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## Torres del Paine Park in the Patagonia region of Chile

*photo provided by Ramey "Coach" Straud*

### Photos From the Beach Bash

See pages 7–8.

### A remembrance of Ozzie Auer

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### Minutes from the Club's first Quarter Meeting

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# BMWRO President's Message

by Jay Bennett



## Revving Up

Ever sit there on a bike and rev the engine in anticipation of accelerating from the stop. Come on, admit it, we all have (if not you should). That sound of the single ("blap, blap") or flat twin ("putt, putt, putt, putt") [V-Twins are more "potato, pause potato") or 4 or 6 cylinder ("wiiiiing, wiiing, wiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiing")! They are all good and somehow your body and nervous system knows something good is about to happen. Well that is how I feel about this year and the BMWRO.

We have so much going on that is positive. We are in good financial shape. We have new events and many returning favorites. We have a new web service to help us connect. We have some new leaders and new positions for old officers and some returning officers. Many of non-officer positions like our Rally Master and News/Web guru are filled with capable people.

So as reported at the January Meeting we have more money going into this year than we have had for years. With that financial resource we can afford to put on more and better events like campouts, day rides, and get-togethers like the Silver Creek Falls and Florence events. By the way, we are planning a meeting at Greenberry Eatery / Tavern on April 25th and the

plan is for the club to foot a portion the cost of lunch and followed by a ride up to Mary's Peak. So there's no free lunch as they say but BMWRO is helping anyway we can.

Another fun event (although full at this time) is our Team Oregon RSP class planned for April 19 at Lane Community College. If you have not done the Rider Skill Practice, or even if you have but not for a while, you should. It's a holistic learning experience and great refresher for those rusty skills. If there's a desire or need for another class, let the officers know that you and your local rider community are interested. Team Oregon needs to have 12 people to get it going.

ClubExpress, our new web service, is up and running and seems to be all we had hoped for. If you have any feedback, please let the ExComm officers know about it. Our club "News" guy, Doug Tewksbury has taken this idea and ran with it. It is awesome what has been accomplished in such a short amount of time. As many of you know, communication is the hardest part of doing many things. I anticipate this will greatly streamline communication—along with saving many hours of administrative work for our volunteers, officers, news distributors and event hosts.

The rally is shaping up and most of our committee chair people have stepped up and are getting revved up to make it happen. One area still needing to be filled is rally door prizes. This is a highly prized (sorry for the pun) reason for going to the rally for people, so it's an important and yet fun position to be in. Other areas with Chair People in place will need volunteers to fill the schedule for times. Look for more on this in the near future.

So okay, here's an early sampling of happenings within the club. So get out there and twist that throttle, ride and get revved up (but of course safely).

