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BMWRO

Coming Events



Club Sanctioned Events

- Event:** **Annual Cookout in Eugene**
Date/Time: July 8th from 12:00–6:00 pm
Place: 3043 Dalewood St. Eugene
Description: Cookout with lots of food, whether you ride to eat or just come to enjoy the food and chat with other members.
Contact: Linda Tewksbury at bmwro.treasurer@gmail.com
- Event:** **Women Riders Campout**
Date/Time: August 3-6, 2017
Place: Pioneer Ford Campground along the Metolius River, about 6.8 miles north of Camp Sherman.
Description: Rustic camping under Ponderosa Pine forest beside the Metolius River. Potable water, picnic tables, fire ring, vault toilets.
Limited space. Please sign up on the bmwro.org website event calendar or contact one of the hosts. Good paved routes and off-road routes in the area. Gas & groceries in Sisters, 22 miles away. Meals on your own or shared; we usually pool our resources and come up with some tasty creations.
You must contact the host before registering if you are planning to bring an RV, trailer, or car.
Cost: This event is free for BMWRO members and \$10 for Non-members
Contact: Alice LeBarron alicelebarron@hotmail.com or phone **541-647-7194**
Robin Dunn robindunn2005@msn.com or phone **541-226-6595**
- Event:** **Solar Eclipse Campout**
Date/Time: Aug 18, 2017 @ 2 PM until Aug 22, at 10 AM
Place: Near Aumsville, OR. Directions available only after required registration*
Description: Tent camping for viewing of the Solar Eclipse on August 21, 2017. Bring your own food and beverages, but coolers and grills for cooking will be available. See Event Calendar for more details. This event is for BMWRO members
Cost: BMWRO Members—No Cost
Certified Eclipse Viewing Glasses: \$1 each
Contact: Linda Tewksbury @ **541-543-7943**
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** There are going to be,—according to the Office of Emergency Services—an estimated 50,000 people in the Salem area for the eclipse. Checking their other predictions—for other eclipses which have happened around the world in years past—they have been off each time with numbers nearly always double their predictions.*

Ergo, the hosts for this BMWRO event are concerned that—should their location for the campout be made public—uninvited people may just show up. As it is, one of their neighbors listed their field as available on Craig's List for RV parking at a cost of \$300 per night and are totally filled up.

So with respect for their wishes and privacy, host names and location will not be advertised, and will only made available to members after they have registered.

- Event:** **Umpqua River Campout**
Date/Time: Friday, Sept 8th 1pm to Sunday, Sept 10th 11am
Place: Horseshoe Bend Campground, Deer Flat Group Site in the Umpqua National Forest, 31 miles east of Glide on Hwy 138
Directions: From Roseburg: turn onto OR HWY-138 (aka E/NE Diamond Lake Blvd.) Continue on OR HWY-138 approximately 16 miles until you reach the town of Glide. Upon entering Glide, the North Umpqua Ranger Station will be on your left (where you can obtain Umpqua NF information, maps and brochures). There is a Chevron gas station/convenience store (south side of 138) in Glide. It is recommended that you top up. Continue on OR Highway-138 east for other 30 miles to Road #4750 near Milepost 48. If you come to the Dry Creek Store, you have gone too far. Turn Right onto FR #4750.
Directions from the east side: top up with gas in Chemult. Take the Diamond Lake turn from Hwy 97; follow Hwy 138 past Diamond Lake, past Eagle Rock campground, watch for the Dry Creek Store on your right. Shortly after that you'll see the sign for Horseshoe and a left-turn lane. Turn left onto Road #4750. If you come to the Apple Creek Campground, you have gone too far.
Directions from the turn onto Road #4750: shortly after turning onto Road 4750, you'll come to a bridge. Turn right just before the bridge. Continue following that road to the Horseshoe Campground. Just before entering the Campground, take a right uphill to the Deer Flat Group Site. These are all paved roads."
Description: Rustic camping along the Wild & Scenic Umpqua River with good paved and gravel routes in the area. **BMWRO will provide dinner on Saturday.** Potable water, picnic tables, fire rings, flush toilets. Plenty of space but please contact host if you are planning to bring an RV; no hook-ups available. Please sign up on the bmwro.org website event calendar or contact

