

# MONTANA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER

BMW Motorcycle Club  
Montana BMW Riders



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## President's Corner – Larry Manchester



A couple of weeks ago the Magnificent Seven, (**Larry Manchester**-S Tenere 1200, **Ken Senn**-1200 Tiger, **Joe Frechette**-1200GS, **Ken Conrad**-Africa Twin Sidecar rig, **Lynden Clark**-1200GS, **Mike Hoferber**-1200RT, and **Dean Hall**-1200GS) embarked on the Mountains and Museums ride. We agreed to officially start the ride in Red Lodge on a Sunday morning and head over the Beartooth Highway.

Five of us came from the Missoula-Bitterroot area, one from Helena and one from Billings. Most of us used Saturday to ride to Red Lodge.

Dean chose the all Interstate route, Ken Senn, Lynden, and I took the scenic route through Wisdom, Dillon, Twin Bridges, Whitehall, to 4 corners. Joe met up with us in Whitehall; he took Skalkaho Highway over to Anaconda, Butte and Whitehall. Joe was just starting to fill up in Whitehall when we 3 pulled up on the opposite side of the pumps - great timing. We rode through Norris to the 4-Corners for a nice lunch at the Kountry Korner Cafe. A nice lady in the Cafe noticed our riding gear and asked if we were snowmobiling. In August?

We jumped on the Interstate at Belgrade and rode to Columbus for the nice ride through Absaroka and onto Red Lodge. A great day riding, we were all tired but anxious for the ride over the Beartooth the next morning. Unfortunately, the Magnificent Seven became the Better than Average Six. Dean's 1200GS ran great to Red Lodge, but sometime during the night the BMW gremlins hit and the next morning the BMW went into limp mode when started up, with no throttle control at all. We were sad to have to leave Dean behind, but that gives us an excuse to ride the Beartooth again.

Ken Conrad led us up the Beartooth on his sidecar rig. I have new respect for how well those rigs can take corners. I am sure having an experienced rider like Ken helps too. We stopped at the Grand Vista Scenic pullout for some pictures. We all soon learned that anytime Ken Conrad stops, a crowd would gather to talk about and look at the sidecar. There is no such thing as a 5 minute stop when riding a sidecar. We split up while Ken was talking sidecars, a few of us wanted to stop at the Top of the World store for some stickers. On the way there we stopped for some pictures and Ken and Mike passed by, so we figured to meet up at the Store. Unbeknown to us they pulled over at a place we could not see them and when we got to the store they were not there. We waited 20 minutes or so and then moved on thinking they were on the way to Cody. We stopped a couple more times, the last being the Sunlight Basin viewpoint, what a view!



From the right, **Lynden Clark**, **Mike Hofferber**, **Ken Senn**, **Ken Conrad**, **Joe Frechette** and **Larry Manchester**. **Dean Hall** was the photographer.

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We got to Cody and checked in and no Ken Conrad nor Mike. We were tired, and a little worried about the wayward souls. All of us had been to the Buffalo Bill Museum before so it was not a big deal to miss it. After an hours wait, two of us started back towards the Chief Joseph Highway to look for our missing riders. About 15 miles out of Cody I noticed the outline of a sidecar rig followed by a motorcycle headed our way. They had been found. We followed them into Cody to find out they had taken a side trip to Cooke City to look for pie! They will never live that one down. Dinner at the Irma Motel in Cody was a good ending for the day.



We had a good breakfast in Cody and headed south toward Thermopolis, Wyoming and my hometown of Shoshoni, Wyoming. The ride through Wind River Canyon is amazing and well worth the trip. There is a new convenience store/truck stop in Shoshoni called the Fast Lane. It is quite a place. We got gas and refreshments there and took a break. Shoshoni is almost the midpoint of the Wyoming BDR, and there were many off road riders at the Fast Lane also. I think including our bikes I counted 18 bikes or so. We were looking forward to the National Museum of Military Vehicles (NMMV) just east of Dubois, Wyoming so we hit the road and took a back way through the Missouri Valley area. I lived in that area prior to moving to Missoula in 2005, bringing lots of memories as we rode through the farmland.

The NMMV did not disappoint. It is a world class-museum and I highly recommend it. The admission is good for two days. Veterans get a discount by the way. And if you want to do the Museum properly two days is needed. We spent about 3-½ hours there and barely touched the surface. There are every kind of military vehicle imagined, from WWI, WWII, the Korean war and of course the Vietnam era. There are planes and helicopters outside as well. They have a nice cantina that serves food and our favorite, ice cream. I walked the main winding hallway through all of the exhibits and did not have time to read all the information posted. When I got back to the front desk and told them I had walked all the way they told me that was 1.5 miles! My artificial knees can attest to that.

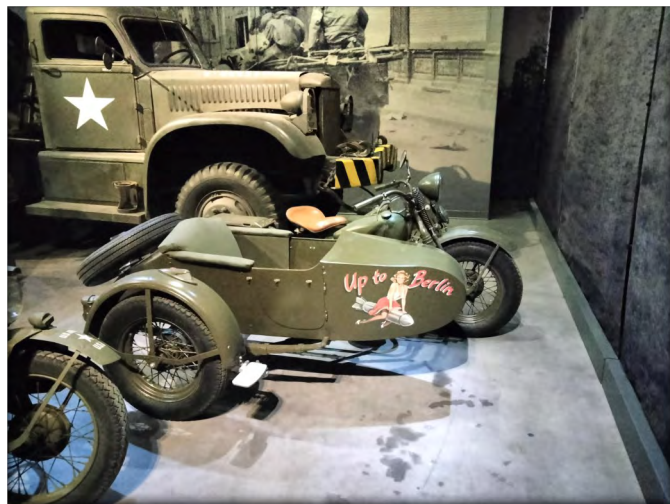


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We imagined a much younger **Kevin Huddy** actually wrenching!



**Ken Conrad's** most interesting exhibit.

The Twin Pines Lodge in Dubois was our home for the night. Very cozy, and other than the fire siren right across from the motel that went off around midnight, it was very quiet. The ride over Togwotee pass the next morning was met with some smoke. Two forest fires had sprung up in the area from lightning strikes. It obscured the view of the Tetons until we dropped down in the Gros Ventre Valley closer to Jackson. The view of the Tetons never gets old. We took the Moose-Wilson Road to Teton Village thus avoiding the traffic in downtown Jackson. Had a nice lunch in Wilson at a Cafe where Lynden's nephew is part owner. From there a short ride over Teton Pass to Victor and Driggs Idaho and a twisty two lane road through farm country to Ashton, Idaho where we stayed for the night. Ken Conrad recommended the Rankin Motel in Ashton, built in 1939 and it is still in the same family. Great little motel with some cabins and motel rooms.

