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**(left-to-right) Kim Dorsing, Janice Mathern, Andy Sulla,  
and Ric Holderbaum enjoy a sunny day in Donald**

*photo by David Peterson*

**Membership Dues  
are Due**

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Quarterly Meeting  
of the Membership**

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# BMWRO President's Message

by Jay Bennett



## Northern Riding

I get off the bike, and I'm cold to the bone. That's when the Significant Other says "How was your ride?" and you sound like Tony the Tiger after a few too many pints "It..it...was..was....gr..great!"

I'm not much for heading off into the rain but if it's not wet, my winter instincts start murmuring *get out that bike and use it*. As anyone from the western valley part of Oregon knows, the first "dry" weather of the year is cold and most often foggy.

For the first ride of the year, friends from the local bike group say "let's go for a New Year's Day ride", and that sounds good to me. Meeting up at 10:00 a.m. on the first day of 2016, at the local caffeine dispensary, we hatch a plan to go on a 30 mile trip to the thriving and cosmopolitan town of Fall City for lunch. The trip to FC is uneventful but speedy and cold. Six riders are there, moving in unison, successfully passing a few cars and enjoying the sunny, cold conditions. We are heading for the town's bakery, **The Bread Board**, as it has a great reputation and

online rating but upon arrival we find a closed sign. Rats! Our next choice is a pizza place in nearby Dallas called Yeasty Beasty. In front of the pizza place are around 20 American Thunder bikes from a local club in Salem. They're lucky we aren't in the mood to rumble, and we all get our pizza without incident. We score a success there, with great food and good conversation. People are trying out new gear, planning trips, discussing farkles and generally enjoying the experience; even if the weather is not warm and optimal. The kick off to 2016 is fun and a memorable ride due to the people and despite the temperature.

Admittedly, riding an R1200 GS Adventurer on a cold or even stormy day is a little like taking a missile to a knife-fight. With its traction tires, antilock brakes, excellent wind protection, heated grips and a plug-ins for the heated garments, there's no other bike as well equipped in my humble opinion. For a day with less than perfect weather, in today's jargon, it's "just too big to fail."

Since this first ride was successful and the weather was continuing its dry trend, the next day it was decided that further exploration was in order. Another lesson a Western Oregon person learns is that the Oregon Coast has nice weather when The Valley is socked in with fog in the winter. The tricky part can be going over the Coastal Range Mountains, but by sticking to major highways, a friend and I make it over and back. The corners are lined with gravel and a little ice to keep things "real". For our trouble, we are a little cold and have possibly collected a couple of new rock chips from flying gravel. Our rewards are sunshine, beautiful coast line, a great lunch of fish and chips and a ride with a dear friend.

We discuss bikes, war stories and roads throughout lunch. Life doesn't get much better! We return on the back roads through the coast range. We come around one memorable shady corner to find a brown roadway where the mud and water crossing the road becomes a surface slicker than a Wall Street money manager. The slightest abrupt control input is met with a "funny wiggle" from the front or back tire. We are simply too old and given the cold conditions, we must be too stubborn, to be taught a good lesson like staying home and watching daytime TV where it's safe. We make it back home intact, chilled but with good memories of the day.

As I write this; two weeks later we are in Arizona, **BIKELESS**. Now there's every kind of old and young people going by, with and without helmets. Shorts, beany helmets, a cigarette going down the road are part and parcel of the riding gear here. Arizona is not a helmet law state. They seem to be enjoying the nice riding weather but I wonder when you have nice weather all the time, do you appreciate it as much as the early rides in the colder states? Do people in southern California and Arizona have the appreciation of getting back on their bikes after not riding for a while like we do in Oregon?

