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Bikes Line Up at Ludlum House

Spring Cleaning:

Off Pavement Training and Campout with Ramey 'Coach' Stroud

photo by Forest McGregor

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This is a great opportunity to hone your skills in preparation for the coming riding season.

Arrive on Saturday, May 17, set up camp, break for lunch, do some clean-up (bring work gloves), then enjoy a Happy Hour followed by a Club Hosted Dinner. Sunday morning after breakfast, there will be hands-on slow speed maneuvering on "Coach's" closed course training area.

More details on Page 3 of this issue.

BMWRO President's Message

by Lane Weinberg

2014 CHIEF JOSEPH RALLY ALMOST HERE:

Planning is in High Gear for a great rally in 2014

The BMW Riders of Oregon (BMWRO) 2014 Chief Joseph Rally is June 12–15, at the Grant County Fairgrounds in John Day Oregon. Clarence Story Rallymaster and many volunteers are in final preparations to assure your rally experience is the best ever. The local hotels are almost full to overflowing and the buzz is in the air that the weather is going to be great. Good weather, great roads, vendors, seminars, training and camaraderie of BMW riders are in store for you. So, don't hold back. Come on down and enjoy the festivities.

OUR NATIONAL CLUB ASSOCIATIONS

MOA and RA Revealed: There are a lot of clubs focused on BMW motorcycles and their owners. The two big ones BMW RA and BMW MOA are closely associated with BMW Motorrad of North America, although not sponsored by them. We, BMW Riders of Oregon, are Charter members of each. We have members who are not members of either club or are members of one or both national organizations in addition to being members of BMWRO.

The BMW Riders Association (RA) is one of the two organizations that grew out of one national BMW motorcycle club formed over 30 years ago. The other group, the BMW MOA, has evolved into a club with a large touring story magazine and an even larger annual rally. RA, in turn, has become the club for those interested in the whys and wherefores of the company (BMW Motorrad of North America) itself, motorcycle riding, and a more intimate and friendly atmosphere at their annual events. The RA's magazine, *On the Level (OTL)* is highly opinionated, and oft-quoted, even in the commercial press. *OTL* also pays close attention to the European bike press and intrigue within BMW AG around the world. Close attention is paid to new model R&D, as well as to nuggets of past model history. RA also enjoys very close ties to the Vintage BMW Owner Ltd. club.

BMW RA is further distinguished by its "Right Attitude" among its club officers. There are no big shots or political intrigues within RA. "VIP" behavior is actively discouraged, and elected officers are required to be accessible to all members at all times.

BMW RA Chartered Clubs (which we, BMWRO are one) are entitled to:

- An official BMW RA Chartered Club Certificate.
- Free listings of their club events in the "Rally Map" section of the RA website and the "On The Level" (*OTL*) magazine.
- Purchase an official BMW RA banner for display at all club events.

- One free BMW RA gift membership certificate per charter year.
- One (1) free 1/4-page or two (2) free 1/8-page rally ads per charter year in *OTL* magazine.
- Automatic distribution of RA updates and/or *OTL* Intel to the Chartered Club Point of Contact person and/or designated Club official.
- Bid for hosting the annual International BMW RA Rally.

For more information about and the activities of the RA visit their website at www.BMWRA.org.

The BMW Motorcycle Owners of America (MOA) was formed in April of 1972 as an all volunteer organization. According to the Articles of Incorporation the BMW MOA was formed for the purpose to operate and maintain a national BMW motorcycle owners club. The goal of the club is to promote the camaraderie and friendship of individual members and BMW motorcycle clubs. Our mission is to foster communication and a sense of family among BMW motorcycle enthusiasts.

Since 1972 the MOA has grown to be the largest independent brand-specific motorcycle club in the world, not owned and operated by the marque. Our primary member benefits are the *BMW Owners News (ON)* magazine, the *MOA Anonymous Book*, our annual International Rally, special member-only weekend events, the Web site, and the online Forum. We also offer member benefits through discounts with selected vendors as well as a towing service for premium memberships and support for the activities of our chartered clubs and more.

