were. After getting back, taking a few dirt roads of course. We all settled into longer conversations as the sun went down then walked to a restaurant for a late dinner.

Friday, we woke up to rain, it was forecasted to rain 3-4 inches. We piled into Emma's sun-faded Dodge Durango and drove to a local restaurant for breakfast. It was a cute place right on the beach. In fact, this was the only time on the whole trip that I spent any time close to the beach. Who goes to a country known for its beautiful beaches, islands and snorkeling but does not dip one toe into the Caribbean Sea? That person, apparently, is me. The rain stopped toward the end of our meal. Emma and Shal drove back to the hotel while the rest of us walked. They were going to hash out a plan for today, our final day in Belize.

By the time we got back they had an idea. We would gear up and ride to a vacant lot to work on a few drills until it warmed up then leave for a ride. The lot was basically various thicknesses of mud due to the rain. Cones were set out and we worked on weaving around them which would have been fairly easy on dry ground, mud complicated things a little. It was hard work making tight weaves and not losing your traction. I loved it, I do not get a lot of practice riding in the mud and I'm all up for getting feedback that will help my riding. It began raining again and we stopped to put on our rain jackets. With each pass the ruts in the mud got deeper and the weaves more difficult.

Eventually, it was decided we were done with drills and left for our last ride in Belize. Emma led us down a road that turned into two track with deep mud puddles and switched back and forth between mud and wet sand. We were stopped once due to a downed tree, once cleared off the road we continued. The rain was not stopping, and neither were we. I was constantly wiping off my visor with my soggy gloves. My pants, socks and boots were soaked but I could not help but laugh. I loved riding in this warm rain, you never got chilled. Maybe a little cool when on the highway. Riding on this light bike was so fun; I am glad my introduction to riding in this level of mud was made on this 190cc bike and that I had great coaching to help me with technique. I do not think I would have enjoyed myself near as much if I was on my Tiger or even the Himalayan, actually I'm sure of it. It has definitely made me consider getting a little dual sport for the garage more.



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Ending up at the highway, we travelled down it for a section before Emma again led us off into the bush. We were in a more arid environment of Belize, with pine trees and long grass. Due to mud, I got cross rutted but managed to save it, unfortunately by now my injured knee was angry and I knew it was affecting how I was handling the bike. When another rider dropped her bike, I let Emma and Shal know that I was done. There was another loop Emma planned on riding then lunch and a special activity. She gave me directions to the lunch spot, what to order and money. At the highway the group turned right and I turned left. I was a bit sad that I wasn't going with them, but I knew with how my knee felt it was probably the better decision.

After the tour, we headed back to Hopkins in the rain. Once we arrived, we arranged our gear around fans in the hopes they will be dry-ish for packing. I made the decision to leave the gloves and pants I was wearing there so Emma could loan them out to other riders. That made two less damp items to pack.

I got to the food stand, ordered, and waited. I was still waiting when Emma pulled up, they had finished the loop and were waiting at a chocolate company for a tour. That was our special treat! I left and met them there under a little shelter with picnic tables. It was pouring down rain still. We waited and chatted. Emma and lunch arrived, and we dug in. While waiting for the cocoa farmer to arrive for the tour, we went inside and ordered ice cream. The air inside the shop was infused with chocolate, as someone who loves dark chocolate was heavenly. The farmer arrived and led us to a shelter on his farm. He showed us immature cocoa fruits and ones ready to cut from the tree, their stems are tough, and you cannot just pick the fruit. He opened one and we got to try the flesh in the fruit that surrounds the cocoa bean, it tasted a bit like banana. He talked through the process of harvesting. When he was done we went back to the company and had a presentation on the process the beans go through at the factory. We each got a turn grinding the cocoa nibs and sampled freshly made 80% dark chocolate. Like so many other plant products, it tasted so much better at the source vs what travels hundreds of miles away.



We talked with Kinga in the communal area of the hotel until it was dinner time, the rain had not let up one bit. We all squeezed into Emma's Durango for our last dinner. We talked and laughed but eventually it was time to head back and to bed. We were leaving on the shuttle at 6 am so we needed to turn in early. Shal was staying as the next tour group was arriving on Saturday afternoon. As I packed and organized things, I was grateful that I had this amazing opportunity to ride in this fabulous country and that I had the privilege to ride with other like minded people.

