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BMWRO President's Message

by Jay Bennett

The 2nd Half

Ok, so the 2015 Chief Joseph rally is now in the books. By almost every measure the event was a great success. We had 455 attendees, great friends, food, great events such as the Geology Rocks Tour and Cowboy Breakfast, terrific presenters such as David Hough and vendors such as Mr Ed's (this is just scratching the surface of all the things that went well). The John Day local community continues to welcome us with their openness, warmth and efforts to make our visit a memorable one. The weather could not have been better.

If you didn't make the club's wine tasting on Thursday, you missed one of the highlights of the year. Thanks to everyone that help put this on; especially those that sometimes did double-duty where we needed help. Speaking of thanks, you may not have heard it, but I did from the attendees of the rally, the rally vendors, the Grant County Townspeople and even the fairgrounds staff—how the CJR Rally is so appreciated. For example last year the club got a letter from a young man that was on a field trip back East because of the \$600 we donated to schools from 50/50. If you were on the Cowboy Breakfast you may have saw a lone guy walking (above). He emotionally told Jim Irby, the photographer, how much it meant to the community for us to come there. I think we sometimes don't realize the positive impact this event has on rally attendees, the local economy, charities we make donations to, and the funding it give us throughout the year

This rally in many ways defines the BMW Riders of Oregon. We



come together to put this on, and I believe it drives us into a more cohesive group because of the natural team-building that happens from striving to accomplish a tough but fun goal. All the vendors, presenters, committee chairpersons and volunteers deserve a huge round of applause for all they did. I hear it all the time that the BMWRO puts on one of the best rallies in the west and others admire and respect us for it.

Changing subjects and looking forward now. We have got some great events and places to visit coming up, so check that schedule. We have the local, regional rides (by the way, say thanks to your ambassador for putting these on), we have the BMWMOA in Montana and our own Sixes River Campout on July 25 and then the Central Oregon sponsored "Haystack Campout" on August 14. This list goes on.....

I also wanted to highlight the fact that before you know it we'll be holding elections again in October and November. The

Secretary and President do not change this year, but the other ExComm positions of Vice President and Treasurer are open and need to be filled. We've got some super talented leaders within the club. It's some work to do the ExComm jobs but not that much and it's deeply satisfying when we are able pull off something like the rally or a super weekend event where everyone benefits from our efforts. Consider what you can offer the club in 2015!

Now go out and ride.

Jay





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Coming Events



Club Sanctioned Events

Event: **Sixes River Campout**
Date/Time: July 24–26, 2015
Place: Edson Creek Campground, sites B&C
Description: Rustic tent camping experience on the banks of the Sixes River. Great road and dual-sport riding in the area, connecting over to the Rogue River and beyond. Large grassy camping area under tall firs at the confluence of Edson Creek and the Sixes River. Along the coast, but several miles inland out of the fog zone. Fire pit and tables. Five miles north of Port Orford, and 25 miles south of Bandon. See [Brochure](#) online
Contact: Keith Matteson, keithbob@charter.net

Event: **Haystack Campout**
Date/Time: August 14–16, 2015
Place: Haystack Reservoir South Shore Campground, Willow Group Campsite
Description: Come enjoy a weekend in Central Oregon! We'll show you some fun routes to ride, both paved and dual-sport. Two guided rides are planned for Saturday (*one all pavement & one on gravel/dirt back roads*) or we can give you some ideas for places to head off for your own exploration. Groceries, gas, & restaurants are available in Madras & Terrebonne. Non-ethanol gas is available at the Towne Pump on Hwy 97, south end of Madras. If the skies are clear, we should be able to see the tail end of the Pleiades meteor showers—the moon will be dark. If you bring your RV, be prepared for dry camping; there are no plug-ins.
Saturday dinner will be provided: brauts from the Redmond Smokehouse with all the fixin's—green salad, fruit salad & cookies. Bring your own beverages; we'll have ice chests and ice available. Other meals are on your own. We'll have a propane campstove available for your use and a kettle of hot water for your morning coffee. **Cost:** free for BMWRO members; **\$10 for sponsored non-members.**

