

MONTANA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

May 2014 Newsletter

Ok, do I do my honey-do's first, start the newsletter, give the yard its first trim, get the sprinkler system going, finish up some of that overflow from work, set up the bike for the season or...or.!^#+%???

That's springtime in the Rockies for most of us. And so, it is spring. The pace is picking up and the pressure to get more done is hanging over us. Time to prioritize. You know the saying, "Life ain't a dress rehearsal! Time to secure the keys to that favorite Iron Pony sitting quietly outside and go for a ride!



Yes, that's why we ride these fun machines. Time to get away and enjoy life, let the cares of the day/week/year drift behind our tail exhaust as we feel the exhilaration of that throttle response. Go East, go West, it doesn't matter. If you haven't had a good reason or excuse to do that yet the month of May and the club have some fun things to get you out and going.

Send your mileage contest forms to Mr. Larry Banister (see his article in the newsletter) and get started piling up the miles whether it's commut-

ing to work or summer long moto-trips. Adding a twist to that...With your camera take on the challenge of riding to 24 Montana towns using the A-Z alphabet. Hey did you get your education from a CARE package? There's 26 letters in the alphabet I know....Yes, but Montana is missing towns with a couple of letters. You'll have to look 'em up yourself to find out which are missing. All it takes is a half day, a map & a camera and you can photo yourself and the bike in front of the name of any town in Montana (could be a business, courthouse, post office, or just a town's 'Welcome To' sign. One town per letter, please. It'll only cost you \$10 to enter but you can win a lot more plus a year-end oil change. And you may have some Montana adventures on the way. Contact Chuck Reaves to sign up.

May is such great month. There's the YMCA Riverbank Run May 10th and don't forget to get in your Brownie points with Mom on May 11th for Mother's Day. You may need those points to get out of the dog house later in the summer for one of those aforementioned rides.

MOA # 155
RA # 072
AMA #6830

Also...drum roll...Secretary/Treasurer, Ann Huddy and husband Kevin, are hosting a ride-in tech day at their hacienda in Helena the weekend of May 16-18th. Bring your bike in to Kevin's well equipped garage for a maintenance project, tire change or aftermarket parts you'd like to put on yourself but need help with. At the end of Saturday's tech session, the Huddys will host a barbeque. And, there's room at their place for sleeping over that evening. Even if you don't have a project to do, the chance to visit & kibbitz with your fellow riders over

NEXT MEETING

May 18

Philipsburg

Sunshine Station

Time: 1:00 PM

motorcycle adventures, had or imagined, will be worth the trip! See all the details further on in this newsletter.

That very Sunday, May 18th, is our May club ride. Location: Philipsburg, Mt. Place: the Sunshine Station located right at the junction of Hiway 1 and the main turn into P-burg. Time is 1:00 pm. Since this is one of our highest attended meetings I ordered an all member Happy Birthday cake. But, there will be no spankings. If you still can't get sweet enough with that, there's always the Sweet Palace in Philipsburg. Pick some homemade candy up for Mother's Day. Another way to get Brownie points.

May 31st and June 1st is the Tour of the Swan Valley (TOSRV). This bicycle event runs from Missoula to Bigfork, going through Potomac and the Swan Valley on Saturday, day one and then Bigfork to Missoula via hiway 93 on Sunday. We need volunteers to act as marshals for the TOSRV. This mainly entails riding up and down the respective highways looking for bicyclists who are having trouble, then finding a Ham radio operator who gets help to the bicyclist in trouble. To keep your calorie count up (for this awfully hard job :-)) you'll be able to join the bicyclists in enjoying all the heavenly food they offer along the way. Best lemon bars in Montana. It real-

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ly is quite fun and a good way to get to know fellow club members. Jim Iverson is organizing this event. Please call him at 728-1424 or email iverson@iversonscandinavian.com. You don't have to volunteer for the whole weekend. Even a 1/2 day would be great.

