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Gordon Taylor, BMWRO Treasurer, at Chief Joseph Rally, 2014

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Membership Dues are Due.

Membership form is available
inside this issue.
See center page or end of doc.

11th Annual BMWRO Tour Night

Don & Deb Weber announce a
tour of Ecuador.
See page 6 of this issue.

Ride Report from Susan & David

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BMWRO President's Message

by Jay Bennett



Changing Gear Again

Welcome to BMWRO 2015. We have a new year and many new changes for the club but lots of familiar favorites too. For the club to live and to stay relevant we must adapt and grow. We may either manage, and embrace that change or let it just happen. Change is relentless and unstoppable. I have seen clubs like ours struggle with aging membership and not adapting and improving then pretty much

collapsing under their own weight. I like the idea of meeting changes proactively rather than letting it just happen.

One change you will start to see shortly is a new club information portal called **ClubExpress**. It is a service that will allow us to manage membership lists, records and documents, activities, take in fees, distribute the newsletter and host of other club functions. I believe it will make member's lives better as it will help to engage the members through easier communication and make the volunteer's jobs more efficient and streamlined. A couple of the reasons we liked this application is the ease of use for members and its respect for our member's privacy. Look for more on this in coming months.

We will have some personnel changes with new people such as **Alice LeBaron** as our new Secretary and Central Oregon Ambassador. Please give her a big hand of applause for that initiative and I look forward to her ideas on the Executive Committee. Another new

face is **Lynne Clark**, our new Rally Master for the 2015 CJR. Please step up and give a hand as a volunteer as Lynne can use our help. Thanks Lynne for facilitating the single biggest thing this club does all year! The good part is many of our experienced people are back once again with **Ed Foltyn** moving to the VP position and **Gordon Taylor** watching out for our funds again as Treasurer. I am back as Prez for a 2nd time. Hopefully we have the needed new blood along with experience to manage this club well.

You will hear this from me from time to time: you get what you put into things and if you want a positive experience from the club, you have to get off the couch and put something into it. We all understand different levels of involvements with different organizations. I belong to three other motorcycles clubs (mostly related to old Hondas which I seem to have affinity for) but do very little with them. I am more active in the BMWRO because of the people, events and satisfaction I get from the interactions. As many have told me, they too get a lot from volunteering—including the satisfaction of knowing that they caused something positive to happen that would not have happened otherwise. So call our Activities Chair, Ed Foltyn, with a day ride or weekend idea. Talk with our Rally Master and do your part at the CJR. Personally I am getting our Cowboy Breakfast "rounded-up" even at this early date. Or talk with one of us from the Executive Committee with your ideas to improve the club. You and the club will be changed for the better for it.



Chief Joseph Rally, 2014

(that is one funky looking grill. Hey, lady, no touchy the food!)

Now get out there and ride
Jay Bennett





BMWRO

Coming Events



Club Sanctioned Events

- Event:** **11th Annual BMWRO Winter Tour Night**
Date/Time: March 7, 2015 – 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm
Place: Premier Motogear
414 Queen Ave. SW, Albany, Oregon
Description: Jalene Case and Keith Matteson share their photos & stories from a recent trip to Ecuador. See poster for this event on page 6 of this issue. Space is Limited!
Contact: **RSVP required:**
Deb Weber (541) 926-2107 or premiermotogear@comcast.net
- Event:** **Team Oregon — Rider Skills Practice**
Date/Time: April 19, 2015 from 1:00 pm to 5:30 pm (rain or shine)
Place: Lane Community College
4000 East 30th Avenue, Eugene, OR
Description: Requires 12 people (BMWRO members exclusively; \$99.00 per participant (no refund for no-show); participant motorcycles must be in good state of repair and in operating condition. More information on Page 3 of this issue.
Contact: (800) 545-9944 to register or <http://team-oregon.org/training/riderskillspractice/>
- Event:** **12th Annual BMWRO MotoGear Swap Meet**
Date/Time: June 6, 2015 –Saturday– from 9 am to 3 pm or until it is over—rain or shine.
Place: Premier Motogear Parking Lot, 414 Queen Ave SW, Albany, OR www.mredsmoto.com/map.htm
Description: Free Space - We supply the space, you supply the table and stuff! Make money and clean the garage at the same time! Enjoy free refreshments and camaraderie!
Contact: Don & Debbie Weber
(**RSVP** for space: **541-926-2107** or email to motogear@mredsmoto.com)
- Event:** **Chief Joseph Rally**
Date/Time: June 18–21, 2015
Place: Fairgrounds at John Day, Oregon
GPS coordinates: N44°24.967', W118°56.868'
Description: The BMWRO's Annual Rally and the highlight of the motorcycling seasonal calendar!
Contact: Lynne Clark, BMWRO.rallymaster@gmail.com

