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by Jay Bennett

Sum of the Parts

Ever notice some things add up to more than the sum of the parts and other things never live up to their potential even though the parts have all the capabilities and specs needed? In other words the parts that make up something are better gathered and working together than the individual elements that perhaps are actually working against one another. For instance if you put a huge motor in a small framed motorcycle you probably will actually slow down compared to a right sized package because of the extra weight and the frame's ability to handle the over-sized motor.

An example of this, better than the sum of the parts idea, is the original Honda Trail 90. It was a simple step through flexing steel frame with an underpowered—ergo: under stressed—little simple OHC 90cc motor making maybe 10 hp (going downhill with a tail wind and a semi-truck pushing it) with small light brakes to match. But in this country alone they enabled—and continue to enable—so much adventure and fun: with people learning to ride, mini-touring, camping, hunting, fishing, fetching the mail and a million other tasks. And in other countries they did everything from carrying the family to town, to carrying the food to and from the market. Who hasn't seen the picture of an entire poultry farm on its last ride on a Honda 90? The parts that made up the bike were sized right, they were reliable, and they worked together perfectly. The parts worked

together to yield the experience. BMW has its symbiotic motorcycles too with the GS series coming to mind. Who would have thought a five-to-six hundred pound street bike with a little suspension tweaking could be such a good platform for so many adventurous people. Most folks can ride this motorcycle better than they could ride any other, due to the way the parts simply work together to give reliability, control, comfort and an unreal sense of confidence.

In contrast, my experience with Italian bikes continues to develop, but after five different Italian motorcycles some (most?) haven't lived up to their promise. A bit like the Italian stereotypes they can be moody and spend too much time with a mirror. One day the Italian can be fun, energetic, and vivacious and on another day they can be high maintenance and not easy to live with. The parts are there with sophisticated valve actuation, sexy straight tubed frames, aluminum, magnesium and carbon fiber bits and what should be a simple, two cylinder engine configuration. But there are few Italian examples that perform as good as they look or as good as their parts would suggest from the outside. Often compromises are made to give the high style effect or its internals need frequent service and are near impossible to uncover. The parts just don't add up to something better than they suggest in the beginning of the ownership period. Don't get me wrong, Italian art has a place in my life, just not on a daily riding basis.

So by now you are wondering where this wandering is going and what does it have to do with a BMW motorcycle club. Clubs can be a group of **individuals** or **collection of people doing better activities than they could individually**. We as the BMW Riders

of Oregon working together do better than we could individually. The Chief Joseph Rally is obviously our shining star of group effort. Somewhere around 500 people enjoy a weekend of adventure and comradery from our efforts. When someone in the club starts acting up as the rugged individualist, "too big for their britches", egotistical, selfish, domineering, systematically correcting others to be "right" or some other negative behavior it all starts to fall apart. Our club outings are another example where cooperation makes the event better than it could be for a bunch of separate individuals. Often there's a pot-luck like meal, there's sharing of good roads for riding, there are some assurance that if your bike breaks you will get a helping hand getting home (along with a possible nomination to the Golden Rider Award). To get those positive affects we must continue to cooperate, communicate and treat others with respect. Often I have to remind myself (and others) that people are doing the best they can and want to do the right thing. We must give others the benefit of the doubt and understand their commitment is for the betterment of the system. We must remember to give others some slack and continue to strive to take the high road, as we have for many years to continue to be the fantastic organization the BMWRO has become. If you have a problem, unite with others to work it out for your benefit, the club's and for the longer term benefits it has for the entire **sum of the parts**.

Now go out and ride.

