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*photo by Anon*

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# BMWRO

## Coming Events



### Club Sanctioned Events

- Event:** **Annual Winter Tour Show**  
**Date/Time:** February 25, 2017 — 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm  
**Place:** Premier Motogear, 414 Queen Ave SW, Albany, Oregon  
**Description:** Kim & Janice Dorsing share their epic moto adventure in person with pictures. See full page poster in this issue.  
**Contact:** Deb Weber, **541-926-2107** or email to [premiermotogear@comcast.net](mailto:premiermotogear@comcast.net)
- Event:** **Spring Meeting and Buffet**  
**Date/Time:** April 30, 2017, 11:00 am until 3:00 pm  
**Place:** Seven Feathers Casino Resort and Convention Center, 146 Chief Miwaleta Lane, Canyonville, OR  
**Description:** Second quarterly club meeting of the members will be held at this location. **Please register online to pay for the meal.**  
**Cost:** BMWRO Members & guests . . . . . \$10.00/pp  
Not a BMWRO Member: . . . . . \$15.00/pp  
**Contact:** Linda Tewksbury (**541**) **543-7943** & [bmwro.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:bmwro.treasurer@gmail.com)
- Event:** **Chief Joseph Rally 2017**  
**Date/Time:** June 23-25, 2017  
**Place:** Grant County Fairgrounds, John Day, Oregon  
**Description:** The Fairgrounds has it all: green grass camping, hot showers, clean rest-rooms, a large Pavilion building for meals, improved **Wi-Fi** and an RV Park along the John Day River—doesn't get any sweeter. All within walking distance of downtown hotels, motels, shopping and restaurants & John Day's own micro-brewery & pub.  
**Contact:** Doug Tewksbury at **541-543-7320** or [bmwro.rallymaster@gmail.com](mailto:bmwro.rallymaster@gmail.com).

### Non Sanctioned Events

- Event:** **Bob Marley Birthday**  
**Date/Time:** February 5, 2017  
**Place:** Fort Hoskins Historic Site, Philomath, OR  
**Description:** This is **YEAR THIRTEEN!** It's a lot of fun. This is a **NO HOST** event [Which means: *No Host, No Rules, No Invitation. You assume all personal risk*]. Riders who want to eat something: Bring **YOUR** own food, plates, utensils, coffee cup and music to participate.  
**On site:** a picnic table, charcoal and grill to prepare your celebratory dinner. If you want to share food, bring something everyone will enjoy!  
**Contact:** Roger Paquette, **541-852-0434**



- Event:** **The One Motorcycle Show**  
**Date/Time:** February 10–12, 2017  
**Place:** 900 N Columbia Blvd, Portland, OR  
**Description:** Too many motorcycles—wanna own them all.  
**Contact:** [info@the1moto.com](mailto:info@the1moto.com)
- Event:** **The Airheads Beemer Club Death Valley Rendezvous**  
**Date/Time:** February 17–20, 2017  
**Place:** Furnace Creek Campground, Highway 190, Death Valley, CA  
**Description:** This year marks the 25th anniversary of the "Oldest and Lowest of all Airhead Rendezvous," and—as in the previous 24 years—we will brave the unpredictable weather of February to gather at the Furnace Creek Campground in Death Valley National Park on President's Day weekend.  
**Contact:** Gary Jackson (So. California Air Marshal) **619-559-0108**, [SoCalAirmarshal@gmail.com](mailto:SoCalAirmarshal@gmail.com)  
John Covington (Central California Air Marshal) **714-309-8077**, [jwcov@yahoo.com](mailto:jwcov@yahoo.com) or you can just direct them to the web site Event calendar which has the above information.
- Event:** **Aerostich Pop-Up Event**  
**Date/Time:** Feb 26, 2017, 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM  
**Place:** Milwaukie Marketplace Shopping Center 10854 SE Oak Street, Milwaukie, OR  
**Description:** Aerostich is returning to the Pacific Northwest with all of the latest rider's gear and equipment! Come swag riding stories with us and other area riders and pick up some **FREE** Aerostich swag too!  
**Contact:** [www.aerostich.com/portland17](http://www.aerostich.com/portland17)

### 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.  
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- Event:** **Central Western Friday Lunch**  
**Date/Time:** Every Friday around noon-ish  
**Place:** Various places around Eugene. Check the events calendar [online](#) for locations.