Chartered Clubs (which we, BMWRO are one) receive a variety of benefits and support from the MOA including:

- Rider Performance University (RPU) "Host an Event" Kits
- MOA Foundation Smart Trainer
- 10 column inches of free advertising space in the *ON* for club purposes
- Listing of club events in "Where and When" in the *ON* and on the website
- Club listing on the MOA website with link to club
- Club listing in the *Anonymous book*
- MOA merchandise for rally or door prizes in the Country Store
- Ability to send club provided material to MOA members in given zip code(s) at postage cost only, or free by email
- Free medallion (by request) every year for club award purposes
- Participation in the Leadership Summit at the MOA rally
- Representation to the MOA Board through the Chartered Club Liaison
- Legal permission to use the word mark "BMW" and the roundel
- Additionally, clubs are encouraged to submit articles regarding their club activities to one of two columns that appear in the *Owners News*; the ACE of Clubs (articles about the club's history) and the Rally Reviews (reports on your club's recent rally).

For more information about and the activities of the MOA visit their website at www.BMWMOA.org.





BMWRO

Coming Events



Club Sanctioned Events

Event: **Spring Cleaning: Off Pavement Training Campout**

Date/Time: SATURDAY May 17, 2014 11:00 am arrival for camp set up.
Noon: break for lunch—provided by the club.
1:00 pm After a lunch: we will go out and clear off some of the winter's debris from the training course. Bring a pair of heavy gloves.
5:00 pm - Happy Hour - BYOB
6:00 pm Club Hosted Dinner
"Later that evening": Tall tails and lascivious lies.
Did you hear the one about ...
SUNDAY May 18
 After a continental Breakfast at 7:00 am Sunday morning we will get out on the closed course for some hands on slow speed maneuvering under 'Coach's' expert guidance. The closed course work will break up around Noon for a no-host lunch. After lunch we will break camp.

Location: Lyons Oregon – Cascade Endurance Center

Description: Ramey 'Coach' Stroud is opening his world-class training facility, Cascade Endurance Center, exclusively to the BMWRO club riders May 17–18, 2014. For a little volunteer clean up here and there he has offered to provide a training class for riding on less-than-optimal surfaces—like what you would find in a construction zone. This session will be of great value to the sport touring and adventure touring rider. The class setting will be a closed course for some hands on exercises. This is a great opportunity to hone your skills in preparation for the coming riding season.

Contact: Lane Weinberg at BMWRO.pres@gmail.com or phone **503-522-1067** to get in on this great opportunity. **RSVP is required** so we can plan the class and meals. Space is limited. Directions will be sent upon receipt of RSVP.

Event: **11th Annual BMWRO MotoGear Swap Meet**

Date/Time: Saturday May 31, 2014 from 9 AM until 3 PM or until it's over—rain or shine.

Location: Premier Motogear Parking Lot, 414 Queen Ave SW, Albany, OR 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: Hosted by Don and Deb Weber
RSVP for space: **541-926-2107** or email to motogear@mredsmoto.com)

Event: **Chief Joseph Rally**

Date/Time: June 12–15, 2014

Location: John Day, OR Grant County Fairgrounds
 GPS coordinates: N44°24.967', W118°56.868'

Description: The highlight of the BMW social season calendar and major fund-raiser for Charity.

Contact: Clarence Story BMWRO.rallymaster@gmail.com

Event: **Sunday Scenic Ride Around Mt. Hood & Saturday BBQ and Campout**

Date/Time: July 12, 2014 BBQ at 5:00 p.m.
 July 13, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

Location: BBQ/camping at Kaechel Residence
 Breakfast/Ride: **Tollgate Inn**, Highway 26, Sandy

Description: **Saturday:** arrive anytime after 4 p.m. for an evening BBQ and Campout. Grass camping available and room RVs. **Sunday:** breakfast at 8:00 a.m. at the **Tollgate Inn**, Sandy.
 If attending the BBQ and Campout, please **RSVP** Dave at **503-668-5188** or email: dave.kaechele@yahoo.com If just coming Sunday for the ride, show up at 8:00 a.m. at the **Tollgate Inn** for breakfast, or ready to ride at 9:00 a.m.

Contact: Dave and Deborah Kaechele

Event: **Central Coastal Area Campout**

Date/Time: July 25–26 or 18-19 Weekends (TBD)

Location: yet to be confirmed but around Newport Coastal Mountains area.

