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Geology Rocks Ride, John Day Fossil Preserve, June 13, 2014

photo by Tony Ownbey

The Geology Rocks Ride sponsored at the Chief Joseph Rally, turned out to be well received. I overheard one person say that they should have opened it up to forty riders instead of twenty-five. There was a waiting list for this ride and it was only because that Friday had been cool and threatening to storm, did five people drop out. Those slots were quickly filled.

It is good that there were no more than twenty-five riders on this ride. One of the outlook posts—with bathrooms—had just enough pavement for twenty-five bikes to park—which included spaces meant for RVs.

Roger Paquette shared this with me in reference to the photo above:
"The ranger—John Fiedor— is the guy

wearing the High School jacket and blue jeans.

We were all geared up and freezing! LOL It was very well done and informative. Hope it is on next year."

More photos can be found at the club [Dropbox](#):

~the editor

BMWRO President's Message

by Lane Weinberg



Dirt Bike Class a Great Success at Chief Joseph Rally

The good news is the rally this year did better than last year in every way. Thanks to all of you who volunteered your time and expertise. A special thank you to Clarence Story for pulling all the right strings to make it happen. I have heard nothing but good comments from everyone. The preliminary numbers are in and it looks like we were up a little from last year in attendance and revenue. The Chief Joseph Rally is our only fundraiser for the year so the success of the rally assures funding for club activities and giving back to the local John Day and Grant County Community who have so ably supported us over the past 15 years.

This year we offered special training classes on Wednesday and Thursday before the rally. The Men's Dirt Bike School was held on Wednesday. The Women's Dirt Bike School was held on Thursday. Each class was limited to eight students to allow trainer Ramey "Coach" Stroud lots of face time with each student. This really paid off as each student got plenty of one-on-one hands-on coaching.

We started off the day with casual conversation, coffee, fruit, beagles and cream cheese. After a general overview of the day's topics we moved outside onto the parking lot and did some maneuvers with the bike on the center stand. We practiced proper seated and standing riding posture for different riding conditions and speed. Special emphasis was put on body position

from the tip of our toes to the top of our head with special emphasis on how to grip the handlebars and operate the controls. You would think we had that figured out already with years of riding, but Coach showed us how it is really done with attention to the reason for each subtle anatomical change taking us from poor posture to proper posture. The payoff is better control of the bike and greater enjoyment of the ride with less fatigue.

Earlier in the week, we set up a closed course with traffic cones, out in the back camping area by the radio tower. The class moved out to the course for some "easy does it" slow speed maneuvers. At first the exercises on the course looked too easy but, when you add in proper posture and handling of the controls, the bike took on a whole new feel and dimension. It felt clumsy at first then got a lot easier when the newfound skills were put into practice. You could feel the difference. And yes, the bike went from a throbbing mass of metal to be wrestled with to smooth and light as a feather. A lot of "WOW" moments happened for the rest of the day.

Speaking of training we are looking for opportunities to provide relevant training for our club riders. Let me know what kind of training you would like. How far would you like to take it? Maybe something a little more advanced coupled with a weekend camping outing? Tell me what you would like to see.

Rallymaster Co-Chair Opportunity

Rallymaster Clarence Story is ready to pass on the rallymaster baton, so to speak. As you may already know, the Chief Joseph Rally is the only club fundraiser. It sustains the club's activities throughout the year. Being co-chair really gives one time to learn the ropes. If you are interested in being the Rallymaster Co-Chair then give Clarence a call or drop him an email BMWRO.rallymaster@gmail.com. This is a great opportunity to give back to the club and provide leadership for a great bunch of motorcycle enthusiasts.



Activity Committee

~ Our Radar is Always on ~
for more events

The Activity Coordination Committee is requesting that all members consider sponsoring an event or activity this year. We are in particular need of activities in Early

Spring and in the Fall of the year, Activities do not have to have full details yet but an idea of cost to the club, date and name of host would be very helpful. Please contact

Jay and Janet Bennett for help and assistance. Fresh ideas equal FUN!!!
Thanks,
Jay Bennett—Activity Coordinator