Jay





BMWRO

Coming Events



Club Sanctioned Events

- Event:** **Mount Rainier First Saturday**
Date/Time: August 6–7, 2016: First Saturday Overnight.
Place: Meet at **BMW of Western Oregon** in Tigard. Doors open at 8:30; clutches out to begin the ride promptly at 9:45.
- Description:** Every month has a first Saturday. But not every month has a First Saturday Overnight. In August we'll test the waters. Members from all over the state are invited August 6th and 7th to join the NW Ambassadors as we set our sights on Mount Rainier. We'll ride north over the east shoulder of Mount St. Helens, through Mount Rainier NP, toward our digs at the stately Econo Lodge in Buckley, WA. Sunday's ride back will be around the north side of Mount Rainier, through Yakima, then home on US-97.
- Limited to 30 participants
 - A block of rooms are reserved at the Econo Lodge. Rooms (tax included) are:
 - \$101 for a single Queen;
 - \$112 for two Queens;
 - \$112 for a King.
 - **YOU MUST SECURE YOUR OWN ACCOMMODATIONS.** Contact the Econo Lodge at **(360) 829-1100** to make a reservation. Mention you are one of the **BMW RIDERS OF OREGON**.
 - Dinner will be held at Bootlegger's Bar & Grill, next to the Econo Lodge. You can order off the menu, with two exceptions:
 - 1) Alcohol will not be purchased by the club and will be paid for separately by each participant.
 - 2) Go ahead...order the **Big Bad Bootlegger**. Note that **if you fail to finish it, you are on your own**—for both the \$30 bill and the emergency services that will likely accompany your attempt.
 - If you want a dinner deal, you must prepay through the Club.
- Cost:** **\$15 for members; \$30 for Associates and non-members.** Dinner reservations will not be accepted after 30 reservations or July 1, **whichever comes first.** This may be a popular event, so sign up early.
- Contact:** David Peterson at dwpeterson01@yahoo.com or call **(503)327-5592** or Michael Ripley at gobeezer@me.com or call **(503)648-0578**.

- Event:** **Steens Narrows**
Date/Time: September 9 - 11, 2016
Place: Narrows RV Park, OR



- Description:** A Saturday and Sunday morning continental breakfast and a Saturday night meal of BBQ, plus more. The Narrows RV Park is 26 miles south of Burns on Hwy #205, on the way to Frenchglen and Fields. General Meeting to be held Saturday afternoon.
- Cost:** For members: \$15.00; for non-members: \$25.00 Contact Janet and Jay Bennett. Please **RSVP** No Later than **8/30/16**. Preferred method of sign-up is thru our website and use PayPal at: <http://bmwro.org/SNC-preregistration.html> RV hookups at your own expense: call **541-495-2006** to make reservations for RV camp spots or visit: www.narrowsrvpark.com. Preferred method of sign-up is through the [Event Calendar](#) on the BMWRO website using a credit/debit card or by sending our Treasurer a check in the mail.
- Contact:** Janet Bennett at jlbenett60@gmail.com or **541-760-0823** to reserve a space in the tent area and/or for dinner. **An accurate head-count is needed for the Saturday night meal.**

- Event:** **Fall Coastal Campout**
Date/Time: September 23–25, 2016
Place: Moonshine Park near Siletz in Lincoln County



- Description:** A group campsite for tents and several RV sites. There is both good road and dual sport riding in this area. The Siletz River runs beside the campsite. There are rest rooms with showers, fire pits and tables. Food will be on your own but nearby there are good restaurants. A small country store is 4 miles away.
- Directions:** Take Hwy 229 to Siletz. Turn east onto Logsdon Road, drive approximately 7.5 miles until you reach the Logsdon store. Then cross the bridge and turn left onto Moonshine Park Road. Follow for approximately 4 miles to the park.
- Cost:** For members: **free**; for non-members: **\$15.00**
Preferred method of sign-up is thru the [Event Calendar](#) on the BMWVRO website.
- Contact:** Jay Bennett. **Please RSVP No Later than 9/20/16.** Preferred method of sign-up is thru our website or contact Jay at bmwro.pres@gmail.com or **541-760-0675** to reserve a space (both tent or RV). Also checkout this [Moonshine-Park](#) web page.

