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Presidents Corner — Larry Manchester



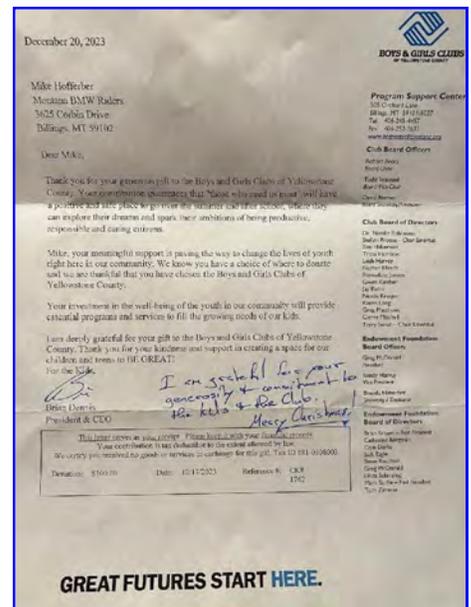
I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas. My wife and I spent Christmas at my daughter's house in Belgrade, and with three Granddaughters ages 3, 5, and 8 along with a new Golden Retriever puppy. There was never a dull moment. It's so much fun to be around kids anxiously waiting for Santa to deliver Christmas presents and we feel blessed to be able to spend time with them during the Holiday Season.

The Club had good turnouts at the annual December Christmas get-togethers. Helena, Missoula, and Billings all hosted parties for Club members and guests. Each party also received a \$100 check from the Montana BMW Riders Club to be given to a local charity in their respective areas. The Missoula Food Bank, Helena Food Share (Club member

Mark Ellzey volunteers there), and the Boys and Girls Club of Yellowstone County all benefited from the generosity of our Club. I would like to thank Chuck Reaves, past President for suggesting that the Club give back to the communities in which we live. We are so fortunate to live and ride in Montana and it makes me proud to belong to an organization that promotes Motorcycling and also helps those less fortunate across our great State.



Along those lines, the Officers have a plan to increase the amount of giving we are able to do. Club Sec/Treasurer Al Murray always grumbles about the dues being \$15.00, which means he has to have change ready when members paying the yearly dues hand him a 20-dollar bill. He sarcastically suggested raising the dues to \$20 dollars. He was just kidding but that suggestion triggered an idea in my simple mind that I bounced off the other officers. So going forward, the yearly Club dues will remain at \$15.00 yearly, but if you hand Al a 20-dollar bill or send in a check for \$20.00, the extra \$5.00 will go into a separate account, and at the end of the year that account will be matched by the Club up to \$500. That money will then divided equally among the Cities hosting Christmas parties to be given to a charity of their choice. If most members send in the extra \$5 dollars, we should have nearly \$1000 to put back in our communities. I am hoping that Kalispell and Bozeman can get parties lined up next year also, so we could divide that money 5 ways. I want to emphasize that this is strictly voluntary on your part, you are not obligated to pay the additional \$5 Dollars. But if, like me, you see the 5 dollars as a small investment to help those in need I hope you will join us in this effort.



We have a great ride schedule this coming year and I look forward to many happy riding miles. Take a look at the attached ride schedule and plan to attend as many meetings as possible. The Ennis meeting will be in conjunction with an off-road ride being organized by **Mike Kreikemeier** and **Jay Cowan** in the Gravelly Range. More to come on that later. Happy New Year! **Don't forget the January Meeting at the Double Arrow in Seeley Lake on the 21st.**

Larry Manchester

President Montana BMW Riders

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Tom Moe - 33028 BMW MOA Regional Coordinator



National Rally – Redmond, OR

I have been looking at places to stay while at the rally (I don't camp) and noticed the Country Inn & Suites, Prineville, OR just about 18 miles from the rally site. It is booking for around \$200.00 per night at this time so I booked it. I booked through hotels.com instead of Priceline, which links on the MOA website, as advance payment was not required on hotels.com as it was on Priceline. Many hotels in Redmond are more like \$350.00 per night or so. I may have a few buds from Sacramento, CA club joining me and would also love to see MTBMWriders as well. There is also a good friend from Sacramento who moved there a few years ago who probably knows some good riding in the area.

Some folks like to stick at the rally grounds day and night, but I prefer to get away frankly and cost is an issue as well. Either way I suspect it will be a great rally and perhaps we can arrange somewhat of a group ride to the rally. I will be coming from Lewistown of course.

THIS IS GOOD NEWS FROM THE MOA.

NEW YEAR BRINGS IMPROVEMENTS TO MOA'S TIRE HAZARD PROTECTION PROGRAM

Improvements to the MOA's Tire Hazard Protection plan are being implemented for 2024. Based on member feedback concerning the program, administration of the reimbursement process for the popular tire protection program will be managed by the MOA membership team. The change is being made to streamline the claims process and provide an improved member experience during the claims process.

Although a popular benefit of the MOA's Roadside Protection program, member feedback indicates there is room for improvement in the claims process. Accordingly, the MOA has elected to directly administer the Tire Hazard Protection program rather than outsourcing to a third party. The MOA Board of Directors believe this change will dramatically improve member satisfaction with the reimbursement claim process.

Changes in the administration of the program will not affect the towing benefits or service network currently provided by NationSafe Driver. For roadside towing or assistance, members should contact NationSafe Driver at (866) 454-4260. Members who have the MOA's Platinum coverage including tire hazard protection will find an online submission form at [BMWMOA.ORG/TIRE](https://www.bmwmoa.org/tire) to submit claim.

Beginning January 1, NationSafe Driver will no longer accept tire reimbursement claims and will inform the member they do not have tire hazard coverage through NationSafe Driver. All questions concerning the tire protection plans should be directed to the MOA's Membership Team at (864) 438-0962.