Cost:
Contact:

host. Our quarterly general membership meeting will be held on Saturday at the campground. Free to BMWRO members. \$10 for non-members
Alice LeBarron alicelebarron@hotmail.com or phone **541-647-7194**

Recurring Events

Event: **Central Oregon 2nd Saturday**

Date/Time: Second Saturday of each month
Location: Various ride and lunch locations in the Central Oregon Region.

Contact: Alice LeBarron **541-647-7194**
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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.

Contact: Jim Breen, **541-912-4500** or
jpbior@aol.com or
Bob Metzger **608-642-1186**
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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.

Contact: James Breen **541-912-4500**
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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.

Contact: Dan Hall, dnehall@frontier.com
Mark Collier **541-499-1395**
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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.

Contact: David Peterson **503-327-5592**
dwpeterson01@yahoo.com
Mike Ripley **503-789-2966**
gobeezer@live.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

Heard-On-The-Road

Event: **Riding the Tunnel of Trees
2017 BMWRA International
Rally**

Date/Time: July 6–9, 2017

Place: Emmet County Fairgrounds, Petoskey, MI

Description: details below

Contact: details below

**Riding the Tunnel of Trees
2017 BMWRA International Rally**

Located in Northwest corner of Michigan's Lower Peninsula—about 50 miles below the "Big Mac" bridge—the Emmet County fairground sits on a beautiful location above Lake Michigan's Little Traverse Bay on the outskirts of Petoskey; and will be our rally home base. Downtown Petoskey is about a mile and a half away and is full of small specialty shops, restaurants, and "watering holes". <http://www.petoskeydowntown.com/>

The fairground has a number of large, updated buildings for our activities along with grandstands and "dirt area" where we are looking into "GS" activities. Yes, there is plenty of nice grass for our "Green Eureka Timberlines" and a number of full service hook-ups for the "Cushy" RVs.

With Pre-registration you will save \$15.00. You can also order Friday & Saturday meals and T-shirts. You will save \$4.00 per shirt by pre-order. Ladies shirts and long sleeves will only be available on pre-order.

More information is available on the BMWRA website:

<http://bmwra.org/news/national-rally>

and pre-registration is now open:

<http://bmwra.org/ra-national-rally-registration>



BMWRO President's Message

by Bob Metzger



Target Fixation: How Do We Fix It? Part II

As you recall from last month's column, we've been discussing a negative phenomena that effects motorcyclists (among others); target fixation. Last month I laid out the crash data, physiology, and mental mistakes that lead to target fixation.

This month, let's delve a little deeper. One of my favorite teaching tools is ask my Team Oregon students a short simple question. "How do we fix it?" During coaching, if a student is struggling with a motorcycling fundamental such as smooth braking, I simply ask the question, "How do we fix it?" They know the answer. Their mouth is much closer to their ear than my mouth. Once they articulate the skill it begins to "stick" a little better.

Let's go back to 1945. George Pólya (1887 – 1945) was a Hungarian immigrant and a rather brilliant mathematician. As such he knew a great deal about problem solving. We're not just talking about math problems, but also the thinking one needed to solve any problem. In fact, he wrote a book in 1945, *How To Solve It*.

Pólya developed a four-step program for problem solving.

1. First, make sure you fully understand the problem.
2. After full understanding, then make a plan.
3. Carry out your plan by executing your solutions.
4. Reflect. Ask yourself, "How could it be better?"