Description: Rustic tent camping experience on the banks of a great river. Dates and campground to reserve are TBD. Details to follow.

Contact: Keith Matteson keithbob@charter.net

Event: **Southern Coastal Range Campout**

Date/Time: August 15–17th 2014

Location: Indian Mary County Park, Grants Pass, Or

Description: Park is located on the Rogue River appx 20 miles northwest of Grants Pass. We will be in the group site at the east end of the park. The first 12 people are included free, additional people are \$3/person. The park has showers and a small beach on the river.
Galice restaurant is appx. 5 miles from the park and has a nice shaded deck overlooking the river.
Coordinates: 37 25' 19.1 N, 122 05' 06' W
 Detailed directions to follow in the next issue.

Contact: Dan Hall: dnehall@frontier.com
Please RSVP.

Event: **BMWRO Women Riders Camp-out**
Date/Time: August 21st–24th; Thursday–Sunday,
Location: TBD (contact Alice)
Description: *Mark your calendars now!* Details on page 6.
Contact: Alice LeBarron: alicelebarron@hotmail.com
541-647-7194
Kris Jacobson: kjacobson62@gmail.com
541-520-7785

Event: **Steens Mountain Campout**
Date/Time: September 5–7, 2014
Location: The Narrows Campground and RV Park, OR
Description: detail to follow
Contact: Jay & Janet Bennett

Event: **Fall Hardy Souls Campout**
Date/Time: (scheduled between deer and elk season) Oct 17–19 likely
Location: Seneca/John Day area
Description: TBD
Contact: TBD

Event: **Winter Celebration and Quarterly Meeting**
Date/Time: November 8th or 15th, 2014
Location: TBD
Description: details to follow
Contact: Janet Bennett, jlbenett60@gmail.com

Recurring Events

Event: **NW Oregon 1st Saturday Ride**
Date/Time: First Saturday. Leaving parking lot at 9:45 a.m.
Location: Various breakfast and ride locations in northwest Oregon
Description: Finding the twisties and connecting with our membership for grins and food sharing.
Contact: Dave Peterson **503-327-5592**
dwpeterson01@yahoo.com
Susan Ortiz-Renteria **503-779-7842**
dirtsquirt816@gmail.com

Event: **Central Oregon 1st Saturday**
Date/Time: First Saturday of each month
Location: Various breakfast and ride locations in Central Oregon area.
Contact: John Beeson **541-420-3275**
Steve Miller **541-977-6787**

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: **Tigard 1st Saturday Coffee**
Date/Time: First Saturday, each month, starting at 10am.
Location: Tigard BMW store, 12010 SW Garden Place
Contact: Susan Ortiz-Renteria **503-779-7842**,
dirtsquirt816@gmail.com

Event: **Eugene 1st Saturday Coffee**
Date/Time: First Saturday of each month 9 to 11am.
Location: Eugene BMW store, 2891 W. 11th Ave
Contact: J.R. Dallas **(541) 731-6951**,
dallas-jr-1@hotmail.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

Regional Events

Event: **NW Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum event**
Date/Time: April 19, 2014 from 10:00 am to 12 noon
Location: NWVCM Vintage Gas Station @ Antique Powerland, Brooks, OR
Description: BMW enthusiast and vintage racer Dave Kaechele, who will talk about vintage BMW sidecar racing
Contact: Tom Ruttan, tgruttan@gmail.com
(503) 638-1746

Event: **Oregon Vintage Motorcycle Show and Swap Meet**
Date/Time: May 17–18, Sat / Sun
Location: County Fairgrounds Corvallis Ride, Show
Description: Sat. Ride 12 noon, Sun. Show and Swap Meet
Details: <http://www.oregonvintage.org/calendar.php>

Event: **Richard Newton Memorial Camp Out**
Date/Time: May 16–18, Fri – Sun
Location: Deschute State park
Description: Ride, Camp, BBQ
Contact: BMW Freeriders in the Tri-City

Event: **42nd Annual '49er Rally**
Date/Time: May 22–26, 2014
Location: Mariposa Fairgrounds, CA (gateway to Yosemite)
Description: Rally costs \$45 adult/\$15 child under 12 years pre-registered, children under 6 admitted free; \$55.00 adult/\$20 child under 12 years at the GATE.
Contact: 49erRegistration@bmwnorcal.org

