



# THE BEEMER BEAT

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## Flaming Gorge was Amazingly Gorgeous

Signe Johnson & Deborah Mitchell

photo by passerby

**January Beach  
Bash Costume  
Theme: Aprons**



# BMWRO President's Message

by Lane Weinberg



Our venerable President, Jay Bennett is out on the road, away from his desk. He asked if I would do a President's message for January 2015. So, you get one more installment for the inside cover of the **BEEMER BEAT** from me. On behalf of the Executive Committee and club officers we wish you and yours Best wishes for a happy, exciting and safe riding season for 2015.

## State of the Club

As President of BMW Riders of Oregon for the past two years, I have seen some things change in the club and some things remain the same. But most of all, I think the club has moved through a zone of complacency to a place of reinvigoration. Most notable is the continued strength of the Chief Joseph Rally "Best in the West", Ambassadors "Unstoppable", Improved event planning and the newly formed Women's Rider Group that have sustained the club through this rough patch. If you have been a member of any avocational club you know they seem to have a rhythm of waxing and waning membership—BMW Riders of Oregon is no exception.

Two years ago the club was at a low point. Membership was declining, Club leadership positions went vacant. There was a general attitude of complacency among a

few of the membership. The club has a good core infrastructure it was just not being exercised. Event Calendar and Membership database were falling more and more out of date. As a club we seem to be slow to adapt to the electronic age of all things connected all the time. Multimedia, Email, Facebook, Twitter, Web Page, etc. Something had to be done.

The club web page, was refreshed and updated. Thanks to the Executive Committee and the Communications Liaison Doug Tewksberry, soon we will have an updated members area with a managed new/renew membership online. Club officers terms were change from one to two years. The terms of office are now set up to overlap so only two officers are elected each year. The major lesson learned: "continuity is important". The strategic Planning Committee was activated by the Executive Committee to get the long view of where the club is going in the foreseeable future then develop action plans to get there. The Activities Committee got ahead of the curve, thanks to Jay Bennett by planning out club activities up to a year in advance. Again, "continuity is important". This also gives you a chance to plan for activities you would like to join.

If this information makes you feel like your not in Kansas any

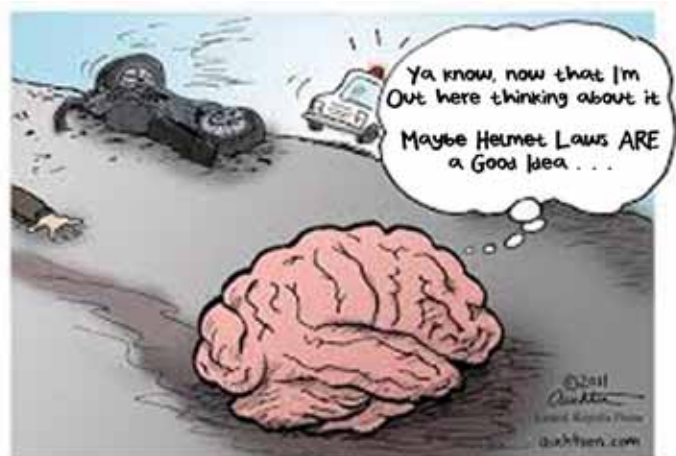
more—wondering what is going on behind the curtain—then get online and check out the BMWRO.org web site. Then, let the club leadership know how they are doing. This club is made up of BMW Motorcycle Enthusiasts and the sole purpose of the club organization is to serve you. Your opinion matters. Let it be heard.

## Volunteers Needed

Each member of this club volunteers in some way for the benefit of the club, even if it is as simple as showing up at a club activity. Now is the time of year when the gears are set in motion for the Activities Calendar and the Chief Joseph Rally. This is the time to get in on the ground floor and make a difference for the club. Contact the Activities Chair [BMWRO.vp@gmail.com](mailto:vp@gmail.com) and Chief Joseph Rally Chair [BMWRO.rallymaster@gmail.com](mailto:BMWRO.rallymaster@gmail.com) for more information. What's in it for you? I can only speak of my personal "What's in it for me". For me it is the friends and acquaintances I make through association with fellow BMWRO club members and enthusiasts. Sharing life, and motorcycling experiences with the club has enriched my life in so many ways. I think you all are the best.

