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Before the Rain... photo by Bruce Henriksen in Portland Oregon



BMWRO Editor's Message



Photo by Craig Porter

Hello fellow BMWRO members!

Well, it looks like the weather is changing and it's cooling down and the rain is coming more often. But that doesn't stop the dedicated BMW rider! Some of the best riding to be had is in the fall. With the changing colors of the leaves, the later sunrises and earlier sunsets, and the snow capping the local mountains, there is spectacular scenery out there! Please don't forget that if you're so inclined, share your story with your fellow club members in *Beemer Beat*! If you're not the type to make long ride reports, don't fret! We can create a great photo collage of your trip photos, or post a link to that fantastic video that you've recorded. [For example, here's a video I created from the Steens Mountain Campout last month using GoPro footage, drone footage, and photos from my smartphone.](#) I posted it to Facebook but I know that not everyone uses Facebook or is part of the [BMWRO Facebook group](#). If you would like, you can send me your raw footage and I can put something together. Anything to get the story out there! I want to help! As the weather cools and some people (but not all) put their bikes away for winter, it's important to keep people dreaming of new rides and being inspired by others. Let's keep that going! Let me know how I can help, and of course constructive feedback and comments are welcome; this is *your* newsletter and if there are ways that we can improve it, I'd love to hear them!

See you on the road!

Craig Porter

Editor, *Beemer Beat*



Upcoming Events

[BMWRO Annual Membership Meeting](#)

When: Saturday, November 23, 2019, 1:00 PM until 3:00 PM

Where: Kirk's Ferry Trading Post
217 W Bishop Way
Brownsville, OR 97327
(541) 466-5614

Contact(s): Kim Dorsing (kim54bmw@gmail.com), Janice Mathern (janice.mathern55@gmail.com)

Registration is required before Friday, November 15, 2019
Payment In Advance Only

Fees:

BMWRO Member \$8.00

Another member \$8.00

Non-member \$20.00

Please join your fellow club members and the executive committee at Kirk's Ferry Trading Post for lunch and our Annual Membership Meeting. Kirk's Ferry Trading Post is a slice of history here in Oregon, famous for including within it the oldest standing building in the state, Alexander Kirk's original log cabin, built in 1841. Lunch fee \$8 for Members, \$20 for Non-Members. If you have difficulties registering on the website, please contact Stacy Brock Webmaster at 541-292-0567.



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 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**
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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
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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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Event: **BMW Motorcycle Owners of America National Rally 2020**

Date/Time: June 25 - 28 2020
Location: Montana Expo Park, Great Falls, MT.

<http://www.goexpopark.com/>

Rally Website: <http://rally.bmwmoa.org/>

Registration opens January 1st, 2020!

MOA website: <https://www.bmwmoa.org/>

NEW MEMBERS

**NO NEW MEMBERS THIS MONTH!
WHY NOT TELL YOUR FELLOW NON-MEMBER
RIDERS ABOUT THE CLUB?"**



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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the 14th (firm) of each month.

