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Kim Dorsing Waiting for tunnel passage in Zion National Park?

photo by Janice Dorsing

Membership Dues

are due. See page 4 of this issue for how to use the club's website to renew!

Ambassador Program

bringing members together.
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New Oregon Motorcycle Laws for 2016

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BMWRO President's Message

by Jay Bennett



Report Card

As we bid
good-bye to 2015

and hello to 2016 it seems a good time to look back and then forward. As they say, the one constant in life (or this club) is change. We can try with all our might, but change *IS* happening. In 2015 we made some changes that are very positive and will help us to reach our goals now and in the future.

In membership (defined as one household), we grew slightly from 259 at end of 2014 to 266 at end of year 2015. That is a 3% increase and positive sign for the future. Our club's future depends on new members coming into the club. New members and continuing members come to, and continue with the club because of the experience. We must continue to create, build and grow that experience and while keeping the enjoyable traditions we love. Members need to see the value of the club and then help to build on those experiences. New and then involved experienced members are the catalyst for the club's future.

The Chief Joseph Rally Attendance was 520 people in 2014 and 455 guests in 2015, so down about 13%. The attendance was bit of a concern but still a success. The CJR is very much a defining event for our club each year. We, the members, have some of our most enjoyable moments of the year at the rally. The profit this year was about \$7,700, so that was good. Our club's annual spending is about 50% financed by the rally (the other major income is your membership). Our charitable work is totally dependent on the rally, because without the rally we could not make donations such as our \$2000 wildfire relief donation. We need to continue to support CJR in whatever way we can, as much of our club's livelihood is dependent on our rally.

For the year-end financial outcome we have \$16,700 currently compared to \$18,058 in EOY 2014. So we are down slightly but that seems okay. That number is not too bad when you factor in our donation to the John Day Fire Relief fund and the smaller rally. Our outgoing Treasurer, Gordon, has done a great job of preserving our hard earned dollars. We are quite healthy but an area that needs continued attention to remain that way.

At the beginning of 2015 we started our two year cycles for club officers; in lieu of replacing all the officers each year. The club approved this in 2014 for the continuity of club knowledge and implementation has been phased in over 2015 and into 2016. The Secretary and President started on the two-year cycle at the beginning of 2015 and your new VP and Treasurer are getting their feet wet right now. In the fall of 2016 you will be voting again for a new President and Secretary, so start thinking about good candidates for those positions. I highly recommend the experience for those that want to help set the direction of the club, grow their leadership skills and a get sense of accomplishment.

We had some super events in 2015 including early spring campouts: a Gypsy Tour, a Smoked-Out Campout, a Team Oregon class, and meetings in interesting places like Florence and John Day. Our new VP is working on an Activities calendar for the New Year and we will soon have another visit to Florence on the weekend of January 16. We have a sports theme this year (so come prepared) and some interesting topics that will be discussed. If you haven't signed up, go immediately to the Club Calendar for sign up.

And now I need to put a plug in for "re-upping." It is that time of the year where we ask you to go to the web and renew your club dues. We ask that you do it online if possible so our people don't have to hand type the applications for 260 people into our systems. It only takes a minute and you can use a credit card or mail a check. See elsewhere in the issue for details.

We are looking forward to another banner year and expect it to be better than the last. Yours and everyone's efforts support the overall goal of the club to give good fellowship and fun experiences for the motorcycling members in a community atmosphere.

