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President's Message for October 2019 BB



You'll notice in this issue that we have a new ambassador for the Central Western Region, which covers the territory from south of Corvallis to Oakland/Sutherlin and from the coast to the Cascades. Clarence Story has volunteered to fill this role, welcoming new members in this region. If you live in the Central Western region and have questions about the club, Clarence is a good resource for you. Contact him if you have a ride plan in mind, and he will help you get it out to the other members in the Central Western region. Our club Secretary can send out emails to all the active members in your region and our Vice President/Activity Coordinator can post your ride information on our Event Calendar.

I've been hearing from some of you regarding problems you've been having with the website. The problems vary, including trouble logging in, difficulty registering for an event, and not being able to find yourself in the system. I've received emails and phone calls from some of you and Gavin Silasky and Linnea Alvord have also been hearing from some of you. We're all happy to help you and glad that you are reaching out to let us know of the difficulties that you're having. It will help us identify the underlying problems and correct the issues if all your problems can be addressed to one person. In an effort to resolve the issues, I ask that you contact our Webmaster, Stacy Brock, when you encounter any website problems. Contact her at bmwro.web@gmail.com or 541-292-0567.

The wheels are already turning to bring you another great Chief Joseph Rally, June 18 - 21, 2020. I'll be chairing the Rally Committee again in 2020 and I'm so happy to have almost all the Coordinators from 2019 CJR filling their roles again next year. Thinking ahead, we will need a new Rally Chairperson for 2021. If you think you might like to fill this role in 2021, I would very much like to have you act as my co-chairman for 2020. I think this would be an ideal way for a future Rally Chairperson to learn the process. Please consider this carefully and contact me if you'd like to talk about it.

While we're on the subject of the 2020 Chief Joseph Rally, we need to come up with a design soon to use for T-shirts, advertising, and programs. Do you have any ideas? Please send your submissions to me by the first of November.

Fall is here! It's been a great summer of riding; now let's get out for some wonderful, colorful fall rides!

Ride Safe! Have Fun!

Alice

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BMWRO Third Quarter Membership Meeting

Date: Saturday, September 9, 2019

Place: The Narrows RV Park

The meeting was called to order at 4:25pm by Alice LeBarron, President

1. **Introductions** were given by all 31 members attending the meeting. Executive Committee members attending were Alice LeBarron, President and Stacy Brock, Webmaster.
2. **Minutes** of the 2nd Quarter Meeting were approved as Published in the June issue of the *Beemer Beat*.
3. **Treasury Report:** (presented by Alice LeBarron) It was reported that the club has an account balance of \$35,203.03. As was voted by the Executive Committee at the last meeting, \$15,000 of that amount is being held in reserve to assist with running the club if we should have a year when we do not bring in enough money to cover our expenses. Currently, it costs approx. \$15000/year operating expenses, which does not include costs of meetings or campouts. This amount does include the up-front costs of putting on the rally. After subtracting outstanding checks for reimbursement of Canal Creek and Steens campouts, the Wallows event, September newsletter graphics design, and a reimbursement for Square set-up for CJR, the remaining balance is \$17,413.66.

4. **Membership Report:** (presented by Gavin Silaski, Membership Coordinator)
Total membership is **558**, broken down as follows:
 - Members: 318 (includes 56 spouse/partner members)
 - Associate Members: 232
 - Second Family Members: 4
 - Lifetime Members: 4

Regional memberships are broken down as follows:

- Northwest: 133
- Central Western: 94
- Central/Northeast: 64
- Southern: 51
- Out of Oregon: 156

The website now allows members to be marked down for more than one region. This can be helpful for those members who live part-time in two locations so that they can receive regional emails from both regions. Members can review their personal profile and make changes as needed to update their contact information, region, privacy choices, and bikes.

There was a lot of discussion regarding the current membership categories. It was unanimous that they are confusing and need to be redefined in a way that works with the website. Gavin Silaski, Membership Coordinator, is looking for a committee to brainstorm ideas in redefining membership types/fees. If this of interest, please contact Gavin at bmwro.membership@gmail.com.

