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BMWRO President's Message

by Jay Bennett



Summer Season

So have you noticed the riding season is at least half gone? What have you done? I hope you are getting the riding in you want. I know I have *not* gotten the riding in I thought I would at this point in the year but that's my own doing. If you are not getting the riding in, what are you going to do about it? I am trying to ride my bike as much as possible, even on smaller trips where a car would be "sensible" in most people's opinion.

Last night we rode down the Willamette in a boat and the river's smooth surface was covered with Autumn leaves already! A couple of days ago we rode through the Coast Range and same thing: the leaves are becoming brown and golden early this year. We have had very warm season and that accelerates the turning of leaves but the message is there. The season will be gone before you know it, so get done what you want.

This warmer than normal season has made for some changes to our riding program. My wife and I ride in the mornings and get back before the hot part of the day now. I have bought a cooling vest. If you don't have one on a 90 degree plus day, you are just suffering unnecessarily. The lack of rain has made wet riding a non-issue but if you like to dual-sport that's become more dusty and even dangerous with the forest fire hazard. For the current weather forecast, it shows hot and dry for the foreseeable future, so ride accordingly.

As I write this many members are coming back from the MOA rally in Billings MT. We hope you had safe and enjoyable trip. Last weekend, we more

Oregon-bound members had a great campout in the Port Orford area hosted by **Keith Mattson** and **Jalene Case**. I could only stay for one night, but it seemed to be the usual campout-friends with a few newer faces. All seemed to be having a great time while eating good food. The riding in the south coast area is definitely one of the best in the state.

Elections are coming in September and October, and we have two critical openings in the **Vice President and Treasurer** positions to be filled. These are relatively light positions in regards to time. Both are part of leadership of the club and help to set the direction of club in all matters. The VP is also the manager of activities and oversees events. The Treasurer manages our funds and where money comes from and maybe more importantly where it goes. Both roles fill vital needs for the club and give the person a chance to grow and learn new skills. These are great opportunities for the individual and the club, so consider it. If you want more info, talk to one of the officers and be thinking about a nomination. I will be glad to meet with anyone on this either on the phone (541-760-0675) or email (bmwro.pres@gmail.com). We have until late September to make nominations to get ballots into the October Beamer Beat which will come very quickly.

For events, we have several in August, so check the Activities Calendar and

get out there,

meet new BMW friends and ride while we have the chance.

Jay



Keith Mattson & Jalene Case listening to conversation at the Edson Creek Campout

photo by Forest McGreggor



BMWRO

Coming Events



Club Sanctioned Events

- Event:** **Dairy Point Group Campground Campout**
- Date/Time:** August 14-16, 2015
- Place:** Dairy Point Group Campground
- Description:** Please join us for a Central Oregon campout Friday through Sunday, August 14-16, at Dairy Point Campground in the Fremont-Winema National Forest near the town of Paisley, Oregon. Road and dual-sport riders alike will find plenty of opportunities for exploration. This event **replaces** our previously-planned campout at **Haystack Reservoir** the same weekend. The Club will provide dinner Saturday night, otherwise bring your own food, beverages, and camp stoves. No restrictions on campfires yet but this is subject to change. Water is available at the campground. A café and gas station are available in Paisley, as well as groceries and more restaurants in Lakeview.
- Saturday dinner will be provided:** brats from the Redmond Smokehouse with all the fixin's—green salad, fruit salad & cookies. Bring your own beverages; we'll have ice chests and ice available. Other meals are on your own. We'll have a propane camp stove available for your use and a kettle of hot water for your morning coffee. **Cost:** free for BMWRO members; **\$10 for sponsored non-members.**
- Directions:** Directions and additional campground information may be found at the campground website, <http://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/fremont-winema/recarea/?recid=59759>. Make your reservation on the BMWRO website by Wed. Aug. 12th or contact Alice at:
- Contact:** Alice LeBarron alicelebarron@hotmail.com
541-647-7194
- Event:** **Women Riders Campout**
- Date/Time:** August 21-23, 2015 (Fri-Sun)
- Place:** Kiahania Campground, Willamette National Forest along the Aufderheide Drive (aka FR 19) 20 miles north of Westfir.
- Description:** Rustic-camping • good-food • fun-women
This is rustic camping in the beautiful, green, mature forest along the North Fork of the Middle Fork Willamette River. The campground has vault toilets, potable water, picnic tables, and fire rings. Most of the campsites are along the river. Campsites are first-come, first-served, so some of us will arrive Thursday to try to save room for everyone. Meals are not planned ahead of time. Bring your own food & cooking gear. You might



want to bring something to share. Groceries in Westfir 20 miles away, or Oakridge 25 miles away. We may have a meal or two at a café. We usually hit a grocery store and then do some communal meals in camp, sharing costs.