*Ride well, ride far, ride safe
(and have fun)*

Jay



BMWRO

Coming Events

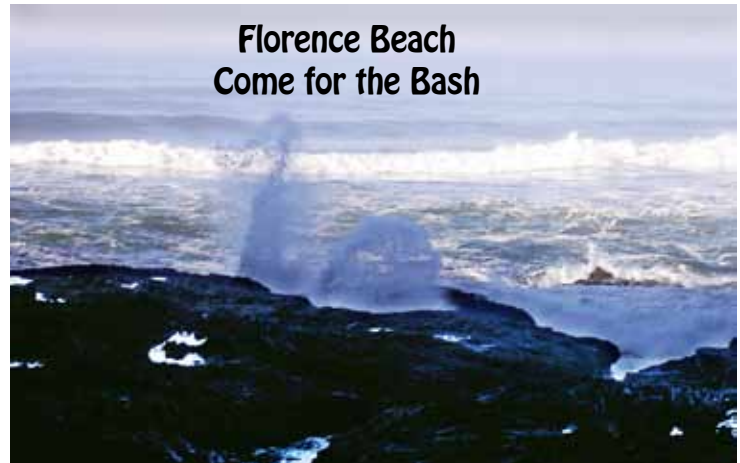


Club Sanctioned Events

Event: **Beach Bash 2016**
Date/Time: January 15-17, 2016
Place: Driftwood Shores Resort, Florence, OR
Description: Includes the first Quarterly Meeting of the BMWRO membership, a buffet dinner, costume theme, and the winner of the Golden Rider Award. For those of you that have not attended this event before, Driftwood Shores is located right on the beach with each room facing the ocean. You can walk right out any hotel room and walk for miles on the beach. The resort has an indoor swimming pool, hot tub and restaurant on-site.
The club has also reserved a Hospitality Suite with kitchen and fireplace for social gatherings during this event.
Social Time in Hospitality Room: 4:30 p.m.
Banquet and Bash: 6:30 p.m. (Conference Room). Catered buffet dinner Saturday night including prime rib, salmon and chardonnay chicken, garlic mashed potatoes, vegetables, salad and dessert. The club will pick up half of the cost of the meal.
Member cost: \$15.00
Non-members & Guests: \$30.00
Room Rates: 1 Queen Bedroom \$79.00/night plus tax;
2 Queen Bedroom \$121.00/night plus tax.

Costume Theme: Sports (the more outrageous the better).
Meeting: After dinner, we will have the first official club meeting of the new year and introduction of the new club officers for 2016. After the meeting, the recipient of the Golden Rider Award will be announced and prizes awarded to the gal and guy with the best costume.
Contact: Deborah Kaechele (503) 668-5188
deborahkaechele@yahoo.com or register for the event on our web site at <http://bmwro.org>
RSVP by January 4, 2016 if you plan to attend.

Event: **Mr. Ed's Moto 12th Annual Winter Tour Show**
Date/Time: Saturday, February 27, 2016
Doors open at 6:00 pm
Place: 414 Queen Ave. S.W., Albany, Oregon
Description: Susan Nelson will be presenting Bentley's Big Adventure. Refreshments will be served. This is a free event for club members and guests. For a preview of the show, go to: <http://bentleysbigadventure.com/>
Contact: Debbie Weber (541) 926-2107



Florence Beach
Come for the Bash

Event: **Chief Joseph Rally**
Date/Time: June 17, 18 and 19, 2016
Place: Grant County Fairgrounds, John Day, OR
Description: details to follow
Contact: Lynne Clark, Rally Master
Carol Lamper, Co-Chair

Recurring Events

Event: **Central Oregon 2nd Saturday**
Date/Time: Second Saturday of each month
Location: Various ride and lunch locations in the Central Oregon Region.
Contact: Alice LeBarron alicelebarron@hotmail.com
541-647-7194

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 jpbmOR@aol.com or Bob Metzger **608-642-1186** bobmetzger51@gmail.com

Event: **Southern Oregon 1st Saturday**
Date/Time: First Saturday of each month
Location: Various lunch/breakfast and ride locations for southern Oregon members.
Contact: Dan Hall, dnehall@frontier.com

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.
Contact: David Peterson **503-327-5592**
dwpeterson01@yahoo.com
Susan Ortiz-Renteria **503-779-7842**
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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**,
jpbinor@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**
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Non-Sanctioned Events

