

# MONTANA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER

BMW Motorcycle Club  
Montana BMW Riders



CLUB CHARTER MEMBERSHIPS :

BMW MOA #155

AMA #6830



## President's Corner – Larry Manchester



The last month and a half have been wild. August 16<sup>th</sup> I was in a left turn lane on the north side of Hamilton waiting for traffic to clear so I could turn left and head back home to Corvallis. I was in my truck. As I left my house earlier to run a couple of errands, I almost climbed on my bike but decided at the last minute to take my truck, a decision that probably saved my life. As I sat there, I noticed a car in the turn lane ahead coming in my direction, then I noticed the car was coming very fast and was passing the cars in the two northbound lanes. When it entered the intersection, I knew I was going to be hit. I had nowhere to go, traffic in all lanes around me. At the last second, I jerked the wheel hard left and moved about 5ft, which was all I could move, or get broadsided by the Northbound traffic. That was just enough to avoid a total head on collision. Police estimated the car that hit me was going 55MPH.

Police cited the driver and deemed him 100% at fault. Thankfully, I was not injured, just sore for a few days. My truck, a Ram 1500 Crew cab was totaled. Weeks of fighting with the drivers' Insurance company has left me totally fed up with Insurance companies, but we finally settled, and I found a used Ram 1500 to replace mine.

Then last week I took my Super Tenere into a local bike shop to get a new front tire. Picked the bike up the next day and took a short ride to Stevensville and then back home, thirty miles total. Parked the bike in the garage with a full tank of gas ready for the ride to the Club meeting last Sunday in Wilsall. Sunday at 7:30 AM I climbed on the bike, looking forward to the ride and the meeting. I only made it a half mile and only going 30 MPH when I noticed a funny sound coming from the front wheel. I started to slow down and quickly noticed I had no front brake. Using the rear brake, I stopped at a pullout to check the front wheel. The left Caliper and rotor looked fine, moved to the right side, and noticed a bolt missing from the Caliper, and one bolt very loose. Touched the Caliper and it fell off, just hanging from the brake line. Had that happened while going down the highway at speed it could have been very bad. Limped the bike home and dropped it by the shop the next day. When I walked up to the counter and laid the one remaining bolt on the glass the owner of the shop looked at me and said, "Oh my God, he didn't tighten the bolts." "He" being the young mechanic working at the shop. The owner was beyond embarrassed, he knew I could have been severely injured or worse. To his credit he made it right, checked the Caliper and Rotor. Replaced all the bolts and even replaced a missing reflector and bracket that were missing when I bought the bike. We both learned a lesson that day. He will be checking the work of his young mechanic before it leaves his shop, and I will be looking very closely for loose or missing bolts or parts before every ride.

They say bad things come in groups of threes. If this is true, I still have one bad thing to deal with. That makes me nervous. I was going to go up this week and cut a load of firewood at my favorite spot in the Mountains. I am not sure I want to operate a chainsaw right now. That can wait. And I will be doubly cautious at all intersections, and I will be riding and driving a little slower than normal for a while.

Hope to see many of you at Trixis in Ovando next month. Ride safe friends and enjoy all the fall colors. It is a great time to live in Montana.

*Larry Manchester*



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CLASSIFIED - Larry Manchester

## 2007 BMW F650GS

- 25K miles.
- This is the factory lowered model, great for shorter riders.
- Rotax fuel injected, water cooled single engine.
- Comes with Jesse Aluminum panniers, Corbin Seat, Denali Aux lighting and many other FARKLES.
- Originally belonged to Annie Huddy so you know it was set up right.
- **\$4,200 OBO**



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A potential FARKLE for our off-road riders. This was attached to a side-by-side at the Vault Restaurant in Wilsall, Montana



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## **CLUB'S ANNUAL MILEAGE CONTEST - Larry Banister**

I remember a ditty as school age kid...it went something like this..." Springs sprung, falls fell, schools here, oh hell." Now that I am beyond school, it probably should be..." Springs, sprung, falls fell, riding is done.... oh hell"!

While the days are still nice (the GRiZ game on Saturday Sept 21<sup>st</sup> was particularly spectacular weather wise), the daylight hours are much shorter, daytime temperatures are not so high, and nighttime temperatures are much better for sleeping. Put this all together and I believe it is safe to say that fall is upon us and the riding window is closing.

Our annual Montana BMW rider's mileage contest officially ends on October 31<sup>st</sup>. I am attaching my mileage contest roster for this year. This list includes all the names and motorcycles and beginning mileage (a/o 4/1/2024) belonging to those of you who turned in your beginning mileage within the window of opportunity to be included in this year's contest.

Having seen all the rides that were reported in the club newsletters this summer, I am expecting some great mileage results reflecting the "miles of smiles." I need to have your ending mileage on your respective rides, in writing, NLT November 15<sup>th</sup>. This date is to allow for the final cumulation of mileages and the calculation of the winner and the average mile winner in time for the winners to be announced at our annual Christmas gathering(s).