5. **Activities Report:** (presented by Alice LeBarron)
The Annual Membership meeting & lunch is being planned for November 23rd, 1-3 pm, hosted by Kim & Janice Dorsing at Kirks Ferry Trading Post, 217 W Bishop Way, Brownsville, OR. Details TBD and will be communicated by email.

January Meeting will be hosted by Bill and Deborah Habel to be held in the Eugene/Albany area. Details TBD.

Next May: Carol Dallas is looking into hosting a campout at Crystal Crane Hot Springs. Watch for further information.

Keith Matteson and Carol Dallas will organize and host the Canal Creek Campout again next summer.

We hope to have more campouts in 2020. If you want to host an event, now is the time to start planning. You can contact the Activity Director at bmwro.vp@gmail.com. Any event can be whatever you want. Make it easy on yourself.

The next Chief Joseph Rally will be June 18-21, 2020. It's a week earlier than usual as it precedes the National MOA Rally in Great Falls, MT. It gives members an opportunity to attend both rallies. We are working on promoting the idea of attending both rallies with an epic road trip between the two. Alice LeBarron will once again be the Chairperson for CJR. Many of the key organizers have agreed to act in the same capacity again next year. Other volunteers will be needed in advance of the rally. Alice will outline details of the needed positions and post in the *Beemer Beat*. If you can volunteer, please contact Alice at bmwro.pres@gmail.com.

6. Ambassador's Report

The new ambassador for the Central Western region is Clarence Story. His role will be to welcome and greet new members and help answer questions. Clarence will not be leading any rides for the Central Western region, so if you are interested in leading some rides in that region, please contact Clarence at ccstory@go-ducks.com.

BMWRO Third Quarter Membership Meeting

7. Newsletter Editor

Craig Porter is the new newsletter editor. He clarified that he doesn't write the articles but that he is the recipient of information and coordinates with the graphic designer. He collects all information received from members regarding articles about rides, club information or any news for members. The deadline for any submission is the 14th of each month. He will curate & proof read any piece received. He will receive submissions by email, PDF, or any format.

8. Old Business:

Chief Joseph Rally 2019 Final Financial Report:
The net profit from CJR was \$7,833 with 422 attendees.

Alice reported that this amount of profit was in the ballpark of recent years despite the challenge of a significant increase in the fairground fee. It has been \$2,000 a year; 2019 fee was originally quoted to be \$8,000. Alice was able to negotiate the fee down to \$4,000/year for three years. We will likely face an increased fee again for 2022. The fairgrounds need improvements, hence the increase. Keerins Hall is in dire need of updating. Saturday nights rally dinner, catered by The Friends of the Fair, was to raise funds to help with any remodeling costs. The annual charitable donation that BMWRO contributes was also discussed. None of the past year's recipients would help The Friends of the Fair to serve the dinner, so help had to be hired, reducing their fundraising. Members attending the meeting expressed interest in supporting the facilities that we use with our charitable donations. Our annual charitable donation amount will be determined in November, after we have our budget for 2020 planned.

Membership Categories:

Clarification of the member categories was discussed.

- Members pay the annual \$30, can vote on club concerns, and pay the lower member fee for events.
- Associate Members are non-members who attend CJR. When attending CJR as a non-member, they pay a higher rally fee and are then made an Associate Member, which is good through the end of that year. Event registration fees for Associate Members are set higher than for Members but lower than for Non-members. The Associate Membership category is designed to comply with the regulations governing our non-profit status.

- Second Family Member pays \$10 annually, in addition to their spouse/partner, who pays the primary \$30 membership fee. The Second Family Member has voting privileges and pays the lower Member fee when registering for events. The website also has a category of Spouse/ Partner Member, which is set up the same as the Second Family Member category.

All membership categories receive a renewal notice prior to their membership expiration date. Associate Members can become full Members at that time by renewing with the \$30 annual fee.

