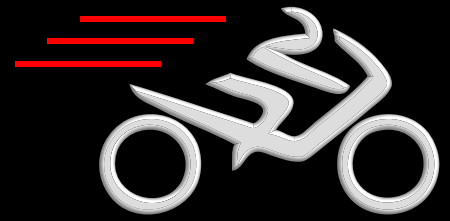




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# BMWRO President's Message



*Photo by Bruce Henriksen*

## **President's Message** by Alice LeBarron

Many of us are looking at the year ahead and making plans for a riding season full of adventure and fun experiences! How about you? Have you been making plans? If you've checked the BMWRO website Event Calendar, you may have noticed that we've already got events planned for May, June, and August. Mark your calendars now so that you can attend some of these events!

It's not on the calendar yet, but we are also wanting to schedule another campout at the popular Edson Creek Group Campground near Port Orford, probably in July or early August. We need someone to volunteer to host this campout. If you are interested, please contact Keith Matteson at [Motomatteson@gmail.com](mailto:Motomatteson@gmail.com). Keith has organized the campout at this site for a number of years and can provide you with good information for planning this campout.

If you would like to organize another day or multi-day event, please contact our VP/Activities Coordinator, Liz Jones at [bmwro.vp@gmail.com](mailto:bmwro.vp@gmail.com). I think it's important to note that, year after year, the same people end up hosting events for all of us to enjoy. It's time for some other members to step up while those with experience can provide guidance and answer any questions that you, as a new host, may have. Hosting an event doesn't have to be complex or require a lot of time and work. You can make it simple or more involved. The club covers all of the costs. Looking farther ahead, we will need someone to host our Annual Meeting in November. It's not too soon to begin planning this.

For those of you who are using winter days to peruse maps and make plans for your own private adventure trips during the coming riding season, the club has a full set of the Oregon Backcountry Discovery Route maps available for your use. If you would like to borrow the set, please contact me at [bmwro.pres@gmail.com](mailto:bmwro.pres@gmail.com). These maps were generously donated to the club by Milton "Butch" Farrand.

The club has an old document, partly type-written and partly hand-written, that lists the Club Officers, Rally Chairs, and Newsletter Editors over the years, dating back to 1977. We need a volunteer to type this into an electronic document and save it in a format that we can update it as needed, and upload it to our website. If you have a computer and basic word processing skills, please consider helping out with this short-term job. If interested, please contact me at [bmwro.pres@gmail.com](mailto:bmwro.pres@gmail.com).

If you're able to ride year-round: Enjoy the ride and ride safe! Otherwise, Dream big!

*Alice*

# BMWRO First Quarterly Membership Meeting

## 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 Quarterly Meeting Notes

**Date:** January 18, 2020

**Place:** Cascade Grill, Albany OR

**Hosts:** Bill Habel and Deborah Hughes- Habel

**Attendance:** 25

Called to order at approximately 12:45 pm.

**Last meeting minutes:** – Updated by Gavin Silaski to show we had a total of 554 members at that time, including associate members. Minutes approved.

**Treasurer Report:** Dave Cook presented 1/1/2020 financials-

US Bank Balance Beginning Balance 1/1/2020: \$32,897.84

Projected 2020 Income: \$42,130

Projected 2020 Expense: \$35,632

Estimated Net Income: \$6,498

These numbers are based on normal attendance numbers at rally this year. There is concern about lower attendance due to Nationals the following week. Consequently, we will review charitable contributions for 2020 at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly meeting in September.

*Note: The 2020 beginning balance reflects \$15,000 in reserve to cover 1 year basic operating costs and seed money for the rally.*

**Membership Report:** Gavin Silasky reports a current total of 258 members (207 primary and 51 spouse/partner memberships). We have 0 Associate Members as they expired 2/31/2019.

**Activities:** Recap by Liz Jones on all upcoming events which should also all be in the calendar. New ideas percolating are a no-host event at Crystal Crane Hot Springs (Carol Dallas), an Elevation Tour/Checkpoint Summer Event (Gary Harkins & Jeff Yarnall), and an Alsea Falls Outing (Alice LeBarron/Liz Jones). Also, a Host is still needed for Edson Creek Campout in July/early August.