Event: **12th Annual Bob Marley Birthday Celebration**
Date/Time: Sunday, February 7, 2016 at 11:45 am
Place: Fort Hoskins Park, Hoskins, OR
Description: This is a no host event. Riders will bring their own food, plates, utensils, coffee cup and music to participate. **On site:** a picnic table, charcoal and grill to prepare your celebratory dinner. If you want to share food, bring something everyone will enjoy!
Directions: Head west from Corvallis OR on Highway 20. Go through Philomath and stay on Hwy 20 a few miles. Turn off at Wren OR onto OR Hwy 223. HWY 223 goes N towards Kings Valley and eventually Dallas OR. Follow Hwy 223 approx 6 miles N. Turn left to Hoskins. There is a rural Fire Station opposite the turn. Ft Hoskins Park sign is about 1/4 mile just after the LH turn off Hwy 223. Proceed West and follow signs to Park. **Use first gear at Park entrance. It is paved, but steep with a sharp RH turn almost immediately.** Once past that, you will be rewarded at the top of the hill. This is a newer Benton County Park. Ft Hoskins was sited there from 1856 to 1866. Hope to see you there.
Disclaimer: Celebrating Bob's Birthday in no way condones drug use, illegal items or supports a way of life. We picked Bob because it was the only other significant event listed on the search engine! Ja Mon!
Contact: Roger Paquette, mrgsa-2@hotmail.com

Your membership in BMW Riders of Oregon will expire on 12/31/2015. We hope you will continue to support us by renewing your membership as soon as possible.

You may renew your membership after you have logged in by:

1. Clicking on your name in the upper right of the screen.
2. Select "Profile".
3. Click "Renew" in the Member Summary box.

Alternatively, to renew online, [click here](#)

At the end of the renewal process, you will have the option of paying by secure credit-card transaction, or printing an invoice and mailing a check.

If you have any questions about the membership process or your account, contact the Membership Director:

Doug Tewksbury
Phone: 541-543-7320
bmwro.news@gmail.com

Don't forget to check the club web site for information on upcoming events and other club programming. We hope to see you back!



NEW MEMBERS

Motorcycle

Evan Grant , Bandon, OR. 2010 BMW F800GS, 2001 BMW F650GS

Joe Marrone, Portland, OR Riding: 2012 BMW R1200GS

Greg Skarvelis, Culver, OR. 2015 BMW R1200GS Adventure (one of many)

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



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

FIND THE BMWRO NEW MEMBER APPLICATION FORM ONLINE:

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

Bylaws, Policies & Guidelines

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

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Ambassador Program Welcomes New Members

Ambassadors for the Four Regions are:

Central Western Region

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

Jim Breen—541-912-4500
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Bob Metzger—608-642-1186
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Central & Northeast Region

(East of The Dalles, including I-84 to Ontario, south of Columbia River to US 20, Baker City & including US 20 to LaPine. Includes Camp Sherman/Bend/Redmond/Sisters & Prineville area).

Alice LeBarron—541-647-7194
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Southern Region

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

Dan Hall—541-862-7411
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Northwest Region

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

David W. Peterson—503-327-5592
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Michael Ripley—503-648-0578
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Please call or email your regional Ambassador for club outings and rally information.
We can assist you with learning more about BMWRO

NEW OREGON MOTORCYCLE LAWS FOR 2016!

from Steve Miller

2015 was a busy legislative session for motorcyclists in Oregon. These are a few of the notable bills and what it means for you in 2016:

Motorcycles stuck at red lights:

SB 533A, aka the “Dead Red” bill, passed the Senate and House and was signed by the Governor. Beginning on 1/1/16, if you are on your motorcycle (or bicycle) and a sensor-activated light does not detect you, you will be allowed to proceed cautiously through the red light after a full cycle has passed.

Uninsured/Under-Insured Motorist (UM/UIM) coverage:

SB 411A passed the Senate and House and was signed by the Governor. Previously, if you were in a motorcycle accident, your total insurance coverage would be the greatest coverage that was available because you could not “stack” your UM/UIM coverage on top of the at-fault party’s coverage (50+50=50). Under the new law, your total insurance coverage is the total amount of all coverage available because you will be able to “stack” your UM/UIM coverage (50+50=100). The new law goes into effect on 1/1/16. I encourage all riders to buy as much UM/UIM coverage as they can because it is for YOUR protection from negligent cagers!