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Coming Events



Club Sanctioned Events

- Event:** **Sunday Scenic Ride Around Mt. Hood and Saturday BBQ & Campout**
- Date/Time:** July 12, 2014 BBQ at 5:00 p.m. **Saturday**
July 13, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. **Sunday**
- Location:** BBQ/camping at Kaechel Residence
22201 SE 42nd Ave, Sandy, OR
Breakfast/Ride: **Tollgate Inn**, Highway 26, Sandy
- Description:** **Saturday**, arrive anytime after 4 p.m. for an evening BBQ and Campout. Plenty of soft grass camping available. We also have room if you want to bring a trailer or RV. Non-alcohol drinks and dinner provided. BYOB.
Sunday, breakfast at 8:00 a.m. at the **Tollgate Inn**, Sandy, OR. Bikes should be fueled and ready to depart at 9:00 a.m. If open, we will ride to the north side of Lolo Pass to Parkdale for lunch. The return ride will be over Highway 35 to Sandy. Others can continue over 35 to Hood River and down I-84 to Portland, if they prefer. If attending the BBQ and Campout, please **RSVP** Dave at **503-668-5188** or email: dave.kaechele@yahoo.com
If just coming Sunday for the ride, show up at 8:00 a.m. at the **Tollgate Inn** for breakfast, or ready to ride at 9:00 a.m.
Since it is July, it could be hot, but here in the foothills of Mt. Hood it is usually 10 degrees cooler than in the valley and star gazing at night should be fantastic.
- Contact:** Dave and Deborah Kaechele, **503-688-5188** or dave.kaechele@yahoo.com
- Event:** **Vintage BMW Motorcycle Show**
- Date/Time:** July 19, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Place:** Antique Powerland Museum, Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum Display Field,
399 Brooklake Road NE, Brooks, OR
www.antiquepowerland.com
- Description:** Display of BMW Motorcycles. Entry fee of \$5.00 to the Antique Powerland grounds. Food vendors will be available for breakfast & lunch.
- Directions:** Take I-5 North or South to exit #263 towards Brooks onto Brooklake Road. Travel west to the event entrance. Look for **BMW** signs
- Contact:** Steve's Bavarian Motorcycle Service
Steve and Jan Prokop **503-538-8120**,
stevesbmw@msn.com or Dave Kaechele,
503-688-5188 or dave.kaechele@yahoo.com

- Event:** **Sixes River/Port Orford Campout**
- Date/Time:** July 25-26, 2014
- Location:** Edson Creek campground, Group Sites B & C.
- Description:** Rustic tent camping experience on the banks the Sixes river. Great road and dual-sport riding in the area, connecting over to the Rogue River and beyond. Large grassy camping area under tall firs at the confluence of Edson Creek and the Sixes River. Along the coast, but several miles inland out of the fog zone. Fire pit and tables. Five miles north of Port Orford, and 25 miles south of Bandon.
Coordinates: N 42 48 54.0, W 124 24 39.6.
Saturday night dinner of grilled marinated chicken, with grilled asparagus or other vegetables, and salad. For other meals you are on your own, and you're welcome to use the grills. Restaurants in Port Orford are about 15 minutes away."
PDF brochure and map available at www.blm.gov/or/resources/recreation/files/brochures/EdisonCrkandSixesRiverBrochure.pdf
- Contact:** Keith Matteson keithbob@charter.net
- Event:** **Rogue River/Grants Pass Campout**
- Date/Time:** August 15-17th 2014
- Location:** Indian Mary County Park, Grants Pass, Or
- Description:** Park is located on the Rogue River appx 20 miles northwest of Grants Pass. We will be in the group site at the east end of the park. The first 12 people are included free, additional people are \$3/person. The park has showers and a small beach on the river.
Galice restaurant is appx. 5 miles from the park, it has a nice, shaded deck overlooking the river.
Coordinates: N 42 33 10.4, W 123 32 20.6
Directions on Page 6 of this issue.
- Description:** **Directions on Page 6 of this issue.**
- Contact:** Dan Hall: dnehall@frontier.com
Please RSVP.
- Event:** **BMWRO Women Riders Camp-out**
- Date/Time:** August 21st-24th; Thursday-Sunday,
- Location:** Dairy Point Group Camp in south central Oregon, Lake County, Fremont National Forest
- Description:** **Directions on page 9 of this issue.**
- Contact:** Alice LeBarron: alicelebarron@hotmail.com
541-647-7194
Kris Jacobson: kjacobson62@gmail.com
541-520-7785

Event: **Steens Mountain Campout**
Date/Time: September 5–7, 2014
Location: The Narrows Campground and RV Park, OR
Description: A Saturday and Sunday morning continental breakfast and a Saturday night meal of PRIME RIB and green salad, plus more. All this for only \$15.00 for Club members. (Non-members contact the Bennetts for details).
Directions: **See the next issue** of the *BEEMER BEAT*. Please **RSVP** Jay and 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, **no later than 8/29/14** for the Saturday night meal. RV hookups at your own expense: call (**541-495-2006**) to make reservations for RV camp spots or visit: www.narrowsrvpark.com. Also checkout: <http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/burns/recreation/steens-mtn.php>
Contact: Jay & Janet Bennett—**541-760-0823**

Event: **Fall Ride to Eat, Eat to Ride**
Date/Time: October 11, 2014, time: TBD
Place: TBD
Description: TBD
Contact: Carol Lamper: Carol.Lamper@gmail.com,

Event: **Fall Hardy Souls Campout**
Date/Time: TBD: Oct 17–19 likely
Location: Seneca/John Day area
Description: TBD
Contact: TBD

Event: **Winter Celebration and Quarterly Meeting**
Date/Time: November 1st, 2014
Location: Oregon Garden Resort, Silverton, OR
Description: Join BMWRO club members for our Annual Winter Celebration to be held at the Oregon Gardens Resort in Silverton, Oregon. Dinner for club members is \$15 per person; Associate or Non members \$30 per person.

