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Why not? It's pancakes for all at the Original Pancake House!

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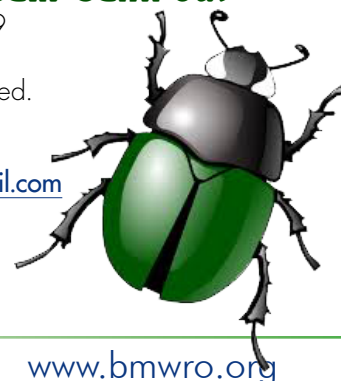
Coming Events



Club Sanctioned Events

- Event:** **Mr. Ed's Moto 15th Annual Winter Tour Show**
- Date/Time:** Saturday, Feb 23, 2019
Doors Open at 6 PM
Show Starts at 6:30pm
- Place:** Premier Motogear,
414 Queen Ave SW, Albany, OR
- Description:** The MisAdventures of Tim and Rick, or how to accept changes in your plans. This is a free event, *but space is limited*. Refreshments will be served.
Please RSVP to Deb Weber.
- Contact:** Deb Weber: **541-926-2107** or email her at: premiermotogear@comcast.net to reserve your seat.
- Event:** **Long Weekend Ride to the Sacramento Mile**
- Date/Time:** May 17 - 20, 2019
- Place:** Cal Expo Race Track, Sacramento
- Description:** **Registration is required**, but will need to be made by email or phone with Skip Gosser. We'll ride partway down to Sacramento on Friday, May 17 and camp or motel that night. On Saturday, May 18th, we'll ride to Sacramento, get settled in our hotel rooms, and then ride to the Race Track. Gates open for the legendary Sacramento Mile flat track race at 5:00 pm. Racing is done by 10:00 pm. Then back to our hotel rooms for the night. On Sunday, May 19th, we head for home, with plans to camp or motel along the way. Plan to arrive back home Monday May 20th. On the way down to Sacramento—and on the way home—weather will dictate if we choose to motel rather than camp. Each person will be responsible for their own costs for camping, motels, food, and race tickets. If we have enough people signed up, Skip might be able to get discounted rates for the race and motel. To sign up, contact Skip Gosser. Let him know if you wish to share a motel room, as he will be reserving a block of rooms. Skip will be leaving from the Salem area. Alice LeBarron will be leading a contingent from the Bend area. If you plan to ride from the Bend area, contact Alice as well as Skip. Route is not yet determined, but we will avoid I-5 as much as possible. Those coming from the southern region may wish to join up with us along the way.
- Contact:** Skip Gosser skipg26@hotmail.com
503-749-1601

- Event:** **41st Annual Chief Joseph Rally, 2019**
- Date/Time:** June 27–30, 2019
- Place:** Grant County Fairgrounds, John Day, Oregon
- Description:** Join us at the Grant County Fairgrounds—nestled in the scenic Strawberry Mountains—of 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. All this in one day's riding! Visit the John Day Fossil Beds National Monument or any of four different museums. Begin planning your trip now! Oregon is for Riders! Come to John Day and see what we mean!
- Register:** Online registration opens March 1, 2019
www.bmwro.org
- Contact:** Alice LeBarron, bmwro.pres@gmail.com
- Event:** **Coastal Campout**
- Date/Time:** July 26–28, 2019
- Place:** Edson Creek Group Campground
- Description:** Details to be announced.
- Contact:** Keith Matteson
- Event:** **Long weekend overnight trip to the Wallawas**
- Date/Time:** August 2–4, 2019
- Place:** Enterprise
- Description:** details to come later
- Contact:** David Peterson
- Event:** **Canal Creek Campout**
- Date/Time:** August 16–18, 2019
- Place:** near Waldport
- Description:** details to come later
- Contact:** Jay Bennett jabennett.2012@gmail.com
541-745-5838
- Event:** **Steens Mountain Campout**
- Date/Time:** September 6–8, 2019
- Place:** The Narrows
- Description:** Details to be announced.
- Contact:** Alice LeBarron
541-647-7194
alicelebarron@hotmail.com



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**
alicelebarron@hotmail.com

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

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

Location: European Motorcycles of Western Oregon

Description: Various routes.

