

# MONTANA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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Amazing how the warm weather can lift those spirits and how much easier it is to find that motivation to grab the motorcycle keys and just head off. No destination required. As per usual that's just what we have in Western Montana this 1st week of July. The only drawback is there are so many other competing recreational opportunities. We'll just ignore those. Conversely, after a week of all this extra hot weather, 90-100 degrees, contemplating a cooling jacket for a rider's 'possible sack' would be a good thing.



Then the question becomes "Which road to take". For short days I love the "Old Stage Road" north of Drummond. Whether you approach it from Missoula via I-90 to Drummond or Hiway 200 to Mineral Hill then south on 141 to Helmville, it's a hoot with little traffic and plenty of curves. Great stops along the way depending which way you approach it are the Stray Bullet Café in Ovando, perhaps a detour over to Lincoln, sighting antelope along the way or riding the 20+ miles of frontage road from Drummond to

Bearmouth (just repaved this summer) which road also gives access to those forest service dirt roads going north to Garnet Ghost Town and back to Hiway 200.

A couple of longer loops that are always a favorite are... Missoula to Elk City, Idaho via Hiway 12 stopping for breakfast a Lochsa Lodge on the way. This is an all-day ride as is another loop of Missoula thru the Bitterroot over Lost Trail Pass, down to Wisdom, then cutting East then North @ the Polaris Scenic Byway to Wise River. Then Mill Cr. Pass (watch out for the potholes) to Anaconda and thence the Anaconda Scenic Hiway to Drummond and home to Missoula. You couldn't ask for two better all day loops. And this is only a few of the loops near my home Missoula. Not from Missoula you say. Well, I'd love to hear from any of you on roads you love to travel close by so we can publish for others who may be new or just need a reminder of some great places to ride close by; on short notice or for longer destinations. So, call a friend, take your significant other, even

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solo and get those rides on the schedule before the summer is over.

For those of you on the Rally circuit this summer, how about an article from you? You don't have to be a moto-journalist for our newsletter. Brief or long, it's just another way to communicate great rides/trips (or not) for our members.

### NEXT MEETING

#### WEST

Saturday

JUNE 16TH

RIVER STREET DINER & PUB

BIGFORK

On a fun BMW Club note, but not so far away, we had a great 'rally' at our BMW Club get-together June 23rd @ Jim Iverson's. Approximately 20 members gathered for brats & all the fixin's, conversation over the campfire, and sleep under the stars (or in most cases in the camper). Mostly it was like a western setting of Wagon Train with camper Conestogas surrounding the campfire. The tough ones riding in from out of town and setting up tents were Marg Lang and new member Marrea Matthews. Next morning thanks to Marrea, coffee was served early and continuing our German theme from the night before, Apple Strudel was served w/ coffee. Thanks to all who came and special thanks to Jim Iverson for hosting this club event. Thanks to Sandy Koeckritz for helping get this party organized and for the cultural advice and assistance w/food!

Again, I have to apologize about the June meeting change of venue at such a late date. Still the turnout was good. Those attending the June meeting in Bigfork: From Missoula...the "RS dudes" Larry Banister R1200RS, Kim Lemke K100RS, Chuck Reaves R1100RS. From Helena...Dick Field K1200LT. From Townsend...Don Davis R1200RT. From Kalispell...John and Joann Werre on a classic and classy R90/6 airhead w/sidecar. Coasting in from Bigfork...Gordon Phillips who reconnoitered & put in the recommendation for The River St. Grill and Pub; great spot, thanks Gor-

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don! Speaking of coasting in; from Florence...Terry Kay, barely late because of a faulty gas gauge (sure Terry!) From Heron...Randy Carpenter Honda ST1300 and last but not least from Hamilton...new member, Montuckian, Marrea Matthews F650GS. Welcome to the club Marrea!

Our next meeting is Sunday, July 15th in Choteau, Mt. Time: 1 PM. Location: Log Cabin Restaurant. This is located on the west side of main street, just as you come into town from the south. It actually is log and you can't miss it. I picked Choteau thinking it was a great opportunity to do a loop to Glacier Park or for some, a long ride and overnigher. Also there should be the least wind coming off the Front Range this time of year! But no guarantees.

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**Monthly meeting, third Sunday of each month, 1 p.m., unless specified otherwise.**

**East and West locations announced in newsletter.**

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*Signed articles do not necessarily reflect the consensus opinion of the Montana BMW Riders.*

Have a safe and fun ride.



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Don't forget our August ride is one of our most popular...Wisdom, MT. And in that venue, Larry Banister is looking for volunteers for the checkpoint (in Wisdom) for the 3 Flags Classic. This is Labor Day weekend. Give Larry a call 728-8914 or email [beemermt@msn.com](mailto:beemermt@msn.com)

Happy Trails!!

Chuck Reaves

### Update Your Address -- Phone -- Email

To assure the accuracy of our records and that you are receiving your newsletter, please report any recent changes in your club info, address, phone, email etc.. to [mtnarider@hotmail.com](mailto:mtnarider@hotmail.com).