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

**Date/Time:** Various dates and times. See the event calendar on the web site for more information.

**Location:** European Motorcycles of Western Oregon

**Description:** Various routes.

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**Event:** **Southern Oregon 1st Saturday**

**Date/Time:** First Saturday of each month

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

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**Event:** **NW Oregon 1st 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:** **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)



**Event:** **Spring Meeting and Buffet**

The Spring meeting has been set up for Sunday, April 30th at Seven Feathers Casino and Resort Conference Center in Canyonville, OR. The time is from 11 AM to 3 PM, with lunch around noon time, in the Grape and Huckleberry rooms. Although the lunch and meeting will not take the full length of time, the space will be available for those who prefer to hang out and visit with one another.

Registration is strongly encouraged so that the proper amount of food can be ordered for the buffet. Half the cost of the meal will be picked up by the BMW Riders of Oregon club. Members are charged a fee of \$10.00 while the club will also pick up some of the cost for non-members, the cost will be \$15.00.

To register, click here or go to the club event calendar at <http://bmwro.org> and select the Spring Meeting And Buffet—4/30/2017

**Buffet lunch:**

Menu is still to be determined—the facility is changing its menu and availability of various food items. Please check the event calendar for updates.

Canyonville, OR is about 20 miles south of Roseburg with some fantastic roads for riding your motorcycle. Temperatures in the area in the end of April are forecasted to be in the high 60's to low 70's during the day and mid 40's at night. This will be a great opportunity to explore a new area

with other riders. A group ride will be arranged for those of you that would like to join in after the lunch and meeting. The route has yet to be determined and more details will be posted as the time approaches.

For those that would like to spend some time in the area, a small block of rooms has been blocked off at the resort with discounted room rates. For one king bed or two queen beds the rate for Saturday night will be \$115 plus room tax and/or \$95 for Sunday night at members own expense. To reserve a room, call **1-888-677-7771** and let them know you are with BMW Riders of Oregon for those rates. For those of you with motor-homes or travel trailers that wish to bring your home with you, there is a beautiful RV park across the highway, that is part of the resort with 24 hours a day shuttle service. Both the hotel and the RV resort have a heated indoor pool and hot tubs. Rates for the RV park for April 2017 have not yet been established. To reserve at the RV Resort, call

**541-839-3599**. There is also free RV dry camping in one of the Resort's parking lots. For the real hardy tent campers (since temperatures are usually in the mid 40's at night at the end of April), Stanton Park is within walking distance, at a rate of \$15 per night for tents and \$23 for full RV hook-ups. The phone number for reservations is **541-839-4483**.

Although it is some time away, it is never too early to think about Spring riding. I hope many of you can join us for what looks to be a great meal, fantastic riding and be a part of the club meeting

# BMWRO President's Message

by Bob Metzger



## Rolling on... Traction – Can I Have Pepperoni With that Please?

The other day I mounted up to ride to the coast. Many of you

may have already seen the images posted on our BMWRO Facebook Page. Yes, we do have one of those. I digress. I dutifully looked at my thermometer before I left home. Thirty-eight degrees F. Not too bad. As I made my way down the hill upon which we reside, I could feel the back tire beginning to race the front tire! Not a good feeling. At that moment, I began to take the “T” word very seriously. Traction.

I looked up the definition of traction. Wikipedia says, “Traction, or tractive force, is the force used to generate motion between a body and a tangential surface, through the use of dry friction, though the use of shear force of the surface is also commonly used.” Whew... say what? Let’s simplify this a bit. Traction is simply friction, between the road surface and the tire as it (the tire) complies with that surface. What we, as riders, must appreciate is that our traction is limited and therefore must be managed.

Now, I could go on *ad nauseam* about this topic. Fortunately for

you dear reader, I am limited to the number of words I may spill in your direction. Traction is function of a great many factors:

- 1) tire composition, temperature, and pressure,
- 2) surface condition,
- 3) braking,
- 4) acceleration, and
- 5) cornering / lean angle.

Let’s “brake it down” a little shall we. (pun intended).

## Lean Angle and Suspension

An expression by one rider about another is often about their “chicken strips”—the unused, pristine outer edge of their tires. You’ve all heard it, and maybe said it. Understandably, new riders are often reluctant to lean a motorcycle toward modestly aggressive angles. Why? They don’t understand the physics of the machine, nor the relationship between lean angle and size of the contact patch. I find Figure 1 very interesting. It shows the relationship between contact patch and increasing lean angle. Remember the greater the lean angle, the less effective the suspension becomes. Suspension has one and only one basic function. That is to keep both tires’ contact patch on the riding surface.