Contact: TBD

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

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

Date/Time: First Saturday of each month

Location: Various breakfast and ride locations in the Northwest Oregon Region.

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

Contact: David Peterson **503-327-5592**
dwpeterson01@yahoo.com
 Neal Malagamba **503-969-3220**
n.malagamba@icloud.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

Heard-On-The-Road

Event: **Bob Marley's Birthday Celebration**

Date/Time: February 3, 2019, 11:45 a.m.

Place: Fort Hoskins Park, Hoskins, OR

Description: See page 3 for full details and directions

Contact: Roger Paquette mrgsa02@hotmail.com

Event: **Stanley Stomp**

Date/Time: August 8–11, 2019

Place: Grandjean, ID at the Sawtooth Lodge

Description: Idaho BMW Riders present the Stanley Stomp. Heated pool, showers, meadow camping, rental cabins, hot springs.

Cost: \$80.00; pre-registration only.

Register: <https://www.idahobmwriders.com/stanleystomp.html>

Event: **16th Thunder Mountain Rendezvous**

Date/Time: September 20–22, 2019

Place: Delta County Fairgrounds in downtown Hotchkiss, Colorado

Description: BMW Riders of Western Colorado (MOA #270) present the 16th Thunder Mountain Rendezvous on a colorful weekend of the Western Slope of Colorado. Our low elevation venue includes a large meeting hall, restrooms with showers, plenty of grassy camping and the convenience of walking to downtown restaurants, stores and motels.

Contact: www.bmwridersofwco.com



Bob Marley's Birthday Celebration February 3, 2019

Bob Marley: 02/06/1945

Sunday February 03, 2018 at 11:45 AM. Gather and Celebrate Bob Marley's Birthday at Ft Hoskins Park, Hoskins OR.

This is Year FIFTEEN! It's a lot of fun!

This is a NO HOST EVENT. [That means, NO HOST, No Rules, No Formal Invitation. You assume ALL personal RISK!] Riders bring their own food, drink, utensils, plates, cup, garbage bag and music to participate.

On Site: Covered Pavilion, picnic tables, charcoal grill to prepare your celebratory dinner. If you want to share, bring something everyone will enjoy!

Directions: Head west from Corvallis on HWY 20. Go through Philomath and stay right onto Hwy 20 for few miles. Turn North onto Hwy 223 @ Wren, OR. Hwy 223 goes to Kings Valley and Dallas OR. Go NORTH SIX [6] miles. Turn Left to Hoskins. There is Fire Station opposite the turn. Fort Hoskins Sign is about a 1/4 mile after the turn. Go about a mile to Park Entrance on the Right. Use first gear at Park Entrance! It's paved but steep with a sharp RH turn almost immediately. Once past that, you'll come to a car park at hill top. You'll see the revelers and Pavilion. GPS 44.675397 123.4542703

BMWRO President's Message

by Alice LeBarron



photo by Bruce Henriksen

Hosting Events

Last month, I wrote about How to Host a Campout. To carry that theme a little further, I'd like to address the hosting of other kinds of events. Not all events are camping events. Members are welcome to come up with new ideas. **Skip Gosser** is organizing a multi-day camping and motel trip to watch motorcycle racing at the **Sacramento Mile** in May. **David Peterson** is organizing an overnight motel trip in August to the **Wallowas**. We're currently needing someone to host the Quarterly Meeting in April or May and the November Quarterly Meeting. Quarterly Meetings might be combined with a lunch somewhere or might be an overnight event at a hotel with catered dinner, or you might come up with another idea. The September Quarterly Meeting will be held during the **Steens Mountain Campout**. If you've got an idea for an event, contact Chris

Henry at bmwro.vp@gmail.com and he'll help you figure out the details (dates, member & non-member costs and what the club will pay). Chris will help you get the word out on our website calendar and by email.