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**
alicelebaron@hotmail.com
- Event:** **Central Western Friday Lunch**
Date/Time: Every Friday around noon-ish
Place: Various places around Eugene. Check the events calendar [onLine](#) for locations.
- 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**
bobmetzger51@gmail.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**
mcollier5895@gmail.com
- 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

- Contact:** membership for grins and food sharing.
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:** **Conquer The Cascades Adventure Ride**
Date/Time: August 7, 2016
Sunday from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm
Place: The Wild Hare Saloon & Cafe
1190 SW 1st Avenue, Canby, OR
Description: This event is being conducted by our fine BMW dealership at BMW Motorcycles of Western Oregon, 12010 SW Garden Pl, Tigard, OR
See full details on page 11, this issue
Contact: **503-651-4273**
- Event:** **Test Ride A Bike. Win A Bike.**
Date/Time: August 6-7, 2016
Saturday & Sunday
Place: Hillsboro Airport, 3355 NE Cornell Rd
Hillsboro, OR
Registration: Not Required.
Description: Test Ride the new 2016 Suzuki sport bikes and cruisers to be entered for your chance to walk away with one that weekend! **Only those who test-ride will be entered to win.** There's limited rides (300 max) so be sure to get there early to guarantee your chance of winning!
Please call **310.787.8800** or arrive **early** to reserve your test-riding spot to be entered for a chance to win

Non Sactioned Events

- Event:** **Bee Cee Beemers 2016**
Date/Time: August 18, 2016 at 3:00 pm
Place: Nakusp Hotsprings Campground, 4h Street & 10th Avenue NW, Nakusp, BC
Description: detail
Contact: Marcus Schack at mschack@shaw.ca or email nakusprally2016@beeceebeemers.com



NEW MEMBERS

Motorcycle

Ann Asbell, Corvallis, OR 2004 BMW R1150 RT
Bruce Berroth, Bend, OR 1998 K1200RS & 2000 R1100R
Laurie Mooney, Aurora, OR. 2014 650gs sertao
Randy Hiner, Corvallis, OR. 2011 BMW R1200GS
Allen (AKA "Doc") Patterson-Sterling, Salem, OR 2007 BMWK
. 1200LT-Trike
Bill Paulson, Deming, WA 1998 R11RT
Sarah Smith, Bend, OR 2013 F650GS



Take time to write a story about your riding adventures and submit it to the newsletter—
bmwro.newsletter@gmail.com

It is amazingly gratifying for one's ego to have a story printed in a semi-professional publication—like this one!.

FIND THE BMWRO NEW MEMBER APPLICATION FORM ONLINE:

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

Bylaws, Policies & Guidelines

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

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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).

Jim Breen—541-912-4500
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Bob Metzger—608-642-1186
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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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Southern Region

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

Dan Hall—541-862-7411
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Mark Collier—541-499-1395
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Northwest Region

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

David W. Peterson—503-327-5592
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Michael Ripley—503-648-0578
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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

We Get what We Give.

by Chris Henry

You never know who you're going to meet on the road...

Sometimes, we need help. Sometimes, we help others. We get what we give.

Such was the case at the 2016 Chief Joseph Rally in John Day, OR. After a brief, but enjoyable rally, I was preparing to head home on Friday. The day started with a spectacular group ride around Strawberry Mountain followed by a sweep of rally vendors to pick up a few last minute items in preparation for a journey to Alaska (but, that's another story).

There was a group of riders flocked around a bike in the parking lot next to me as I was getting ready to leave. Not unusual. A bunch of guys (beverages in hand) offering advice to a fellow rider. Yet, as I listened in, I grew curious about the developing dilemma. See, our rider, Ray Trujillo, was visiting from California and had struck a large rock, sliced the front tire sidewall, and bent the rim on a very nice looking, new R1200GSA. Trouble is, we didn't have any tire vendors at the rally this year. What to do?

Being a good host...

Since the BMWRO hosts the rally, it seemed like a good host should offer help when needed. So, I



Ray Trujillo

called European Motorcycles of Western Oregon in Eugene to see if they had any contacts for tires closer than Eugene or Tigard. EMCWOR services the Bend Police Department's Police Motors, but not in Bend. Ben Dorsch at EMCWOR referred us to Pro Caliber Motorsports in Bend. Next call, Rex, the Service Manager at Pro Caliber Motorsports says that he has a similar-sized Michelin Anakee III tire in stock. It's close enough in size and closer in distance than other options. Rex is the King!

Where's Bend...?

It helps to know where you are going and I was going that way on my way home to Eugene. But wait. It's early afternoon on a Friday and Bend is about three hours away. We better get a move on! Ray and I head off after he checks in to his motel. We've never met and not ridden together either. Let's see how this goes. Here comes the twisties... Here comes the rain... And throughout, Ray is right there keeping pace. Alright then, we've got a rider. Little did I know.

