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## Tail of the Dragon Action Shot

Kim and Janice Dorsing finishing the “tail of the dragon” at Deals Gap, North Carolina

— Most fun ever on a BMW: 318 curves in 11 miles —

### A mini-Epic Adventure

Kim and Janice Dorsing's  
letter to the editor. See page 9.

### Beach Bash Register by January 4, 2016

### 4th Quarter Meeting Minutes

of the BMWRO Membership  
See page 11

# BMWRO President's Message

by Jay Bennett

## Winter Time

Okay, it is now official: winter is here. I don't mean by the calendar—Winter Solstice is three weeks yet to come—but today's temperatures are a high of 44°F and low of 25°F. For most folks that's a little cold for more than a short ride at best. So what to do? Well for me that means projects, planning and escape.

**For projects,** I bought another old bike...*drum roll please...* another bike I once had...*more drum roll---* a Yamaha XT500!

This is the forth "going-back-to-your-youth" bikes I've bought and fixed up. Like most of my projects I get involved with, the bike is a little weathered, needs love but isn't near that imaginary cliff defined as the too-far-gone for anything but scrap. That condition gives me something to work with, kind of like a puzzle or handicraft—often with a little help from my friends, thanks Don W. and Dave Z. This particular model was my first Adventure Touring Bike, before there was such a thing. This was an "Enduro" as it took *endurance* to live with the short suspension, drum brakes and an evil kick-start lever. The previous ownership was clear back in 1977 while in Panama courtesy of the US Army. With that bike we'd load up for a weekend with our stuff in our army issued backpack and wearing our field jacket (thanks for that motorcycling gear you tax payers) and search the backroads of Panama. So for the last several years I have had an eye out for an XT and found one in Bend in September. So far I have done a bunch of cleanup and some new parts but nothing too expensive. Below is a picture of the first one on patrol back in the day. Look for the new one at an event or two next year if my wife and budget hold out.

**Planning** includes what we as a club should do next year and on our own. The club is planning a few significant events, like always, with club members, some on our own. Our new BMWRO Vice President, Scot Lamper, will surely delight us with his fresh angle on events, plus many of the old favorites will be on the schedule. Please, if you have a good campout or day ride idea, see Scot Lamper to get it on the schedule. The Ambassadors have been doing a bang up job, so



you don't even have to plan for some rides as they can be your guides. Personally I am free from "the man" (retired) in 2016 so I plan on doing more day and extended trips on my own. But keep in mind planning, saving, overcoming any obstacles and anticipation are half the fun of a trip. Many years ago my wife and I were financially strapped yet with a two-year plan, we were able to go on a full boat guided, three-week tour in the Alps. We just figured out how to do it and now have a lifelong memory of that trip. "A goal is simply a dream with a due date".

**For escape,** a number of our members head south for the entire winter or just a week or two to ride. There's often trips to Death Valley or even farther south. A couple of members are heading for South American adventures this year I've heard but any place in the Southern Hemisphere like Australia and New Zealand are welcome relief too from the fog and rain of Oregon. Janet and I plan on taking some time, our motor-home and a bike south to Arizona, to ride and see some sun this winter. Sometimes escape is no more than a quick local ride when the weather is cooperative—like when the Willamette Valley fog sets in, the Coast can be clear and warm in the winter—or just around the neighborhood to give the juices a chance to flow—both the bike and yours.

Anyway just cause the wheels aren't turning doesn't mean there isn't some motorcycling going on.

*Ride well, ride far, and ride safe*  
Jay





# BMWRO

## Coming Events



### Club Sanctioned Events

- Event:** **Fifth Annual Movie Night: Horatio's Drive**
- Date/Time:** December 4, 2015  
Social hour at 6:00 pm; Movie at 7:00 pm
- Place:** Northwest Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum in the Powerland Museum complex at 3995 Brooklake Rd., Brooks, Oregon
- Description:** In 1903, on a fifty-dollar bet, Dr. Horatio Nelson Jackson set off from San Francisco in a two-cylinder Winton becoming the first to cross the US in a new-fangled "Horseless Carriage." This was a time before gas stations, garages, or good road maps existed. He was accompanied by Sewall Crocker, and Bud (a goggle-wearing bulldog). They arrived triumphantly in New York after a grueling 63 days, winning the fifty dollar bet, but costing him thousands of dollars. One hundred years later, academy award winner Ken Burns made a documentary film about the historic and often hilarious trip. Jerry Grulkey, Northwest Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum's board member—who worked on the film—will give a special presentation, plus show some of his rare historic photo collection, nine of which were used in the film.
- Free Admission!** Popcorn & refreshments will be served. Please bring your favorite cookies. See you there. Invite your friends!
- Contact:** Tom Ruttan [tgruttan@gmail.com](mailto:tgruttan@gmail.com)