**Newsletter:** Craig Porter thanked all contributors, and requested we keep sending in those articles. Also, an idea he is thinking about is a gear review section. Kind of “the good, the bad, and the ugly of motorcycling gear” articles each month. **Ambassador Rides:** David Peterson said he always has good rides! Also, he is organizing information for us and also to include hopefully in the BMWMOA magazine about the different routes, etc. you can take from CJR to Nationals this June in anticipation of creating interest in CJR as a pre-rally to Great Falls.

He’s asking for contributions in that area.

**Rally Report:** Alice presented the following update on Rally prep:

**Dates – June 18<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup>**

Rally info and registration page will be activated on the website March 1<sup>st</sup>, including a schedule of events.

Rally Committees and updates:

**Rides** – Keith Matteson – Requests road and GS ride leaders. Routes and maps already completed.

**Vendors** – David Morganstern – Louie Robida & Bob Grimm are helping. He's hoping to have up to 15 vendors this year

Submitted by Liz Jones

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## BMWRO First Quarterly Membership Meeting

**Door Prizes** – Liz Jones

**Rider Awards** – Jeff Jones

**Information Booth** – Ellen Barton (will need volunteers)

**Gate Registration** – Tammy Tolbert (will need volunteers)

**Seminars & Movies** – Gavin Silaski (will need 1-2 volunteers)

**Catering for Friday/Saturday night dinners** – by Brenda Coley, owner of the Snaffle Bit Dinner House in Canyon City

**Complimentary Beverages and Breakfast** for a separate fee– Carolyn Stout

**Iron Horse Saloon** – 1188 Brewing Co.

**Friday evening music** – Stu Kinzel & Friends

**Thursday night wine tasting** – Need a host that is in the RV park

**T-Shirts and hats** – Pre-order only. Good feedback on design. Alice will take comments and work with vendor. BMWRO club logo hats without rally year will be available.

**Website Update:** All roles are now distributed among the Executive Committee. Linnea Alvord will now focus on the Photos, 4 Sale, Routes/Tracks and Ride Reports section of the website. Alice will focus on adding pages for Vendor Links and Regional Information.

**Name Tags:** Dave Cook showed a new design which includes our motorcycle logo, and received a lot of good feedback. The Name Badge Order Form can be found on the website. Click on Documents in the main menu.

**National Rally:** As an MOA chartered club, we've been offered a designated camping area at the rally in Great Falls, MT. Alice will arrange this.

**Door Prize Winners:** Diane Peterson – BMW Moto book (donated by Clarence Story), Mark Strand and Bruce Hendrickson won Rok Straps donated by Rolf Immo-Gabbe.



## NEW MEMBERS

Jack Gilson, Tillamook, OR . . . . . 2003 BMW R1200CL

## BYLAWS, POLICIES & GUIDELINES

These are located in the Documents section of our website:  
[www.bmwro.org](http://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) .

Clarence Story — 541-689-2822  
[ccstory@go-ducks.com](mailto: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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Neal Malagamba — 503-969-3220  
[n.malagamba@icloud.com](mailto:n.malagamba@icloud.com)

### Central & Northeast Region

(East of The Dalles, including I-84 to Ontario, south of Columbia River to US 20, Baker City & including US 20 to LaPine. Includes Camp Sherman/Bend/Redmond/Sisters & Prineville area) .

Alice LeBarron — 541-647-7194  
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(Oakland, OR into California. The coast through Klamath Falls).

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Mark Collier — 541-499-1395  
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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



## Upcoming BMWRO Events

(All events require pre-registration. Click on the title of the event to go to the event page.)