Standing on your footpegs:

SB 878 passed the Senate and House and was signed by the Governor. SB 878 allows motorcyclists to stand on their footpegs while facing forward when needed. Previously, motorcyclists were required to stay seated at all times. Please note that Oregon law still prohibits “stunting” and other forms of exhibition riding. The new law goes into effect on 1/1/16.

LANE SPLITTING/FILTERING IS STILL ILLEGAL IN OREGON:

SB 694A, which would have allowed limited lane splitting/filtering on highways, passed the Senate with a 2/3 majority but was later killed in the House Committee on Transportation and Economic Development before it could get to the House floor after strong opposition by ODOT and the Portland Police Department.

No stunting! You, stand-up riders. ;-)



NW Ambassadors Ride Report- December 2015

David Peterson #90113
Michael Ripley #191665

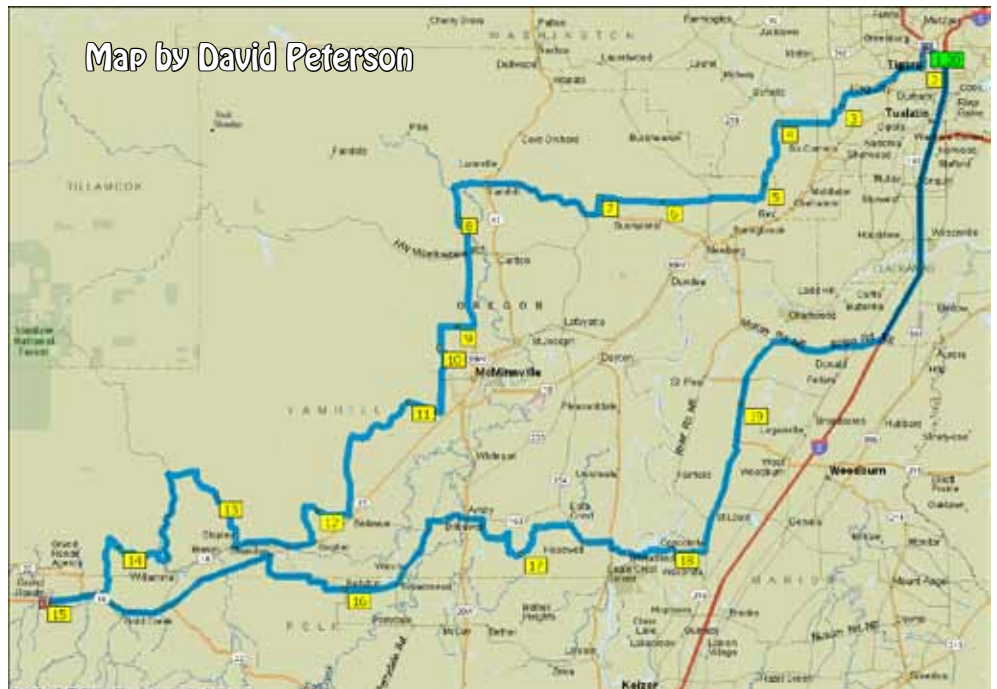
Given that this may turn out to be the wettest December in northwest history, it should come as no surprise that we started our First Saturday ride in the rain. The first surprise was that the rain came and went very quickly. A very big second surprise came later.

As the appointed hour neared, our gang of eight stalwarts plodded a bit, each engaged in one stage or another of winter bundling. Eventually, off we flew...David leading the ride, followed by **Chris Henry** (all the way from Eugene), **Ric Holderbaum**, **Colin Luther**, **Neal Malagamba**, **Steven Polansky**, and **Mark Wegener**, who we hadn't seen in over a year. Mike swept, his bright amber aux lights a reassuring sign at intersections that we were all present and accounted for.



Mounting up After Lunch.
(Notice the pristine F800 and rider in the foreground . . .)