- Event:** **Sixes River Campout**
Date/Time: July TBD, 2015
Place: South costal
Description: Rustic tent camping experience on the banks of 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. See [Brochure](#) online
Contact: Keith Mattson, keithbob@charter.net
- Event:** **Central Oregon Area Campout**
Date/Time: August 14–16, 2015
Place: Haystack Reservoir South Shore Campground, Willow Group Campsite
Description: Superb road and off-road routes in the area. Wide open desert skies for viewing the Perseids meteor showers. Shoreline campsites
Contact: Alice LeBarron alicelebarron@hotmail.com and Steve Miller shuntermiller@gmail.com
- Event:** **Women Riders Campout**
Date/Time: August 21–23, 2015 (Fri–Sun)
Place: TBD
Description: Rustic camping, good food, fun women
Contact: Alice LeBarron alicelebarron@hotmail.com
- Event:** **Horseshoe Campout near Steamboat**
Date/Time: August 28–30, 2015—Friday–Sunday
Place: details to follow
Description: Shady Trees and a beautiful river
Contact: Roger Paquette
- Event:** **Steens Narrows**
Date/Time: September 11–13, 2015
Place: Narrows RV Park, OR
Description: A Saturday and Sunday morning continental breakfast and a Saturday night meal of PRIME RIB and green salad, plus more. Cost ? 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.
Contact: Janet Bennett. Please **RSVP** No Later than 8/29/15. Preferred method of sign-up is thru our website and use PayPal at: <http://bmwro.org/SNC-preregistration.html>

Or contact 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 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>

Recurring Events

Event: **Central Oregon 1st Saturday**

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

Contact: Alice LeBarron alicelebarron@hotmail.com
541-647-7194
Steve Miller **541-977-6787**

Event: **Central Western Region 1st Saturday Ambassador Ride**

Date/Time: First Saturday of each month), Meet at 8:30 a.m., will leave parking lot at 9:00 a.m.

Location: European Motorcycles of Western Oregon

Description: Various routes.

Contact: Jim Breen, **541-912-4500** or
jpbior@aol.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

Event: **NW Oregon 1st Saturday Ride**

Date/Time: First Saturday of each month
Location: Various breakfast and ride locations in Central Oregon area.

Description: Finding the twisties and connecting with our membership for grins and food sharing.

Contact: David Peterson **503-327-5592**
dwpeterson01@yahoo.com
Susan Ortiz-Renteria **503-779-7842**
dirtsquirt816@gmail.com

Event: **Eugene 1st Saturday Coffee**

Date/Time: First Saturday of each month 9:00 to 11:00 am.

Location: Eugene BMW store, 2891 W. 11th Ave

Contact: Jim Breen **(541) 912-4500**,
jpbior@aol.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



Team Oregon Rider Skills Practice (RSP) April 19, 2015

BMWRO members who'd like to take the RSP should call 800-545-9944 identify yourself as a BMWRO member and sign up for the class. You will need to tell the representative it's for the Eugene RSP class on April 19.

This course will **ONLY** be open to BMWRO members. We already have 3 participants lined up. Once we reach 12 participants the registration will close.

The cost will be \$99.00 / participant. Here is a link to the RSP class that will give background information. <http://team-oregon.org/training/riderskillspractice/>

Secondly, the session will run from 1:00 PM until 5:30 PM rain or shine (sorry, no refunds for no shows).