Customer service...

We arrived at Pro Caliber Motorsports at 5:00 p.m., an hour before closing. Rex made us his top priority and got his crew working straight away on Ray's tire. They looked at the rim and pressed it a bit, as much as they could, to ease the bend while Ray and I cruised through the showroom. That's when I noticed the patch on Ray's riding suit... 400,000 miles! "And that's just on BMWs," says Ray. Not your ordinary rider. In addition to Iron Butt Rallies, Ray used to race competitively. No wonder he corners so confidently and humbly.

Gratitude...

To show his thanks, Ray wants to buy me dinner. Together, we enjoyed an upscale hamburger at the Riverhouse on the Deschutes. That's where I learn more of Ray's riding past and continuing volunteerism. Ray is no stranger to helping others as he has experience serving on multiple statewide boards in California. Ray understands giving and giving back. He's grateful for our time together and the help offered by BMWRO while he's our guest. For me, I'm grateful to have met Ray and to have made his day a little easier in unfamiliar territory. We parted ways and headed off to continue our adventures.

In the coming days, I would learn what it meant to be on the receiving end of assistance in a time of need when a long way from home. We get what we give.

Letters to the Editor

from Doug Tewksbury
BMWRO Rallymaster (2017)

I'm excited to announce that next year's Chief Joseph Rally will be held from June 23-25, 2017. That is the weekend **After** Father's Day Weekend. This will allow riders who have not been able to attend—due to family get together's—and for those that have left the rally early—to get home for Dad's Day—to enjoy the excitement of one of the Best Rallies on the West Coast for the full weekend.

A survey was made available to everyone on the mailing lists and has indicated a resounding **YES** to change the weekend. The survey was available to 703 individual email addresses. In the first 24 hours of being active, the survey resulted in 222 responses or 32%. As of July 18th, the responses peaked at 268 responses or 38%. This is an overwhelming response to a survey and I am very pleased that so many people took the time to respond. Thank You.

The survey question was, "Would you be more likely to attend the Chief Joseph Rally in John Day, Oregon if it was held the weekend **AFTER** Father's Day weekend?"

The results were as follows:

YES 171 votes

NO 33 votes

Neutral 64 votes

The Grant County Fairgrounds has reserved the weekend of June 23–25, 2017 for our Annual Chief Joseph Rally. Make your plans now to attend the rally. Plans are already under way for the Rally Logo, Maintenance, Technical and Land Navigation (GPS) sessions. More to come later but you won't want to miss next year's Chief Joseph Rally.

If you have already made Hotel/Motel, B&B or RV park reservations in John Day for next year's rally on Father's Day weekend, **NOW** is the time to change those reservations. If you need to make reservations, now would be a good time. It is surprising how fast things fill up in John Day for our Chief Joseph Rally. Making reservations so far in advance might make you worry so check the reservation cancellation policies at the time of your reservation.

On-line registration for the rally will begin early next year.



Upcoming Executive Committee Elections

from Alice LeBarron:
BMWRO Secretary

It's time to seriously think about the leadership of BMWRO. This fall we will be holding elections for our club President and our club Secretary. All of the executive committee positions are for two-year terms; the Vice-President and Treasurer positions will be open for election in the fall of 2017.

The officer ballot will consist of:

President 2 year term

Secretary 2 year term

Nominations for President and Secretary are open **NOW** through September 10th at the General Meeting held at the Steens Campout. Candidates will be announced at the General Meeting and additional nominations can be offered at that time. The ballot will then be published in the October Beemer Beat.

Doug Tewksbury has worked hard on setting up an on-line voting process to be used for this next election. Our current President, Jay Bennett, has devoted many years to the leadership of BMWRO and is choosing to step down from his position. As Secretary, I am willing to stay on in this position, but I would not mind at all if someone would be interested in taking this position, since I also keep busy with my role as Ambassador.

If you have an interest in helping BMWRO thrive, *consider stepping forward as a candidate* for one of these executive committee positions. Feel free to contact any of the current executive committee members to discuss your thoughts or questions.