Geology Rocks! Tours

I recently received the sad news that **John Fiedor** passed away after a heart attack on Christmas Eve. John was the guide for the **Geology Rocks! Tours** which have been a favorite at the **Chief Joseph Rally**. John was a geologist working for the **National Parks Service** at the **John Day Fossil Beds** when he retired in 2012. He donated the money earned from his **Geology Rocks! Tours** to the **Juniper Arts Council scholarship fund** each year and also made a donation to **BMWRO** each year for doing the registration and paperwork for his tours. I know that many of you were looking forward to his ride again this year in **John Day**. He will be missed.

Guided Rides at the Chief Joseph Rally

Our Ride Coordinator, **Keith Matteson**, is planning some guided paved route and GS rides for the rally. He and **Jay Bennett** are coming up with a couple of interesting ideas, so stay tuned for more information as they get plans worked out. Keith is asking for volunteers to lead or sweep for the guided rides. He would like to have several rides each day and limit the number of riders to a manageable size. As a ride leader, you can create your own ride, deciding on the route and when the ride is held as well as deciding how many could attend your ride. Keith can help with route ideas if you don't already have an idea. If you're interested in leading or sweeping a ride, contact Keith at motomatteson@gmail.com.

Club Ambassador Program

Welcome to our new ambassador! **Neal Malagamba** is the new Co-Ambassador for the Northwest Region of **BMWRO**, coordinating with **David Morganstern** to plan monthly rides. Our regional ambassadors serve to welcome new members to the club and provide a contact person for those who may have questions about the club. Ambassadors work with the members in their region to plan rides and other events at least monthly. The four regions of **BMWRO** are described on page 6 of this issue. We are in need of an Ambassador or two for the Central Western Region. It would also be nice to have a Co-Ambassador in the Central and Northeast Region. If you're not one who rides with groups, perhaps you'd like to plan other kinds of get-togethers for the riders in your region. Motorcycle movie night, pizza party, chili feed, potlucks, meeting at a restaurant for breakfast or lunch? There are all sorts of ways to stay connected with those who share a love of motorcycling! If you're interested in doing something for your region, contact your regional ambassadors. If you're interested in volunteering for a region that doesn't have an ambassador, contact anyone on the Executive Committee. It's a fun way to get involved with great people!

*Ride safe! Have fun!
Come Ride with Us!!!*



2019 Chief Joseph Rally Update

February, 2019

The Rally Planning Committee is proud to bring you another exciting 3-day get-away set in the midst of some awesome riding country! Mark your calendars now for June 27-30, 2019!

Registration through the BMWRO website will open March 1st—by which time, you will be able to order rally T-shirts and sign up for your choice of Team Oregon classes.

On-line registration will be open from March 1st through June 15th. Fees will be \$55.⁰⁰ for members and \$70.⁰⁰ for non-members and **will include dinner tickets** for both Friday and Saturday.

Gate Registration does not include the dinners:

Registration at the gate will be \$45.⁰⁰ for members and \$60.⁰⁰ for non-members. A limited number of meal tickets will be available for purchase at the gate for \$15.⁰⁰/

meal—thirty meal tickets per night, five of which are vegetarian, available for gate registrants and for vendors. Vendors are being told that they are welcome to purchase

meal tickets. According to David Morganstern, most vendors will choose to purchase at least the Saturday dinner ticket in order to be present during the major door prize drawings.

The Dinners:

Friday dinner will be catered by **Brenda of The Snafflebit Dinner House**. The menu includes chicken breast, loaded baked potato, green salad, vegetable, bread, and dessert. The vegetarian option will be homemade macaroni and cheese with tomatoes and peas.

proceeds to support remodelling Keerins Hall at the fairgrounds. The menu includes meat or vegetarian lasagne, green salad, bread, and dessert.