You can mail your final totals to me at: 102 Ironwood Place, Missoula, MT, 59803, email them to: [beemermt@msn.com](mailto:beemermt@msn.com), or text them to me at 406-274-3887.

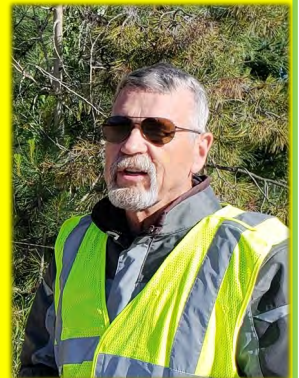
Remember there are three winners: 1) the individual with the most accumulated miles during the contest season (April 1 to October 31); 2) an average mileage winner...that person who's accumulated miles is the closest to the average mileage accumulate by all participants; and 3) after eliminating the first two names, a third name is drawn from the hat as the "at large" winner. Overall, the winner gets a check of \$75 from the club and his/her name placed on our mileage plaque (value priceless!), the "average mileage winner" and "at large" winner each get a check for \$50 from the club.

I will include another reminder in the October newsletter, but when it comes out, you will only have 2 weeks to get your ending mileage turned it to me. By putting this in the September newsletter, you will have some time to get your last rides in and your mileage recorded.

I am looking forward to hearing for all of you before November 15<sup>th</sup>.

*Larry Banister*

Mileage Contest Coordinator  
Montana BMW riders



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Quality products from BMW, KTM, Kawasaki and now GAS GAS off-road motorcycles ...and great service sets Big Sky MotorSports apart from other dealers. Our service department specializes in all types of motorcycle, ATV and snowmobile maintenance and aftermarket parts and accessory installation.

Visit our showroom at 2315 South Avenue West in Missoula or call (406-728-5341) to speak to one of our staff, or visit us on the web at [Big Sky Motorsports | Powersports Dealership](#)

[in Missoula, MT](#) . You can also find us on eBay for parts and accessories, or see us on FACEBOOK.

When you go, tell them you saw our ad in the MONTANA BMW Riders **OCTOBER 2024** newsletter and ask about our models and financing.

We are a proud supporter of the MONTANA BMW RIDERS.



**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)

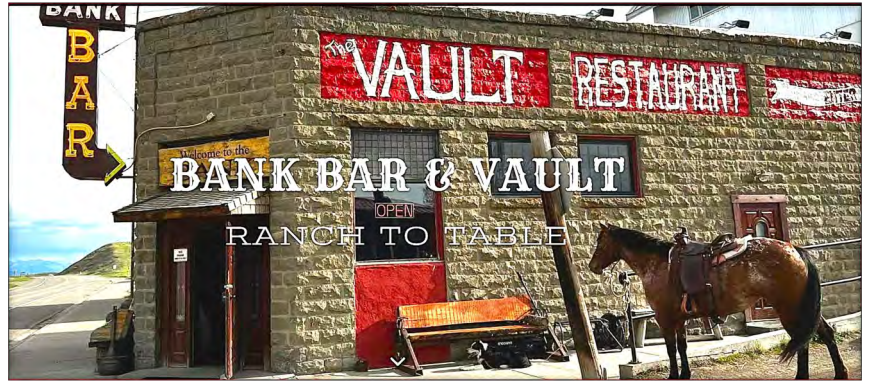


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Monthly Club Meeting - Bank Bar & Vault Restaurant - Wilsall, Montana

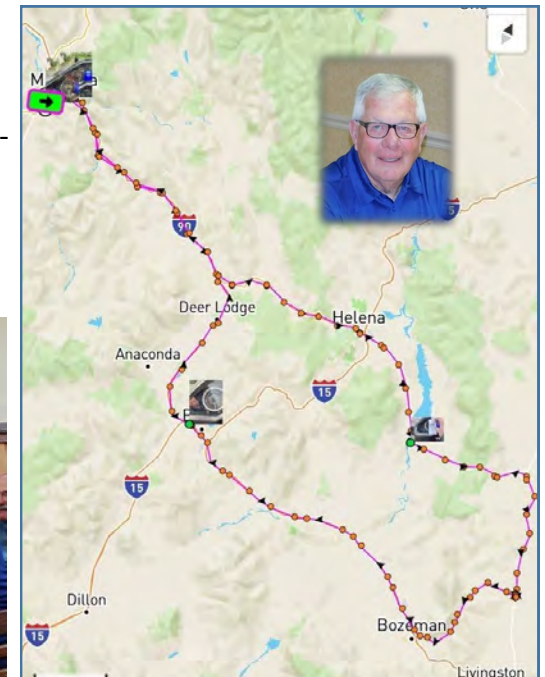
Sunday 15 September 2024 was a good day for both lunch out and riding, especially if the destination was the Bank Bar and Vault Restaurant in Wilsall, Montana. The horse was absent, but 20 riders on various makes, models and configurations of motorcycles of the 25 members who attended the meeting were there. We had a chance to meet and talk with our members from the Bozeman area, who are not able to make the meetings west of the divide. Of course **Greg Hintz**, Honda Gold Wing from Missoula considered it a casual 450 mile plus ride. See the insert for his route.



