

MONTANA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER

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Montana BMW Riders



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President's Corner – Larry Manchester



I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving. My son from Wyoming with his wife and two boys and my daughter from Belgrade with her husband and three little girls all came to my house for the Holiday. Throw in four dogs for good measure, (although we boarded three of the dogs at a local kennel to reduce the level of chaos) the house was buzzing with activity. I am always thankful when I get to spend time with my kids and grandkids and having them all here is special.

I have much to be thankful for this year. I had a good riding year and put in over nine thousand miles on my bike. Most of that was here in Montana except for a trip with my wife to Redmond for the MOA rally and continuing down the coast in California and then back home. A great trip and we made many memories. Then in August a trip over the Beartooth and Dead Indian passes and into Cody Wyoming followed by stops in Dubois and Jackson Wyoming and Ashton, Idaho. That ride was made even more special by riding with five other riders from our Club. Lots of laughs and storytelling with plans to ride together more next summer.

I have been pouring over my road atlas looking for next summer's riding routes. So many places to ride, so little time. I am sure many of you are planning rides also and I hope you share some of those in the upcoming newsletters. I always envy those of you who have had the opportunity to ride overseas, what an adventure that must be.

In a few days, Dec 4th to be exact, I will be having revision surgery on one of my knees. Revision is a fancy medical term. What it means is that one of my knees that was replaced 6 years ago needs to be done over. Remove all the old parts and put in new, state-of-the-art parts. It is a long surgery; they must remove everything including all the old cement and clean up so they can put in the new fancy knee appliance. The Dr. says I will have much better range of motion and should be pain free after all the healing and PT is done. I just told him I want to make sure I am ready for the riding season. He assured me I should be able to throw my leg over the Super Tenere with no problems in a month's time if I work hard on the PT. I know my riding years are getting shorter; time catches up to us all. I certainly do not want to miss riding time due to health issues. I will be very motivated to get in shape so I can hit the roads with friends next summer.

There will be three Christmas parties again this year. One in Missoula being arranged by Dick French at The Den on Dec 7th, another in Helena at the Huddy's on Dec 14th, and one at Mike Hofferber's home in Billings on Dec 7th. If you can make one of those just get hold of either Dick, Kevin or Annie, or Mike and let them know you will be attending. I will be thinking of you all as I recover from the surgery. Merry Christmas everyone!

Larry



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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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October 2024

Report for the Roads - November Ride - Mike Hofferber



Mike Hofferber, Rich Bradley, Gary Armstrong, Pete DeGroat and Pat Endres have a goal of doing a ride in every month of the year. This is the November 2024 ride from Billings to Pete DeGroat's cabin in Nye, Montana.

It looked like a brisk but snow free 205 mile ride.

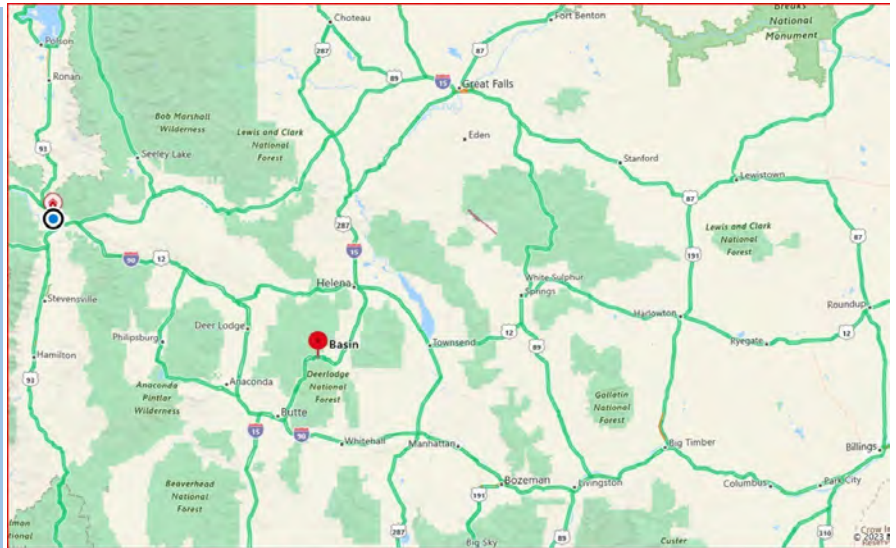
Editor



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Monthly Meeting - Silver Saddle Bar and Café - Basin, Montana

The weather for our meetings at the Silver Saddle Bar and Café in Basin seem to alternate yearly. It was cold and snowing in 2022, sunny and warm in 2023, and cloudy and cold this year—2024. No riders in 2022, six riders in 2023 and two very hard core sidecar rigs, Keving and Annie Huddy this year. I suspect there was not any rider gear left hanging in their shop, if they could get it on to cope with the high 30's to low 40's. Fourteen hardy souls made the trip to the Silver Saddle and its good service and food. - Editor



Jason Andreas facing the camera on the left. Opposite, facing the camera, **Sandi Simons**, **Dean Hall**, **Ken Conrad** and **Sandy Knutsen**. **Sandi Simons** is gearing up to do a guided, women only adventure ride in Belize, Central America in January 2024. We are looking forward to report on that.