Directions: From Madras, go south on Hwy 97 approx. 10 miles; or from Terrebonne, go north on Hwy 97 approx. 10 miles. Watch for the KOA sign. Turn east on **Jericho Lane** and go 1.25 miles, passing the KOA Campground. Turn right on **Springer Rd/FR7130/FR96** and go 1.5 miles. Turn left into the **South Shore Group Campground**—all paved roads up to the campground entry; the driveway into the campsite is hard-packed gravel, flat and straight. **Make your reservation on the BMWRO website by Wed. Aug. 12th or contact Alice at:**
Contact: Alice LeBarron alicelebarron@hotmail.com
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Haystack Group Campsite
(winter photo)

Event: **Women Riders Campout**
Date/Time: August 20–23, 2015 (Fri–Sun)
Place: Kiahanie Campground, Willamette National Forest along the Aufderheide Drive (aka FR 19) 20 miles north of Westfir.
Description: Rustic-camping • good-food • fun-women
 This is rustic camping in the beautiful, green, mature forest along the North Fork Middle Fork Willamette River. The campground has vault toilets, potable water, picnic tables, and firings. Most of the campsites are along the river. Campsites are first-come, first-served, so some of us will arrive Thursday to try to save room for everyone. Meals are not planned ahead of time. Bring your own food & cooking gear. You might want to bring something to share. Groceries in Westfir 20 miles away, or Oakridge 25 miles away. We may have a meal or two at a cafe. We usually hit a grocery store and then do some communal meals in camp, sharing costs.

Directions: **From the north,** the turn off from Hwy 126 is 3.5 miles east of Blue River or about 2 miles west of the Shell station and Takoda's Restaurant at the town of Rainbow. The sign at the turn says Cougar Dam. Follow FR 19 about 37 miles to the campground on your right. **From the south,** the turn off from Hwy 58 is about 5 miles west of Oakridge. Look for the sign to Westfir. You'll travel through Westfir, continuing north on FR 19 about 20 miles to the campground, which will be on your left. All roads are paved and the campground road is paved. The Aufderheide is a scenic and fun route to ride! We'll also explore some other fun routes during the campout.
Register on the BMWRO website before Wed. August 19th or contact Alice LeBarron to let us know that you're planning to camp with us.
Contact: Alice LeBarron alicelebarron@hotmail.com
541-647-7194

Event: **Ride, Camp, Ride, Camp... Repeat, Oregon Midweek Tour to Finish at Horseshoe Bend Campgrounds**

Date/Time: August 25–28, 2015 (Tuesday to Friday)
Place: Tentative schedule, see details under Description

Description: Tour of Central and Southern Oregon
Tuesday Evening 25 August: The initial rendezvous would be near the center of Oregon at Walton Lake in the Ochoco Mountains. This is a secluded campsite where we can anticipate our next few days' adventures. You would pack your own food, supplies, etc.

Wednesday 26 August: Now rather than passing through this area on the way to somewhere else, we can spend the day riding the profusion of convoluted, twisty roads in whatever sequence fits your needs. There will be no set time schedule, no fixed route, nobody telling you to do anything but to enjoy your day. With one caveat; we will be gathering again that evening in North Eastern Oregon, probably near Joseph (home of the early Chief Joseph Rallies). No doubt that night will provide input on Wednesday's travels and inspiration for the next day.

Thursday 27 August: Time for some open country blitzing followed by a restful sojourn in the South Central region. The aim is to select spots that are not on your normal itineraries. I've several campsite candidates in mind at this time in the Southern Cascades. Of course, if you have some favorite bivouac that you'd like to suggest, please send it along. The camping plan is still evolving.

Friday 28 August: Now is the chance to have "some more" as there are many wonderful routes down in the South and West. We don't, as a club, encourage enough riding in this spectacular part of our State. It will be hard to choose between so many excellent alternative routes to our Friday night destination on the North Umpqua.

Contact: Jim Stewart, 69jystewart@gmail.com

Event: **Horseshoe Campout near Steamboat**

Date/Time: August 28–30, 2015—Friday–Sunday
Place: **Details on Page 6 of this issue**

Description: Shady Trees and a beautiful river
Contact: Roger Paquette mrgsa02@hotmail.com

Event: **Steens Narrows**

Date/Time: September 11–13, 2015

Place: Narrows RV Park, OR

Description: A Saturday and Sunday morning continental breakfast and a Saturday night meal of PRIME RIB and green salad, plus more. Cost ?
The Narrows RV Park is 26 miles south of Burns on Hwy #205, on the way to Frenchglen and Fields. General Meeting to be held Saturday afternoon.

