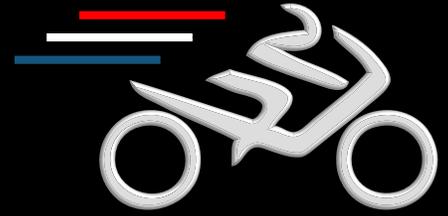




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# BMWRO President's Message

Greetings, fellow riders!

June has brought some loosening of travel restrictions due to Covid 19 and with that, we've resumed our monthly Ambassador rides! Hooray! I'm looking forward to the campouts we've got scheduled for July, August, & September. Keith Matteson checked in with the BLM in mid-June and at that time it was looking good for the group site to be available for us at Edson Creek. We have had the reservation since early this year, but we do have to recognize that the group site could be shut down if an increase in Covid 19 restrictions becomes necessary. We will be sure to send out an email and update the website Event Calendar if any changes need to be made. With that in mind, be sure that you get registered for the campouts on the Event Calendar before the spaces are all filled.



*Photo by Bruce Henriksen*

Your elected officers have been meeting recently on ZOOM to discuss club business. Considering that we're not going to have any income from the rally this year, we wanted to share with you how the club finances are looking.

## BMWRO Treasurer's Report

May 28, 2020

US Bank account balance on 5/28/2020      \$33,706

<u>Projected Income:</u>	
Memberships	\$6830
Events	\$1000
CJR	\$ 0
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$7830</b>

<u>Projected Expenses:</u>	
Operating Costs	\$7000
Events	\$2500
CJR	\$ 200
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$9700</b>

<b>2020 Net (loss)</b>	<b>(\$1870)</b>
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Note: we had projected a 2020 CJR net profit of around \$9800.

So, we're looking pretty good and able to maintain our club in spite of the loss of our rally this year. By year's end, we will be able to determine what our charitable contribution will be. Please email me with your suggestions for recipients of our charitable contribution. ([link: bmwro.pres@gmail.com](mailto:bmwro.pres@gmail.com)) I would like to have a list of potential recipients to discuss during our 3rd Quarter Meeting scheduled to be held during the Canal Creek Campout in late August.

This fall, we'll be holding elections for the club President and the club Secretary. During the month of August, Secretary Linnea will be collecting nominations for these two positions. It's not too soon now to consider running for one of these positions. When I first stepped into a role on the Executive Committee as club Secretary it was because the club was important to me and I wanted to help the club continue to thrive. By the end of 2020, I will have served on the Executive Committee for 6 consecutive years. It's been a positive experience for me and I'm very glad that I've had the opportunity to fill the various roles in the club that I've held. It's time now for me to step aside. I don't intend to run for another term as club President. I will chair the rally again for one more year and I'll continue to serve as Ambassador for the Central & NE Region. I sincerely hope that we will have several enthusiastic candidates dedicated to see our club through the next few years. If you're interested in learning more about the roles, the position descriptions are on our website. Once you are logged in, go to Documents and from there click on ExComm Position Descriptions. Linnea and I are both happy to talk with you about these positions. You can email me at [bmwro.pres@gmail.com](mailto:bmwro.pres@gmail.com) and you can email Linnea at [bmwro.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:bmwro.secretary@gmail.com). Have an enjoyable July! I hope to see some of you on the road or at one of our events in the coming months!

Ride safe! Stay healthy! *Alice*

# In The Headlight



Meet Robin Dunn of Grants Pass.

Robin found herself looking for new chapter after a life change in 2007.

'A lost Soul', she was invited to ride pillion on a cruiser to The Laughlin River Run. I told myself; "I will ride my own the next year", that is just what I did!

Starting out on a 2002 Yamaha 650 V star that she states was "totally chicked out". 3 years and 34,000 miles later, she purchased a 2005 Harley softtail that she found so comfortable that she rode 850 miles one day. Highlights of the softtail years was a 6000 miler for an event called '2 million bikers to DC.' She traveled the back roads across America including The Smokey Mountains and the iconic Tail of the Dragon.