The next morning, we said goodbye to Mike as he headed off to Billings. Ken Conrad had a little issue with lost keys but after a few minutes we were ready to ride. Ken Conrad suggested the scenic ride up to Mesa Falls. What a beautiful side trip, and the short hike down to the falls is rewarded with great views of the Henry's Fork cascading over the Falls. The road brought us out in the Island Park area, and we all continued on to Ennis along the Madison River. At Ennis Ken Conrad broke off and headed for home in East Helena. The four remaining riders rode through Virginia City, Twin Bridges, Dillon and west to Wisdom and into the Bitterroot Valley. I have ridden that route many times and it is amazing each time. I got home around six that night, the trip meter on the Tenere read 1,235 miles. Miles and miles of smiles.

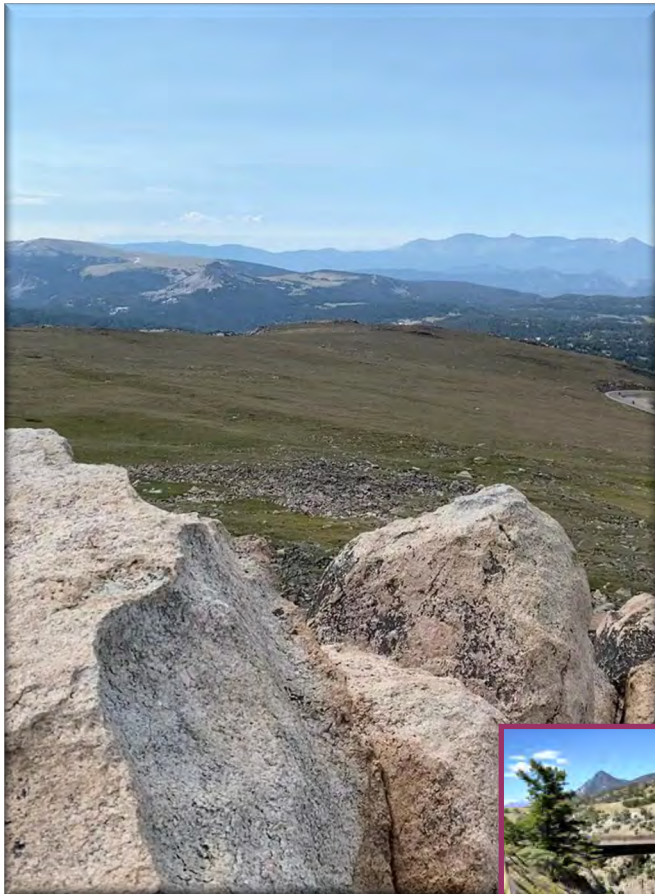
It was a great ride with some great friends. We shared a few beers, (after riding for the day) of course. We told some stories, (they made fun of my Bigfoot stories), and we laughed a lot. Makes me want to start planning another trip for next summer. Any ideas out there?



*Larry Manchester*

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A Photographic view of Mountains and Museums Ride - Mike Hofferber

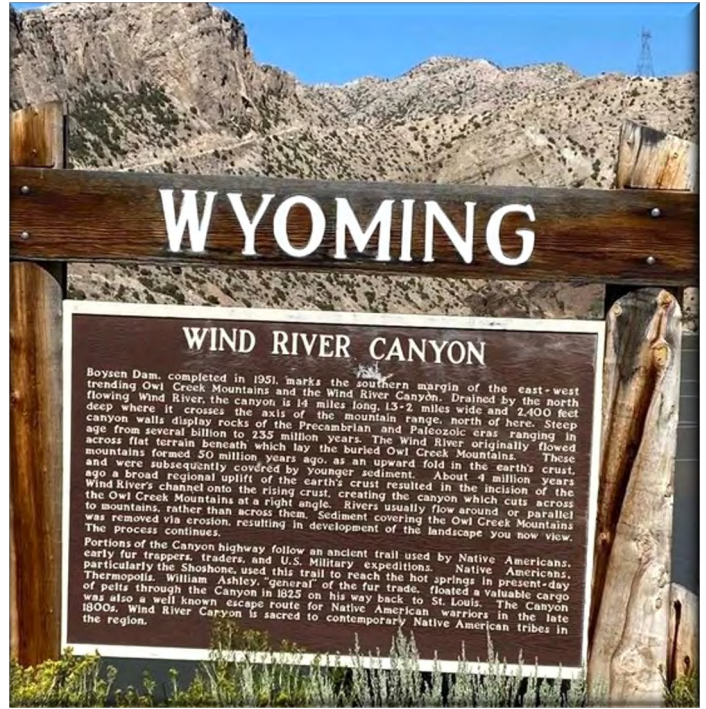
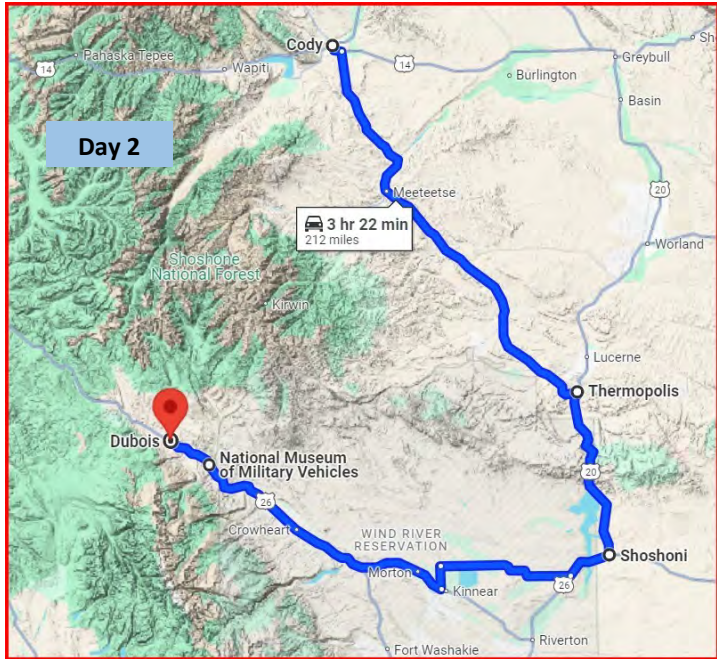


Pie at the Silvergate!