Please submit nominations to Alice LeBarron by email: bmwro.secretary@gmail.com or by snail mail: 1627 NE Bear Creek Road, Bend, OR 97701 or by phone: 541-647-7194.

Editor's Note:

I'm glad to see that Alice has fully recognized the way this club works—*consider stepping forward as a candidate*—which is to say, "*Nominate One's Self*" for an executive position. A nomination always seems like it's up to one person to nominate some other person for the position—and we are all too polite to do that to one another. So really, it's more like a bellying-up to the bar—whatever that means—and choosing to put one's own name in the hat. Tell it like it is, Alice.

Women Riders Campout 2016

by Alice LeBararon

Our 4th annual Women Riders Campout was held July 15-17 at Breitenbush Campground. We had two adjoining campsites tucked into the woods along the Breitenbush River.

What a lovely campground! Attending this year were: **Cathy Fouch, Lynne Clark, Robin Dunn, Connie Cammack, Stacia Nunn, Deb Mullen,** and co-hosts **Carol Lamper** and **Alice LeBarron**. This was a mix of riders of all experience levels with lots of stories to share. Six of us rode to Marion Forks on Saturday to enjoy lunch on the deck overlooking the Santiam River. Good food and good service in a beautiful setting. Deb & Connie both took their bikes out to play in the dirt after lunch on Saturday. Dinners on Friday and Saturday were potluck, as we put our food stuff together to figure out what kind of concoctions we could cook up. Yummmm! There was lots of laughter, lots of sharing, learning from one another, and new ideas being inspired! I'm so glad we do this every year.



left to right: Deb Mullen, Connie Cammack, Stacia Nunn, Carol Lamper, Cathy Fouch, Alice LeBarron, Lynne Clark, & Robin Dunn.

photo by Cathy Fouch



Ride Report

by Alice LeBarron

The skies were threatening as **Gary Stead, Bob Burroughs, and Jeff Grenier** joined me in Bend for our Central Oregon Second Saturday Ride, July 9th. Knowing that the weather would be nasty in the mountains, we turned north for a ride up to Maupin—and indeed, it was perfect weather for a ride! Taking back roads from Bend, we stopped in Redmond to have **Greg Skarvelis and Liz Erickson** join us. We enjoyed the back roads from Redmond to Madras (O'Neil Hwy and Lone Pine Road), and then on up to Maupin via Hwy 97 & 197. Dropping into Maupin through the twisties, I was not at all comfortable with the handling of my bike. Since then, with new tires and adjustments on the suspension, it is now riding like a dream!

In Maupin, we were seated on the patio at **Imperial River Co.** for lunch and lots of lively conversation.

After lunch, we headed west on Route 216 towards Wapinitia, then south on Reservation Road, which provided nice twisties and beautiful scenery. Reservation Road passes through Simnasho, climbs up, then drops us down through the canyon at Kahneeta, climbs back up again after crossing the river and finally drops us into Warm Springs. From there, we made our way home via Hwy 97 with a stop at the Peter Skene Ogden wayside for conversation and to say our goodbyes, as we all headed to home from there. Reservation Road was a new discovery for some and Lone Pine Road was a new discovery for others. I enjoy introducing riders to new roads!

What a fun group of “pirates” on their ARRRghh bikes! I was on my R1100R. Gary, Bob, & Jeff were on their R1200RT's, and Greg & Liz rode 2-up on Greg's R1200GS.

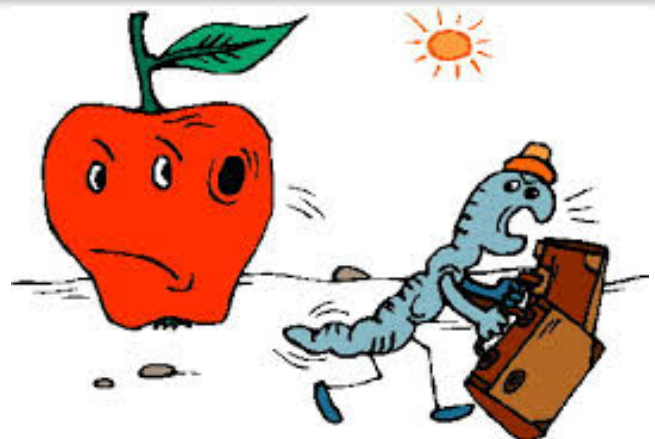


Mea Culpa / or My Bad

I mistakenly wrote Highway 20 in the directions to the Walton Lake Campout, where I should have written Highway 26. The highway that passes through Prineville is Highway 26, and fortunately everyone who signed up arrived at the right place.