The view from a Driftwood Shores hotel room  
Beach Bash, 2013



- Event:** **Beach Bash 2016**
- Date/Time:** January 15–17, 2016
- Place:** Driftwood Shores Resort, Florence, OR
- Description:** Includes the first Quarterly Meeting of the BMWRO membership, a buffet dinner, costume theme, and the winner of the Golden Rider Award. For those of you that have not attended this event before, Driftwood Shores is located right on the beach with each room facing the ocean. You can walk right out any hotel room and walk for miles on the beach. The resort has an indoor swimming pool, hot tub and restaurant on-site. The club has also reserved a Hospitality Suite with kitchen and fireplace for social gatherings during this event.
- Social Time in Hospitality Room:** 4:30 p.m.
- Banquet and Bash:** 6:30 p.m. (Conference Room). Catered buffet dinner Saturday night including prime rib, salmon and chardonnay chicken, garlic mashed potatoes, vegetables, salad and dessert. The club will pick up half of the cost of the meal.
- Member cost:** . . . . . \$15.00
- Non-members & Guests:** . . . . . \$30.00
- Room Rates:** 1 Queen Bedroom \$79.00/night plus tax;  
2 Queen Bedroom \$121.00/night plus tax.
- Costume Theme:** Sports (the more outrageous the better).
- Meeting:** After dinner, we will have the first official club meeting of the new year and introduction of the new club officers for 2016. After the meeting, the recipient of the Golden Rider Award will be announced and prizes awarded to the gal and guy with the best costume.
- Contact:** Deborah Kaechele **(503) 668-5188**  
[deborahkaechele@yahoo.com](mailto:deborahkaechele@yahoo.com) or register for the event on our web site at <http://bmwro.org>
- RSVP** by January 4, 2016 if you plan to attend.
- Event:** **Mr. Ed's Moto 12th Annual Winter Tour Show**
- Date/Time:** Saturday, February 27, 2016  
Doors open at 6:00 pm
- Place:** 414 Queen Ave. S.W., Albany, Oregon
- Description:** Susan Nelson will be presenting Bentley's Big Adventure. Refreshments will be served. This is a free event for club members and guests. For a preview of the show, go to: <http://bentleysbigadventure.com/>
- Contact:** Debbie Weber (541) 926-2107

## Recurring Events

**Event:** **Central Oregon 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday**  
**Date/Time:** Second Saturday of each month  
**Location:** Various ride and lunch locations in the Central Oregon Region.  
**Contact:** Alice LeBarron [alicelebarron@hotmail.com](mailto:alicelebarron@hotmail.com)  
**541-647-7194**

**Event:** **Central Western Region 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:jpbior@aol.com) or Bob Metzger **608-642-1186**  
[bobmetzger51@gmail.com](mailto:bobmetzger51@gmail.com)

**Event:** **Southern Oregon 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:dnehall@frontier.com)

**Event:** **NW Oregon 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Ride**  
**Date/Time:** First Saturday of each month  
**Location:** Various breakfast and ride locations in the Northwest Oregon Region.  
**Description:** Finding the twisties and connecting with our membership for grins and food sharing.  
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**Event:** **Eugene 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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**  
[don@mredsmoto.com](mailto:don@mredsmoto.com)



## Letters to the Editor

From Kit Vercella:

As was mentioned at the November meeting at the Oregon Gardens, long-time BMWRO member Vicki Cudek is gravely ill with a terminal diagnosis. Although her remaining days are quite limited, she apparently is comfortable resting at home with her husband Greg & mother Shirley. For those who might be interested in expressing their sympathies, cards can be sent to Vicki & Greg at P.O. Box 1492, Sisters, OR 97759.



## The Golden Rider Award

It's time, once again, to pass the Golden Rider Award to a fellow member who has done something goofy while riding his/her bike. Traditionally this Award is presented at the Florence Beach Bash and costume party in January—but if the nominee who wins is not present, this questionable trophy will find its way to that person—as a club, we watch out for one another, don't 'cha know.



