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Alice LeBarron followed by Jeff, Mike, and Emily Central and Northeast Mid-week Riders

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BMWRO

Coming Events



Club Sanctioned Events

Event: **Chief Joseph Rally 2017**
Date/Time: June 23-25, 2017
Place: Grant County Fairgrounds, John Day, Oregon
Description: The Fairgrounds has it all: green grass camping, hot showers, clean rest-rooms, a large Pavilion building for meals, improved **Wi-Fi** and an RV Park along the John Day River—doesn't get any sweeter. All within walking distance of downtown hotels, motels, shopping and restaurants & John Day's own micro-brewery & pub.
Contact: Doug Tewksbury at **541-543-7320** or bmwro.rallymaster@gmail.com.

Event: **Annual Cookout in Eugene**
Date/Time: July 8th from 12:00–6:00 pm
Place: Eugene
Description: Cookout with lots of food, whether you ride to eat or just come to enjoy the food and chat with other members.
Contact: Linda Tewksbury at bmwro.treasurer@gmail.com

Event: **Women Riders Campout**
Date/Time: August 3-6, 2017
Place: Pioneer Ford Campground along the Metolius River, about 6.8 miles north of Camp Sherman.
Description: Rustic camping under Ponderosa Pine forest beside the Metolius River. Potable water, picnic tables, fire ring, vault toilets.
Limited space. Please sign up on the bmwro.org website event calendar or contact one of the hosts. Good paved routes and off-road routes in the area. Gas & groceries in Sisters, 22 miles away. Meals on your own or shared; we usually pool our resources and come up with some tasty creations.
You must contact the host before registering if you are planning to bring an RV, trailer, or car.
Cost: This event is free for BMWRO members and \$10 for Non-members
Contact: Alice LeBarron alicelebarron@hotmail.com or phone **541-647-7194**
 Robin Dunn robindunn2005@msn.com or phone **541-226-6595**

Event: **Solar Eclipse Campout**
Date/Time: Aug 18, 2017 @ 2 PM until Aug 22, at 10 AM
Place: Near Aumsville, OR. Directions available only after required registration*
Description: Tent camping for viewing of the Solar Eclipse on August 21, 2017. Bring your own food and beverages, but coolers and grills for cooking will be available. See Event Calendar for more details. This event is for BMWVRO members
Cost: BMWRO Members—No Cost
 Certified Eclipse Viewing Glasses: \$1 each
Contact: Linda Tewksbury @ **541-543-7943**
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** There are going to be,—according to the Office of Emergency Services—an estimated 50,000 people in the Salem area for the eclipse. Checking their other predictions—for other eclipses which have happened around the world in years past—they have been off each time with numbers nearly always double their predictions.*

Ergo, the hosts for this BMWRO event are concerned that—should their location for the campout be made public—uninvited people may just show up. As it is, one of their neighbors listed their field as available on Craig's List for RV parking at a cost of \$300 per night and are totally filled up.

So with respect for their wishes and privacy, host names and location will not be advertised, and will only made available to members after they have registered.

Event: **Umpqua River Campout**
Date/Time: Friday, Sept 8th 1pm to Sunday, Sept 10th 11am
Place: Horseshoe Bend Campground, Deer Flat Group Site in the Umpqua National Forest, 31 miles east of Glide on Hwy 138
Directions: From Roseburg: turn onto OR HWY-138 (aka E/NE Diamond Lake Blvd.) Continue on OR HWY-138 approximately 16 miles until you reach the town of Glide. Upon entering Glide, the North Umpqua Ranger Station will be on your left (where you can obtain Umpqua NF information, maps and brochures). There is a Chevron gas station/convenience store (south side of 138) in Glide. It is recommended that you top up. Continue on OR Highway-138 east for other 30 miles to Road #4750 near Milepost 48. If you come to the Dry Creek Store, you have gone too far. Turn Right onto FR #4750.
 Directions from the east side: top up with gas in Chemult. Take the Diamond Lake turn from Hwy 97; follow Hwy 138 past Diamond Lake, past Eagle Rock campground, watch for the Dry Creek Store on your right. Shortly after that you'll see the sign for Horseshoe and a left-turn lane. Turn left onto Road #4750. If you come to the Apple Creek Campground, you have gone too far.