Contact: Janet Bennett. Please **RSVP** No Later than

8/29/15. Preferred method of sign-up is thru our website and use PayPal at: <http://bmwro.org/SNC-preregistration.html>

Or contact Jay and Janet Bennett at jlbenett60@gmail.com or **541-760-0823** to reserve a space in the tent area and/or for dinner. An accurate head-count is needed for the Saturday night meal. RV hookups at your own expense: call **(541-495-2006)** to make reservations for RV camp spots or visit: www.narrowssrvpark.com. Also checkout: <http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/burns/recreation/steens-mtn.php>

Recurring Events

Event: **Central Oregon 2nd Saturday**

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

Contact: Alice LeBarron alicelebarron@hotmail.com
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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 jpbinOR@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 Central Oregon area.

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

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

Event: **Eugene 1st Saturday Coffee**

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

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

Contact: Jim Breen **(541) 912-4500**, 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** don@mredsmoto.com

NEW MEMBERS

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James & Leslie Golden Palo, Cedro, CA. unknown
Joanne Goldsmith, Redmond, OR Harley
Del Loney, Hermiston, OR. unknown
Dennis Mounts, Portland, OR. 2009 F800GS
Steve Paysinger, Silverton, OR 2009 R1200 GSA
Steven Polansky, Vancouver, WA 2014 BMW R1200RT
Suze Riley, Portland, OR. unknown
Louie & Karen Robida, Portland, OR. 2011 BMW 1200RT
Andrew Vaughan, Shoreline, WA. unknown
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Bylaws, Policies & Guidelines

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

Ambassador Program Welcomes New Members

Ambassadors for the Four Regions are:

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

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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).

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

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(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**

Event: **Horseshoe Campout near Steamboat**

Date/Time: August 28–30, 2015—Friday–Sunday

Place: Horseshoe Camp Grounds

Description: Shady Trees and a beautiful river

Contact: Roger Paquette mrgsa02@hotmail.com

BMWRO is camping at Horseshoe Bend Campsite, August 28-29, 2015. Prior campouts held there were very popular. BMWRO has reserved the **Deer Flat Group** campsite, which is adjacent to Horseshoe Bend.

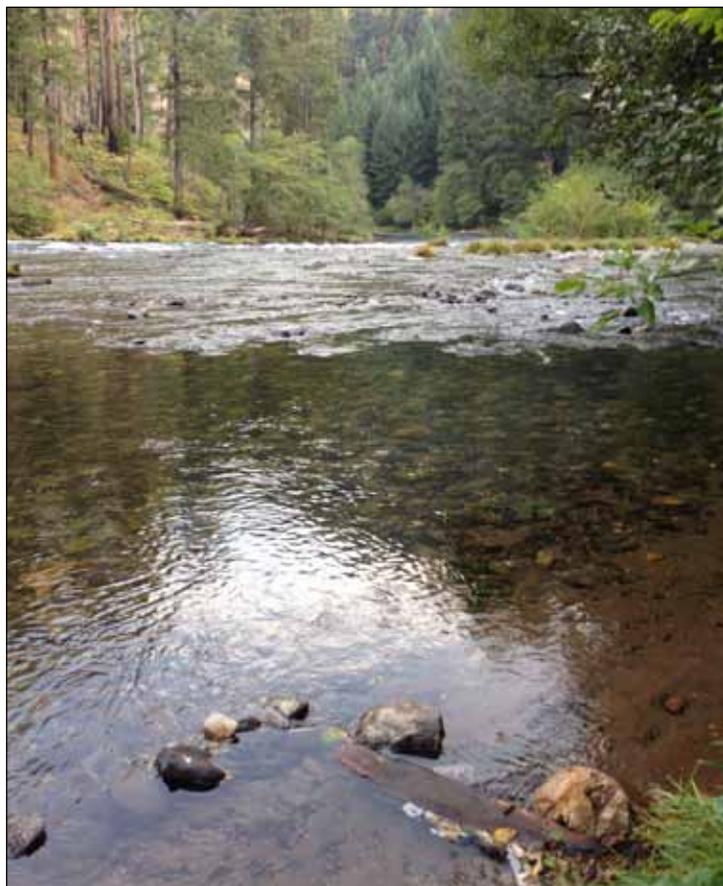
Directions

Many wonderful roads lead to Horseshoe Bend. The following “official” directions are a great reference point. But, check out alternatives, there are some amazing roads available.