Along with the change to the administration of the tire reimbursement claim process, the MOA is launching a stand-alone Tire Hazard Protection policy. MOA members can now purchase the Tire Hazard Protection without roadside towing benefits. The Tire Hazard Protection plan allows for two tire replacements per year for damage caused by roadside hazards. Coverage for the Tire Hazard Protection plan is \$50 per year for MOA members and \$79 per year for the general public.

Ride safe, keep the rubber side down.

Tom Moe

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The Year in the Rear View Mirror - Editor



It's that time of the year again, the in-between time - after the holidays, and too early to start the polishing, cleaning and tuning our bikes for next season. Unless winter sports are your past time, or your temporary housing is somewhere south of 40th parallel, it is a slow time for motorcycle riders. As editor, it gives me a chance to reflect, in the Newsletter, of the past year's riding and events. I hope the following photos refresh some interesting, and pleasant memories.

Retiring MONTANA BMW RIDER Club Officers



Mark Johnson, who stepped up from vice president to take on the club's President position when **Chris Keyes** (*Photo on the upper center right*) relocated to Ruston, Louisiana to be Director of the School of Agricultural Sciences & Forestry at Louisiana Tech University.



Dave McCormack, after an extended period as Secretary-Treasurer, which was preceded by a long stint as Editor, also relinquished his responsibilities.



John DiBari, who stepped into the vice-president's position to fill Mark Johnson's position.

Newly Instated MONTANA BMW RIDER Club Officers



Larry Manchester
President



K. Bill Clark
Vice President

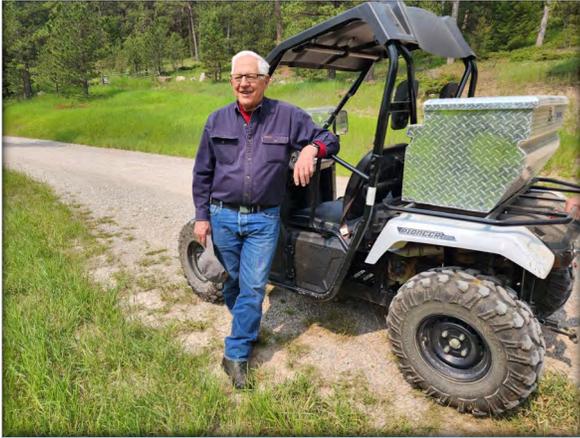


Al Murray
Secretary-Treasurer

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The Carry-Overs



Your Editor



Lance Lerum Webmaster extraordinaire

For starters last year, **Dave Fishbaugh** treated us to an article and photos of a ride that he and his wife **Mary** took through the southern tip of Africa.



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Another good gathering at the Double Arrow in Seely Lake.



Annie Huddy's new ride, in waiting.



A new venue for one of our monthly meetings - the Vault Restaurant in Wil-sall, Montana complete with a cowboy waiter.

I believe he was the real thing, and probably owner of the Vault.

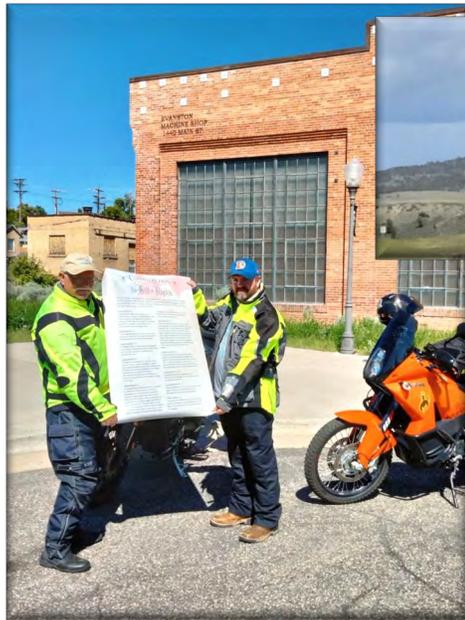


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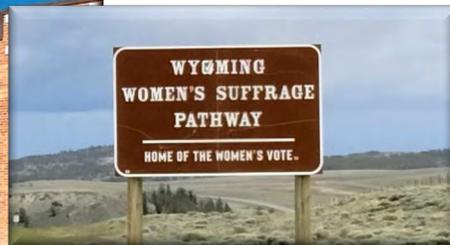
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Lance Lerum, Mike Kreikemeier, Jay Cowan and Kevin Wolfe took the 'Wrong Way Round' with a 1,300 mile ride in Ireland. Lots of sheep, but no Leprechauns.



Larry Manchester and his son handing off the Bill of Rights on it's relay ride to Washington D. C.



Terry Pohland's new ride, a 2023 CAN AM Spyder Limited.



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Brian Campbell and Kim Smolt participated in the Rose City Motorcycle Club Oregon 500, and each finished in 1st place in two of the categories.



Tech Day at the Huddy's Outpost drew a large crowd of hungry enthusiasts.

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Ken Conrad's and Udell Sharp conducted the Advanced RiderCourse



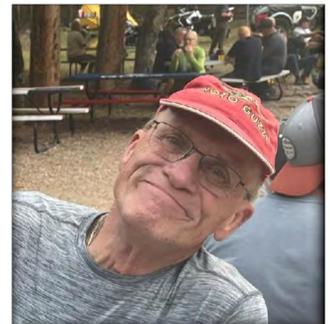
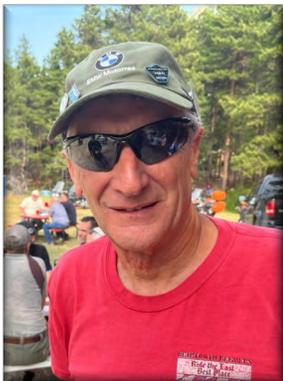
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Beartooth Rendezvous—2023



Lions Club Kids Camp, on the banks of Rock Creek, is the site of the annual Beartooth Rendezvous. Most camp on site.