April's club ride was to the great metropolis of Avon, Mt, to the Avon Café. They were so accommodating and happy to see us. As usual the place was packed but service was excellent. Almost everyone rode bikes except a couple of old farts. Some new members were present and some new bikes too. The dirty dozen finding their way...

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Club Dues: \$15 (includes newsletter)

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

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

From Missoula...old farts Chuck Reaves and Jerry Abbott Lincoln Continental LS, David Gordon K1200LT, Bob Gibson brand new Triumph T100 Black. From Helena...Steve Moore R1200RT, Mike Meredith, John Beyrau R60, Ed Field K1200RS, Dick Field K1200LT, Bob Rennick K1300S, Don Hurd R1000RR. From Missoula on the KTM990 Adventure Rudy Francis. Also for Old Fart Mike Meredith; Chevy Cruze.

That's about it from the front room. This should be a fun meeting to invite a friend. And hey, we're not getting any younger here. So invite a friend, a younger friend, to keep the moto-gene-pool going. Hope to see you soon.

Happy Trails!!
Chuck Reaves

PS...if these items haven't proved to you we're worth \$15.00 a year I don't know what will. Anyway get your dues in if you haven't paid. May is cut off month if you're a delinquent any longer.



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Will Soller

1. Pair of great condition Krauser bags for you BMW airhead. Take a look at the pic and call if interested. 443-3264

<http://helena.craigslist.org/mpo/4417718733.html>

2. Got two pair of the front brake pads for the R65. BMW part number 34 11 2 301 359. New in the box. \$25 per pair. About 1/2 of dealer price. Call 443-3264 if interested.

<http://helena.craigslist.org/mpo/4419280119.html>

For Sale

2012 Suzuki Burgman Executive Scooter. ~1400 miles. Always garaged. Comes with custom seat

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pads, custom windshield, heated grips, and cover in addition to the standard amenities for the Executive model. Priced to sell. OBO

Contact Dave McCormack at 370-6628 or dhmcc@aol.com See <http://www.suzukicycles.com/Product%20Lines/Scooters/Products/Burgman%20650/2012/AN650A.aspx> for further information.

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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FAILURE TO HEED THAT INNER VOICE

By Dave McCormack

I had been an MSF Safety Instructor for several years in another state. I was good enough to rise to the level of teaching other instructors the course materials and critiquing their teachings skills. I became an instructor because I had re-entered motorcycle riding in my mid 40's and took the Beginning Ride Course to enhance what I thought I knew. The course was so good, so well laid out and so easy to master, that I wanted to teach it and at the same time keep my own skills sharp. I knew at that point in my life that I was already succumbing to the aging process...tri-focals, decreasing strength and slowed reaction times. This is by way of introduction to what I say below.

One of the key teachings with that beginning course, the Experienced Rider Course and now the Advanced Rider Course is that one must make a conscious decision every time one rides to ride within one's skills and within the

capability of the motorcycle. I have always been a big proponent of the concept. I failed that the other day.

Two weeks ago I was invited to take my Yamaha Super 'T' dual purpose bike on a ride off road with a couple of friends. I had seen the proposed route on a map and knew that it was a combination of asphalt and gravel... allegedly graded and graveled roads. The day before, I began to wonder whether I really wanted to go and massaged that thought until it was too late to back out. Part of me said, 'it's no big deal' and part of me asked, 'am I up to it'.

The next morning was perfect. You may recall that throughout Montana, April 19th was the best of the fresh riding days...warm and sunny without much wind. We began on asphalt up from the Bitterroot Valley on 93, through Missoula and headed for Ravalli where we turned west on Hwy 200. At the junction bridge whose road becomes Hwy 382 towards Hot Springs, we turned north and immediately turned right unto Race Horse Gulch Road. Initially it was an okay road, graveled and level. Gradually it became rutted, steep and unpredictable, however. Thoughts of dumping the bike began to swirl in my head and sure enough, on a downhill stretch where the ruts were very deep, snow was evident and the center line on the road was clay slick, I dumped it. No problem, I'm an ATGATT kind of rider and with a little help I was back aboard the bike. The conditions on the road hadn't changed much and I made a beginning dirt rider's mistake. I rode the high center with 4 fingers covering the brake. Without much warning, the front wheel slid into the left rut, hit loose rock (not gravel) and I reacted by over braking and rolling throttle all at once. Down I went. It wasn't until I rose to help right the bike that I realized I had severely damaged my right foot. There was no remounting and riding it out, plus I now was sure I wasn't going to be able to ride down more of the same.