9. Upcoming Officer Elections

In October, we will be voting for people to fill the positions Of Vice President and Treasurer. Linnea Alvord, club secretary, oversees handling elections and has not received any notices from candidates. Alice opened the floor to nominations. Jeff Jones nominated Liz Jones for Vice President. There were no nominations for Treasurer. Linnea just sent out another email asking for candidates yesterday. We will keep the nomination period open for one more week.

Watch for emails and information in the October *Beemer Beat* for instructions regarding voting.

Voting takes place anonymously online.

Steve Miller motioned to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded at 5:10pm.

Door prizes were drawn and **ROK straps** were given to Ron Seiber, Janet MacLean, Richard Green, and Craig Porter. The lucky winners can now safely secure their gear to their bikes! A big thank you to Rolf-Immo Gabbe, the ROK strap guy, for his generous donations!

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Kincheloe



Event: **November Annual Membership Meeting & Lunch**

Date/Time: Nov. 23, 2019 / 1 - 3 pm
Place: Kirks Ferry Trading Post,
Brownsville, OR

Description:

Our **2019 Annual Membership Meeting** will be held Saturday, November 23rd.

Mark your calendars for a **lunch and meeting starting at 1pm at the Kirk's Ferry Restaurant in Brownsville**. This is very historic location and a great stop on any exploration of Oregon. The Annual Membership meeting is when we do a look-back at our successes in 2019 and discuss plans and budgets for 2020 - hope to see a lot of you there!

Note: Registration is not open yet while we finalize details. There will be a separate announcement when it is.





Recurring Events & Heard-On-The-Road

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**
alicelebarron@hotmail.com

Event: **Central Western Region 1st Saturday 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: Clarence Story **541-689-2822**
ccstory@go-ducks.com

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**
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Neal Malagamba **503-969-3220**
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Event: **Doc Wong Riding Clinic**

Date/Time: This event will be suspended for a few months.

Contact: Don Weber **541-791-5142**
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Heard-On-The-Road

Thank you note from CJR 50/50 recipient

July 11, 2019,

Dear Alice and the BMW Riders of OR,

The Juniper Arts Council would like to thank you for your \$380 donation to the JAC in memory of John Fiedor. John enjoyed his association with the BMWRO and looked forward to his geology tours during your rally each year. John donated all the fees he collected from his tours to Grant County organizations. In recent years, all his collected fees went to the JAC for our scholarship fund. Earlier this year, we were able to award a \$1500 scholarship to a high school student who will be touring Europe with other high school students from Oregon to see the sights and perform. We also awarded a \$500 scholarship to a graduating high school student who plans on majoring in music performance. We will vote in September at our first meeting how to use your donation. I am guessing it will go to our scholarship fund.

I hope your Chief Joseph Rally was a success! I look forward to the migration of the Sandhill Cranes each spring and fall. I will hear their chorus above me and scan the skies to see them. The same is true during the week of your rally. I live along Highway 26 outside of Mt Vernon. Each year I look forward to the "purr" of the BMW's as they go by my place.

Thanks again for your donation,

Kris Beal, President, Juniper Arts Council

NEW MEMBERS

Richard Campbell, Tigard, OR. 2009 BMW R1200 GS



BYLAWS, POLICIES & GUIDELINES

These are located in the Documents section of our website:
www.bmwro.org and can be viewed by members who are logged in.

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*Submission date for the newsletter is
the 14th (firm) of each month.

