

MONTANA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

September 2013

August was a great month for riding, at least in the 1st half. Second half, you had to like smoke?! In that first half the club fielded an intrepid (sometimes called foolish) group of six...just one short of the Magnificent 7. This was a backcountry adventure ride in the Big Hole Valley in Montana & in Eastern Idaho along the continental divide. This weekend ride coincided with our regular club meeting & ride to Wisdom, August 18th.



The number of adventure riders doubled from last year. Taking into account the advancing age of our club we'd wanted to gain more riders by offering motels rather than camping. Sure enough we gained 3 extra riders. All 3 wanted to camp! Uffda!

Turned out this was the only difference between riders for the ride venue for the whole weekend. There were no fist fights over where to eat, which gasoline stops would or wouldn't work because of ethanol, the best route to take, the amount of stops for breaks, be it

organic or photo-ops. It was just plain fun & we all came back alive. Smelling a little of smoke but not needing respirators by any stretch. We met lots of great folks, saw some beautiful country both in Montana & Idaho, and got to know each other quite well by the end of 3 days of riding some of the most beautiful back country around.

The adventure started Friday afternoon. Five of us left from Florence, Montana with another rider promising to meet us in Salmon that night. Yeah, right, adventure boy. Leave after work, ride by yourself, in the dark?! But sure enough Jack Kirkendall made it into Salmon by 9:30 that evening.

The rest of us were out doing community service at the Bodega Bistro something...so we didn't meet up with Jack till the next morning.

Those riders present & accounted for on the weekend: David Gordon & Chuck Reaves of Missoula, Mike

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Wright & Terry Kay of Florence, adventure boy Jack Kirkendall Hamilton & Doug Byrne of Kalispell. Doug was 10 minutes early to the meet, Chuck Reaves was 10 minutes late from Missoula. Yep.....fashionably late.

The rides for the weekend were two F650GS's, one a Dakar, one KLR650, one 800GS, and a 1200GS & an

NEXT MEETING

15 September

Hardy...Missouri River Inn

1100GS. We all stayed upright in the saddle and there were no issues with engines or tires thankfully.

Our high points of the weekend, Big Hole Pass @ 7,057 feet on the Gibbonsville Road, Lemhi Pass @ 7,373 feet, and Bloody Dick Road and pass...well with a name like that it doesn't matter. Other high points: the swimming pool @ the Stage Coach motel in Salmon after the ride on Friday in 97+ degree heat. The Jackson Cantina not having beer after 50 miles of hot & dusty backroads; sweet Viola Anglin, owner of the Tendoy Mercantile for the last 64 years; lunch by Reservoir Lake which 4 of us enjoyed, but two others didn't because of getting separated on the Bloody Dick Road; the fajita salad @ the Bistro in Salmon. Smiles @ the end of each ride. Then there is always the Polaris Scenic Byway, which we took from Dillon to the meeting in Wisdom on Sunday. I think another highlight was discovering almost no traffic on Friday and Saturday, either on or off road. We only encountered 2 ATVs and no motorcycles on the dirt part of the weekend.

So with all that said, look for a three-peat of this next August. A big thank you to Terry Kay for planning & organizing & executing this ride to perfection; (well except for the getting separated part). This was a great trip. Way to go Terry!!

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Enough about the dirt ride. On Sunday August 18th, Fetty's Restaurant in Wisdom saw 11 club members and two guests show up, and as I found out later a couple of members that just couldn't quite get there in time for the meeting. From Helena...Mike Meredith (called 300K Mike) Suzuki V-Strom & John Beyrau R80GS, Steve Moore R1200RT & friends Charlie Dickhaut & Gene Balcerzak of Helena. From Bozeman we welcomed back Bob Testut R1150GS. From the Bitterroot, Hamilton, dirty Jack Kirdendall F800GS, from Victor our esteemed Secretary Treasurer Dave McCormick Yamaha Super Tenere, from Florence & leader of the dirty riders, Terry Kay F650 Dakar. From Missoula that smiley David Gordon with the snazzy looking KLR650, Chuck

Reaves F650GS, keeper of the scotch. And last but not least, from Heron, Randy Carpenter ST1300 Honda. The late arrivals included Kim Lemke, Missoula K100RS (waiting for his friend to be baptized) and from Hamilton Marrea Matthews F650GS. Where have you been Marrea?!

While this year's riding is fresh on everyone's mind, I'd ask you to think about places you've ridden this year. Would you be willing to share those places with other club members in the form of an article for the newsletter? Or recommending places that you like because of a combination of food and the road there. If so, we might put those on the ride schedule for next year. Please, lemme know. I'll be putting next year's ride locations together in the next few months.

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

In September, our ride is to the Missouri River Inn located on the frontage road @ Hardy Creek, off I-15, between Helena & Great Falls. Do as much of the frontage road as you can. It's a very nice road and of course preferable to the big I-90 slab. Time 1:00 PM.

Coming up I believe we'll be having a 'fall colors' ride led by VP Tina Schmaus and a cookout/bonfire at Jim Iverson's this fall. Rumor has it they may both be on the same day! Keep your eyes peeled on your email.

Hope to see you on the Missouri River on September 15th. Till then Happy Trails!!

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Chuck Reaves



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When: Sunday, Oct 6

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The Montanan Steakhouse in Lincoln, sometime be-
tween noon and 1:00.

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