Most people make one huge mistake when they problem solve. **They skip the first step!**

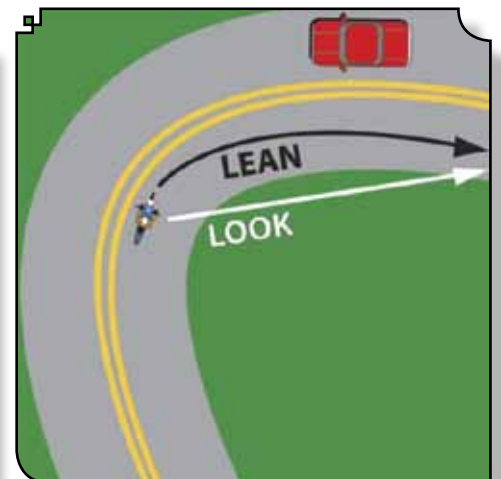
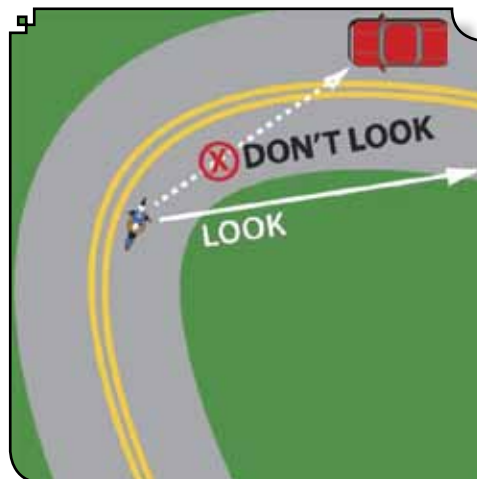
Now I can hear you thinking – "What does this have to do with motorcycling let alone target fixation?" Everything. Regardless of the task at hand, inexperienced problem-solvers jump immediately to the solution stage of problem solving; typically with disastrous consequences. Often time a new motorcyclists use a *trial and error strategy* for problem solving. A rider may immediately jump to the first solution for dealing with



excess corner speed and the real possibility of crashing. Chopping throttle, and grabbing the brake can lead to a poor outcome. They failed to **understand** the problem; they had no **plan** to **execute**.

Now I ask you, "How do we fix it"? How do we fix this target fixation issue afflicting motorcyclists?

Using the Pólya's four step process, can we define the target fixation problem? Yes. The problem is poor use of corner targeting (vision), lack of discipline, and poor skill execution by inexperienced motorcyclists. Do we have a cornering plan? Hopefully, yes. Your cornering plan may include better apex selection, speed



selection, additional professional training, and practice. Once we arm ourselves with a plan / strategy, we are in a much better place from which to execute.

Here are some quick tips for avoiding target fixation.

1. **Discipline yourself** to turn your head, and keep it turned. Look all the way through the curve for the exit.
2. **Trust your tire traction.** Counter steer aggressively when needed: press more + lean more = tighter turn.
3. **Scan aggressively** using both searchlight and spotlight vision. Don't vision lock.
4. **Talk, and listen, to yourself** while cornering. Grab your own attention. Tell your self to "Look, look, look."
5. **Don't physically lock up.** Relax-use a firm but relaxed grip. Be smooth.

Remember, target fixation does not only happen in curves. There are plenty of instances of riders rear-ending stopped vehicles as well.

We've all heard the adage, "Practice makes perfect." Most would agree that it's true. I submit it is only part truthful. Only perfect practice makes perfect.

Lastly, don't forget Pólya's fourth step. Always ask yourself while on a ride, "How could I have done that better." Self critique is an excellent tool for improvement.

Bob



If you were at the Chief Joseph Rally and took pictures, please post them at the website, www.bmwro.org.

Bob Metzger was the first to post his images—these and many more are at the website.

2017 EMWOR Mileage Contest

As if we needed an excuse for riding, **European Motorcycles of Western Oregon** announces its first annual 2017 mileage contest—sign up began March 4, 2017 at First Saturday Coffee and group ride. The contest will conclude with a finale party on October 7th. Prizes are generous, so let's support EMWOR efforts!

European Motorcycles of Western Oregon

2891 W 11th Ave, Eugene, OR (541) 338-0269
send questions to Jeff Sawyer (jsawyer@emcwor.com) for details.

There are monthly prizes for mileage accumulation and unlike most mileage contests, there are ways to earn bonus miles; for example, tagging European Motorcycles of Western Oregon in a Facebook ride post.