NEW MEMBERS

Thomas Sharer, North Highland, CA
Riding a "unknown" cycle

Tina Hansen, Surrey, B.C.
Riding an R1200RT

Steven Famuliner, Kelso, WA
Riding a "unknown" cycle

Doug & Joyce Knights, Salem, OR
Riding a "unknown" cycle

Phillis Webb, Bend, OR
Riding a F650GS

Ken Merrick, Vancouver, WA
Riding a F700GS

Connie Cammack, Corvallis, OR
Riding a G650GS

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**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

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

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).

John Beeson – 541-420-3275,
beeson@bendbroadband.com

Steve Miller – 541-977-6787,
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Central Western Region

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

JR Dallas – 541-731-6951,
dallas-jr-1@hotmail.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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Smug Mug Images

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**

2014 Chief Joseph Rally

Call For Volunteers

There are still some rally chair positions that need to be filled. This is an opportunity for you to take a leadership position with the Rally Crew. Give Clarence Story a call or email to indicate your interest: call 541-689-2822 or email BMWRO.rallymaster@gmail.com

Presently, need folks for the following positions:

50 – 50 drawing: someone who is out going and likes to meet people. A big plus, not afraid to ask folks for money. A couple works best and can even wear something outrageous.

Complimentary Beverages: a person that likes to get up early and likes to talk. John Beeson will be back this year to help and show the new person what is required. You get to sit and talk a lot in this endeavor.

GS, Men's Off Road: We have a map, easy trail or more challenging. Need someone with off-road experience to lead the ride.

Wine Tasting: Just have to show up on Thursday evening, bring some wine and cheese, and pull a couple of tables together. Also, must pick a varietal or region, a theme.

Each year the Chief Joseph Rally is organized by over twenty-five rally chair members and more than a seventy

volunteers. January is the time we begin our planning in earnest. The rally chairs are finalizing their plans now and looking for volunteers to come forward to fill some needed positions. This is a great time for past volunteers to renew old friendships and new volunteers to make new friends and become part of the volunteer tradition of the rally.

We invite you to join in the tradition by volunteering a few hours this year. Just send an e-mail to one or more of the Committee Chairs indicating a day and time you would be able to help out. Yes, you can volunteer for more than one committee and more than one time frame, if you like.

Can't decide which committee would be best for you? Send the Rally Chair (BMWRO.rallymaster@gmail.com) an email indicating a committee, day/s and time frame/s that would be best for you. And it will be sent along to the Committee Chairs.

Want to wait until you get to the rally? No problem, drop by the information booth, check out the list of needed volunteers and sign up.

The neat thing about volunteering is you get to meet and help lots of people at the rally. You will work alongside experienced volunteers and have the opportunity to make new friends. I know the rally goers will appreciate your time and you will know you helped make this rally a big success. So go on, pick out a couple of Rally Chair Committees that interest you and send them an e-mail, right now.

Chair	Name	E-Mail	Phone
2014 Rally Chair	Clarence & Carolyn Story	bmwro.rallymaster@gmail.com	541-689-2822
50/50 Drawing			
Advertisements	Clarence Story	bmwro.rallymaster@gmail.com	541-689-2822
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Awards	Jay & Kathy Dyblie	jdyblie1@msn.com	509-972-6291
Banners/Site Decorations			
Clean Up Crew			
Communications	Doug Tewksbury	d.tewksbury@msn.com	541-689-6890
Complimentary Beverages			
Cowboy Breakfast	Jan and Janet Bennett	jabennett.2012@gmail.com	541-745-5838
Door Prizes	Carl & Shelia Boulden	cboulden@douglasfast.net	541-784-6008
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Gate	Jan & Stephanie Messersmith	me109@eoni.com	503-568-4305
GS/Off Road Ride/Men			
GS/Off Road Ride/Women	Kris Jacobson	kjacobson62@gmail.com	
Info Center/T Shirts	Ellen Barton	elbarton3@frontier.com	541-963-7579
Meals	Carolyn Story	bmwro.rallymaster@gmail.com	541-689-2822
News Letter	Forest McGreggor	bmwro.newsletter@gmail.com	541-761-2320
Photographer			
Pre-Registration	Doug Tewksbury	bmwro.news@gmail.com	
Security	Clarence Story/Lane Weinberg	bmwro.rallymaster@gmail.com	541-689-2822
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Vendors	Bruce Moses	bruce@mosesdirect.com	541-933-1670
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Wine Tasting			
Women's Ride	Alice LeBarron	alicelebarron@hotmail.com	541-647-7194

