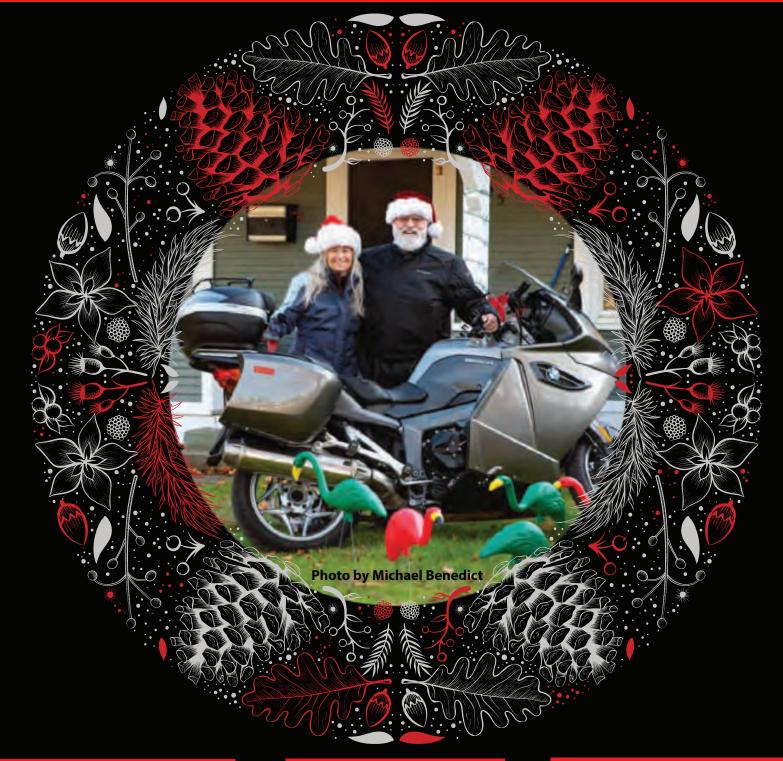


### Newsletter of the BMW Riders of Oregon

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### BMWRO President's Message

**Looking Ahead and Looking Behind** 



I remember when I was travelling through the Texas Hill Country, back in the 90's. I was interested in checking out the town of Luckenbach, Texas. Now, this was before GPS devices were commonplace. Truth be told, I still don't use GPS; I always manage to find my way! So there I was, watching for road signs to point the way. I figured the turn had to be around here somewhere. As I passed the blank backside of a sign, I glanced in my mirror to see that the sign was showing the turn for Luckenbach. What a laugh! I had to look back to find Luckenbach!

Looking back on this past year, I'm very grateful to so many people for volunteering their time and efforts to keep the club active and vital! I think it's been a good year with many fun events! I hope you all have had as much fun as I have had riding this year! Our club depends on volunteers to keep things going and to provide us with opportunity for fun experiences and the wonderful camaraderie of fellow riders! Our regional ambassadors have been doing a fine job of organizing monthly rides for their region (David Peterson & Neal Malagamba in the Northwest Region and Mark Collier & Dan Hall in the South). I've had some help from Brad Stark and Gary Bagwell, who organized a few rides for us in the Central Oregon/NE region. In the past few months, we've had Clarence Story step forward as ambassador to help out with the Central Western region.

Many of you were asking for more events and we've been fortunate to have had many events on our calendar this past year. Thanks go out to those who hosted these events! Bill & Deborah Habel--1st quarter meeting & lunch; Richard Peck--Tech Day for Airheads; Linnea Alvord--2nd quarter meeting & lunch; Keith Matteson--Coastal Campout near Port Orford; Carol Dallas--Women Rider's Campout; Jay Bennett--Canal Creek Campout near Waldport; David Peterson--Overnight ride to Enterprise & the Wallowas; Kim Dorsing & Janice Mathern--November Annual Meeting & lunch; Roger Paquette--two events: Bob Marley's Birthday and the 4th of July Picnic; Deb & Don Weber and Premier Motogear--two events: the Annual Winter Tour Show and the Annual Swap Meet. It didn't make it onto the website calendar, but Bruce Henrikson put together a fine gathering for coffee, camaraderie, and riding in November. Let's also remember our annual Chief Joseph Rally and the Steens Campout & 3rd quarter meeting. It's been a fun year!