From Roseburg, it’s approximately 46 miles: 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 (You can obtain Umpqua NF information, maps and brochures). There is a Chevron gas station/convenience store (south side of 138) in Glide. Recommend you top up. Gas is available approximately Mile Post 50; again at Diamond Lake and Crater Lake NP, but you pay the tourist rate.

From the North Umpqua Ranger Station (16 miles east of Roseburg on State Highway 138), continue on OR Highway-138 east for 30 miles to **Road #4750** near Milepost 48 (South side). It’s right in the middle of a terrific set of curves! LOL! Turn right on **Road #4750** and right again on **Road #4750-001** (before the bridge). On road #4750-001, you’ll see **Deer Flat Group** site on your right just before entering Horseshoe Bend Campground. Just go up the hill. Site has room for 50 tent campers. There is room for a few smaller self contained RV’s. The site has flush toilets and water available. Bring your solar shower if that’s important!

Horseshoe Bend/Deer Flat is a terrific ride base. Deer Flat is an ideal spot to relax on a hot summer day! It is quiet and away from other campers. Hwy 138 alone is worth the trip—and is also a major route to Crater Lake National Park, a great day ride. Watch your speed! There are dual sport roads throughout the Umpqua National Forest. Tokatee Hot Springs is about 25 miles down the road. Waterfalls are a major attraction on Hwy 138. Brochures are available via the USFS.



This is a TRADITIONAL HARDY SOUL CAMPOUT

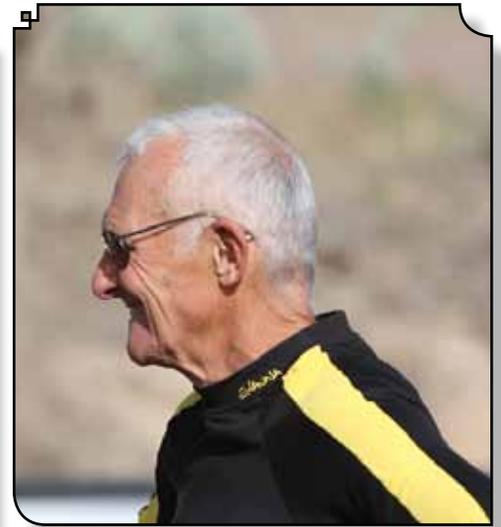
What to bring? Your camping equipment, food and of course BYOB. Food is your responsibility. Saturday evening meal is a pot luck. If you want to participate, bring something of substance to share. There is a fixed barbecue available for campers. You will want to bring your own charcoal. Coordinate with your RV/pickup driving friends to bring food and other essentials.

A small store is about a mile east of Horseshoe Bend. It has regular gas pump, snacks, ice and beer for sale. Steamboat Inn is about twenty miles [+/-] west of Horseshoe Bend, excellent cuisine, reservations recommended.



Deer Flat will be open at 3:00 pm (1500 hours) on Friday the 28th. Checkout time is 1000 hours Sunday morning. BMWRO members camp for free, nonmembers **MUST** be sponsored and **IT will cost them \$10.00 a night**. Remember, bring food if you want to eat. I have no GPS coordinates, you should be able to obtain some off Google. If you are coming via RV/pickup, coordinate with fellow members. You can carry more beer than they can!

Photos from the Chief Joseph Rally, 2015



All taken by Rally Photographer, Steve Irby. See more of Steve's photos at:
<http://sirby.smugmug.com/Motorcycles/BMW-Motorcycle-Rallies/Chief-Joseph-Rally-Oregon-BMW-/2015-Chief-Joseph-Rally/2015-Chief-Joseph-Rally/>

A huge applaud of thanks goes to the volunteers that helped make the 2015 Chief Joseph Rally the best little rally in the west! Our Rally Master, Lynne Clark, could not have pulled this off without the help from all the volunteers. We have an amazing mass of members!