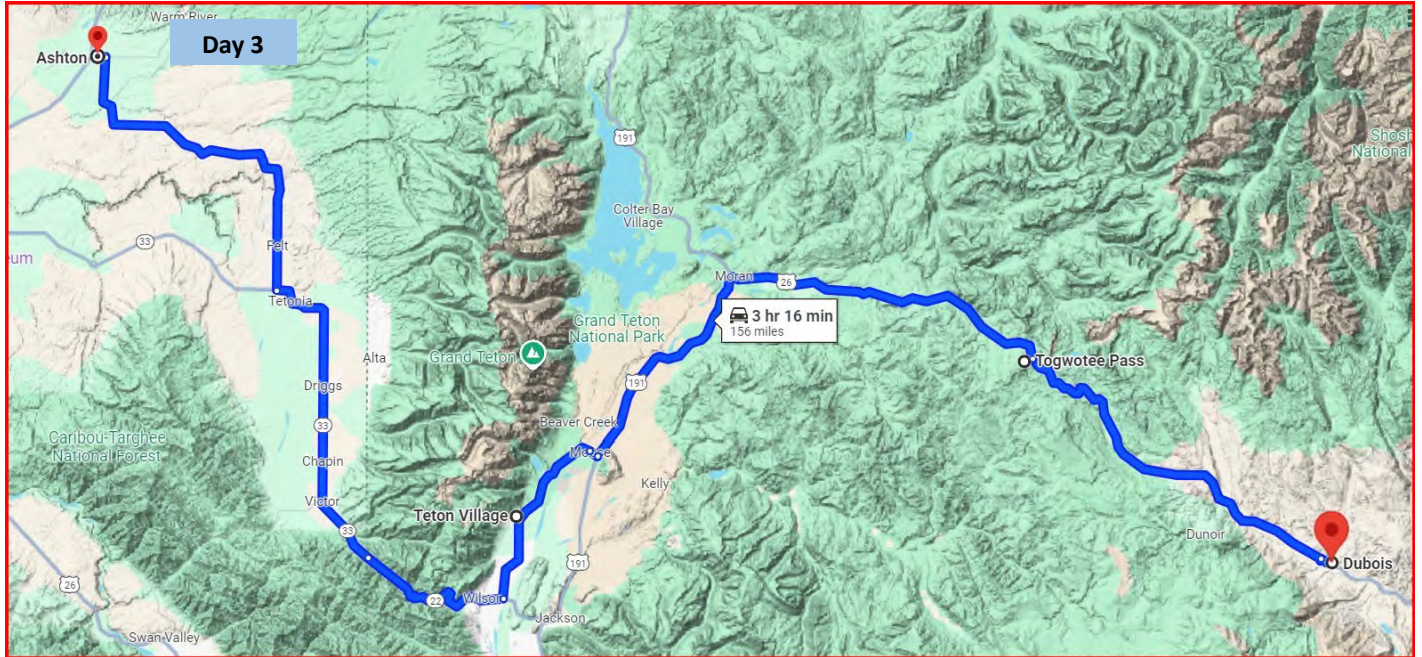
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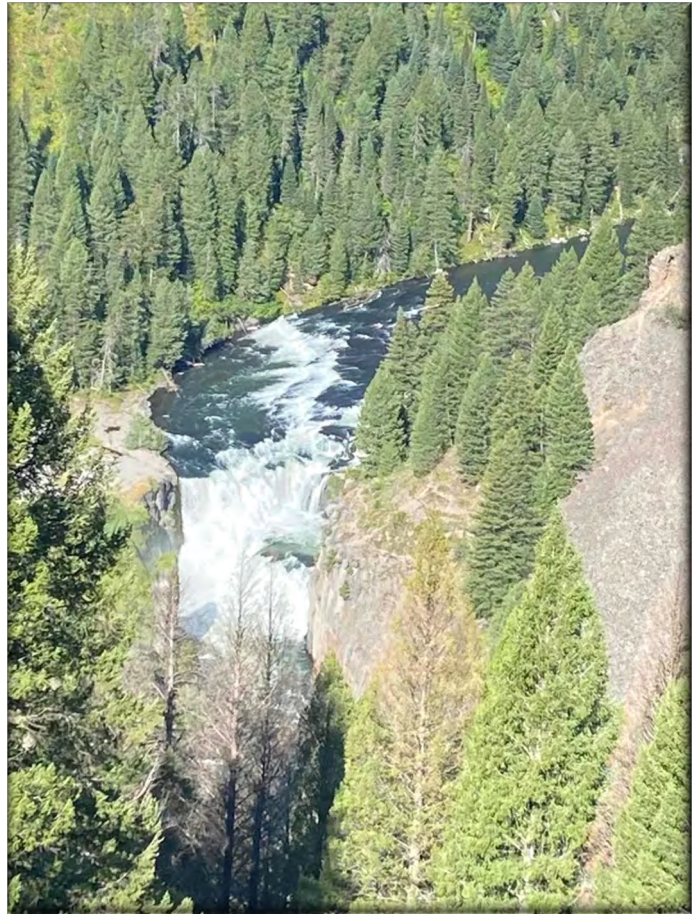
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Snake River Overlook outside Teton Village

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A Photographic view of Mountains and Museums Ride - Mike Hofferber - (continued)



Morning of Day 4 at the Rankin Motel in Ashton, Idaho

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## Safety Course Incentive Program (SCIP) - Kevin Huddy

The purpose of the Safety Course Incentive Program (SCIP) is to encourage safe and responsible riding habits by partially underwriting continuing motorcycle skill education courses taken by members of the MONTANA BMW RIDERS Motorcycle Club. If you were a member (dues paid) on and since April 1, 2024, then you are eligible for reimbursement of up to \$50 for the cost of the course you took. The training must be intended to improve your riding skills for either on or off-road riding. Only one course per year can be reimbursed. The SCIP is administered by Kevin Huddy ([huddykl@gmail.com](mailto:huddykl@gmail.com)).

Courses offered by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation, Lee Parks Total Control, RowHyde Adventures, or course offered by the BMW Motorrad Performance Center are approved. Track days are not generally eligible. If you have a course, you think may be eligible, then contact Kevin. Qualified club members will be reimbursed up to \$50. If more than eight members qualify, then the available funds will be divided equally among the applicants.

Requests for reimbursement can be made after the completion of an approved safety course but must be received prior to October 1, 2024. Payments will be made by the club Treasurer in October once all applications are received. Submit request for reimbursement to Kevin ([huddykl@gmail.com](mailto:huddykl@gmail.com)). Request must include proof of successful completion of the course. Proof can be in the form of a legible copy, scan, or photograph of the original document.