Jay Bennett

BMWRO President





# BMWRO

## Coming Events



### Club Sanctioned Events

- Event:** **11th Annual BMWRO Winter Tour Night**  
**Date/Time:** March 7, 2015 – 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm  
**Place:** Premier Motogear  
414 Queen Ave. SW, Albany, Oregon  
**Description:** Jalene Case and Keith Matteson share their photos & stories from a recent trip to Ecuador. See poster for this event on page 6 of this issue. Space is Limited!  
**Contact:** **RSVP required:**  
Deb Weber (541) 926-2107 or [premiermotogear@comcast.net](mailto:premiermotogear@comcast.net)
- Event:** **Team Oregon — Rider Skills Practice**  
**Date/Time:** April 19, 2015 from 1:00 pm to 5:30 pm (rain or shine)  
**Place:** Lane Community College  
4000 East 30th Avenue, Eugene, OR  
**Description:** Requires 12 people (BMWRO members exclusively; \$99.00 per participant (no refund for no-show); participant motorcycles must be in good state of repair and in operating condition. More information on Page 3 of this issue.  
**Contact:** (800) 545-9944 to register or <http://team-oregon.org/training/riderskillspractice/>
- Event:** **April Ride to Eat**  
**Date/Time:** April 25, 2015; Lunch 12:00–1:30 pm  
**Place:** Greenberry Tavern,  
29974 OR-99W, Corvallis, OR  
**Description:** BBQ Rib Lunch at The Greenberry Tavern, followed by a ride in the Corvallis to Coast area. Cost for lunch is \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members (includes non-alcoholic beverage)  
**Contact:** Ed Foltyn, Signup on the BMWRO.org website, [www.bmwro.org](http://www.bmwro.org)
- 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 motorcycling seasonal calendar!  
**Contact:** Lynne Clark, [BMWRO.rallymaster@gmail.com](mailto:BMWRO.rallymaster@gmail.com)
- Event:** **Sixes River Campout**  
**Date/Time:** July 24–26, 2015  
**Place:** Edson Creek Campground, sites B&C  
**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 Matteson, [keithbob@charter.net](mailto:keithbob@charter.net)
- Event:** **Central Oregon Area Campout**  
**Date/Time:** August 14–16, 2015  
**Place:** Haystack Reservoir South Shore Campground, Willow Group Campsite  
**Description:** Superb road and off-road routes in the area. Wide open desert skies for viewing the Perseids meteor showers. Shoreline campsites  
**Contact:** Alice LeBarron [alicelebarron@hotmail.com](mailto:alicelebarron@hotmail.com) and Steve Miller [shuntermiller@gmail.com](mailto:shuntermiller@gmail.com)
- Event:** **Women Riders Campout**  
**Date/Time:** August 21–23, 2015 (Fri–Sun)  
**Place:** TBD  
**Description:** Rustic camping, good food, fun women  
**Contact:** Alice LeBarron [alicelebarron@hotmail.com](mailto:alicelebarron@hotmail.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:** 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.

**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](mailto: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](http://www.narrowsrvpark.com). Also checkout: <http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/burns/recreation/steens-mtn.php>

## 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 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**  
[dirtsquirt816@gmail.com](mailto:dirtsquirt816@gmail.com)

### 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:**

**Date/Time:**

**Location:**

**Contact:**

## **Doc Wong Riding Clinic**

Second Saturday of each Month, 9:00 am  
Mr. Ed's Moto: 414 Queen Avenue, Albany  
Don Weber **541-791-5142**  
[don@mredsmoto.com](mailto:don@mredsmoto.com)



## **Team Oregon Rider Skills Practice (RSP) April 19, 2015**

Last issue of the *BEEMER BEAT* announced this course and it quickly acquired the 12 participants necessary. If others are interested in organizing a class in their area contact the officers and we'll see what can be done.

The course outline is as follows:

An introductory circuit ride. The circuit ride is meant to establish base line skills of each rider for:

- 1) head and eye position,
- 2) low speed / tight -quarter maneuvers,
- 3) cornering,
- 4) swerving, and
- 5) maximum in-line braking.

The course will cover

- Unit 1 Mental Motorcycling
- Unit 2 Cornering with Confidence
- Unit 3 Stopping Quickly and Safely
- Unit 4 Swerving
- Unit 5 Street Wise
- Unit 6 Impairments to Safety
- Unit 7 Group Riding
- Unit 8 Carrying Passengers & Cargo

**News Flash  
The Class is  
Full**

## NEW MEMBERS

### Motorcycle

**Karen Duncan**, Bend, OR. .... F800GS  
**Dan Nobel**, Salem, OR. .... Unknown  
**Jeffrey Schroeder**, Bend, OR. .... F800GS  
**Robert Swanton**, Sutherlin, OR. .... R1200GS and F700GS  
**James Mulhall**, Bend, OR. .... R1200GSA



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

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

## 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

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[bmwro.vp@gmail.com](mailto:bmwro.vp@gmail.com)

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

# A Profound Loss to Our BMW Community

All of us have met unique individuals who “have changed our lives”. For the Stewart household, Ozzie Auer was that very special person. His reputation within the international BMW family is unparalleled. As a businessman, he personified the passion that makes our chosen motorcycle marque different from others. Ozzie’s BMW in Chico, California was a haven for motorcyclists who were enriched by his expert technical skills as well as his old world way of doing business.

A true family shop, wife Emmi and grandson Jesse, continue in a tradition of placing the customer at the focus of every action. All of us like BMW motorcycles, Ozzie Auer lived them. Campaigning his superb, hand-crafted vintage machines throughout the United States and Canada, he wanted to show that old BMW’s were certainly not an old man’s’ motorcycle. How about spinning his 1939 500cc race bike at 9000 rpm? As a side-car racer, he won the AMA Number One plate against the likes of his friend Reg Pridmore. Twenty-five years ago I personally rode two of his solo race bikes – albeit only in the pits – and can still feel the sensation.