Directions from the turn onto Road #4750: shortly after turning onto Road 4750, you'll come to a bridge. Turn right just before the bridge. Continue following that road to the Horseshoe Campground. Just before entering the Campground, take a right uphill to the Deer Flat Group Site. These are all paved roads."

Description: Rustic camping along the Wild & Scenic Umpqua River with good paved and gravel routes in the area. **BMWRO will provide dinner on Saturday.** Potable water, picnic tables, fire rings, flush toilets. Plenty of space but please contact host if you are planning to bring an RV; no hook-ups available. Please sign up on the bmwro.org website event calendar or contact host. Our quarterly general membership meeting will be held on Saturday at the campground.

Cost: Free to BMWRO members. \$10 for non-members
Contact: Alice LeBarron alicelebarron@hotmail.com or phone **541-647-7194**

Recurring Events

Event: Central Oregon 2nd Saturday

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

Contact: Alice LeBarron **541-647-7194**
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Event: Central Western Region 1st Saturday Ambassador Ride

Date/Time: Various dates and times. See the event calendar on the web site for more information.

Location: European Motorcycles of Western Oregon

Description: Various routes.

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

Event: Southern Oregon 1st Saturday

Date/Time: First Saturday of each month
Location: Various lunch/breakfast and ride locations for southern Oregon members.

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Mark Collier **541-499-1395**
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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
Mike Ripley **503-789-2966**
gobeezer@live.com

Event: Doc Wong Riding Clinic
Date/Time: Second Saturday of each Month, 9:00 am
Location: Mr. Ed's Moto: 414 Queen Avenue, Albany
Contact: Don Weber **541-791-5142**
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Heard-On-The-Road

Event: Riding the Tunnel of Trees 2017 BMWRA International Rally

Date/Time: July 6-9, 2017
Place: Emmet County Fairgrounds, Petoskey, MI
Description: details below
Contact: details below

Riding the Tunnel of Trees 2017 BMWRA International Rally

Located in Northwest corner of Michigan's Lower Peninsula—about 50 miles below the "Big Mac" bridge—the Emmet County fairground sits on a beautiful location above Lake Michigan's Little Traverse Bay on the outskirts of Petoskey; and will be our rally home base. Downtown Petoskey is about a mile and a half away and is full of small specialty shops, restaurants, and "watering holes". <http://www.petoskeydowntown.com/>

The fairground has a number of large, updated buildings for our activities along with grandstands and "dirt area" where we are looking into "GS" activities. Yes, there is plenty of nice grass for our "Green Eureka Timberlines" and a number of full service hook-ups for the "Cushy" RVs.

With Pre-registration you will save \$15.00. You can also order Friday & Saturday meals and T-shirts. You will save \$4.00 per shirt by pre-order. Ladies shirts and long sleeves will only be available on pre-order.

More information is available on the BMWRA website:
<http://bmwra.org/news/national-rally>
and pre-registration is now open:
<http://bmwra.org/ra-national-rally-registration>

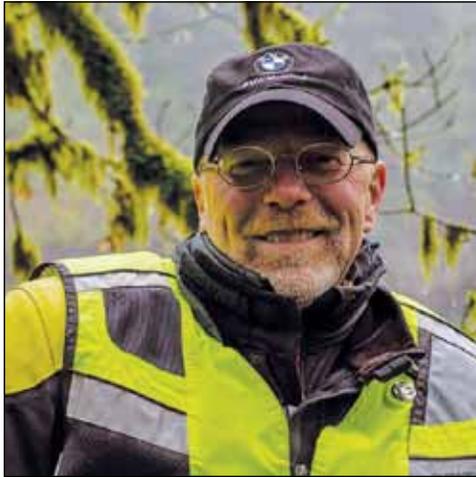
Letters to the Editor

In a blurb, from Mr. Hall, the term "Market police" was used. Please elaborate.
Bill Paulson.