Directions: **From the north,** the turn off from Hwy 126 is 3.5 miles east of Blue River or about 2 miles west of the Shell station and Takoda's Restaurant at the town of Rainbow. The sign at the turn says Cougar Dam. Follow FR 19 about 37 miles to the campground on your right. **From the south,** the turn off from Hwy 58 is about 5 miles west of Oakridge. Look for the sign to Westfir. You'll travel through Westfir, continuing north on FR 19 about 20 miles to the campground, which will be on your left. All roads are paved and the campground road is paved. The Aufderheide is a scenic and fun route to ride! We'll also explore some other fun routes during the campout.

Coordinates: 44° 3'37.62"N, 122° 5'30.10"W
Register on the BMWRO website before Wed. August 19th or contact Alice LeBarron to let us know that you're planning to camp with us.

Contact: Alice LeBarron alicelebarron@hotmail.com
541-647-7194

Event: **Ride & Camp Gypsy Tour 2015**

formerly: Ride, Camp, Repeat

Date/Time: August 25-28, 2015 (Tuesday to Friday)

Place: Tentative schedule, see details under Description

Description: Below is the itinerary for the Camp-a-Ride-a-Thon during the last month of August. This is a no host, on your own, self-supported, no frills, multi-day, self-guided tour of the back roads of Oregon. Sounds enticing, eh?

1. **Tuesday Evening, 25 Aug:** Walton Lake (Crook County) is nearly in the center of the state and easily accessible by F.S. Rd #123 and #22. At 5200 ft., amidst the ponderosa's of the Ochoco

N. F., it will be a pleasant respite from the summer heat. This spot will provide the perfect backdrop for planning Wednesday's route.

2. **Wednesday, 26 Aug:** Catherine Creek State Park (Union County) is just south of the town of Union on Hwy 203 and due north of Baker City. There is not a bad road choice to be had this day (save I-84) in a too little visited part of our state. Come and explore some areas that are outside of your normal routine.

3. **Thursday, 27 Aug:** Collier Memorial State Park (Klamath County) is a beautiful facility, with hot showers, on the confluence of the Williamson River and Spring Creek. Don't let its access via Hwy 97 mislead you—there are wonderful roads in the area that will minimize anything resembling straight.

This allows all day **Friday** to choose among the myriad of wonderful choices in Southwestern Oregon as you work your way to the rendezvous with the scheduled *Club Campout on the North Umpqua*. The *Siskiyou's*, the *Rogue* and *Illinois River Valleys*, offer pristine, seductive motorcycle roads. Come and share your favorites with a group of like-minded compatriots who suffer from the same Wanderlust disease.

I hope to see you at one or more of these locations. For more info, or if you would like for me to be expecting you, I can be reached at:

Contact: Jim Stewart, **541-884-8417** or 69jstewart@gmail.com

Event: **Horseshoe Campout near Steamboat**

Date/Time: August 28–30, 2015—Friday–Sunday

Place: **Details on Page 6 of this issue**

Description: Shady Trees and a beautiful river

Contact: Roger Paquette mrqs02@hotmail.com

Event: **Steens Narrows**

Date/Time: September 11–13, 2015

Place: Narrows RV Park, OR

Description: A Saturday and Sunday morning continental breakfast and a Saturday night meal of PRIME RIB and green salad, plus more. Cost ? The Narrows RV Park is 26 miles south of Burns on Hwy #205, on the way to Frenchglen and Fields. General Meeting to be held Saturday afternoon.

Cost: For members: \$15.00; for non-members: \$25.00

Contact: Janet Bennett. Please **RSVP** No Later than 8/29/15. Preferred method of sign-up is thru our website and use PayPal at: <http://bmwro.org/SNC-preregistration.html>

Or contact Jay and Janet Bennett at jlbenett60@gmail.com or **541-760-0823** to reserve a space in the tent area and/or for dinner. An accurate head-count is needed for the Saturday night meal. RV hookups at your own expense: call (**541-495-2006**) to make reservations for RV camp spots or visit: www.narrowsrvpark.com. Also checkout: <http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/burns/recreation/steens-mtn.php>

Recurring Events

Event: **Central Oregon 2nd Saturday**

Date/Time: Second Saturday of each month

Location: Various ride and lunch locations in the Central Oregon area.

Contact: Alice LeBarron alicelebarron@hotmail.com
541-647-7194

Event: **Central Western Region 1st Saturday Ambassador Ride**

Date/Time: First Saturday of each month, Meet at 8:30 a.m., will leave parking lot at 9:00 a.m.