NEW MEMBERS

Motorcycle

Rudy Catania, Terrebonne, OR 2007 BMW R1200GS
Jason Dimmick, Richland, WA 2007 BMW K1200GT
Scott Francis, Salem, OR cycle unknown
Jon Magill, Shady Cove, OR 2016 BMW F800 GS
Michael Martin, Klamath Falls, OR cycle unknown
Charlie Mitchell, Corvallis, OR 2007 BMW F800ST
Alan Schwake, Eugene, OR 2017 BMW R1200RT
Dixon Soracco, Portland, OR cycle unknown
Scott Talley, Portland, OR 1983 R 80 G/S

Bylaws, Policies & Guidelines

If you are interested in any of the above, just visit our website and download. www.bmwro.org

FIND THE BMWRO NEW MEMBER APPLICATION FORM ONLINE:

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

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Ambassadors for the Four Regions are:

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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).

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

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



Chief Joseph Rally, 2017, images by Bob Metzger

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Memorial Day Weekend Campout – May, 2017

by Linda Tewksbury

The timing was perfect, the location was gorgeous and the company was phenomenal. What more can one ask for. BMW motorcycle riders galore. With at least 42 members attending over the course of the three day Memorial Day Weekend, it was a phenomenal get together. If I could have ordered weather, I could not have ordered better. A morning haze that kept the temperatures within reason, with the early morning fog or haze, burning off by 10 AM and mid 80 temperatures throughout the rest of the day. It was great riding weather, along with roads that followed one of Oregon's most picturesque rivers which one only reads about (except for us).

Whether they showed up for Friday night only, or for the entire weekend, the site was not only picturesque and secluded, but inviting along the banks of the South Umpqua river. The campsite host, John, was very accommodating, even stating; any where someone wants to camp, he would "mow the grass" for them to set up tents. Other than to check to make sure all was going well, he never made his presence known, other than to assist us. This set the stage. The Pavilion not only provided a more than ample shaded and protected picnic table area, but a place for people to power up their phones and meet. It was a group feeding place, and also an area for a morning coffee pot to be set up. Coffee along with the morning zucchini cake, that magically appeared each morning and the camp fire that seemed never ending, who could ask for more?

Well the more happened.

There was a ride out to the coast and a ride to the east toward Crater Lake. Each group with their own destination in mind, each ride had their own adventures. The ride to the East split apart after having a nice lunch in Steamboat. Some returned to Eagleview Camp ground via the scenic route while others ventured further toward Crater lake and then south west through Canyonville. The ride from the west also had a great trip with many a tale.

There were also individual riders stories about a bear crossing the river in front of them. What a photo op that was.

The evening get together allowed each venture group the opportunity to talk about their individual or group rides and to share in good food and relaxation.

Saturday night's feed included a feed of homemade spaghetti sauce, homemade bread and salad with strawberry shortcake provided by club members on a volunteer basis. There were various members throwing together a hodgepodge of items on the other two evenings, so even those that showed up empty handed were fed—and well fed, I might add. There were a few people that showed up for one night, while others stayed for the long weekend.

I want to thank all that attended. There were 38 for the Saturday night dinner, but there also were at least 4 additional people that spent Friday night with us then left without attending the Saturday night dinner. The wonderful part about a three night campout was that people were able to come as they pleased but also were able to leave at their own leisure.

As always there are those that will have their negative or derogatory comments about any event. But let me remind those people, where can you go for Zero money to have three nights of camping, coffee each morning with homemade zucchini cake, a free spaghetti feed with strawberry shortcake as desert and chocolate chip cookies around a camp fire in the evening. The site was fully paid for by the club, funded by membership dues.

The one downfall was that there were no showers. Although inconvenient, there were ten paved RV site's that several people were willing to provide showers for those in dire need or then again there was the river for the hardy souls.