## Classified - Phil Haglund

- 2003 Harley-Davidson Trike
- Less than 50,000 miles
- One owner
- Immaculate service records
- Stage 2 Big Bore kit
- Many other accessories
- Will deliver in Montana
- Price: \$13,500
- Contact:

Phil Haglund

406-939-0600

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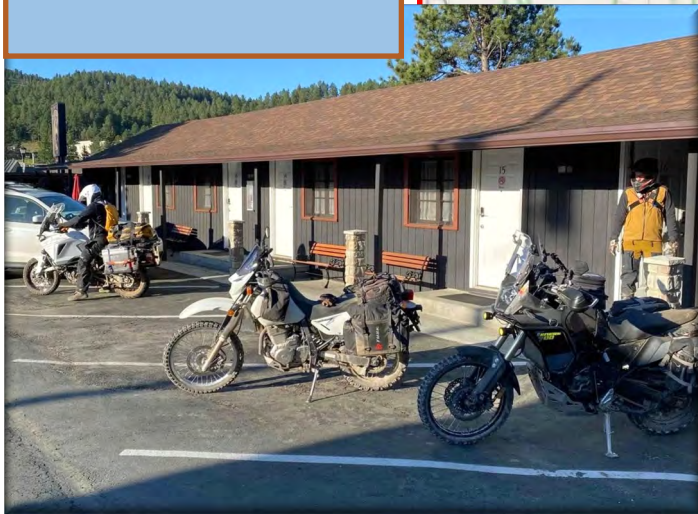
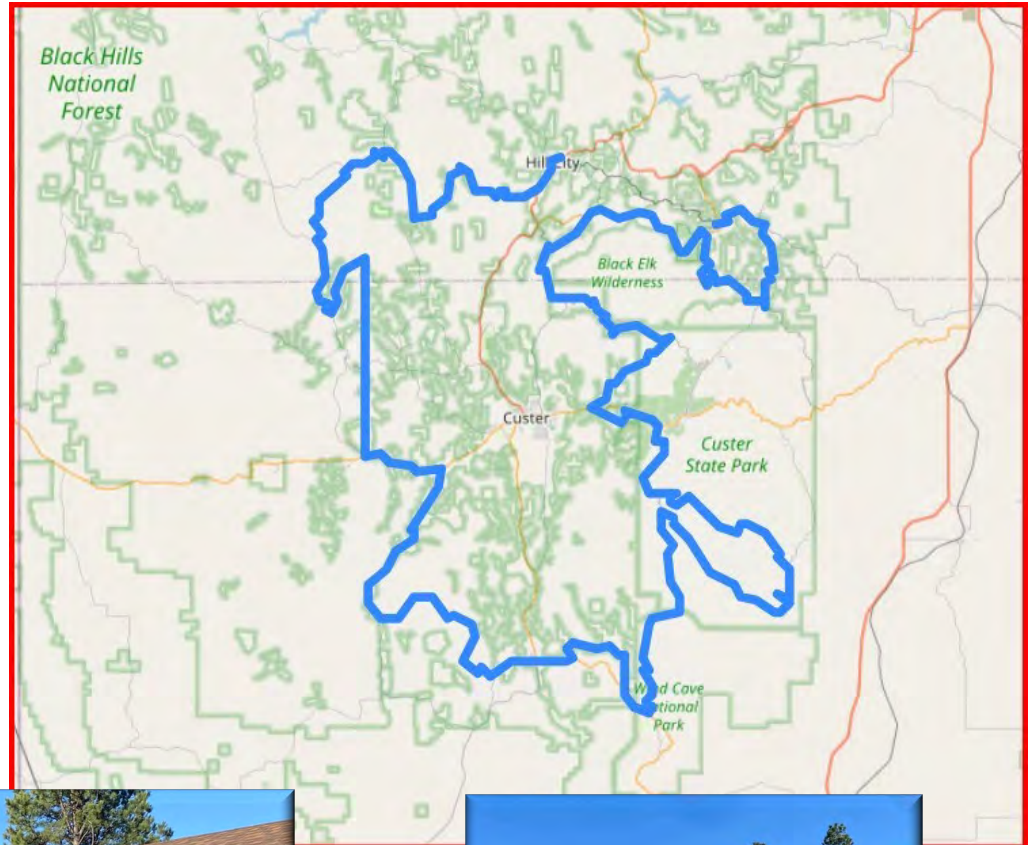
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## Black Hills BDRX2 - Mike Hofferber

The Black Hills BDRX2 is a 355 mile adventure loop in South Dakota. The route features diverse landscapes, including prairies, pine forests and aspen groves. It is divided into three sections, starting and ending in Keystone, near Mount Rushmore. It has gravel and dirt roads, two-track, and scenic paved roads like the Spearfish Canyon and Needles Highway. It passes through Deadwood and Hill City.

**Mike Hofferber** lead a group on this BDR recently and provided the photos below from his RELIVE Application.

Editor



John DiBari



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## Monthly Meeting - Zane Murfitt Park - Philipsburg, Montana

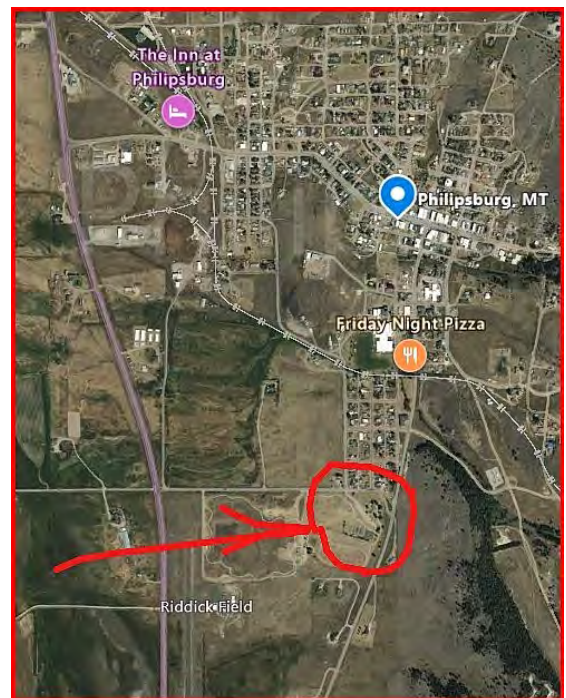
Philipsburg, barely a dot on the map, little know to many Montanans and probably unknown to anyone outside the state, unless they are either motorcyclist, skiers or chocolate fiends. The Skalkaho road running west to the Bitterroot Valley, Highway 1 going north to Helmville, or the magnificent ride from the valley floor to Georgetown Lake and on to Anaconda looping to the east and then on to Wisdom, Jackson and Dillon are just some of the great riding in the state.