Dear Bill,
"Market police" is Dan's way of describing the manager of the Growers and Crafters Market. She isn't actually any kind of police person—it's just Dan's sense of humor to refer to her as such.

BMWRO President's Message

by Bob Metzger



Administration produced notably the first landmark study under the guiding eyes of Dr. Hurt. Often called The Hurt Report, it was an attempt to understand and quantify why motorcyclists were colliding with automobiles at an ever-increasing pace.

The results of The Hurt Report now seem obvious. Motorists, those operating motor vehicles, fail to scan. Even while looking directly at a motorcycle, it often just doesn't register. Left turning vehicles violating a motorcycle's path of travel, continues to be the leading cause of auto / motorcycle crashes—mostly at intersections.

To combat this apparent invisibility, motorcyclists adopt strategies. We learn how to brake effectively. We anticipate right-of-way violations, increase scanning skills, command attention by using hi-viz protective gear plus daylight running lamps, and communicate our presence. The data show conclusively that about 21% of all motorcycle crashes are the fault of the driver of an automobile. Yep, you read it right. Only one in five

crashes are the fault of the driver of the automobile!

What about the remaining 79% of motorcycle crashes? Twenty-six percent of the multi-vehicle crashes occurring between a car and a motorcycle, are the fault of the motorcyclist. Five percent are crashes due to other factors such as colliding with deer.

I'll do the math for you at this point. A whopping 48% of all motorcycle crashes ARE single vehicle motorcycle crashes. That's right. Half of all motorcycle crashes do NOT involve another vehicle or an animal. Motorcyclist are taking themselves out. Why? My money is on two factors: lack of skill and lack of discipline / self-control.

The vast majority of the 48% single vehicle motorcycle crashes occur in, you guessed it, corners. We call it, failure to negotiate a curve. Riders 1) enter turns at excessive speed and 2) override their sight distance. They are not adequately matching their speed to the radius of the curve and they are not looking where they want to ultimately end up.

Target Fixation: Why do we do it? Part I

The causes of motorcycle crashes have been well investigated, and documented, over the years. If we time travel all the way back to 1981, the National Highway Transportation Safety



Riding a motorcycle is an exercise in traction management (recall my traction pizza in an earlier column). Once in the curve, a panicked inexperienced rider may do all the wrong things when it comes to traction management. Most available traction is being used to offset cornering forces. Not much traction left for anything else, like braking or acceleration. A panicked rider may quickly decelerate “chopping” throttle and / or apply excessive brake. Well known motorcycle author, Keith Code, calls this a Survival Reaction, or SR.

Let’s take the case of a rider running too fast and wide in a left curve. Rather than keeping their head turned and eyes on the exit of the curve trusting tire traction, the rider turns their head to look at the very place they shouldn’t. It might be a tree, a guardrail, a car parked on the side of the road, or a bicyclist that the rider focuses on in panic mode. When the motorcyclist changes their gaze to the right side of the road, the motorcycle straightens and the rider is drawn to the point of focus. We call it target fixation.

This got me thinking (always an element of danger) why do we human motorcyclists “target fixate”? I started doing some research.

Do we human beings carry a genetic predisposition to fixate? Why stare at the very thing that will harm you? If someone points a handgun at me, I’m pretty sure to fixate on the handgun.

In his book, *Total Control: High Performance Street Riding Techniques*, Lee Parks makes an excellent argument relating the human eyesight preference to that of a cheetah. In the human animal we have strong binocular vision—eyes pointed forward. Vision is our strongest sense. We “humans” are hunters and like the cheetah once we “spotlight” on a target—be it prey, an object of desire, or an object that will harm us—we lock on target.