The entire camp ground was reserved for the club for up to 100 people. The reservation included the campground with 10 no hookup RV sites, multiple tent sites, a pavilion building with a kitchen counter, sink and electrical hook-ups, camping along the South Umpqua river and complete privacy. Even though there were no on site available showers, there were a number of people that approached me stating "we have to come back" "how did you find this place?" "This place is fantastic, what a gem" and " what a find."

I want to thank all that attended and remind everyone "It is about the ride", but it is always good to have a great meal and friends at the end of it.

Thank-you to all our members and those of you that support this wonderful organization. I Hope to see you at my cookout at my home on July 8th in Eugene. Once again it is free to members, so bring your positive attitude and your fisherman stories.

With my sincerest thanks and hope for a fantastic future.



Southern Oregon Ambassador Ride — May, 2017

by Mark Collier

The Rogue River chapter of BMWRO met for our May first-Saturday ride and we just *had* to see what snow remained in the mountains of the Kalmiopsis Wilderness—pronounced just like it's spelled; and it's spelled correctly, trust me, I Googled it.

So, background first: there is this understandably treacherous, slightly-better-than-one-way road, which white-water rafters use as a short cut along the Wild & Scenic section of the Rogue River. This half-assed, deadly in winter, "road" connects the put-in spot for white-water rafters, down river from the tiny resort of Galice, to the take-out point at Agness, Oregon. This is just below the rapid sections named "Widowmaker," "Coffee Pot," "Blossom Bar" and other class four+ rapids. The van-drivers of the "retrieve" vehicles are not known for their delicate driving, and a head-on meeting is always a nice possibility. So we rode even faster. Just kidding.



I always poll the group in advance for suggestions, route ideas, comments & concerns—you know, all the pre-ride fundamentals. And, as per usual, I got none, zip. Until the morning-of, and I suggested a simple-to-follow set of three-turn instructions to get us on the road all in one gaggle. And THEN the quarterbacks opened up to opine. Just what I always wish for, a vomitus input in the middle of your lovable authors'

attempt to assuage this meandering effort. Right. Any who, we did make it out of town and onto planned route. The ride? What a thrill. Speeding up a road that had about zero level sections, but just straight enough to see through the next turn and throttle on. We reached the top, snacked, photo-bombed the heck out of the top of the mountain and retired. All in all, a great ride. You should join us. ;-)

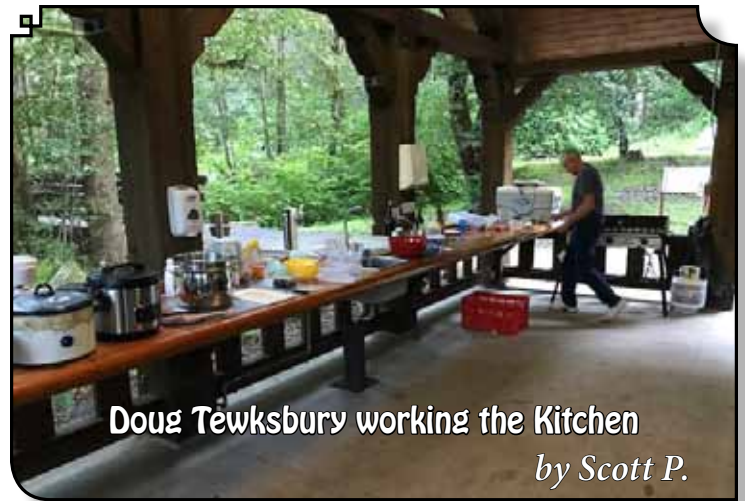


Memorial Day Weekend Campout 2017

by Forest McGregor

It has been reported that a total of 42 club members attended the campout with 38 people present for the Saturday evening meal. I was personally disappointed to have missed **Dan Hall**—whose *modus operandi* is to arrive the night of the hosted meal and leave the next morning. I'm thinking Dan must have gotten bad 'intel' about the spaghetti dinner being on Friday night (which it wasn't) and did not stay through Saturday night when spaghetti *and* strawberry shortcake was served; this by our gracious hosts, **Linda** and **Doug Tewksbury**. Indeed, they cooked noodles—on site—under the facility's covered food preparation and seating area—and Doug even put on an additional pot of noodles to cook for late arrivals. An amazing marinara sauce had been prepared by Linda prior to the event—slaving over a hot stove for seven-to-eight hours. In addition, Linda put a lot of effort into making sure everyone was fed well with good food, not only for that supper but even provided things for the other two nights and each morning.

