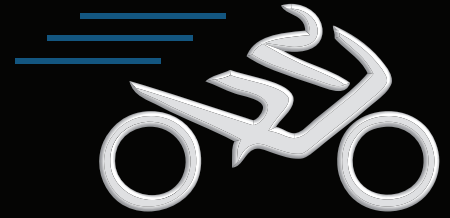




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**BMWRO Women Ride! BMWRO Women Camp! BMWRO Women Eat!
But none of them like Chip Seal!**



Photos by Carol Dallas

July 19-21, our BMWRO women met for the anticipated annual Women Rider's Campout. It was held Near Applegate Lake just miles from the California border. Nestled along the Applegate River, where smooth rocks and cackling geese nest, warm waters flow and fish jump freely, the campers were rewarded with a lovely campsite.

Myself, the camp host; Carol Dallas, on my sweet F700GS, made the trip solo burning up solid tarmac on a very pleasant day. The roads were good, the route was easy, I watched the foliage change from the firs and maple of the wooded valleys to the rolling hills of oaks in southern Oregon. All was lovely until I turned up the most dreaded of all pavement surface....the fresh chip seal !!! 8 miles....are you kidding 'Easy does it, you can do this', was the inner-helmet mantra! Pulling off at the ranger station only to find Alice LeBarron, the Notorious ALB, on her Sporty Red F650GS. A quick check of maps and we were back on the chip seal.

Our camp site was nice with good parking, a flushy toilet and sink, good tent sites and plenty of picnic tables under the madrones. I set up my new camo tent complete with infamous hot dog hat that ALB had carried from JD Rally use.

The Chip Seal Sisters, continued...



Photo by Carol Dallas

Connie Cammack arrived on her F800 GS, riding back roads from Corvallis without ever touching rubber on I-5. An impressive undertaking! Robin Dunn of Grants Pass arrived bright and early the following morning on her sharp looking white F700 GS, Tammy Tolbert arrived on her well-appointed R1200RT along with her partner Deb and marvelous, sweet natured very senior dog arriving on 4 wheels.

We were visited by locals of the area, Dan and Ellie Hall who came and shared their chips with us and we caught up on stories.

Dichelle Chambers lead a group ride out to Galice on Saturday. We affectionately nicknamed the small town of Galice: G-Alice; out of respect for our BMWRO president.

People who don't know Robin Dunn are missing the most dedicated campout cook in existence. Does the term OMG apply here? How she can get all that food and cooking supplies on her bike is beyond me. Robin Dunn made us chocolate macadamia pancakes before we set out on one of our rides. Other treats were traditionally SPAM oriented with an apricot glaze. Hot dogs over open fire and a few of the traditional s'mores were eaten.

I will host again next year but **No** Chip Seal...I promise!



Event: **Steens Mountain Campout and Quarterly Meeting of the Membership**

Date/Time: September 6–8, 2019
Place: The Narrows RV Park, OR

Description: 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 as BMWRO returns to this popular site at The Narrows RV Park.
Your registration fee includes 2 nights grassy tent-camping, free showers, free WiFi, and a scrumptious catered dinner Saturday evening. All other meals are on your own. If you prefer to bring an RV rather than sleeping on the ground, the RV park will offer 10% discount to BMWRO members for RV sites with hook-ups. Make your RV reservations directly with the Narrows RV Park at 541-495-2006.

Plenty of Good Food!

Saturday dinner (included in your registration) will be your choice of a meat or a vegetarian/gluten-free lasagne, green salad, green beans, french bread, and dessert.

There is a restaurant & bar on-site offering their Fish & Chips & Salad Bar for \$16.95. Other restaurants are available in Burns, French Glen, & Fields.

A special breakfast buffet is being planned for Saturday & Sunday mornings for a separate fee, paid at time of registration. Breakfast buffet, served from 7:00-9:00 am each morning includes biscuits & gravy, hard-boiled eggs, fresh fruit, bagels & cream cheese, muffins, oatmeal & milk, orange juice, cranberry juice, coffee & tea for \$9.25 per person.

Spectacular Riding, Campfire Camaraderie, and a Meeting!

Steve Miller is planning to lead another one of his awesome GS rides! Have you ridden the Steens Mountain Loop road (a GS route)? How about riding out to the Alvord desert for some wheellies and donuts? The ride down to Fields for their famous hamburgers & milkshakes is a lovely paved route. Maybe you'd like a hot springs soak at Crystal Crane Hot Springs or Alvord Hot Springs. So many choices! We'll have our 3rd quarter club meeting Saturday afternoon at 4:30 pm before dinner is served at 6 pm.