I sincerely apologize for any inconvenience that my typo may have caused. Pictures and report of the campout will be published in Sept. Beemer Beat.

Alice LeBarron



NW Ambassadors Ride Report- July 2016

David Peterson #90113
Michael Ripley #191665

"You can't always get what you want...but if you try sometimes... you get what you need..."

That was the theme of the July ride, held Sunday the 10th. We had ambitious plans. The weather had been rosy. All was set for another spectacular outing.

And it was spectacular. Just not quite in the way we had planned. For when we awoke Sunday morning, the cloudless skies had turned from a July blue to an October gray. And the temperature was more fitting for Gerbing than mesh.

Nevertheless, eight intrepid souls gathered at a closed Tigard BMW for the day's plan, the highlight of which was a sprint to the top of Marys Peak near Philomath. At 4,097 feet, it's the tallest of Oregon's coast mountains. A perfect destination for a sunny



July day. But not today. More on that in a minute.

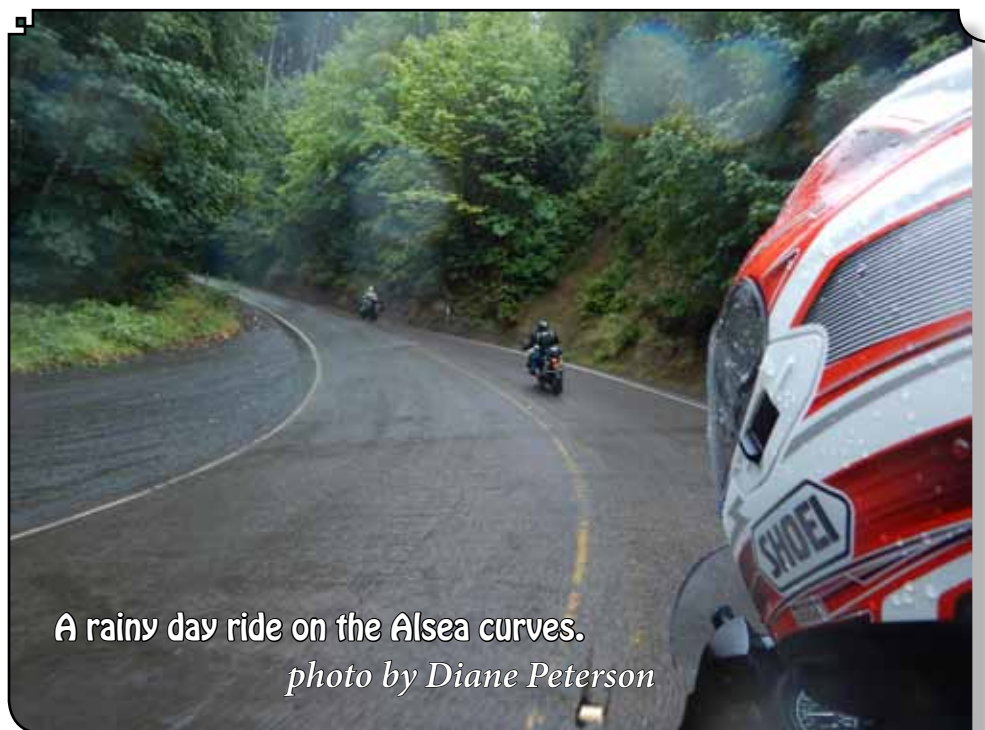
Mr. Ripley took the reins, as he alone pre-rode the route. Falling in behind him were **Kim Dorsing** and **Janice Mather** on their steed, *Gretl*. **Steven Polansky**, **Linnea Alvord** and friend, first-timer **Diego Orozco** followed, while David and **Diane** brought up the rear.