Psychologist Dr. J. Leach developed a 10/80/10 rule when it comes to how humans respond to survival situations. A measly 10% of people remain in control and act rationally. Eighty percent of people in a panicked state of mind find themselves unprepared to

respond effectively. And that last 10 percent? That group is totally unable to cope. They freeze or become hysterical. I see a parallel here for trained vs. untrained motorcyclists.

Dr. Denise Cummins writing in *Psychology Today* tells us that we humans have a strong tendency to jump to conclusions. We try to solve problems *before* we adequately understand them. In motorcycle terms, if our “current state” is running wide in a turn, we have a strong desire to correct our current state problem immediately. We call this self-preservation. The rider mentally jumps to the faulty first conclusion of aggressively applying the brakes and begins to fixate on their immediate hazard. In essence, our survival reactions override our “goal state” which is to make it safely through the corner. In this situation, the rider has little or no time to think. They must act instinctively and with discipline to complete the curve safely.

Next month: Target Fixation – How do we fix it? Part II

Bob



2017 EMWOR Mileage Contest

As if we needed an excuse for riding, **European Motorcycles of Western Oregon** announces its first annual 2017 mileage contest—sign up began March 4, 2017 at First Saturday Coffee and group ride. The contest will conclude with a finale party on October 7th. Prizes are generous, so let’s support EMWOR efforts!

European Motorcycles of Western Oregon

2891 W 11th Ave, Eugene, OR (541) 338-0269

send questions to Jeff Sawyer (jsawyer@emcwor.com) for details.

There are monthly prizes for mileage accumulation and unlike most mileage contests, there are ways to earn bonus miles; for example, tagging European Motorcycles of Western Oregon in a Facebook ride post. See full page details on page 7 of this issue.

NEW MEMBERS

Motorcycle

Armin Bestel, Scappoose, OR 2017 BMW F800GS
Dale Mosby, Arch Cape, OR 2017 BMW
Thomas Maddox, Brownsvill, OR unknown
Gregory Pollard-Hermann, Portland, OR 2014 R1200GSW
Scott P., Boston, MA 2016 BMW s1000xr
Rick Ralston, Eugene, OR unknown
Camron Rust, Hillsboro, OR 2014 K1600 GTL-E
Patrick Thrasher, Victory, BC 2015 F800GT



Bylaws, Policies & Guidelines

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

FIND THE BMWRO NEW MEMBER APPLICATION FORM ONLINE:

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

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Ambassador Program Welcomes New Members

Ambassadors for the Four Regions are:

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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).

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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



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.

Pre-Registration:

\$50.00 per person for club members

\$60.00 for non-club members

More info at: www.bmwro.org

click the Chief Joseph Rally link

Gate Registration:

\$60.00 per person for club members

\$70.00 for non-club members

12 yrs and younger: \$10.00 per person

Deadlines:

US Mail Pre-Registration: June 12, 2017

OnLine Pre-Registration: June 12 2017

Refunds: June 12, 2017

Grant County Fairgrounds ~John Day, OR
June 23-25, 2017

WWW.BMWRO.ORG

Oregon Vintage Motorcycle Show May 21, 2017

photos by Roger Paquette



Central Oregon Mid-week Ride May 3, 2017

from Alice LeBarron,
Club Ambassador

The weather was finally looking grand, so I thought I'd see what kind of response I'd get for a mid-week ride. The word went out by email and was posted on the BMWRO website Event Calendar and when it came to Wednesday morning, it seemed that there were plenty of people who had nothing better to do than go for a ride!

Mike Jackson, Steve Stepanek, Lynn Mulhall, Bob Burroughs, and Jack Molan met up with me in Bend. We headed east on Hwy 20 to take Hamby Road north, eventually turning onto Deschutes Market Road, crossed Hwy 97 at Tumalo Junction and then got onto the Old Bend Redmond Highway. This is a nice back route from Bend to Redmond with pleasant curves and country views.