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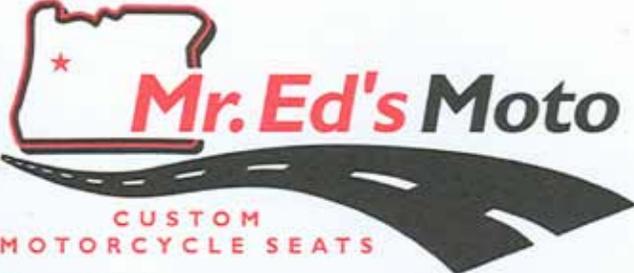
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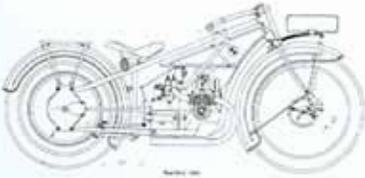
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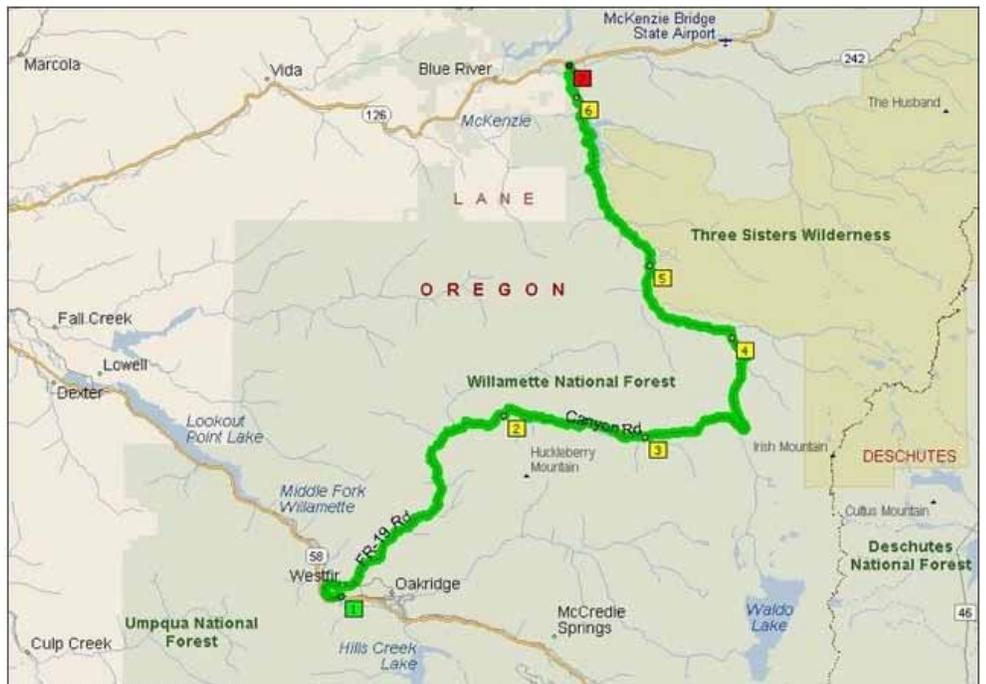
Aufderheide Ride May 15, 2015

by Bob Metzger
Central Western Regional Ambassador

For many Oregonians a road named *The Aufderheide Scenic Byway* may conjure up mental images of riding through Germany's Black Forest region, when in fact, it is right here in our Eugene "back yards". Aufderheide Drive was named after, and dedicated to, the memory of Robert Aufderheide who was Willamette National Forest Supervisor from 1954 until his death in 1959.

The Aufderheide Scenic Byway, also known as NF Highway 19, runs north from the scenic little town of Westfir, Oregon just west of Oakridge to Highway 126 at Rainbow, Oregon. The road, with its many twists and turns, follows The North and Middle Forks Willamette and South Fork of the McKenzie Rivers for 58 miles. Although some logging is taking place along the route, there is plenty of old growth forest. One of my favorite spots along the trail is Constitution Grove where visitors can wonder at 200+ year old trees! Many campgrounds are also available.