"I still own a Harley, but after watching *The Long Way Around*, I was ready for another change." In 2015 she purchased a white F700 GS from Craig at Hanson's in Medford. She asked, "Are there any BMW clubs in the area?" Craig handed her a copy of the Beamer Beat and said; "Dan Hall is the guy to get ahold of". She laughs when she remembers, when Dan and Craig spoke; "Neither knew if I could ride since I had picked up my bike on a trailer".



She rode to her first rally with Dan that year, attended the women's camp out and is a regular at many events. Now with 37,000 on her bike she recalls her favorite trip was to visit her son in Wyoming, which took a route across Yellowstone National Park area.

Robin is best known for her packing and camping. She can put an amazing amount of gear and food in a small space. She has earned her nickname of "Gadget". Known to bring a tee-pee and a full camp kitchen. Pot of spaghetti? No problem!

Last year at the women's Applegate Campout she made macadamia nut pancakes for her campers. Later was heard asking; "Anyone in the mood for Stir Fry?"

As much as Robin loves motorcycling, she says "My first love is attending Drag Racing".

Thank You Robin Dunn for being a member of the BMWRO.



# Editor's Note

## Editors Note;

This letter to the editor was recently received.

**A valid point that as Riders of Oregon...we do visit SO much of Oregon. Local or distant, our state is full of small business, eateries, museums, music and arts. Now, more than ever, lets collectively consider who we patronize and why.**

**Let's open this up, if you rode to an exceptional place to stay, ate a fantastic meal, or shopped at a local museum or gift shop; give them a shout out. Let's not forget our local motorcycle service and gear vendors.**

**Let's hear about it!  
Tell your fellow members.**

**Submit a short write up and forward it to the BeamerBeat editor: [bmwro.editor@protonmail.com](mailto:bmwro.editor@protonmail.com)  
Collectively we can make a difference in another Oregonian's life by supporting their livelihoods.**

**Carol Dallas  
BMWRO Beamer Beat Editor**



*Photo by Bruce Henriksen*

## — Shop Small and Local —

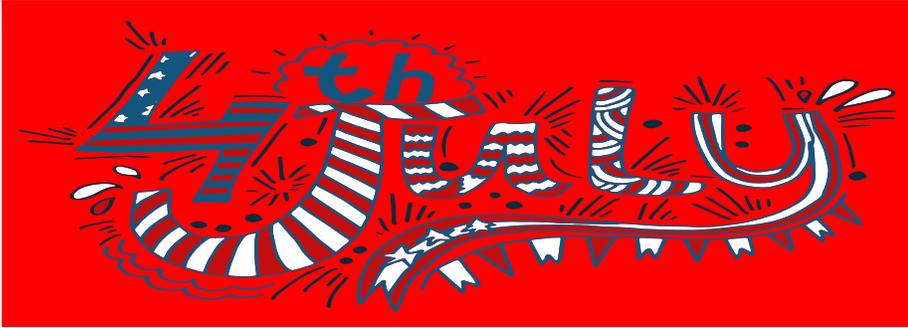
I recently had the pleasure to spent some time with a few small business owners in Malheur County, and found they all had the same story of how they have been struggling, business wise in the past three months since Covid-19. It made me reflect on how fortunate I am in both my personal and professional life, and how little I spend at these small, local establishments. For instance, I sometimes pass by those locally owned gas stations so I can save a couple of cents at a national brand station, I buzz by the local Cafe to stop at a convenient, national brand drive thru, I pass up the local art/jewelry shops to buy online. While I try to support my local motorcycles shops, I miss those other small business owners. I realized while motorcycle riding is my fun, their businesses are their livelihood. So this Summer while I'm out and about, I've made a pledge to spend some of my time and money at local, small businesses. I'd also love to hear about what small, local businesses are in your area so if we are in your area we can support them. I'm also hoping our newsletter would be willing to post pics and locations of these places so we could all enjoy.