Its tourist attractions now mask its rich history, even before Montana became a state in 1889. Philipsburg, Montana, is a town rich in mining history, nestled in the heart of Granite County. Founded in 1867, the town was named after Philip Deidesheimer, a renowned mining engineer who played a pivotal role in developing the local mining industry. The discovery of silver in the area in 1864 marked the beginning of Philipsburg's boom period. The construction of the Hope Mill, Montana's first silver mill, further cemented Philipsburg's status as a key mining hub. However, the town experienced fluctuations in prosperity, with significant growth during the mid-1880s to mid-1890s when silver mining was at its peak. During this period, Philipsburg saw the construction of many of its iconic masonry buildings, some of which we see in the adjacent photo.

The economic landscape of Philipsburg shifted again in 1893 when silver mining was curtailed, but soon replaced by sapphire deposits. Philipsburg also played a crucial role during World War I as the largest supplier of domestic manganese, leading to another economic boom.

Twenty-five MONTANA BMW RIDERS and guests gathered at Zane Murfitt Park (see adjacent screen shot) on August 25<sup>th</sup> for the monthly meeting. Temperate weather, no rain and relatively clear air brought out twenty riders. The park was named in honor of Zane Murfitt, a prominent community figure in the mid to late 1900's.

A covered seating area, rest rooms and parking made it a pleasant place for our meeting. It is also within walking distance to Riddick Field, a 3,600 foot long air strip that accommodated our Air Wing. The runway, probably not far from the rail line from Drummond that served the area from 1887 to 1904.



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Covered area with picnic bench seating. That is Paul Oliver's 'town car' leaning against the post.



Ample parking and well maintained grounds helped make this a pleasant afternoon meeting place for the members.



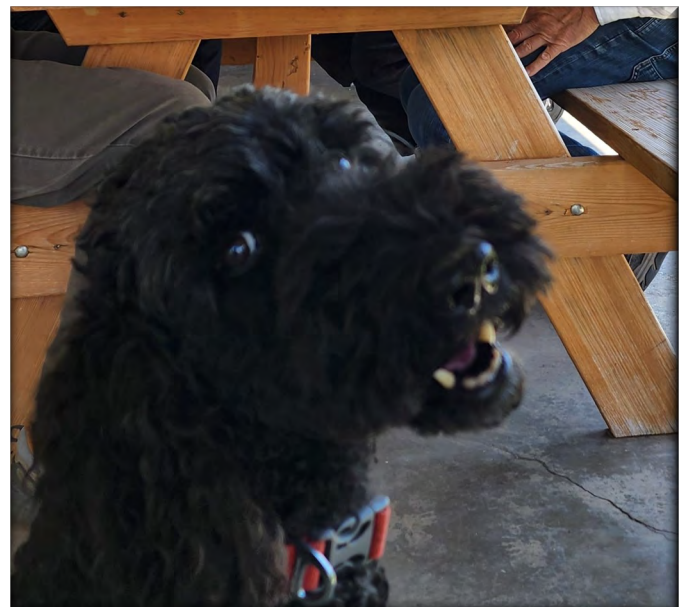
Bob and Beverly Gibson



Sandy Knutsen and Traci Clark



David Lageson, new member from Bozeman



Sidecar? I came by airplane!

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Below, **Paul Oliver** loads his 'town car' into his Cessna 206 Stationair. On the right behind Paul's airplane is **Mike Kreikemeier's** Cessna 180. Both pilots reside in the Bozeman area.

Treating the Club's monthly meetings as a 'fly-in' is quite common for these two pilots.



Mike Kreikemeier and Vicky



The three-wheelers moving out. Top row from the left; Annie Huddy, Kevin Huddy and Ken Conrad. Lower Left, Dave McCormack.

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The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Beartooth Rendezvous 2024 - Red Lodge, Montana



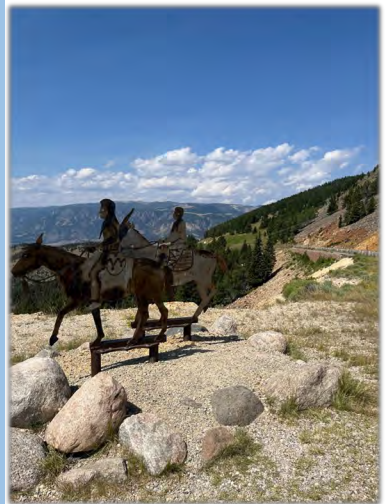
The 26th Annual Beartooth Rendezvous, August 15-17, 2024 saw **Kevin and Annie Huddy** making their annual ride to the event. This year, **Ron Kitchen**, Lethbridge, Alberta came south to join them. They stopped on the Montana side of Beartooth pass to take the photos included below.



Ron Kitchen



No passage on the Beartooth Highway would be complete without riding the Chief Joseph Scenic byway with a stop at the Dead Indian Overlook (adjacent photo). Also a trivia fact, the Beartooth Highway crosses the 45th parallel (mid-way between the equator and north pole) at the Montana/Wyoming state line.



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**Nate Bertland**  
OWNER



**Andy Main**  
MASTER CERTIFIED BMW TECHNICIAN



**Nik Anderson**  
BMW & KTM CERTIFIED TECHNICIAN

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Classified - Larry Hayden

## 1999 BMW R1100RT

- 49,950 miles
- Full service by Big Sky Motorsports at 48,498
- About 3,000 miles on current set of tires
- Electric windshield
- Road lights
- Accessory tray
- Paint on end of mirrors chipped
- Everything works as intended
- Bike located in Bozeman
- w/ABS

Priced at \$2,995

Contact:

- ◆ Larry Hayden
- ◆ Phone: (406) 579-9555 (Leave a message for a return call)
- ◆ Email: [savant1@gmail.com](mailto:savant1@gmail.com)



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Mike Hofferber's Honda 125 near Red Lodge.

Which route do you take to Philipsburg?



Skalkaho Pass



Interstate Highway 90

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## Cleaning out my Shop & the Price is Right - Dan Siddens



Low seat (one piece), for R12RT. Very good condition. From a 2009 bike.