**Rowan McQuarrie** (left), also from Missoula made the 450 mile ride on his BMW R1600. Former Bozeman resident, **Lon McComas** (right), rode from his new base camp, Seely Lake.



**Mike and Donna McInerney** took time out from their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary celebratory tour of the Yellowstone to join the group at Wilsall.



**Phil Haglund and Daimon Parrotte** proposing a organized off-road ride, probably in the 2026 riding season, in the northeast corner of Montana. Refer to page 12 for photos and tracks of the area.



Traffic was not a problem.

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**Phil Haglund** pulled his BMW R1200 sidecar rig out of storage for the ride to Wilsall.



Visitor, **Udell Sharp** rode a Kawasaki 650 sidecar rig to the event. Udell is usually a Co-Instructor at the Advanced Rider-Course with **Ken Conrad**.



Our group, which seemly overwhelmed two regulars (foreground), included, **Annie Huddy, Kevin Huddy, Jason Andreas, Paul Smietanka, Jay Cowan, Al Murray, Greg Thornton, Dan Mainwaring, Mark Ellzey, Sandy Knutsen, Lance Lerum, Jason Humberger, Michael Kreikemeier, Vikki Leuschen, Paul Oliver** and **Ed Field**.

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## **Monthly Club Meeting - Bank Bar & Vault Restaurant - Wilsall, Montana**

Ironically, **Dan Astin**, published the following piece in the [Livingston Enterprise](#) about the Bank Bar & Vault Restaurant. Editor

*WILSALL — The Bank Bar and Vault Restaurant, an iconic Wilsall eatery, could gain more fans from afar after a crew with "America's Best Restaurants," a national vlog production, media and marketing company, visited the establishment on Sept. 11.*

*The second-generation, family-owned restaurant is the only bar in Wilsall, a Park County town with roughly 200 residents. The place is undoubtedly unique, and was anonymously nominated online to be featured in the show.*

*Patrons get small-town service with a smile, drink beer chilled in an early 1900s bank vault turned walk-in cooler, eat 100% locally sourced grass-fed beef, and can gander at a stuffed two-headed, six-legged calf, also locally sourced.*

*"They've filmed most of the day," David Shockey said.*

*Shockey owns the restaurant, formerly the Farmers State Bank, which operated as early as 1912, with his wife, Karen Shockey.*

*The couple run the establishment with their daughter, Ashley Mugnier, a dozen employees and a little help from their young grandchildren.*

*The Shockeys, who also own the Muddy Creek Ranch, a Wilsall commercial cattle operation, explained they took over the establishment around 2017, after the passing of Bob and Edie Tomasko, Karen Shockey's parents.*

*The Tomaskos originally opened the restaurant in 2007 showcasing beef from the family ranch, where the restaurant's supply originates. The Muddy Creek Ranch runs 200 head of cattle, shows and sells them across the U.S.*

*"Not many folks do what we do," said Shockey. "We're ranch-to-table. That's what we do every day. We're proud of our menu and what we've put together. People drive for two to three hours to come to our restaurant."*

*The proprietor took a moment and mused at a taxidermy bicephalic hexapod calf. The deceased two-headed, six-legged animal was born in 2011 on the family ranch and is on display in a glass case, on a shelf above the bar-back. The wooden bar-back is emblazoned with local cattle brands.*

*"It has that small-town feel. The food is great and the people are even better," said J Russell, the show's host and public relations coordinator for the vlog show.*

*Russell, originally from Phoenix, Arizona, said the Wilsall stop was his fifth Montana restaurant visit. The Bank Bar and Vault Restaurant is one of roughly 1,700 joints the show visited in the U.S. The America's Best Restaurants crew visits roughly 800 eateries annually.*

*"It is all about the business," said Russell, who exuded energy and enthusiasm testing food, tasting drinks and presenting the bar's western ambiance for the camera. Russell recorded numerous takes at the restaurant for three hours with his two-person crew, for a 10-15 minute YouTube video.*

*After 7-8 weeks post-production, the vlog episode is slated to air on The Bank Bar and Vault Restaurant Facebook page before it is uploaded to the "America's Best Restaurants" YouTube channel, website, and other social media.*