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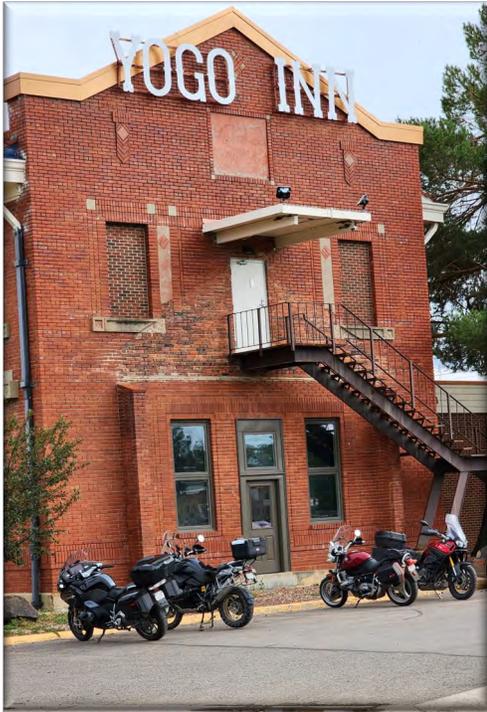


Photo by Pat Endres— Beartooth Highway



New Ride - Don Davis



Monthly Meeting in Ennis, Montana

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Wounded Knee Memorial Motorcycle Run

August 4-5, 2023

Honoring the trail of Chief Big Foot

Ft. Yates, ND to Eagle Butte, SD to Wounded Knee, SD

The mission of the Wounded Knee Memorial Motorcycle Run is to preserve the memory of the innocent Lakota People who suffered and died on December 29, 1890. We will honor the ancestors through prayer and ceremony by remembering and paying our respects.

Educational programs coordinated throughout the Run will be presented by the Descendants of the Wounded Knee Massacre bringing awareness to all people; then healing and unity can be achieved.

Thursday, Aug. 3, 2023	Friday, Aug. 4, 2023	Saturday, Aug. 5, 2023
Pre-Registration: 6:00 - 9:00pm (est) Prairie Knights Casino	Registration: 8:00-10:00am(est) KSU @ Prairie Knights Casino Programs @ Fort Yates, ND @ Little Eagle, SD @ Eagle Butte, SD	Registration: 7:00-8:00am(est) KSU @ Eagle Butte, SD Programs @ Bridger, SD @ Wounded Knee

Ride at your own Risk!
This Run is Drug & Alcohol Free!
Not responsible for injury or theft!

DISCLAIMER: The Wounded Knee Memorial Motorcycle Run is not affiliated with any other motorcycle events during this time.

Contact Info: Dave Janis: 605-441-3038 or davejanis@hotmail.com
Nancy White Eyes: 605-441-2208 or newwhiteeyes@yahoo.com
Facebook: Wounded Knee Memorial Motorcycle Run 2023*



Rowan McQuarrie annual participation in the ride to honor the indigenous people massacred at Wounded Knee.



Mike Hofferber, Billings, makes it a point to participate in the Raddogs IRO (Independent Riders Organization) annual toy run. They have been collecting toys for Montana kids for nearly four decades. In recent years, they have donated nearly \$60,000 worth of gifts.



Only a Ural sidecar rig could be used to entertain kids!

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"I wonder where that road goes?" - Why we ride



"Do you think you could hook up the trailer and come down here and pick me up?" "Yes, ER at the hospital."



A good day at Trixi's



November Meeting - Basin, Montana



Tres Amigos headed into the Elkhorn mountains for a late season ride.

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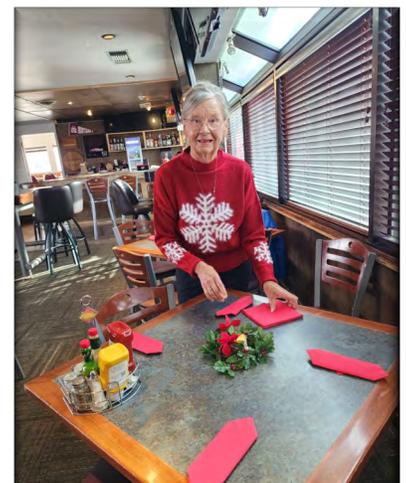
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End of year, or Christmas Parties. The MONTANA BMW RIDERS, now over 140 members, from North Dakota, Wyoming, Colorado, Canada, Nebraska, and all corners of Montana, precludes a 'Club' Christmas function that is practical for all members to attend. Consequently, we are starting to develop regional functions, in order that all members have an opportunity to celebrate a year-end gathering with fellow riders and guests. This year, the **Huddy's** hosted a luncheon at the Outpost, another was held at the Press Box Sports bar in Missoula, and third was hosted by **Gary Armstrong**. The photos following this are from these functions.

Editor



From the bottom left, **Rosemary Armstrong, Mike Hofferber, Gary Armstrong, John McCloskey, Terry Pancich, Rich Bradley, Dave Fishbaugh, Lisa Bradley and Pam Hofferber.** **Pat Endres** - the fellow in the light blue shirt in the photo on the left - was the photographer.



Sandy Knutsen took over the table decorations responsibility

A group from Missoula and the surrounding area congregated at the Press Box in Missoula, in between Grizzly football games. President **Larry Manchester** giving a 'state of the Club' address.