Saturday at 6am we said our 'until next time' to Emma and Shal, because it is never goodbye. You do not know what the universe has in store for you. Up until now I had been ignoring Alaska Airlines' notifications on my phone, 'Get Ready for your Trip!' in bold letters. As the shuttle moved through the countryside, the blur of palms and vegetation became more distinct as the sun rose above the sea. Another notification lit up my phone, looking at it I thought, 'No, I'd rather get lost on a motorbike in Belize, thank you.'



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Quality products from BMW, KTM, Kawasaki and now GAS GAS off-road motorcycles ...and great service sets Big Sky Motorsports apart from other dealers. Our service department specializes in all types of motorcycle, ATV and snowmobile maintenance and aftermarket parts and accessory installation.

Visit our showroom at 2315 South Avenue West in Missoula or call (406-728-5341) to speak to one of our staff, or visit us on the web at [Big Sky Motorsports | Powersports Dealership in Missoula, MT](#) . You can also find us on eBay for parts and accessories, or see us on FACEBOOK.

When you go, tell them you saw our ad in the MONTANA BMW Riders **APRIL 2025** newsletter and ask about our models and financing.



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NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION RECALLS - Annie Huddy

NHTSA Campaign Number 25V141000

Triumph Motorcycles America, Ltd. (Triumph) is recalling certain 2025 Speed Twin 1200, Speed Twin 1200 RS, and Speed Twin 900 motorcycles. The red rear turn signals were installed too close to the rear tail light. As such, these motorcycles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard number 108, "Lamps, reflective devices, and associated Equipment.

MAKE	MODEL	YEAR
TRIUMPH	SPEED TWIN 1200	2025
TRIUMPH	SPEED TWIN 1200 RS	2025
TRIUMPH	SPEED TWIN 900	2025

NHTSA Campaign Number 25V146000

Kawasaki Motor Corp., U.S.A. (KMC) is recalling certain 2024 Ninja 500 (ABS, KRT Edition, KRT Edition SE ABS, SE ABS, SE 40th Anniversary Edition ABS), Z500 ABS, and Z500 SE ABS motorcycles. The clutch release shaft was not properly welded, which can cause the clutch lever to break apart.

MAKE	MODEL	YEAR
KAWASAKI	NINJA 500	2024
KAWASAKI	Z500	2024



A sure sign that riding season has started in western Montana - The first bike to visit the Lolo Pass Visitors Center, in this case **Dean Hall** on his Honda Gold Wing.

For sale

2007 BMW F650GS with 25,227 miles. Very well maintained. It comes with maintenance records and BMW Battery Tender.

Options include:

- Jesse Aluminum Panniers
- Denali Driving Lights
- Corbin Sea
- Engine guards.

This is the factory lowered model so great for shorter riders. This bike has the bulletproof Rotax Fuel injected water cooled single cylinder engine. Great on the highway as well as off road.

Priced: \$3,900

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Announcing The 12th Annual

Huddy's TechDay at the Outpost

TechDay 2025 will be held on Saturday, May 17th at the Outpost - 9AM until complete.

This is an opportunity to get your motorcycle ready for a summer of riding by performing basic maintenance in a well-equipped shop and with the help of experienced riders. The shop includes two lifts, air-compressor, tire-changer, carb/throttle body synching meter, GS911 code reader and an assortment of other common tools. You provide the tires, oil, filters, plugs and other consumables. If you are having your tires shipped you may have them shipped directly to the Outpost or bring them with you. Free disposal of oil and filters will be provided. If you are new to working on your bike, then there will be others there to assist you, including with changing tires. If you are an experienced wrench then you can share your expertise. TechDay is also an opportunity to renew old friendships and make new friends. Many attend just to socialize and kibitz.

Starts at 9 a.m. and runs until whenever on Saturday, May 17th. For those who would like to arrive in the afternoon of Friday, May 16th, and/or stay Saturday night May 17th, there are cots and other places to sleep in the shop, or you may tent camp. There is also space to park RVs, but without hook-ups. There will be a BBQ on Saturday afternoon and other sustenance for those who are arriving early or staying longer. BYOB.