More details in the next Issue of the *BEEMER BEAT*. Participants can book online or call the reservation department at the Oregon Garden Resort **503-874-2500** and reference "BMWRO". If you would like to book online, just follow this link: <https://reservations.moonstonehotels.com/irmnet/login.aspx?resort=15>
PASSWORD: BMWRO

Contact: Janet Bennett, jlbenett60@gmail.com

Recurring Events

Event: **Central Oregon 1st Saturday**
Date/Time: July 12, 2014 (& First Saturday of each month)
Location: **details for July ride on page 6**
Contact: John Beeson **541-420-3275**
Steve Miller **541-977-6787**

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

Event: **NW Oregon 1st Saturday Ride**
Date/Time: July 12, 2014 (& First Saturday of each month)
Leaving parking lot at 9:45 a.m.
Location: **details for July ride on page 6.**
Description: Finding the twisties and connecting with our membership for grins and food sharing.
Contact: Dave Peterson **503-327-5592**
dwpeterson01@yahoo.com
Susan Ortiz-Renteria **503-779-7842**
dirtsquirt816@gmail.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

Event: **Eugene 1st Saturday Coffee**
Date/Time: First Saturday of each month 9 to 11am.
Location: Eugene BMW store, 2891 W. 11th Ave
Contact: Jim Breen (new Ambassador) (**541**) **912-4500**,
jpbinor@aol.com

Event: **Tigard 1st Saturday Coffee**
Date/Time: First Saturday, each month, starting at 10am.
Location: Tigard BMW store, 12010 SW Garden Place
Contact: Susan Ortiz-Renteria **503-779-7842**,
dirtsquirt816@gmail.com

Regional Events

Event: **2014 BMW MOA Rally**
Date/Time: July 24–27, 2014
Place: St. Paul, Minnesota (will be our home for 3 days)
Description: Get ready for beautiful weather, great roads, best friends and good times. This is registration central. Pay your member or non-member entry fees now and save \$10 versus registering at the event. If you need to register for the GS Giant or RPU Training Classes, please visit the 2014 Rally Page for instructions.
Contact: <https://bmwmoafoundation.webconnex.com/rally14>

Event: **42nd Annual Rally of the Washington State BMW Riders**

Date/Time: July 24–27, 2014
Place: Ferry Count Fairgrounds, in Republic, WA
Description: **Coordinates:** 48.652 N, 118.694 W. To register or get more information visit wsbmwr.org
Contact: Tina: tina_YBR@yahoo.ca

NEW MEMBERS

Motorcycle

Milton Farrand, Florence, OR Unspecified
Kevin & Valley Jenkins, McMinnville, OR R1200GS & K1200GT
Carmen Vaughn, Eugene, OR Riding a G650GS
Tony & Lisa West-Ownbey, Eugene, OR Triumph Tigers (both)
Tim & Edna Godsil, Eugene, OR Unspecified
Robert & Annette Ingersol, Welches, OR Unspecified
Winter Pope, Blachly, OR Unspecified
Jarome Deletzke, Lake Oswego, OR R100RT & R1100RT
Charles & Ruth Jenks, Eagle Point, OR K1600GTL
Robert & Lindy Metzger, Eugene, OR F650GS & R1200GS
Rick Murray, Redmond, OR R100R
Kevin Turner, Scappoose, OR R1200GS
Douglas & Carol Swanson, Springfield, OR R100RS & KLR650
James Dulaney, Redmond, OR R1100RT & Triumph Trophy
David Fairclo, Bend, OR Unspecified
Mel Otner, Jacksonville, OR R1200GS & Triumph Tiger

FIND THE BMWRO NEW MEMBER

APPLICATION FORM ONLINE:

[HTTP://BMWRO.ORG/JOIN-US.HTML](http://BMWRO.ORG/JOIN-US.HTML)

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:

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

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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).

John Beeson – 541-420-3275,
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Steve Miller – 541-977-6787,
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Central Western Region

(South of Salem, including Eugene & Oakland from the coast to the Cascades).

Jim Breen—541-912-4500
jpbior@aol.com

Northwest Region

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

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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



Ken's Cafe—Seven Motorcycles

Southern Oregon June BMWRO Ride Report

by Dan Hall
Ambassador to the So. Region

On June 7th, seven southern Oregon riders met at the Apple Peddler in White City for a ride north to Canyonville via Shady Cove and Hwy. #227. This road is a great motorcycle road: almost no traffic, and all curves and hills. We stopped in Canyonville at Ken's hamburger stand for lunch and sat outside enjoying the beautiful weather—(Ross if you are reading this, it's about 75°F in beautiful southern Oregon. I see it; 108° again in Tucson).