Location: European Motorcycles of Western Oregon

Description: Various routes.

Contact: Jim Breen, **541-912-4500** or jpbior@aol.com or
Bob Metzger **608-642-1186**
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Event: **Southern Oregon 1st Saturday**

Date/Time: First Saturday of each month

Location: Various lunch/breakfast and ride locations for southern Oregon members.

Contact: Dan Hall, dnehall@frontier.com

Event: **NW Oregon 1st Saturday Ride**

Date/Time: First Saturday of each month

Location: Various breakfast and ride locations in Central Oregon area.

Description: Finding the twisties and connecting with our membership for grins and food sharing.

Contact: David Peterson **503-327-5592**
dwpeterson01@yahoo.com
Susan Ortiz-Renteria **503-779-7842**
dirtsquirt816@gmail.com

Event: **Eugene 1st Saturday Coffee**

Date/Time: First Saturday of each month 9:00 to 11:00 am.

Location: Eugene BMW store, 2891 W. 11th Ave

Contact: Jim Breen (**541**) **912-4500**,
jpbior@aol.com

Event: **Doc Wong Riding Clinic**

Date/Time: Second Saturday of each Month, 9:00 am

Location: Mr. Ed's Moto: 414 Queen Avenue, Albany

Contact: Don Weber **541-791-5142**
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NEW MEMBERS

Motorcycle

Mark Butcher , Richland, WA Unknown
Debbie Jenkins, Corvallis, OR Unknown
Scott Malvitch, Newport, OR. 1981 R80GS, 1995 R1100R



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Unfamiliar with Dropbox? Call Forest at (514) 761-2320 and she will help you get acquainted with the online interface.

FIND THE BMWRO NEW MEMBER APPLICATION FORM ONLINE:

[HTTP://BMWRO.ORG](http://BMWRO.ORG)

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Ambassador Program Welcomes New Members

Ambassadors for the Four Regions are:

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(South of Salem, including Eugene & Oakland from the coast to the Cascades).

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Central & Northeast Region

(East of The Dalles, including I-84 to Ontario, south of Columbia River to US 20, Baker City & including US 20 to LaPine. Includes Camp Sherman/Bend/Redmond/Sisters & Prineville area).

Alice LeBarron—541-647-7194
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Southern Region

(Oakland, OR into California. The coast through Klamath Falls).

Dan Hall—541-862-7411
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Northwest Region

(from Longview, WA south through Salem, OR, the coast to the Cascades, including The Dalles).

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Susan Ortiz-Renteria—503-779-7842
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Please call or email your regional Ambassador for club outings and rally information. We can assist you with learning more about BMWRO

Event: **Horseshoe Campout near Steamboat**

Date/Time: August 28–30, 2015—Friday–Sunday

Place: Horseshoe Camp Grounds

Description: Shady Trees and a beautiful river

Contact: Roger Paquette mrgsa02@hotmail.com

BMWRO is camping at Horseshoe Bend Campsite, August 28-29, 2015. Prior campouts held there were very popular. BMWRO has reserved the **Deer Flat Group** campsite, which is adjacent to Horseshoe Bend.

Directions

Many wonderful roads lead to Horseshoe Bend. The following “official” directions are a great reference point. But, check out alternatives, there are some amazing roads available.

From Roseburg, it’s approximately 46 miles: Turn onto OR HWY-138 (aka E/NE Diamond Lake Blvd.) Continue on OR HWY-138 approximately 16 miles until you reach the town of Glide. Upon entering Glide, the North Umpqua Ranger Station will be on your left (You can obtain Umpqua NF information, maps and brochures). There is a Chevron gas station/convenience store (south side of 138) in Glide. Recommend you top up. Gas is available approximately Mile Post 50; again at Diamond Lake and Crater Lake NP, but you pay the tourist rate.

From the North Umpqua Ranger Station (16 miles east of Roseburg on State Highway 138), continue on OR Highway-138 east for 30 miles to **Road #4750** near Milepost 48 (South side). It’s right in the middle of a terrific set of curves! LOL! Turn right on **Road #4750** and right again on **Road #4750-001** (before the bridge). On road #4750-001, you’ll see **Deer Flat Group** site on your right just before entering Horseshoe Bend Campground. Just go up the hill. Site has room for 50 tent campers. There is room for a few smaller self contained RV’s. The site has flush toilets and water available. Bring your solar shower if that’s important!

