

# MONTANA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER

Montana BMW Riders



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## President's Corner - Larry Manchester



January has been a long month. The cold weather along with continuing health issues have made the days drag by slowly. I will not bore you with all the details, just suffice it to say that medications prescribed to me as part of the knee revision surgery in early December have caused significant injury to my liver. My Gastroenterologist thinks that my liver will recover, but that it will take "some time. It could be weeks or months. I have a rash all over my body along with severe itching. A good night's sleep now is 4 to 5 hours. I have lost fifteen pounds and feel tired all the time. I try to keep positive thoughts by looking at motorcycle magazines and watching motorcycle UTube videos. I hope spring brings healing and strength.

A couple of items in the February edition of the American Motorcyclist magazine triggered memories of days past. An article about the Suzuki RM125, introduced in 1975 made me smile. I had sold a 1973 Yamaha 250MX motorcycle and had some cash in my pocket. The 250MX was no match for the Husqvarna 250 and I was tired of getting beaten in the local motocross races. I blamed the bike but, in all likelihood, it was my riding skills that was the problem. I decided that the 125-class seemed more to my liking, so I jumped at the chance to purchase the first RM 125 for sale at the dealership. I took it home, fired it up and rode to a nearby field to try it out. It was a dog, I could not get the front wheel up at all, and acceleration was disappointing to say the least. I hauled it back to the dealer with my complaints. The owner jumped on the bike and took it to the backlot of the dealership. He pulled wheelie after wheelie and had the bike screaming around the lot. Come to find out the bike had a power range that started around 10,000 rpm and continued to 10,500. You had to keep the little single wrung out at all times to have any power. I took the bike back home and found that by keeping the throttle wide open it was really quite powerful and fun to ride. I discovered that this made riding in a race incredibly challenging. If you missed a gear and let the RPM's, drop you were in trouble. I also found out that the 125cc class was full of 14-year-olds who had no fear of broken bones and daddy had an unlimited budget to keep them running. I was newly married with a limited budget and had orders from the new wife to not break any bones. I soon decided that Motocross was not my strong suit and sold the RM 125 to one of the 14-year-olds who promptly won the next race.



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## President's Corner - Larry Manchester (continued)

A few pages later in the magazine an article about Malcom Smith had a picture of him on a Matchless 500 single. I worked part time in a local Standard Oil service station in Shoshoni, Wyoming. I was thirteen at the time and had a Yamaha 80 Enduro. A guy came into the station in an old pickup. It was overheating and he was almost out of gas. The problem was he was also out of money and was trying to get home to California. He had a Matchless 500 single in the back of his truck and the owner of the service station made a deal for a new water pump to be installed, plus a full tank of gas along with a 5-gallon Jerry can full of gas. We unloaded the Matchless and decided to start the big single. I was told to give it a kick to fire it up. I put all my 120 lbs. on the kick start lever and pushed down hard. The bike backfired, threw me 20 ft across the garage into a pile of empty oil boxes. The boxes saved me from any severe injury other than my pride. I never tried again to start that bike.

*Larry*

## Report from the Road - Sandi Simons



If a dirty ADV bike is a happy bike, and a smiling rider is a happy rider, **Sandy Simons** (back row, red shirt) must surely be enjoying her adventure in Belize. We are looking forward to her expanded report from the road upon her return. Editor

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January Meeting - Double Arrow Lodge - Seely Lake

Eight hardy souls from the Montana's banana belt (Missoula) braved single digit temperatures and snow to meet at the Double Arrow Lodge. The group included new member **Dan Coburn**, Clinton and the annual milage contest winner, **Will Power**. The group was small, but very talkative. Our 2018 and later Gold Wing riders, **Dean Hall**, **Greg Hintz** and **Don Deuel** fill us in on the recent NHTSA recall on Gold Wings. Dean is waiting to trailer his to the dealer in Spokane for the recall work, Don's bike is at a dealer in Great Falls waiting for a decision on whether or not Honda will repair the shattered transmission and, Greg's bike escaped the recall, and is simply waiting to start the run to Daytona Bike Week.

**Will Power** gave us a summary of his experiences at the California Superbike School last year. Be sure to see his article on the following pages, along with ride with RawHyde Adventures BMW Off-Road Motorcycle Training.

Also, checkout **Dan Coburn's** Rider Profile on page 4.