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Photo by Ed Field

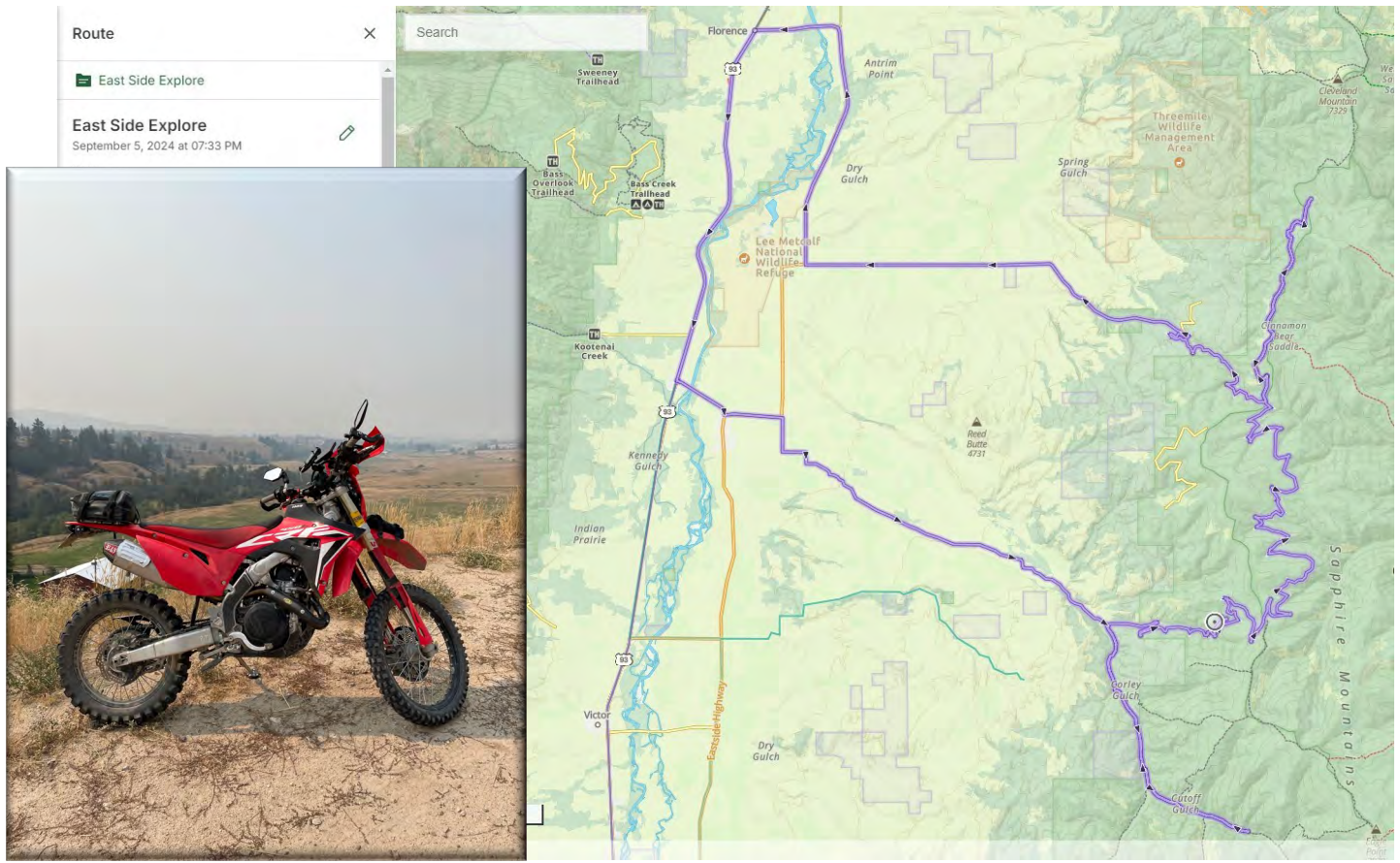


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## Report from the Road - Smokey Bitterroot - John DiBari

Here is a ride I did a couple of weeks ago when we were plagued with smoke.

It is a ride that takes you up along the divide between the Bitterroot and Rock Creek valleys. You can see from the route that it starts low and eventually runs along the spine of the Sapphires. It would have been much prettier had there been no smoke. I think the views to the east and west would have been great. The route is adventure bike friendly.



## 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>

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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.

Contact Dan Siddens:

Email: [dsiddens59@gmail.com](mailto: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.