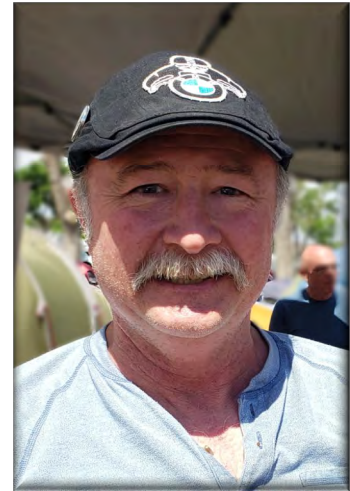
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Monthly Meeting - Silver Saddle Bar and Café - Basin, Montana - (continued)

I was not successful with good photos on site for others who attended the meeting, so I had to retrieve file photos of the remainder of the group. Editor



Annie and Kevin Huddy, and their BMW sidecar rigs.



Ronald McComas, formally from Bozeman, but now residing in Seeley Lake, Montana



Bruna Bizzitto and Rick LePage



Donna and Michael McIerney pushed their 1999 VW Diesel from Colorado just of tis meeting. They will be returning just in time to leave for a Hawaiian Island cruise celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary.



The Silver Saddle Bar and Café probably closer to its 1885 construction date.

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JIB MILL

The Hope, Katy and White Elephant mines behind this sign were once part of the most productive mining enterprises in the history of the Basin. The Hope and Katy lodes produced \$5,000,000 of ore between 1890 and 1910. On April 20, 1895, the BASIN TIMES told of a particularly good strike that was made that spring.

The Hope mine has long been noted for the richness of its ores, but now it is noted for the quantity of solid gold. Upon the discovery of (a drift of exceptionally rich ore) Foreman Buckley summoned Manager Fletcher to the scene at once and in the first piece that he picked up was contained over \$500 of pure gold. The surroundings fairly dazzled his eyes.

The Jib Mill was built in 1900 to efficiently process the ore. At one time more than 100 men were employed at the mill. The structure burned down in 1975.



I was not able to locate any of the history of the Silver Saddle Bar and Café. According to the Montana State Library cadastral maps, it was constructed in 1885 and from a photo in the café, it appeared to have been a merchandise store and perhaps a barber shop at one time. The building has aged well, and the café has a reputation for good food in the atmosphere of an old and almost forgotten mining town. Editor

Basin, a boom and bust mining town with gold being reported as early as 1862, hit its stride between 1890's and 1920's. It was served by two railroads, between Butte and Helena. What is now main street, was U. S. Highway 91 starting in California and ending at the Canadian border near Sweet Grass, Montana.

A short lived revival occurred when exposure to radiation from Radon was considered beneficial to relieving various ailments. The Merry Widow mine played hoists to visitors for that purpose.

After Interstate Highway 15 was completed in the 1990's, bypassing Basin it gradually retreated in prosperity. Between 1993 and 2011 it was home to the Montana Artist Refuge. For nearly two decades Basin became home to nationally significant artists, who converted many of the mining day buildings to studios and galleries. The art scene was noted for its informality, with guests simply popping in to an artist's studio to observe and converse with the artists.

Nothing seems to be written on why the community disbanded even though the quiet and serene atmosphere would seem to be a match for artists with a desire for the solitude to pursue their passion.

The \$5,000,000 of gold at today's prices would be close to \$650,000,000.

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NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION Recall Notices - Annie Huddy

NHTSA Recall ID Number: 24V864
Manufacturer: Honda (American Honda Motor Co.)
Subject: Fuel Pump May Fail

Make	Model	Model Year
Honda	CBR 1000RR	2008, 2017, 2019, 2021
Honda	CBR 600RR	2007, 2009-2017
Honda	VFR 1200F	2010, 2012-2013
Honda	VFR 1200FD	2010, 2012-2013

100,000 Miles on a BMW - Doug Anderson



Doug's BMW rides started with a 2009 K1200LT which carried him to his present 2023 K1600GTL and the 100,000 mile mark at the Sea Stacks at the Redwood Coast Parks. Doug was on his way to the BMW MOA in Redmond, Oregon.