Horseshoe Bend/Deer Flat is a terrific ride base. Deer Flat is an ideal spot to relax on a hot summer day! It is quiet and away from other campers. Hwy 138 alone is worth the trip—and is also a major route to Crater Lake National Park, a great day ride. Watch your speed! There are dual sport roads throughout the Umpqua National Forest. Tokatee Hot Springs is about 25 miles down the road. Waterfalls are a major attraction on Hwy 138. Brochures are available via the USFS.



This is a TRADITIONAL HARDY SOUL CAMPOUT

What to bring? Your camping equipment, food and of course BYOB. Food is your responsibility. Saturday evening meal is a pot luck. If you want to participate, bring something of substance to share. There is a fixed barbecue available for campers. You will want to bring your own charcoal. Coordinate with your RV/pickup driving friends to bring food and other essentials.

A small store is about a mile east of Horseshoe Bend. It has regular gas pump, snacks, ice and beer for sale. Steamboat Inn is about twenty miles [+/-] west of Horseshoe Bend, excellent cuisine, reservations recommended.



Deer Flat will be open at 3:00 pm (1500 hours) on Friday the 28th. Checkout time is 1000 hours Sunday morning. BMWRO members camp for free, nonmembers **MUST** be sponsored and **IT will cost them \$10.00 a night**. Remember, bring food if you want to eat. I have no GPS coordinates, you should be able to obtain some off Google. If you are coming via RV/pickup, coordinate with fellow members. You can carry more beer than they can!

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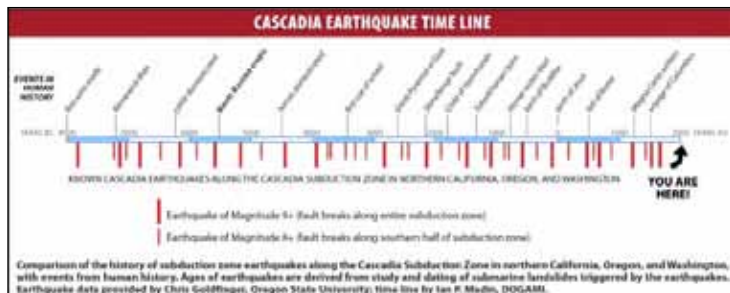


Why Jalene Case & Keith Matteson are Really Leaving the Oregon Coast

The Juan de Fuca Subduction Plate/Cascadia Subduction Zone

There is increasing awareness—as there should be—around the next big earthquake. It's not California, but Oregon that is at risk. Predictions are being made that the Juan de Fuca subduction plate will snap (under extreme pressure) under the continental plate some time in the next 50 years (with a 37% chance—which gives us a 63% chance that it won't). Due to reconstructed records of past earthquakes, we can expect something on the realm of an 8-to-9 magnitude jolt. A jolt from which Oregon is ill-prepared to recover in a timely fashion—roughly one-to-three years to reach 90% efficiency. It's rather exciting to think about if you love natural disasters.

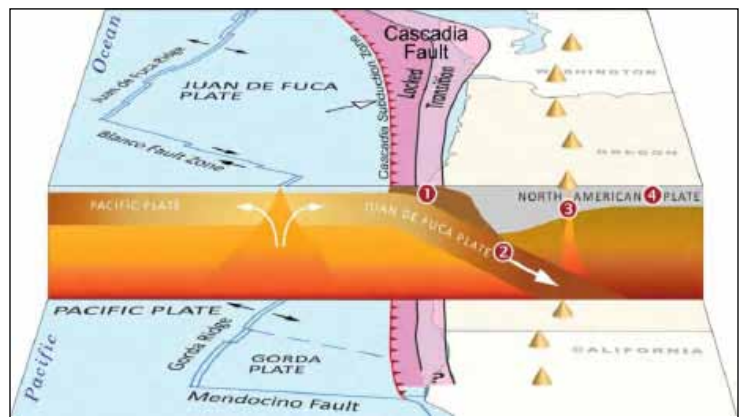
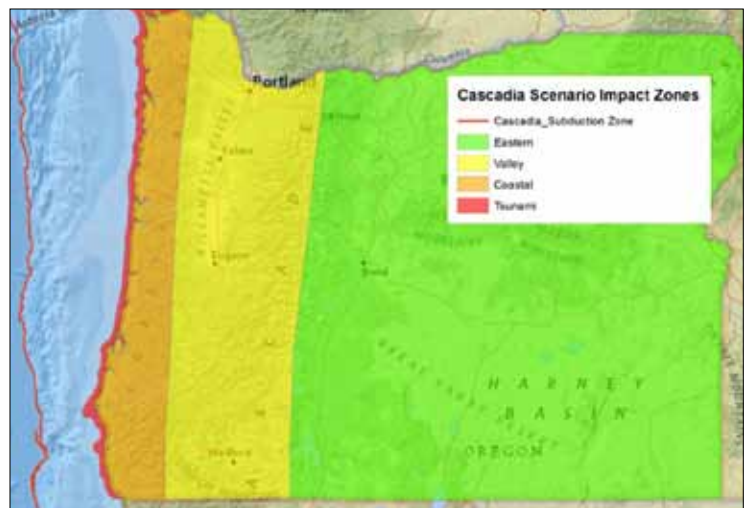
Apparently Jalene Case and Keth Matteson are getting out of the Tsunami impact area on the excuse that they want to travel South-on-a-Bike. They have set up some poor sucker to stay in their Newport house while they are gone—not that there's anything wrong with it.