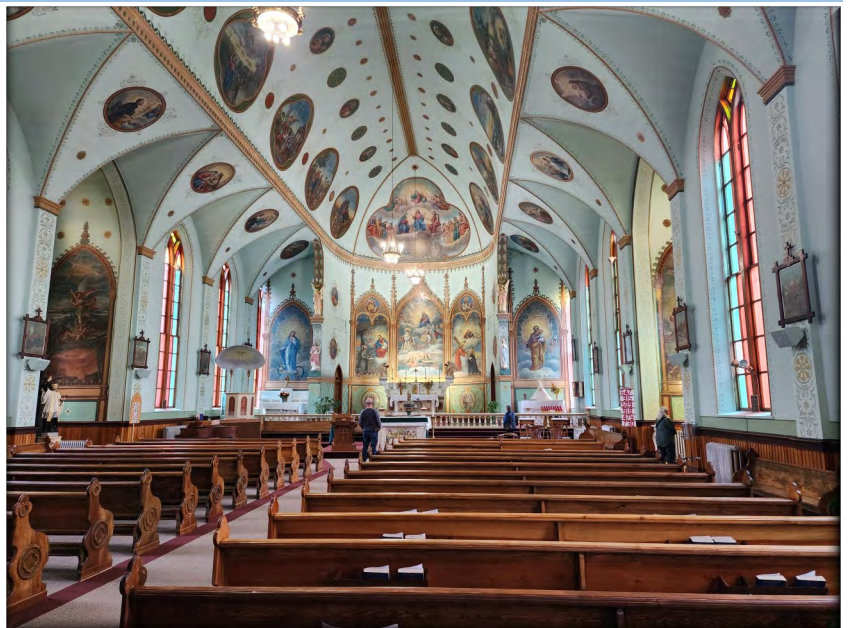
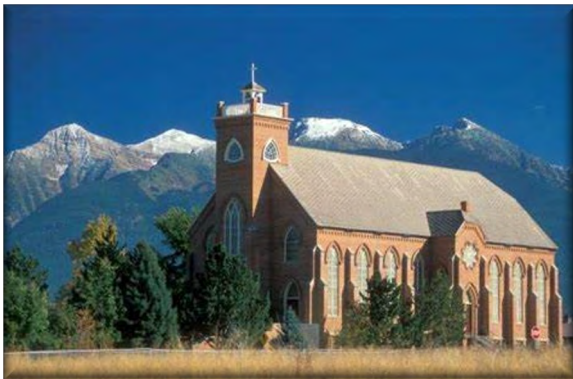
*Dan Siddens*



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

## Places to Visit - St. Ignatius Mission - St. Ignatius, Montana

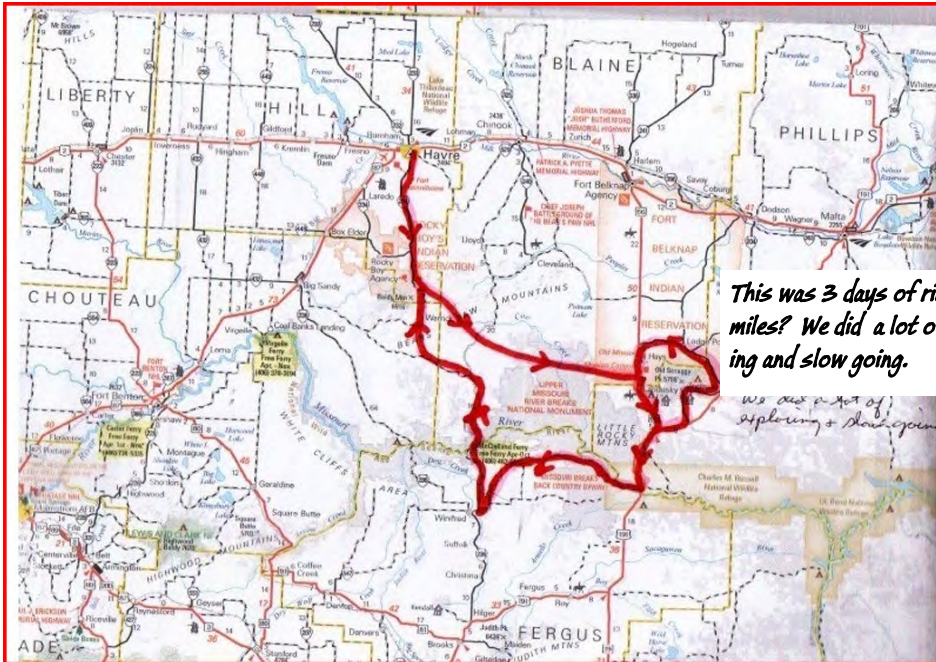
Hidden, just off Highway 93 in St. Ignatius, Montana is the Mission of St. Ignatius. Founded in 1854 by Jesuit priest Pierre-Jean De Smit and Adrian Hoecken, the mission almost seems out of place in the quite farmland with it's backdrop, the Mission mountains. Just 40 miles north of Missoula, I am sure you will find this structure, along with its history, a stop worth making. Editor



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Phil Haglund and Daimon Parrotte spent a few days riding the Upper Missouri Breaks National Monument area for the purpose of a Club Adventure Riding event, probably in the 2026 riding season. This is an area Phil would like to explore some more and map routes according to difficulty, as well as determine camping or base camp locations. The general area they explored recently is shown on the map segments below, along with some photos of the roads and crossings they covered. Phil plans to determine some potential trails, and up to three ferry crossings on the Missouri river in the 2025 riding season with the intent of proposing them for a Club outing during the 2026 riding season.