From the left, **Lon McComas**, **Dean Hall**, **Don Deuel**, **Dan Coburn**, **Greg Hintz**, **Will Power** and **Lorne Dauenhauer**.



Gold Wing commiserates

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## Rider Profile - Dan Coburn

I grew up in Spokane Washington and learned to ride dirt bikes with my cousin out on their farm. I can't remember the size of the bike, but I do remember it was a Husqvarna.

Once I got married and had children I stopped riding.

I then moved to Florida for work and lived there for 20 years before moving back to Montana.

Around 6 years ago my friend was selling a 2007 Victory Hammer cruiser. This is when I took the motorcycle test, purchased the Hammer, and got back into riding.

Three years ago I picked up a Honda 2021 CRF1100 Africa Twin as I wanted to be able to tour but also do some dirt and gravel .

I retired last year and started to ride a lot more.

My neighbor and I made the following trips:

1. Moab for a week
2. The Beartooth Rally
3. Wallowa Rally
4. Trip to Alaska from Montana - we spent a month on this one

I also picked up a low mileage 1989 GL1500 Honda Goldwing last year. I wanted to have a couch that I could drive and have my wife ride with me!

I currently live in Clinton, Montana with my wife Marcene, and our three dogs.



### *Dan Coburn*



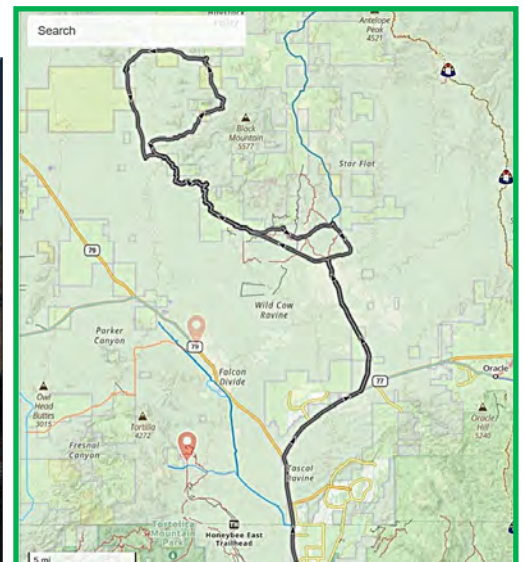
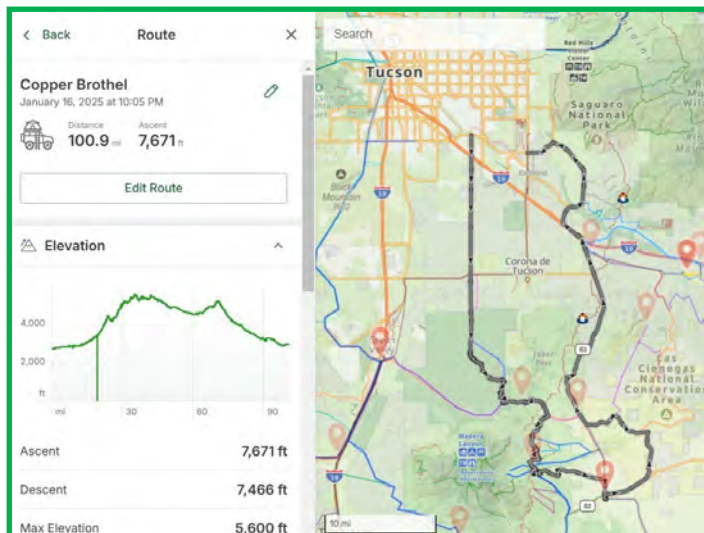
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## Reports from the Road - John DiBari

The first is a ride from Tucson to the Copper Brothel Brewery in Sonoita, AZ. I rode my T7 with Steve (Suzuki V-Strom 800DE). We tried following the track, but it turned out lots of route finding was necessary, mainly through the Santa Rita Experimental Range trying to get to the Box Canyon Rd. Our guess was that the GPX file was old, as we encountered a locked gate and had to find a work-around. Super fun and good food at the brewery. There was a lot of dirt road riding -- some loose sandy sections, as it really hasn't rained here since November.

The second ride was largely an off-road, two-track rocky, sandy wash ride -- a lot of sand wash riding. The crew included Lance (BMW 1200 GS), how he rides that through some of this stuff is beyond me!, Kevin (BMW 650 GS), Darrell (Yamaha WR250) and Pete (KTM 890). I rode my CRF 450. This ride was much more pleasant for the smaller bike riders. I like the sand washes - riding them requires a steady throttle, some clutch work, and steering mostly with one's feet. The two-track was pretty untraveled in places was somewhat overgrown with mesquite and cholla. In a couple of photos you can see Kevin removing cholla needles from his boot/pants with a Leatherman.