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Club's Annual Mileage Contest - Larry Banister

2023 BMW Mileage Contest Summary

The results of our 2023 annual mileage contest were unveiled at the Missoula location of the Montana BMW Riders annual Christmas party on December 9th. Crowding the marching band and pyrotechnics into the room with all of the guests was an amazing feat which needed to be seen to be appreciated. (See photos of the party elsewhere in this newsletter.)

We had a total of 20 members who completed the arduous requirements of the contest. (Namly filling out the beginning and ending mileage and submitting written evidence of same within the contest timelines!!) The mileages this year spanned the gap between the high mileage of 18,716 and a low mileage of 417 (excluding one member who actually reported "0"!)

The outright winner this year, most miles ridden is **Phil Yasenak**, who accumulated a total of 18,716 miles on his Honda Goldwing. For his accomplishments, Phil's name is memorialized on our "Montana BMW Riders Mileage Register" (Phil was awarded the plaque *in absentia*) and he has received a check from the club for \$75.00. Our club mileage register is on display at Big Sky BMW.



2011 - Marg Lang	2018 - Kevin Huddy
2012 - Kevin Huddy	2019 - Mike Meredith
2013 - Kevin Huddy	2020 - Mike Meredith
2014 - Marg Lang	2021 - Mike Meredith
2015 - Don Deuel	2022 - Kevin Huddy
2016 - Marg Lang	2023 - Phil Yasenak
2017 - Mike McInerney	

The "average mileage winner" is **Tom Moe** who accumulated 4,777 miles between his two R1200RT's. The average winner is the one who's total mileage is closest to the average mileage calculated by dividing the total miles ridden by all participants by the total number of participants. That number this year was 4,850. For his efforts, **Tom Moe** is receiving a check from the club in the amount of \$50.00.



As an incentive to all who participated, we remove the names of the outright winner and the average mileage winner, put all the remaining participants names into a hat, and draw one who is entitled "at large winner". This year **Chuck**

Reaves is that winner and received a check for \$50.00. (Chuck was unable to attend the gala event this year as he's two days away from surgery to replace his knee!)



From my experience in the vast world of motorcycling, BMW riders are recognized for their dedication to safety and for actually using their motorcycles. Attending the various rallies over the years, it was interesting to watch participants looking at the speedometers of the various bikes to see the accumulated mileage. The general consensus seemed to be that a motorcycle having less than 100,000 miles on the clock was still being broken in! This contest is a way to perpetuate that image within the motorcycling community. Thanks to all who participated, it is always an honor and privilege to preside over the annual mileage contest.

Larry Banister

Montana BMW Riders
Mileage Contest Coordinator



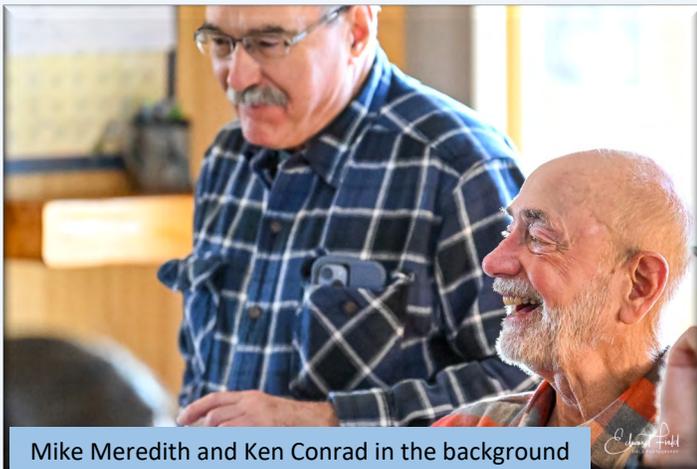
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The Outpost Hostess (**Annie Huddy** above) and Host (**Kevin Huddy** upper right) provided a Christmas Party setting for the Montana BMW Riders in the Helena area. **Nance** and **Don Davis** with **Lance Lerum** on the lower right. Overall, about 20 members and guests attended the function.

All of the photos are by Edward Field Photography



Mike Meredith and Ken Conrad in the background



Annie



Donna McInerney—Prolific cookie baker.



Kathy Field

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Photo by Robert Carpenter

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Rides and Plans for the 2024 Riding Season

I put out a call for riding plans for the 2024 season, and are there plans! I couldn't capture all of the events, rides and ideas for the 2024 season, but have tried to summarize a few of them on the following pages. As editor, I am looking forward to a lot of articles and numerous photos recording the memories of this season's rides. We are looking forward to the BMW MOA Rally in Redmond, Oregon where 16 members along with 14 spouses and guests are planning to attend. **Dave** and **Mary Fishbaugh** have another international ride in the planning stage. Our three wheeler riders (sidecar contingent) will be negotiating their temperamental steeds to such places as Mount Rushmore and to the BMW MOA Rally.