Photo by David Peterson



Despite our enthusiasm, prudence dictates that we dial back our aspirations at this time of the year. Today's ride was going to be a backroad tour of the Willamette Valley as it encompasses Washington and Yamhill counties. With Tigard behind us, we found ourselves on Sherwood-Scholls Road. Our usual route might be to meander on to Scholls, then to

Bald Peak or to Newberg. Today we stayed straight onto Lebeau Road, a narrower ribbon passing sizeable parcels and emerging wineries. Lebeau to Aebischer to Leander to Bell is an excellent alternative to the scenic but busy OR-219. Soon we were bypassing Newberg, then Yamhill, then McMinnville, before conceding our interesting route to OR-18 and the mass traffic to Lincoln City.

But this didn't last long. Even though this was intended to be a shorter ride, the weather was just too decent to deadhead to lunch. The next exit was Sheridan, and beyond Sheridan are Rock Creek and Buck Hollow Roads, a subtle departure from our flatland route into the eastern foothills of the coast range. When pre-riding the week before, we had found these deeply shaded sections to be more frosted than most motorcyclists would find comfortable. But with today's temperature a good 10° warmer, it was no problem at all. Another twenty minutes toward Willamina and over Ft. Hill Road and we were pulling into the parking lot of Spirit Mountain Casino.

The Mountain View Sports Bar is the first thing you encounter when you enter the casino. In sharp contrast to last month's ride, where we crowded into a small coffee kiosk to have lunch, the Mountain View offered plenty of seating, with a large open stage area that was the perfect place to stow gear. Lunch was quick and tasty; their natural grass fed beef burgers are particularly good. Neal mentioned this was a devirgining of sorts—the first time he had ever set foot in a casino. As much as we wanted to introduce him to the lure of craps and slots, that would have to wait until another day.

Our ride back was to be eastward on the south side of OR-18. On the pre-ride, we had bypassed Ballston Road, staying on OR-18 until we exited onto Bellevue-Hopewell Hwy. David's intent had been to exit OR-18 earlier, and this ride, that's exactly what we did.

It was a fateful choice. Ballston Road is a series of dike roads that run in absolute straight lines above the surrounding farmland until



...Rider and bike about 40 minutes later.

Photo by Steven Polansky



The Unfortunate Perpetrator

Photo by David Peterson

property lines force the route 90 degrees left or right. It is about five miles to the single intersection that is the unincorporated community of Ballston. As we departed OR-18, all seven companions were readily visible to David as he extended the next orthogonal. But as he accelerated across the intersection at Ballston, he heard Neal tap his horn: they were alone.

Ordinarily, the front runners would simply wait for the rest to catch up. But it was immediately clear they had stopped, meaning a bike had broken down... or worse. David and Neal turned around and soon Colin came into view, sitting by the roadside. Getting closer revealed his bike on its side, missing most of its plastic. *Please be okay, please be okay* was all David could muster.

And he was okay. Colin had hit a deer, or more to the point, *been hit* by a deer. Noticed by neither David nor Neal, Colin, third in line, got a lapful, a doe, about 40 pounds. He was extremely lucky; the deer had been hit in mid-leap by the bike, just above the front wheel. Only then did the deer roll over the bars and into his lap. He heaved it aside and rolled the now powerless bike to the side of the road. Stepping off of it, Colin walked across the

road and sat down, deer shit and blood decorating his brand new Klim suit. He was battered and bruised, and perhaps in a little bit of shock. First responders checked his vitals, but when an ambulance arrived minutes later, he waved it off. After an entertaining *Who's on First* routine with the insurance company, a tow truck arrived to transport the bike back to Tigard; Colin even talked the driver into a ride home.

Although we stood roadside for 90 minutes plus, the weather, though chilly, remained dry. It was 3:30 pm—time to get home. But we had a ride to finish! So finish we did—through Amity, over Eola Hill and across the Wheatland Ferry. David talked to Colin on Sunday and he was bruised, but taking it all in stride. He went to work on Monday, and now, weeks later, his biggest dilemma is, Which bike next?

Happy New Year, Colin. God bless us, every one!