Ride Safe

Ride Often







# BMWRO

## Coming Events



### Club Sanctioned Events

**Event:** **January Beach Bash**  
**Date/Time:** January 30, 31 & February 1, 2015  
**Location:** Driftwood Shores, Florence, OR  
**Description:** Social time in the Hospitality Room at 5:00 p.m.; banquet and Beach Bash costume party at starts at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 31 in the conference room. Dinner is \$15 for club members, \$30 for associate members or guests. After dinner we will have our first official club meeting of the New Year and introduction of new club officers for 2015. After the meeting, we will announce the newest recipient of the Golden Rider award and decide who has the best costume. The costume theme to be announced in a future publication; prizes will be awarded to the guy and gal with the best costume. Continue the party in the Hospitality Room afterwards.  
**What:** 5:00 PM social time in the Hospitality Room; 6:30 PM; banquet with club meeting to follow dinner. Dinner is \$15 for club members, \$30 for associate members or guests.

**Theme:** This year's costume theme is **Aprons**.  
**Driftwood Shores** is again offering club members reduced rates for rooms. They are holding rooms for us Friday – Sunday night if you want to plan a weekend getaway.

10 ea: **Standard Queen** . . . . . \$79.00 + tax  
10 ea: **Double Queen** . . . . . \$121.00 + tax  
4 ea: **Three Bedroom Suite** . . . . . \$226.00 + tax  
Call Driftwood Shores at **1-800-422-5091** to make your BMWRO room reservations.

**Contact:** Debbie Weber **RSVP** for dinner:  
**541-990-9192** (leave a message) or email: [deb@mredsmoto.com](mailto:deb@mredsmoto.com)

**Event:** **12th Annual BMWRO MotoGear Swap Meet**  
**Date/Time:** June 6, 2015 –Saturday– from 9 am to 3 pm or until it is over—rain or shine.  
**Place:** Premier Motogear Parking Lot, 414 Queen Ave SW, Albany, OR [www.mredsmoto.com/map.htm](http://www.mredsmoto.com/map.htm)  
**Description:** Free Space – We supply the space, you supply the table and stuff! Make money and clean the garage at the same time! Enjoy free refreshments and camaraderie!  
**Contact:** Don & Debbie Weber  
(**RSVP** for space: **541-926-2107** or email to [motogear@mredsmoto.com](mailto:motogear@mredsmoto.com))

**Event:** **Chief Joseph Rally**  
**Date/Time:** June 18–21, 2015  
**Place:** Fairgrounds at John Day, Oregon  
GPS coordinates: N44°24.967', W118°56.868'  
**Description:** The BMWRO's Annual Rally and the highlight of the BMW social season calendar  
**Contact:** Lynne Clark, [BMWRO.rallymaster@gmail.com](mailto:BMWRO.rallymaster@gmail.com)

**Event:** **Sixes River Campout**  
**Date/Time:** July TBD, 2015  
**Place:** South costal  
**Description:** Rustic tent camping experience on the banks of the Sixes River. Great road and dual-sport riding in the area, connecting over to the Rogue River and beyond. Large grassy camping area under tall firs at the confluence of Edson Creek and the Sixes River. Along the coast, but several miles inland out of the fog zone. Fire pit and tables. Five miles north of Port Orford, and 25 miles south of Bandon. See [Brochure](#) online  
**Contact:** Keith Mattson, [keithbob@charter.net](mailto:keithbob@charter.net)

**Event:** **Umpqua Campout**  
**Date/Time:** August 28-29, 2015  
**Place:** Deer Flat Group Campsite (adjacent to Horseshoe Bend)  
**Description:** Details on Page 4. Directions in a future issue.  
**Contact:** Roger Paquette

**Event:** **Central Oregon Area Campout**  
**Date/Time:** August 14–16, 2015  
**Place:** Bend/Redmond area  
**Description:** details to follow  
**Contact:** Alice LeBarron and Steve Miller, [alicelebarron@hotmail.com](mailto:alicelebarron@hotmail.com) and [shuntermiller@gmail.com](mailto:shuntermiller@gmail.com)

**Event:** **Horseshoe Campout near Steamboat**  
**Date/Time:** August 28–30, 2015—Friday–Sunday  
**Place:** details to follow  
**Description:** Shady Trees and a beautiful river  
**Contact:** Roger Paquette

**Event:** **Steens Narrows**  
**Date/Time:** September 11–13, 2015  
**Place:** Narrows RV Park, OR  
**Description:** The Narrows RV Park is 26 miles south of Burns on Hwy #205, on the way to Frenchglen and Fields.  
**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>  
Jay & Janet Bennett at [jbennett60@gmail.com](mailto:jbennett60@gmail.com)

or **541-760-0823** to reserve a space in the tent area and/or for dinner. An accurate headcount 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](http://www.narrowsrvpark.com). Also checkout: <http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/burns/recreation/steens-mtn.php>