Thank you-  
Liz Jones

# NEW MEMBERS

Todd Call, Wilsonville, OR.....2019 BMW R1250RT

Mark Poulson, Waldport, OR.....1983 BMW R100RT



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



### Edson Creek Campout

**Date:** July 17- 19, 2020

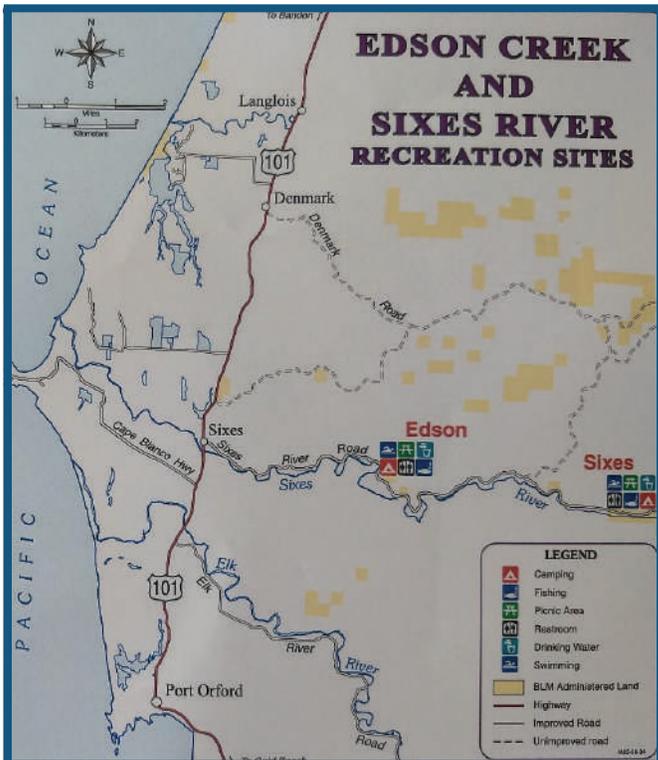
**Location:** Edson Creek Campground Group Sites B & C, see map below

**Contact:** Keith Matteson 541-272-2373 [Motomatteson@gmail.com](mailto:Motomatteson@gmail.com)

**Description:** This popular campout has been called the Sixes River Campout in the past. Since Sixes River Campground is a different site farther inland, we are more correctly calling it the Edson Creek Campout to hopefully eliminate some confusion. This campsite has lots of grassy camping space in a beautiful open meadow surrounded by tall alder and myrtle trees. Enjoy the warmth while getting out of the wind & fog, about 10 miles inland from the ocean. Cool off in Edson Creek, which bends around the big group campsite. There's great paved and dual-sport riding in the area. Groceries and restaurants are about a 10 mile ride to Port Orford. You will be responsible for your own food and water; there's a potable water spigot back in the main campground. Group site has picnic tables and vault toilets. We'll have a nice bonfire each night.

**Directions:** From Bandon, follow Hwy 101 south about 25 miles to turn left onto the Sixes River Rd. From Port Orford, follow Hwy 101 north about 5 miles to turn right onto the Sixes River Rd. Follow the Sixes River Rd 4.3 miles and turn left into the Edson Creek Campground. (This left turn is just before the bridge.) Once you've turned onto the gravel campground road, stay left at the first Y and follow the road north past the main campground until you come to a road and gate to your right. Follow this road straight back to the group sites. Watch for BMWRO signs.

All events require pre-registration. Click on the title of the event to go to the event's website registration page.



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### Alsea Falls Campout

**Date:** Monday, August 3, 2020, 2:00 PM until Thursday, August 6, 2020, 1:00 PM

**Location:** Alsea Falls Recreation Site, Group Campsite #14 & standard site #15, 13 miles east of Monroe, OR

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

**Description:** This is a "No -Host" Campout, meaning that each person will be responsible for their own meals. Services (restaurants, pizza, brewpub, groceries, gas) are 13 miles away in Monroe. Paved and GS routes in the area. Campsite has potable water, firepit, picnic tables, vault toilets.

**Directions:** From Corvallis: Take Hwy 99W south about 15 miles. Turn right on Alpine Road, follow for approximately 9 miles. Alpine Road turns into South Fork Road. Follow about 4 miles to the Alsea Falls Campground on the right.  
From Alsea: Travel south from the town of Alsea on the Alsea-Deadwood Hwy for about 1 mile. Turn left on the South Fork Road and follow for approximately 8.5 miles (stay on main paved road). Pass the Alsea Falls Day-Use about 0.5 miles and turn left into the Alsea Falls Campground Entrance.