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A big, warm welcome to our new officers who will be taking on their roles Jan. 1st! Liz Jones will be our new Vice President/Activities Coordinator and Dave Cook will be our new Treasurer. I'm grateful for the efforts that Chris Henry and Nate Levin have put into filling these roles for the past 2 years. I'm also thankful for the ongoing work that Linnea Alvord, Stacy Brock, Gavin Silasky, and Craig Porter have put into their volunteer roles helping to keep BMWRO running smoothly.

We've already had members stepping forward to organize some events for 2020. If you have an interest in hosting a day or a weekend event for 2020, get in touch with our VicePresident/Activities Coordinator, listed on page <u>6</u>. Have an idea you'd like to talk over? We'd love to hear from you! If you're thinking of hosting a campout, now is the time to make reservations for group campsites.

While Thanksgiving and the end of the year are traditionally a time to reflect in gratitude, to think back on the past year, and to plan for the coming year, I hope you'll apply those same qualities to your riding. Keep your eye on the road but also be aware of what's behind you! Enjoy every day!

Ride safe!

Alice



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

#### 1st Quarter Meeting & Lunch

When: Saturday, January 18, 2020, 11:30 AM until 2:00 PM

Where: Cascade Grill 110 Opal Court Albany, OR

Contact(s): Alice LeBarron -- 541-647-7194, <a href="mailto:bmwro.pres@gmail.com">bmwro.pres@gmail.com</a>

#### 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

#### 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

#### Chief Joseph Rally -- More information later in this issue!

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; <a href="mailto:bmwro.pres@gmail.com">bmwro.pres@gmail.com</a>





### **Recurring Events**

Central Oregon 2nd Saturday **Event:** 

Date/Time: Second Saturday of each month Location: Various ride and lunch locations in the

Central Oregon Region

Alice LeBarron 541 - 647 - 7194 Contact:

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. European Motorcycles of Western Oregon

**Description:** Various routes.

Location:

Contact:

**Contact:** Clarence Story **541–689–2822** 

ccstory@go-ducks.com

**Event:** Southern Oregon 1st Saturday

Date/Time: First Saturday of each month

Location: Various lunch/breakfast and ride locations

> for southern Oregon members 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

membership for grins and food sharing.

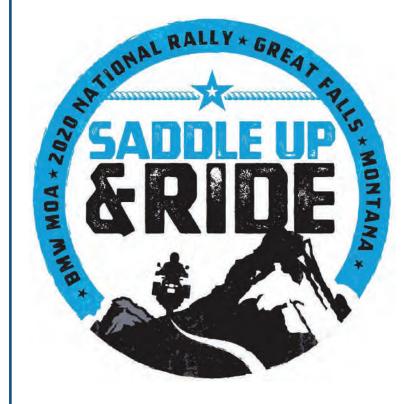
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dwpeterson01@yahoo.com

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n.malagamba@icloud.com





**BMW Motorcycle Owners of** Event: **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**

Mike Welsh, Portland, OR. . . . . . . . . 1996 BMW R100RT

### **BYLAWS, POLICIES & GUIDELINES**

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

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

## 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

### Northwest Region

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

David W. Peterson—503-327-5592

dwpeterson01@yahoo.com & www.wfodave.smugmug.com

Neal Malagamba—503-969-3220 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

### Southern Region

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

Dan Hall—541-862-7411 dnehall@frontier.com

Mark Collier—541-499-1395 mcollier5895@gmail.com

Please call or email your regional Ambassador for club outings and rally information.

We can assist you with learning more about BMWRO

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### 2020 Chief Joseph Rally Information

Planning is underway for the 2020 Chief Joseph Rally! Riders will again gather at the Grant County Fairgrounds in John Day, Oregon June 18-21, 2020, to enjoy a weekend of spectacular riding, good food, interesting & informative seminars, live music, motorcycle movies, and the warm camaraderie of fellow riders. There are many tasks to putting on a big event like this and it is so much easier when many people volunteer to take on smaller pieces. We're so fortunate to have many of our Rally Team filling the same roles that they did last year!