Roger Paquette has already published one story about **Bruce Moses** (titled "A Cautionary Tale" on page 11 of the August, 2015 **BEEMER BEAT**) doing something embarrassing while trying not to be found out about it. Perhaps you have a story to share about another member—or even about yourself—that would be Trophy-worthy. Submit it to the BMWRO Club Vice President, Ed Foltyn [bmwro.vp@gmail.com](mailto:bmwro.vp@gmail.com) before January 4, 2016 and attend the January Beach Bash at the Driftwood Shores in Florence, Oregon, on January 15 to receive the award.

## NEW MEMBERS

### Motorcycle

**Harrison Clement**, Portland, OR ..... '83 R100RT, '96 R1100RS,  
..... '02 K1200 LT  
**Evan Grant**, Bandon, OR ..... 2010 BMW F800GS, 2001 BMW F650GS  
**Joe Marrone**, Portland, OR ..... 2012 BMW R1200GS  
**John Sorensen**, Vancouver, WA ..... 2007 BMW R1200RT  
**Barry Tunzelmann**, Calgary, AB ..... 2016 BMW R1200RS



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If you are interested in any of the above, just visit our website  
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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).

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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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**Please call or email your regional Ambassador for club outings and rally information.  
We can assist you with learning more about BMWRO**



# Central Oregon Second Saturday Ride Report

by Alice LeBarron

Eleven of our Central Oregon BMWRO members gathered for lunch at El Caporal in Tumalo on a sunny Saturday, November 14th. We enjoyed plenty of lively conversation as we reviewed some of our fun summer adventures. After lunch, John Beeson returned to his workplace across the street and Mike Jackson and Jay Yake each went their own way, while the rest of us headed out for a ride. I was followed by Allen Cesafsky, Bill & Helen Brisson, Karen Duncan, Steve Stepanek, Bob Burroughs, Gary Stead, and Joy Cesafsky, who was our sweep. We headed north on Cline Falls Highway, turning west on Innes Market Road, which took us to Hwy 20 for a short jaunt west to Fryrear Road. Fryrear took us from Hwy 20 north to Hwy 126, where we crossed and continued north on Holmes Road. This eventually winds around and turns into Lower Bridge Road, which dropped us out at Hwy 97, just north of Terrebonne.



Front to back, on the left:  
**Karen Duncan, Alice, Bob Burroughs, Allen Cesafsky,  
Helen Brisson & Bill Brisson.**

Front to back, on the right:  
**John Beeson, Steve Stepanek, Mike Jackson, Gary Stead,  
Joy Cesafsky & Jay Yake**

At this point, we headed south on 97 to Redmond, where we got on the Old Bend-Redmond Hwy heading south to Tumalo Junction. Here we headed east to connect with Deschutes Market Road, which took us to the East side of Bend, where we pulled into the Barnes & Noble parking lot to visit a bit more before we all headed

off in our own directions. This is a good combination of roads with nice curves and beautiful Central Oregon scenery. I always enjoy getting together with the Central Oregon members! We've enjoyed some good rides together this past riding season and now I'm looking forward to some of our winter gatherings to help us make it through 'til our next riding season!





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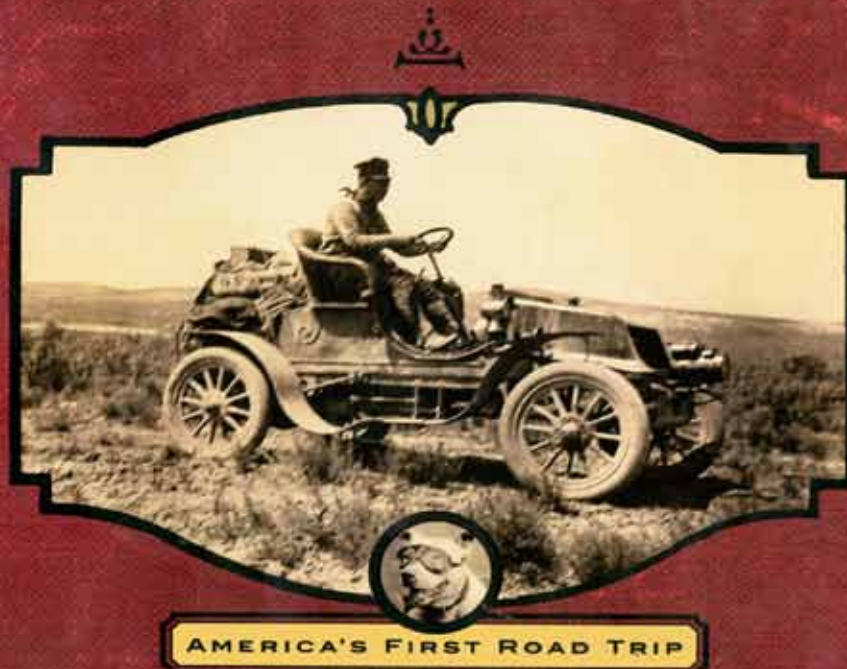
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# NW Ambassadors Ride Report- November 2015