After lunch we decide to take the long way home via Cow Creek Road south to Glendale. Then a few of us stopped in town to top up the fuel tanks and I realized that someone was missing. So back to Ken's we go and find Rich sitting on the sidewalk staring sadly at his bike, which appears to be dead. Of course, it's not a BMW and I won't mention the brand but the initials are M-G. We checked and replace the fuses and still nothing happens. Then we pushed it down a hill a few times and still nothing—pushing is hard work for an old guy.

Then Rich decides to take a nap and lays down on the pavement next to the bike. Actually he is playing with the side-stand switch-wires; and after I hit the go button, she fires right up. At this point he doesn't want to shut the motor off, so I follow Rich back to Grants Pass on I-5 to make sure he gets home okay. Jim heads back the way we came to Shady Cove and then Klamath Falls and Steve, Trent, Dave, and Fred all head down Cow Creek Road. So, not exactly the ride I wanted, but still a great ride with good friends.

Dan Hall

A little adversity makes for the best stories ~ the editor.



Northwest Oregon July 12th Ambassador Ride

by Susan Ortiz-Rentieria
Co-Ambassador to the Northwest region

The first Saturday ride—would be July 5th—will be replaced with a dinner. There is a group of riders coming down from Alaska that we will be meeting up to share our stories and listen to their adventures.

Where: Thirsty Lion, 10205 SW Washington Square Rd, Tigard, OR

When: July 5th at 5:30 p.m.

NW Oregon Ride

When: July 12th

Where: Leave BMW Tigard at 9:45

Destination: July's ride will take us to the Mt Saint Helens Visitor's Center, no we are not riding up I-5 to get there!

Please email me at dirtsquirt816@gmail.com if you plan to attend, so I can get a head-count for lunch.

Susan Ortiz-Rentieria, 503-779-7842.



Central & Northeast Oregon July 12th Ambassador Ride

by John Beeson
Ambassador to the Central & Northeast region

To avoid the Fourth of July road insanity, this month's ride will be on the second Saturday, July 12. It will be Starting in Sisters, to Detroit, and over the FS Rd 46 (Breitenbush). Those wishing to attend Dave Kaechele's event—Scenic Ride Around Mt. Hood, BBQ & Campout—can proceed over to Sandy to camp, and the rest can return via Madras to Bend. Final details, time and place of meeting will come out soon. Check your email.



Rogue River/Grants Pass Campout

coordinated by Dan Hall
club Ambassador

Date/Time: August 15–17th 2014

Location: Indian Mary County Park,

Directions:

If traveling by way of I-5, use the Merlin exit (#61) and follow the Merlin/Galice road 10.3 miles to Indian Mary County Park (there will be signs for this park).

There are more interesting ways to get to the campground, so plug these coordinates into a GPS and find a fun route:

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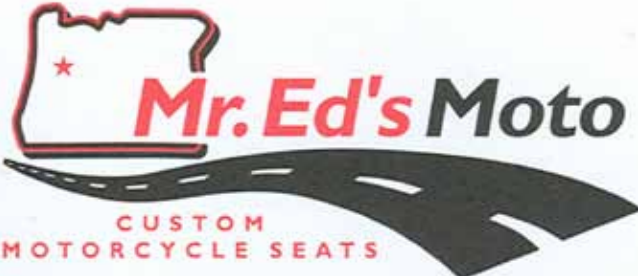
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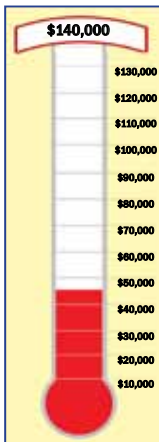
Ask all the folks who came last year, like Jim Stewart. Hosted at DiamondStone Guest Lodges—home of MotoFantasy, and 22+ year BMWRO members, Doug & Gloria Watt—The Newberry event is the best and biggest music event ever to be held in southern Central Oregon, featuring a perfect mix of music from Rock, Folks, Blues, Country & Western, Jazz, and Reggae. Come out for 1 to 3 days in beautiful weather. Enjoy premium beverages from Sunriver Brewing, Crater Lake Spirits, Dr. Kambucha, and Southern Wine Group. Excellent food from a variety of vendors as well as arts and crafts booths, silent auction and the 2nd stage in the MotoFantasy Garage. Meet up with new friends and revel in the camaraderie this Event creates, and help the very worthy cause of raising funds to find a cure to defeat Multiple Sclerosis.

Motorcycle Camping is FREE with a paid ticket. Early VIP campers will have shower access. If we get a few BMWRO members, we will set aside a designated premium camping area for them. You will have an awesome time. Please visit our Facebook Newberry Event page or our website at www.NewberryEvent.com for pics and to buy tickets. Early bird discount tickets are still available at \$45 for 3 days. The next tier of tickets will be at \$60 and then finally price tickets will be \$75.

If you cannot attend, there is a place on our site to donate to the cause. Go online or call **541-536-6263** for more info and to buy tickets. Thanks for your support

Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum

Fundraising has begun for the "Final Phase" of the Museum Display Building. \$140,000 matching funds are needed to secure a Foundation Grant. The new section will have dealership display, multi purpose meeting room, a library, gift shop and bathrooms.