Following lunch on May 15, five BMWRO members booted up side-stands, and with tanks full, headed southeast on Highway 58 to Westfir, Oregon. At Westfir, we visited the Office covered bridge and had a short pit stop! Looking skyward, we



discussed whether rain gear would be advisable. Temperature hovered in the high 50's. We opted to forego the rain gear and set off along the Aufderheide Byway. Although the day was overcast, the weather did not dampen our spirits, save a few misty showers. The air smelled fantastic, and the trees and scenery were splendid. Our second stretch brake took place at Rainbow on Highway 126, where we stopped for snacks and their welcome "relief" stations before returning to Eugene.

Road conditions on the Aufderheide are generally good, but a few words of caution are in order. Much of the road is Oregon green! Moss. So, smooth control inputs and limiting your lean angles are best heeded! Also, in the vicinity of the



Doug Tewksbury found a long lost relative

Cougar Reservoir, there are several short gravel stretches and a handful of monster pot holes that warrant a riders attention. "Forewarned is forearmed!"

Next time you find yourself in the Eugene vicinity and have four hours to treat yourself to a true Oregon Experience, take time to ride the Aufderheide. You won't be disappointed and you may be surprised at who you may meet along the way!

A great deal of information regarding the NF 19 ride can be found on the internet. Check it out!

Roll On...

Bob Metzger,
Central West Co-Ambassador



NW Ambassadors Ride Report April 2015

Susan Ortiz-Renteria #106802
David Peterson #90113

June was once again Susan's month to lead the First Saturday ride, as David was gallivanting across Oregon in the Rose City Motorcycle Club's annual Western States 1000. Summer months brings construction season, which, as a Geotechnical Engineer for ODOT, always introduces chaos into Susan's life. This June was no different and she was feeling a bit anxious about the ride. After all, Saturday, June 6th was to be the hottest day of the year-to-date and the plan was to ride to Lobster Valley.

At Tigard BMW, nine riders on eight bikes gathered to leave at the designated time: 9:45. Karl & Ramona Perlich were kind enough to ride sweep and perform the "three-armed wave" to signal the end of the line. We welcomed newcomers **Bob Berne** and **Dave Miller** to our merry coterie. Also in our line up were **Neal Malagamba**, **Louie Robida**, **Dan Noble**, **Frank Boyle**, and **Colin Luther**.

We enjoyed our ride through the Tualatin Valley and over Bald Peak, where we wound our way through wine country on the back roads. Susan was not clever enough to find a route around the busy McMinnville traffic. So we elbowed our way through town to catch Delashmutt Lane, which wound its way to Dallas. There we gassed up and connected with **Garry Zinn**. Kings Valley Highway was pleasant. The turn onto Alsea Highway extinguished our enthusiasm, with the line of four-wheeled cages taking the ever so curvy highway to the coast.



Deb's Cafe provided great, shaded outside seating, a great relief from the 92 degrees that was as pleasant as the conversation. We tackled Lobster Valley in a clockwise route after lunch. We were mildly deterred by two cars at the beginning, but traffic petered to nil pretty quickly. Lobster Valley temperatures dropped to a pleasant 81 degrees as we travelled the circumference in the trees. The clockwise route through Lobster Valley proved to be a good decision that paid off in spades on the easterly ride on Alsea Highway. The cages had not started to return



from the coast yet! The highway was ours to conquer!

We continued our ride toward the I-5 junction. Garry Zinn and Louie Robida chose a valley ride north. The rest of us said our good-byes and split into two groups: those who had to make time to get home and those who continued to follow Susan. The Susan group rode to Lebanon and up Highway 226 through Scio and Stayton. As we approached Silverton, the path became smaller and unfamiliar, until out in the middle of a farm field, the Willamette Valley Pie Company appeared! Frank and Karl both asked, "Where are we and how do I get home?" This, Susan took as a great compliment!

After refreshments and pie, Susan led the remainder of the group, Frank, Karl, Ramona and Colin to locations known for their last leg home. As Susan arrived home, her only thought was, "I can't believe they follow me!" It was truly a great adventure.

However, all good adventures must come to an end. October will be Susan's last ride as Co-Ambassador of NW Oregon. So, this provides an opportunity for you. If you like to plan and lead monthly

rides, and write articles with David Peterson please notify Ed Foltyn of your interest at bmwro.pres@gmail.com.