*John DiBari*



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## **Editor's Corner - Officer Elections**

According to the MONTANA BMW RIDERS Bylaws, election of officers (President, Vice President and Secretary Treasurer) are to be conducted on alternating years during the month of February. Voting is to take place during the month of February, by all members who are current in their dues.

### **This is that year!!**

President, **Larry Manchester** and Secretary Treasurer, **Albert Murray** have volunteered to continue in their current positions for the succeeding two years. Vice President, **K. Bill Clark** will not seek a succeeding term.

To fill the Vice President's position, **Lonald (Lon) McComas** has agreed to be nominated for this position. Lon's 'motorcycle' resume is in the following section.

In mid-February you will receive an 'email' ballot to cast your vote for President, Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer. I will function as the "Election Officer" so your email ballot may be returned to me.

*Richard G. French*

### **Lonald (Lon) McComas candidate for Vice President, MONTANA BMW RIDERS.**

I grew up in Billings, Montana and got my first motorcycle in 1974, a Yamaha 200 RD. I rode it to school, but really wanted a dirt bike. I eventually got a Can-Am 125 MX2 to finish out my high school.

I enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. Upon completing four years with the USMC, I moved back to Billings,

It was back to motorcycles so I bought a 1976 HD Sportster 1000, which, naturally I rode to the Sturges Rally in 1981. After that, I put motorcycling on hold, got on with life and spent the next 20 years in Oklahoma.

In 2004 I moved to Manhattan, Montana. In 2013 when I was living in Belgrade, Montana, saw a Craigslist ad for a BMW 1150 RT and decided to get back to my motorcycle passion. I didn't get the 1150 RT, but did buy a 2002 R1150RT in Helena. With that bike under me, I joined MOA and rode it to the 2015 BMW MOA National Rally in Billings.

Since then I rode to the 2018 Rally in Des Moines, Iowa and the 2021 rally in Great Falls, Montana along with several rides to the west coast and Moab, Utah.

Along the way, I have also owned a 1997 BMW F650 Funduro and a 1999 BMW F650ST. My current ride is a 2016 BMW R1200RT. This was my ride to the BMW MOA Rally in Redmond, Oregon along with Al Murray.

Year 2024 found me in the Libby, Montana area, once on my own and then with the group led by Ken Conrad.

In addition to the group rides, I have attempted to make as many of the monthly club rides (meetings) as possible.

I would appreciate the opportunity to participate as a Club Officer.

Thanks

*Lonald McComas*



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## California Superbike School - Will Power

Over the past several years, I have participated in two professional - for a fee - motorcycle riding training courses; **The California Superbike** - CSS (<https://superbikeschool.com>) and **RawHyde Adventures** - RH (<https://rawhyde-offroad.com>)

I believe both are MT BMW Riders Training Opportunities each with proven programs and instructors. Both of these are BMW Approved Training Facilities with BMW Fleet Motorcycles for rent (~\$200 per day) and later for sale as “new” bikes with warranty & BMW Financing available; I’ve purchased three motorcycles from RawHyde.

The following sections outline my experiences, impressions and recommendations for anyone who elects to enroll in these courses.



### *Will Power*

#### California Superbike School – CSS (<https://superbikeschool.com>)

Prior to attending CSS, I would recommend purchasing, reading, and viewing “A TWIST OF THE WRIST” (Volume I or II) by Keith Code (CSS founder & owner); both the book and the DVD video can be found on Amazon. I find both extremely helpful to review prior to attending any session with them as a quick review for more gains while in class.

CSS consists of five levels. Levels II through IV build upon the previous level and everyone starts at Level I. Level 5 is open to all alumni, regardless of level completed, which is a deep dive into body position and braking.

Course format is offered in “single days” and “two-day camps.” Apart from Level 5, each day is a Level. Two-day camps include gear rental. If you rent, you should consider purchasing the insurance for the bike; not all our insurance carriers insure a bike which is “not like our own.” You can ride your own motorcycle as well. Not all bikes on the track are sport bikes.