Help is needed to meet our Fundraising Goal

There are several ways to help, the first and most ambitious is a scrap metal drive. Old car parts & scrap metal around the house, farm or business can add up to dollars when donated to the Museum.

Collection sites will be available to bring your scrap metal donation to locations around the Portland Metro & Willamette Valley. Call contacts for sites or to arrange for pickup of your scrap metal donations.

Others ways to help us meet the fundraising goal:

- Cash Donations
- Donate a Vehicle
- Become a Museum Member
- Purchase a Paver Stone

The NWVC&M Museum is a 501(c)(3) non-profit.
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Scrap Metal Fundraiser



Rally Master Ramblings

—Literally—

by Clarence Story

Carolyn and I rolled in to the Grant County RV Park on Wednesday evening around sunset. As much as I would like to take the motorcycle, we drove the pickup, carrying boxes of rally info, door prizes and programs. Pulling into the rally, tents with early attendees were already there. Also this year, pulling a camping trailer: our first campout with the new digs—nice to have a table and electricity to use with the lap top and track the rally.

As we go about setting up the new trailer, several BMW friends with experience come over and help us: The Stewarts, The Nolders, The Prokops, The Mitchells, The Crowdsons out of Idaho, Lane Weinberg and Jay Bennett. Our VP, Jay Bennett has his motor home two spots over—Janet is home awaiting a new batch of puppies.

As we settle in for the night in anticipation of the days to come, Carolyn and I reflect on how we have enjoyed serving the club as Rally Chairs for the last three years. We have made many new friends and thoroughly enjoyed the duties and responsibilities of showcasing a rally, especially Chief Joe, the premier rally on the West coast. As my 50th high school reunion will fall on the same weekend as Chief Joe next year and I don't want to miss the reunion. Besides, it's time to have someone else take the Chief Joseph Rally up to the next level.

The rally turned out excellent this year with attendance up from last year and 520 folks through the gate.

One of the main and central themes to making this rally work is the town of John Day: the town likes us, the fairgrounds personnel want and like us, the scenery is spectacular and the roads are superb. I like to say it's like selling real estate: Location, Location, Location—and boy, does John Day have it. Even the wife admitted: it's easy to walk up town and easy for the folks who ride in and stay in town at a motel, can walk down to the fairgrounds. We have a relationship with the Chamber of Commerce and the Fairgrounds personnel that is excellent. Besides location, I feel that having lots of seminars and knowledgeable folks to lead the talks is imperative.

Leading our talks (thankfully again) was David Hough with his morning "Coffee with Dave" gatherings and facilitating a couple of seminars.

"Coach" Ramey Stroud led off the week with classes on Off Road riding and he contributed with two seminars.

We (BMWRO) are so appreciative in having David and "Coach" Stroud attend our rally; we went ahead and presented both men with a great looking jacket (*Extra Large*) with the CJR logo on the front. Thanks guys for supporting our rally.

Pat Hahn of Team Oregon conducted two seminars – Pat is out of Corvallis.

Justin Davis—with Giant Loop out of Bend—presented a seminar on "How to pack & Self-reliance for off road riding", which was well attended.

Our long distance seminar was conducted by **Bob Henig** out of Jessup, Maryland. Bob is owner of "Bob's BMW Motorcycles."

The BMWMOA "Smart Trainer"—the computerized motorcycle hands-on trainer—and **Tom Pemberton** out of Washington, did the training. Thanks Tom for coming down to our rally.

For the WOMEN, we really ramped up the programs this year. **Jalene Case** conducted a session for women to CONNECT on Friday and Saturday. Following the Friday Connect, **Kris Jacobson** led a women's off-road ride; and on Saturday, **Alice LeBarron** led a paved road ride. It was just a couple or three years ago, the women's group was five or six gathering. The count came in this year of nearly thirty gals; and just a positive mood permeated those sessions. In fact, the mood was so positive, Jalene Case came up on stage during the Saturday night announcements and expounded about the growth of women riders and more on the positive aspects of women motorcycling riding to come.*

About three weeks before the rally, I received an email from a retired John Day Fossil Beds park ranger. He introduced himself and was willing to lead a ride of up to 25 folks as he would make several stops and detail his knowledge of the John Day Fossil beds. He also implied that folks could send in a \$20 donation to help the John Day Chamber of Commerce, no actual fee to do this ride, but a donation would really help the Chamber. Well, I thought no way is this going to fly. I thought about it and sent the email on to John Day for validity and verification. Two weeks went by and no response, I made a phone call: the Chamber was closed—out of funds.