Thanks  
Mike

**BUY**

**SELL**

**TRADE**

Two seat sets for R1100RT and similar: Corbin, very nice leather - \$250; Rich's, \$200. Both are almost unused and are built for a smaller rider. Dick Walton, Missoula, 241-6385.

*Note: Unless the editor is notified the items are still available, ads will be removed at the end of a 4 month listing. Ads will be dated to reflect the end date.*

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### LOST & FOUND

Are you missing your Cortech liner?  
Size men's LG/44  
coil zip in  
If no one claims it, could you use a spare,  
I hate to just toss it and it is useless w/o a jacket

Kim Lemke  
406 251 2559



### 2012 RIDES

JULY 15TH  
CHOTEAU LOG CABIN CAFÉ  
(COULD BE IN COMBINATION W/ A RIDE TO GLACIER)

AUGUST 12TH  
WISDOM THE NEW FETTY'S

SEPTEMBER 16TH  
HARDY CREEK MISSOURI RIVER INN

OCTOBER 21ST  
OVANDO TRIXIE'S

NOVEMBER 18TH  
DRUMMOND WAGON WHEEL CAFÉ

DECEMBER 2ND  
MISSOULA CHRISTMAS PARTY

### THREE FLAGS CLASSIC

This year the Montana checkpoint is in Wisdom. Those who have been there to help riders can attest to the good time had.

Larry Banister is looking for volunteers for the checkpoint (in Wisdom) for the 3 Flags Classic. This is Labor Day weekend. Give Larry a call 728-8914 or email beemermt@msn.com

### 2012 MOTORCYCLE EVENTS AND RIDES IN THE GREAT NORTHWEST

Details for most of these rallies can be found  
@ [www.cyclefish.com](http://www.cyclefish.com)

#### July

July 12-15 Top of the Rockies  
Paonia, Colorado

July 13-15 Rocky Bow Lunatic Fringe Rally  
Alberta Canada

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July 19-22 BMW MOA Rally  
Sedalia, Missouri

July 26-28 Evel Knievel Days  
Butte America

### August

August 4 100,000 Foot Colorado Pass Ride  
Takes off out of Denver

August 9-12 Stanley Stomp  
Grand Jean, Idaho (limited to 200)

August 16-18 Bear Tooth Rendezvous  
Red Lodge, Mt. (limited to 200?)

August 16-19 B.C. Beemers Rally  
Nakusp, British Columbia

### September

Sept. 1-3 Three Flags Classic Check Point  
Wisdom, Mt.

Sept. 23 Thunder Mountain Rendezvous  
BMW Club of Western Colorado

### MEMBER UPDATE:

Dear MT BMW Riders,

Thanks for all the camaraderie, riding, and eating! As Chuck told you, I am moving to the Sisters, Oregon area. I have 5 acres of high juniper desert there, with a nice shop for the BMWs. The second floor of my house is an apartment with a separate entrance, kitchen, bath, etc. It will be available for all my Beemer-riding friends. I have plenty of room for tents if the apartment gets full. In addition to the shop, I have a big metal building, so I could probably have my own mini-rally with all the bikes parked inside. I am about 10 miles from Redmond. I hope to be over there after July 15.

The 2013 National will be in Salem, which is about 120 miles west of Sisters. Central and Eastern Oregon are riding paradise, so come on over. I hope to keep my same phone number (406) 691-0801. My actual location is 18211 Goldcoach Rd. Give me a call if you want to stay in the apartment and ride Central Oregon.

Signe Johnson

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### STORIES WANTED!!

Have a recent adventure you'd like to share? Planning to go some place fun !! Do something exciting!!

Or, do you have some hard won advice you'd like to pass on to your fellow riders? Learned a tip or two along the way?

Have you had a few moments and mused on why you like to ride? Why you like to ride in Montana?

Have you been collecting motorcycle memorabilia?

What about a poem or two?

Your story, your musings, your tips could appear in this space!!

Your pictures!!

Your newsletter!!

***See the Masthead for information on how to make your submissions.***

1200 GS

November 20, 2009

Lack of chrome reveals the smarts,  
engineering prowess plus ergonomic art.

Second to none with handling to spare,  
on or off road, some wheels in air.

Rain or shine this baby will go,  
its rugged, ready, and not just for show.

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riding this bike is never a bore.

Power, design and cool for you,  
little round emblem says B-M-W.  
Forward!

Motorcycle Poems:

<http://motorcyclepoems.wordpress.com/about/>

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Come In and Check the Newest BMW's Out!

Free BMW NAV 4 GPS w/ the purchase of an R1200RT or R1200GS or R1200GS Adventure, during June and July

The BMW K1600GTL has been named motorcycle of the year for 2012 in both RIDER Magazine and MOTORCYCLIST magazine.

Other specials are available call for details.

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