by David Peterson #90113  
& Michael Ripley #191665

Oh, the difference twenty-four hours can make. It was Friday, November 6th. A brilliant day—63°F—just the kind of day a ride leader dreams of in November. Problem was, these are First Saturday rides. And so we waited...

It wasn't bad at all when I bounded out of bed. Nor when I threw on the 'stich and rolled the bike out of the garage. Nor when I pulled into the parking lot to find **Mike**, along with **Kim Dorsing** and **Janice Mathern**—back from their 86-day lap around America and now riding with us for the first time since May. Nor when I walked into the shop and greeted **Colin Luther**, who we hadn't seen since August. No drops fell when **Steven Polansky** and **Ric Holderbaum** arrived. *"Overcast, maybe, but dry so far...this may work out after all,"* I thought.

Just then, it started to rain.



It was a squall by the time we hit I-5. This month we had our sights set on a loop through the Gifford Pinchot National Forest on the west flank of Mt. Adams. We set an easterly course, and as is often the case, we were able to move through and ahead of the front. The rain had actually abated when we stopped in North Bonneville. There, Vancouverite **Andy Sulla** joined us, "fresh" from 12 hours of firefighter duty. We were about to move on, when Mr.

Polansky summoned the lot of us to rescue him from a wardrobe malfunction. In his quest to be first on the bike, ready to roll, he'd tugged a tad too hard on his Aerostich zipper, causing it to skip a tooth. Now the zipper was jammed and he was trapped inside. After assisting his escape—it took at least three of us to coax said zipper back to its starting point—Steven gingerly re-donned his garment and pulled the zipper to an uneventful close. You will be relieved to know it has behaved itself ever since. But our "field undressing" had enabled the rain to catch us.

Many of you know what a delightful alternative WA-14 is to I-84 on the Oregon side of the Columbia River Gorge. Where the interstate allows four lanes of controlled access to fly at high speed in as straight a line as possible—3,000+ miles to New York City if it wishes—WA-14 is a two-lane ribbon that hugs the topography for 181 miles from Vancouver to its intersection with I-82, while offering astounding views at places like Cape Horn and Maryhill. We continued another 28



**Ric and Dave wrestle Steven's zipper back to open.**

Photo by Janice Mathern



miles before turning north on WA-141A at White Salmon. From there, it was another 20 miles to Trout Lake and lunch.

Andy's Valley Service, Heavenly Grounds, and the **Station Café** combine a gas station, coffee kiosk, and a cozy restaurant in the heart of Trout Lake. Cozy, as in barely enough room to accommodate eight cold and hungry riders. Andy and Cherie, owners of the complex, squeezed us into the coffee shop. Homemade beef stew was the meal of choice, but the sandwiches looked pretty good too. Even though it's the only game in town, it's worth visiting. Especially on a cold November day.

Kim and Janice realized late that they had family duties in Salem. So they bid us farewell and backtracked home. By then, the rain we had eluded finally caught us. And since we were returning to Portland, it was clear the rest of the ride would be a soaker. Undaunted, we saddled up and headed north into the forest. We were about ten

miles out of town when our next challenge arose. Colin noticed a very sloppy rear tire that he first thought was the slick road. But it persisted and when he pulled over, it was clear he was going to get to use his new compressor. Five able assistants lent tools, expertise, or support. Once we found the hole it was ream, patch, and inflate. Pump and patches worked as advertised. The rain picked up, but soon we were on our way.

NF-88 is the main paved artery through the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. As it climbs, it narrows and the centerline disappears. On a warm summer afternoon, it is a very pleasant ride indeed. On the first Saturday in November, in a driving rainstorm, with elevations topping 3,600



### Six Soggy Cyclists Stop for a Selfie

*Photo by David Peterson*

feet, it commands your utmost attention.