Doug led a motorcycle ride on Saturday, and when I arrived around 1:00-ish pm, the camp was like a ghost town with only **Carl** and **Shiela Boulden** in camp. They were sitting/reading in chairs outside their trailer-tent which was parked in one of the ten RV camp slots. There were only two RV spots left and one was reserved for the Olsens, so I parked my truck in slot number one at the entrance. Jim would be along later on his 650GS—the unwashed wonder (I'm talking about the bike, not Jim). Carl did tell me about his ordeal over the past two years involving a battle with cancer and bacterial meningitis which left him in a coma for a week.



Doug Tewksbury working the Kitchen

by Scott P.

Jim von Stein arrived and joined in the conversation with the Bouldens, and then **Karen** and **Sam Olsen** (original founders of the BMWRO club) arrived, parked their RV and meandered over to converse with Carl. I never realized what a popular guy Carl is. Karen told me that she was the first newsletter editor of the *BEEMER BEAT*—which lasted about seven months (for her)—and it was prepared on a standard typewriter in which she wrote stories as they were reported to her by other members. Whew. I have it easy with each contributor writing their own story and submitting them electronically. Sam Olsen praised my work as the current newsletter editor for which I thanked him.

Scott P. and Jim von Stein took a long meandering ride out to the coast for lunch on Sunday—in which Jim expected to be back to camp within a few hours with some fishing gear I needed—and did not return to camp until late afternoon and without fishing swivels. I'll not let these boys play together again in the future.



A Caravan of Motorcycles—Saturday Ride

by Scott P.



Jay and Jan Bennett came back from a ride with a story of seeing a bear and Jay chasing after it, shooting it as it swam across the river. I'm pretty sure Jay was *not* using a hand gun.



Dan Russell brought his wife and daughter in a travel-tent, then discovered vehicle problems on Sunday and could not tow his trailer home. Carl made plans to take his camping rig home and return to tow Dan's RV back to his house until the following Friday when Carl towed it up to Eugene where Dan lives. No wonder Carl's such a popular guy.

Also present, that I met, were **Bob & Lindy Metzger** (our current club President and First Lady), **Stephen Polansky**, **Dishelle Chambers**, **Mark Collier** (co-Ambassador for the Southern region), **Alice LeBarron** (current club Secretary and Ambassador to the Central & North East region), **Ed Fulton** (former Club V.P.), **Bill Munroe** and many more.



Alice LeBarron & Linda Tewksbury

by Scott P.



Scott P. & Jim von Stein

by Scott P.



NW Ambassadors Ride Report – June 2017

David Peterson #90113

Michael Ripley #191665

You would have thought that by the time June rolled around, you could count on the weather. On the other hand...it's been that kind of year. We would have guessed that our hardy band of Oregon stalwarts would never be daunted by a little late spring rain.

But as the appointed day drew near, a steady stream of regrets announced, "See you next time." And when we kicked our stands up, there were only seven of us. **Mike Ripley** took the lead, followed by **Charles Mileur**, **Chris Henry**, **Camron Rust**, **Steven Polansky** (resplendent on his new GSA), and **David and Diane Peterson**, sweeping up the crumbs. Mike was in a mood to ride; David had his hands full trying to keep up so Diane could take pictures.

The rain seemed like it wanted to hold off; patches of blue teasing us in the western sky. But just when it looked like we would escape, a cloudburst would remind us that we live in Oregon. Still, it was a comfortable day and the lush rural landscapes of Washington County were gorgeous to navigate.