Less than a week to rally, his credentials are verified and the ranger and I start to correspond. I tell him that the cheapest part of the BMW bike is the rider and to think that people are going to sign up for someone to lead them around, then to send money, well, probably not going to happen. But, we will get this ride into the program. Moving on to Friday of the rally, the buzz is: "Are you going on the Geology Rocks ride?" The info booth is asking me questions—people

want on the list; the fairgrounds personnel are calling me; I mean, this ride is in high demand. I meet with the ranger and we are taking names for the possibly a second ride on Saturday—this ride is the hit of the rally. Alas, I didn't go—didn't bring a bike; but it did rain some and was cold on that Friday Geology Rocks ride. Nevertheless, the feedback was excellent: as we all know, BMW riders are literate, and curious minds want to know. Possibility remain open for a Friday and Saturday "Geology Rocks" ride next year.

We are so pleased to have Jay Bennett conduct and lead the "Cowboy Breakfast"—this segment of our rally is well attended every year. I was informed that he had his wife on speed dial so that constant monitoring for if new puppies had happened.

Kudos's to Gordon Taylor. This year—as we move to embrace current technology—you may have not noticed that in the Info Booth Center (when the gals used a Smart Phone to run your credit card), new technology, called "The Square," was being used. I had sent prices of the apparel items to Gordon Taylor and he entered the sell price for the different clothing using the "Square" technology. Then my wife comments how easy the Smart Phone is to use: just enter in the shirts and number you want—because each piece is priced out—then sign with your forefinger. Done. Thanks, Gordon!

The Rider Awards this year went to:

- **Hays Muellers**, Long Distance Male Rider from North Eastham, Maine, rode **2,930 miles**.
- **Carol Taub**, Long Distance Female Rider from Toronto, Canada, rode **2,313 miles**.
- **Graham Harris**, Youngest Rider (18) rode in on a Suzuki, wants to trade up to a GS.
- **Ray Shipley**, Oldest Rider born July 20 of 1927.
- **Stan & Gloria Davis**, Long Distance Two Up rode **650 miles** from Rio Linda, CA. f Joseph Rally, 11
- **Duncan Holaday**, Long Distance Side Car rode **215 miles** from White Salmon, WA.

Thanks to Jay and Kathy Dyblie out of Yakima, WA for heading up this feature of the rally.

The vendors really outdid themselves this year supporting the rally with some great door prizes AND just being at the rally.

- Competition Motors, **Tom Young**—for having tires at our rally—out of Portland, OR.
- Premier Motorgear, **Deb Weber**, out of Albany, OR.
- Mr. Ed's Moto, **Don Weber**, out of Albany, OR.
- Rok Strap, **Rolf-Immo Gabbe**, out of Puyallup, WA
- Giant Loop, **Justin Davis**, out of Bend, OR
- Murph's BMW, **Murph**, out of Eugene, OR
- **Al Schibi** Ear Plugs, out of Mesa, AZ. (*I tried some of*

his "mean" jalapeño jerky. Burned my mouth.)

- Stoner's Beemer Stash, **Larry Stonestreet**, out of Los Angeles, CA.
- Happy Trails, **Tim & Sherry Bernard**, out of Boise, ID.
- Mountain Shop, **Stephen Korpi**, out of Portland, OR
- MFSD – Purple Slice, **Bob Runyan**
- Greg's A-List, **Greg Evans**
- Applied Graphics, **Shari Berger**
- Ride Adventures, **Eric Lange**
- EZ Touring, **Jerry & Terry Cook**, out of Bend, OR

Door prizes from the following businesses:

- Bavarian Motorcycle Service, **Steve & Jan Prokop**, out of Dundee, OR.
- BMWMOA
- Butler Maps
- European Motorcycles of Western Oregon, **Scott & Madelyn Russell**, out of Eugene, OR
- BMW Motorcycles of Western, OR. **Scott & Madelyn Russell**, out of Tigard, OR
- Ozzies BMW out of Chico, CA
- BMW Motorcycle Magazine, **Sandy Cohen**, out of Tucson, AZ
- Adaptiv Technologies, **Wayne Chen**
- The University of Gravel Roads Global Lessons, by **Rene Cormier**
- Diamond Stone Guest Lodge, **Doug & Gloria Watt**, out of Sunriver, OR
- Hansen's Motorcycles out of Medford, OR
- Earth Angel Massage

The Men's Off-road Ride: finding someone to lead this ride had just not gone well. Many phone calls and everyone either had street tires on or did not feel up to the challenge. I hadn't lost any sleep over this—knew something would work out. Saturday morning—less than an hour to Men's Off-road Ride time—I finish breakfast in the pavilion and, walking out, I bump into Chris Smith, an engineer out of WA. I ask him what is he doing today?

He say's going on the Off Road ride. I ask him if he would like to lead it, and to go anywhere you want. He is just overjoyed: lead a ride and go where you want. We set down with a map, he gets his Smart Phone out and we plug in some WAY points and just in time meet the group at the front gate. Just doesn't get any better. Now to find someone to do 50-50—as our person who was going to do this, had a family emergency.