## Recurring Events

**Event:** **Central Oregon 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday**  
**Date/Time:** First Saturday of each month  
**Location:** Various ride locations in Central Oregon area.  
**Contact:** Alice LeBarron [alicelebarron@hotmail.com](mailto:alicelebarron@hotmail.com)  
**541-647-7194**  
Steve Miller **541-977-6787**

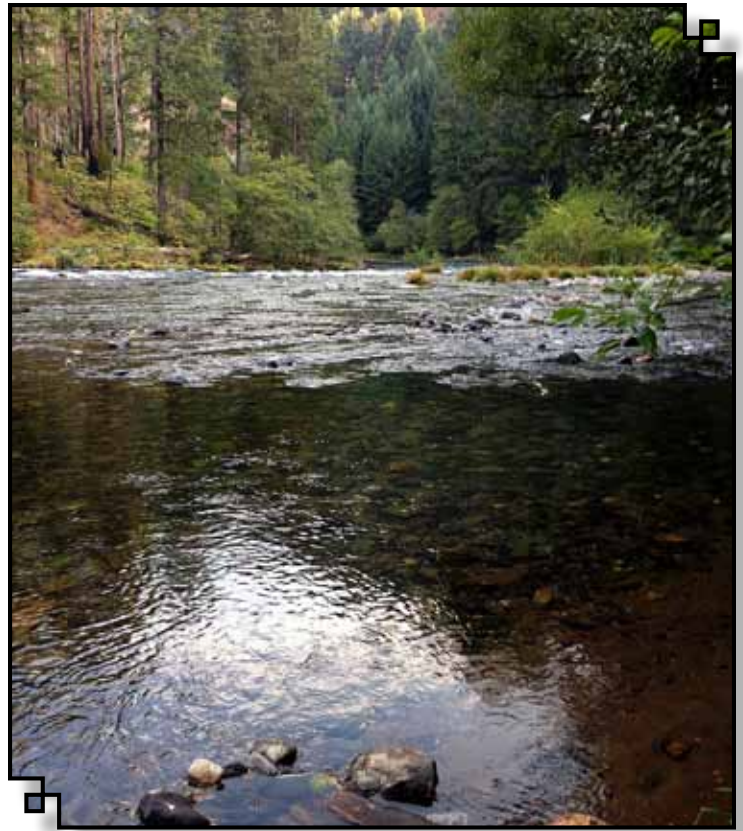
**Event:** **Central Western Region 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Ambassador Ride**  
**Date/Time:** First Saturday of each month, Meet at 8:30 a.m., will leave parking lot at 9:00 a.m.  
**Location:** European Motorcycles of Western Oregon  
**Description:** Various routes.  
**Contact:** Jim Breen, **541-912-4500** or [jpbior@aol.com](mailto:jpbior@aol.com)

**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 Central Oregon area.  
**Description:** Finding the twisties and connecting with our membership for grins and food sharing.  
**Contact:** David Peterson **503-327-5592**  
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Susan Ortiz-Renteria **503-779-7842**  
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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)



## Horseshoe Bend Campout 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.

This is a TRADITIONAL HARDY SOULS 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 p.m. on Friday the 28th. Checkout time is 10:00 a.m. 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!

## NEW MEMBERS

### Motorcycle

**Brian Peterson**, Carlton, OR . . . . . R100RT, K1200LT, G650X

**William Sawyer**, Richland, WA . . . . . F650GS

**Alan Rhodes**, Salem, OR . . . . . Unknown



**FIND THE BMWRO NEW MEMBER  
APPLICATION FORM ONLINE:**

[HTTP://BMWRO.ORG/JOIN-US.HTML](http://BMWRO.ORG/JOIN-US.HTML)

## Bylaws, Policies & Guidelines

If you are interested in any of the above, just visit our website  
and download. [www.bmwro.org](http://www.bmwro.org)

## BMWRO Club Officials

### President:

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## Ambassador Program Welcomes New Members

Ambassadors for the Four Regions are:

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

**Dan Hall** – 541-862-7411,  
[dnehall@frontier.com](mailto:dnehall@frontier.com)

**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,  
[alicelebarron@hotmail.com](mailto:alicelebarron@hotmail.com)

**Steve Miller** – 541-977-6787,  
[shuntermiller@gmail.com](mailto:shuntermiller@gmail.com)

### Central Western Region

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

**Jim Breen**—541-912-4500  
[jpbior@aol.com](mailto:jpbior@aol.com)

### Northwest Region

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

**David W. Peterson** – 503-327-5592,  
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[www.wfodave.smugmug.com](http://www.wfodave.smugmug.com)

**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**



# Signe and Deborah Do Colorado

By Signe Johnson

Last year I bought a “new” 1976 R90/6 in preparation for the trip to Colorado that I planned to take with my friend Deborah Mitchell, of Rapid City, South Dakota. I named the bike “Bruce” for reasons that are too complicated to mention.



**Colorado Bound, from Signe's home outside of Sisters**



**Colorado Trout, big & mean**



**Signe on Bruce, her R90/6**



**Deborah on Luna, her R1200R**

I rode Bruce on a shakedown ride to the Chief Joseph rally in June, and then got him ready for the Colorado trip. Deborah rode her R1200R, “Luna,” from South Dakota to Sisters, and we took off for the

national in Salem, with me riding my R60/5 (Bruce was resting up for Colorado).

We left the National on Sunday, stopped back at my place near Sisters to do laundry and get the bikes ready, and then took off on Monday. Idaho was HOT, as was Utah, but we got some relief riding Flaming Gorge and Logan Canyon on our way to the Top of the Rockies Rally in Paonia, Colorado.

Paonia was really fun, with good food and great live music. We left on Sunday, taking several days to get to Telluride, via Wolf Creek Pass (“way up on the Great Divide”). From Telluride we rode up over Lizard Head Pass, and then

rode the legendary Black Canyon of the Gunnison, with its deep dark chasm just over the edge of the road. Grand Mesa was somewhere in there, too, and was beautiful.

We rode back through Wyoming, Utah, and southern Idaho on our way up to the Stanley Stomp in central Idaho (Grandjean). The Stomp provided extreme comfort, as always, with its five-star meals and natural hot pools on the edge of the Payette River. Ahhh . . .

We clocked about 3000 miles and we were on the road for four weeks. Ready to do it again next year!



**Oilhead and Airhead, Deborah Mitchell & Signe Johnson**





The Telluride Gondola is public transportation:  
it's free

## NW Oregon Ambassador's - December 2014 Ride Report

David Peterson #90113  
Susan Ortiz-Renteria #106802

*With apologies to Clement Clarke Moore...*

'Twas the First Saturday before Christmas, at T-BMW  
into the lot, eight motorcycles flew.  
The pavement was wet, the weather, a bit chilly.  
That bothered no one; all hoped the ride would be hilly.

But this time of year, we must stay in the valley  
To Independence, then, today we would sally.  
Not down I-5, no, that would be boring.  
Over Ladd Hill and through Hopewell  
we would be going.

**David** would lead, **Diane** seated behind him.  
Followed, as usual, by **Janice** and **Kim**.  
**René, Frank, Neal, and Mike** – all rode with aplomb,  
chased from the rear by **Ric Holderbaum**!

Through Tigard we rode, then back into Sherwood,  
searching for back roads as fast as we could.  
At Wilsonville Road, we had to turn west,  
Forty-five minutes is just too soon to rest!

Newberg was slow, but soon we were through it  
Only one small town left, lovely Lafayette.  
After that, open road, now we were flying,  
but after an hour, my kidneys were crying.



map by David Peterson

So in Zena we stopped, for a minute or so,  
seems I wasn't the only one who had to go.  
Now back on the bikes, we rode Eagle Crest,  
by now we were hungry and lunch was our quest.

Into Independence we rode, where we ate at the Grill.  
In walked **Jay Bennett**, who rides with great skill.  
He'd had a fine ride on his way from Corvallis,  
riding fast and alone, just so he could join us.

Lunch we enjoyed, we were very well attended.  
In fact both the food and the service were splendid.  
But the clock approached two, it was time to get going.  
If it rained in this cold, it just might start snowing.

We said our goodbyes, wished each other well  
and pretty much agreed this year's rides had been swell.  
Be it day rides or road trips, motorcycling is the reason,  
and next month's First Saturday will start a new season!

It's been a great year. We hope you've enjoyed  
yourselves as much as we have. Maps and photos from  
this year's rides can be found [here](#). Hope we see you  
early and often in 2015!



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## NW Oregon BMWRO Ambassador's Ride December – 2014

*photo by David Peterson*