## Tires

Tire types and composition is a science unto itself and all designed for a specific purpose. Not to be discussed here. What can you do to ensure your tires are in their best working order? Check the pressure often! Tires are designed to operate within a specific range of pressure. Too much tire pressure yields a less than optimal contact patch between tire and pavement. Too little pressure will cause excessive friction (read heat), poor handling, and your expensive tires will wear prematurely. My recommendation is to put a reminder in your smart

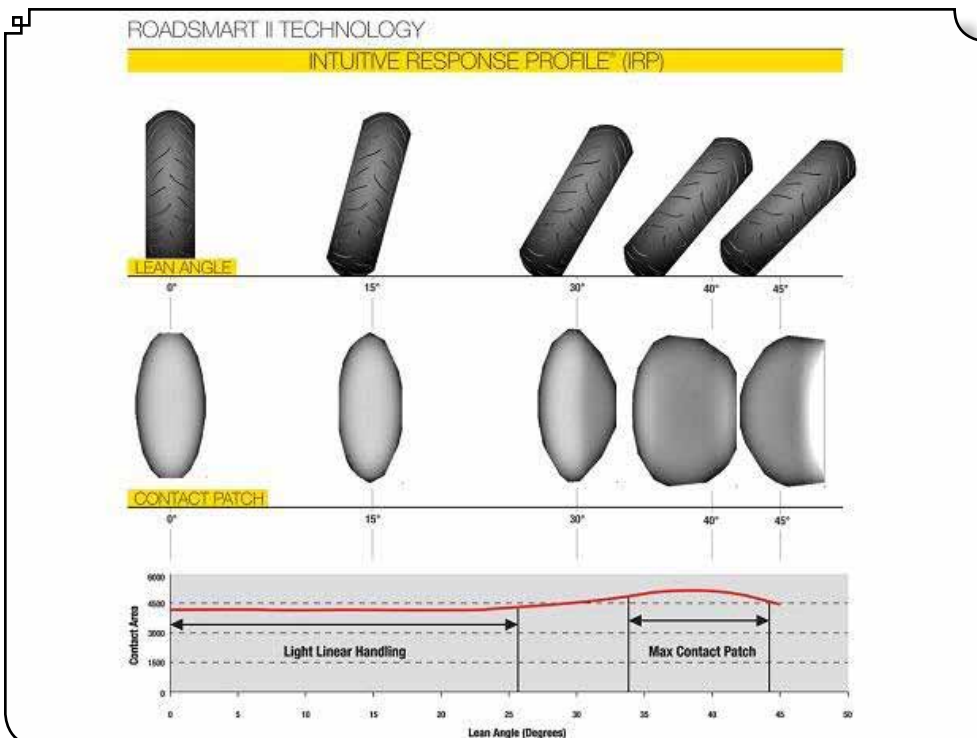


Figure 1 from MC.com/Dunlop



phone. Let it remind you a few times a month to check your tire pressures. Recall that you *cannot* tell tire pressure by look or feel. Pressure must be measured.

## Surface Conditions

Surface conditions can change as quickly as weather in a mountain pass. Not all surfaces are created equal. Asphalt can be grippy in one place, and slick in another. As you ride, cast your gaze as far ahead as you can see. If you see a change in the surface color and/or texture ahead *always assume* that you are about to enter a limited traction surface, until you feel otherwise. Many newer machines have ABS / lean sensitive ABS, and better yet—traction control (TC). Recall, for all these modern marvels to work on your behalf, you must already have a fare degree of traction between tire and pavement.



## The Traction Pizza

Even when you go for a solo ride, you never ride alone. You always have three invisible “traction passengers” hitching a ride. Like a real passenger they require management. Mr. Acceleration, Mr. Braking, and Ms. Cornering: all of these unseen passengers require traction, and often a lot of it. Think of traction as if it were slices of pizza (After Parks, Lee: Total Control, 2003). Let’s assume we have a six-slice pizza (total traction) available. As we enter a corner and begin to lean our motorcycle, Ms. Cornering grabs 3 of the 6 slices of pizza. The more we lean, the more pizza Ms. Cornering grabs. That means that there are only one or two slices on the plate to be shared by Mr. Braking and Mr. Acceleration.