Breakfast will be available for purchase in the pavilion Friday and Saturday mornings. The breakfast menus will be posted at the fairgrounds. **Carolyn Stout**

will be planning and coordinating the menus and the proceeds will benefit **The Calvary Horse Camp for Girls**. This is a camp for foster girls (ages 9–12) from urban areas around Oregon whose purpose is to help build confidence and leadership skills. The camp was founded and is organized by **Katie Johnson**, who provided our live music in recent years.

The Entertainment:

On Friday evening, from 8-10 pm, live music will be provided by Kinzel & Hyde with their friend Jim Roy. Stu Kinzel plays fingerstyle and slide guitar and LynnAnn Hyde plays harmonica and button box. Jim Roy rounds things out with his mandolin and guitar. All three perform vocals. We're excited to

have Kinzel & Hyde bring their award-winning Delta Blues & American Roots music to John Day for our rally! Bring your dancing shoes! You won't want to miss it!

We need a volunteer to host the Thursday night Wine Social. Because alcohol is involved, this

needs to be hosted by someone staying in the RV park. We also need a few volunteers to sell tickets for the 50:50 drawing. If you are interested in helping with either one of these volunteer positions, please contact Alice at bmwro.pres@gmail.com.

The Volunteers: (heros with secret identities)

Volunteers will be needed at the rally to help with set up Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning; and to help with breakdown and cleanup Sunday morning. We'll also need volunteers to sign up at the rally for two-hour shifts to help with

the Registration booth and the Information booth.

Watch for the next CJR Update in the March **BEEMER BEAT!**
Your rally planning committee,

Alice LeBarron

Bill Hedges

David Morganstern

NEW MEMBERS

Motorcycle

Joel & Julia Ogden , Lake O, OR 2013 R1200RT
John Dulzo, Bend, OR 2018 R1200 GS Adventure



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:

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).

Ambassador Volunteer Requested—

if interested please contact any member of the Executive Committee.

Northwest Region

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

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

Neal Malagamba—503-969-3220

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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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Please call or email your regional Ambassador for club outings and rally information.
We can assist you with learning more about BMWRO

BMWRO Quarterly Meeting Minutes January 19, 2019

Held at Cascade Grill, Albany, Oregon, hosted by Debra Hughes-Habel and Bill Habel.

After extended socialization, bench riding, map reviews and ride plotting over a salad and delicious meal that offered us many strawberry lemonades and Pepsi's, the meeting was called to order at 1:20 pm by **BMWRO club President, Alice LeBarron**. She thanked Debra Hughes-Habel and Bill Habel for so graciously organizing and coordinating this first quarterly meeting of 2019; and then it was on to generous thanks to those who'd registered to attend the luncheon. Each member had the opportunity to introduce themselves. A few interesting tidbits were shared including a membership since 1990 (Roger Paquette), Joe Collins who still has the F650GS he once won at a National Rally, and Sam Olsen, the original founder of the club!

There were 36 Members in attendance. Executive Committee members in attendance were **President Alice LeBarron, Vice President Chris Henry, and Secretary Linnea Alvord. Webmaster Stacy Brock and Treasurer Nate Levin** were both unable to attend.

Treasurer's Report

In the absence of **Treasure, Nate Levin, VP, Chris Henry**, provided the financial details:

In **Q4** (specifically October) we disbursed \$20,000 in donations to Grant County. In November, the primary expense was the \$2,100 for the November Quarterly Dinner and Meeting.

Bank Balance Summary:

Beginning bank balance October 1: . \$47,200.09
Q4 Income:\$1,413.42
Q4 Expenses:\$23,657.94
Ending bank balance December 31: . \$24,955.57

Secretary's Report

Secretary, **Linnea Alvord**, introduced herself and begged forgiveness for those experiencing a delay if they paid by check or have membership inquiries she has not responded to as yet. The position has

numerous detailed responsibilities and the number of calls, emails and inquiries is very steady, as many people renew at the beginning of the year. With that, she provided a summary, which was later re-verified to include only those members active and paid at this time.