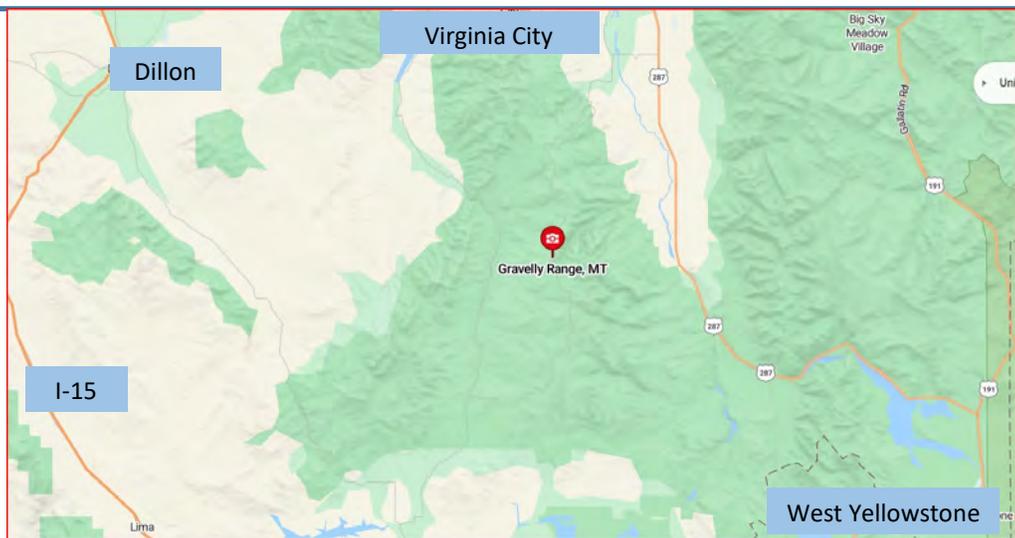
It looks like it will be a full season.

Editor

THE GRAVELLY RANGE RIDE

Lance Lerum, Jay Cowan and Mike Kreikemeier are organizing one of this year's major events, an off road backcountry ride through the Gravelly Range. The **Gravelly Range**, situated south of Virginia City, Montana in Madison County, is a captivating mountain range within the **Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest**. Its highest peak, Black Butte, stands at an elevation of 10,542 feet. This range spans approximately 310,000 acres.

The current ride schedule is 19 through 21 July with Cottonwood Campground being the basecamp.



Mostly Dirt



Al Murray has targeted 2024 as the Year-of-Dirt. Al, along with **Jason Andreas** have been reviewing *gpsKevin Adventure Rides*. This would be a self-guided ride using a microSD Card for a Garmin GPS, a complete set of tank bag reference maps and Big Picture overview maps designed in combination with the microSD card. Truly an adventure ride.



Death Valley

Bob Pauley plans to keep his ten year run going, an annual ride in Death Valley National Park.



Winter over

John DiBari plans to spend the his winter in Tucson, Arizona and ride the mountains and valleys of southern Arizona. This will include the southern sections of the Arizona BDR, snow and weather dependent, and the borderlands.



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International Ride

Dave and Mary Fishbaugh will be leaving the second week of March for Lisbon, Portugal to meet up with seven other riders for two weeks of riding in Morocco. The group will take a ferry from Spain, across the Mediterranean to Tangier. We can look forward Dave's detailed riding adventure articles.

After that, a ride to the Black Hills, South Dakota, and then the BMW MOA Rally.

A full riding season for sure.



Just Ride

Gary Guse has the BMW MOA Rally on his schedule, and then follow that with the Chief Joseph Rally in John Day, Oregon. Perhaps the Gravelly Range ride also.

Meander About



Annie and I (Kevin Huddy) have one longish trip planned for the 2024 riding season. Travel has become a bit more complex to schedule now that we have two pups to contend with, but we were fortunate to find some kind hearted friends who are willing to house and dog sit for us.

We have a rough outline of a trip that is built around two events we wish to attend. They are the BMWMOA National rally in Redmond, OR, 12-16 June and the FJR/Dual Sport/ADV Bike, Non-Rally in the Black Hills, 20-23 June. The latter is being put on by our friend John who lives in Spearfish; many of you met him at the last TechDay. He is one of many current and former FJR riders who ride a BMW.

We will depart the Outpost on or about 4 June and make our way to the Reno area. There we will visit friends from our Alaska days and perhaps make a short visit to Yosemite NP. We will then make our way across California to the coast, most likely getting to the coast at Ft. Bragg. From there we plan to meander up the coast, taking our time and making side trips as deemed worthy. At Florence, OR we will leave the coast and make our way to Redmond and the MOA shindig. Following the rally, we will head to Spearfish for the FJR gathering and some rides around the Black Hills. A fantastic riding area. Then it is back to the Outpost to relieve our kind canine custodians.

There are many details to decide upon, but we seldom follow the plan anyway. We will likely camp a great deal on the MT/CA/OR leg of the trip, and perhaps the OR to SD leg as well, but our time in the Black Hills will be all in a motel.

Kevin



BMW MOA Rally

John and Janet Webster have the BMW MOA Rally in Redmond, Oregon on their schedule for 2024. In the 2023 riding season, John and Janet rode to the Christian Motorcycle Association National Rally in Gillette, Wyoming. I suspect there will be some CMA rides on their schedule in 2024 also.



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Two Wheelers aside

Ken Conrad, who has had a lot of seat time on two-wheelers, both domestically and internationally, plans to make a run to the South Dakota/Black Hills area on one of his sidecar rigs. When Ken described it, it sounded like a lot of “...that road is headed about the right direction....” riding, on his sidecar rig. Obviously, he is not in a hurry.

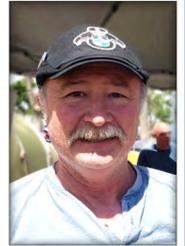


A Full Season—Domestically and Internationally

Lon McComas has the BMW MOA Rally on his schedule, then maybe Chief Joseph Rally, or Cascade Country Rally. Lon has been researching a guided ride by [Hertz Rides](https://www.hertzride.com/us/motorcycle-tours/guided-motorcycle-tours-1/alpine-routes-77) - four countries (Switzerland, Germany and Austria) starting and ending in Milan, Italy.