### [Eagleview Campout and 2nd Quarter Meeting](#)

When: Friday, May 29, 2020, 1:00 PM until Sunday, May 31, 2020, 11:00 AM

Where: Eagleview Campground Group Site

110 Bullock Road

Oakland, OR 97462

Contact(s): Jay Bennett -- 541-760-0675, [jabennett.2012@gmail.com](mailto:jabennett.2012@gmail.com)

### [Women Riders' Campout](#)

When: Friday, June 05, 2020, 4:00 PM until Sunday, June 7, 2020, 1:00 PM

Where: Silver Falls State Park Group Site B

20024 Silver Falls Highway

Sublimity, OR

Contact(s): Carol L Dallas -- 503-860-8787, [carol.dallas57@gmail.com](mailto:carol.dallas57@gmail.com)

### [Chief Joseph Rally](#)

When: Thursday, June 18, 2020, 12:00 PM until Sunday, June 21, 2020, 12:00 PM

Where: Grant County Fairground

411 NW Bridge St

John Day, OR 97845

Contact(s): Alice LeBarron -- 541-647-7194; [bmwro.pres@gmail.com](mailto:bmwro.pres@gmail.com)

### [Edson Creek Coastal Campout](#)

When: July 17-19

Where: Edson Creek Group Campsite near Port Orford.

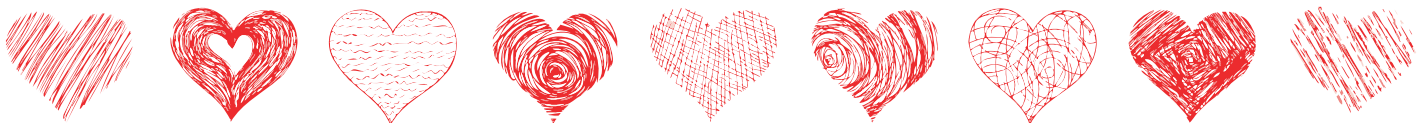
Details TBD. Host needed. Contact: Keith Matteson [Motomatteson@gmail.com](mailto:Motomatteson@gmail.com)

### [Canal Creek Campout](#)

When: Aug 28 -30

Where: Canal Creek Group Campsite near Waldport.

Contact: Keith Matteson [Motomatteson@gmail.com](mailto:Motomatteson@gmail.com)



### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

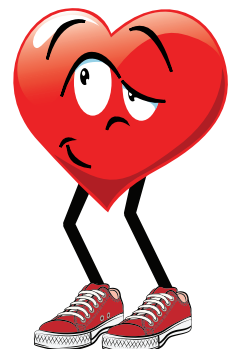
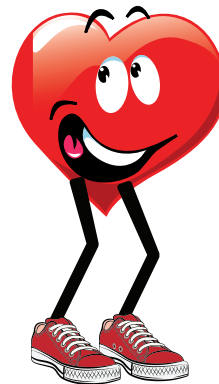
**Contact:** Dan Hall [dnehall@frontier.com](mailto:dnehall@frontier.com)  
 Mark Collier **541-499-1395**  
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**Event:** **NW Oregon 1st Saturday Ride**

**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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## Chief Joseph Rally Update

by Alice LeBarron



Planning is going well for the 42nd Chief Joseph Rally at the Grant County Fairgrounds in John Day scheduled June 18 - 21st. Be ready for a good time! My intent is to have detailed information and the schedule of events on our website Rally Information page by March 1st. Registration will open March 1st, as well.

Team Oregon returns to the rally again this year to offer some of their popular riding skills classes. Two morning sessions of their Cornering Skills Class will be scheduled again this year, one on Friday and the other on Saturday. This includes a 1 hour classroom session and 1-1/2 hours road ride with opportunity for discussion and professional feedback.

Team Oregon will also be offering two afternoon sessions of their Braking Clinic, one on Friday and one on Saturday. This 2.5 hr class provides instruction and practice in proper braking technique and emergency braking from real street speeds.

Each of the four Team Oregon classes are limited to 12 riders. You can register for these classes when you register for the rally, so you'll want to register early to save your spot. Detailed information will be available on the BMWRO website on March 1st.

Catering has been arranged with Brenda Coley for your Friday & Saturday evening dinners. Brenda owns the Snafflebit Dinner House in John Day and got high marks for the Friday dinner that she catered at the rally last year. Friday and Saturday dinners are included with your pre-registration but not included in gate registration, so plan ahead! Menus will be posted on the Rally Information page. A very limited number of meal tickets will be available for purchase at the gate.