Ambassador Program Welcomes New Members

Ambassadors for the four Regions are:

Central Western Region

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

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ccstory@go-ducks.com

Northwest Region

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

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www.wfodave.smugmug.com

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(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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Southern Region

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

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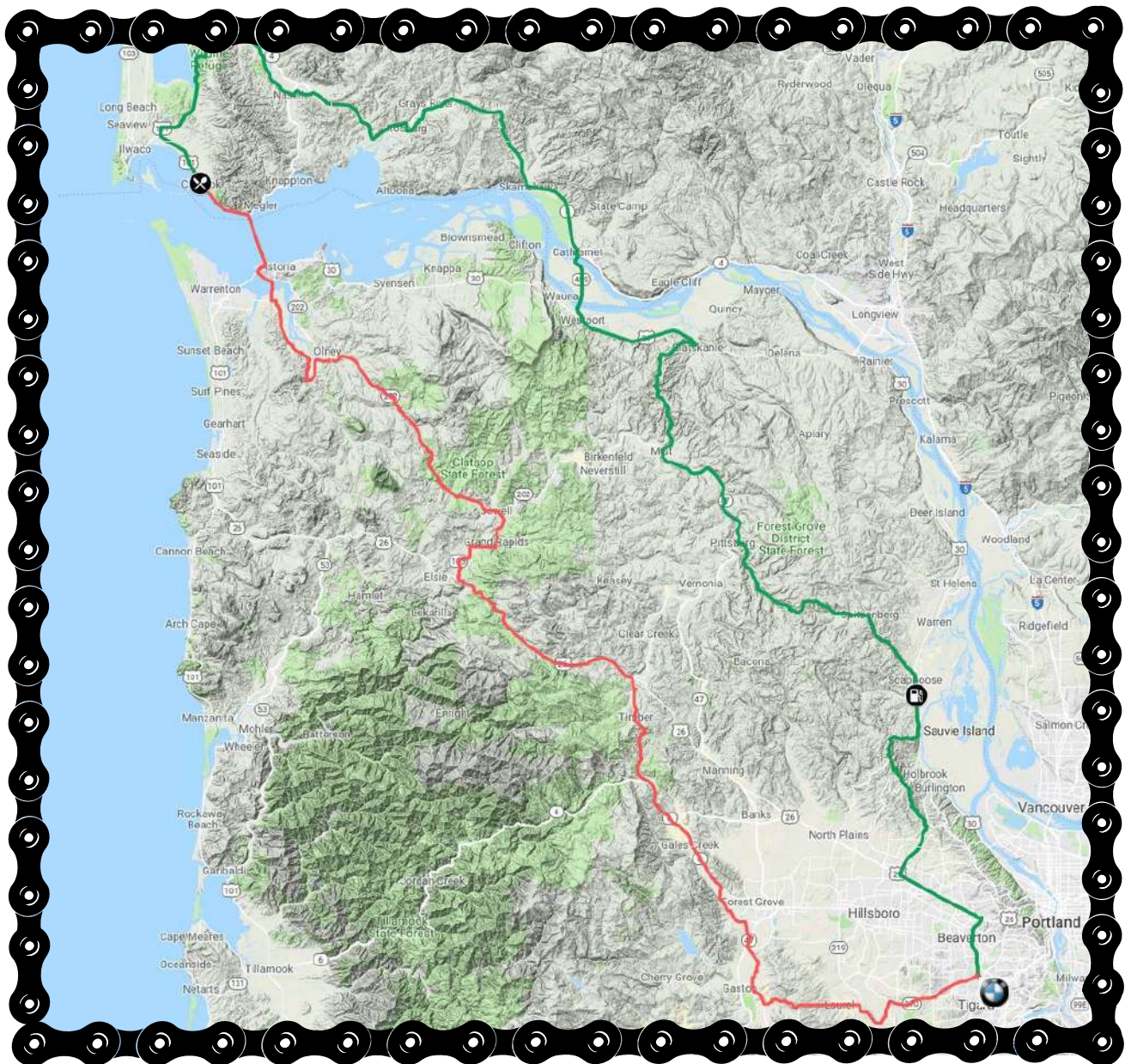
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Please call or email your regional Ambassador for club outings and rally information.
We can assist you with learning more about BMWRO

Flying To the Fishtrap

NW Ambassadors Ride Report-September 2019

David Peterson #90113



Map by David Peterson

It was Labor Day bookend weekend. And the bulk of the club was camping in the Steens. One good friend was indisposed and several ride regulars were adventure riding in Utah. Which left me pondering...*who's going to ride with us this first Saturday of September?*

As it turned out, fifteen riders on thirteen bikes, that's who! Not to mention, a whole bunch of (well, five) new faces on a variety of marques...including three Harleys. Now, before the snide remarks spew forth, I have to announce up front: all were excellent riders. Not only that, they were engaging, intelligent raconteurs. The result was one of the best rides we've had all year long.