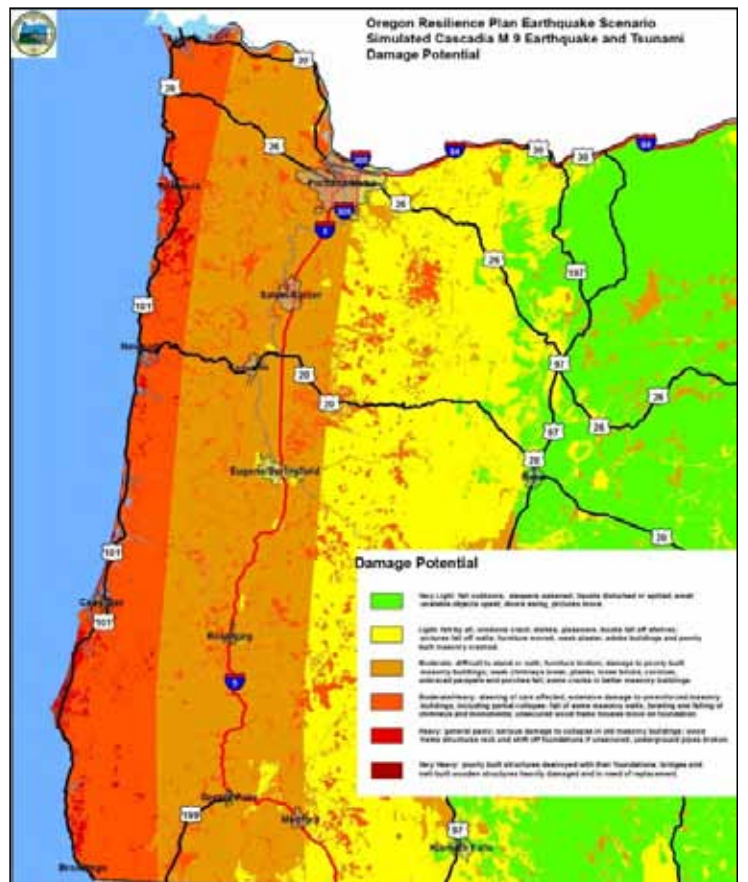
Not only will the Tsunami do its damage to the coast line, the coast will actually sink by several feet before the Tsunami arrives due to the continental shelf snapping over the Juan de Fuca plate that has held it under pressure. If the ground in the Coastal and Valley are wet soils, liquification is expected to occur—things are going to break, houses and trees may fall down, roads will crumble, systems for delivering power, fossil fuel and electricity will be impaired.

Now, I'm *re-thinking* the Club's Beach Bash gathering held each February at the Driftwood Shores Motel in Florence—like, maybe Cottage Grove *would* be a safer place to relax and have fun.

To read more about the Oregon Resilience Plan, direct your browser to www.scribd.com or type in www.scribd.com/doc/167958455/Oregon-Resilience-Plan-Final



All Images on this page are from the Oregon Resilience Plan Document



Central Oregon Ride Report

June 13, 2015

by Alice LeBarron

Saturday June 13th turned out to be a lovely day for a ride! Nine riders on 7 bikes gathered in Redmond for our ride. Since it was rodeo weekend, we avoided the traffic by taking Camp Polk Road and Indian Ford Road to by-pass Sisters. This is a really enjoyable alternative route that drops us out onto Hwy 126 on the east side of Black Butte.

After crossing Santiam Pass, we stopped for water and conversation at Lost Prairie Campground, and then rode on over the fun and scenic Tombstone Pass and down into Sweet Home. We found the Northside Park, overlooking the Santiam River, a perfect, shady spot for our picnic lunch. A big topic of lunchtime conversation was looking at the map and anticipating the good routes we all wanted to take during the Chief Joseph Rally!