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

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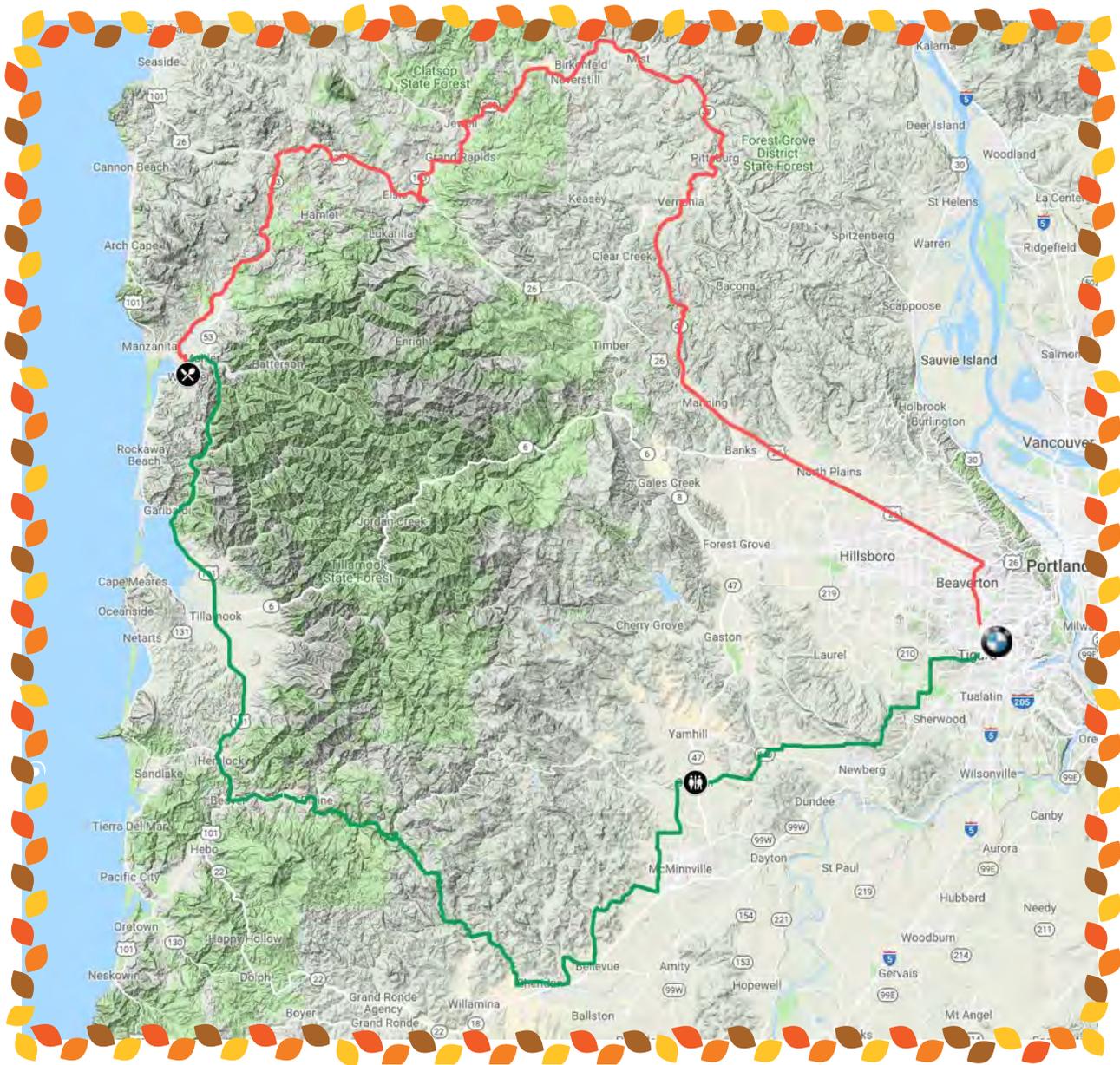
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Please call or email your regional Ambassador for club outings and rally information.
We can assist you with learning more about BMWRO

Wheelin' to Wheeler

NW Ambassadors Ride Report-October 2019

David Peterson #90113



Map by David Peterson

After our wonderful, mild summer, it looks like fall is wasting no time arriving. Cool temperatures and more than a few rainy days left us wondering how the October First Saturday would shape up. As it turned out, rain was not in the picture. But our first fog of the year was a reminder that the seasons, they are a changin'.

However, a little fog should never get in the way of a good time. Or that's how seventeen eager motorcyclists saw it. After a handful of donut holes, the crowd gathered for a quick refresher on the dynamics of group riding. As we would see later, the fog — or perhaps psychedelic-laced pastries — would play a role in a day of disjointed riding.

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Today's ride was a westward meander to the coast. All of us know the main routes by heart; our objective this Saturday would be to squirrel out a few of the remaining roads not taken. Fourteen bikes lined up and began to roll along our familiar urban escape route. Following Diane and me were **Kim Dorsing** and **Janice Mathern** on their GTL and single riders **Michael Benedict**, **Justin Carr**, **CJ Strauss**, and **Jim Groat**. **Ric Holderbaum** made a surprise appearance after a summer riding around the nation and a recent three-week tour of Utah. Newcomers **Brian Palmer** and **Gary Harkins** were also in the pack, Brian on a K1300GT in mint condition and Gary on a brand new RT. **Andy Sulla**, **James Kim**, and **Charles Trapp** reappeared after a few months away. And **Cam** and **Karen Rust** made sure we stayed together, Cam on his GTL, Karen on her cherry red Spyder. At least, that was the plan.