Editor



*This was 3 days of riding—miles? We did a lot of exploring and slow going.*  
*We saw a lot of exploring + slow going.*



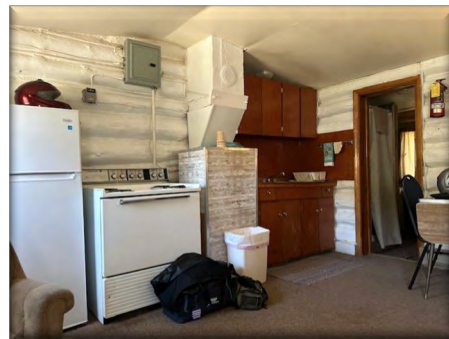
Phil and Daimon started in Haver, traveling south on State Route 236. They left that route north of the Missouri river, turning east to make their way across the Upper Missouri River National Monument, eventually arriving in Zortman. On this trip, Zortman was the final choice for indoor plumbing!

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UPPER MISSOURI BREAKS NATIONAL MOUNMENT - Phil Haglund



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## Reports from the Road - John DiBari

Bumped into **Bob Converse** (a club member) and **Johnny Olsen** at a gas station and joined them for a ride today, an eventful ride, as it turned out. We couldn't ride our intended route due to the east end of Albert Loop Road being closed. We headed to the west end and circled back towards Coral Creek Road. Along the way, my front tire washed out and I took a digger. The crash bent up my license plate and misaligned my hand guard. I'm sure I'll be a bit sore but otherwise okay. Then on the way back on the Southside Road a mountain lion ran across the road towards Bob. He deflected it away from his bike with his foot and sent the mountain lion reeling. It ran off and Bob took a bit of a rest to let soak in what had just happened. It was a great ride and I'm super glad I bumped into them.

*John DiBari*



## Historian's Rear View Mirror - Kim Lemke

I may have told some of the Club members, that I occasionally drove a four wheeled vehicle owned by others, but did not own one until I was 35 years old. Rojean, my wife, will attest to the fact we celebrated our honeymoon riding a motorcycle. Some motorcycles were a matter of necessity (finances), some for convenience, some for practicality, but all were for passion. As I dig through the boxes of photos and notes of my past, I have accumulated a few showing a few of my two-wheelers over the years. The following page are a few of the photos, and some of the circumstances, that put me on two wheels in my early adulthood.



*Kim Lemke*

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Historian's Rear View Mirror - Kim Lemke - (continued)



West of Denver, Colorado at one of the tunnels of the Million Dollar Highway in 1970. The bike was a 1968-69 Yamaha 350 Grand Prix with a 350cc two-stroke motor. I purchased the Wixom Fairing (fairing/windscreen) and the Craven Panniers from a friend. My father made the brackets to mount the panniers. Wixom Fairing and Craven (imported from England) and fiberglass panniers. Very expensive I might add.

It was loaded with a double sleeping bag, Colman stove plus all of the other gear needed to ride from Minnesota to San Francisco. The photographer, who shot the photo with Kodak Instamatic and 126 film, rode with me. The print was 2 inches by 2 inches.



This Yamaha 350 cc two-cycle, eventually modified as shown in the photo on the left. It was my daily 'driver' taking into consideration I was living in Minnesota. .

In addition to the trip to Salt Lake City and then to San Francisco describe in the column on the left, in 1969 I rode this one from Canada to Iowa and Wisconsin from Minneapolis.

In 1970 this bike took me from Minnesota to Atlantic City, New Jersey and then on to San Francisco via Denver, Colorado.

In 1971 it was my mode of transportation from Minnesota to Southern Illinois and back.

In 1972 I rode it from Minneapolis to Carbondale, Illinois to Indianapolis Motor Speedway where I saw the best 1971 road racers including Gene Romero. From there, it got me back to Carbondale.

In April, 1973 I sold it to finance a trip to Fairbanks, Alaska by boat.

After college, I took a job in Education in Australia. Confronted with equal doses of passion and necessity when I arrived in Sydney NSW Australia in February 1975, I purchased a 1973 BMW R75LWB. This was the bike I rode all over Australia, except Northern Territories and Tasmania. I sold it August 1976 when I left Australia.



By 1992 I had started to upgrade my 'protective' riding gear—note the leather pants - however cowboy boots seemed right at the time. The photo was near Camp David, Maryland on a 1972 BMW R60/5 "Toaster", nicknamed such for the chro-med covering on the gas tank. This bike was built for me from a box of parts by **John Beyrau**. I eventually sold it while in Baltimore, Maryland. My 1977 BMW R75/7 is still in my stable. I had a 1981 R80 GS that we took to the Alps in Switzerland in 1985, and it now resides with **John Beyrau** in Helena. My 1988 BMW K100 is still with me and quite active.