Total miles — June ride:284 miles

Total miles rode Year-To-Date:1,146 miles

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www.eatatdebs.com

Willamette Valley Pie Company,
2994 82nd Avenue NE, Salem, OR (503) 362-8857
www.wvpie.com



Harris Beach Camp Out

photo by Dan Hall

Southern Oregon Ambassador Ride (No Report)

by Dan Hall



Steve Sincerny and Lois

photo by Dan Hall



Central Oregon Ambassador Ride Report

by Alice LeBarron

Saturday June 13th turned out to be a lovely day for a ride! Nine riders on 7 bikes gathered in Redmond for our ride. Since it was rodeo weekend, we avoided the traffic by taking Camp Polk Road and Indian Ford Road to by-pass Sisters. This is a really enjoyable alternative route that drops us out onto Hwy 126 on the east side of Black Butte.

After crossing Santiam Pass, we stopped for water and conversation at Lost Prairie Campground, and then rode on over the fun and scenic Tombstone Pass and down into Sweet Home. We found the Northside Park, overlooking the Santiam River, a perfect, shady spot for our picnic lunch. A big topic of lunchtime conversation was looking at the map and anticipating the good routes we all wanted to take during the Chief Joseph Rally!

The next leg of our journey took us across Foster Reservoir and then up the scenic, twisty Quartzville Road to it's connection with Hwy 22, just south of Marion Forks. The Quartzville Route was a fun, challenging route, with plenty of twisties in an obstacle course of potholes, debris, and broken ruts



Tombstone Pass

in the pavement with dappled light. When we got to Hwy 22, it was time to stop and talk about what a fun and challenging route we'd just been through! We were all in good spirits from the ride and congratulating ourselves for the accomplishment! By then it was time to enjoy the big sweepers as we headed back home across Santiam Pass. Joining me on this ride were Karen Duncan, Burt Ridge, Jim & Lynn Mulhall, Steve & Christina Campbell, Phyllis Webb, and Bob Hammond.



Harris Beach Camp Out & RV Out May 29-31, 2015

by Forest McGregor

Saturday morning had the group-site campers out of their beds early—except one who refused to submit to the ruckus of crows or ravens, or both. I laid in my uncomfortably cold tent as long as I could but finally gave in—both to the murder of crows and to hydraulic pressure building in the bladder—and climbed out of the tent to a chilly morning. **Roger Paquette** had been up for hours serving coffee to **Linda Tewksbury** and others from his special camp-gear espresso device—tiny little cups of really strong coffee. Conversation was Roger Paquette style—much like the coffee—and I had heard most of it as my tent was adjacent to his and next to the picnic table where he was set up.

Doug Tewksbury was alternately tending the fire pit—which was *nowhere* near the coffee-with-Roger table—and returning to the conversation at Roger's Table. I was grateful to see that a fire was going and as soon as I returned from the bathroom, went to it like a bug to a light. Ragnar (my dog) was with me and we set up next to the fire pit and were soon joined by **Kris Jacobson** and others. The crow/raven chatter was intermittent and we wondered what it was that they could be so focused on that they kept returned to *our* group camp site. We could hear **Carol Lamper** talking to someone in her tent—*she being the one that refused to give into the crow chatter*—and we wondered who was in the tent with her. Scot had been unable to attend, so this was a particularly interesting development. We let our imaginations just run with it.



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We also noted that most of the campers in our group were way over there at **Roger's Table** while only a few of us were huddled next to the fire pit. Doug did a fine job starting and keeping the

fire going; but once the pyromaniacs (mostly women) flocked to the flame, there was some serious damage done to the remaining firewood. Six bundles had been purchased and delivered to the site the night before; now there was a rapidly diminishing bundle of two. **Carol Lamper** would be one of the pyros in the group—she had emerged from her tent and appeared to be alone when she did so—urging others to put more wood on that fire! And so we did.

The morning proceeded slowly—not warming up nor growing any brighter; it was a dull grey sky with just a slight breeze in the air (*and crows*)—while I fed myself and Ragnar our individual breakfasts. The group at **Roger's Table** eventually made their way over to the fire pit, setting up their chairs and continuing their conversation. The murder of crows were still threatening to murder something—everyone noticed them, and several people had a comment to make about their lack of grammar. It was really quite rude.