Unused rear rack for a R12GS. Circa 2005. New Condition

Contact Dan Siddens:

Email: dsiddens59@gmail.com

Mobile: 831-345-2101

Location: Big Fork, Montana

Now here is the good part: **FREE** to whom ever will pick them up at my shop in Lakeside.

*Dan Siddens*

June 2024

## Classified - Sargent Seat - Ken Conrad

- Sargent seat, fits BMW R1100/1150GS
- \$150 + shipping if unable to pick up in Helena (Huddy's Tech Days?) or at a club meeting.
- List \$449.95 from Sargent.
- Link to Sargent website:

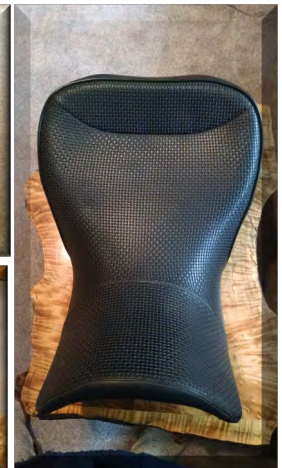
⇒ <https://www.sargentcycle.com/black-ws-520f-19>

Contact:

Ken Conrad

406-431-4999

kcaf47@gmail.com





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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**



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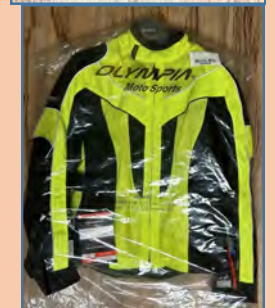
## Motorcycle gear for sale.

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 \
- ◆ JC Helmet CL-33 XS
- ◆ Slider Jeans size 12
- ◆ TourMaster boots size 39
- Mans Ocelet Racing adventure/offroad boots size 10 – like new.

Contact:

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**406-599-5226**



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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	<del>Wilsall</del>	<del>The Vault</del>	Saturday	1:00 pm	Club Lunch - Dine-in <b>(Note: Venue changed due to absence of confirmation of The Vault.)</b>
	Butte	Perkins			
April 21	Lincoln	Lambkins	Sunday	1:00 PM	Club Lunch - Dine-in
May 18	Huddy Tech Days	Huddy's Outpost	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
July 21	Ennis	Lions Club Park 356 E Main	Sunday	1:00 PM	Bring YOF&D—Sandwich Shop across street from the Park.
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	Wilsall	The Bank Bar and Vault Restaurant	Sunday	1:00 PM	Club Lunch - Dine-in
October 13	Ovando	Trixi's	Sunday	1:00 PM	Club Lunch - Dine-in
November 17	Basin	Silver Saddle	Sunday	1:00 PM	
December	Regional Parties				Locations To be determined

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## Rocky Mountain Front Ride - Continued - John DiBari



Dan Siddens, Bill Clark and I took a beautiful ride along the Rocky Mountain Front and into Canada. A portion of the ride was supposed to happen back in June. The original idea was to ride part of the Great Continental Divide route from Seeley Lake to Lincoln, then hop over the Divide, spend the night and continue up the Rocky Mountain Front. Dan and I did the Continental Divide portion, but we were unable to complete the overnight part of the trip. For this trip, Bill joined us. (See the following page for the track of our ride.)

We met Dan at Clearwater Junction and headed east over Rogers Pass to get on some dirt roads heading up the Front. Due to a severe thunderstorm a couple nights before the trip, we were unclear if the roads would be muddy. It turns out, no mud at all. We headed up to Augusta then over towards the Gibson Reservoir. From there we picked up the Canal Road (or, Pishkun Road, the road along a diversion of the Sun River towards Pishkun Reservoir) and headed to Choteau for a cold drink, as temperatures were in the low 90s. We



picked our way north towards Heart Butte riding some dirt roads and bumping into three huge mule deer bucks in a wheat field. They were so big they almost looked like elk. The scenery along the Front was awesome. Great views of the limestone reefs that abruptly form the transition between mountains and plains. We headed towards Glacier Park and our campsite at Saint Mary

Campground. We arrived in time to get camp set up before a thunderstorm descended on us. Thankfully the rain abated, and we were able to cook dinner and get some shut-eye.

The next morning Dan returned to Bigfork and Bill and I headed north to cross into Canada at the Chief Mountain

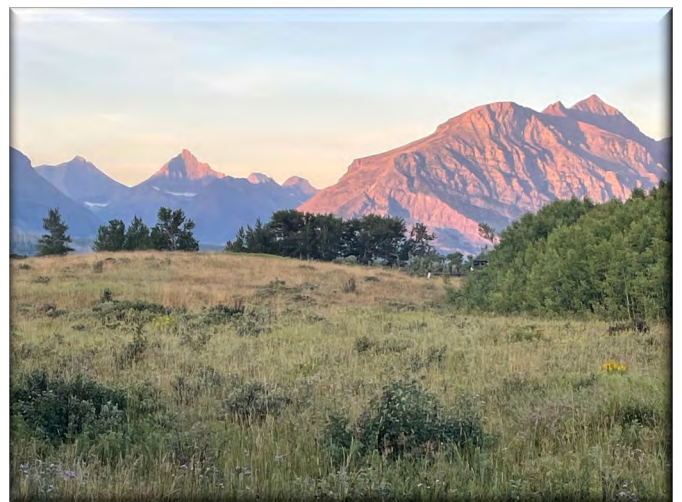


Day 1, campsite at St. Mary Campground, GNP



border crossing. We rode through a corner of Waterton Park then picked up some dirt roads heading through Castle Wildland Provincial Park. Again, the scenery was fantastic. In that part of Alberta, there were a number of natural gas production facilities and a processing plant that removed sulfur from the sour gas. We continued

towards Crowsnest Pass until I realized I was off the route. I stopped, and Bill caught up to me and showed me a photo of his Garmin saying "*Leave the Road*" back where the route and road diverged. I guess my route included a portion of the Continental Divide hiking trail by mistake.



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**Rocky Mountain Front Ride - Continued - John DiBari**



Chief Mountain from Hwy 17, Blackfeet Reservation, MT

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## Rocky Mountain Front Ride (Continued) - John DiBari

We continued north towards Highway 3 taking a break for lunch at a park in Blairmore, AB and to fuel up. The next phase of the ride was to include heading over Flathead Pass and around Flathead Mountain and over to the Elk River.