### Canal Creek Campout and 3rd Quarter Meeting

**Date:** Friday, August 28, 2020, 2:00 PM until Sunday, August 30, 2020, 11:00 AM

**Location:** Canal Creek Campground near Waldport, OR <https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/siuslaw/recarea/?recid=42379>

**Contact:** Keith Matteson [MotoMatteson@gmail.com](mailto:MotoMatteson@gmail.com) 541-272-2373

**Description:** We've reserved a group campsite near Waldport with Canal Creek running alongside the campsite. We've got room for tents and 2-3 RV spots less than 30' length with no hookups (large trailers and motor homes are not recommended). Please check with Keith Matteson if you are planning to bring an RV. There is both good paved road and dual sport riding in this area. There are restrooms but no water. We will have some drinking and cooking water available. Dinner on Saturday will be provided but other food will be on your own. Dinner will be Albacore tuna grilled over the fire with corn on the cob and salad. Nearby there are several good restaurants. A full service store is 10 miles away.

**Directions:** From the Valley take Hwy 34 from Philomath towards Waldport for 49.5 miles. When you reach the bridge crossing the Alsea River turn left onto Canal Creek Rd. This turn is at the west end of the Hwy 34 bridge over the Alsea River. Follow Canal Creek Road for 5 miles to the campground. Alternatively from Waldport, follow Hwy 34 east for 7 miles to Canal Creek Road, turn right and go 5 miles.





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### Crystal Crane Hot Springs Campout

- Date:** Thursday, September 10, 2020, 3:00 PM until Sunday, September 13, 2020, 11:00 AM
- Location:** Crystal Crane Hot Springs, 25 miles east of Burns, OR, on Hwy 78, Phone: 541-493-2312  
<https://www.cranehotsprings.com/>
- Contact:** Carol L Dallas (503)860-8787 [carol.dallas57@gmail.com](mailto:carol.dallas57@gmail.com)

**Description:** **Soak it up, Buttercup!** as we spend a weekend at Crystal Crane Hot Springs in Crane Oregon. Crane is a family friendly, clothing required Hot Springs! Soak in the pond or reserve a private tub room. The hot pond is available 24 hrs/day for registered guests.

<https://www.cranehotsprings.com/> Crane Hot Springs is 28 miles east of Burns on Hwy 78 and offers riding to those beloved areas we treasure: Fields Station, Steens Mountain, Malheur Refuge, Diamond and French Glen. Besides registering on the BMWRO Event Calendar, be sure to make your reservations on the Crane Hot Springs website for rooms, cabins, tent sites, and RV spots. <https://www.cranehotsprings.com/> Act fast--the good sites go quickly and there is limited availability. We're working on arranging a catered meal for Saturday night. The original plan for a potluck meal is being cancelled due to Coronavirus. All other meals are your own or ride out to neighboring communities for dining.



### Beach Bash! Annual Meeting and Banquet at Driftwood Shores Resort

- Date:** Friday, November 06, 2020, 4:00 PM until Sunday, November 8, 2020, 11:00 AM
- Location:** Driftwood Shores Resort <https://driftwoodshores.com> Florence, OR 541-902-6443
- Contact(s):** Alice LeBarron 541-647-7194 [bmwro.pres@gmail.com](mailto:bmwro.pres@gmail.com)  
Liz Jones [bmwro.vp@gmail.com](mailto:bmwro.vp@gmail.com)

**Description:** It's time for another Beach Bash at the Driftwood Shores in Florence! We're encouraging you to arrive Friday for a weekend of fun at the beach! Join us Friday evening for a bonfire on the beach and S'mores. Saturday during the daytime, you can take a ride, walk the beach, or explore along the coast. Then join us at 4:30pm on Saturday for Happy Hour in the Hospitality Suite. The Banquet dinner will be served Saturday evening at 6 pm followed by our Annual Meeting. Saturday dinner menu: Honey Glazed Chicken Breast, Braised Beef Tenders w/Cabernet Sauvignon Gravy, Au Gratin Potatoes, Fruit Salad, Spinach Salad with Strawberries & Feta, and Home style Green Beans.