BMW Motorcycle Dealerships and Service Centers for Oregon

These good folks service our grand toys—BMW motorcycles—and we should remember that without them, how would we get the parts and services we need when we need them? Support your local BMW motorcycle dealership and service centers with your business. And thank you.



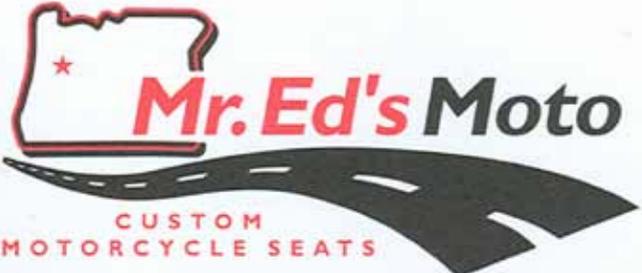
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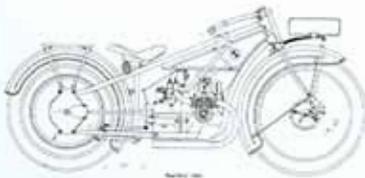
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Noon on the Front Steps



BIKE PAC OF OREGON'S ANNUAL MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS RALLY

Please join us on May 3rd for a celebration of Motorcycles,
Safety and Democracy... come for the bike show at
10:00am & join the BBQ after!

This event is sponsored by BIKE PAC & ABATE in order to
help educate legislators and bikers across Oregon about
important Legislative Priorities for 2015.

If you plan on attending please let us know:
bikepacoforegonid@comcast.net

BMW MOTORCYCLE CLUB OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA PRESENTS:

42ND ANNUAL '49ER RALLY



MARIPOSA FAIRGROUNDS

22-26 MAY 2014

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NEW AT THE RALLY THIS YEAR

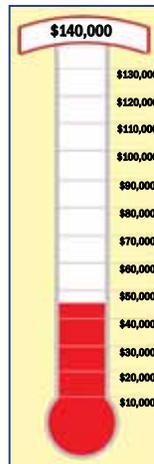
MOA's Smart Trainer, free transport to-from downtown Mariposa, Relocated Rally Headquarters. Plus Poker Run with Gold for first prize, GS Ride, "Big Brian" English Trials, Asphalt Skills and Safety Clinic "Cobra", Seminars, Vendors, Bier Garten, Swap Table, Door Prizes. Featured speakers: Ret. CHP officer, Greg Peart and Rick Klain with his "Collaborative Smartphone" for photos and video seminar. Also, Sat. BBQ Dinner with vegetarian option \$16.00 (pre-Registered only). For Gate Prices & More Info: <http://bmwnorcal.org/49er/>

\$45 ADULT
\$15 CHILD
PRE-REGISTERED

Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum

Fundraising has begun for the "Final Phase" of the Museum Display Building. \$140,000 matching funds are needed to secure a Foundation Grant.

The new section will have dealership display, multi purpose meeting room, a library, gift shop and bathrooms.



Information/Contact:
Doug Nelson: 503-399-0647
Tom Rutan: 503-638-1746
Mike Bostwick: 503-245-5444
Web site:
www.nwcarandcycle.com

Send your checks to:
NWVCM Building Fund
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Salem, OR 97308-0015



Help is needed to meet our Fundraising Goal

There are several ways to help, the first and most ambitious is a scrap metal drive. Old car parts & scrap metal around the house, farm or business can add up to dollars when donated to the Museum.

Collection sites will be available to bring your scrap metal donation to locations around the Portland Metro & Willamette Valley. Call contacts for sites or to arrange for pickup of your scrap metal donations.

Others ways to help us meet the fundraising goal:

- Cash Donations
- Donate a Vehicle
- Become a Museum Member
- Purchase a Paver Stone

The NWVCM Museum is a 501(c)(3) non-profit.
All donations are tax deductible.