As of January 1, 2019, the counts for current active members include:

- Members: 210
- 2nd Family Members: 6
- Secondary Members: 40
- Tertiary Members: 3
- Lifetime Members: 4

Linnea also mentioned a key goal of the 2019 Executive Committee is to simplify membership and renewals.

Event Update

VP, Chris Henry, underscored his voracious appetite for riding big miles by summarizing some of the amazing events on deck for 2019. Get prepared to ride this year! Events include:

January 25–26: Portland Motorcycle Film Festival 2019. Want to bench ride? Go see these movies; but watch closely for available tickets soon!

February 8–10: One Moto Show in Portland's 10 year anniversary. Get your tickets!

February 23: Mr. Ed's 15th Annual Winter Tour Show Event. Contact: Deb Weber – 541-926-2107 or email to premiermotogear@comcast.net to reserve your seat.

May 17: Sacramento Flat Track Mile Adventure. Skip Gosser will be riding to the Sacramento Mile (Flat Track race). This trip looks super fun and includes riding down over 2 days along a coastal route, camping or moteling along the way. The race itself is May 18th. Then the group will ride back up likely a non-coastal route, offering the opportunity to visit towns like Garberville along the way. Email Skip Gosser at skipg26@hotmail.com to learn more. Registration will be available by February 1.

June 27-30: BMWRO Chief Joseph Rally
The Club's signature event starting Thursday and lasting through Sunday morning. Registration will open no later than March 1st.

July 26-28: Edson Creek Campout on the Sixes River

Keith Matteson will once again be commandeering this beautiful area's coastal campout. You may follow some paper plate signage to find the secluded and quiet campground, and once there both road riders and dualsporters will relish in the local opportunities. NOTE: There may be a menu change from last year's amazing chicken BBQ to fresh-caught ocean varietals. Guaranteed no left-overs!

August 2-4: Wallowa Hells Canyon Jam

Navigation expert David Peterson will lead a spirited 400-mile per day group from the Portland area over to the Wallawas for a fun-filled road-oriented weekend getaway. Never fear, this ride will be open to 20 riders who register and show up in Enterprise to partake of a group ride on Saturday up to Hells Canyon, Lewiston and Rattlesnake Canyon, among other highlights. The Wallow County Fair is on-going during this time as well. Twenty (20) motel rooms are reserved in anticipation of the trip.

Registration to be available no later than February 15—twenty (20) rider cap.

August 16-18: Canal Creek Campout

Jay Bennett knows more roads and off-roads than many locals in this area. This is a fantastic, top-of-line campsite and this area is a haven to road and offroad riding. Want to bring your "little" bike? This is a great opportunity to ride those 125s-450s !

September 6-8: Steens Mountain Campout

After a busy summer, we'll take this opportunity to get out to the eastern part of the state and see the Alvord Desert and Steens Mountain loop. This campout includes the 3rd quarter meeting, and offers a well-endowed campsite area with showers, a bar... and more spectacular riding.

Alice LeBarron will ensure a scrumptious catered meal and coordinate with ride leaders to make this a great way to "cap" your summer riding months.

Ambassadors' Reports

- **NW Region:** Dave Peterson
Heads up for the first Saturday of February—David says it's bound to be not raining! February 2nd from Tigard BMW shop, a spirited group ride on the pavement of 100-300 miles.

- **Central/NE Region:** Alice LeBarron
Bikes are on chargers for the most part right now!
- **Southern Region:** Mark Collier
Stay tuned to the regional emails for more.
- **Central/Western Region:**
In Search of an Ambassador ! South of Corvallis to Sutherlin

Chief Joseph Rally Planning Update

Reminder to all: The Rally dates are set for June 27-30, with camping available Thursday evening. Thursday is a great time to roll in and catch the classic "Wine Social" that evening, hosted by someone with an RV ! (Yes, we still do need a host, hint-hint!)