Eventually, our caravan made it to Cougar. It had been a long, wet day. Daylight Savings Time had kicked in the previous weekend, bringing darkness into the equation. It was 3:30 when I realized I had places to be and no time to get there. So Ric and I waved so long and hustled our way toward Woodland, I-5, and civilization. A later check confirmed everyone made it home safely. A little wet and cold perhaps, but glad to have made the journey.

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 [dwpeterson01@yahoo.com](mailto:dwpeterson01@yahoo.com).

Total miles,  
September Ride: . . . . . 278  
Total First Saturday miles,  
year-to-date: . . . . . 2,600

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**Colin's pit crew surveys the problem.**

*Photo by Andy Sulla*



## Letters to the Editor

Hi Forest and Doug,

This is Kim Dorsing (*BMWRO #65*). My wife and I just got home from a most amazing motorcycle ride around the USA and Nova Scotia. We took innumerable pictures and attached a few in this email. Maybe some folks will find this interesting. We did this two up on a 2013 K1600GTL.

This was an epic trip and a joy to plan and experience. We did a huge clockwise loop around the USA, and we went into Canada on three occasions. It was certainly about the journey rather than the destinations. This was a celebration of our working careers and a relaxing adventure after a challenging year. The year included both of us retiring, selling our Tigard house and moving to a new house in Vancouver, landscaping the new house, meeting new neighbors, moving a mother, turning 60, and getting our finances in order. It was difficult to leave our new friends, house, family, gardens, and the perfect golfing season. What follows are a few fun things we did along the way.

*Kim and Janice Dorsing*



### Fun Facts:

16,002..... Total miles  
 88.... Days on the road July 20th through October 14th  
 35..... States visited  
 4..... Number of Canadians  
 Provinces visited:  
 Ontario, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island.  
 2..... Golf tournaments  
 (*WGC Akron, FedEx Cup Boston*)  
 2..... Sets of tires & bike services  
 (*Toronto & San Antonio*)

0..... Number of times we used our cold weather gear  
 2..... Number of rain days  
 14..... Number of lobster dinners  
 381..... Gallons of gas  
 58..... Different hotels and B&Bs  
 0..... Number of sick days  
 7.. Major league baseball stadiums  
 (*Detroit, Boston, Toronto, New York Philadelphia, Phoenix, Houston*)  
 0..... Number of times we used an alarm clock  
 2.... Number of "Diners, Drive-ins, & Dive" restaurants visited.  
*Salem and Memphis*  
 12..... National Parks visited  
 69..... National Monuments, Battlefields, Seashores, Historic Sites, Trails, Memorials, Places, Recreation Areas, Gardens, and Civil Engineering Sites  
 Dozens..... Bears, Deer, Wild Turkeys, Moose, Big Horn Sheep seen along the way and narrowly avoided.



# Winter Celebration Review

by Jay Bennett  
photos by Doug Tewksbury

On the winter night of Nov 21st 2015, the BMWRO Winter Celebration took place at the Oregon Gardens Resort with 56 folks attending. It may have been cold outside but the heat from fireplace (and some hot air from epic tales) kept the resort innards warm.

The evening started off with a social hour in the resort's pub. We met and renewed friendships with those from all over the state. People laughed and kidded like we had last seen each other days ago rather than months or even years in some cases.

After an hour of that we moved to the banquet room and ate a nice beef dinner. The Chipotle Ranch dressing gave a few folks a jolt, but most people commented on what a nice job the resort did on feeding us.



A club meeting followed (minutes in this issue or next of the BB) with mostly just information sharing going out to keep everyone up to date on club happenings. Next, Ramey "Coach" Stroud shared a very inspiring presentation on what it has been like for last 12 years and some lessons he learned and shared with the group. Thanks Coach and nice job! Next morning, we ate and talked more at the breakfast buffet and then everyone spread to the winds again as we BMWRO people do.

Thanks to everyone that had a hand in making this happen especially my dear wife, Janet, the Hostess Especial.