You must reserve your rooms by Oct. 5th for the special group rate. For online room reservations, click here:

<https://reservations.driftwoodshores.com/> **Enter Group Code 321528 and PIN 8263.** For room reservations by phone, call 541-902-6443 and mention BMW Riders. Group rates apply for Fri, Sat, & Sun., Nov 6, 7, & 8th.

Besides making your room reservations with Driftwood Shores, be sure to register on the BMWRO website by the Oct 29th deadline so that we have an accurate head count for dinner.

**BYO Drinkables for the Friday beachside campfire and for Saturday Happy Hour. Please drink responsibly.**

## Heard-On-The-Road

### Event: **4th of July Picnic**

**Date/Time:** Saturday, July 4th, 12 noon to about 3 or 4 pm.

**Location:** Box Canyon Campground on the Aufderheide Scenic Byway, FR 19

**Description:** Family and friends gone off to their own 4th Celebration? Don't worry, small gatherings are very IN this year! Ride out to FR 19, AKA: Aufderheide Scenic Drive, for a gathering of motorcycle friends. We will meet at the Box Canyon Campground at 12 noon. A small barbeque will be fired up for your grilling pleasure.

Box Canyon Campground is located at 3700 feet. It is approximately the half-way point between Hwy 58 & Hwy 126. It is a free horse camp. It features 13 campsites and vault toilets. There is no drinking water and you must pack out your garbage. We will pick a vacant campsite for day use upon arrival and set up for lunch, rain or shine. Very simple; YOU BRING your OWN food, utensils, water and garbage bag! This is located in the Willamette National Forest, McKenzie Ranger District.

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/willamette/recarea/?recid=4396>

Official speed limit on the Aufderheide is 45mph! No sign up nor reservations required, just show with YOUR food. Note: this is a day event, not a campout, even though it is being held at a campground.

**Contact:** Roger Paquette [mrqsa02@hotmail.com](mailto:mrqsa02@hotmail.com) 541-852-0434

### Event: **2nd Semi-Annual Eclipse Campout (without the Eclipse)**

**Date/Time:** Thursday, July 30, 2020, 11:00 AM until Monday, August 3, 2020, 5:00 PM

**Location:** Skip's Place; Aumsville, OR

**Description:** BMWRO member Skip Gosser is inviting BMWRO members to join his friends & family for a campout on his ranch in Aumsville.