This is your Rally Team for CJR 2020:

Rally Chairperson -- Alice LeBarron

**Vendor Coordinator -- David Morganstern** 

Information Booth Coordinator -- Ellen Barton

**Registration Booth Coordinator -- Tammy Tolbert** 

**Keerins Hall Coordinator -- Gavin Silaski** 

Ride Coordinator -- Keith Matteson

Pavilion Flags (put up & take down) -- Steve Miller

As we get closer to the rally, we will be asking for more volunteers for specific tasks at the rally. If you want to find out how you can help, either now or at the rally, please contact Alice at <a href="mailto:bmwro.pres@gmail.com">bmwro.pres@gmail.com</a> or call her at 541-647-7194 to discuss options for how you can help.

For now, we need a couple of volunteers:

- Alice needs a co-chair to work with her on the 2020 rally. If you may be interested in chairing the rally team for 2021, this is an ideal opportunity to learn what needs to be done.
- David Morganstern needs someone to work with him helping to arrange for vendors for the 2020 rally. He would like to have a volunteer who is interested in taking over this task for the 2021 rally.
- We need a volunteer to take over the task of arranging for advertising. Last year, Bill Hedges filled this role; he has moved out of state so we need a new volunteer to help with this. Bill has provided a list of contacts to work with. This person will be providing MOA and RA with rally information for their event calendars and the ON magazine. It also means contacting clubs in the Western States & Canada to make reciprocal plans to advertise each other's rallys on club websites and in club newsletters.





Photos by Bruce Henriksen

Thank you to all our BMWRO members who answered the call for submissions! I really appreciate your contributions! <u>This</u> is how you make *Beemer Beat* your newsletter! Again, thank you for sharing and keep the good stuff coming! – *Editor* 

### From Dan Hall:



Seven South Oregon members met in Jacksonville at the Pony Espresso for a late October ride; Mark Collier, Steve Sincerny, Dave Gwynn, Brant Miller, Bob Rennick, Dan Hall, and a nameless rider. We then met Jim Stewart near Ashland and rode up Green Springs Highway, one of the best bike roads in South Oregon, and turned north at Hyatt Prairie Road. We rode past Hyatt Reservoir and then past Howard Prairie Lake and connected to Dead Indian Memorial Road. At this stop we happened to meet Wade from Hansen's BMW and Sheridan Tinder out for a test ride.

After chatting for a few minutes, Sheridan decided to ride with us to Lake of the Woods Resort for lunch. After lunch a few riders split off and headed for home, but five of us headed to Butte Falls to view



the waterfall. I had never seen the Falls but they were well worth stopping to view. From there we headed back towards Medford and then on home. A great ride on maybe our last 75 degree day this year and all on spectacular twisty roads with no traffic, I rode about 180 miles on a perfect day. I guess that's why we all ride! -- Dan Hall

### From Mark Collier: Meet "Bob".

Bob lives off the grid. In fact, Bob lives so far off the grid, it's likely the grid doesn't even cover Bob. If you'd like to find Bob, you'll have to come to southern Oregon, head out behind Applegate Lake, up Elliott Creek, cross some streams, a locked gate, and a few other obstructions. But rest assured, Bob will guide you thru even more streams and locked gates to un-published roads to civilization. If you'd like a guided trip to meet Bob, checkout your local BMW Riders of Oregon South Ambassador and we'll take you for a visit.

Four members of the South Oregon chapter took to the forest for a late-fall ride through the woods, out the back of Applegate Lake up and over the mountains into Cali and back. Jim Stewart got a super-



early start, coming across on Hwy 62 to Jacksonville from Klamath Falls on this chilly Friday morning. Over coffee and breakfast we debated, caffeinated & delayed until it was time to ride. It was all twisties leaving J-ville, up and along Sterling Creek to Buncom, then Grouse Creek to USFS 20 (which, incidentally, is the much hailed USFS road that goes backside up to Mt. Ashland a must ride for any local GS rider). Back on asphalt around Applegate Lake and out the back. And here's where we met Bob....