The next leg of our journey took us across Foster Reservoir and then up the scenic, twisty Quartzville Road to its connection with Hwy 22, just south of Marion Forks. The Quartzville Route was a fun, challenging route, with plenty of twisties in an



obstacle course of potholes, debris, and broken ruts in the pavement with dappled light. When we got to Hwy 22, it was time to stop and talk about what a fun and challenging route we'd just been through!

We were all in good spirits from the ride and congratulating ourselves for the accomplishment! By then it was time to enjoy the big sweepers as we headed back home across Santiam Pass. Joining me on this ride were **Karen Duncan, Burt Ridge, Jim & Lynn Mulhall, Steve & Christina Campbell, Phyllis Webb, and Bob Hammond.**



Edson Creek Campout

by Forest McGregor

I am personally grateful to Jalene Case and Keith Matteson for facilitating this campout for the second year—a true commitment given that their lives must be in a state of turmoil as they pack up the stuff in their home, end their current employment, prepare their bikes and camping gear for their trip, South-on-a-Bike. Keith brought the grill, chicken thighs (marinated on site), corn on the cob and salad for Saturday evening's meal.

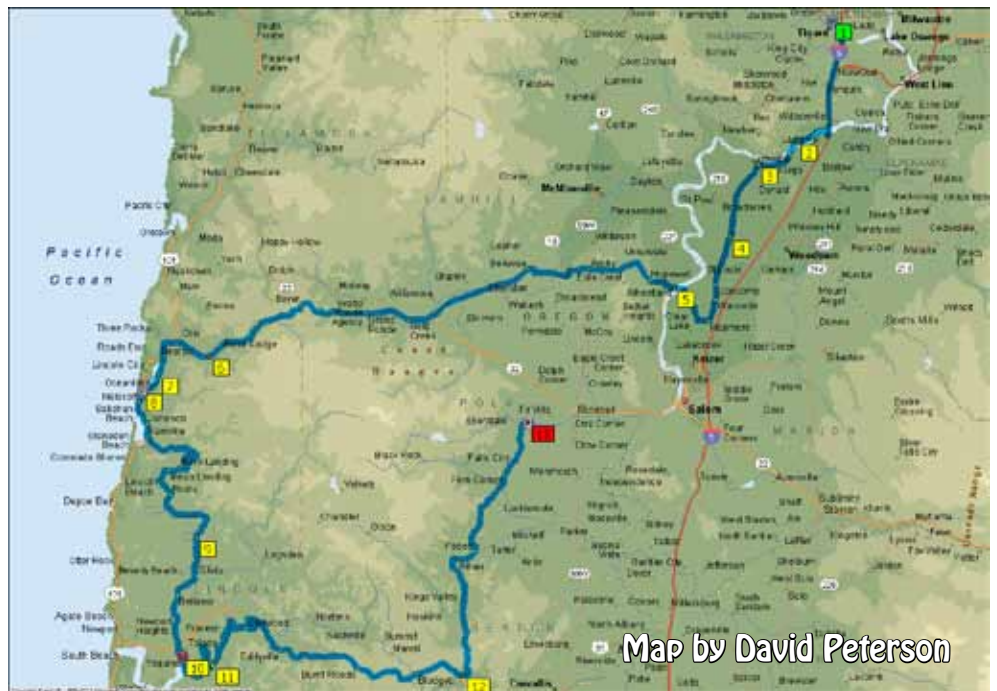


NW Ambassador's Ride Report – July 2015 –

Susan Ortiz-Renteria #106802
David Peterson #90113

This has been a summer to remember—more like southern California than northern Oregon. To beat the heat, our last ride was to the coast. With new threats of temperatures north of 90°, we pointed westward again. Even though the day turned out to be cooler, the roads along fields and streams made our July ride one to remember.

As we gathered at Tigard BMW, our usual launch pad, we were pleased to see a few new faces among the regulars. We pulled away from the shop a throng of 17 on 14 bikes. **David** and **Diane** were the first to leave the lot, followed by **Neal Malagamba** for the sixth time in seven months. **Mike Ripley** made his fifth ride of the season, bringing son, **Justin**, for the second time. **Frank Boyle** has also made five rides. The rest of the pack included **Karl & Ramona Perlich**, **Bob Berner**, **Dave Miller**, **Dan Noble**, **Louie Robida**, and first-timers



Map by David Peterson

Josephine Ko, Steven Polansky, and Roger & Tamara Wong. Susan cranked up her high beams and swept.