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Photo by Michael Benedict

Not a bad turnout!

Our game plan had been to head west north west to Long Beach. Bad idea...the 36th annual Rod Run to the End of the World™ (a classic car rally) was clogging Long Beach this weekend. But while that meant Long Beach was swamped, it didn't rule out the ride west.

It was almost time for lift off, but first I had to meet a few folks. **Tina DeHut** and her husband, **Keith**, were joining us for the first time since an acquaintance asked that I add her to the list...*three years ago*. A golf buddy, **Hoby Streich**, surprised me after rolling in from Hood River on his Harley Road Glide. I've ridden with Hoby before and quickly pressed him into service as my tail gunner. **Michael** and **Michele Benedict** joined us from Vernonia two-up on their K1300GT. **Larry Kline** brought his friend, **John Eaves**, riding a Honda ST1300. **Ken Spencer** joined us for the first time since 2016.

The rest of the gang were familiar faces – **Mike Ripley**, **CJ Strauss**, **Justin Carr**, **Rett Russell**, and **Frank Boyle**. After hand shakes and a road rules review, it was time to hit the road. We wormed our way onto Pacific Highway, then headed north toward Beaverton. Cornelius Pass Road is being straightened, which landed us onto the old twisty but parallel road. We climbed into the clouds along Skyline Road, enduring our only misty rain of the day, before descending Rocky Point Road to US-30. After a quick gas stop in Scappoose, the pace quickened along Scappoose-Vernonia Highway, then over Clatskanie Mountain. We waited briefly in Clatskanie to regather, me nervously glancing at my clock...we had a ferry to catch in twenty minutes ten miles away. But in a flash, our Harley tail glided down the mountain, giving us plenty of time to spare.

Aboard the Wahkiakum Ferry we compared notes for the first leg of the ride. Tina confirmed what we all knew: she was used to riding straighter roads. But her eyes twinkled as she described the sensation of grinding one floorboard, then the other.

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A quick pit stop near Pittsburg.

Photo by Diane Peterson

Soon we were astride again, migrating west on WA-4, with loop turnoffs near Grays River and Naselle. Forest and farmland gave way to wetland and marsh along Parpala Road, which parallels the Naselle River as it empties into Willapa Bay. Parpala Road tees into US-101 and there we got several glimpses of the hot rods rolling to Long Beach. US-101-Alt kept us away from the crowds and soon we glided toward the **Old Fishtrap** in Chinook.



Uh-oh...

Photo by Diane Peterson

There is nothing about Chinook that warrants stopping, unless that's your destination. But the Old Fishtrap was a pleasant surprise. The food was surprisingly tasty (I had a crab quiche that was more crab than quiche) and the staff was efficient and, shall we say...no nonsense. They sat us together and got us in and out, which at 3pm, 130 miles from home, is really all you should ask for.

The route home returned us to familiar roads. Or were they? I neglected to pre-ride the afternoon course, so I was more than a little surprised to encounter, shall we say, an obstacle, on Young's River Road. But I am forever an optimist and this stretch was such a twisty delight that we pressed

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on. A culvert's no big deal...maybe they've got one lane open...went my thinking. Until this scene unfolded before us:



Photo by Diane Peterson

...this isn't good...

But everyone took it in stride, enjoying the eight-mile backtrack as much as the first time.

Once back on the map, the rest of the ride was a blur. We zipped along the Nehalem Highway to Jewell, where we gathered for a few high fives and a final photo. Then we broke for home. It stormed hard that night; I watched it pour from home, knowing my friend Hoby was in the thick of it heading home to Hood River.