At Barber’s Museum in Birmingham, Alabama I met a visitor from Germany. When he saw my Ozzie’s BMW shirt, he asked, “Do you know Ozzie? My friends in Germany said that when I visit America, I must meet Ozzie.”

The business card for the Chico shop also listed his home phone number. The usual response upon his answering was, “Where do I need to come and help you?”

## Membership Renewal by Check

Our Treasurer, Gordon Taylor, reminded me that it is also possible for you to pay for your Membership renewal by check, if that is what you would like to do.

To do so, follow the renewal sequence that I set out in my earlier email, and when you click on the link to **\*Renew\*** choose **\*Pay by check\*** from the drop down menu that appears. When you do, you will be led through a sequence that creates an invoice that you should print out and enclose with your payment, which you *should* mail to the Club at the address indicated on the invoice. When the Treasurer receives your payment, he will record it on the website and your membership will be renewed through the end of 2015.



### Ozzie & Emmi Auer on their 50th Wedding Anniversary

*Photo by Laura Stewart*

In the 1980’s BMW of North America advertising carried the tagline – “The Legendary Motorcycles of Germany”. With the passing of Ozzie Auer, we can all gratefully reflect upon the life of a legend in our own time. I, along with a myriad of others, have had their lives enriched by this humble and generous man.

Jim Stewart

Born: 1-13-1935 in Gross Gereau, Germany

Died: 2-22-2015 in Chico, California (so he had recently celebrated his 80th birthday)

He and Emmi moved to the United States in 1961 and opened the BMW business 38 years ago

Please note that the Club would prefer you to pay for your Membership renewal on the website with a credit card. Our new website processes credit card payments quickly and securely, with much less administrative work required on the part of the Treasurer.

If you should choose to renew by check, please do *not* mail in your by check Membership renewal using the old form from the *BEEMER BEAT*. Using the new website to do so is more efficient and allows you to manage your membership details in the process, which is one of the new website’s big advantages. The old form will be removed from the *BEEMER BEAT* beginning with the next month’s edition and will be replaced with instructions for using the website.



# Annual Beach Bash 2015

by Forest McGregor

The Beach Bash is one of my favorite BMWRO events—it's all about the costume—for me—and about the club members letting their hair down and getting silly. I was glad to see 'most' of the usual suspects in attendance: the Halls, the Prokops, the Vercelles, the Mitchells, the Nolans, and Deb & Don Weber who hosted this



This year was particularly fun for me as I convinced **Katy Nielsen** and **Joe Collins** to go in on a three bedroom suite and we invited **Lynne Clark** to join us for a five-some. The suite was awesome—we all agreed!

year's Beach Bash. Aprons was the costume theme, and there were a lot of goofy aprons! Don got fairly goofy as well, not that he has any hair to let down.

We were graced with the presence of royalty—the Countess **Ann Robinson** and her personal man servant (**Lubomir Popisil**) came formally dressed. **Dan Hall** wore an apron that was motorcycle-like—it included handle bars, turn-signal lights in front & rear, saddle bags, wind screen, headlights, and a helmet. It was a gruesome morphology between a rider and a bike—Frankenstein-like. **Elie Hall** was Dan's assistant in creating this creative monsterpiece. **Chris Henry** came in half drag—wearing a lacey blue apron over blue-jeans. **Bob**

and **Lindy Metzger** coordinated a faerie-cupid-love theme—ah, youthful romance can be so endearing. **Jalene Case** made a special apron but decided that it was funnier worn on **Keith Matteson**—I concur.



Deb Weber



Lubomir Popisil





More images from the Beach Bash



Ann Robinson  
(the Countess)



Don was apparently confused by  
Chris Henry dressed in drag



This is when things started to go seriously wrong.  
Chris Henry, Tom Mitchell, Bob Metzger



# NW Ambassadors Ride Report- February 2015

David Peterson #90113  
with Ric Holderbaum  
Susan Ortiz-Renteria #106802

One would be hard pressed to tell we live in the Pacific Northwest this winter. Yes, the gray gloom has persisted since November. But the weather has been unseasonably mild and while it has rained normal amounts, it seems to have come in very contained bursts. As for snow, well, it's been a big swing-and-a-miss. As of the first of February, northern Oregon snowpack stood at 16% of normal.