My riding experience – prior to attending in 2023— was in my 22<sup>nd</sup> year of riding. As a professional educator, I intimately understand the levels of competency. To ride how I desired, I knew I did not possess the skill to be competent and therefore, I could not be confident. I have attended Levels I-IV and am registered for Level 5 in March 2025. I have attended both single and two-day formats.



After you register, you will receive an email on how to be prepared for class, to include track information, and track rules with flags. Additionally, you will receive waiver documents, etc. which must be completed and mailed back; do yourself a favor and keep a completed copy to take with you when you check-in. I have it in an envelope with my name, dates of class, and track name; I just hand it over to save time for everyone.

During each class there are two or three groups (‘white’, ‘yellow’, and I believe ‘green’). At check-in, you receive a sticker with your information and bike # to affix to the left side of your helmet. Depending on the format (single or two-day), you will get five or seven sessions on the track. Slowest riders get at least five laps per session after the warmup lap. You will also be assigned a coach for the day and told their Bike #; other than helmets, all the coaches appear in uniform on the track.

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## California Superbike School - Will Power (continued)

CSS puts on a solid continental breakfast in the morning, snacks all day, hydration galore, and lunch, which is all included in the price of the class; dinner and lodging are not included. Problem? Notify the staff and they are on it. Keith Code is in attendance and enjoys talking to students.

Upon departure you receive a folder with your graduation certificate, booklet on all skills completed in the level, and other information. There is a professional independent photographer who will have photos of you for purchase (from single photos to all photos taken of you).

Where do you take a class at CSS? All over the U.S. and other parts of the world. They have two tractor/trailers – one full of motorcycles & repair and one full of gear & pseudo kitchen/office.





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## **California Superbike School - Will Power (continued)**

### **Level I**

Addresses the six most common errors made by riders. There is a classroom prior to each track session to work on the lesson covered while on track. After each track session there is a debrief with your coach (this is for all levels).

There are also drills that are done on motorcycles off the track in a controlled environment with an instructor.

Keith's son Dillon, an excellent instructor, teaches the history & mechanics of motorcycles and how we influence them (i.e., make them stable or unstable).

### **Level II**

Moves into step-by-step to sharpen your visual skills. Level II is all about solutions to problems we face with our eyes. You will still work on everything you learned in Level I on your own or under the direction/advice from your Coach.

CSS now has an eye tracker, which they did not have when I attended Level IV September '24. I do not know if it will be used in the class, but I know they have video of eye tracking as part of the classroom.

Keith's son Dillon covers physiological and psychological responses of humans when under stress.

### **Level III**

Addresses five more proactive technical points on riding. Thoroughly cover how you interact with the bike, your body position choices and how these can affect the cornering process. Once rider position and stability are completely understood it paves the way for line selection options you may never have imagined. All five of the exercises done in Level III are indispensable tools which will put you in control of any set of twisties that exists. The final exercise called 'Attack Angles' will give you a whole innovative approach to cornering because you'll have a plan. Level III students are videotaped, weather permitting.

### **Level IV: Custom-designed for each rider**

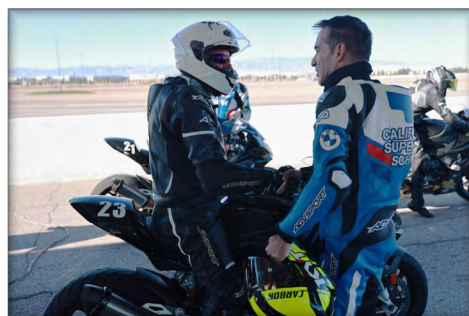
You are asked what you need to be improved. You work very closely with your coach and work on one or two items per track session. This is where the "light came on" for me. It was my final session when I became "one" with the bike and my life changed. This may very well happen much earlier to you than it did to me. Why did it happen? Because I listened to the debrief of another rider and input from the coach. I consulted my coach and produced a plan for me. The lesson here is to be present and listen to the debriefs of the one or two other riders, with whom you share a coach, to learn from their session as well.

Depending on space availability, track facilities and weather, Level IV students are eligible to ride the Slide Bike.

### **Level V**

Level V is for anyone who is a Level I graduate. It is specifically centered on braking and body position which by survey is an in-demand topic most riders are interested in diving deeper into. Day one will be centered around body position and day two about braking.

What I got out of this training – I now have a much better understanding of motorcycle dynamics allowing me to have confidence in corners/curves.