All participant motorcycles must be in a good state of repair and operating condition. This class is non-competitive. It simply is a chance to practice old skills that may have escaped us, or capture new skills to make us safer, more aware motorcyclists. It's a great opportunity to practice in a safe environment under the watchful eyes of trained instructors.

Our member, Bob Metzger, is scheduled to be one of the instructors for the session and has arranged this RSP class exclusively for BMWRO.

Some insurance companies will lower your rate for taking this class.

The course outline is as follows:

An introductory circuit ride. The circuit ride is meant to establish base line skills of each rider for:

- 1) head and eye position,
- 2) low speed / tight -quarter maneuvers,
- 3) cornering,
- 4) swerving, and
- 5) maximum in-line braking.

The course will cover

Unit 1 Mental Motorcycling
Unit 2 Cornering with Confidence
Unit 3 Stopping Quickly and Safely
Unit 4 Swerving
Unit 5 Street Wise
Unit 6 Impairments to Safety
Unit 7 Group Riding
Unit 8 Carrying Passengers & Cargo

Following the above units, each rider will re-ride the circuit and will be amazed at how much they have improved!

Upon completion, each rider will receive a certificate of completion, a 30 page spiral bound booklet, and a graduation pack with some Team Oregon goodies!



NEW MEMBERS

Motorcycle

William Paulson, Deming, WA Unknown
Tom & Chris Boyd, Portland, OR Unknown
Nicholas "Nick" Brown, Petaluma, CA Unknown
Duncan Holaday, White Salmon, WA Unknown
Mark & Hanna Camarillo, Brookings, OR K1200LT
Steve Sincerny, Ashland, OR R1200GSA, R1150RT, R80RT



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

It is amazingly gratifying to the ego to have one's story printed in a semi-professional publication.

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).

Dan Hall – 541-862-7411,
dnehall@frontier.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,
alicelebarron@hotmail.com

Steve Miller – 541-977-6787,
shuntermiller@gmail.com

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).

David W. Peterson – 503-327-5592,
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www.wfodave.smugmug.com

Susan Ortiz-Renteria – 503-779-7842,
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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

Event: 11th Annual BMWRO Winter Tour Night
Date/Time: Saturday, March 7th, 2015 - 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM
Place: Premier Motogear, 414 Queen Ave SW, Albany, OR

Space is limited for the following event –
Please RSVP to Deb Weber premiermotogear@comcast.net
or call 541-926-2107 to reserve your seat.

This is a free event, but space is limited. Refreshments will be served – save room for popcorn and cookies! Join us for a tour of Ecuador with Keith Matteson and Jalene Case.

- 12 days, 2 up and 1,600 miles.
- We will visit all of the major regions of continental Ecuador - The Andes, Coast and Amazon Basin.
- Learn how easily you could do a ride like this! See you on March 7th!

Contact: Deb Weber – 541-926-2107 or email to premiermotogear@comcast.net to reserve your seat.



NW Ambassadors Ride Report January 2015

by Susan Ortiz-Renteria #106802
David Peterson #90113

As I steadied myself for a cold journey to work on Friday, January 2nd, I noted the temperature was 23 degrees. "Tomorrow at this time I am going to have to leave the house for the First Saturday ride," I thought to myself. "Why?" I alternated between calling and emailing David at least a dozen times during the day to ask him, "How safe is this?" and "Should we be doing this at all?" But I resisted. When I awoke Saturday, the temperature had risen to a balmy 37 degrees and it had rained over night. I was...relieved?

At Tigard BMW, an optimistic and adventuresome crowd was gathering. It was clear from chatter like the roads are fine, it's chilly but above freezing, and this is great that there was no stopping this group. So up we saddled: 13 riders, 12 bikes in all. **David** and



Map by David Peterson

Diane Peterson led, followed by (in no particular order), **Kim Dorsing & Janice Mathern, John Vissell, Mike Ripley**, newcomer **Wayne Lincoln, Ric Holderbaum, Frank Boyle, René Renteria**, and **Susan Ortiz-Renteria**. **Greg Straub** insisted on sweeping, arguing persuasively that his day-glo red jacket would provide important contrast in a sea of day-glo yellow – and he was right.