Photo by Ric Holderbaum

All this weather commentary should have served as an invitation to another balmy, comfortable, early season February First Saturday ride. As late as the Thursday before, your humble correspondent enjoyed dry pavement as he pre-rode over hill

and dale. Unfortunately, he also picked up a cold. And that cold, along with one of those rainbursts, served as excuses to cancel February's ride.

For all but one of us, **Ric Holderbaum** would not be denied. He had missed my last minute email blast. He wasn't one of the distant few I called to keep them from riding for naught. He did chat with Rainer at Tigard BMW, who I had asked to inform anyone who slipped through my net. But Ric was a man on a mission.

And it was easy to see why. For as hard as it rained while I typed my cancellation email, it abruptly stopped the moment I hit [Send]. By the time I walked downstairs to inform my passenger, patches of blue dotted the sky. And for the next three hours I sat by the window, gnashing my teeth. More sun than clouds – and not a drop of rain to be seen.

The exclamation point on my rash decision-making arrived late that afternoon with this ride report from Mr. Holderbaum:

*1st Saturday ride was a great success; everyone was on time, all the tanks were full and clutches out at 9:45 sharp. As you can see, there was a wet parking lot at Tigard BMW; however, the entire ride was dry. The route was adjusted because of the threatening weather to the east, so the new route (and goal) was to keep the bike heading towards the blue skies at all times. This resulted in a spirited ride, covering over 100 different roads and 175 plus miles of twisties, with panoramic views throughout wine country, and no fewer than 50 spectacular rainbows, wild geese, cranes, and plenty of other bird life. The group stayed together and all arrived at the same time for free lunch at [Storrs Smokehouse](#) located*



Photo by Ric Holderbaum

*in Newburg. Storrs Smokehouse is owned and operated by the owners of [The Painted Lady](#), which I believe is (or was) the only four-star, four-diamond restaurant in Oregon.*

*The ride—named the Rainbow Tour—ended back in West Linn with a slight amount of rain in the last half mile. For those that didn't make it, you missed a spectacular ride with nearly perfect road conditions, very little traffic, a balmy 60 degrees, robin-egg blue skies, more rainbows than this writer has ever seen in one day, and a complementary smoked brisket sandwich, with a side of 4 beef ribs, house-made pickles and slaw. I'm not sure if you can have more fun for \$9.49 worth of gas.*

The moral of the story? When it comes to ride planning, never give up on the weather. Even in the Pacific Northwest. Oh, and Ric Holderbaum is NW Oregon's Rider-of-the-Month.

We'll give it another try on March 7th. **Rain or shine!**

**Total miles, January ride: . . . . 175**

**Total First Saturday miles,**

**Year-To-Date: . . . . . 254**

**Storrs Smokehouse,  
310 E. 1st Street, Newberg, OR  
(503) 538-8080**

# Central Oregon Region Report

by Alice LeBarron

Icy driveways kept us from December & January 1st Saturday rides, but still wanting to connect with local BMWRO folks, we got together for BBQ dinner in December, and for breakfast in January. Winter has been mild, so we were able to have a fun February ride. I rode my K75s, followed by **Rick Murray** on his R100, **Bob Hammond** on his K1600RT, and **Andy Eglitis** on his R1150RT. Meeting in Redmond on a sunny Sunday February 15th, our route took us North to Cove Palisades State Park, dropping rapidly down into the canyon formed by the convergence of the Crooked River and the Deschutes River. Crossing the Crooked River at the bottom of the canyon, the road then snakes around the bottom of the peninsula before crossing the Deschutes River. The interesting geologic history of the area made for some stunning scenery. After crossing the narrow one-lane bridge across the Deschutes, the



*A trucker stopped on the main drag thro to.*

**Left to right: Alice LeBarron, Rick Murray, and Bob Hammond well-fed and looking forward to some more good roads!**

road then climbs very steeply through some tight hairpins to gain the top of the plateau. Then it was time to turn around and go back down! Leaving Cove Palisades, the four of us followed the canyon rim north along Mountain View Blvd, then turning east on Belmont Road which took us into Madras. Once we got to Madras, Andy led the way to Rio, an outstanding Mexican restaurant, for lunch. It was hard to choose from all the interesting selections on the menu. When our food arrived, we were all amazed at

the artful presentation. What a nice discovery!