The Outpost is NW of Helena and located approximately seven miles west of I-15 (Exit 200) and 23 miles east of the summit of Flesher Pass on Lincoln Road (HWY 279). The address is 6750 Silver Fox Court. Silver Fox Court is south off of Lincoln Road. The Outpost is the last house on the right. (46°43'53.4"N—112°09'23.7"W)

If you wish to overnight, then please RSVP to **Kevin Huddy at klhuddy@hotmail.com** no later than 11 May. Include your anticipated arrival and departure dates in your RSVP. For more information or to arrange tire delivery you can email Kevin.

The Montana BMW Riders' May ride/lunch will be held at the Missouri River Bar and Grill on Sunday, May 18th. The Missouri River Bar and Grill is located 55 miles north of the Outpost in the Hardy area.

We hope to see you there.



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SCOOTER CANNONBALL - Jason Andreas



Fellow club member, **Jason Andreas**, will be participating in a charity ride from Seaside, Oregon to South Padre Island, Texas in June 2025. Jason however, will not be on his usual BMW, but a 2009 Aprilia Scarabeo 200 (180cc) motor scooter.

Hence the name: Scooter

Cannonball. Riding with Team ScooterIceland, Jason is ready to take on this challenge to raise awareness and funds for Pulmonary Fibrosis research through The Valhalla Fund a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organization.

We should be able to follow Jason on FACEBOOK, on the page titled “**SCOOTERICELAND.**” or

- <https://scootercannonball.com/faqs>

I am sure Jason would appreciate any donations to support the purpose of this ride:

- <https://donorbox.org/scooterice-land-2025-jason-andreas>



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Classified - Tom Moe

2016 BMW R1200RT

One owner, purchased new May 2017. It is equipped with all of the factory options available at the time. It also has these additions:

- Clearwater Darla lights with yellow lens caps \$714
- Clearwater Billie license plate taillight \$149
- Enlarged foot for kickstand \$37
- Sargent Seats \$770
- BMW 28L Top Trunk \$567
- Michelin Road 5 Tires with 4,600 miles
- Grip Puppies
- BMW Tank Bag \$121
- stream sport tour windscreen 25.25" \$226, the original is available as well
- Bestem Pannier Liners \$48
- BMW valve cover protectors \$349
- Helmet Guardian license plate helmet lock \$50



Price: \$10,500

• Contact:

**Tom Moe
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March 2025

Motorcycle gear for sale.

My wife thought she might like to ride but never did so this gear, never used, is for sale. Make reasonable offers and pay for shipping and its yours.

- ◆ Olympia AirGlide 4 jacket size L
- ◆ HJC Helmet CL-33 XS
- ◆ Slider Jeans size 12
- ◆ TourMaster boots size 39
- Men's Ocelet Racing adventure/offroad boots size 10 – like new.

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Report from the Road - John DiBari & Mike Hofferber



This was a large group ride on Section 2 of the AZBDR. Most riders were on mid-weight ADV bikes although we had one rider with a GS and two with KTM 500EXCs.

The goal was to do the "Hard Alternate" section over Pioneer Pass and down to Globe, AZ. There were a few issues to address, including one bike with a flat tire and another leaking coolant (both KTM 790/890s).



The hardest part, however, was the 4-6" of snow on the north side of the pass. It was downright treacherous. Most made it down the pass okay, though a few went down in the snow. It was a great ride and the food in Globe was great.

I rode with Shelly (Beta RR300) out to Chimney Rock and some dirt roads north of Redington Pass. It was a pretty fast and, at times, technical ride. I was worn out by the time we were done. We rode to a "forest" of saguaro cactuses that were really old. It takes a saguaro 60-100 years to grow its first "arm." These saguaros were over 200 years old.



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Report from the Road - John DiBari & Mike Hofferber—(continued)

Club member Mike Hofferber (Suzuki DRZ650) and I did a short ride up Redington Pass and out to Chimney Rock. Unfortunately it was the only ride we did together, but it was great seeing him and spending some time riding in the Sonoran desert.