At that point we were nowhere in cell phone range and we still had miles to go to get down off the mountain. The three of us decided to send someone forward to see how far it was to get to level graded road again. That done, we elected to have me double up with another rider and the third rider ride my bike to the flat road ahead. We picked our way down, dumping the two of us at least once after which we finally reached graded farm roads. I was helped off the bike and left with water and snacks while the other two went back up the mountain to retrieve the third bike. On the way down, my friend dumped his bike again in the very same spot (target fixation, I'm sure).

Sitting on the ground, drinking water and chewing one those awful high protein snacks, I made a decision. In

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future, I was going to pay way more attention to that small voice that bubbles up about a ride where I am uncomfortable with the conditions and whether I and the bike will be within our combined capabilities. We weren't that that day.

The long and short of this story is this: heed that small voice! Be realistic about your skills and the capabilities of your motorcycle. Decline rides that you know are out of your range of skill and comfort.

The Doctor says I may be riding again by early July. Fortunately I only fractured a couple of heel bones.

FASTEN YOUR SEAT BACKS IN THE UP RIGHT POSITION

Blah, blah, blah, DUES, blah, blah, blah.

Could I pretend to have your attention for at least 5 minutes? I feel like an airline attendant giving the pre-flight speech to a bunch of veteran travelers.

You all know what to do, when to do it, and how to do it, so no one pays attention anymore.

BUT, If you all expect me to assist with your oxygen mask you better have paid for your ticket!

The pilot has announced that members who have not paid will need to de-plane after this newsletter.

Do you really want to miss this trip because you forgot to SEND IN YOUR DUES?

Final boarding notice: IT IS APRIL, \$15.00 cost of a ticket covers a full year of First Class events, food, and a Christmas party complete with awards and gifts!

Please confirm your reservation by mailing your DUES CHECK right now to:

Annie Huddy
MTBMW Riders
6750 Silver Fox Ct.
Helena, MT 59602

Thanks so much for your attention, remember to put your seat backs in an upright position, and that

your tray tables are locked, and that all of your carry-on luggage is crammed under your seat so that there really is no room for your legs or feet.

It is a short flight and we look forward to landing in Avon on the 27th, on behalf of the Captain and crew, I would like to thank all those who have already paid their dues, you may keep your cell phones on for the flight.

Thank you for flying with MT BMW Riders!



2014 LOCAL/NATIONAL RIDE EVENTS MONTANA BMW RIDERS

May 10
YMCA Riverbank Run
Missoula (community service)

May 29-31
BMW-RA National Rally...
Birmingham, AL.
Barber M/cycle Sport Museum and Track

May 31-June 1
TORSV Tour of the Swan River Valley
(community service)
(Mark Cadwallader with his Special Support Rig)

June 12-15
Chief Joseph Rally John Day, OR.
(BMW Club of Oregon)

July 12
Montana Hope Ride (ends in Hamilton, MT.)

July 24-27
Evel Knievel Days
Butte

July 24-27
National BMW MOA Rally

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St. Paul, MN.

*July 24-27
Top of the Rockies Rally
Paonia, CO.
Colorado BMW Club

July 24-27
Cascade County Rendezvous
Republic, WA.
Washington BMW Riders

August 4-10
Sturgis Motorcycle Rally

August 7-10
Stanley Stomp
Grandjean, ID.
Bavarian West Motorcycle Club

August 14-17
Beartooth Rendezvous
Red Lodge, MT.
Beartooth Beemers Bmw Club

*August 14-17
Bee Cee Beemers Rally
Nakusp, B.C.