After lunch, Rick led the way, taking us SE on Hwy 26. Shortly before Prineville, we turned off on Elliott Road which then took us over to the O'Neil Hwy, winding west along the Crooked River with views of Smith Rock, eventually bringing us back to Hwy 97. There we said our goodbyes as each rider headed off in different directions. We were so lucky to be able to get out on such a nice ride in February!



## Tech Day in Central Oregon

Allen & Joy Cesafsky hosted the Central Oregon BMWRO members at their home on Sat. Feb 8th for a Tech Day. The plan was to provide an opportunity to share & learn from each other. Hanging out with other BMW riders was an added bonus! 15 of us gathered for this event. Four even braved the stormy day to ride! Jim Osher was showing off his new R1200GS and Karen Duncan (new to BMWRO) arrived on her new F800GS! Bob Hammond & Steve Miller also braved the weather to ride.

Our first lesson of the day was an illustration of the importance of securing the load on your bike. Steve Miller had drilled some holes in an old tire so that we could have some hands on practice for emergency tire plugging. Unfortunately, the practice tire fell off the back of his bike enroute to Bend. This resulted in a humungous hole in the tire. No way were we going to be able to patch that! Phew! I'm so glad that episode didn't take Steve or his F650 down.

Eventually, we all wandered from the garage to the house, where Joy had prepared a big pot of scrumptious soup.

A big thank you to Allen & Joy for graciously opening their home and garage to us!



**Steve Miller shows us the results of not securing his load. Phyllis Webb, John Beeson, Allen & Joy Cesafsky look on. The look on Joy's face says it all!**





# BMW Riders of Oregon

## 31 January 2015

### Minutes of Members Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:35 pm in Florence, OR at the 2015 Beach Bash at the Driftwood Shores Resort with Jay Bennett and Ed Foltyn present from the Executive Committee. There were 42 members present.

Jay thanked the members for attending.

The Secretary's minutes from November were published in the December *BEEMER BEAT* and were accepted as published.

Jay introduced the Executive Committee members present. The newly elected officers are:

**President** – Jay Bennet

(elected for a 2-year term)

**Vice-President** – Ed Foltyn

(elected for a 1-year term)

**Secretary** – Alice LeBarron

(elected for a 2-year term)

**Treasurer** – Gordon Taylor

(elected for a 1-year term)

In addition, Jay introduced Lynn Clark, our Rallymaster for the Chief Joseph Rally in John Day, and Doug Tewksbury, our Interim Webmaster.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved. We currently have approximately \$18,058 in our accounts before the bills from the website

changeover and the bill from Driftwood Shores for the dinner.

### Executive Committee:

The Club has a new website presence that will be up and running soon. Doug presented a slide show showing some of the features. Members will receive an email from the administrators of Club Express, our website hosts. This email will include a temporary password for each of the members.

We also gave a round of applause for Doug's work in putting the website together.

**Activities:** Jay went over the upcoming activities of the year:

- Beach bash in Florence, Jan 30 – Feb 1
- Touring Night at Mr Ed's Moto, March 8
- The Team Oregon Rider Skills Practice, April 19

We are also planning a Lunch ride somewhere in the mid-valley, probably out of Corvallis. We are also planning a weekend campout for May in the south coast area. Details of these will be in the *BEEMER BEAT* as they are finalized.

Lynn gave a quick talk on the need for committee chairs for the Rally. Please contact Lynn to volunteer at [BMWRO.Rallymaster@gmail.com](mailto:BMWRO.Rallymaster@gmail.com)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm

Respectfully submitted, Edward Foltyn, Vice-President  
BMW Riders of Oregon



Photo Left: Dan Hall sent one picture from a Saturday ride in February.

Photo by Tod Roy



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**Place: Premier Motogear, 414 Queen Ave SW, Albany, OR**

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