We pulled into the Safeway parking lot in Redmond to find more riders waiting to join us. Burt Ridge, Jeff & Emily Walton, and Steve Miller greeted us with big smiles. After a



left to right: Bob Burroughs (black jacket/helmet), Mike Jackson (blue shirt/black hat), Burt Ridge (beard), Lynn Mulhall (green jacket), Jeff Walton (blue shirt/no hat), Steve Stepanek (red & black jacket/helmet), Alice LeBarron & Emily Walton

photo by Jack Molan

little bit of socializing and organizing the riders—it was getting kind of hot standing around on asphalt—I suggested that it was time to ride. Seven motorcycles and two Spydys followed me as I led the group to the north end of Redmond where we turned onto the O'Neil Hwy. This is where Steve Miller departed from the group. He'd just gotten his K100RT back together after a complete rebuild and wasn't ready to take it too far. We had nice views of the countryside and Smith Rock as we enjoyed those curves down O'Neil Hwy to Lone Pine Road; there we turned north and eventually connected to Hwy 126 taking us into Madras. This lovely route avoids a lot of boring, straight Hwy 97.

From Madras, we followed Hwy 97 north until turning toward Antelope on Hwy 293. This turns into Hwy 218 at Antelope and will take you all the way to Long Creek, all of it great riding! We didn't have the time to do that whole route this day, though. Planning ahead,

photographer extraordinaire Jack Molan had sped ahead of the group on Hwy 238 and found a place on Hwy 218 to wait with his camera so that he could take photos of us as we swept through the twisties. After we'd all passed him, he climbed back on his bike, sped ahead, and did the whole thing again. What fun!

We eventually all met up at the Clarno Unit of the John Day Fossil Beds National Monument where we sat in view of the Palisades, visiting as we ate our picnic lunches and looked at the photos Jack had taken.

After lunch, Steve Stepanek, Burt Ridge, Bob Burroughs, and Jack Molan continued on through Fossil to Service Creek, down to Mitchell, and then back to Prineville, making a long loop ride. The rest of us turned back and retraced our route as far as Redmond, where we all split off in our own directions. Thanks to Lynn Mulhall for being sweep on this ride!



Lunch in View of the Palisades

photo by Jack Molan

NW Ambassadors Ride Report May 2017

David Peterson #90113

Michael Ripley #191665

As the weather warms, the tendency can be to seek routes way outside the area. But there are tons of local roads, particularly on the east side of Portland, that can thrill the most ambitious curve chaser. Many of these spend the winter shrouded in shade, making them much safer to explore when the sun's a little higher in the sky.

Wherever we were going, it was clear that many more of our friends have motorcycles on their mind. As we rolled into the Tigard BMW parking lot, more than a few of our regulars had already arrived. **Frank Boyle**, **Cliff Dunn**, **Ric Holderbaum**, **Neal Malagamba**, **Steven Polansky**, and **Louie Robida** were enjoying the coffee and donut holes. **Kim Dorsing** and **Janice Mathern** rolled up next, ready for their 26th outing with us. **Jim Howard** rolled up for only his fourth outing, but they include four of the last five rides.



Relative newcomers **John Sorensen** and **Charles Mileur** joined us for their second outings in a row. And it was nice to see **Karl** and **Ramona Perlich** roll up from Salem; they were last seen back in August, when we circled Mt. Rainier.

Then the newcomers arrived—**Jon Harstaad**, who we haven't seen in over a year; **Mark Guthrie** from Camas, along with rider/passenger **Cameron & Karen Rust**

from Hillsboro. **James Kim** was another new arrival. To top it off, Mike introduced us to his son, **Matt Ripley**, who is prepping to chase his dad cross-country later this summer.

It was cooler than one might expect in early May, but we were all grateful for the prospect of a dry day. At the appointed hour, the procession began—22 riders in all, on 18 bikes. A ribbon of headlights unfurled eastward, toward Sandy. In strict compliance with our  policy, we departed I-205 at our earliest convenience—exit 10/OR-213. A couple of lights later, we regrouped and began our country adventure.