Down I-5 we flew, a necessary evil to quickly cross the river. Then it was west through the hops fields of Champoeg and French Prairie toward the Wheatland Ferry. After zipping through Amity, we said goodbye to Neal, who had family obligations in McMinnville. OR-18 was this month's pain point, one of the eight or so main arteries in

western Oregon one can't avoid when it's necessary to quickly get from valley to coast. OR-18 and a little later OR-20 presented us with cautionary tales about the dangers of at-grade crossings. Nothing serious happened, but this day's ride reminded us all of the risks we face when crossing or accessing a major thoroughfare. Suffice it to say, ***be very careful out there***: those cars and trucks are closer and moving much faster than they appear.

The traffic was heavy, but the ride through Grand Ronde and Otis was beautiful. Approaching Lincoln City, we ducked behind town on East Devil's Lake Road. After gassing up, we found ourselves skating the curves on OR-229 along the Siletz River. Thirty minutes later we arrived at **Pig Feathers BBQ** in Toledo, hungry and ready to eat.

Unfortunately, Pig Feathers was a swing-and-a-miss. It's a family affair and you would think all the hype surrounding proprietor and self-described "former Oregon State Grand Champion of Barbeque," Stu Miller, would be all you need to know. Turns out "former" rather than "champion" is the operative



Motoring along the King's Valley Highway

Photo by Steven Polansky

word. Son, Foster Miller, does a noble job waiting tables. When that's the highlight of your meal, it's time to look elsewhere.

Eventually we hit the road. David's never one to backtrack, so it was onward along Elk City Road we rode. On the pre-ride, David had noticed this route—and its terminus along OR-20. He didn't actually ride it until today (although he insists he carefully reviewed it on Google Earth). Turns out that Elk City is a lovely ribbon of asphalt—for 9 of its 16 miles! David slowed only slightly as he passed the "Pavement Ends" sign. Maybe nobody will notice, he thought.

After 7 miles, he knew he'd have some 'splainin' to do. Fortunately, nothing bad happened. All really is well that ends well.

Eventually we reconnected with OR-20 and solid pavement. Eastward we rambled, then north along OR-223 through the King's Valley. After a last gas stop and photo op in Dallas, it was time to go our separate ways.

Check out photos from past First Saturday rides here. And if you have photos of your own you want to share, don't hesitate to forward them to David at dlwpeterson01@yahoo.com.

Total miles,
July Ride:280
Total First Saturday miles,
year-to-date: 1,426

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Smiles among the bikes at the Chevron station in Dallas. Another great ride in the books.

Photo by David Peterson

Letters to the Editor

Everyone has a passion other than motorcycle riding, don't 'cha think? Jay Bennett is a gun collector—not that there's anything wrong with it; Clarence Story is fascinated with ham radio; many of us love hunting mushrooms. I recently shared my passion for mushroom hunting with Kris Jacobson and asked her how she got interested in truffle hunting. She blathered at me this wonderful response.

email from Kris printed with her permission

Blathering Truffles

by Kris Jacobson

As far as how I got into this? It's all completely by accident. After I retired, I had some serious knee surgeries that didn't go well for me. And unfortunately my dog, Ilsa, also suffered a serious knee injury at a very young age. Part of our mutual rehab regimen was walking. Ilsa also had to be restricted to crate rest and leash-only walking. Try crate-resting a 2.5 year-old Belgian Malinois. It's not easy for any young dog, but even worse for an extremely high driven and high energy Malinois. I had to come up with something to occupy her without risking re-injury. I signed her up for some **Canine Nosework** classes and those classes were great for about six months. But, as we progressed, both of us got bored. We competed in one Nose Work trial and she earned her title; but it wasn't something I really wanted to continue doing.

One night while Internet surfing, I happened to discover that wild culinary truffles grow in the PNW (Pacific North West), in association with Douglas fir trees. I also learned the only way to *ethically* and *sustainably* harvest them was by using a dog. An idea was born!

I introduced my dog to the truffle scent and within 24 hours, she was finding them in the wild. We haven't looked back since...it has been quite an exciting 3—to—4 years since we started and my dog has made some pretty cool PNW truffle history.

- She has found completely new and undiscovered culinary truffle species.
- She found the first ever, successfully cultivated périgord (French Black) truffle in the PNW.
- She found the first documented pecan truffles in various regions of Texas, after scientists at Texas Tech University had been unsuccessful searching (without using dogs) for several years.

Truth be told, the dog is a truffle hunting savant. I'm really lucky to have her. I just take her to places where truffles are, and she goes to work. She's amazing and has become somewhat famous. She's going to be 8 years old in July and she still has a lot of truffle hunting left in her. We're going to go explore Montana this summer and see what we can discover there. Hopefully some truffles nobody knew existed. Wish us luck.

To see more pictures of Ilsa and read the Dog Blog, visit UmamiTruffleDogs.com.