Scrap Metal Fundraiser

Cowboy Breakfast at Chief Joseph Rally – Saturday June 14, 2014

Yee-Ha. The 2014 Cowboy Breakfast event is happening at the Gander Ranch in the Izee Area this year. Once again the Grant County Stockers have stepped up to support us with another new ranch visit and breakfast. Each year this fun and popular event has given the attendees a chance see how an operating ranch works, have a tasty chuck wagon style breakfast and a ride to boot.

We will ride (or drive if you must) to the ranch starting from the fairgrounds main gate. There will be two groups leaving at either 7:30 or 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning, June 14. Breakfast will be served between 8:00 & 9:00 a.m. by the Stockgrower's Association.

There are *two ways to reserve your spot*, but the spots are limited and on a first come first served basis.

1) Email or phone in your reservation to Jay Bennett at jabennett.2012@gmail.com or 541-760-0675 then pay at the rally before 5:00 p.m. on Friday at Rally Central (Information Booth). In your message please indicate if you prefer a 7:30 or 8 a.m. departure.

2) You can wait to sign-up and pay at Rally Central (Information Booth) by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, but it is first come first serve.

Cost: \$12.00 at the rally.

Come out and enjoy this unique experience of having breakfast at a working Grant County ranch.



Cowboy breakfast 2013: a very popular Chief Joseph Rally event.

BMWRO Women Riders' Connection Sparks New Ideas

As a result of the Women's Ride at the 2013 Chief Joseph Rally, 5 of us hatched a plan to meet again for a Women's BMWRO Campout at Yukwah Campground in August 2013. We had a heck of a fun weekend! We went for a couple of rides, enjoyed each others' company and ate scrumptious meals. And, we talked about more ways to connect the women riders of this club. We have some ideas to share and would love to get feedback from the women riders of this group.

1. You're invited to join our private Facebook page where we learn from each other and share our stories of adventure. To join, email Jalene Case at jalenecase@gmail.com.

2. What kinds of activities, classes or events would you like to see for women at the 2014 Chief Joseph Rally? What would you be willing to teach? Which of these ideas appeal to you? Below are some ideas but we'd love to hear more from the women in the group. Send your response to Kris Jacobson at kjacobson62@gmail.com.

Women's rides:

- Off-Road Riding for Beginners
- Off-Road Riding for Non-Beginners

Women's workshops:

- Packing for a Solo Road Trip
- International Travel with Tour Groups
- Transitioning from being a Passenger to a Rider
- Motorcycle Camping Tips for Women Riders

Women's hands-on practice sessions:

- Lifting your bike
- Fixing a flat tire

3. We would like to have the Women Riders campout become an annual event. It would most likely be scheduled for an August weekend and we would like to have a firm date and location planned in time to announce it at the 2014 Chief Joseph Rally. It would really help us to have an idea now of the interest level for this new event. Would you be interested in attending the Women Riders BMWRO Campout in 2014? Send your response to Alice LeBarron at alicelebarron@hotmail.com.

We welcome your thoughts and suggestions and look forward to hearing from you.

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NW Oregon Ambassador's Ride Report – April 2014

by David Peterson #90113

News reports were highlighting March as the second rainiest in Oregon—not a great time to be soliciting riders for a first Saturday ride. But solicit I did, hoping that florid promises of dry, twisty pavement would distract from the reality outside.

It took awhile, but eventually, eight hardy souls committed to brave the weather. Following me and my wife/passenger, **Diane**, out of the Tigard BMW parking lot were **Mike Ripley**, **Scot Lamper**, **Ken Bays**, who rode up from Salem, and **Chris Henry**, who came all the way from Eugene. **Andy Sulla**, who lives in Vancouver, wisely met us at the gas stop in North Bonneville. **René Renteria** rounded out the crew, ensuring that no one was left behind.

It was wet, but we've all seen much worse. As we rolled east on WA-14, we were teased by breaks in the clouds—which were then followed by intense burst of rain. But as we rolled through Stevenson and Bingen, each cloudburst was less intense. By the time we arrived at Lyle, where the fun riding really



Map by David Peterson

began, the roads were dry as a bone!