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## Reports from the Road - Mike Hofferber

September 11 Pete DeGroat and I, trailered my Suzuki DR650 and Pete's Yamaha Tenere 700 on a 1,700 mile round trip to Vernon, BC (photo on the right) for the 7<sup>th</sup> annual The Adventure Bike Gathering. A very loosely organized event put on by some locals as an informal event, but with a great deal of organization. The two men, who were generally recognized as the directors of the event, wore pink tutus (see photo below) so they can be spotted in the crowd. Roughly 200 attended this year.

Pete and I stayed in a campground, using the enclosed trailer for sleeping.

The organizers laid out day rides, listed by their assessment of difficulty, from 1 to 6, with a local acting as the ride leader. We selected a level 2 for the first day, and concluded a level six was a death wish. To assist in the ride, the group offer an app for either a mobile phone GPS or a device specific GPS.

On the final day, we selected a route with a water crossing. Of the 14 in the group, only two made it without help. Neither Pete nor I were among the two.

You can find the group on Utube as "Dirt Chimps" or on Facebook as "Dirt Chimps & The Adventure Bike Gathering."

*Mike Hofferber*



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Dual purpose bike hauler



No one laughed

The Adventure Bike Gathering

### DIFFICULTY RATING SYSTEM

The people who attend our events vary widely in skill, and they bring all kinds of different bikes. What follows is an attempt to outline how we rate our routes, and how bike size can have a significant impact on the difficulty that will be experienced by the rider.

**50:50 Tires**  
50:50 tires should be considered a minimum for The Adventure Bike Gathering. None of our routes are easy, and riding street-oriented tires just puts the rest of the group at risk of unfortunate delays.

**Physical Fitness**  
Physical Fitness plays a significant role in The Adventure Bike Gathering. Rides take 3-4 hours, venture deep into the wilderness, and can have sustained levels of difficulty. If you find yourself on a route that challenges your skills, you are going to need the strength and endurance to see it through.

ADVENTURE & ENDURO BIKES	Difficulty Rating / Class 1 to 6					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Large Adventure Bikes (1000 cc+) KTM 509, 1090, 1290, Africa Twin, etc.	Green circle	Green square	Green diamond	Green diamond	Red diamond	Red diamond
Mid-Size Adventure Bikes KTM 790, Suzuki 777, etc.	Green circle	Green square	Green diamond	Green diamond	Red diamond	Red diamond
Large Street Legal Enduro Bikes KTM 690, Husky 300, etc.	Green circle	Green square	Green diamond	Green diamond	Red diamond	Red diamond
Street Legal Enduro Bikes 200 to 500 cc dirt bikes	Green circle	Green square	Green diamond	Green diamond	Red diamond	Red diamond

DUAL SPORT BIKES	Difficulty Rating / Class 1 to 6					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Large Dual Sport Bikes Bj/BMW, Suzuki, Yamaha, etc.	Green circle	Green square	Green diamond	Green diamond	Red diamond	Red diamond
Mid-Size Dual Sports Duke 650, KTM 650, XR 650, 688 650	Green circle	Green square	Green diamond	Green diamond	Red diamond	Red diamond

**Attributes & Potential Features by Difficulty Rating**

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rough paved roads with broken bits and potholes.</li> <li>Well maintained gravel roads.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rough resource roads.</li> <li>Smooth double track.</li> <li>Small and infrequent trail obstacles.</li> <li>Patches of soft gravel, shallow sand, or small surface mud.</li> <li>All hills are gentle.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Doubletrack with routine modest features such as roots, ledges, rocks, and soft patches.</li> <li>Singletrack with infrequent obstacles.</li> <li>Some steep hills, but short in duration.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Single and double track with frequent and potentially sizable features such as roots, ledges, rocks, and soft patches.</li> <li>Steep hills can be sustained and may have unforgiving descents.</li> <li>Corries may be tight and unforgiving.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Challenging singletrack for dirt bikers, so yeah, it's really tough for anything bigger.</li> <li>Make sure you can ride a few Class 4 routes before trying a Class 5.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extremely challenging routes, even for the very best riders or smaller adventure bikes.</li> <li>Unavoidable large obstacles requiring significant commitment and potentially some rest exposure.</li> <li>Train hard to possibly do one someday so you can see that bike, and never have to do another again!</li> </ul>

TheAdventureBikeGathering.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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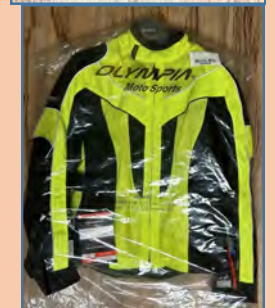
## Motorcycle gear for sale.