***Will Parker***

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**Letters to the Editor - Klaus Lambrich**

**Klaus Lambrich**, a German fellow and a construction craftsman, transplanted himself to Australia early in his career. He takes advantage of the northern-southern hemisphere season-cycles by working in the 'summer' season in Australia and riding in the summer riding season in the northern hemisphere. I first met Klaus at a Huddy Tech Day 2019 when he was on his, 'winter' to Klaus, rides in North America. COVID interrupted that cycle, but I recently heard from Klaus, and he is back in form. - Editor

7 January 2025

Hi Richard,

*I know I am late with this, but I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a good start to the New Year.*

*Thanks for all the good work with the Newsletters and the web site. Always good to know what my friends in Montana are up to.*

*Unfortunately, I did not make it to North America last year. Been to Europe twice: Spain in February then Germany and France in May-June.*

*And I did two trips to the eastern states: One on the Harley and one on my new Honda Transalp. I miss not having a BMW at the moment. For all the bad press new models often get they still have the best suspension and the smoothest ride. I will see what our local dealer can do for me this year.*

*Well, I hope all is well in the Big Sky State. All the best for the new year and a happy 2025 riding season. Hope to see you soon.*

Cheers.

*Klaus Lambrich*

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10 January 2025

Hi Richard,

*"Did my trips to Europe involve motorcycling?" Oh, you bet. I rented a Honda Transalp in Barcelona for a week to do a bit of cruising along the Costa Brava and a bit of zigzagging around Catalunya. The rental then inspired me to buy a Transalp after the white colors became available here in Perth. Ha, North America only get is the black ones!*

*In Germany I have got the use of a Yamaha XJ900 Diversion that my niece inherited from her dad. She is reluctant to ride on account of her having little kids, so I do the maintenance as well as racking up the miles. I took it for a run to Chablis in Burgundy. Would have liked to keep going towards Spain but the weather was terrible.*

*Well, the only picture of me on the Harley I have been the one the salesman took on the day I have picked it up.*

*I have added another one with the bike in full touring set up as well as a picture of the Yamaha and the Transalp for good measure. (See photos on following page—Editor) Unfortunately, as I said earlier: No BMW at the moment.*

*I hope the start of your riding season is not too far away. Take care when skiing, skating, ice fishing and whatever else you northerners do to get through the winter.*

Cheers,

*Klaus Lambrich*

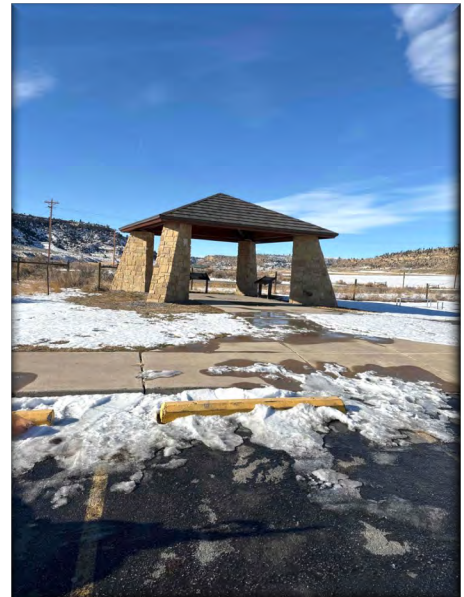
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Letters to the Editor - Klaus Lambrich - (continued)



## Report from the Road - Mike Hofferber

Mike Hofferber plans to ride in every month of 2025, so on January 16th, at 46<sup>o</sup> Fahrenheit he took his Suzuki DR650 for a 30+ mile spin north of Billings, as documented below. Mike plans to make the rest of his winter rides a bit easier, by trailering a bike to Tucson, Arizona in February and following some of the trails in that area. We hope to see photos of these rides. Editor



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## RawHyde Adventures - Will Parker

As I viewed the world of adventure motorcycle riding in February 2024, I concluded that 40 days of the last 730 days was the number of days I trained and toured with RawHyde Adventures. Additionally I had purchased three motorcycles from them. Note: They are an BMW affiliated riding school and feature BMW motorcycles.

730 days ago I really did not know how to ride my GSA (or the GS which I had owned for 11-years) in the dirt. Riding in the dirt for me had been on an improved logging road or my driveway.

Fast forward through Pre-Training (x2), Introduction to Adventure, Baja Tour, Introduction Plus, Private Training (x3), Next Step (x3), Expedition CV, and Continental Divide Ride - now I'm a confident capable rider in the dirt AND I'm not done training with RawHyde.