**Contact:** Skip Gosser (503) 749-1601 for details.



Skip Gosser, host of the Eclipse Campout



2017 Eclipse campout

# 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 [porsche1gt2@gmail.com](mailto:porsche1gt2@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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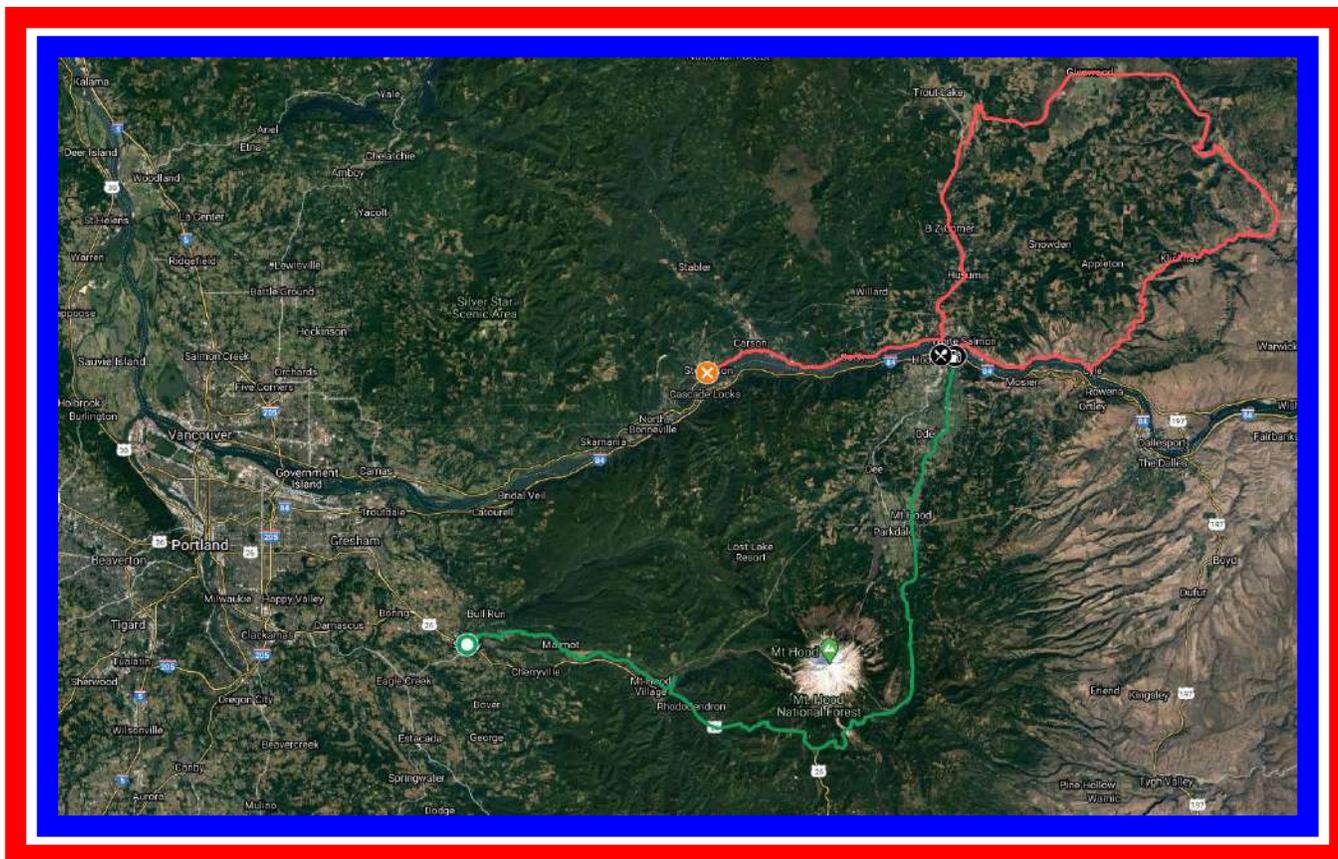
I/We understand that the BMW Riders of Oregon cannot assume responsibility for any aspect of my/our safety and that if I/We participate in any sanctioned event I/We do so voluntarily on my/our own assessment of ability, the course and all facilities and conditions, assuming all risk. I/We release and hold the BMWRO harmless for any injury or loss to my/our person or property which may result therefrom.

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

# Klickitat Canyon, Where the Sun Always Shines

NW Ambassadors Ride Report-June 2020

David Peterson #90113



Map by David Peterson

It's been a rocky couple of months for motorcycle enthusiasts. Ever since the stay-at-home order was announced on 23 March, we've had to temper our enthusiasm with [articles](#) or [videos](#). The steady roll call of cancelled events changed summer plans, leaving us little to look forward to.

But 28 counties were allowed to reopen on 15 May, and a broader (Phase 2) framework was initiated on 5 June, giving us the necessary permissions we needed. Even though weather forecasters cast aspersions on our plans, this was enough for thirteen of us to gather in Sandy for a jaunt eastward.

Our plan? Klickitat Canyon, along the Columbia Gorge, north of Hood River. Even with the storm track heading our way, we figured a lap around the canyon would be a dry run. We were all smiles and elbow bumps as we compared quarantine stories. At the appointed hour, we gathered our kits and rode off into the mist.

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Photo by David Peterson

Getting reacquainted...from a safe distance...

The usual route eastward from Sandy calls for a droning slog on US-26. Instead, we turned left at the first opportunity and dove into the Bull Run watershed, where Ten Eyck Road drops quickly toward the Sandy River. We branched onto Marmot Road for a rollicking 20-mile squiggle north, a well-paved but narrow and twisty ribbon that, fun as it is, was getting wetter by the minute.

