

MONTANA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Having just gotten back from the BMW-MOA Rally in Billings along with trying to catch up 4 days of missed work, the image of scrambled eggs comes to mind. So this'll be brief.

It was a great rally put on by the MOA. Billings was a great venue

(unless you were camped on the west end of the complex by all the busy roads). Plus there were trains running all the time across the street and it just happened to be in the flight path of the Billings Airport. Even with earplugs it was like sleeping in a war zone. Note to self...next time get a hotel.

But with all other fun things there was really no need to sleep. The weather was ideal. Then, there were the vendors, there were the seminars (which saved me from the vendors) there was the camaraderie with other riders. Bike and people watching was the name of the game. The local beer served outside around the big pond on the Metra's grounds was outstanding and most people behaved themselves; eh Mr. Wright? The mood was set in the evenings by different bands serenading the attendees. There were lots of great prizes given out each day and the vintage bike collection was impressive. Though no one I know of won any glitter or swag, Missoulian Geoff Sutton won 1st place in the vintage bike category. If you remember, about 2 years ago Geoff gave a "Long Winter's Nights" seminar on a far away place he had ridden with his buddy, Werner Wacter, of Edelweiss Tours. Congratulations Geoff!! Though the vendors got some of

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my money as usual, for the first time in 5 MOA rallies I did some volunteering. Not only does it keep you out of trouble but you meet some great people. People are there from all over the globe. It's a great way to make new friends and I recommend it highly.

NEXT MEETING

August 9

Wisdom

The Crossings at Fetty's

A BIG thank you to all the members of our club who volunteered during the rally but especially those who volunteered for Sunday morning cleanup. This being the last day of the rally, the MOA looks to the 'local club' to help with clean up Sunday morning. We were tabbed to do two hours of work, but with all the people that showed, we got it all done in an hour and got a little swag for that as well. It actually was pretty darn easy and Don Davis and I's job was to scour the Metra grounds picking up all the directional and information signs. Pretty fun when you get to do it in a golf cart. Although somehow I got the feeling Don has not played golf, or maybe he's just relegated his driving experience to two wheels. ☺

Our meeting at Fort Rockvale on Friday morning had a great turnout. 16-18 riders commandeered a big table and flustered

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though she was, Karen our waitress did a marvelous job of making us feel welcome and the Fort Rockvale Restaurant put on a great breakfast. Thanks to John Beyrau for coming up with such a great place. I didn't take attendance but we had some members show up from faraway places that I'd never met. Gary Armstrong was one. Being from Billings he doesn't get to many meetings since we tend to concentrate our monthly meetings on the west side of the state. You might remember Gary won our mileage contest about 5 years ago. Gary along with new members, Gene and Bobbi Allard also from Billings, gave a ton of help to MOA organization who'd otherwise been in the dark about Billings. I'd have to say it was great to see past members Mike and Donna McInerney at the rally. It was great to catch up. Rumor has it they've retired and looking for a place to settle down. Montana is on the top of their list...so far. Hope so, so we can get back to Donna's monthly cookies at meetings.

Next year may be a little harder to get to the MOA rally even for our riders in the eastern part of the state. The location next year is Hamburg, New York which is in upstate New York. I think that might exceed my limit of time for going and return.

I believe we should volunteer the Huddy's place in Helena as a rally site. After seeing their set up in Billings and all the folks that visited; they know how to do a rally right!

There are still some fun club things happening this year for the Montana BMW Riders. Coming up August 7-9 is a dual sport ride. We'll be leaving Friday morning from Twin Bridges, Mt. and following a southern route along the Gravelly Range dumping out near West Yellowstone. The next day we'll have some fun back road riding in the Red Rocks Lakes area and end up in Dillon, MT. For details see our Vice President Dave Gordon who's organizing

this fun ride. This is our 3rd annual dual sport ride in the Big Hole Valley. All have been on easy Forest Service roads. All have been a hoot! Stay close to Doug Byrne of Kalispell as he finds all the good huckleberry spots. This dual sport ride has always been held in conjunction with the regular Sunday monthly meeting, which is traditionally in Wisdom, MT. on the same weekend.

Later in August there are two great rallies. Unfortunately they are both on the same weekend, August 14-16. The British Columbia Beemers have a great rally in Nakusp, BC. Our Canadian brethren put on a fun rally and the ride there is pretty swell too. The other is the Beartooth Rendezvous in Red Lodge; another fun rally and great riding venue, Beartooth Pass being recognized as one of the top 3 rides in the United States according to an AMA survey.

I think I've broken and scrambled enough eggs for now. Hope to see you in Wisdom. Safe travels and Happy Trails!!

Chuck

PS...Annie Huddy our Secretary/Treasurer is stepping down after doing a marvelous job. We are in need of someone who has that kind of skill set. You don't have to be an accountant, just a love of the club and be willing to put in a little time keeping things organized. We have quarterly meetings somewhere, sometimes once a month. This includes beer somewhere and conversations about how to run the club smarter and better.

Also I'd like to ask for your prayers for Rogene Lemke, Kim's wife, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.

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Veep's Corner

Dual Sport Ride August 7-9: We have 8 people signed up to go. The route is set and reservations made. Chuck has a cabin with room to share so contact him for luxury camping. I have a tent site that can still fit 2-4 more tents if you want to do that on the cheap. E-mail me with questions or interest.

David Gordon
VP

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Editor's Note:

Due to an August 1st embarkation date for a 2 week cruise, we've had to pull forward our publishing date and apologize for a brief and not fully edited newsletter. Will promise to do better for the September issue.

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I was in Belgrade, Serbia last month for a forestry conference and signed up for a 1-day, 1-person (me) custom tour with 'Beyond Usual' tours. One hearty day of riding, 520+ kms. This photo is along the Danube River at the Romanian border. The bike is a Suzuki V-Strom 650. The rider is me. Submitted by Chris Keyes.

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2015 MT BMW Riders Calendar

January 18th	Seeley Lake - Double Arrow Lodge
February 15th	Avon – Avon Cafe
March 15th	Fairmont - Fairmont Hot Springs
April 19th	Lincoln – Lambkins
May 17th	Philipsburg – Sunshine Station
June 20th	Big Fork – Echo Lake Cafe
July 23-26	MOA Rally in Billings (Friday 14th- Breakfast ride to Ft. Rockvale Café from the rally)
August 9th	Wisdom – The Crossings Restaurant at Fetty’s
September 20th	Polson – Kwa Tuk Nuk Lunch meeting followed by optional boat tour of Flathead Lake
October 18th	Ovando – Trixies
November 15th	Drummond – Wagon Wheel
December 5th	Christmas Party at Big Sky Motorsports