Many rally attendees enjoyed the Friday evening live music provided last year by Stu Kinzel & Friends. I heard from quite a number of you who said "Get these guys back here next year!" Well, I'm happy to say that they are coming back to the rally to play for us again on Friday evening, right after dinner. Don't miss it!

We want to offer a variety of guided road and GS rides again this year. Keith Matteson, the Ride Coordinator for the rally, is asking for volunteers to lead rides at the rally. You can pick your route or Keith can suggest a route and we will provide route maps. We'd like to have the ride schedule posted on the website Rally Information page by the time registration opens, so people can plan their time if they also want to register for a class. Contact Keith at [MotoMatteson@gmail.com](mailto:MotoMatteson@gmail.com) to volunteer as a ride leader.

**Needed:** A volunteer to host the Thursday evening Social Hour/Wine Tasting. Due to liquor control laws, this needs to be held at one of the RV sites in the adjoining RV park. If you already have your site reserved and would be willing to have people socialize around your site on Thursday evening, please let me know! [bmwro.pres@gmail.com](mailto:bmwro.pres@gmail.com)

Teaser: Next month, I'll tell you about the Rally T-shirts!

I hope your calendar is already marked for the 42nd Chief Joseph Rally!



# Elevation Fun Tour Revived

We are resurrecting a contest that the Club held in the 1990's. This contest is to travel over as many of Oregon's approximately 300 mountain passes, summits, gaps, or saddles as you can within a 6-month time span. Riders will be scored on how many highway passes they cross and the height in elevation of the crossing. For instance , Alsea Summit is 1,211 feet. That would be 1 point for the summit crossing and 1,211 points for the elevation. Potentially there could be 2 winners, one for the most passes crossed and one with the highest elevation totals. The rules are fairly simple. The contest begins April 15th and ends October 15th. The rider must submit a photo with both the official elevation marker and their motorcycle clearly visible in the frame. Riders must also submit the date of the photo and a description of where the summit or pass is located using Highway number, nearby town or county, or GPS coordinates since there are many places that share the same name. For instance there are 6 Windy Gaps in Oregon, just tell us which one you are using. Only summits, passes, gaps and saddles in the State of Oregon are permitted to be used in this contest. You can only use a crossing once.



Entry fee is \$10.00 per BMWRO member and you must be a member to participate. If we have enough entries cash prizes will be awarded to the first place finisher(s). 2nd and 3rd place finishers will also be recognized. Submit your photos to Gary Harkins at [porche1gt2@gmail.com](mailto:porche1gt2@gmail.com). No entries submitted before April 15th or those received after October 15th will be counted. The winner(s) will be announced at the November Club meeting.

Remember: Please be extremely careful when taking the photo. Pull off in a safe manner and watch for traffic and other hazards.

To enter: Fill in and sign the form. Return it and a check payable to BMWRO for \$10.00 per member to BMWRO c/o Dave Cook, 7455 NE Haugen Rd. Corvallis, OR 97330.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
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I/We understand that the BMW Riders of Oregon cannot assume responsibility for any aspect of my/our safety and that if I/We participate in any sanctioned event I/We do so voluntarily on my/our own assessment of ability, the course and all facilities and conditions, assuming all risk. I/We release and hold the BMWRO harmless for any injury or loss to my/our person or property which may result therefrom.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# Clean Roads All the Way to Sandy

## NW Ambassadors Ride Report-January 2020

David Peterson #90113



Map by David Peterson

Temps in the 50s, sporadic rain—it hardly feels like January this year. So we decided to be a little more ambitious with this month's ride. Not longer—winter days are short—but a little more willing to explore the walls of the valley, instead of just milling about the floor. Past years have been relatively careful crawls around the perimeter, with lunch somewhere in the middle. This year's ride would see us easily climbing to almost 1,400 feet without missing a beat.