For 2019, we have a committee-led organization of the CJR and many members are putting a lot of heart and soul into making this the best event ever:

- David Morganstern: working with vendors and door prizes
- Bill Hedges: Working on advertising, Budget, Pins
- Keith Matteson: commandeering ride leaders daily from Thursday-Saturday, Team Oregon, Geology Rocks offerings
- Nate Levin: making t-shirts/memorabilia easier to order and to fit !
- 50/50: We need a volunteer to commandeer this; please email Alice LeBarron for more details on what's involved.

When you see these folks next, please offer them a big thanks for their efforts behind the scenes to make the 2019 CJR awesome !

Stay tuned for more information about possible Team Oregon classes during the 2019 Rally.

Organized rides out of the Rally are being planned more than ever before:

- Dualsport and Road rides
- Ride leaders and sweeps are needed!
- We are trying to have 3-4 rides per day.
- Lots of maps are being planned to be available at the Information booth.

A little on the costs you're going to see. The Fairgrounds raised their rates from \$2200 that we were charged in 2018. Alice negotiated heavily and they graciously gave us a final rate of \$4000 for our event. We've translated that into the following event fees for the three nights of camping and meal options:

- \$55.⁰⁰ Early Registration BMWRO Member, meals included
- \$45.⁰⁰ Gate registration, BMWRO Member, no meals included
- \$70.⁰⁰ Early Registration non-member, meals included
- \$60.⁰⁰ Gate Registration non-member, no meals included

We had a lot of feedback about the meals, can you believe it? As such, the catering plan has been reviewed, analyzed and arrived at some changes! Snaffle Bit will be providing Friday night's fowl-based meal, and Friends of the Fair will handle some meatier options for Saturday night. A new vendor will manage the breakfast option and be prepared for real-time purchases from 150 hungry mouths on Friday and 200 Saturday.

For folks that can't pre-register for the Rally, and turn up at the gate to register, the club doesn't want those folks to go hungry either! So this year, we will underwrite a portion of extra meals: each night 30 extra meals will be available, of which 5 will be vegetarian.

According to some folks, they do NOT actually go to the rally for the food though! So to accommodate their wishes, a danceable Blues band has been locked down for Friday night. This group from Bend promises to get even the least flexible feet tapping.

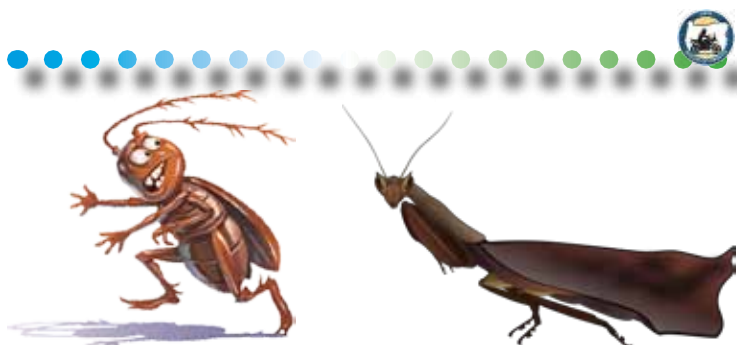


Old Business Report

The Club likes to provide Business Cards to hand out to people you meet while riding. More cards will be designed/crafted for usage by Committee officers.

New Business and Requests

1. **Volunteering Opportunities:** we need your help!
 - **Second quarterly meeting in May proposed for Silverton or Salem.** A host/coordinator is needed. Please email Linnea Alvord bmwro.secretary@gmail.com.
 - **Need Ride Leaders and Sweeps at the Chief Joseph Rally !** Please email Keith Matteson, MotoMatteson@gmail.com.
 - **Need Host of the Wine Social at the CJR:** Someone with an RV. Contact David Morganstern, portlandia09@gmail.com.
 - **Central/Western Region:** In Search of an Ambassador! South of Corvallis to Sutherlin. Please contact Alice LeBarron, bmwro.pres@gmail.com.
 - **CJR Rally:** We need a 50/50 coordinator. Please contact Alice LeBarron, bmwro.pres@gmail.com.
 - **CJR Rally:** We need a Wine Social host, preferably someone who will be in the RV area of the campout. Please contact Alice LeBarron, bmwro.pres@gmail.com.
2. **2019 Membership Simplification Goal**
 - There are three different secondary membership types currently that trip people up on the website and at events. A Membership goal for 2019 is to reduce the inquiries, confusion and fee complaints.
 - The Executive Committee proposes to align with a simplified paradigm which maintains a single member type. As a social club we value guests and non-members at our events and they will continue to always be welcome to events. A vote will be initiated to amend member types.