Registration: Required before August 25, 2019.

Register online at www.bmwro.org

Cost:

BMWRO Members	\$10.00
Associate member	15.00
Non-member or guest	20.00

Contact: Alice LeBarron, **541—647—7194**
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Event: **November Annual Membership Meeting & Lunch**

Date/Time: Nov. 23, 2019 / 1 - 3 pm
Place: Kirks Ferry Trading Post, Brownsville, OR

Description: Lunch details and fee TBD. **SAVE THE DATE!**
Watch your email for details.

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

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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

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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.

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Event: **Doc Wong Riding Clinic**

Date/Time: This event will be suspended for a few months.

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Heard-On-The-Road

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



Photo by Gavin Silasky

NEW MEMBERS

Scott Nelson, Bend, OR 2009 BMW R1200 GSA
David Barker, Eugene, OR 2018 BMW GSA
Dave Luke, Bend, OR 2016 BMW R1200 GSW

BYLAWS, POLICIES & GUIDELINES

These are located in the Documents section of our website:
www.bmwro.org and can be viewed by members who are logged in.

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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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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) .

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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 Editor's Message



Photo by Craig Porter

Dear members of the BMW Riders of Oregon,

Hello! My name is Craig Porter, and I've taken over the reins as the Editor of *Beemer Beat*. As an introduction to myself, let me provide you with some information: I was born in Hawaii, and in my 39 years, I've lived all over the world, and I have never lived anywhere more than four years. I served in the Navy for over twelve years, and I separated from active duty in the summer of 2014. I served as a Reactor Operator and Engineering Watch Supervisor aboard USS *Philadelphia* from 2006-2011. After I left the Navy, I worked for Google in Iowa for four years, and then I moved to Portland in January of this year.

I am quickly falling in love with the Pacific Northwest. The variety of terrain and the weather are all well-suited to riding. In addition, my partner and I, although we are self-proclaimed "indoor kids", have discovered kayaking, camping, and other outdoor pursuits are quite to our taste; the PNW has been a big contributor to this new awakening in discovery in us.

I feel very fortunate to have found the BMWRO. In my short time in the area, I have already found that this group of riders is much more vibrant and active than the BMW groups in the Omaha, NE and Jacksonville, FL areas. As such, I wanted to contribute. And so when Alice put out the call for a new Editor, I decided to give it a shot. Please be patient with me as I learn the ropes; I'm open to all constructive criticism and will do the best job that I can. However, remember that this is *your* newsletter; without your submissions of stories, photos, and letters, there will be no newsletter.

In addition to being the Editor of *Beemer Beat*, you can see some of my other pursuits at my personal website, www.djfission.com. I am interested in amateur radio, flying my quadcopter, photography, long-distance riding and I'm also a member of the local SubVets chapter and I'm also a member of the Portland Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET).

I look forward to hearing from you and getting to know everyone!

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A Most Enterprising Weekend

NW Ambassadors Ride Report- August 2019

David Peterson #90113



For over six years, we've been chasing around local country roads in search of the almighty route less travelled. We've covered a lot of ground, some of which is becoming all too familiar. So once a year, we expand our horizons to experience territory some riders have only heard about. This August, fellow Ambassador **Neal Malagamba** served as my muse. Riding with us since 2014, when we're east of Mt. Hood, he never missed an opportunity to remind me that his moto-horizon extended only to slightly east of Condon. This year, I was determined to immerse Neal, and a few hardy others, in as much eastern adventure as three days would allow.

Planning began in January. In past years, our August ride has been an overnight out and back. It didn't take long to settle on Enterprise, fully a day's ride from Portland, with fulsome and sparse routes galore to accommodate both those who wanted the full-day treatment and those who might need to get to/from there more directly. The [Ponderosa Motel](#) would be our hub, well located in the center of town; those who wanted to camp could join us from the [Loghouse Campground](#) nearby. The aggressive route would include the best northern Oregon has to offer. But the main reason Enterprise was so appealing was that, with an additional day, we could throw two additional states into the mix. It would make for a *longggg* day. But with the right mix of folks, I thought we could pull it off.

Day 1

We settled on twenty as the maximum number of folks we could efficiently sweep across the state in a single day. To give us a jump on traffic, we launched from Sandy instead of Tigard BMW. We were launching on a good note; all had found their way to the unfamiliar venue. In a flash, it was time to depart.

