

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

July 2013

Listing-Up. Is that a word or catch phrase? Not finding it in Webster's I think of it as the universal process of getting yourself organized, making up "The List" before a trip. In my case, it's a motorbike trip son, Mike, & I will be leaving on tomorrow for Canada. When done it'll be a long list. Yep, passport is at the top of the list with tent, sleeping bags in the middle and the flask for my evening's medicinal purposes thrown in at the end of the list along with all the other 'stuff'.

As part of the research, I came across an article in the AMA Motorcyclist August magazine that offers some great advise on packing for motorcycle camping. Even after the many years of camping & motorcycling I have done, the author, Tom Mehren, had lots of items that were new and informative. Ever heard of 'ghee' (clarified butter) or considered fried bananas cooked on the camp stove & topped with raspberry vinegar? Yep, new stuff, mostly practical & it's a good article. He's the publisher of Sound Rider out of Seattle & a good writer too



boot.

Also as an aside, I see where the AMA magazine is now offering members a choice of their magazine. You can choose from either a dirt or street oriented offering of their magazine or take both for an additional \$10.00.

Anyway, not sure Mike & I will do the fried bananas. Afraid we're more the bacon & eggs type (at a restaurant). Anyway we're taking 4 days to ride what I call the "lakes area" in British Columbia. We'll ride some great roads, take in some Canadian hospitality, check out Timmy Horton's and take lots of photos for future memories. The trip is a process, but one I think each of us looks forward to & will relish for months prior to, during, and after the motorcycle tour. Plus, you know the feeling you get of a that carefree lifestyle and independence from the rigors of the daily grind, if only for a few days.

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And then there's the camaraderie. Right off the bat we know in our family some of the smaller camping items, but important ones, will be ear plugs for riding during the day and nose plugs for the tent at night. As I've often repeated the quote of Helen Two Wheels from one of the MOA rallies..."Finding a compatible riding partner is harder than finding a compatible spouse". Well we'll see after this trip if blood is thicker than whatever.

NEXT MEETING

14 July Seeley Lake.

Campout to practice your packing before heading out to Salem, OR. for the BMW Nat'l Rally. Details TBA.

And if you come to our club's campout @ Big Larch Campground just north of Seeley Lake Saturday, July 13th we'll give you whatever we discover from our trip to the land of the Maple Leaf, good beer, and friendly people who interject everything with "EH"?

Hopefully our July campout will bring as many members as our June meeting @ The Echo Lake Café. We had our biggest turnout of the year. Nearly 20 riders. We welcomed some new members and greeted a few older ones we had not seen in a while at this great venue. Lunch was outside under the umbrella covered picnic tables. The menu, food and service were great and the weather couldn't have been nicer. Plus the ride to Bigfork area is so beautiful; whether you take the Swan Valley route or around Flathead Lake. Several members asked we include the Echo Lake Café in our future ride schedules.

Speaking of the July meeting and campout @ Seeley Lake. We've reserved one of the group sites @ USFS Big Larch Campground. The earliest you can arrive is 3:00 pm. Though we don't have any program or events other than shooting the bull and kicking tires, we will have brats on the grill starting at 6:00 pm. We'll have brats, potato salad and fixins. Wife, Caren, and kidz, Mike & Rachel, will be the sous chefs providing the good food, cooking and perhaps some unintended entertainment. We'll also have a large cooler of ice but you'll need to

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bring your own refreshments. The club will also provide coffee, tea, rolls & muffins on Sunday morning. The club is asking a \$5.00 donation per person for food for the weekend. Or you're free to go into Seeley Lake to put on the feedbag @ one of the great restaurants there. I'm afraid I have not checked out motels. If you are of that persuasion, there are a couple of motels in Seeley Lake as well as cabins to rent. If this sounds good to you and works for your schedule I'd sure appreciate an RSVP from you so we'll know how much grub to buy. You can call/text me @ 406-240-1771 or email me at reavesrealtymt@gmail.com.

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

The August club meeting will be to Fetty's in Wisdom, MT. Sunday August 18th. There are a few of us doing a repeat of last year's dual sport ride in the Big Hole on the Saturday before the Sunday meeting. It'll be in the Big Hole and include a campout Saturday night.

Sunday morning after we clear camp we'll head to a local eatery for breakfast, then ride to Wisdom in time for the meeting @ 1:00 PM. Last year's trip was a lot of fun exploring the Big Sheep Creek Scenic Byway & some of what that scenic valley has to offer. What amazed me were the number of resident ranch houses back there, 30 miles from nowhere, on roads you wouldn't want your worst enemy on if it rains. In case you're wondering, yes, the mosquitoes are gone by then!

If you're going to the BMW MOA rally in Salem, Oregon the weekend following our July campout, please let me know. Sounds like a lot of fun and having the rally nearby is always a plus. Seems 'the West' only gets a rally every 3-4 years compared to east of the Mississippi, even though the weather is way better on our side. If you go, it would be great to have a short article from you on your experiences; a short repartee travelogue as it were. There are so many great roads between here and there. And it doesn't have to be to the MOA rally. We're looking for any stories that make us riders more informed & that make riding safer and more fun.

Again please let me know if you'll make the Seeley Lake or August Big Hole campout.

Look forward to seeing you @ Seeley Lake this Saturday, July 13.

Happy Trails!!

Chuck Reaves



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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.

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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RIDES AND RALLIES

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

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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

Most Road to the Echo Lake Cafe



Look at that Big Montana Sky (Nice bikes too)



June --Bikes !!



Carmine Mowbray and Mike Meredith swapping stories



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CAMPOUT TO PRACTICE YOUR PACKING BEFORE HEAD-
ING OUT TO SALEM, OR. FOR THE BMW NAT'L RALLY.
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IN CONJUNCTION W/ A SAME WEEKEND GS BIG HOLE
RIDE/CAMPOUT.

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Dave McCormack -- sharing adventures on the road



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