As we exit the curve, the bike begins to right itself. In effect, Ms. Cornering returns pizza back onto the plate. There is now more pizza (traction) for Mr. Acceleration and Mr. Braking. This is why when the need to stop quickly presents itself we always straighten the motorcycle THEN brake. This practice ensures we have maximum traction available for braking. The same applies for hard acceleration.

Failure to manage our finite traction as motorcyclists may result in an unintended dismount, where upon we get to meet Mr. Pavement! At this point traction may result in an entirely different definition.

*Head and eyes up!*

*Bob*



Time to  
Renew your  
Club Dues!

BMWRO Club dues—for members wishing to retain their membership—are due at the beginning of the Calendar year. Please remember your continued support of the club helps provide funding for multiple events throughout the year including this monthly newsletter, web site, advertising, posting of items for sale, and so much more.

## NEW MEMBERS

### Motorcycle

**Darren Bricco**, Newport, OR . . . . . 2016 BMW F800GS  
**Judy Kincheloe**, Bend, OR . . . . . 2016 CanAm Spyder  
**Steven McNulty**, Spokane Valley, WA. . . . . 2016 BMW 1200 GSA  
**Charles Mileur**, Troutdale, OR . . . . . 1990 R 100 GSPD  
**Wm Paulson**, Deming, WA . . . . . 1998 R1100RT



## 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)

## FIND THE BMWRO NEW MEMBER APPLICATION FORM ONLINE:

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

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## Ambassador Program Welcomes New Members

Ambassadors for the Four Regions are:

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

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**Bob Metzger**—608-642-1186

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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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### Northwest Region

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

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BMW Riders of Oregon and Mr. Ed's Moto **present:**

# THE 13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WINTER TOUR SHOW

On Saturday, February 25, 2017, Kim & Janice Dorsing will be presenting their retirement ride adventure. Starting from Portland, Oregon, Kim and Janice set out on an epic 87-day, 16,000-mile ride around the United States (and some Canada) on their K1600GTL BMW.

Enjoy the fun times as they share their experience! What better way to start planning your 2017 adventures!

**Doors Open at 6 PM**

**Show Starts at 6:30pm**

Refreshments will be served.

This is a **free** event, but space is limited, so mark it on your calendar and **RSVP to:**

Deb Weber: **541-926-2107** or email to [premiermotogear@comcast.net](mailto:premiermotogear@comcast.net) to reserve a seat.



## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2017

### Please RSVP!

**Location**

**Premier Motogear**, 414 Queen Ave SW, Albany, Oregon

<http://www.mredsmoto.com/map.htm>



# Golden Rider Award

by Carol Lamper

One could argue, that any Oregon rider leaving on any trip, no matter how long, on December 28th would alone qualify for the Golden Rider award.

This rider departed for a trip to South America from Lincoln City on that date, 2015.

Taking the coastal route to avoid mountain snows, Old-man Winter hammered the rider for the first 5 days of this trip with record breaking rainfalls.

This Rider made it into well into Mexico, down through Central and into South America, occasionally accompanied but mostly alone.

With more than a few reported tip overs, a fender bender, a fear of gravel and a dread of cobblestones, and two or three (or Four) cases of travelers diarrhea, this rider tackled adventure with a unique style, perseverance and humor.

This rider is self forgiving and quick to laugh at mishaps. "Oh well" and "a little help here" are common refrains for this go-with-the-flow rider. It is my pleasure to award the 2016 Golden Rider award to everyone's friend: **Lynne Clark**.



**Scot Lamper & Lynne Clark**

I shook my head when I first heard of Lynne's plan to travel southern tip, in December. Alone. What could go wrong?

Following her Facebook posts, we all learned just how far it took to get South America.

Lynne would tell us in several posts; "it's a long, long, long way".

Her honest-to-god trials and tribulations of travel convey her triumph over border crossings, fender benders, bike shipping and customs...with a touch of sarcasm.

## From Facebook:

...a delivery truck ran into me 4 days ago and I'm still bruised. I was going about 15 mph, and he tried to pass me, but didn't have enough room, clipped my right pannier and

spun me into a parked car. There wasn't room for me to go down till he got past me, my rear view mirror was tangled with car's. It was all my fault, since I was riding a motorcycle and I messed up the car and the truck bumper, but since I didn't have insurance, and was not from Columbia, and lost the ability to speak Spanish, they told me to get lost—which I did.

