

MONTANA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Just as in JRR Tolkein's Return of the King, the days of dark Mordor have ended; so too have our dark, cold wet days of spring come to an end. The skies are blue not dark and in combination with the warmer temps, getting on the motorbike for a ride somewhere (or anywhere) is a top priority once again.

Like Frodo and Sam Wise I appreciate those who on that cold day in May, stout of heart, made it to our monthly meeting @ The Sunshine Station in Philipsburg.

It was a cool day that portended rain but hearts were made warm by the fellowship of the BMW ring & seeing Mike and Donna McInerney off to their new home in Denver.



There was about 14 of us in their back room. A goodbye chocolate cake (provided by Sunshine Station free of charge) for the Mike & Donna was cut after lunch. As usual they gave us great food and service. It was hard to say goodbye to those two who have done so much for our club. But keep in touch; they may have a spot for you to stay if you're going south or wait and see if

going south or wait and see if Mike and Donna don't return in retirement in a couple of years (Mike said it!).

So Salute to them and thanks to Dave McCormack from Victor taking over the spot of Secretary/Treasurer. Dave's contact info is in the newsletter now. So if you need to get your dues in, send 'em to Dave.

Those Bravehearts attending our May meeting in P-burg were: Missoula, new member David Gordon K1200LT, Terry Sullivan & friend Chris Honda Gold Wing, Larry Banister K1200GT, & those slackers...Chuck Reaves and Jerry Abbott...Honda Pilot. Helena, Annie & Kevin Huddy Toyota Tundra (Kevin, what about that 55 Buick Special we saw you beside last month @ the Deer Lodge Car Museum?). Bozeman, Guy Bonnand Harley Davidson Road King. Kalispell Doug Byrne R1100GS. Somers, Terry Logan R1200GS. Florence, Terry Kay R1200GS. And our Butte friends, Donna & Mike McInerney both on R1200GS...Mike do you have a new battery by now!? Abbott can be forgiven for bring-

MOA # 155
RA # 072
AMA #6830

ing the Honda Pilot as he used that to jump Mr. McInerney. It's all good!

Want to give a big thank you to Mark Cadwallader for running the Tour of the Swan River Valley. Between the weather and our meeting on the same Sunday I don't think Mark had many volunteers. Coincidentally

NEXT MEETING

Saturday

1:00 p.m.

15 June Big Fork
Echo Lake Cafe

TOSRV has been down on riders the last few years. Thanks to those that did volunteer and again Mark, thanks for running the show on that event.

Several motorcycle rallies are coming our way in the next several months. You'll want to check out the newsletter for where and when. See Dave McCormack's note on the HOPE RIDE. One of the advantages of being a member of this club is finding like-kind members to ride with and a rally is a great way to do that. If you're thinking of going to the National BMW MOA Rally or any rally for that matter, but like traveling with a buddy, use the club newsletter as a coordinator or have Mike Wright, our able webmaster, to broadcast your interests with when and how you plan to go. That'll give you a chance to contact those like-minded motorbike travelers.

Speaking of the website. It's being talked about that we use the website as the seminal place to go for the newsletter. In short we'd just send you an email but instead of having the newsletter attached it would have a link for you to click on & that would take you to the website. And while you were there maybe you'd want to look at other things Mike Wright has organized on there for you...the ride schedule...other events...maybe even articles on what's happening in the motorcycle world or BMW motorcycles. Let me hear from you on what you think of that. Of our 85 members, I think we're

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down to only a very few who still get the newsletter by snail mail.

Our club's next monthly meeting is on a Saturday. So don't show up on Sunday. You'd have a great ride and great food but no company, well...maybe you would and then you for sure know you were like minded riders. Ha! Anyway since that's Father's Day weekend we have our ride on Saturday. This year it's Saturday June 15th. Same time 1:00 PM. Location is Echo Lake Café. A great local eatery north and east of Bigfork on the highway headed to Seeley Lake. They have picnic tables outdoors and that's where we'll shoot for having the meeting. Keep your ears open & fingers crossed Going to the

next meeting and campout in July @ Big Larch campground north of Seeley Lake. The idea is the Seeley meeting should give you a chance to practice for the ride & campout for the MOA rally the following weekend in Salem, OR.

That's about it for now. Let the burden of the one ring go and have a great summer...and have a Happy Father's Day.

Happy Trails!!

Chuck Reaves

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Looking for hard or soft bags (saddle bags and/or tank bag) in good condition for KLR 650 E model. Call Chuck 406-240-1771 or reavesrealtymt@gmail.com Thanks. 06/13

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Typically the Ride for Hope has been on the last Saturday of the month so it automatically conflicted with other major rides and motorcycle events. Now, based on its new timing, more folks might be interested.

Folks can check it out at “www.montanahope.org” or I’d be more than happy to take calls about it.

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Ride for Hope

Dave McCormack

The Montana Hope Project “Ride for Hope” occurs on the 2nd Saturday of July...this year July 13th. It is generally ~400 miles in one day ending this year at Fairmont Hot Springs. There is a parade down Anaconda’s main drag followed by a banquet at the Hot Springs. The entry fee is all that’s required and that gets you a hat, a participant pin, patches, and entry to the free banquet.

It is a fund raiser for the Hope Project which grants wishes for critically and sometimes terminally ill Montana children. It is not affiliated with any national wish granting organization. It is strictly for Montana children. It is run by the Montana Highway Patrol Troopers in their spare time so all the money raised basically gets delivered to the granting of wishes.

I’ve done it for about 7 years now and always have a great time. There are several BMW club folks who have done it in years past.

For club members there are 6 check in points to choose from based on where you live....Kalispell, Missoula, Billings, Havre, Three Forks, and Great Falls. All the routes from those checkpoints approximate 400 miles and much of the route tries to stay off the interstate. Many older riders (not me, yet) just check in in the morning and then ride straight to the finish line. There is no one checking on whether you do the actual route or not. But it’s all about a little effort on our part to match the struggles of the kids we support.

RIDES AND RALLIES

May18-19: TOSRV via Hiway 93.

June 13-16: Chief Joseph Rally in John Day Oregon

June 20-23: Nat’l BMW RA Rally Asheville, North Carolina

July 13-14: Montana BMW Riders Campout Big Larch Campground Seeley Lake, MT.

July 12-14: Rocky Bow Lunatic Fringe Rally near Cochrane, Alberta Canada

July 18-21: The Nat’l BMW MOA Rally in Salem, Oregon

July 25-28: Top of the Rockies, Paonia, Colorado

August 5-11.....Sturgis

August 8-11.....Stanley Stomp in Grandjean, Idaho

August 15-18: The Beartooth Rendezvous Red Lodge, Montana

August 15-18....The B.C. Beemers Rally in Nakusp, B.C.

August 27-30.....Cowboy Curve Reunion Bend, Oregon



2013 RIDES

15 JUNE (SATURDAY)

BIG FORK... ECHO LAKE CAFE

14 JULY SEELEY LAKE.

CAMPOUT TO PRACTICE YOUR PACKING BEFORE HEADING OUT TO SALEM, OR. FOR THE BMW NAT'L RALLY. DETAILS TBA.

18 AUGUST WISDOM...FETTY'S

IN CONJUNCTION W/ A SAME WEEKEND GS BIG HOLE RIDE/CAMPOUT.

15 SEPTEMBER HARDY...MISSOURI RIVER INN

20 OCTOBER OVANDO...TRIXIE'S ANTLER SALOON

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