

MONTANA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

August 2013

Canada, Oh Canada! You'll have to accept my apology for not knowing the rest of the tune. I think Canadian member Marq Lang can get me on the right track. Anyway, son Mike & I had a memorable 5 day trip up through the Kootenay Lakes region of British Columbia mid-July. I'd been there several times before but it was a first for Mike.



We didn't end up in jail crossing the border after Mike had a little talk w/ me to make sure I didn't make any slip-ups w/ customs officers @ the E. Porthill crossing.

I'm sure those officer's training in eye/facial recognition came in handy when I responded to no firearm, but then my eyes went haywire (I'm sure) when they ask about pepper spray...cause we were carrying bear spray. Not sure why they ask that.

I admitted we didn't have any as I was just wanting to get across the border as soon as possible, rather than wait in line in the heat. But from my eyes I'm sure he knew I was lying. He let me through. I feared Mike who'd just gone through ahead of me may have told him "yes"...but Mike told customs he didn't have any, that was his story & he was sticking to it. Good job Mike. Since no red or blue flashing lights came on we moseyed on into Creston, B.C. That was just one of the trip's minor inconveniences compared to the 900 miles of riding we did. No inconveniences...except for fear of bear attacks in the campgrounds around Bull Lake off Hiway 56 south of Troy, Mt. I hate it when the campground host tells you "There was a bear in this very campsite last night". To which I responded, "What kind of bear"? To which she responded, "We really aren't sure". Uffda! So much for a good night's sleep that night!

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But Canada was beautiful, the people were awesome, the mosquitoes few and the roads fantastic. We followed the recommended routes put out in the book, Destination Highways by Bosworth & Sanders. These roads took us north of Creston, to Kootenay Bay where we took the ferry across Koo-

NEXT MEETING

**18 August Wisdom...Fetty's
In conjunction w/ a same
weekend GS Big Hole ride/
campout.**

tenay Lake to Balfour. Then north up to Kaslo, New Denver, then ending our day @ Nakusp.

Nakusp is where the B.C. Beemers have their motorcycle rally in mid-August every year. We camped @ the municipal campground for 2 nights and did day trips out of there going North to Revelstoke and environs. We stopped in Nelson on the way back south for some trinket shopping and a great lunch @ Jackson's Hole. Nelson definitely has a different environment. It's larger, has some great architecture and many diverse ethnic restaurants to choose from. Though Nelson is a bigger town in this area, all these little towns in this lakes area have lots of character and people are very friendly (and they speak English...close to American). Travel along the lakes is scenic with lots of well-maintained twisty roads. These towns are colorful & offer lots of good places to eat, walk and take in the similar but different Canadian atmosphere. And for a 17 year old it was an adventure.

Leaving Nakusp & heading to Nelson started as our last day in Canada. We then headed down to the states & bear country to camp one last time before heading home. U.S. Ahhh U.S. Good to be home and in our own bear-proof beds!

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Two days later on the Saturday of July 14th we had our club meeting & campout @ Seeley Lake in the group camping area @ Big Larch campground. Though we only had 8 people attend, it was a great time w/ lots of good fellowship & good food. The attendees were the four Reaves: Caren, Rachel, Mike and Chuck...Annie and Kevin Huddy from Helena, Webmaster Mike Wright from Florence and a rider who contacted me the night before from Utah, David Steller. He'd seen the schedule on the website and called to ask if he could join us. Of course! David is a member of the Bee Hive Beemers of Utah, and now a member of the Mon-

tana BMW Riders. As someone said especially after having to put up with my camp coffee, "the greatest thing about this outing was that you really get to know other members of the club, which is hard to do at a one hour luncheon-ride once a month". I agree. It's all about the fellowship of the...nah I won't go there. But it was fun especially with the Annie & Kevin stories. There were few mosquitoes @ Seeley Lake as well. The campground was very nice though no cabins or showers, which I know many of our membership prefer. Maybe somewhere like that for next year.