Thanks to **Scott and Carol Lamper** for stepping in and doing an outstanding job in the 50-50. Total was \$1,080, of which, \$540 went to the John Day Chamber

of Commerce in support to keep them afloat. Then the 3rd place winner donated his winnings to the Chamber. Alas, without going into detail (and mainly to protect the innocent or accused) the notes of who won the 50-50 prize: those notes didn't make the arduous ride over the McKenzie pass, and are lost forever, somewhere near Suttle Lake.*

**I believe it was a guy from Idaho named Paul. ~editor*

Can't say enough for the work and effort that **Doug Tewksbury** did in organizing Pre-registration: this job starts back in January and runs up to the rally. Thanks Doug.

Jan & Stephanie Messersmith came up to me at the Narrows camp out last fall and said "Hey, we will do the gate, don't have to worry about getting someone." Now, this is great—cross that item off the list. Thanks.

My favorite job at the rally: the Info Center with **Ellen Barton**—thank you for your tireless effort and high standards.

Vendors: everyone wants more vendors. Thanks to **Bruce Moses** for taking care of the emails and signing up of folks (I sure didn't have time). Thanks Bruce.

Wine & Cheese on Thursday evening thanks to **Tom & Barbara Mitchell**. This event parlays the atmosphere, the camaraderie of the CJR rally: meet more folks, and nobody hosts a soiree better than Tom and Barb.

The Scenic Loop Map: the one at the info center with the three colored trips. **Gary Thye** did this map couple or three years ago—still getting mileage out of his work. Thanks Gary.

It was a struggle this year, finding someone to just head up the Complimentary Beverage Service. **John Beeson** has done an excellent job over the years, he said that he would help, but didn't want to take the lead. Then he arrived a day late. Thanks to **Ellen Barton** and **Lane Weinberg** for stepping in and keeping this CJR tradition going. Lots of coffee was poured.

Carl & Shelia Boulden out of Roseburg handle the Door Prizes and keeping track of the numbers that have been pulled and then reentering those numbers for the grand prizes. Excellent job to the two of you.

Steve Ludeman did the artwork for our pin and shirts this year. The three tepees are a Nez Pierce design. Well, looked excellent to me, why I picked this rendition. But, "Coach" Ramey Stroud comes to the rally and takes one look at the design and said "Looks like traffic cones, I like it!"

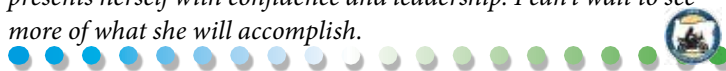
The club treasurer, **Gordon Taylor**, keeps us straight on financial issues and the club secretary, **Ed Foltyn** maintains the notes and information—couldn't do the rally without you guys, thanks.

Special thanks to the club president, **Lane Weinberg**—the one person I call when needing someone to chat with over issues. Thanks Lane for being there.

Hope I got all of this right. Let me know if I missed someone or an event and we will do our best to make it up in the next issue. Should you be interested in stepping up to Rally Master, there is an outline of the **To Do list for the Rally Master**. I will be around next year to guide you along. We have lots of resources and a pretty good cookbook.

See you down the road, Clarence

**Editor's note: Jalene Case's presentation on Saturday night to a crowd of hundreds was so charismatic and professionally delivered, I felt like this was the pinnacle of the female presence in the club. She presents herself with confidence and leadership. I can't wait to see more of what she will accomplish.*



BMWRO Women Riders Camp-out

August 21st–24th; Thursday–Sunday,

To congregate at Dairy Point Group Camp in south central Oregon, Lake County, Fremont National Forest.

Directions:

The easiest way to get there is to take Route 31 to **Paisley, OR**. In the little town of Paisley, turn **west** at the gas station onto **Mill Street**. Follow Mill Street **southwest** until it becomes **Forest Road 33 at the "Y" junction**. Turn to the **left** and continue on Forest Road 33 for 20 beautiful miles. At the "T" intersection with paved road 28, **stay to the left**. Stay on **Forest Road 28** for 2 miles; cross the **Dairy Creek Bridge** and you will see the campground on the left immediately after crossing the bridge. It is paved roads all the way to the campground by this route.

There's plenty of off-road and paved-road routes to explore in the area. The campground has potable water, clean privies and cell phone service. We can gather firewood. Gas in Silver Lake, Paisley, and Lakewood. Plan your own food or plan to stop in at the cafes in Paisley, Lakewood, or Bly.

Here is the forest service link to the campground: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/fremont-winema/recarea/?recid=59759>

Join us! We'll have a blast exploring, adventuring, learning from each other, and sharing some fun time!

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NW Oregon Ambassador's - June 2014 Ride Report

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I was particularly anxious about this ride because I did not follow the standard operating procedures. I did not: 1) perform a pre-ride, 2) test lunch locations, and 3) have a designated return route. Additionally, the two people I count on for support and resources, David and René, were not available to join in the miles of smiles. David was participating in the Western States 1000 and René was returning from West Virginia. However, David did leave me with a lovely route from Tigard to Waldport. So what is a girl to do?