Our route was as rural as possible, meaning fuel might be an issue. To accommodate the most mileage-challenged, we made an early stop near Government Camp. We were quickly ready to roll, when **Kim Dorsing** had a medical emergency. He had not been feeling well leading up to the ride, and this early stop informed him that a long ride just wasn't in the cards this weekend. After assuring us he and **Janice** could limp home safely, we continued our eastward assault. A couple texts and a phone call later and we knew Kim was resting comfortably at home.

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Photograph by Diane Peterson

Ripping along Wasco-Heppner Highway east of Condon.

Meanwhile, the fun was about to begin. **Steve Woodward** raced ahead to capture us on film as we rolled by. Our favorite route east runs through Wamic, crossing US-197 at Tygh Valley. Onto OR-216, we rolled across Sherars Bridge and began the magnificent ascent up Kerr Canyon's north wall. An aside: for many years, we've blasted myopically toward Sherars Bridge. Needing a break, we stopped this time at [White River Falls State Park](#). It's a great oasis and in this arid climate, the falls are a shock to the eyes. Definitely worth a visit.

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Photo by David Peterson

After 370 miles, we mustered the energy to conquer Lewiston's [Old Spiral Highway](#). Unfortunately, the day's ride was less than spectacular. About ten years ago, newly paved, it was one of the finest experiences of my motorcycling life. Today, however, it was warm — and the thousands of tar snakes ruled the day. So much so that it was the group consensus to take US-95 back down to the river to continue the last leg to Enterprise.



Rattlesnake Canyon in all its glory.

Photo by Steven Polansky

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I was one of the last to climb OSH, and my arrival was greeted with unusual scrutiny of my shredded front tire. I had checked it in the morning, slightly delaying our departure while I topped off air. But it had been a long, warm day of pushing hard in the corners. I was shocked at what I saw...a little embarrassed too. After all, who was I to shake my finger at folks about being prepared for the ride? I could have limped home, taking baby turns while the rest of the pack devoured Rattlesnake Canyon and beyond. That didn't sound like much fun.

Then I remembered Mac's. It was 4:50pm...were they open until 5? A quick call to Shaun in Service confirmed they were open...and they had a tire...and they would wait for me! For the moment, the group was on its own, but in very good hands with **Chris Henry** and **Mike Ripley** leading the way. I shot down the hill, rolled into the shop...and by 5:35, we were on our way again with a brand new PR5. Snaking back through Rattlesnake Canyon.



Photo by Diane Peterson

Rattlesnake Canyon always gets my juices flowing...even 347 miles into the day. Overlooked in all the excitement is the first five miles or so, as WA-129 climbs 1,000 feet from Asotin toward Anatone. Then, after 20 miles, the fun begins anew. For 10 miles, the road wraps around the canyon wall as the Grande Ronde and Oregon unfold in the distance. [Boggan's Oasis](#) just across the river on the canyon floor is a great stop for ice cream (and if you're interested in a

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Hollow Road, an unexpected and wonderful carousel that dropped us into Red Elk Canyon that set up the breakfast sprint to Pendleton.

[The Saddle](#) is an enormous road house clearly favored by cowboys and farmers around Pendleton. Just east of downtown, it's the perfect complement to the Round-Up and Happy Canyon Hall of Fame that marks the other end of town. Our group had dwindled to thirteen, but they were able to seat us together in what appeared to be the restaurant's third annex. It was lonely for a moment until an even larger group joined us. With all these mouths to feed, the service and food was still some of the best of the trip.

After breakfast, we lost Steven to I-5 and Bill and Linda to central Oregon. The final ten blasted north and west back into Washington, converging on Bickleton from the southeast via Alderdale/6 Prong/Sand Ridge Roads. Temperatures rose back into the 90s, with a little midwestern humidity thrown in, which made the traditional ice cream stop in Goldendale all the more welcome.

Down Klickitat Canyon to Lyle; we were having so much fun we couldn't surrender to the final slog just yet. I quickly ducked right onto Old Highway 8 for one last twisty detour. So did all seven of the remaining bikes behind me.

We usually press all the way home, but a last minute plea for rest yielded a final stop. All seemed relieved. We high-fived and hugged, grateful for the route, the weather, and the camaraderie.

Many thanks to all who participated. Our weekend in Enterprise will be a tough act to follow.

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, August Ride:	1,197
Total First Saturday miles – 2019:	2,796

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