We took Bob's direction up and along Elliott Creek to where it was washed out. We'll come back and cross this stream in the spring When it's twice the size :-).

Then it was up and over "Cook & Green" Rd toward Seiad Valley. This was the highlight of the trip. Which, if anyone had gone down here, would have surely been the "lowlight". I rounded a downhill sharp turn only to run into a mess. Road blocked by boulders,ice-swamp to the right, and sheet of ice down the middle. So we gunned it thru the ice-swamp. That was fun. I held up the rest of the fearless

foursome and we cleared a path on the other side of the boulders. No more swampy-ice! The terrain was a mix of burn-scar with twice-baked burned scar.

I think the top was just over 5,000 feet before we started our downhill trek into Seiad Valley.

It's always a treat to watch as the scenery turns from high mountain lunar-scape to sea-level flora. This is a great up and downhill ride. If you air-down your tires appropriately, you can fly up AND down



this curvy mountain road. From there it was along the Klamath River and Hwy 97 to I-5 and home.

This ride is a must GS event for anyone traveling through. Give us a shout if you come through and wanna grab this ride. The road will close with the coming of snow. It won't open back up until late June.

-- Mark Collier

### From Clarence Story:

Got a call from Roger Paquette, that he and Bruce Henriksen were meeting Saturday, October 9th in Albany. Would I put out the word?

I was quite surprised when 18 riders attended for lattes and tea. Weather was cloudy and overcast. So



I'd like to thank Roger Paquette for bringing door prizes.

Carol Dallas and Steve Miller each won a small night time skull to be used near a walkway. Connie Cammack won a BMW t-shirt.

#### Present:

Bruce & Lyn Henriksen of Newport Carol Dallas of Forest Grove Steve Miller of Prineville Wayne Henneck of Albany Steve Kolseth of Albany Connie Cammack of Corvallis Gary Harkins of Albany Tom Zwilker of Waldport Clarence Story of Eugene Roger Paquette of Eugene Robin Dunn of Grants Pass Skip Gosser of Aumsville Doug Tewksbury of Eugene Tammy Tolbert of Gresham Chris Henry of Eugene Jay Bennett of Corvallis Bob Thomas of Lebanon

Afterwards, Jay Bennett led a ride on backroads from Albany to Brownsville for a late lunch. Had lunch at Randy's Main St. and Coffee. No fast food, everything was fresh and excellent.

Riding to lunch: Carol Dallas, Steve Miller, Connie Cammack, Gary Harkins, Tom Zwilker and Clarence Story – Clarence Story



### From Alice LeBarron:

Seven Central Oregon riders joined up on a warm, sunny November day for a mid-week ride from Bend to Maupin. Our route was graced with beautiful muted golds, oranges, browns & purples of late autumn, all set off by blue skies and a *smooooooth* asphalt ribbon! We could see snow-covered Mount Hood and Mount Adams from the high desert plateau before dropping down through the curves into Maupin. Stopping for a tasty lunch at the Riverside Cafe, we chose to sit out on the patio with views of the Deschutes. The parking spots here were off camber with squirrely gravel but we all managed to get

without any mishaps.



Left to right: Jay Yake, Bob Burroughs, Jason Wise, Alice LeBarron, Taffee Hoffee, and Mike Jackson. Photo by Jim Judd



### From Brad Stark:

Brad Stark organized a ride into the Oregon Outback for riders from the Central & NE Region. The route took ten riders from Bend around Thompson Reservoir (south of Silver Lake) and stopping at the



Cowboy Dinner Tree for dinner before returning to Bend. Three joined the group at the Dinner Tree, arriving by car. This special outing was attended by Brad Stark & Eva Hathaway, Kurt & Claudia Miller, Jim & Louise Breen, Phyllis Webb, John Dulzo, Bill Lawrence, Scott Seelye, Patti Anne Paris, and Alice LeBarron. - Brad Stark

### **Escape to Estacada**

NW Ambassadors Ride Report-November 2019
David Peterson #90113



Map by David Peterson

The hits, they keep on coming. By that I mean, beautiful days. Lots of 'em. One after another. In the supposedly wettest month of the year, no less! Small wonder then that we had another large turnout of folks eager to chase across the valley.