Lon also extended an invitation to any other MONTANA BMW RIDERS who may be interested in this ride. Their link is:

- <https://www.hertzride.com/us/motorcycle-tours/guided-motorcycle-tours-1/alpine-routes-77>;



Expanding the Options

Rebecca Coursey has a slide-out camper prograded for her pickup, then off to Colorado and Utah with one of her bikes (Yamaha XT250 or a BMW F750) to ride with friends, explore on her own with a good bed and good coffee waiting in the camper. All of that will be followed by attending the BMW MOA Rally in Redmond, Oregon.



Off-Road Training Courses

New member **Tim Hoppin** wants to participate in some off-road or adventure riding courses with the newly acquired 2021 BMW R1200GSA as well as an advanced riding course. His top priority for 2024 is proper training, both on and off the road.

Deadhorse, Alaska

Start in Kalispell, Montana in July and head for Deadhorse, Alaska. That is **Will Parker's** plan for this season. His schedule is to take his time, take photos and videos, and generally follow a “... I wonder what is over there....” schedule, and top it off with a swim in the Artic Ocean. This is a delayed bucket list item.



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Your editor and Dean (*Easy Rider*) Hall have promised ourselves to ride the International Selkirk Loop, a simple 280 mile ride with lots of side-rides and side-loops. It is designated as one of only 32



All-American Road National Scenic Byways in the U.S., but seems to include a Canadian segment. Several other Club riders have expressed an interest in making this ride also.

New Rides for 2024



Annie Huddy has been in the process of upgrading her sidecar rides for several years. The latest, above, is having LBS adding a sidecar to her 2017 BMW R1200GS, in addition, having the shock absorbers replaced and a trail reduction modification installed. It is definitely an international rig - sidecar frame from the Netherlands, the shock absorbers from Europe, and the bike from Germany. The paint job will be local.



Rick Kuschel, known for his collection of fine classic cars and motorcycles, came across a two-cycle motor for a bicycle, and a 50's bicycle. Above is the result of this marriage. We hope to see Rick on this at the next meeting of the Sunday Morning Breakfast Club at the Claim Jumper.

CORRECTION; **Stephen Littfin** advised me Mike Paull at LBS Sidecars is now in Poulsbo, Washington on the Kitsap Peninsula (Gateway to the Olympic Peninsula). His address is now: 24687 Big Valley Rd NE, Poulsbo, WA 98370.

I had reported this incorrectly in the December 2023 Newsletter.

Editor



A temporary 'new' ride, courtesy of **Phil Haugland** for the Little Belts run. Editor

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Nate Bertland
OWNER



Andy Main
MASTER CERTIFIED BMW TECHNICIAN



Nik Anderson
BMW & KTM CERTIFIED TECHNICIAN

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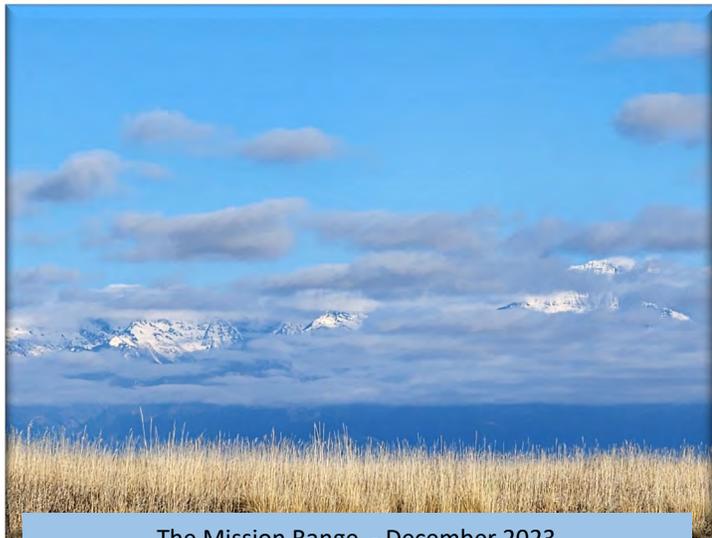
MONTANA BMW RIDERS Hats - K. Bill Clark

Ten dollars each; contact any of the club officers, Larry Manchester, Al Murray or me.

(Contact information on last page of Newsletter)



K. Bill Clark



The Mission Range - December 2023



Photo by the Huddys

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CLASSIFIED - Ken Conrad

Virtually brand-new **Yuasa** battery. It's a sealed maintenance-free battery, can be installed upright, on its side, upside down, etc. Yuasa number YTZ14S. Honda part number 31500-MCR-D03AH. Less than 25 miles of use.

I replaced this new battery in my 2016 Africa Twin/DMC sidecar rig, thinking I had a defective battery, only to find out a poor negative lead ground connection was causing the issues; Hence, I have an extra, almost brand-new battery. It was tested by the Honda dealer in Helena, showing it meets its stated capacity. I can provide a copy of the test data upon request.



Battery dimensions are: 5-7/8" length x 4-1/4" tall x 3-3/8" deep. Positive terminal is on the left.

This battery was a \$209.45 cost, no installation cost, at the Missoula Honda dealer. The receipt is available upon request.

This battery needs a good home, so make an offer that recaptures a reasonable amount of my cost.

Ken Conrad

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kcaf47@gmail.com



The sidecar riders, **Ken Conrad** above and to the right, and the **Huddy's** took advantage of some warm December days to circulate the Missouri River reservoirs east of Helena.