To where, you might ask? Well, this month, we thought it might be fun to loop to Mt. Hebo, a Coast Range beacon just south of Tillamook. A similar flight of fancy had captured us last October, when we set a bearing for Mary's Peak near Corvallis. That trip in the weather left us feeling like Shackleton in Antarctica, so we changed our plans. Instead of a mountain climb, we'd spend the afternoon at the Tillamook Air Museum.

In a light sprinkle, we headed west. Our favorite escape to rural Washington County has always been Roy Rogers to Scholls Ferry Road and beyond. Alas, it is no longer to be; vast tracts of farmland have succumbed to greater Portland's housing crisis. A region that just two years ago was utterly undeveloped, is now a suburban gulch of 4,700 new homes, a huge new high school, and eventually, 11,000 new residents. With no new major thoroughfares to bear the traffic load, as our 20-minute flagger wait reminded us.

Once past our obstacle, it was all open road and curves. Tile Flat – Johnson School – Fern Hill – Stringtown – Gales Creek – all are still excellent backroads to avoid the sprawl of west Portland. Eventually, though, when you're going to the beach, a major thoroughfare is likely. The good news is the Wilson River Highway (OR-6) is the most scenic and least trafficked of the lot.

Even through the cloudbursts it was a spirited ride to the coast. As we approached Tillamook, our search for the road not taken abruptly veered left – a little too abruptly for Steven and Camron. After a short wait, they figured it out and we were off. Trask River Road to Long Prairie brought us to 101; Geinger and Burton-Fraser Roads delivered us in Netarts, just in time for lunch.



Chasin' in the rain...

Photo by Diane Peterson

The **Schooner on Netarts Bay** is a perfect beach stop for a meal. However, allow plenty of time (service was slow) and make sure your home equity line of credit is active (lunch was expensive). But the sun came out as we arrived and lunch on the patio with the bay behind us was about as idyllic as one could ask for. Chris in particular, enjoyed lunch; after oysters and Mac and Cheese smothered in Dungeness crab and berry cobbler ala mode, we watched as he adjusted the damping on his rear shock so he could ride home!

Lunch had been delightful – partly sunny and dry. But the clouds gathered as we geared up and by the time we hit the road, the skies reopened. No problem, we thought, we're heading for the museum, where we would be glad to wait out the rain.

Tillamook Air Museum is a destination we guarantee you've noticed, even if you've never bothered to stop in. Housed in Hangar B at Naval Air Station Tillamook, it always catches your eye as you motor along US-101. In 1942, the Navy built the first of 17 wooden hangars to house airships used for anti-submarine patrol and convoy escort. Two were built in Tillamook; Hangar B, which still stands and houses the museum, was completed in August 1943. The



Waiting...and waiting for lunch.

Photo by David Peterston

second, Hangar A—built in only 27 days—was destroyed by fire in 1992. Hangar B has been on the National Register of Historic Places since 1989 and is the largest clear-span wooden structure in the world.

The building is spectacular and the museum exhibits are compelling, even without the World War II aircraft collection, which moved to Madras in 2014. In addition to the exhibits, the building's deferred maintenance was on display, as tarps protected many of the remaining aircraft from the rainy weather outside. Outside the tarps,

one had to watch one's step to avoid getting as soaked as they would have been outside.

It was now 3:30 and like it or not, time to hit the road home. Steven had already taken off, worried that his dog might not approve of a late lunch. The rain continued to fall in buckets as we geared up and departed southward. The next twenty minutes were as wet as we've been all year, but the rain let up as we gassed up in Beaver and we even found dry pavement as we crested the Nestucca River byway and descended into Carlton.

Another First Saturday was in the books. And nobody regretted his decision to ride.

Check out photos from past First Saturday rides [here](#). And if you have photos of your own you want to share, don't hesitate to forward them to David at dwpeterson01@yahoo.com.