As anyone who reads my reports knows, I always try to find a stretch that the group may not have seen before. That's hard to do on a ride like this, where every major segment is a state highway or other primary road. But our opportunity presented itself five miles east of Bingen. A sign on the left (eastbound) marks "Old Hwy 8." It wraps behind a bulge in the Columbia River before disappearing over the top of a syncline that defines this part of the Columbia Gorge. It winds through farmland

for only six miles before dropping back to WA-14 at Lyle, but oh, what a six-mile stretch it is. The next time you're rolling through that part of the gorge, look for it; you'll squeal with delight!

At Lyle, we veered north onto WA-142—the Klickitat River Highway. The cliffs along the Columbia are steep and the river allows the road to quickly climb some 1,800 feet to the top of the plateau. It is a delightful stretch of blacktop in very good shape—lightly travelled, and with beautiful river views around every turn. The proximity to the river always amazes me; it seems that every storm should swamp the highway, but I've never seen evidence that this happens. After about 24 miles, the road tops the canyon and continues on to Goldendale. Or, as we did, one can turn north toward Glenwood and drop back into the canyon. Not before, however, we stopped for a picture.

From the overlook, we wended our way through Glenwood, then angled south toward BZ Corner and WA-141. Into White Salmon we headed for lunch at **Everybody's Brewing**; and it was worth the wait. I highly recommend either the



Photo by David Peterson

Our motley crew poses above the Klickitat River. L-R, René Renteria, Mike Ripley, Andy Sulla, Ken Bays, Diane Peterson, Scot Lamper, Chris Henry. Despite the rainy day, note the dry pavement!

marinated grilled chicken sandwich with roasted red peppers or the Cuban pork sandwich with salami. But I could have easily had just half of Mike's pork & pepper nachos and been every bit as happy. Thumbs up from around the table convinced me I wasn't alone.

All in, it turned out to be a pretty decent ride after all. Next ride is May 3rd, when we'll head toward Sweet Home on a tour of the covered bridges of Linn County. Hope you can join us!

*Everybody's Brewing is located at 151 E. Jewett Boulevard,
White Salmon, WA 98672 .
Phone 509-637-2774.*



**Photos from Ludlum House
Less Hardy Souls Campout,
April 18-19, 2014**



Jay Bennett sets up his tent in the field



Lane Weinberg with a cool hat



Clarence Story



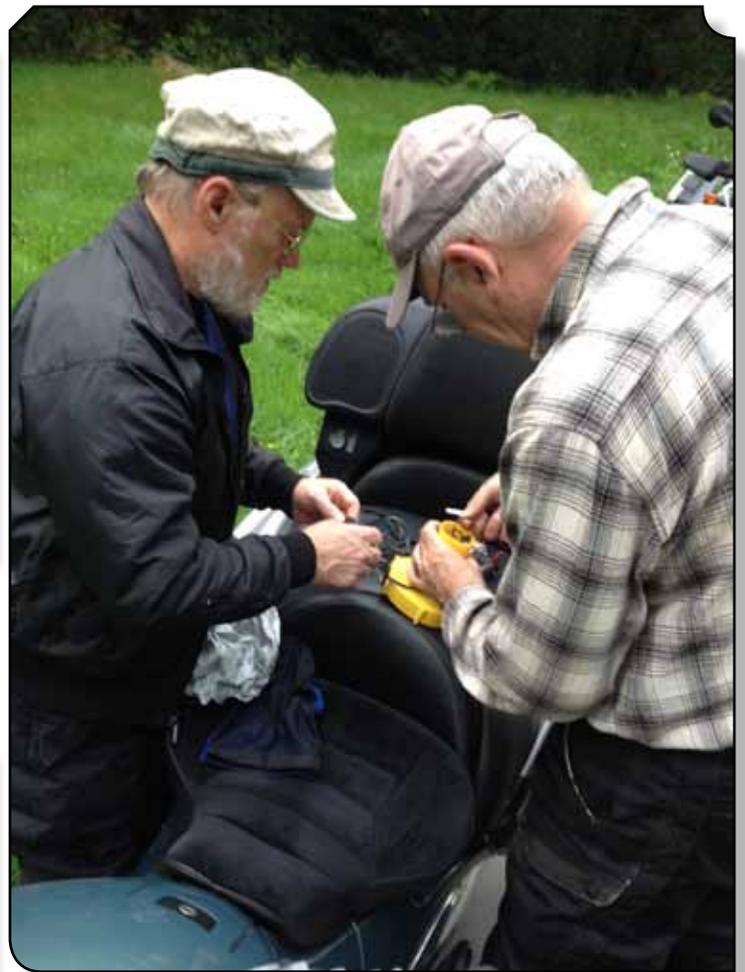
Dan Hall was asked to sit in the corner,



Sally Roy delivers Saturday dinner.