Crisp and clear also means cold. So we moved the start time back an hour to warm things up. When the hour arrived, twenty riders on sixteen bikes were itching to rev their engines. **Mike Ripley** made another guest appearance from Arizona. I quickly persuaded him to lead the ride, giving me a chance to corral straying riders — and Diane a chance to take pictures without twisting into a pretzel.

After a quick headcount for lunch and a few reminders about staying together, we were off. The biggest annoyance of the day was quickly encountered when we turned south along I-5 — straight into the low fall sun. But I-5 was quickly dispatched when we crossed the Willamette and with the exit came tree cover and changes in direction that made riding much more comfortable. As we departed, I was surprised that **Cam & Karen Rust** were not among us. As we paralleled I-5, I saw them blast by. I didn't know where, but I was sure they would be with us soon enough.

The caravan quickly hopscotched southward down the valley. Boones Ferry Road to Arndt, then Butteville back over I-5 into Gervais and beyond. It was in Gervais that I noticed a little route confusion that was a portent of things to come. But we were soon back on track and enjoying the open roads that farm country offers.

Mike was clearly enjoying being in front for a change and all were having no trouble following his route. In no particular order, he was chased by **Mitch Cooper**, **Jim Groat**, **Kyle Emerson**, GrTL, with **Kim Dorsing** & **Janice Mathern** aboard, **Frank Boyle**, **Mark Wegener**, **Larry Kline**, **Karl** & **Ramona Perlich** (welcome back!; first time seeing them since January), **Steven Polansky** (fresh from an African safari), **Ric Holderbaum**, **Louie Robida**, and first timers **Darryl Williams** and **Joel Ogden**. **CJ Strauss** and **Justin Carr** were also with us — although CJ may have been riding with her newest companion, Pepé the Frog. And Cam & Karen? There they were in my mirrors as we headed for Mount Angel.



Photo by Diane Peterson

The gorgeous weather even brought out riders of an amphibian sort...

A beautiful day — open roads — we were in the groove. But these were roads we'd covered many times before. As we crossed OR-213, the landscape was still familiar, but we were beginning to tread the road less trodden. Then the fun really began. Wildcat Road narrows and undulates through the rolling hills south of Molalla. It tees into Wilhoit, where we crossed onto Leabo, which is skinnier still. A quick right on Sawtell Road pushed us deeper into the wilderness, and as the route became Trout Creek Road, skinny and undulating became outright roller coaster.

Through tree farm after sheep farm, the road rose and dove through a series of ravines, where we eventually crossed the Molalla River. East of the river, the ravines were fewer, but the undulations and direction changes remained fast and furious. "This is great," I heard through an open visor from the back of the bike. Followed by, "I have absolutely no idea where we are." I could only hope that others were thinking the same thing.

Suddenly, a group was stopped ahead, perplexed. That's where my Gervais preview should have warned me to warn Mike. A small, private road had been part of the original route. I flagged it and the Gervais

snafu after the pre-ride. But when I enlisted Mike to lead, I sent him the old map. I knew where we should be going. But nobody else did.

Fortunately, the error was easily uncovered and reversed. I was confident the confusion was behind us. We continued our meander north and east, eventually intersecting OR-211, just minutes from lunch.



Zipping through the trees, Trout Creek Road.

Photo by Diane Peterson

But on a day like this, there can never be too much of a good thing. Mike abruptly turned right onto Morgan Road, a steep, twisty single lane that climbs back into farmland. Here, I was never so glad for warm weather, dry roads — and no oncoming traffic. But soon we were back in the sun, meandering farther, then nearer to our lunch destination. It was a ten-mile aside that added maybe fifteen minutes to the route. But they may have been the best fifteen minutes of the day.