I gathered the group and left Tigard at the designated time, 9:45 a.m. I was joined by **John Sorenson, Bob Ingersoll, and Karl & Ramona Perlich** who rode sweep. Our route was a beautiful country ride through Scholls and the ever pleasant Chehalem Mountain into Yamhill wine and farm country. The roads between Dayton and Dolph were enjoyable, with no traffic, and I believe not many of us had been on them before (which always makes David very happy!)

In Dallas we cruised through the Safeway parking lot and rendezvoused with **Kent Neely**. Kent reported that we arrived at the designated minute as shown on David's instructions. The Kings Valley Highway—with its beautiful hills and valleys—was more challenging than usual—slowed by logging truck and RV's. Once we had successfully passed the slow pokes, we jetted onward to Blodgett and Philomath to the highway we all were looking forward to riding.

Ramona's favorite ride, the Alsea Highway, was beautiful. The cars we encounter were left in the dust in the straight-aways, allowing us to completely enjoy the twisties. When we arrived in Waldport, we ate at the **Salty Dawg Bar & Grill**, highly recommended by **Jalene Case** and **Keith Matteson**. It was great! Just after we pulled up, **Bruce Henriksen** joined us for lunch. Bruce had been staked out on a corner on the highway taking pictures of us riding (check out Bruce's great photos on the [BMWRO Facebook page](#)). I am particularly proud of the head turning compliment from Dana White.

The route back you ask? We left no corner unturned. From Newport we took the Yaquina Bay Road which was shown to me by **Debbie Weber**. This kept us inland, where there was less wind, it was a little warmer, and there was no US-101 traffic! At Toledo we crossed US-20 to ride OR-229 along the twisty Siletz River. In Lincoln City we stopped for gas and said our good-byes. We avoided the slog through Lincoln City via East Devil's Lake Rd. At Dallas, we lost Kent. At the junction of OR-18, John and Bob turned north to return to Portland. Karl, Ramona and I continued east and parted ways in Salem. I know I rode 330 miles and I know the guys from the Portland area rode much more, but they were enjoyable miles with a friendly group. Thanks to all for making this such a great and enjoyable ride!



A couple of changes for July First Saturday. Let's have dinner! A group of riders is coming down from Alaska. Instead of riding on a holiday weekend, we thought it might be fun to share our stories and listen to their adventures.

When: July 5th at 5:30 p.m.

Where: [Thirsty Lion](#), 10205 SW Washington Square Rd, Tigard, OR

Note that by decree, **the July First Saturday will be on Saturday, July 12th**. This month, our destination will be the **Johnston Ridge Observatory**, in the heart of the blast zone on Mt. St. Helen's. If you've never been, it's a must-see to revisit that fateful day in May 1980. If you have been there (and done that), consider this: **At no time during the ride north will the rubber of your tires touch Interstate 5!** If that's not incentive to join us, then all is lost and we'll look for your BMW motorcycle for sale – low miles ad on Craigslist—any day now.

Salty Dawg Bar & Grill, 375 Port Street, Waldport, OR 97394. Phone (511) 563-2555



L-to-R: Karl Perlich, Ramona Perlich, Kent Neely, John Sorenson, Bruce Henriksen, Bob Ingersoll.
Background is the beautiful Alsea Bay Bridge.

Photo by Susan Ortiz-Renteria



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Jim Breen at 541-912-4500

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Stock shocks for K1200S \$295

Roger and Carol Meyer,
long time members
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BMW Riders of Oregon

14 June 2014

Minutes of Members Meeting

Meeting called to order at 4:35 pm in John Day, OR (at the Chief Joseph Rally), with Lane Weinberg, Jay Bennett, Gordon Taylor, and Ed Foltyn present from the Executive Committee. There were 23 members present. The Executive Committee felt that this was a quorum for the purposes of an informational meeting. No official business could be undertaken.

Lane thanked the members present for being members and attending the Rally

The Rally attendance was higher than expected. Clarence Story, the Rally Master, indicated that there were over 500 attendees at the Rally and that the count was not complete.

Jay discussed events for the rest of the year including a ride near Mt. Hood, the southern coast, Steens Mountain, and the Hardy Souls campout near Seneca, OR.

There was discussion on what we should be doing for the membership and what the membership wants:

- Give 1st time Rally attendees some sort of a name tag to identify them, similar to what the MOA Rally does.
- It is good to take credit cards at the registration and information booths.
- Let the membership know that the Chief Joseph Rally funds many of the rest of the year's activities.
- Lane made a comment on the innovation that is happening with the BMWRO:
- We were the first regional/state club to offer the Smart Trainer at our Rally.
- We were the first group to have an active women's group for riding, camping, and otherwise socializing.
- We were the first regional/state club to offer a pre-rally dirt bike school—taught by Ramey "Coach" Stroud—in the nation.

Lane will put together an article for the BMWON on some of our innovations.

Jay announced that this weekend was Lane's birthday and brought out a birthday cake to share.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05pm

Respectfully submitted, Edward Foltyn, Secretary
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