Any one motorcyclist that has business on Mt. Hood or eastward has probably already found the rural Oregon City–through–Barton routes to Sandy and beyond. They are much less congested and as pretty as any roads you'll find in Oregon. There are many variations that are especially appealing to an 18–motorcycle caravan. We crossed the Clackamas River at Barton, and zipped along Judd Road to OR-211, for the last push to Sandy.



Dragging knees on Ten Eyck Road.

Photo by Diane Peterson



Hanging out at Vista House

Photo by Anon

Sandy is the gateway to the Bull Run watershed, source of Portland's world famous drinking water. The town actually sits atop a ridge that extends west from Mt. Hood and is defined by its most accessible motor route, OR-26. Just over the ridge to the north runs Ten Eyck Road, the first of several fine meanders that cross the Sandy and Bull Run rivers and tributaries. There are few places to gather among the 10-mph corkscrew turns along the narrow two-lane road, so David had to trust that all were in tow. Finally, at an intersection island, we regrouped. Everyone had made it so far.

We were riding north toward the Columbia, and while it's only about 20 miles, it threads through three distinct canyons. In other words, perfect for a motorcycle! Forty minutes later, we emerged at Crown Point Vista House, only to find the wind down (if you've been there, you know that's a rarity) and the view spectacular (that is not a rarity). It was the perfect photo op.

Back on the bikes, we quickly decided that the first sunny Saturday in a while was *not* the time to explore the Historic Columbia River Highway. Onto I-84

we plunged, for a direct route to our lunch stop in Cascade Locks. Located, oddly enough, along side of the Bridge of the Gods, the [Bridgeside](#) is a surprisingly good cafeteria. It has an enormous back room with a sweeping corner view overlooking the Columbia. The food was excellent and they took care of us in record time, just long enough for Mike to collect tolls for the rest of the journey.

The Bridge of the Gods extracts \$1.00 from each two-wheeled vehicle. Mike panhandled the room and parking lot, until he had bridge fare and maybe more. It took us a few minutes for the cars to clear the deck, but as soon Mike made his deposit, we flew across the river.

Even though it was now early afternoon, we still had some serious riding and sightseeing to do. We bid adieu to Mark Guthrie on WA-14, then we turned north at the Cape Horn trailhead to begin our northern ramble to the [Cedar Creek Grist Mill](#).

For the second week in a row (pre-ride and ride), David turned navigation over to Mike. David is a confirmed Luddite, eschewing



The calm before we storm across the Columbia.

Photo by Diane Peterson



Through the Cedar Creek covered bridge

Photo by David Peterson

GPS in favor of old-fashioned paper maps. Even after navigating the region many times in the past—too many intersections coupled with Clark County’s unimaginative grid of numerically identified north/south avenues and east west streets—it was just too much for David’s pea-brain to handle. Mike led the throng brilliantly through the byzantine series of lefts and rights leading to the mill.

The mill has captured the waters of Cedar Creek since 1876, when the area was a thriving logging community. It had several proprietors and eked out meager successes until it closed in the 1950s. The mill has since been registered a Historical Place and today it’s open for tours on weekends, with special events on the last Saturday of every month May through October.

We had ridden hard, eaten well, and enjoyed spectacular settings, some with historical significance. Not at all a bad way to spend a First Saturday...

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

Total miles, May Ride: 206

Total First Saturday miles – 2017: 729

The Bridgeside Family Dining,
745 NW Wa Pa Pa Street, Cascade Locks, OR
(541) 374-8477



Minutes of BMWRO General Membership Quarterly Meeting April 30, 2017

Seven Feathers Casino, Canyonville, Oregon hosted by Linda Tewksbury.

The meeting was called to order at 12:15pm by BMWRO president, Bob Metzger.

Total present were 23 people—introductions were made around the room.