This is coal mining country, and we followed a paved road to a mine for a while before heading up a dirt road that, unfortunately, got progressively worse. Thinking the better of not continuing another 30 or so miles, we turned around to look for an alternate route. A good Samaritan pulled in behind us as Bill and I were looking at options. The guy - whose name we never got - said we could have made it through on the road we were on, but that several bridges we needed to cross were sketchy. He said the cross members were good, but the decking wasn't always sound (READ: bridge decking was occasionally missing...). I'm glad we made a different choice. By then we were looking to get to camp so we stayed on the pavement to Kikomun Creek Provincial Park, where we camped for the night along Lake Koocanusa.

The next morning clouds had rolled in and it began sprinkling. We got packed up and headed to the Roosville border crossing. We made our way south through a bit of rain, stopping for lunch at Tamarack Brewing in Lakeside. From there we rode back to Missoula under clear skies.

Another great trip in the books.

*John DiBari*



Day 2, second night, Shores of Lake Koocanusa, Kikomun Creek Provincial Park, BC



Day 2, Waterton Lakes National Park, Alberta



K. Bill Clark



Dan Siddens

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## Classified - Lon McComas

### Riding Gear for Sale

- BMW Riding boots size 9 or 42 - \$10.00
- Red Jacket , Biker's Choice Size Large, with liner - \$20.00
- First Gear, All Season Jacket, with Liner, Size large - \$50.00
- First Gear, All season Bibs, Men's 34 long - \$50.00

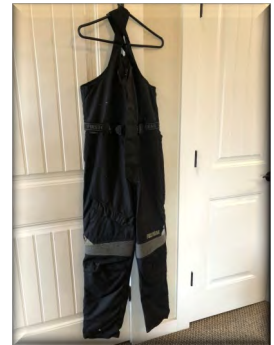
CONTACT:

**Lon McComas**

**406-388-0678**

**[lwmccomas@yahoo.com](mailto:lwmccomas@yahoo.com)**

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## Classified - Al Murray

"Here are a very good condition set of 35L Caribou (by Pelican) Panniers w/ rack. Do not know what bike(s) rack will fit... I've never installed them.

You can find the proper rack for your bike at:

- <https://cariboucases.com/>

Cases are waterproof & lock.

Asking \$250 obo"

CONTACT:

**Al Murray**

**[mtbmwriders@gmail.com](mailto:mtbmwriders@gmail.com)**

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Northwestern Montana's Best Motorcycle Tire Service

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**Classified - Greg Boynton**

I am selling my 2007 BMW R1200RT with 26,700 miles.

- \$7,000 obo.

I bought this bike brand new and it has been taken very good care of. Obviously with very low miles, the only work done to the bike has been routine maintenance. The fuel filter was replaced, and the forks seals have been replaced. This second set of tires has at least one good season left on them. The engine is very strong and she is a smooth rider. As pictured, it comes with two hard side bags and one hard trunk. Also BMW tank bag, which clips on and off very easily. Not pictured, is a new large size, summer riding jacket, neon yellow.

**Disclosure.** The upgraded running lights were purchased in 2007 and no longer operate. These can easily be replaced with a modern system. Also the cover blew off while I was working out of state for five months. Sun damage on the hand controls.

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# MONTANA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER

Rides in the Rear View Mirror - Ken Conrad, as edited by the Newsletter Editor

As 'Bucket' Lists go, a ride on the Alaska Highway is at the top of the list for many riders. Long term member and former officer, **Ken Conrad** is one of those. On June 30<sup>th</sup> in 2008, on a 2006 Kawasaki KLR 650, purchased specifically for the trip, Ken departed his home base in Helena, Montana bound for Prudhoe Bay, Alaska, 2,800 miles away. It was his retirement trip.

The Alaska Highway, also known as the Alaskan Highway or the Alcan Highway, spans 1,387 miles through British Columbia, Yukon, and Alaska. Constructed during World War II, it connects the contiguous United States to Alaska across Canada. The highway begins in Dawson Creek, British Columbia, and runs to Delta Junction, Alaska, via Whitehorse, Yukon. Initially about 1,700 miles long, realignments over the years have shortened it. Today, the entire highway is paved, making it a more accessible route for travelers. It's part of the Pan-American Highway, which extends south to Argentina.

The Dalton Highway, also known as the Haul Road, stretches 414 miles from Livengood, just north of Fairbanks, Alaska to Prudhoe Bay. While it's mostly gravel and dirt, it's the only road that crosses the Arctic Circle and reaches the north coast of Alaska on the Arctic Ocean.

Ken left June 30<sup>th</sup>, returning in early August after covering 7,600 miles. The KLR was flawless.

He spent quite a bit of time wandering around Alaska. He rode over Top Of The World Highway to Dawson and stopped at Chicken, Alaska to get a picture of the Chicken post office. Mud, rain, snow, sleet, hail. They closed the road behind him right after he cleared customs at the top of the pass.

After parking the KLR at the log shack post office building and taking pictures, the post mistress came out and approached him. As Ken related the story;

*"Very stereotypical Alaskan gal, a bit rough around the edges. She walked right up to in front of my face and said, "Gimme that camera!". "Stand over there!" Hold this!"*

*"She handed me a rubber chicken and said "stand up there on the porch!" Ah, yes ma'am..."*

*"So I have a picture of me chokin' the chicken while standing on the Chicken, Alaska post office front porch."*



# MONTANA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER

Rides in the Rear View Mirror - Ken Conrad, as edited by the Newsletter Editor (continued)

*"Many other great miles, the slow ferry from Whittier to Valdez, an out of the way, ah, "rustic" roadhouse way off the beaten path at the end of a two track "road", Salty Dog Saloon on Homer Spit, etc., etc. Following the Alaska Pipeline. Stopping at a pumping station and walking up to the pipe, putting my hand on it, feeling the warmth. Beautiful scenery. Interesting people."*

*"Lots of rain the whole trip. I had five days that I did not get rained on."*

*"With all the rain, lots of mud up the Dalton Highway, the Haul Road, to Prudhoe/Deadhorse. Second gear 15-20 mph sliding around in the mud. Roughly 500 miles from Fairbanks to Deadhorse. Stayed in Coldfoot, halfway. Nine hours Fairbanks - Coldfoot, some spent stopping and taking pictures, most spent sliding around in the mud. Another nine hours Coldfoot - Deadhorse next day. Stayed in Deadhorse."*

*"Pretty much the same on the way back. Put 17 dollar bills through the carwash*



*in Fairbanks getting - not all of - the mud off me and the KLR. I'm still finding mud up in the nooks and crannies of the bike."*