It was great to see all those headlights in my mirrors. Mike Ripley had *flown commercial* from Arizona to join us for the day. Chuck Mileur had gotten up at 5am to ride up from Redmond. We were pleased to welcome three new folks, Dan Gradin, Shashank Simha, Thilak Murugesan. The rest of the gaggle included old reliables Kim Dorsing and Janice Mathern, Kyle Emerson, Mark Wegener, Jeff Yarnall, and Charles Trapp. Everyone looked like they were on top of their game despite the layoff.

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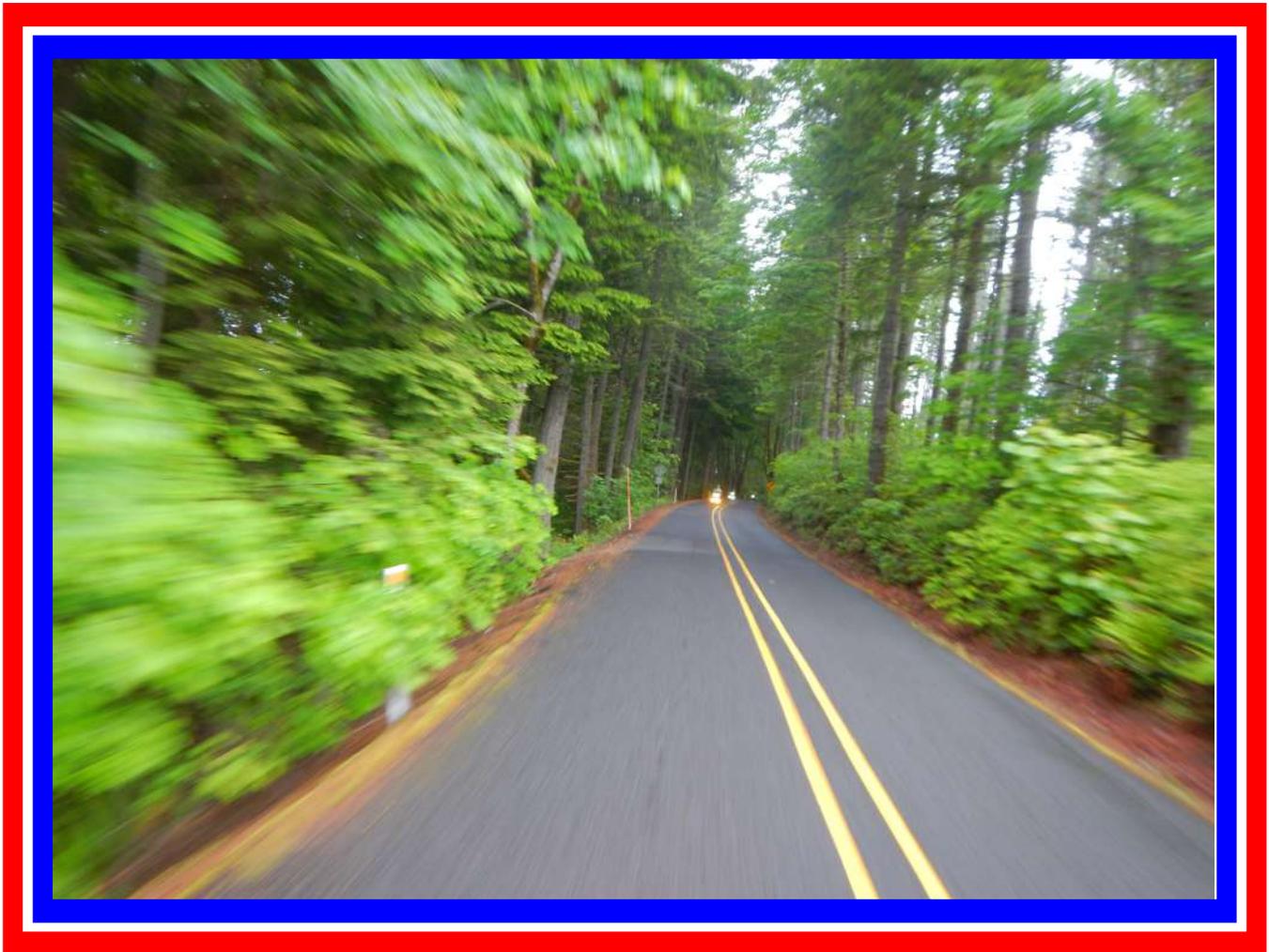


Photo by Diane Peterson

Enjoying a tunnel of green along Marmot Road.