On Lynne went through Central America, where her adventures and mis-adventures unfolded. In some communities she would receive near celebrity status as fans would gather, especially children who loved her two wheeling courage. What a remarkable role model.

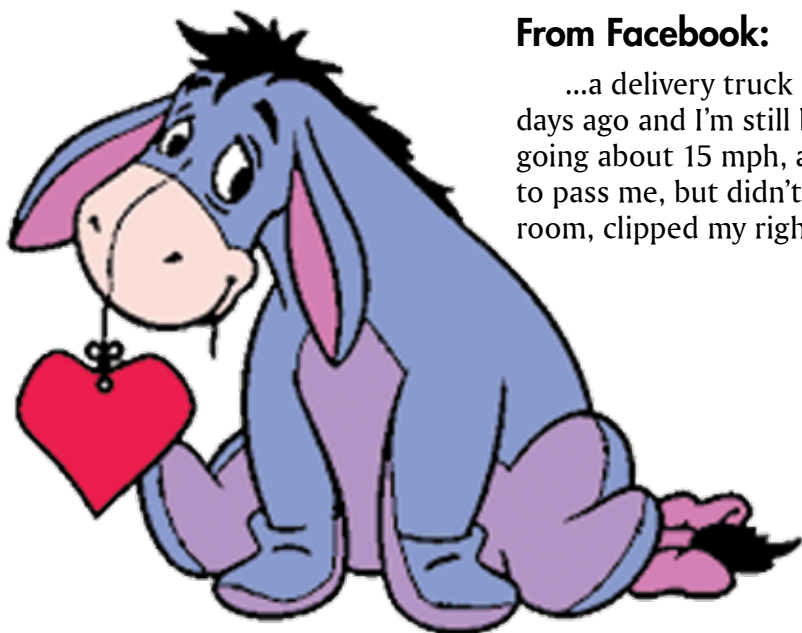
Like many of us, Lynne deals with some health conditions—a little thing called Rheumatoid Arthritis—which causes her inflammatory pain. Her medication challenges her immune system and brings about daily ups and down.

But Lynne's determination and perseverance is admirable. She told me once, "I'm going to hurt anyway, I might as well be doing something fun at the same time." What an attitude!

Lynne's trip was remarkable: making it well into Peru, beat up by travelers illness—not once but repeatedly to a point of weakness—she persevered. Laying over for a week here and there, staying long enough to recover, she ultimately flew her bike home—to Florida—where she made a 'quick' cross country journey back to Oregon in May.

Five months on the road, Lynne's story is not of a singular Golden event, but a series of small courageous triumphs. Put them all together, they're pretty darned remarkable.

My salute to you Lynne Clark, our BMWRO 2016 Golden Rider!



# Scenic Oregon Backroads Ride to the CJR

by Don Chase

Planning on going to the 2017 Chief Joseph Rally? If you enter John Day into your GPS it will map a route on US 26 all the way—209 miles and about 4 hours. Done that how many times? How about trying a different route? One that takes you off the boring busy highway and through some great Oregon back roads. Oregon is such a beautiful state with many incredible motorcycle roads. The “alternate route” described below is 237 miles—about 26 miles and 90 minutes longer, but absolutely worth the extra miles and time. A route filled with scenic beauty, little traffic, and some great twisties.

The alternate route starts just a few miles east of Government Camp off of **Oregon 35**—about 4.7 miles from the intersection of **US 26** and **OR 35** turn right onto **USFS 48**—a nice, two lane paved road through some splendid forest with some great views of Mt. Hood. You'll either see Mt. Hood in your



**Tyghe Valley view**

by Don Chase

mirrors or you'll have to stop to get a great view. **USFS 48** will take you all the way to the scenic farm community of Wamic. On your way to Wamic you will notice the forest slowly change from deep fir forests to more open scrub country with oaks. If you're on a GS, there will be lots of tempting gravel side roads to explore. If you're on a K, GT, or RT you'll enjoy the little traffic and scenery. It's 29.6 miles to Wamic. If you want to take a break, about 5.6 miles before you get to Wamic you can stop at beautiful Rock Creek Reservoir.