Riding this time of year is a valley floor affair. But our destination, Sauvie Island, was on the north side of Portland's West Hills – and David hoped a quick scamper out Bethany Road and over Newberry Road to the north would be no problem. But that was before it rained overnight. And with a climb to 850 feet, wet roads, and temps still in the 30s, David had



Playing follow-the-leader on Sauvie Island

by Diane Peterson



Sandhill cranes forage for grubs

Photo by David Peterson

visions of twisted plastic and personal injury lawyers dancing in his head. So we stayed in the flats, winding through Portland, around the West Hills.

Taking the low road was a little shorter – and much quicker – than taking the hill route. As we crossed the Sauvie Island Bridge, my mind floated back to December 2007. The Vernonia flood¹ and Woodson debris flow² had just happened and ODOT was in the midst of getting highways open again. Compounding the storm runoff, marine traffic on the Columbia River was restricted to allow the superstructure of the new Sauvie Island Bridge to be floated into place. Seeing the superstructure being floated is something I will never forget. Now we were riding over it. Truly a stirring moment for this ODOT engineer.

Sauvie Island is the largest island along the Columbia River. Wikipedia describes it as one of the largest river islands in the United States³. Predominantly farmland and wildlife refuge, it extends north into the Columbia at its confluence with the Willamette.

Roads on the island consist of a 15-mile loop at the island's south end, with three separate fingers extending north. One, Reeder Road, extends north about 9 miles from the loop, along the Columbia River. A second, Oak Island Road, extends about 4 miles north to Sturgeon Lake, in the middle of the island. A third, Sauvie Island Road, extends 7 miles north along the west side of the island, along the waterway that separates the island from the mainland, known as the Multnomah Channel.

Our ride took us counter-clockwise around the loop, along Gillihan Road, then north up the Reeder Road finger. About 5 miles out, the pavement ended; we would have to save our visit to Sauvie Island's famous nude beach for another day! But there was still plenty of entertainment – flocks of flying geese, ducks, and hundreds of grub-foraging sandhill cranes. At the end of our Audubon moment, David announced that if the chill had taken its toll, we could cut the ride short and head for lunch. "Let's ride!" was the united response.

After an uninspired side trip up the island's middle finger (there's an interesting turn of phrase), we skipped the third finger and left the island. Approaching Scappoose, we headed toward the river again, along aptly-named Dike Road. Along the way we encountered a statuesque Texas Longhorn – so humongous that some questioned whether it was real or not. We later agreed that it was and that the horns were as massive as any of us had ever seen.

The dining choices in Scappoose are limited, but Ichabod's got the nod. And they rose to the occasion, carving out a table for 15 (even though they don't take reservations) and offering us a full menu of delicious food, including Diane's favorite menu notice: Breakfast served all day. Why a table of 15 for a group of 13, you ask? Because just as we sat down Scot & Carol Lamper rolled into the lot! We were now 15 adventurous souls! Coffee, hot chocolate, and chili arrived almost without our having to ask.



Hungry and waiting for food...

Photo by Susan Ortiz-Renteria

As we prepared to depart, Mike Ripley noticed his final drive was coated with oil, an observation that is rarely associated with a positive outcome. Considering he had just returned from a Christmas week lap around northern California, he was lucky to experience it only now and it was incredible that he made it home safely. That's it – from now on, he's the Incredible Mr. Ripley!

It's been 12 straight months of First Saturday rides. We'll see if we can keep our monthly streak alive. You're all invited to join us February 7th for our next First Saturday

adventure. Where, you ask? We'll see where the weather takes us...

For those of you who like numbers, here are a few running totals we're keeping track of this year:

Total miles, January ride: 79

**Total First Saturday miles,
Year-To-Date: 79**

***Ichabod's Restaurant,
52049 Columbia River Highway,
Scappoose, OR 97056
(503)543-2450***

- 1 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3sOUi-ZRNEY>.
Accessed 4 January 2015.
- 2 http://www.oregongeology.org/sub/Landslide/Woodson_DF_Dec2007c.pdf.
Accessed 4 January 2015.
- 3 http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sauvie_Island.
Accessed 4 January 2015.