**Marmot Road turns into the Barlow Trail, continuing its parallel run another ten miles until it tees into Lolo**

**Pass Road. At that point, we had no choice but to dump back out onto US-26. But this is the stretch of 26 that climbs Mt. Hood's southwest shoulder, a great stretch of road even in the rain. Weather forecasts had suggested snow might be in the mix, but the temps remained comfortably in the high-30s, leaving all roads clear.**

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Photo by Diane Peterson

The weather started getting rough...

The rain turned to drizzle and by the time we passed Cooper Spur, we were seeing more blue than cloud in the sky. Temperatures also warmed up nicely, and when we stepped off the bikes for lunch, it was pushing 60°. Good thing, too, because outdoor dining was our only option.

[New York City Sub Shop](#) in Hood River turned out to be just what we needed. Not only were we able to pre-order online, they had a block of picnic tables in the parking lot to easily accommodate our social-distancing needs. Avi Cohn is a friend from Underwood who was waiting for us as we arrived. He would join us for our run into the canyon. And just when we thought had a quorum, Justin Carr and CJ Strauss arrived two-up, in plenty of time to grab a sandwich and join in the fun.

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Photo by Diane Peterson

Crossing the Hood River Bridge under dry skies.

**It was warming steadily and setting up to be a gorgeous afternoon. The sandwiches were great and they were waiting for us as soon as we walked to the counter. It was great catching up as we soaked up the sun, but we were all too familiar with the weather coming our way, so we finished up and remounted the bikes. A quick fuel stop preceded crossing the Hood River Bridge, and soon we were eastbound on the Washington side of the Columbia.**

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Atop the plateau, we turned north on Glenwood Road and headed back toward another section of the canyon. Farmland gives way to forest as the road winds. Then you burst from the forest as the Klickitat River canyon engulfs the horizon. The road is wide yet twisty all the way down to the valley bottom. Near the top is a pullout, where we stopped for pictures and to take in the scene. All of us marveled at how gorgeous the setting was, how lucky we'd gotten on the weather, and how good it felt to be back on the bikes.

We finished the sprint down the hill, through Glenwood and on toward Trout Creek. Sunnyside Road provided us one more twisty diversion before hitting the state highway. WA-141. Along 141, we lost the Dorsings for a few minutes as they stopped to memorialize 100,000 miles aboard GreTL, Kim and Janice's ride of choice for the past seven years. Having chased or been chased by GreTL for at least 30,000 of those miles, I hereby raise my glass and toast her: Here's to the next 100,000.

WA-141 tees into WA-14 and here adventure began to wind down. Chuck waved us off as he turned left to head back to Redmond. The rest of us turned right toward the west—and some very ominous clouds. Avi quickly darted north toward his home off Cook-Underwood Road. The rest of us streamed toward Portland. This stretch of WA-14 has five short tunnels and the rain increased on the other side of each one.

We made our way to Stevenson, where we made a final stop for gas and farewell. Everyone was clearly pleased to have been tearing around the countryside on what turned out to be a pretty nice day. The rain pounded us on the last hour home. But when home is the destination, what's there to complain about?



Photo by Mike Ripley

GreTL celebrates 100k while her proud riders look on.

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, June Ride:	265 (Yay...points on the board!)
Total First Saturday miles – 2020:	807



Photo by Diane Peterson

On the best parts, it was a lovely day for a ride.

# HAVE A SAFE AND FUN 4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY!



*Ready for a Trip!*

Alice LeBarron's first BMW '91 K75S Photo taken 1995



Dave Cook

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