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Classified - Todd Jones

2016 R1200 RS Sport Touring Bike with Premium and Touring Builds (Cruise Control, Heated Grips)

- ⇒ 42,560 miles
- ⇒ Smoked taller windscreen with original
- ⇒ Bar risers
- ⇒ Clearwater LED driving lights
- ⇒ Rich's leather saddle
- ⇒ Lockable saddle bags with interior luggage bags
- ⇒ Navigator V (currently not installed)
- ⇒ Metzler Roadtec Z6 tires
- ⇒ Fresh Oil and Filter Change

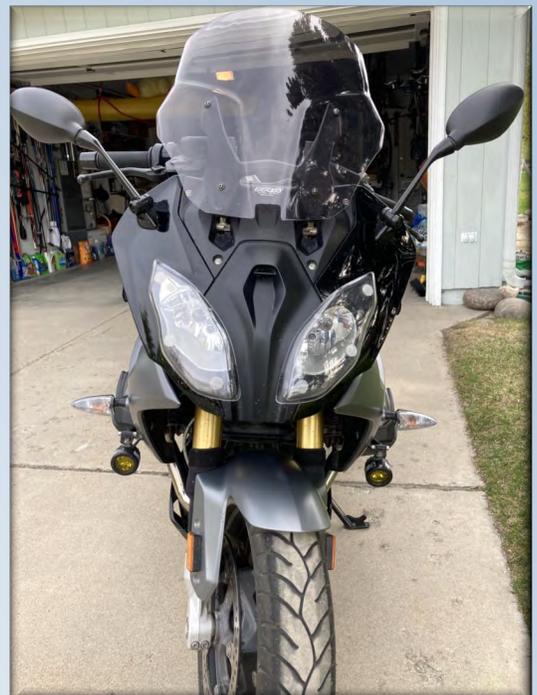
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Contact:

Todd Jones: **406-437-1256**

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Classifieds - Pat Endres

Motorcycle Riding Gear

I am 5'-11", 210lbs, and these fit well.

1. Olympia Moto-X ADV suit, XL jacket, 36" pants, hydration pack, hip/knee/elbow/shoulder/back pads. Full zip pants, thermal liners and rain shells. No wrecks – nice condition. \$175.00
2. Sidichi Aventura ADV suit, XL jacket and pants, knee/shoulder/elbow/back D3O pads. Thermal and rain liners. Used for a 3 day road trip from Reno to Billings. Like new. \$200.00
3. Bilt Evolution Jacket and Storm 2 pants with thermal liners, full zip pants. XXL but fits like XL. Knee/shoulder/elbow pads. Used 2 days on a Phoenix-Yuma-Phoenix road trip. Like new. \$150.00
4. Joe Rocket over pants, L, full zip, rain liner, knee/hip pads. Used 2-3 times. Like new. \$75.00 --

Pat Endres

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Classified - Chad Householder

2002 BMW R1150GS - \$4,500 - 58,649 miles

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- Extra riding gear if it fits
- **Contact Chad Householder at 208-850-1497**
- Motorbike is in Missoula



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MONTANA BMW RIDERS RIDE SCHEDULE - 2024

Month	Location	Venue	Day	Time	Comments
January 21	Seely Lake	Double Arrow Lodge	Sunday	1:00 PM	Club Lunch - Dine-in
February 18	Helena	Grubstake	Sunday	1:00 PM	Club Lunch - Dine-in
March 23	Wilsall	The Vault	Saturday	1:00 pm	Club Lunch - Dine-in
April 21	Lincoln	Lambkins	Sunday	1:00 PM	Club Lunch - Dine-in
May 17-18	Huddy Tech Days	Huddy's Outpost	Friday Thru Saturday	All Day	Maintenance, repair, tire changes, cook-out
May 19	Canyon Ferry Lake	Cave Bay	Sunday	1:00 PM	Picnic – Bring your own lunch
June 13-16	Redmond, Oregon	Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center	Thursday Thru Sunday	All Day	BMW MOA MEMBERSHIP@BMWMOA.ORG
June 23	Big Fork	Echo Lake Café	Sunday	1:00 PM	Club Lunch – Dine-in
July 19-21	Gravelly Range	Cotton Wood Camp Ground—Ruby River	Friday Thru Sunday	All Day	Camping Only Refer to comments on following page
July 21	Ennis	Sportsman's Club	Sunday	1:00 PM	This might become a picnic lunch.
August 15-17	Beartooth Beemer's Rendezvous	Red Lodge	Thursday Thru Saturday	All Day	BEARTOOTHBEEMER.ORG
August 25	Phillipsburg	City Park	Sunday	1:00 PM	Picnic – Bring your own lunch
September 15	White Sulphur Springs	Jesse Pepper's Smoke Shack	Sunday	1:00 PM	Club Lunch - Dine-in
October 13	Ovando	Trixi's	Sunday	1:00 PM	Club Lunch - Dine-in
November 17	Butte	TBD	Sunday	1:00 PM	
December	Regional Parties				Locations To be determined

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MONTANA BMW RIDERS RIDE SCHEDULE - 2024 (CONTINUED)

The Gravelly range is one of the great riding areas in Montana and being way down on the southwest end of the state many riders have not yet experienced the great roads and scenery in this area. Gallatin members, **Jay Cowan** and **Mike Kreikemeier**, have generously volunteered to organize a gravel road ride in the Gravelly Range for MTBMWriders this summer. Picking a time and place for these events is always difficult as no one place or time can accommodate everyone wishing to participate. It was concluded that July would be the best time to hold this ride in order to not compete with other months' events, late enough in the summer to have the snow off and roads open, meadows green and full of wildflowers, and hopefully prior to a smoke season when views would be obscured.

They settled on the weekend in July of Fri 19- Sun 21. The ride would end on Sunday when we meet other members at our monthly lunch in Ennis, which also allows us to gather up and ensure that everyone has made it out of the mountains. Initially we were planning on staying at the Elk Lake Resort. However, they have not yet returned calls, and although this would have been a great site, after further consideration decided that this location, which is way at the southern end of the range, with one way in and out, would limit the ability to maximize our riding opportunities for the rest of the range. It is now felt that camping at **Cottonwood Campground** along the Rudy River, central to the range, would provide an enhanced opportunity to experience the Gravelly. This campground is located along the main Rudy River-Centennial Divide Road which is 'Winnebago rated' and is about 37 miles south of Alder, MT. The location also offers an opportunity for less adventurous riders to ride good gravel roads through the Ruby and to explore the Red Rock Lakes area.