Eventually we found ourselves on Day Hill Road, which deposited us back on to OR-211, just west of the Clackamas River and Estacada. We lost Mitch Cooper to the <u>Estacada Festival of the Fungus</u> (clearly marking him forever more as one *fun guy*).

As for the rest of us, we were ready for lunch at <u>Fearless Brewing</u>. Home to a number of prize-winning craft beers, it also has a simple but tasty menu for omnivores of any stripe. I was all over my Pepperjack Grilled Chicken Sandwich, leaving my basket empty in seconds flat. I took the empty baskets surrounding me as a good sign. Diedre and her staff did a great job.

Moments after we settled in, a familiar face walked in the door. **Connie Cammack** had moseyed our way from Corvallis, delighting me with a report that, while she was alone, she still rode the route as mapped.

And she had a great time. She wasn't just catching up with us; **Carol Dallas** and **Tammy Tolbert** were also making their way our direction. Unfortunately, they didn't arrive until the rest of us were dressing to leave. As active as the three of them are, I'm sure we'll be riding together again soon.



Photo by David Peterson

We stare into the sun as Estacada celebrates its mushrooms!

Although we hadn't ridden very far (twenty-three miles as the crow flies), all agreed we'd had a great time. And it wasn't over yet. North and east of Estacada quickly turns to wilderness as terrain climbs into the Cascades. We still had another hour of road-chewing before we would call it a day. Steadily climbing, we escaped Estacada via Coupland and Currin Roads. Snuffin Road then breaks east, quickly carouseling down another ravine to Eagle Creek. We passed through Eagle Fern Park, then climbed out along Kitzmiller Road. We continued our trek through unfamiliar territory, turning on Pagh, which gives way to McCabe Road. Suddenly, we snaked our way to a busy tee — and recognition...US-26!

Here Polansky bid us farewell. Seems he picked up a screw in his rear tire and decided to race the escaping air home. A next day report indicated the air pressure was holding and all was well. At last report, Steven was still riding with the screw embedded, like a warrior carrying shrapnel from battle.

It was getting late, time to turn for home...maybe next week! Instead, we headed a short distance east on US-26, exiting on Cherryville Road for one more thrill before packing it in. Cherryville Road accesses a little known gem called Coalman Road that runs parallel to US-26 for only about six miles. But it's got the entire checklist — remote, twisty, and unbelievably scenic. It was the perfect section to end the day.

We motored toward the sun, stopping in Barton for one last high-five before going our separate ways. That night we moved the clocks back, bringing darkness to any future ride extending much past 4pm. But

that won't get in the way of us having a wintry good time. The equinox is just around the corner. And spring will be here before we know it.

Check out photos from past First Saturday rides <a href="here">here</a>. And if you have photos of your own you want to share, don't hesitate to forward them to David at <a href="here">dwpeterson01@yahoo.com</a>.

Total miles, November Ride: 242 Total First Saturday miles – 2019: 3,646



Photo by Joel Ogden

After a great day in the saddle, a farewell stop in Barton.



Hello all! I'm not sure if I'll make this a regular segment, but Robert Grimm specifically asked me for help in finding a loving home for his motorcycle. -- *Editor* 

#### 2001 BMW R1100RS -- \$2950

48K miles, second owner since new. Side cases and top box, newer Bridgestone Battlax tires, large flip-up tank bag, Rich's custom seat, integrated rheostat controllers for heated clothing, tire plug repair kit, bungee buddies, Haynes service manual and much more. Well-maintained throughout its life; recent service at 45.5K miles included a fluid change and complete brake system overhaul with new front rotors and stainless-steel lines front and rear. One of the last R1100RS models sold new in the U.S. before the introduction of the R1150RS for the 2002 model year. Rides beautifully; didn't miss a beat traveling to this year's Chief Joseph from Seattle, and the overall condition and lustrous red paint draw attention from aficionados of early oilheads whenever I park it. Sorry to see it go, but I recently purchased an R1200RT and need to thin out the fleet. Delivery to Northwest Oregon possible.

#### **Robert Grimm**

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# Merry Christmas

...and a Happy New Year!





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