Carl Boulden helping Roger Paquette in the delivering of supplies from town.



Golden Rider wannabes: Lane Weinberg and Clarence "Roach Clip" Clarence

Clarence discovered an electrical problem with the pump for his inflatable camping 'mattress'—did not test it before departure. Lane assisted in solving the problem, which included the implementation of an 'alligator clip'—Lane referred to it as a roach clip.



Tod, Lane & Roger on front porch, Jim & Carl in background



Jim with 'dapper' Dan arriving on Sat.



Dana White, Jim von Stein & Tod Roy

BMW Riders of Oregon

29 March 2014

Minutes of Members Meeting

Meeting called to order at 11:25 a.m. at the Covered Bridge Cafe in Stayton, OR (prior to the Covered Bridge Ride), with Lane Weinberg, Jay Bennett, Gordon Taylor, and Ed Foltyn present from the Executive Committee. There were 14 members present. The Executive Committee felt that this was a quorum for the purposes of an informational meeting. No official business could be undertaken.

The minutes from the January meeting were accepted as published in the February Beemer Beat.

Gordon presented the Treasurer's report. In summary, our cash on hand is approximately \$2,400 more than last year. Currently, there are approximately 300 paid members.

Activities reviewed:

Jay reviewed the rest of the years planned activities (these are listed in the Beemer Beat).

April 18 Less Hardy Souls Campout

May 17-18 Spring Cleanup at Ramey "Coach" Stroud's facility in Lyons, OR. The first day will be a walk-through of the trails and some cleanup. The second day will be riding

May 31 Swap meet at Mr Ed's Moto in Albany

June 12-15 Chief Joseph Rally in John Day and quarterly meeting. Coach Stroud is organizing training at John Day

July 18/25 Campout, to be determined

August Rogue River Campout

Aug 21-24 Women's Campout

Sept 8-10 Steens Mountain Campout and quarterly meeting

Oct 17 Hardy Souls Campout (final date TBD)

November Winter Celebration and quarterly meeting

Staff changes

Webmaster – Bonnie Wagoner and Gary Wasserman have gone on to other things. The Club thanks them for their tremendous effort in the last year and a half. Doug Tewksbury, our news coordinator, is stepping in as our interim webmaster.

Ambassador – Roger Paquette is stepping in to help in the Central Western Region (south of Salem, including Eugene and Oakland from the coast to the Cascades).

This year, the MOA National Rally is in Minnesota

The Motorcycle Cannonball, from Daytona to Tacoma (ending at the LeMay Museum), will happen toward the end of September. The basic premise of the Motorcycle Cannonball are: "No motorcycle built after 1936 may run for the prize. The machine must be powered by an original engine. Many things could be changed on a machine, and updates made for safety sake, but the core of the machine must be 1936 or earlier."

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Edward Foltyn, Secretary
BMW Riders of Oregon



Items For Sale

Items listed will be carried for three months and then removed unless you notify us by the 15th of each month thereafter. These items will also be listed on the BMWRO website at www.bmwro.org.

Ads are run as a courtesy for BMWRO members only.

I sold my R1200 GS and have several like-new parts that I think club members may like:

Sargent LOW seat	\$295
Rear wheel hugger	\$75
Throttle lock	\$50
side stand lift	\$50
brake peddle ext	\$40
radio, radar, garage door opener mount .	\$45
Ohlins LOW shocks	\$1195
Remus titanium exhaust for K1200S ...	\$395
stock shocks for K1200S	\$295

Contact: Roger and Carol Meyer, long time members at (503) 591-1055 or rogercarol3@yahoo.com



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So. Oregon Ambassador Ride to Applegate March, 2014

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