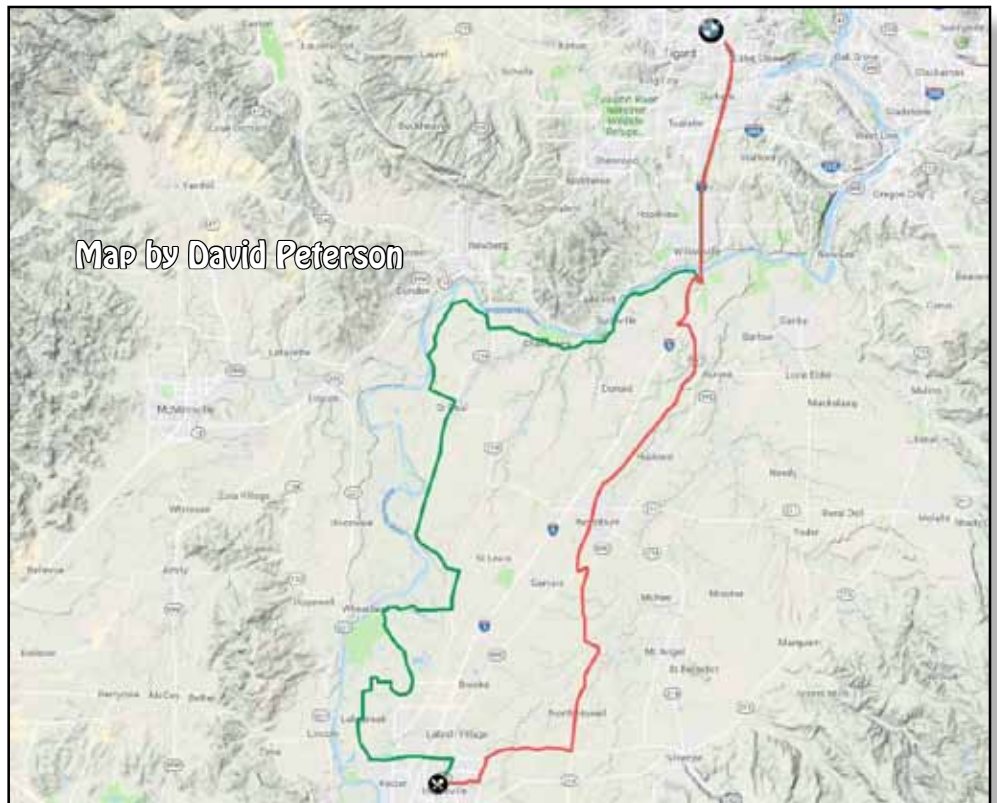


Happy New Year... with Pancakes! NW Ambassadors Ride Report – January 2019

David Peterson #90113

Ride planning this time of year is a hit or miss affair. Especially with the prospect of ice on the roads. But man, this particular winter has kept this ride leader on his toes. No *ah...this month I can phone it in...who's going to show up for a ride in the cold and wet?*

While it certainly hasn't been shorts-and-a-t-shirt under the Aerostich weather, it has been reasonably mild...and dry! A perfect combination to entice off-season riders away from the chat rooms and back into their gear. We put out the call, and into the parking lot they streamed. Last year, we had to cancel due to snow (at my house, the snow was five inches deep before that Saturday ended). This year, seventeen riders on thirteen bikes showed up, all with that same look in their eyes... *show us what you've got!*



We were up to the challenge. Well, to a point, anyway. With only eight hours and fifty-one minutes of daylight this time of year, some of our grander plans just have to wait until the seasons change. Not to mention the NFL playoffs, the perfect lounge antidote to a morning of zipping around in the fog. Today's ride would

be a brief tour of the flatlands, culminating with a pancake breakfast at an Oregon culinary institution.