When I opened the drapes and saw dry pavement, I knew we'd have a pretty good turnout. But one no-show was immediate: **Diane's** Christmas cold left her down for the count. That meant no pictures of bikes in motion this month. I pulled on my gear and rolled out of the garage, confident that the sailing would be clear. Sure enough, fifteen enthusiastic riders were at the shop ready to go for a ride. Many familiar faces—**Kim & Janice, Louie Robida, Steven Polansky, Chuck Mileur, Frank Boyle, Chris Henry, Ric Holderbaum, James Kim, Jeff Yarnall, David Morganstern, and Neal Malagamba. Cam Rust** agreed to chase us down, corralling those who might wander away. Two new faces, **Mark Strand** and **Steve Vaida**, were also among the throng. And just in the nick of time, **CJ Strauss & Justin Carr** rolled up, extending our number to eighteen.

Perhaps we should have scooted a bit early, for with CJ & Justin came the rain. But it remained warm and the rain would never be much more of than a mist for most of the day. Onto the freeway we rolled, anxious, as usual, to get off it the first chance we got. Our destination today was Sandy and our route would be in the same general direction as our November ride to Estacada. But as we would see, there are lots of varied and interesting ways to cross Clackamas County.

Fifteen minutes of riding found us eastbound on Arndt Road, at last rid of the freeway. Another ten minutes and we were in farm country, where the roads and topography have remained unchanged for fifty years. Almost the entire remainder of the ride would consist of two-lane empty roads. First up, New Era Road, a well-groomed lane that follows a number of century farm property lines. Then a plunge south

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down Central Point Road, over Parrott Creek and the hills that surround it. Turning eastward on Carus, we suddenly veered right on to Casto, a parallel route that has even more twists and turns.



Photo by David Peterson

Regrouping along Spangler Road.

All these carousels tend to stretch the group out. Especially if only one of us has any idea where we're going. Fortunately, many of us have ridden together in the past, and we know to pay as much attention to the bike behind as the bike in front. In no time, we were together again.

The rain had stopped and for the most part, the pavement was grippy and dry. But it always pays to be alert this time of year, when shade and moss can make even dry pavement slippery. The groomed farms gave way to Christmas tree plots, then forest, and as we climbed to over 1,300 feet, I shook my head at our good fortune to be able to ride roads like this...*on the first Saturday in January*. I miss not having Diane on the back to take action shots, especially through sections of clear cut, where the narrow ribbon of road snakes through the deforestation. With Mt. Hood in the distance, it feels like we're above the tree line at 10,000 feet.

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Photo by David Peterson

Kim & Janice and Chris Henry approach another transition.

After rolling into Estacada, we beat a path to Sandy for lunch. The [Sandy Family Restaurant](#) has been around since 2013 and is a favorite in town for being the only restaurant that serves breakfast all day. When I stopped by on the pre-ride and asked for accommodations for 7-10, they warmly but firmly suggested they'd love the business, as long as it was in the afternoon. When I called Saturday morning to say 7-10 would be more like 18-20, I expected to have my head bitten off. But Dana, the manager, was unflappable. She opened up a banquet room in the back and laid out a setting for eighteen, complete with separate tables and space for all of our gear. It was a bit of a bunker, but we were seated together and the service was (relatively) quick and friendly. And the food? Well, all day breakfast made me happy and sausage gravy made Chris Henry happy. A quick visual survey from around the room showed forks in the mouth with one hand and thumbs up with the other.

Lunch coincided with the only major downpour of the day. When we emerged from our feeding, the rain had stopped and the group quickly scrambled to take advantage of the moment. Chris had a long ride back to Eugene to look forward to; Mark Strand only had to make it to Salem. The rest of us locals hailed the day, enthusiastic about the longer days ahead.

The January ride was now in the books. It's going to be a great year.

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Chowing down in Sandy

Photo by David Peterson

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](mailto:dwpeterson01@yahoo.com).

Total miles, January Ride:	99
Total First Saturday miles – 2020:	99



Smiles and thumbs up say it all...see you in a month!

Photo by David Peterson

*For those who know of True Love,  
Who Braved Affectionate Deals,  
They are the ones with Souls of Adventure,  
Zealous Hearts like Wheels...*

*Happy Valentines Day*



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