Off we sprinted, down I-5 across the Willamette, then south

through rural Clackamas and Marion counties. There are many ways to bypass I-5 to the south; one of the best is via Meridian Road just east of Aurora. This 14-mile ribbon meanders with the property lines while exhibiting the best of Oregon agriculture. To avoid the congestion of Silverton, we cut west to Howell Prairie Road, before jutting back east onto Cascade Highway, south of the Oregon Gardens.

As we rode, the overcast remained, not worsening, but giving no sign that the sun was going to break through. After the heat of late spring, it was actually a pleasant to ride with zippers up in July. Through Sublimity and Stayton we passed, before picking up the pace toward Scio and onto OR-226 towards I-5. A few minutes later, we had our last taste of stoplights as we rolled on OR-34 past OSU and into Philomath.

Newcomer **Steve Campbell** was waiting for us, opting to sleep in and pop down the short distance from his home in Monmouth. We intended to pick up sandwiches we pre-ordered at the Philomath Subway (sidebar: we highly recommend pre-ordering sandwiches online for pick-up at



A rainy day ride on the Alsea curves.
photo by Diane Peterson

any Subway. It beats poring over the menu with the milling masses tapping their collective foot. Walk to the counter and there it is, with the filling and fixin's just like you wanted.) Our plan was to pick up sandwiches, but with the temp in the 50s and the peak nowhere in sight, it seemed like a picnic might be an event for another day. So we quickly decided to eat 'em where we bought 'em, making it a bit awkward for the folks who had packed a lunch.

And it was a good thing we did. For the rain began that with a sprinkle as we finished lunch, was a serious squall as we headed for the mountain. OR-34 between Philomath and Alsea is one of the finest carousel rides in the state, best enjoyed on a cool, dry day. In an intense rain, with a 2,800 foot climb up a windy two-lane road ahead of you, it may cause you to question why you even began riding in the first place. Linnea and Diego cried "Uncle" in one of the last, twisty corners; the rest of us did the same a short distance later at the foot of Marys Peak Road.

Perhaps it was a hasty decision to abort. The rain seemed to soften immediately after we retreated, giving way to broken blue skies and even a glimpse or two of the



End of the road...for this month.

photo by Diane Peterson

mountaintop as we made our way northward. Steve Campbell quickly peeled off toward Monmouth and home, while Mike the shook regular Kings Valley jaunt up a bit, routing us up Maxfield Creek and Airlie Roads. A farewell stop in Dallas and we were each headed home. It's the second time this season we've had to trim our wings. But we'll be back...

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, July Ride: 254
Total First Saturday miles – 2016: 1,445

Event:

Date/Time:

Place:

Registration:

Description:

Conquer The Cascades Adventure Ride

August 7, 2016
Sunday from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm

The Wild Hare Saloon & Cafe
1190 SW 1st Avenue, Canby, OR

Not Required.

This event is being conducted by our fine BMW dealership at BMW Motorcycles of Western Oregon, 12010 SW Garden Pl, Tigard, OR
Sunday, August 7th is our annual Conquer the Cascades Adventure Ride. We'll start at the Wild Hare Saloon & Cafe in Canby. The Wild Hare opens at 8:00am and owner Joan Monan has arranged a special breakfast buffet so riders may grab a quick breakfast (at your own expense) and still be ready to ride at 9:00am.

Have your fuel tanks full, so that we can have sidestands up at 9:00 am. The group ride will consist of roughly 100 miles of paved and un-paved roads passing through the beautiful forests of the Oregon Coast Range. This is an "adventure" ride that includes long sections of non-pavement riding (gravel/dirt/rocks), so scooter and street/touring bikes **not recommended**; however, larger adventure sized bikes will be fine. We will pass through county back-roads, beautiful scenery, and the foothills of the Cascade Mountains. The route will be approximately 100 miles to the finish. The ride will end at a shady picnic spot in the Cascade Mountains where our BMW Motorcycles of Western Oregon crew will provide lunch for the riders. There is no entry fee for this event and of course all brands of bikes welcome to attend. Please tell your friends and join us for a great ride. Please capture pictures and video that you can share with us for our annual "Movie Night".



Faces at Chief Joseph Rally, 2016

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