After a few minutes comparing fulfilled Christmas wishes and New Year's resolutions, it was time to hit the road. **Frank Boyle, Scot Lamper, Louie Robida, Steven Polansky, David Morganstern, Jeff Yarnall, Mark Wegener, and CJ Strauss** showed up alone, along with two-ups **Karl and Ramona Perlich, Cam and Karen Rust, and Charles and Joy Trapp** (without Christmas bike lights), squeezed between me and Diane at the front, and **Neal Malagamba** at the tail of this dragon.

We made quick work of that necessary evil between our starts and any good time — Interstate 5. Before long, we were wending our way past Champoege Park and into the heart of the Willamette Valley. It was clear from the pace that everyone was having a good time. After a few more minutes, that was the only thing that was clear. A deep, moist fog had settled into the valley and before long we were in the thick of it. It seemed unusually wet; no amount of flogging with my finger squeegee resulted in much relief. We battled on, south on River Road, then east through St.



Ramona Perlich and Karen Rust debate the merits of Klim's spring fashion line.

Photo by Diane Peterson

Paul, before again motoring south. Though flat and predictable, I never tire of riding along these roads. There's enough topography to keep it interesting and property lines and blind intersections keep you on your toes.

Especially in the fog. Our next detour was along Wheatland Road, which we often take when our adventures include the Wheatland Ferry. Not taking the ferry afforded us the opportunity to explore Windsor Island. Getting there from the north entails an abrupt right-hand descent at an unmarked intersection with Ravena Drive. I missed it on the pre-ride, but I managed to correct my mistake with an "I meant to do that" recovery on the southern branch of the "Y" that is Ravena's junction with Wheatland Road. On this ride, in the fog, I simply couldn't see it, until my GPS ordered me to dive to the right. Fortunately, all of my cautious followers made the transition without batting an eye.

It seemed like we were just getting our rhythm when we rolled through North Salem and into the parking lot of [The Original Pancake House](#). A national chain of some note (it even has its own [Wikipedia page](#)), it's been serving up breakfast fare to hungry patrons since 1953. The original location on Barbur Boulevard in Portland is always packed, takes no reservations, and only accepts cash. Our destination in North Salem also doesn't take reservations, but after a quick phone call earlier in the day, they were ready for us and whisked us to a table for fifteen before we even stowed our gear. Fifteen had been a guess when I made the call. Our actual



It was clear enough when we started...

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group was seventeen, made eighteen when newcomer and Salem resident **Richard Pine** arrived. That relegated three of us to the kid's table, but with food quickly in front of us, nobody felt left out. The food was delicious and the atmosphere, warm and festive. The wait staff did a boffo job of tending to our massive group while keeping everyone else in the restaurant happy, a task, I have come to observe, that is no small accomplishment.

Soon, however, it was time to again hit the road. Salem locals Richard Pine and the Perlichs bid farewell. I expected many of the others to hop on I-5 for a quick blast home. I had other plans — no matter the time of year or state of the weather, ***I-5 is to be avoided***. Apparently the throng had similar feelings, for as I pitched the options, the crowd seemed to say with one voice, "Let's see what you've got for the ride home."

It was nothing special, but then,

in a way, it sort of was. Here I was, taking the long way home from Salem, a route I could probably recite in my sleep, I've done it so many times. Yet this time, in the dead of winter, on a cold, foggy afternoon, here I was with no fewer than fifteen close friends, who were as excited to do it as I was.

That is special, indeed.

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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...until it wasn't!

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David Morganstern and friends making their way home on the first ride of the year

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