Check out photos from past First Saturday rides [here](#). And if you have photos of your own you want to share, don't hesitate to forward them to David at dwpeterson01@yahoo.com.

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Total miles,
December Ride: 184

Total First Saturday
miles – 2015: 2,784

[Mountain View Sports Bar,](#)

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Editor's Comment

David Peterson has been an amazing Club Ambassador—he always delivers a well written summary, complete with a map and images, of the monthly rides he orchestrates. He is as timely with his submissions as any other member of the club, which is to say, just about as late. But hey, it's the club's way.



Holiday Club Get-to-gether a Pot-Luck Party

by Alice LeBarron

**Allen & Joy's home in the snow. It was so beautiful!
I'm afraid my photo just doesn't capture it so well.**



Jim Mulhall, Allen Cesafsky, Jim Osher, Liz Jones, and Lynn Mulhall



left to right:

Allen Cesafsky, Phyllis Webb, Lynn & Jim Mulhall.

Central Oregon Holiday Potluck

from Alice LeBarron

All the beautiful holiday lights in the snow helped the Central Oregon BMWRO members find their way to the home of Allen and Joy Cesafsky for a holiday potluck dinner on Saturday, December 12th. Despite the heavy snowfall, thirteen of us got together to share good food and to talk motorcycles!

Because of the heavy snow storm, some folks had to cancel; we were sorry to have missed you. Allen and Joy were awesome hosts! They prepared Tri-tip and chicken—both cooked to perfection—and a huge green salad. Everyone else brought more food goodies to share. What a feast we had!! Thanks to all who attended for helping to make this a fun evening!

Attending but not pictured: Joy Cesafsky, Steve Miller, Jeff Jones, Matt Worbes—from M-Tech—with his wife Rachel, and me.





Jeff Jones is working on the tire; Gary Stead is supervising. Allen Cesafsky is seated on right; on the left, Steve Stepanek is standing, Steve Miller & Jim Mulhall are seated.



Central Oregon Tech Day

photos from Alice LeBarron

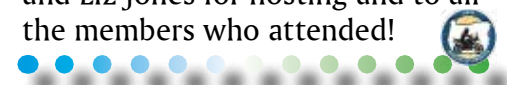
On Saturday, December 5th, Jeff and Liz Jones opened their home to the Central Oregon BMWRO members for a Tech Session & Chili Feed. Fifteen members showed up for this event and helped to make it a fun get-together! Jeff was a wonderful teacher and others added their own pointers as we learned about changing tires. Jeff very skillfully showed us that using the No-Mar Tire Changer isn't nearly as simple as the **YouTube** video would have us think!



Looking over the bike: left to right: Jeff Jones, Jim Osher, Steve Miller, Karen Duncan, Gary Stead, Bob Burroughs, and Jim Mulhall.

Liz stirred up a yummy pot of chili with all the toppings for lunch after the tech session. The roads in Bend were covered with packed snow and ice, so we all arrived in our 4-wheeled cages; but after lunch, we got to do a little bit of vicarious riding in New Zealand—

thanks to the DVD that Gary Stead brought along. Many thanks to Jeff and Liz Jones for hosting and to all the members who attended!



More photos of the Tech-Day gathering on page 11—>



Left to right: Bob Burroughs, Steve Stepanek, Steve Miller, Liz Jones, Jim Osher, Jeff Jones, and Gary Stead with his back to the camera.



At the table, left to right: Lynn Mulhall, Carol Swanson, Phyllis Webb, Karen Duncan, Allen Cesafsky and Joy (just at the edge of the image)

Editor's Comment

I just love getting to see how the Ambassador program is bringing the membership together in both riding and finding additional excuses to

hang out together. I like to think that there are some life-time friendships in the making. Not that I believe in such things as life-time commitments, but it could happen.

Alice LeBarron has jumped into her role as Ambassador with enthusiasm, taken on the responsibilities of Club Secretary, and facilitates club activities. I think she is awesome.

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Kim Dorsing at Niagara Falls

photo by Janice Dorsing