Total miles, June Ride: 215

Total First Saturday miles – 2017: 944

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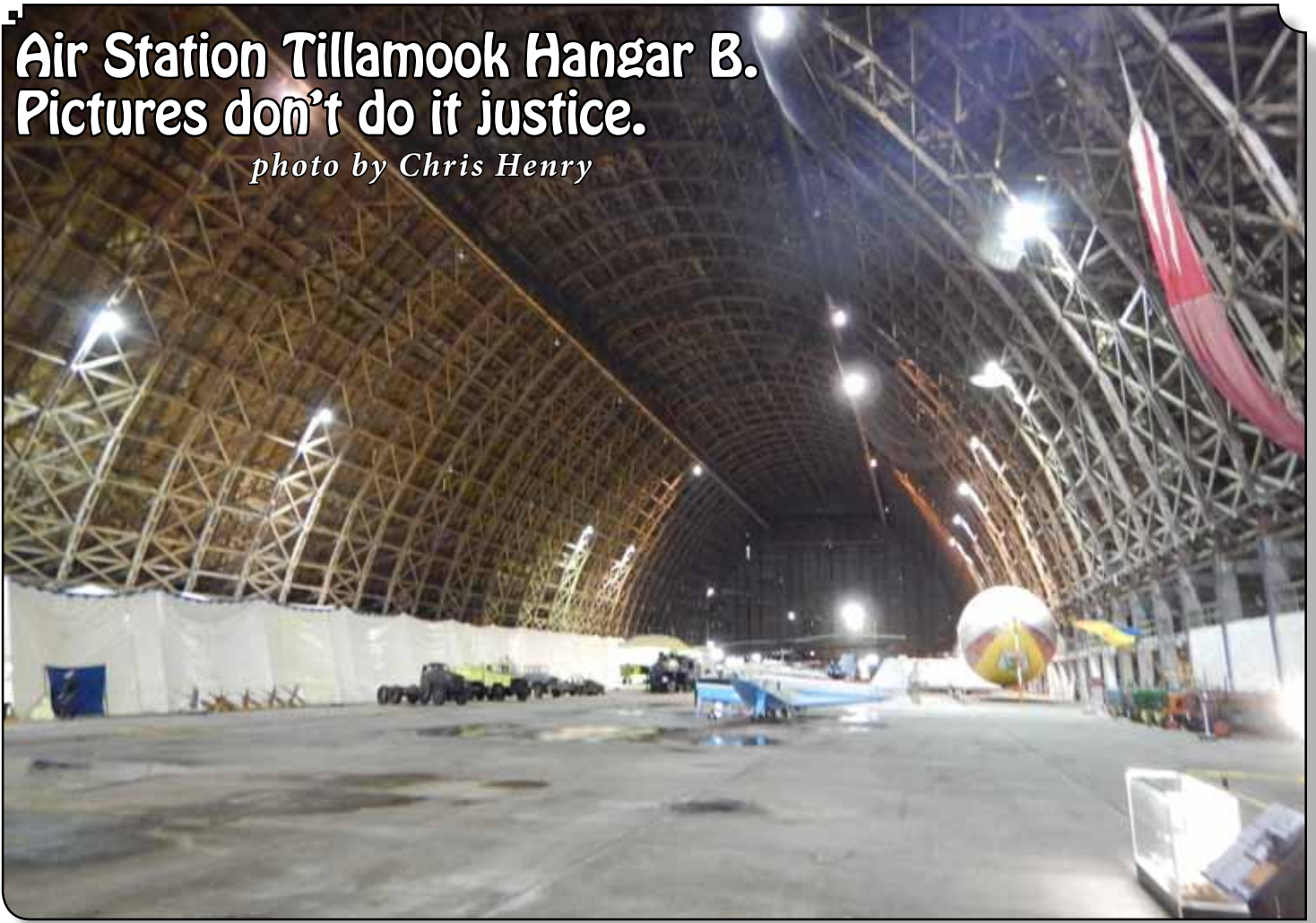


♪ Just singin' in the rain...

Photo by Diane Peterson

Air Station Tillamook Hangar B. Pictures don't do it justice.

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