Doug Tewksbury, our Rallymaster for the 2017 Chief Joseph Rally, gave an update on plans for the rally, which will be held June 23–25, 2017 at the Grant County Fairgrounds in John Day. He explained the reasons for moving the date forward to the weekend following Fathers Day weekend. The date change was met with appreciation by those who want to spend Fathers Day with family. In the past, people have felt compelled to leave the rally on Saturday night or really early on Sunday in order to have Fathers Day with family. Also by moving the date one week further ahead, we increase the odds of good weather.

The list of vendors for the rally is a continuous work in progress. Vendors are given free entry to the rally.

There will not be a Cowboy Breakfast this year. Friends of the Fair will be selling breakfast in the pavilion Friday and Saturday mornings.

T-shirt sales are by pre-order only. Be sure to order yours on the BMWRO.org website.

A Team Roping event will be held in the rodeo arena during the rally; people attending the CJR rally are welcome to view from the grandstands.

We will not have an official photographer for the rally this year. Doug would like anyone who takes pictures with phone or camera to send them to him so that he can post them on the website.

Roger Paquette has been coordinating some guided GS and paved road rides for the rally. Geology Rocks! Tours will be held again this year on Friday and Saturday—the Saturday tour is already filled.

The \$20 fee for the Geology Rocks! Tours goes to the Juniper Arts Council, a youth program. These young artists submitted designs for our rally T-shirts

and pins. The winning entries were awarded with \$100 and \$50 prizes from BMWRO.

Linda Tewksbury, our club treasurer, spoke about some recent club acquisitions: We have purchased a speaker/microphone system for use in meetings; we often have had to rent equipment, so this will save the club some money. We also have purchased a propane BBQ grill for members to use at campouts. It can be transported by someone attending in an RV or car. The club has also purchased an MSF Safety Course (book and video); this will first be available at the Memorial Day Campout and then each ambassador will make use of it for a local event in each region.

Bob Metzger thanked Linda Tewksbury for her fiscal responsibility and the wonderful job she has been doing as Treasurer, keeping the Executive Committee members informed about finances, and finding ways to save the club money.

We spoke about upcoming events. Details can be found in the Beemer Beat and on the website calendar. Linda Tewksbury is hosting the Memorial Day Campout May 26-29, her Summer Cookout on July 8th, and is working with another BMWRO member to organize the Solar Eclipse Campout August 18-22. Alice LeBarron is hosting the Women Riders Campout August 3-6 and the Umpqua Campout at Horseshoe Bend campground September 8-10. Bob Metzger is hosting a day event at the Antique Powerland Museum in late September. Joyce Graesch invited BMWRO members to the Deschutes Campout May 12-15 at the Deschutes State Recreation Site west of Biggs, OR. This is put on by the BMW Freeriders of Tri-Cities, Washington.

Bob reminded folks to check the club website often as new things are added frequently.

The Executive Committee members who were present (Bob, Linda & Alice) and Doug urged members to consider volunteering for the rally as well as volunteering to host an event. Someone needs to start planning now for a November event. It seems that the same people end up hosting events and we really need others to step in and help. Our fourth quarterly meeting didn't happen last November because no one volunteered to organize the event. If you're unsure about what needs to be done,

someone from the ExComm will gladly help guide you.

Bob Metzger reminded members that elections will be coming up this fall for Vice President/Activities Coordinator and for Treasurer.

Bob gave a presentation and Team Oregon slide show on Motorcycle Safety.

Linda Tewksbury organized the drawing for door prizes. Gini Bramlett won a one-year membership to BMW RA. (This is provided to the club by BMW RA.) Bill Munroe won the book Motorcycle Touring in the Pacific Northwest. Congratulations to the winners!

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25pm. The next general membership meeting will be held Saturday, September 9th at the Umpqua Campout.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice LeBarron

BMWRO Secretary



Bob Metzger at April 1st (fool's day)

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Mike followed by Emily and Lynn
Central Oregon Mid-week Ride — May 3, 2017
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