John DiBari



The annual Dust to Dawson Motorcycle Ride will be held on Thursday and Friday, 19th & 20th of June 2025. This year, **Kevin** and **Annie Huddy** plan to make the ride, each on their BMW sidecar rigs.

We are looking forward to "Reports from the Road" on this adventure.

Can you spot them in this June 2022 photo when they made their last ride to the Yukon?

Editor

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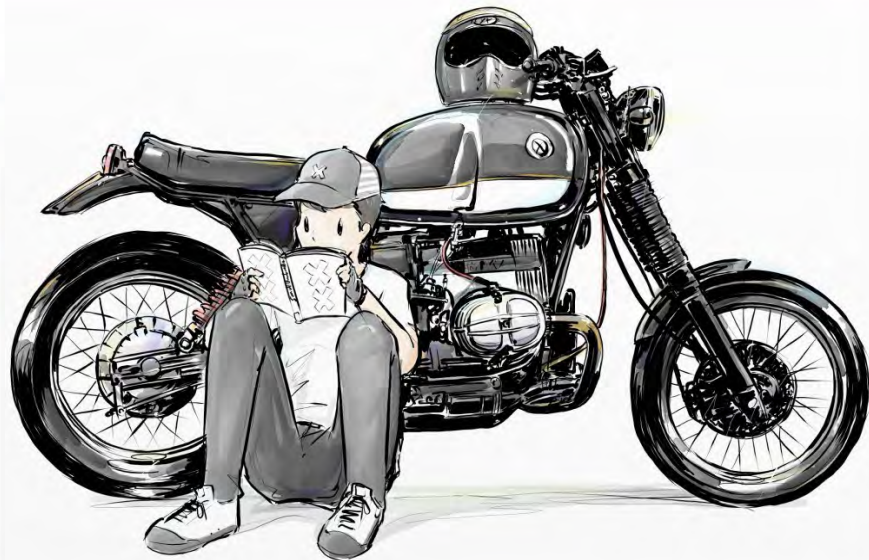


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Monthly Ride Schedule - 2025 (Rev 02/15/2025)

MONTH	DAY	DATE	LOCATION	VENUE	COMMENTS 1:00 PM All Venues
January	Sunday	19 th	Seely Lake	Double Arrow Lodge	Dine-in Lunch
February	Sunday	16 th	York	York Bar	Dine-in Lunch
March	Sunday	23 th	Wilsall	The Vault Restaurant	Dine-in Lunch
April	Sunday	13th	Lincoln	Lambkins Restaurant	Dine-in Lunch
May	Saturday	17 th	Helena	Huddy's Outpost Tech Day	All Day
	Sunday	18 th	Cascade Vicinity	Missouri River Bar & Grill	Dine-in Lunch
June	Thursday thru Saturday	19 th -21 st	Lebanon, Ten- nessee	BMW MOA National Rally	Independent Food Ser- vice
	Sunday	22 th	Lakeside	Tamarack Brewing Co.	Dine-in Lunch
July	Sunday	20 nd	Ennis	Lion's Park (picnic)	Picnic-bring your own sandwich, Kalena's Sand- wich Shop is close
August	Thursday thru Saturday	14 th -16 th	Red Lodge	Beartooth Beemers	Annual Beartooth Beem- ers Rally
	Sunday	24 th	Phillipsburg	Zane Murfitt Park (picnic)	Picnic-bring your own lunch
September	Sunday	14 th	Choteau	City Park	Picnic-bring your own lunch or buy locally
October	Sunday	12 th	Ovando	Trixie's Antler Saloon	Dine-in Lunch
November	Sunday	16 th	Basin	Silver Saddle Café	Dine-in Lunch
December	TBD	TBD	Regional Gather- ings: MSO, HLN, BILL	TBD	Local Christmas Parties- venues TBD locally



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- Statewide MMRS (Montana Motorcycle Rider Training) begins the first weekend of April.
- Registration on line will be available March 3, 2025.
- You can check the courses, locations and dates on line now.
- In the past, phone registration was available and a Student Discount for High School was available.
- Advanced classes will be Helena in May and July.
- Advanced classes will also be in Missoula in July.

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Kim Lemke



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