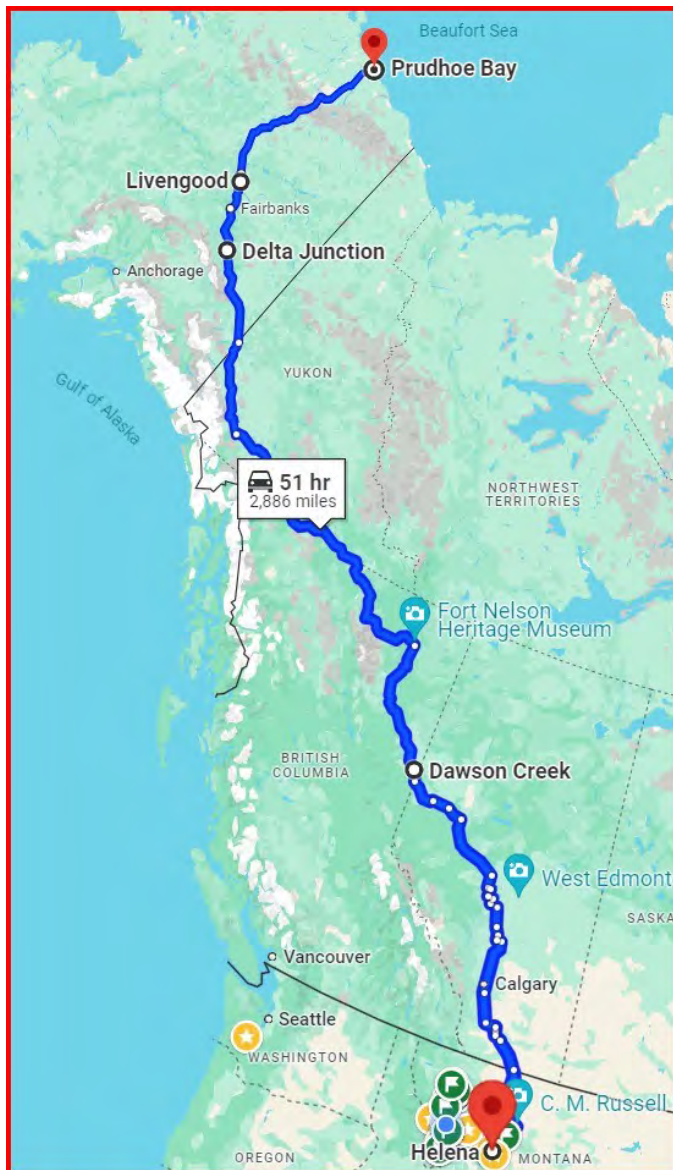
*"No dust on the Haul Road though."*

*"And with all the rain the mosquitos were smart enough to stay back in the bushes and tundra."*

*"There's a story there. Of why I was sure my "waterproof" Aerostich AD-1 pants weren't waterproof. Not the pants fault. It was the operator's fault. I was in a bit of a hurry, mosquitos in the bushes, and failed to get the pants zipped, velcroed and secured. So I had a pretty wet crotch for a while. And a few mosquito bites."*

*"Was a fantastic trip."*

*"I could ramble on and on (who? me?) for a long time about that ride."*



*Ken Conrad*



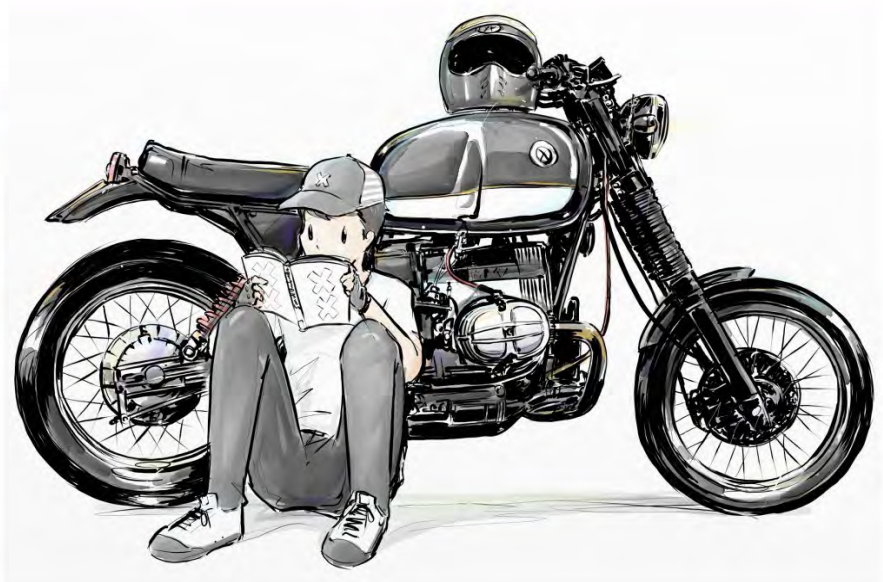
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A photograph of a large, dark-colored hot tub on a wooden deck. The hot tub has the text "MOUNTAIN HOT TUB" at the top and "FEEL GOOD. LIVE BETTER." on its side. The background shows a snowy mountain landscape with evergreen trees. A blue banner at the bottom of the image contains contact information.

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# ***MONTANA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER***

## **CLASSIFIED - Don Harford**

This classified is a little unique. Don Harford, who lives in Ketchikan, Alaska brought his 2008 BMW K1200GT to Missoula so that a friend could sell it. Tragically, his friend was killed in a motorcycle accident near Butte last month. The bike is in a storage unit in Missoula, but he does not have anyone to act as his agent to show the bike. Anyone interested in the bike, can contact Don at the phone number and email listed in the following classified to arrange access to the bike.

Editor

### **2008 BMW K1200GT**

- It was custom ordered from The Medford BMW dealer and has been maintained by that dealer.
- Power windshield, cruise control, heated grips with two settings, heated driver seat and separate controlled passenger seat, both with two settings.
- Two-year old Pirelli tires with about 8,000 miles on them.
- Tire pressure monitoring
- Low fuel warning
- Traction control
- Three set of keys with bike (originally \$253 ea.)
- Owner's manual
- Located in Missoula, Montana in storage unit.

- **PRICE: \$6,500**

- **CONTACT:**

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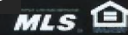
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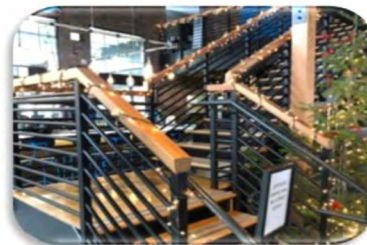
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## Norway in the Rear View Mirror - Ken Conrad



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