August 30-31
Miller Sports Park
Labor Day Vintage Races
Tooele, UT.

* Tentative Dates Watch for Updates

ALL DAY DO IT YOURSELF BASIC MAINTENANCE TECH SESSION

Saturday, May 17th,

@ The Huddy's Outpost, near Helena: Get your motorcycle ready for a summer of riding by performing the basic maintenance in a well equipped shop and with the help of other experienced riders. The shop includes a lift, air compressor, tire changer, carb/throttle body synching meters, GS911 code reader and an assortment of common tools. You provide the tires, oil, filters, plugs and other consumables. If you are having the tires shipped you can have them shipped directly to the Huddy's or bring them with you (they will fit on the back of a bike). Old tires can be left for disposal for a fee of \$1 per tire (that's what the landfill charges).

Disposal of old oil and filters is free. If you are new to working on your bike there will be others there to assist; including changing tires. Starts at 10 AM and runs until whenever on Saturday, 17 March. The Huddys have bunks and other places to sleep or camp for those that would like to arrive Friday evening and/or stay Saturday night and then ride to Phillipsburg on Sunday, 18 May. There will be a BBQ on Saturday afternoon and other sustenance for those who are arriving early or staying longer. BYOB. The Outpost is located approximately seven miles west of I15 or approximately 23 miles east of Flesher Pass just off of Lincoln Road at 6750 Silver Fox Court. Please RSVP to Kevin Huddy at klhuddy@hotmail.com no later than 7 May. For more information or to arrange tire delivery you can email Kevin.



Not Quite a BMW — Imagine What it Would be Like

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SUMMER FUN RIDING CONTEST AND 'THE PRIZE'

I've had a few requests to organize something fun for the summer riding season. After some thought and consultation here's what we've come up with.

This will come in handy to add miles to your summer mileage.

- 1) Help you put more miles on your bike.
- 2) Give you a chance at some prizes.
- 3) Increase your chance to win our club's mileage contest.

The contest will involve a \$10.00 entry fee which will give you one of the club's new reflective stickers and a chance to win whatever that \$10.00 cumulative amount is. The date to begin is open but the end date will be based on the annual mileage contest end date, October 12th 2014. (See coordinator Larry Banister's article in this newsletter).

Here's the deal...the name of the game is visiting towns in Montana (based on the alphabet). You will need to take a picture of your motorcycle (and/or yourself, with sticker showing) in front of any business, post office or county courthouse, with that town's name on it.

Prizes will be given based on who has the most towns, A-Z. That means a different town per letter. Two-up riders will be counted as one entry. Odd alphabet letters like Q or X, not represented in Montana, will be left out. You'll need to store your pix for the summer and then send them in an e-folder (or for you old codgers by snail mail) to me by November 1st for counting.

Contact Chuck Reaves to sign up.
reavesrealtymt@gmail.com or 406-240-1771

MILEAGE CONTEST 2014

OK you mileage junkies...it's time to get underway for our 2014 official Montana BMW Riders Mileage Contest. As per my last introductory article, the most recent MOA news contains the official 2014 BMW MOA Mileage contest entry form. Our Montana contest will parallel the national contest as to time-April 12, 2014 to October 12, 2014.

Your official entries need to be in writing, submitted to me via email, snail mail. They can be copies of your offi-

cial mileage contest form, via written email, written letter, back of a napkin, whatever...but they must be in writing and I must have them postmarked NLT May 12th with is the same cut off date as the national contest.

The difference between our contest and the "official contest" is that miles do not have to be only on a BMW...any brand of motorcycle is allowed; and your entry form does not have to be "verified by another rider/member".

We're looking forward to a great number of enthusiastic riders this year...so get your entry forms in!

Larry Banister
Montana BMW Rider's Mileage Coordinator
email: beemermt@msn.com; snail mail: 102 Ironwood Place, Missoula, MT 569803

See the attached mileage contest form

April in Avon — Most Rode



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