Riding a motorcycle did not come "easy" for me at all. However, the RawHyde Staff, especially Coach Eric Sachs, has assisted me in getting ready to tour The Americas on my GSA. The cost of training was worth every single cent I spent and much more. Prices for training at RawHyde are criminally underpriced for the value - quality of training and the amenities included in the price, which no doubt are overlooked.

I'm eager for the new Level 5 Class to be introduced and want to be in the Inaugural Class.

RawHyde is a top notch organization with very high quality coaches worthy of your precious time and hard earned dollar."

Dealing with RawHyde is easy. I absolutely love going there, especially the California Facility, though Colorado is an excellent location.

Maybe you are a very experienced ADV rider or had other training. You can work with RawHyde to determine your appropriate level for training. If the level of training you are in is too much for you, they will talk to you about options, to include moving into a lower-level class going on at the same time (no shame).

RawHyde consists of four levels. Levels II through III build upon the previous level. Level IV is considered a "tour" called Expedition CV. The Levels are Introduction to Adventure (Level I), Introduction Plus (Level II), and Next Step (Level III).

With RawHyde, everything is included, other than the bike and gear. Lodging, food, training, hydration, snacks, sunscreen, alcohol, etc.; criminally underpriced. A chef is on staff and prepares some delicious meals with dinner served by the coaches. It is rustic, but very enjoyable. They even have outdoor showers with a view! Customer service is fantastic. Need something? Ask. Problem? Share it with Staff.

Upon departure you receive your graduation certificate, booklet on all skills worked, and RawHyde T-shirt.

Recommendation – If you are going down for any class, I recommend a private day of training with one of the coaches at the front or back end of the training (my coach is Eric Sachs, one of the Senior Coaches and JJ is another excellent Senior Coach). When attending Introduction to Adventure, I highly recommend the Pre-Training Clinic the afternoon prior; if you are renting a bike, there is not a rental fee for the Pre-Training Clinic.



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RawHyde Adventures - Will Parker - (continued)



Need risers on your rental bike? No problem. Take them with you and you can install them; I have an extra set for just such an occasion.

During training you may get sore. Not to worry. If there is enough interest, Jim Hyde's massage therapist comes out. She is AMAZING. You will be exhausted at the end of each day. There is a lot of riding. It is not required, but I have discovered that having an exercise routine well in advance of attending helps.

After each Introduction to Adventure Class, there is further education by way of a two-day ride called Base Camp Alpha in the Mojave Desert using the skills learned in class. You will stay overnight at Zakar (nice facility). I recommend it.

RawHyde also offers many tours. I have been on Big Bikes in Baja, Continental Divide (North), and Expedition CV (Level IV). The tours RawHyde offers which are on my "must" list are: Patagonia and Norway (new and not yet listed).

I am returning to RawHyde in March to ride with my Coach, Eric Sachs, and will be attending Next Step in April again for the fourth time.



What I got out of this training – I can now handle my bike in very challenging and technical off-road terrain. I



am better equipped to look at a situation and realistically answer the questions, "can I handle this?" or "should I go there by myself?". I have worked with my coach a great deal and I've been blessed to have been invited to ride with him where he invites very few to go, as the terrain is so challenging.

At the top of the article, I mentioned RawHyde has BMW Fleet Bikes for sale; most models come with the Premium Package. Right now, they are selling last year's fleet and the bikes come with A LOT of upgrades and training. If you do contact Jim Hyde to inquire/purchase a bike, I would be grateful if you tell him **Will Parker** referred you.



*Will Parker*

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## Report from the Road - John DiBari

As I write this, the weather forecast is for below zero weather, John DiBari dropped the following in my email box:

*"Hi Dick,*

*The group is call the Tucson Adventure Riders.*

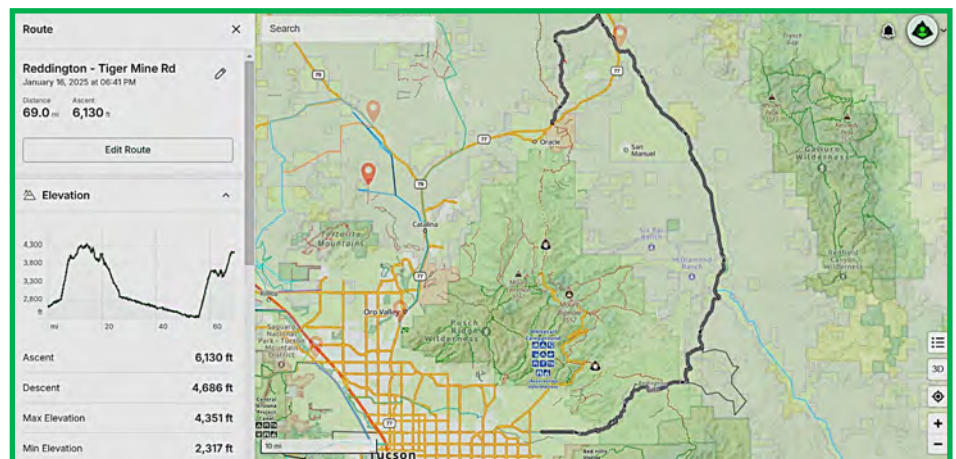
*Here are some photos...*

*The photo of my motorcycle is looking north towards the Catalina Mountains.*

*The other two photos are from a ride I did with three others. In the photo from left to right is Darrell (Yamaha WR250), Lance (1200 GS) and Evan (800 GS). See map - we rode over Reddington Pass, north along the San Pedro River to Mammoth, AZ, then west along the Old Tiger Mine Road.*

*Hope all is well in Missoula!"*

*John*



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**Classified - Tom Moe**

## 2023 Kawasaki KLX 300 for sale.

- Absolutely like new, never down or wet. 120 miles or so. Added Kemimoto tail rack and Rotopax 1 gallon gas can, never used.
- Also available Rigg Gear soft saddle bags – paid \$160, sell for \$100 – never used.
- We have sold our Lewistown, MT home and as such I will not be doing any off-road riding in so time for this wonderful bike to go to a home it will get some use. If you have never ridden one of these, talk about a smooth great handling bike.
- Price: **\$5,500**

I could possibly deliver it to Missoula or west as I need to get my R1200RT to Big Sky Motorsports at some point this summer.

- Contact:

**Tom Moe  
406-599-5226**



August 2024

## Motorcycle gear for sale.

My wife thought she might like to ride but never did so this gear, never used, is for sale. Make reasonable offers and pay for shipping and its yours.

- ◆ Olympia AirGlide 4 jacket size L \
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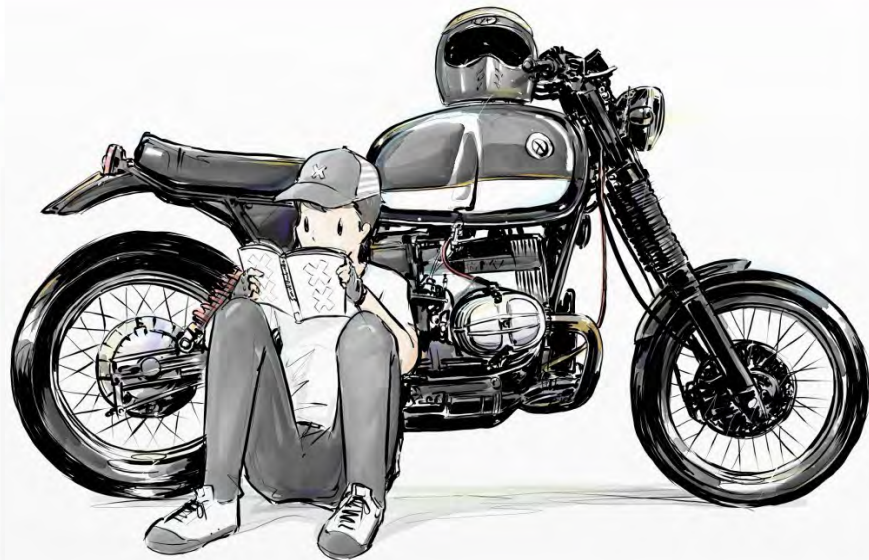


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## Reports from the Road - Mike Hofferber

I think **Mike Hofferber** has found the key to being a 'go-to-chase-truck' driver - mount tire changing equipment on the trailer hitch of his pickup. It looks like a little practice in the by mounting new tires on his 1971 Suzuki TS 185. Editor



**Scott Hecker, Rich Bradley, Mike Hofferber, Pat Endres and John McCloskey** learning the proper procedure to mount a tire using Mike's new tire mounting equipment.