Hypothermia

by Forest McGregor

In July of 1999, Jim von Stein took me to Ashland for forth of July celebrations at a friend's house. We rode two-up on his R650—me wearing some of his older riding gear. It was around midnight when we made the return ride home to Merlin—about an hour on I-5. I got very cold on the back of the bike, started shivering and was growing very sleepy.

We made it home and crawled into bed. I shivered for about a hour unable to fall asleep; then I got up, drew a shallow bath of warm water and got in, slowly bringing the temperature of the water up until I stopped shivering—it took almost an hour of soaking in that warm water before I got out and returned to bed.

The July issue of **Motorcycle Consumer News** has an article by Dr. John Alevizos about hypothermia for bikers. It describes what to do and what not to do.



General Meeting of the BMWRO June 20, 2015 at CJR

The meeting was called to order by President Jay Bennett at 4:05 pm in Keerin's Hall at the Chief Joseph Rally.

Throughout the meeting, members trickled in for a total attendance of 17 members.

Treasurer's report: Jay Bennett gave a brief synopsis of the Treasurer's Report.

Events: Ed Foltyn, VP & Activities Chairperson, gave a brief listing of upcoming events (all are described in detail in recent issues of the **BEEMER BEAT**): The Vintage Bike Show, Edson Creek Campout, Central Oregon Campout, Horseshoe Campout, Women Riders Campout, and the Steens Campout and membership meeting. Jim Stewart spoke

about the Oregon Gypsy Tour Campout that he is organizing.

Jay Bennett voiced concern that there seems to be fewer volunteers doing more of the work recently, particularly in the roles of planning and putting on the rally. Discussion followed and the general consensus was that there is a need for clear definition of each of the rally chairperson roles in order to then find volunteers to fill those roles. Much of this needs to be completed early in the process of planning for next year. Please watch for further communication in the Beemer Beat about volunteer positions that will need to be filled.

Jay Bennett asked club members to consider ways for BMWRO to be more inclusive to youth.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Alice LeBarron, BMWRO secretary.



Letters to the Editor

A Cautionary Tale

by Roger Paquette

A simple warning about what can happen on the Geology tour! Or, beware BMWRO members are watching and listening, LOL. This tale was related with a confidential clause. But geez, who could resist?

Wasn't the Geology Tour at Chief Joseph Rally June 14th terrific? It was, with one exception.

Twenty five attendees and a retired US Forest Ranger left the Fairgrounds at 9:00 am. The ride headed south on Hwy 395 and turned right onto the Izee/Paulina Road. First stop was on the Murderers Creek Road. A Strawberry Mountain geology talk was presented. The astute ranger noticed many folks squirming and read the situation. Lots of coffee had been consumed waiting for the ride. "There is a pit stop at Murderers Creek Guard Station" said the ranger. "It's about fifteen miles." A long fifteen miles later, the group stopped. Mr. CJR Vendor chairman, **Bruce Moses**, went first—he just dashed in ahead of everyone.

Entering, Bruce was aghast. *Dog-gone Forest Service is just too rustic. Where are the hooks and clothes hangers? Don't they understand microbes and germs? I can't put my clothes on the floor!* Brand new HELD Gore-Tex® gloves were tucked under the left armpit. Bruce begins his business. Finishing up, he reaches around. One glove drops into the abyss! Not really gone, but... witnesses would have yelled,

"Gooooooooaaaaal".

Until now, Bruce was spared that indignity. He was in panic mode. *Oh my God, that's an expensive glove. It is slowly sinking into the murk. Can I retrieve it? I could fish it out. The Forest Service must have one of those retriever poles! Yuk, how would I clean it? How would I carry it to clean it? What to do, what to do!*

He broke into a sweat. *What if someone sees it and asks me? I'll never hear the end of this. I could easily be the first Golden-Rider-Award three-time winner.*

Meanwhile, others are pounding on the door. *Hey, are you okay in there?* They hear sobbing and clothes rustling. After five minutes, Bruce composes himself and exits. He quickly moves away from everyone. He quietly stood near his bike, hiding behind the 8 gallon gas tank, across the road in the rain. He sought anonymity inside his full face helmet. He was uncharacteristically silent.

A minute later someone yelled out, "whose glove is floating in the pit?" Nobody answers. People had been preoccupied. Until now, they didn't realize who was first!

Everyone listened to the history lecture about Murderers Creek and mounted up for the next stop. Nobody noticed Bruce with a summer glove on his right hand. Thanks to the bike, he at least had heated grips!

Remember, should you stop at Murderers Creek Guard Station, leave the gear outside!

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