He is planning a ride through Acadia National Park and points Northeast on the 2023 K1600GTL in the 2025 riding season.

CONGRATULATIONS!



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NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION Recall Notices - Annie Huddy

NHTSA Recall ID Number :[24V882](#)

Manufacturer :Honda (American Honda Motor Co.)

Subject :Engine Stall from Software Error

Make	Model	Model Year
Honda	CRF 1100	2022 2024. 2025

Classified - John DiBari

- One gallon Armadillo fuel bag with pour spout
- New
- Weighs 13 ounces empty
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Nate Bertland
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Nik Anderson
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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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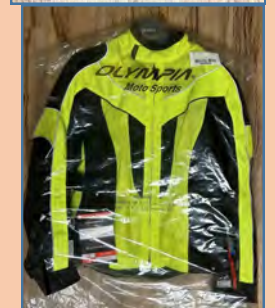
Motorcycle gear for sale.

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.

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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	Butte	Perkins	Saturday	1:00 pm	Club Lunch - Dine-in (Note: Venue changed due to absence of confirmation of The Vault.)
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	Club Lunch - Dine-in
December 7	Missoula	The Den 6995 Linda Vista Blvd Missoula, Montana	Saturday	1:00 PM	Brunch - Dine-in
December 7	Billings	Mike Hofferber's Home	Saturday		Call Mike: 406-698-8179
December 14	Helena	Huddy's Outpost	Saturday	11:00 AM	Brunch

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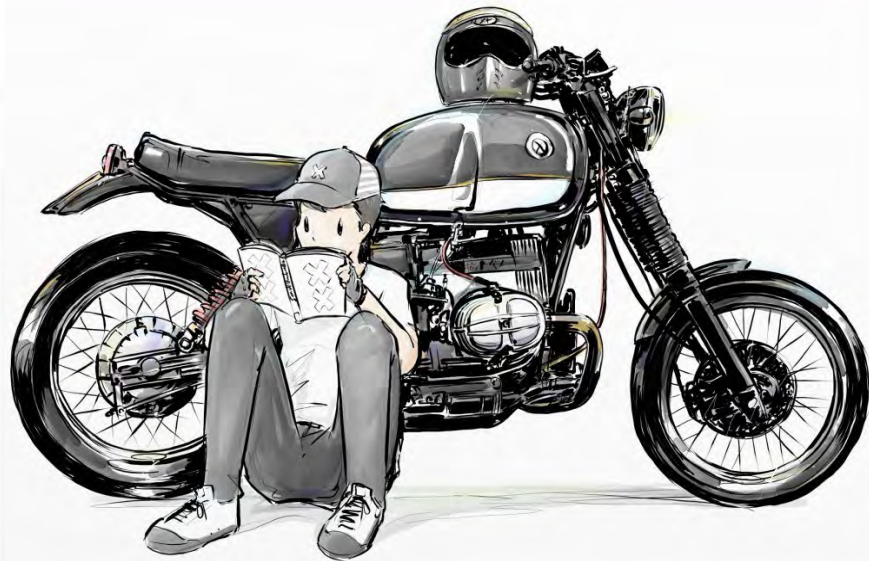
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A photograph of a large, dark-colored hot tub on a wooden deck. The hot tub has the text "MOUNTAIN HOT TUB" at the top and "FEEL GOOD. LIVE BETTER." on the side. The background shows a snowy mountain landscape with evergreen trees. A blue banner at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

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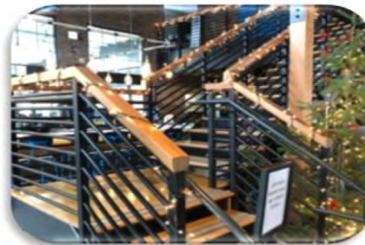
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The Musings of a Maturing Motorcycle Rider

I sometimes wish I was, ahem, a few years younger so I could have enjoyed today's competent motorcycles as a young (er) pup.

Instead of growing up in the "good ol' days" when the riding I did wasn't known as "ADventure" riding. Before the advent of "ADV" made it a thing.

When putting 15K miles on a Trail 55, "cow trailing" in Levis and a jean jacket was - most of the time - an adventure.

And without technical ("tactical"?) riding gear. Boots? Sure. Red Wing "hunting boots" of course. Gloves? Yeah, if it was cold. Helmet? Nah.

When if you had six inches of front suspension travel you were really somebody.

When putting 27K miles on my "big bike" XL250 necessitated the use of a better riding jacket...Army field jacket.

When, since I didn't have a five dollar head, I saved and splurged and bought a gen-u-wine Bell helmet. McQueen replica of course, with a snap-on visor.

"ADventure" riding, on an "ADV" motorcycle, is completely different now.

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