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:

**Tom Moe**  
**406-599-5226**



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CLASSIFIED - Dean Hall

## 2014 BMW R1200G

- 23,654 Miles
- Price: **\$10,750**
- Maintenance Records
- BMW Motorrad GPS
- Ride Modes: Road, Enduro, Enduro Pto, Rain
- Heated Grips
- Adjustable Windshield
- ESA: Normal, Road, Hard, Soft
- Cruise Control
- Trip Computer
- Lower Crash Bars
- Touratech Hard Paniers
- Tank Bag
- Extra Windshield: Large V-Stream

and more after market equipment.

CONTACT:

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## The New Ride - Dean Hall

**Dean Hall** (A.K.A. *Easy Rider*) has migrated from dirt to pavement, and he hopes, some long distance pavement. His new ride, a 2018 Honda Gold Wing with enough accessories to make 400 mile days a breeze. **Greg Hintz**, one of the Club's other Gold Wing riders is already suggesting the Three Flags Rally.



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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
<b>October 13</b>	<b>Ovando</b>	<b>Trixi's</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Club Lunch - Dine-in</b>
November 17	Basin	Silver Saddle	Sunday	1:00 PM	Club Lunch - Dine-in
December	Regional Parties				Locations To be determined

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## Classified - Lon McComas

### Riding Gear for Sale

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- First Gear, All Season Jacket, with Liner, Size large - \$50.00
- First Gear, All season Bibs, Men's 34 long - \$50.00

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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.

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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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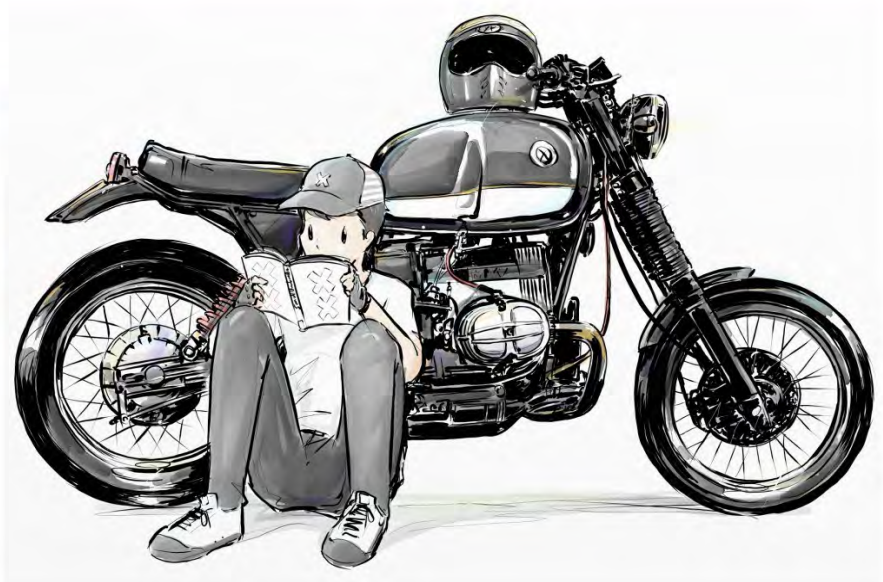


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## Reports from the Road - SCMA Three Flags Rally 2024

The Southern California Motorcycle Association annual 47<sup>th</sup> Three Flags Rally is in the books, and our member, **Greg Hintz** completed his eight rally. This year they ran north to south, starting in Harrison Hot Springs British Columbia on Friday (30 August) morning and ending in Tijuana, Mexico on Monday 2 September. One of the three mandatory check points is occasionally in Montana. This year they were at the Dalles, Oregon, Mt. Shasta, California and Bishop, California.



Editor



Harrison Hot Springs, British Columbia, Canada



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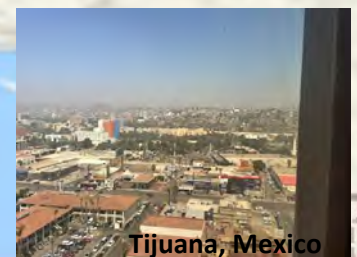


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Bishop, California



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Tijuana, Mexico





# ***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**

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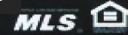
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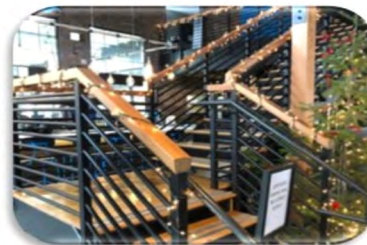
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## Stuff



Member **Sandy Knutsen's** almost three years old great grand daughter trying out a CAN AM, and instinctively blipping the throttle. Hmmmmm.... I wonder if there will be a small set of wheels under her Christmas tree?

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