At some point in the morning **Dan & Elie Hall** wandered over from their RV, parked in the RV section of the camp grounds—“what’s up with those darn birds?” They had missed out on the special morning alarm clock the rest of us had received. **Jay Bennett** (also an RV'er—*not that there's anything wrong with it*) sat at the picnic table with his laptop and conducted a little official CJR business with CJR Rally-master, **Lynne Clark**. Conversation around the fire pit continued until eventually the group of campers wander off in search of food or a ride or the comfort of their RV.

Kris and Lynne and I were alone by the fire pit, staring up at the tree where the crows seemed to be focusing their attention. Kris—being a natural detective—inspected and declared that there was some sort of nest in one of the trees. Lynne was in agreement; except,

the nest had a stripped tail—okay, so wearing one's eyeglasses is critical at this distance, like 25 feet. Doug managed to shoot the little guy—a raccoon—with his long-range, telescopic digital camera:



Photo by Doug Tewksbury

a good shot! I'm glad he wasn't using his gun. Kris spent the rest of the day telling those birds to leave the little guy alone and let him sleep. I chortled along with the crows knowing what tricksters they are. Kris was *not* amused by my chortling.

The day ended with all campers—tenters and RV'ers alike—lining up for a barbecue dinner that couldn't be beat and catered to the campgrounds by **Mark & Hanna Camarillo**; and later retiring to the campfire—which survived the day's abuse by pyromaniacs due to generous contributions of wood-bundles purchased by various attendees—until one-by-one, all said good-night and went to their individual places of rest.

And Carol Lamper: she's not *entirely* senile: she *was* in the tent with Scot ... on the phone.



Photo by Doug Tewksbury



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Attendees of the Harris Beach Camp Out

- Jim Osher
- Kris Jacobson
- Carol Lamper
- Tom Mitchell
- Jim von Stein
- Steve Sincerny w/Lois
- Ambassador Bob Metzger w/Lindy
- Ambassador Dan Hall w/Elie
- Catering by Mark Camarillo w/Hanna and family
- Roger Paquette
- Milton Farrand
- Gene Fessenbecker
- James Golden
- Tina Hansen
- CJR Rally-Master Lynne Clark
- President Jay Bennett w/Janet
- V.P. Ed Foltyn w/Debbie
- Webmaster Doug Tewksbury w/Linda
- Beemer Beat Editor, Forest McGreggor (sponsored non-member) w/Ragnar (who snuck in under the guise of a service-dog)



Harris Beach Camp Out

photo by Dan Hall



Kris Jacobson Shakes the Popcorn, Fessenbecker, Osher, Clark & Lamper watch on.

BMWRO General Membership Minutes April 24, 2015 ~ 12:30pm Greenberry Eat and Greet, Corvallis Oregon Members & Guests Present 20

Call to Order: by President Jay Bennett

Introductions:

Minutes: January meeting minutes accepted as printed in the March BB.

Treasurers Report: Balance of \$21,000 and less than \$200 YTD of checks due to ClubExpress.

Standing Committee Reports:

BMWRO Rally: Shirts- Logo choices were shown and opinions collected.

Volunteers – Needed immediately Door Prize Chairperson, Gate and Info Booth personnel needed at rally, see Lynne at bmwro.rallymaster@gmail.com

Vendor Policy – Changed policy to allow vendors to enter the rally free in the hope of attracting more vendors and then more guests.

Ambassador Program: Central Oregon Co-Ambassador needed to replace Steve Miller.

Status of program: Going well but has changed from a new member orientation to local ride and relationship building program

Club Express:

Seems to be working well. If anyone has problems see Doug Tewksbury (bmwro.news@gmail.com) or club officer

Activities: Vice President, Ed Foltyn, covered the upcoming event in Brookings on May 29 thru 31st and other future events

2015 Elections: For Vice President and Treasurer. Time to start thinking about candidates and getting their approval to nominate. This comes quickly each year, so start now.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Next Meeting: Rally (if deemed needed)

Adjournment: 1:10 pm

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