In Wamic you'll want to turn right onto the **Wamic Market Road** on your way to Tyghe Valley about

6 miles away. Before you get to Tyghe Valley you'll get some great views of the hills and farms below in Tyghe Valley. Rather than turning right onto busy **US 197**—which will take you to Maupin—go across the highway onto **Oregon 216**. This is a great twisty remote gem of a motorcycle road that should not be missed. About 4 miles from the intersection of **US 197** and **OR 216** on your right is White River Falls State Park. It's a good gravel road to the park but a great place to stretch your legs to walk and see the beautiful White River falls. **OR 216** then drops down to the Deschutes River where the Deschutes River narrowly carves its way through the rock to only a few feet wide—very impressive sight. The road then snakes its way out of the Deschutes River canyon to wheat fields above and some beautiful rolling straight sections. Turn right—14.5 mi. from White River State Park—onto **Ball Rd** and then 6 miles later turn left onto **Liberty Rd** rather than following **OR 216** farther north where it meets up with **US 97**.

Next, turn right onto **US 97** and travel the 18.5 miles to Shaiko where you can stop for an ice cream at *Goldies Ice Cream Shoppe*. Across the street from *Goldies* is another incredible motorcycle road—**OR 218**—take it! The ride



**Mt Hood view**

by Don Chase



from the high plateau around Shaniko to Antelope is filled with exhilarating twisty-tight switchback curves—what fun! The lonely road from Antelope to Fossil is a roller coaster type of ride with little traffic. You'll struggle between catching glimpses of the scenery around you and watching the road as it twists and turns. In no time, you've traveled the 42 miles from Shaniko to Fossil.

You can stop in Fossil—there's services there—or turn right onto the John Day Highway, **OR 19**, and go on 7 miles and take a quick break at the cool and shady *Bear Hollow County Park* (drinking water & restrooms) or 3 miles further at *Shelton Wayside*. The next 25 miles to Spray will drop you down into John Day River canyon country. The scenery and road is fantastic. As you wind your way through the curves along the John Day River perhaps you may notice the "mystery." Mysteriously the road

seems to go downhill but the river seems to be flowing the opposite direction—"uphill." How can that be? It takes a lot of concentration to focus on the many curves that wind along the river versus looking at the river. At Spray you can get refreshment and if needed get some gas (only Regular) at the *Country Store*.

The next 31 miles to the intersection of the **John Day Highway** and **US 26** continue to be some of the best motorcycle riding anywhere. Again the many twists and turns demand your attention away from the beautiful John Day River canyon scenery. Particularly as you approach the John Day Fossil Beds, you catch glimpses of the colorful rock formations before being forced to focus on the curves immediately before you. You quickly realize you can't do both—either enjoy the scenery or rip through the curves. A stop at the *Thomas Condon Paleontology*

*Center* provides you with some mental and physical relief after swinging your ride through the corners. Besides that, the fossils on display are pretty darn interesting. Who knew that camels and hippos once roamed the ancient John Day river area.

The last 38 miles of **US 26** to John Day you probably already know well. By now you're probably thinking about where to set up your tent and who else you'll see at the CJR. You'll have your own stories to tell as you describe your scenic back-road twisty journey. Each year I go to the CJR, I try and take a different route and always feel so richly rewarded with a great ride.

The GPX (the GPS eXchange Format) file associated with this route is available for download from the BMWRO website.



# First Quarterly Meeting of the BMWRO Membership January 15, 2017

Newly elected Club President, **Bob Metzger**, opened the first quarterly meeting for 2017 at 7:02 pm in the Driftwood Shores banquet room—31 members were present. He reminded the members that this is their club, and as such there are many ways to volunteer. Members are encouraged to participate in club activities, host an event or become involved in a riding clinic to share knowledge with its other members. Volunteering can include writing a story and/or taking pictures to share in the *BEEMER BEAT* newsletter or posting in on the club's forum.

Bob notified the group that a new G310r will be available at local Motorrad dealers as of January 24, 2017.

Bob also mentioned Scenic Wheels Melbourne Australia is offering a \$500 discount for those that are interested.

Rally Master, **Doug Tewksbury** presented an update on this year's Chief Joseph Rally plans:

- Vendors have been contacted with few responses to date.