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OK, things coming up. To finish off our summer our ride in August is to Wisdom, MT. Sunday, August 18th. Always a good turnout in Wisdom. Terry Kay is organizing a GS ride in the Big Hole for that weekend to coincide with the Sunday meeting @ Fetty's in Wisdom. This year, to see if we can interest more people, we will be staying @ a motel on Saturday night rather than on the ground in some campsite. We will probably motel-it probably in Dillon or Jackson depending on the weekend route. The roads we'll travel on will be all Forest Service roads; easy off-road stuff. At this point the roads have not been chosen but most likely we'll be on one side of the Big Hole Valley on Saturday. Stay in Dillon Saturday night; then a short jaunt on the other side of the valley Sunday morning before we head to Wisdom for the Sunday club lunch meeting. Call Terry Kay if you are interested...406-369-0326 or tmky66@yahoo.com

Happy Trails!!

Chuck Reaves



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Ride for Hope Report

Dave McCormack

On July 13th, about 125 motorcyclists from around the state began their 500 mile journey to Fairmont Hot Springs for the Montana Hope Project's "Ride for Hope" banquet & fund raiser. There are 6 check-in spots around the state to accommodate the riders: Billings, Great Falls, Havre, Kalispell, Missoula, and Three Forks. Each rider depending on where they check in does the prescribed route for the check-in point. So, riders may actually see other riders during the day but may be on an entirely different route. Everyone tries to accomplish the 500 mile route.

This year, the combined riders raised about \$55,000 for wishes to be granted for critically/terminally ill Montana children. An average wish costs about \$6,000. We will

be able to put nearly 9 children and their families into their wish.

I took a route based on the Missoula check-in point and headed east out Highway 200. We traveled out to the Helmville cutoff, turned right onto Hwy 141 which intersects Hwy 12 at Avon and then headed east through Helena. There we took Hwy 12/287 south to US 90, traveled west to Cardwell and then grabbed Hwy 41 south through Twin Bridges to Dillon. It took us awhile to find it, but we were instructed to take the frontage road of US 15 north to Hwy 43, then west until we turned right onto road 569 and then into the Hot Springs. Total mileage including getting to the check-in spot was about 400. By the way, the frontage road was one I had never ridden before...it's 50 or so miles of quiet, well paved, 50mph road that's only briefly near US 15.

Years ago, when the Highway Patrol Troopers started the Hope Project, the ride was 1000 miles in a day. Thankfully, they cut it back to 500 in later years...worrying rightfully that they were sponsoring a ride where people would necessarily have to exceed the speed limit to make the banquet in time.

It costs \$40 to enter with no further fund raising required. You receive a hat, patch, pin and the banquet meal...usually a buffet. What a great way to spend the day...a little like a rally, following a prescribed route with a finish where everyone gets to hear about the families who have had wishes granted.

Next year, the ride will terminate in Hamilton and I encourage all of you looking for a fast paced one day ride to put this ride on your calendars. It will be held on July 12th. Your time couldn't be better spent and it's on a motorcycle.



Kim @ the BMW Rally checking out the new rides!!

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RIDES AND RALLIES

August 5-11.....Sturgis

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

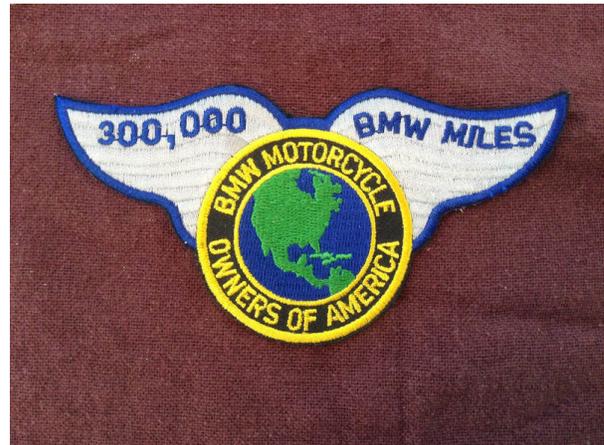
August 15-18: The Beartooth Rendezvous Red Lodge, Montana

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

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



Mike Meredith @ Echo Lake Café sitting under the umbrella w/ Camine Mowbry.



Mike Meredith's patch.



If I understood Kim correctly, this is a replica of an early, early BMW based on a Schwinn.



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Food for the July Camp Out



Mike Reaves in Canada on the ferry



And, you wonder why they are sitting around at the end of the day?



2013 RIDES

18 AUGUST WISDOM...FETTY'S
IN CONJUNCTION W/ A SAME WEEKEND GS BIG HOLE
RIDE/CAMPOUT.

15 SEPTEMBER HARDY...MISSOURI RIVER INN

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