This is a popular campground and, with the good road in, is perfectly suitable for those wishing to arrive in their camper or motor home. There are ten designated campsites and many overflow sites nearby. The campground has outhouses but no potable water and therefore no fees. It is my intention to trailer my bike up on Thursday and claim a site and to haul in extra fuel, water, firewood, coolers, etc. on my trailer or in my camper. I have created a form on our website that those interested in participating can complete and submit electronically so we can get a head count and contact information for future coordination and planning. Just open the website mtbmwridders.org, navigate to the Events page, and scroll down to the Gravelly Ride and form button. I'm confident you can handle it from there. If you have troubles give me a call, **406-521-0468**.

Jay and Mike guided me through the Gravelly Range last year (my first time) and I loved it. This will be a come-camp-and-ride type event...very low key. If you desire to be pampered and have all things provided, like in a guest ranch scenario, you should probably look elsewhere. But if you are looking for a fun time (and I've ridden with these two often and we always have a great time) click that form button and come join us. Once we have received an idea of who is interested, I will then create a contact email list and we can finalize details with those participating. Let's try to get the responses back in January (although there is no cutoff deadline for participation) so we can gauge interest and finalize plans this winter.

Thanks,

Lance Lerum



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Classified - Bob Jeffrey

For Sale: Motorcycle Gear, BMW Parts & Other Cool Stuff

As an ex-MT BMW Rider member that no longer rides, I have motorcycle goodies left over from my 30+ year riding career that I would like to sell. Below is a brief description of most of the items but I have kept the list short to save space in the newsletter. If interested, please email me and I'll send a detailed list with prices, and with pictures if desired. Thanks for looking and feel free to make offers!

Heavy Duty Leather Jacket and Pants: jacket has ventilation panels, gray, size 48 with a snap-in thermal liner. The touring pants are size 38-40"W x 32-33"L with heavy-duty knee & hip pads, and are fully lined with perforated mesh. Would prefer both together for \$300 OBO but will sell the pants first.

Marsee RM-3021 Tank Bag: expandable 20 liters with quick release mounting straps, rain cover, black and silver colored, awesome unit in excellent condition! \$50

OEM BMW Parts & Tools: tire Irons, oil filter wrench, oil drain plug washers (3), misc. air/oil head small parts, new R1100GS tank decals & alternator cover screw, R100GS rear turn signal reflectors & bulbs, oil pan gasket & crush washer, halogen HB4 light bulbs: HB4 and more...

Riding Gear & Clothes: kidney belt, safety vest, rain pants (2 pr), rubber boot totes and waterproof socks. Heavy duty tie-down straps (2 pr), bungee cords and cargo nets.

Books & Brochures: collectible BMW sales brochure for 1993 R1100RS, World Superbike race program with autographs, *Motorcycle Touring and Travel* by Bill Stermer, and autographed 1st edition copy of *10 Years on 2 Wheels* by Helge Pedersen – all in excellent condition.

Please Contact:

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Helena, MT
(406) 495-0059
robertkjeffrey@msn.com



Willing to dicker or possibly trade for shooting stuff: ammo, reloading supplies or ?

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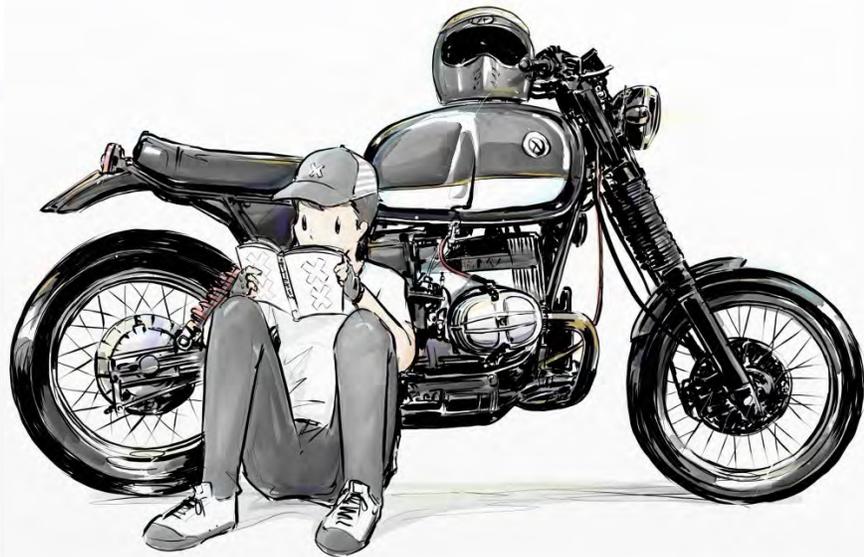


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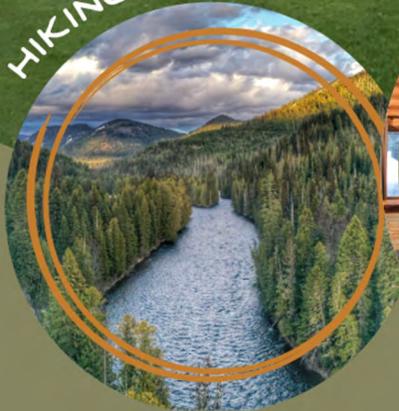
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I reside in Whitefish and would consider delivering the bike to locations in or near Montana.



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