Early September and the rain has started to fall. Kind of makes you wonder what October and beyond have in store....

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, September Ride:	312
Total First Saturday miles – 2019:	3,108

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All smiles after a fun day in the saddle.

Photo by Michael Benedict



Sixes River Campout July 26 - 28

by Jay Bennett

Twenty-five members attended the campout at the Edson Creek Campground on this sunny warm weekend. Edson Creek is a tributary to Sixes River before it reaches the nearby ocean and there's been more than a little confusion on the name and location of this campout (more on this later). People were already setup when I arrived at 1 pm on Friday to host. Some had come clear from Eastern Oregon and stayed on Thursday night. On Friday night, people were settling in, setting up tents, getting re-acquainted or sometimes meeting for the 1st time. Friday night many of us motorcycled into Port Orford for a fish and chips dinner at the Crazy Norwegian restaurant. If you are down in this area, no trip is complete without a stop at this place for some great food and sassiness from the waitresses and then a tour of the port area. After going back to camp for an adult beverage and campfire, people headed to their tents for some well-deserved rest.

Saturday was another fine summer day. We started with a small continental breakfast of Costco muffins, fruit and yogurts. Then Keith Mattson, Brad Stark and I headed off on a Dual Sport loop around to the small mill town of Powers. The route was a nice blend of pavement, gravel, bumps and dead ends. As I always say, "go on a least one new road each ride" and "you aren't lost until you're out of gas". We certainly applied both principles on this day. Others explored the roads and even the nearby Redwood forest. That night we had BBQ pork loin (prepared by my pretty wife and cooked by yours truly), coleslaw, beans and cookies. Thanks again Costco! After dinner another campfire, another adult beverage, some stories (and lies), some stargazing, and it was off to bed.

Sunday was pickup and go day. We had a light snack, some of Roger Paquette's rocket fuel coffee and everyone was up for the day. I appreciated the way everyone picked up their campsites and left the place in better shape than when we arrived; a BMWRO hallmark tradition.

One footnote for those that stayed at the Sixes River Campground (and not the Edson Creek Campground); sorry for the confusion. We will emphasize more next time the two places are related, in the same general area but not the same place. Thanks everyone that came to the event and made it a success.



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Jim Stewart 600,000 miles Award



Congratulations to Jim Stewart for receiving his award from BMW for riding 600,000 miles on BMW Motorcycles! This is an amazing achievement and we are fortunate to have such an accomplished rider in our club.

Keep on riding, Jim!

Photo Montage of Steens Campout

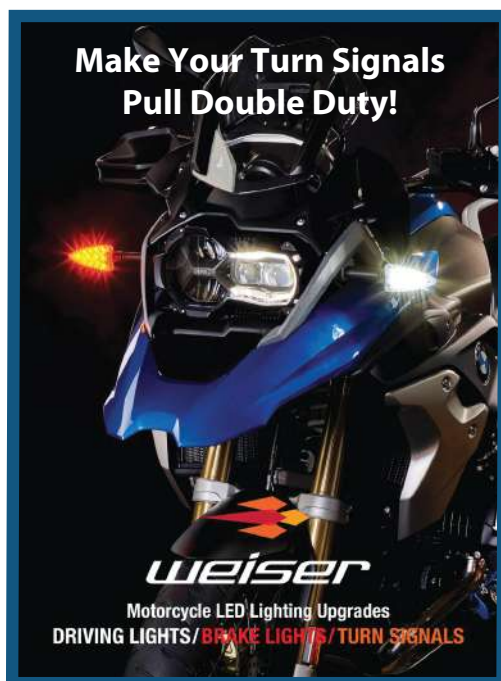


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BMWRO thanks these vendors for contributing prizes for the 2019 Chief Joseph Rally.



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BMWRO thanks Weiser Technik for co-sponsoring the Friday evening live music at the 2019 Chief Joseph Rally. We are grateful for their generous support!



The Beemer Beat



Happy Halloween



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