- Volunteer opportunities will be posted on the pre-registration page. **Joy** and **Allen Cefasky** have said they would like to once again head the registration gate. **Fred** and **Gladys Hasse** have agreed to once again sell tickets for the 50/50 raffle.
- Food vendors have been contacted and meal options are being considered.
- Cowboy breakfast with a ride to a working farm is not planned for this year, although that may change. Currently the Cattle Growers Association in John Day are working with the Grant County



Fairgrounds—the “Friends of the Fairgrounds” organization and the 4-H Club—to possibly have breakfasts available for individual purchase for Friday and Saturday mornings.

- This years T-shirt logo is being designed by **Steve Ludman**, one of our long time members.
- This past fall the Juniper Arts council was called upon to sponsor a contest for the BMWRO, for submissions of art designs for the club. Teachers in the John Day school system made it an assignment for students in 7th through 12th grades to draw or computer generate a design based on the specifics provided to them by Doug. This resulted in 108 pages of designs received for consideration. The entries were narrowed down to eight entries and then the submissions were voted on by the executive committee in early December. The winning artist received a cash prize of \$100 and the second prize winner was awarded \$25. An article was published in the Blue Mountain Eagle newspaper on January 16, 2017. The designs will be available for viewing at this





coming CJR, with the winning design on the leaflet. Due to the high number of colors, it will not be able to be put on a T-shirt.

- **John Fedora**, a member of the Juniper Arts Council and retired John Day Fossil Beds Park Ranger, has—for the last three years—led a “Geology Rocks” tour at our rally. Although the BMWRO offers the tour to our members, all proceeds for the ride are given to the Juniper Arts Council. The council encourages and assists aspiring young artists from the area in developing their skills and offers scholarships to many of them.

Cost to those wishing to attend the Chief Joseph Rally this year will remain the same, but the weekend of the event has changed. It will not be held on Father’s Day weekend, but on the following weekend instead, June 23–25, 2017.

Club treasurer **Linda Tewksbury**, gave a brief budget report. The club has an additional \$5,500 at this time over what the club had last year at this time. The executive team is frequently reviewing ways we are doing things and choosing more economical methods, so as to have funds available for more club sponsored activities. An example being, rather than continuing to pay a printing company to print and send out the BB newsletters to those still receiving it by mail, the task was taken over by Linda and in ten months time has cut the costs by over \$1000.

Club Vice President, **Scot Lamper**, provided an activities report. He notified the group that his brother is assisting in organizing a bicycle race in Eugene and will need motorcycle riders to assist in monitoring the route during the race. Specifics will be announced at a later date.

Planned events include the “Four Corners Event” initiated



by Washington’s club president **Dan Muir**. Bob gave a brief description on the contest to encourage members to join in each of four rallies, including Oregon’s CJR, Idaho’s, Washington’s and British Columbia’s rallies. Further information can be found on the club website under the ‘News’ link.

The Solar Eclipse Camp out, was explained by **Skip Gosser**, on whose property it will be held, scheduled for August 21, 2017. This event has not been posted as of yet.

Linda explained the Spring Fling in Canyonville, on April 30, 2017. This will also be our Spring meeting. The event has been posted and sign up is available. A group ride is being planned but has not been finalized.

**Carol Lamper** described an April 1st “Foolish” ride and lunch which she and **Dave Peterson**—NW ambassador—are coordinating together. This event has not been posted on the club calendar yet.

Scot has volunteered to host the Steen’s Campout and will be posted at a later date.

Bob has offered to research and host the September meeting at the Oregon Powerland Museum if available.

There was then an open forum to remind everyone of other events,

some already planned and others in the making.

**Don and Deb Weber** reminded everyone of their “13th Annual Winter Tour Show” on February 25, 2017 with registration currently available on the event calendar.

Linda made mention that **Alice LeBarron** has said she would like to once again host the “Women Riders Campout” this year, along with another campout for this summer—to be determined and posted at a later date.

Linda will also be doing her ‘Start of Summer’ cookout again in the beginning of June. Date and registration also not yet available.

The “Golden Rider Award” was presented by Carol Lamper to **Lynne Clark**, with a wonderful story about Lynne’s ride to South America and her many mishaps.

There was a drawing for two books that had been donated by former member **Gordon Taylor**. The winners were **Chris Henry** and **Carolyn Gardner**.

Bob ended the meeting with a slide show of his and his wife, Lindy’s, “Summer Tour”.

Respectfully submitted by Club Treasurer, Linda Tewksbury, as Club Secretary, Alice LeBarron was unable to attend the Bash.



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