**Early notice for Advanced RiderCourse dates for 2025 in Helena**

**May 31, June 1, July 26, July 27**

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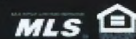
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## **Monthly Ride Schedule - 2025 (Rev 11/09/24)**

| <b>MONTH</b>    | <b>DAY</b>    | <b>DATE</b>                        | <b>LOCATION</b>                        | <b>VENUE</b>               | <b>COMMENTS<br/>1:00 PM All Venues</b>                         |
|-----------------|---------------|------------------------------------|--|----------------------------|--|
| January         | Sunday        | 19 <sup>th</sup>                   | Seely Lake                             | Double Arrow Lodge         | Dine-in Lunch  |
| <b>February</b> | <b>Sunday</b> | <b>16<sup>th</sup></b>             | <b>York</b>                            | <b>York Bar</b>            | <b>Dine-in Lunch</b>   |
| March           | Sunday        | 23 <sup>th</sup>                   | Wilsall                                | The Vault Restaurant       | Dine-in Lunch  |
| April           | Sunday        | 13 <sup>th</sup>                   | Lincoln                                | Lambkins Restaurant        | Dine-in Lunch  |
| May             | Sunday        | 18 <sup>th</sup>                   | Cascade Vicinity                       | Missouri River Bar & Grill | Dine-in Lunch  |
| June            |               | 19 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup> | Lebanon, Tennessee                     | BMW MOA National Rally     | Independent Food Service                                       |
| June            | Sunday        | 22 <sup>th</sup>                   | Lakeside                               | Tamarack Brewing Co.       | Dine-in Lunch  |
| July            | Sunday        | 20 <sup>nd</sup>                   | Ennis                                  | Lion's Park (picnic)       | Picnic-bring your own sandwich, Kalenas Sandwich Shop is close |
| August          |               | 14 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> | Red Lodge                              | Beartooth Beemers          | Annual Beartooth Beemers Rally                                 |
| August          | Sunday        | 24 <sup>th</sup>                   | Phillipsburg                           | Zane Murfitt Park (picnic) | Picnic-bring your own lunch                                    |
| September       | Sunday        | 14 <sup>th</sup>                   | Choteau                                | City Park                  | Picnic-bring your own lunch or buy locally                     |
| October         | Sunday        | 12 <sup>th</sup>                   | Ovando                                 | Trixie's Antler Saloon     | Dine-in Lunch  |
| November        | Sunday        | 16 <sup>th</sup>                   | Basin                                  | Silver Saddle Café         | Dine-in Lunch  |
| December        | TBD           | TBD                                | Regional Gatherings:<br>MSO, HLN, BILL | TBD                        | Local Christmas Parties-venues TBD locally                     |



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## Miscellaneous Rides - Editor

When **Larry Banister** introduced me to the MONTANA BMW RIDERS, I got the distinct impression the club was composed primarily of coffee, pie and bathroom stop folks, who just happened to ride motorcycles. I have since learned, most are hard core riders - on road, off-road, and long roads - and that I am among the former and not the latter. I hope that I have given due coverage to the 'hard-core' riders, and for the rest of us, here is a link **Annie Huddy** provided: (<https://southeastmontana.com/files/SEMT-burger-trail-map.pdf>)

Editor



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## Report from the Road - Stephen Sullivan

### Ends of the World Ride Part 8 - Patagonia

Steve will be riding to the southern end of South America through Patagonia the week of January 27, 2025. He is starting in Santiago, Chile then picking up an Africa Twin in Puncon, Chile. He is doing this trip solo due to a late withdrawal by his riding friend Mike Gold due to health concerns.

Steve hopes to make it to Ushasia, Argentina at the southern tip of South America via Patagonia by February 16<sup>th</sup>.

(This summary was extracted from Stephen's FACTBOOK posting. - Editor)

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## Riding in the rear view mirror - K. Lemke



The Ninemile Steak House, was a watering hole for the Forest Service firefighters including the first smokejumpers at the Ninemile Remount Station - now the Ninemile Remount Depot and Historic Ranger Station - about five miles north. It was also an occasional meeting spot for the Montana BMW Riders as evidenced in the above photo taken in February 1990.

Can you identify the current members in this photo?

**Karen Springer** and **Lynn Sprinker** are kneeling by the wagon wheel and **Rojene Lemke** is the person wearing the red scarf.

The steakhouse burned about ten years ago, but the Remount Depot and Historic Ranger Station is an interesting destination for a day ride from the surrounding area.

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