Photo by Diane Peterson

Off to a foggy start...

Rolling down OR-99, barely ten minutes into the ride, the fog was thickening. Here, we lost Cam and Karen. The roads and streets were busy, and once into the countryside, narrow. So it was another fifteen minutes or so before we found a suitable place to stop. Five or six bikes stopped with me, then bikes seven and eight appeared. That was it. Fewer than forty minutes into the ride and nearly half the group was missing!

But GPS or not, everyone knew our first break was in Carlton. Pastries and coffee kept all happy as we waited and called to connect. Cam and Karen were on their way; so were Kim and Janice – along with three other bikes. After twenty minutes, we were regathered, plus one. **Carol Dallas** had motored over from her home in Forest Grove.

Together again, we rolled into the most scenic part of the ride. From Carlton, we headed south along Westside Road along McMinnville's urban growth boundary. Judging by the fresh traffic circles and new

construction, it won't be long before this corridor is as populated as Tigard. But another right on Peavine and the setting was as bucolic as ever. Adding to the landscape, the fog was lifting too.



Photo by Diane Peterson

Chasing each other through Yamhill County.

However, we were still having trouble staying together. We learned later a family emergency called Charles Trapp home. And Brian Palmer decided to extend his Saturday ride into a weekend ride by heading south. Near Sheridan, Michael Benedict and Jim Groat missed a turn, disappearing west before we could corral them. The rest of us chased north on Rock, Willamina, and Bible Creek Roads toward Nestucca River and Beaver. Bible Creek is an especially delightful (and bumpy) treat as it snakes along the Coast Range under its canopy of trees. We were running late at this point, and, satisfied that all knew where lunch was, we focused on enjoying the ride. Bursting from the canopy and with the fog lifted, the rest of the ride was a spirited blur.

Wheeler is one of many formerly thriving mill towns along the Oregon coast. Situated on Nehalem Bay, its recent gentrification is manifested in the newly remodeled Wheeler Hotel and the recently opened [Salmonberry Saloon](#). We walked in to find a sweeping view of the bay — and Michael and Jim, who, after missing the turn in Sheridan had the presence of mind to beat a path to lunch. Though pricey, the service and setting were excellent. And the food? Well, let's just say that while it's been open a year, there's room for improvement. But I'm an optimist and when next in Wheeler, I'd give it another go.

It was now 4pm and we still had an afternoon route to enjoy. Folks that were in a hurry could blast home along Sunset Highway. The rest of us enjoyed a more meandering route. After a quick side trip through Nehalem, we found ourselves on one of the best roller coasters in Oregon — OR-53, a.k.a. the

Necanicum Highway. We've all enjoyed it. *Wikipedia* states that OR-53 is a narrow, winding roadway for most of its length, and primarily serves local and **recreational** traffic. No kidding. It's a twenty-mile country road with a five-mile motocross park stuck in the middle. Always a joy to ride, on a warm, sunny Saturday afternoon, it's almost a religious experience.



Photo by Diane Peterson

It took awhile, but the warm sun sure felt good.

At Necanicum Junction, it was simply too nice a day to continue home on the Sunset Highway. We jumped onto OR-103 and scooted up through Jewell, then Mist and Vernonia, before hopping back onto the main drag. A few of us took additional extraordinary measures to avoid metro traffic as long as possible. As I pulled into the driveway, I noted the setting sun and lengthening shadows. The season may be running out of steam. But it's always great to ride a motorcycle in Oregon.

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:	296
Total First Saturday miles – 2019:	3,404



Photo by Sara the waitress

After a long morning, a much-welcomed lunch.



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Thankful for the highway that bends,
Thankful for the road beneath my feet,
Thankful for each issue of Beemer Beat!*



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