Chief Joseph Rally, 2014

shot by Rex



Chief Joseph Rally, 2014

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Full Moon at Chief Joseph Rally 2014



Chief Joseph Rally, 2014

shot by Rex



Cell Phones photographing Full Moon at CJR



Chief Joseph Rally, 2014

shot by Rex



BMW Riders of Oregon present CHIEF JOSEPH RALLY

Join us at the **Grant County Fairgrounds**, nestled in the scenic Strawberry Mountains, **John Day, Oregon**, for a weekend of terrific riding, seminars, food and fellowship. This historic city is located at the Junction of Hwys 395 and 26. Enjoy the West's best riding; gold and cattle country, refreshing mountain passes, painted hills, river canyons, and wide open desert. Visit the John Day Fossil Beds National Monument or any of four different museums.

Friday and Saturday evening dinners are provided in rally fee. On site food vendors and in town restaurants available for other meals. Beer garden on site. Experience organized tours to selected attractions; self guided maps with touring and off-road routes. Tech sessions, seminars, door prizes, awards, entertainment and more are scheduled. Commemorative Rally T-Shirt will be available for sale.

The Grant County Fairgrounds, on the **John Day River**, offers green grass camping and hot showers! Reservations required for adjacent RV Park [541-575-1900] extra cost involved. Excellent motel accommodations, dining options and shopping are just three blocks from the Fairgrounds. Leashed pets are welcome.

Oregon is for Riders!
Come to John Day
and see what we mean!

We encourage everyone to pre-register for the rally. This helps us efficiently plan food and the rally schedule.

And, you save \$10.00!

The first 500 pre-registered guests are guaranteed a rally pin.

Gate Registration:

\$55.00 per person for club members

\$65.00 for non-club members

12 yrs and younger: \$10.00 per person

Pre-Registration:

\$45.00 per person for club members

\$55.00 for non-club members

More info at: www.bmwro.org

click the Chief Joseph Rally link

Deadlines:

US Mail Pre-Registration: June 3, 2015

OnLine Pre-Registration: June 3, 2015

Refunds: June 3, 2015

Grant County Fairgrounds ~ John Day, OR June 18-21, 2015

2015 PRE-REGISTRATION FORM
ON LINE AT

WWW.BMWRO.ORG

**Not in
Moses Lake,
Washington**

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Visit our website at:
WWW.BMWRO.ORG

Jalene Case at Chief Joseph Rally, 2014

*photo by Rex
modified by Forest*



Membership Application

BMW Riders of Oregon

Date Rec: _____
Check #: _____
Total Amt: _____

- ☐ Renewal: \$30 Annually. Full membership valid through December (not prorated). Renewals due in January of each year. Includes electronic Beemer Beat, voting privileges, and membership for spouse/significant other.
- ☐ New Member: \$30 Annually—prorated at \$2.50 per month for new members only. Membership valid through December. Includes benefits listed above. **Add \$16.00 for each engraved name badge.**

Yes, I want a name badge: _____ *(Name as it should show on badge)*

Second Name badge: _____ *(Name as it should show on badge)*

Name: _____

Name (spouse/S.O.): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone: _____ BMW/Year/Model: _____

Email address: _____

Waiver

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

Signature: _____

Spouse/ S.O. Signature: _____

Mail membership application/renewal form to:

BMW Riders of Oregon, c/o Gordon Taylor, 3302 Roanoke Avenue, Eugene, OR 97408

Privacy Policy: BMWRO only uses contact information for BMWRO notifications, emails, and distribution of newsletters. BMWRO will not sell or distribute your information. If you do not wish to receive BMWRO information, please check the box below.

- ☐ I do not wish to receive any BMWRO communications

Place
Stamp
Here

BMW Riders of Oregon
c/o Gordon Taylor
3302 Roanoke Avenue
Eugene, OR 97408

Fold on dotted lines to use this back side of form as an envelope.
Insert check or money order (*no cash, please*) and tape edges closed
with BMWRO address facing outward. Apply postage.