Submitted by Jay Bennett

Pictures by Doug Tewksbury



*Wow! There were a lot of members who attended the Winter Celebration—over 50. Makes me kind of wish I had been there.*  
~ editor

Bennett, Jay  
Bennett, Janet  
Melton-Breen, Louise  
Breen, Jim  
Boulden, Carl  
Boulden, Shiela  
Cesafsky, Allen  
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Henry, Chris  
Holderbaum, Ric  
Azgabetian, Lia  
(Ric Holderbaum's wife)  
Jones, Jeff  
Jones, Liz  
Kendell, Christine  
Kendell, David  
Lamper, Carol

Lamper, Scot  
LeBarron, Alice  
Peterson, David  
Peterson, Diane  
Polansky, Steven  
Chang, Maisie  
(Polansky's Partner)  
Roy, Sally  
Roy, Tod  
Stewart, Jim  
Stewart, Laura  
Stroud, Ramey "Coach"  
Anja  
(Coach Stroud's guest)  
Carter, Tiffnay  
(Coach Stroud's guest)  
Swofford, Roy  
(Coach Stroud's guest)  
Tewksbury, Doug  
Tewksbury, Linda  
Thye, Gary  
Thye, Lorianne  
Vercella, Kit  
Vercella, Dilia  
Weber, Deb  
Weber, Don  
Weinberg, Lane  
Weinberg, Nancy  
Williams, Bob  
Woodward, Steve  
Woodward, Julie





# Minutes of BMWRO Member's Meeting November 21, 2015

The meeting was called to order by our president Jay Bennett at the Oregon Garden Resort.

There were 50 members and 4 guests present.

Jay led introductions of each person around the room. It was nice to be able to put names and faces together.

**The minutes** of our last meeting Sept. 12 at the Steens Campout were approved as publishing in the October *BEEMER BEAT*.

Jay read the **Treasurer's Report** as submitted by Gordon Taylor, who was not able to attend. Our current balance is \$19,972; the cost to the club for the Winter Celebration will be \$2594, leaving a new balance of \$17,378.

Lynne Clarke, our Rallymaster for the 2016 **Chief Joseph Rally**, introduced her co-rallymaster Carol Lamper. Lynne will be travelling from late December until May, during which time, Carol will be the go-to person for rally business. Lynne reviewed some of the plans for the rally—which will be held June 17, 18, & 19, 2016 at the Grant County Fairgrounds in John Day. Lynne is looking for a graphic artist for the T-shirt design. She is planning some changes in the awards categories. A chairperson is needed to organize the volunteers. She will be providing details in the *BEEMER BEAT*.

Our Webmaster, Doug Tewksbury spoke about some work he has been doing on our **BMWRO website** (aka Club Express). He has recently made a few changes to resolve some of the problems for which members have been having while trying to register their significant other for events on the website. Now the primary member can click on "Add a guest" and then put in the name of their significant other. It is very helpful, for those members who are hosting an event, when registrations and payments are made through the BMWRO website. Doug asked that you email him at [bmwro.news@gmail.com](mailto:bmwro.news@gmail.com) if you have any questions or problems with the BMWRO website.

**Newly elected officers** were announced by our secretary, Alice LeBarron. Scott Lamper will be

our new Vice President and Activities Chairperson. Linda Tewksbury will be our new Treasurer. Congratulations! We look forward to having you in these leadership roles.

Jay Bennett thanked our out-going officers, VP Ed Foltyn and Treasurer Gordon Taylor, for their service to the club and gave both a \$50 gift certificate from Motorcycle Superstore.

Jay spoke about the **BMWRO charity donations**—\$2000 was donated earlier this year to the Grant County Fire Relief Fund. Carol Lamper had recommended this donation and the Executive Committee acted quickly on the suggestion. We still have an additional \$2000 to give as a charity donation. Jay is asking for members to email suggestions to him at [bmwro.pres@gmail.com](mailto:bmwro.pres@gmail.com). The Executive Committee will then review and decide on the recipient of our donation. We generally choose an organization around John Day and Grant County due to our close relationship with the people of this area from holding our Chief Joseph Rally in John Day each year.

Ed Foltyn reminded us that the **Golden Rider Award** (aka Golden Cowpie) will be awarded at the January Beach Bash. This award is traditionally presented to a rider who has done something goofy/outrageous/embarrassing during the past year. Be sure to email your nominations and entertaining stories to [ed.foltyn@gmail.com](mailto:ed.foltyn@gmail.com).

Jay Bennett recognized and thanked all of the many volunteers who have helped to make this past year successful. Everything that happens in BMWRO is due to volunteers. Without volunteers—many volunteers!—BMWRO would not be happening.

**Old business:** none

**New business:** Kit Vercella spoke about past members Greg & Vicky Cudek, who are currently dealing with Vicky's terminal diagnosis; we will hold them in our thoughts and prayers.

Our next general membership meeting will be held at the Beach Bash, January 17, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice LeBarron  
BMWRO Secretary

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## The Cabot Trail in Nova Scotia

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