I'm not sure one can have the same intensity and dedication when, at any time, one can ride, as we do up north. I am sure we have some very committed riders in the group, that no matter what, they will ride, as I'm sure the southern area does too. But many of the riders I'm seeing down here seem to be lifestyle riders that could just as easily be in some other hobbies like food, cars or some other pastime; while northern riders have

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# BMWRO

## Coming Events



### Club Sanctioned Events

- Event:** **Mr. Ed's Moto 12th Annual Winter Tour Show**  
**Date/Time:** Saturday, February 27, 2016  
Doors open at 6:00 pm  
**Place:** 414 Queen Ave. S.W., Albany, Oregon  
**Description:** Susan Nelson will be presenting Bentley's Big Adventure. Refreshments will be served. This is a free event for club members and guests. For a preview of the show, go to: <http://bentleysbigadventure.com/>  
**Contact:** Debbie Weber (541) 926-2107
- Event:** **Chief Joseph Rally**  
**Date/Time:** June 17, 18 and 19, 2016  
**Place:** Grant County Fairgrounds, John Day, OR  
**Description:** Full Page Poster in this issue  
**Contact:** Clarence Story, Rally Master **(541) 525-5315**  
or email: [bmwro.cjrrallymaster@gmail.com](mailto:bmwro.cjrrallymaster@gmail.com)  
Carol Lamper, Co-Chair, [carol.lamper@gmail.com](mailto:carol.lamper@gmail.com)

### Recurring Events

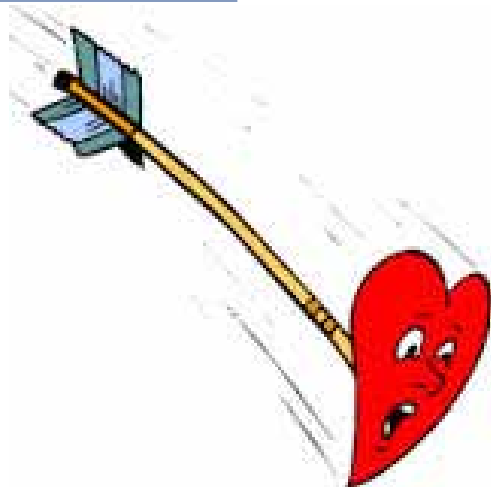
- Event:** **Central Oregon 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday**  
**Date/Time:** Second Saturday of each month  
**Location:** Various ride and lunch locations in the Central Oregon Region.  
**Contact:** Alice LeBarron [alicelebarron@hotmail.com](mailto:alicelebarron@hotmail.com)  
**541-647-7194**
- Event:** **Central Western Region 1st Saturday Ambassador Ride**  
**Date/Time:** First Saturday of each month, Meet at 8:30 a.m., will leave parking lot at 9:00 a.m.  
**Location:** European Motorcycles of Western Oregon  
**Description:** Various routes.  
**Contact:** Jim Breen, **541-912-4500** or [jpbior@aol.com](mailto:jpbior@aol.com) or Bob Metzger **608-642-1186**  
[bobmetzger51@gmail.com](mailto:bobmetzger51@gmail.com)
- Event:** **Southern Oregon 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:dnehall@frontier.com)



- Event:** **NW Oregon 1<sup>st</sup> 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:** **Eugene 1<sup>st</sup> 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**,  
[jpbior@aol.com](mailto:jpbior@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](mailto:don@mredsmoto.com)





## Non-Sanctioned Events

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

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to be hard-core riders to overcome the obstacles of riding in the northwest this time of year to enjoy what it has to offer (unmatched scenery, under-utilized road, and sometimes a bit of frost bite).

All this begs the question “why do we ride early in the season”, when it is uncomfortable and slightly risky. I guess my thinking is for much for same reasons we ride during the pleasant times. Even with the little bit of hardship endured while riding at this time of year, I feel more enjoyment per dollar and per hour on my motorcycle than in any other pursuit. No doubt the risks and cold are greater but with good planning and equipment they can be managed. Now if I could just get down to the Southwest with my bike next year for a riding vacation that would be sweet.....

*Ride well, ride far, and ride safe*  
*Jay*



## How to write a story—some tips

1. Own your story. If the story you write is one you personally experienced, own it: use words like “I” and “me” — avoid using the word “you” as in “when *you* are riding *your* bike, *you* are going to...(fill in the blank)”. Don’t assume someone else is going to do, feel or act as you (the writer of the story) did, felt or acted when you (the writer) experienced it. Tell your story with ownership. Really, it’s okay to risk sounding egotistical.
2. Avoid using the same word twice in the same sentence, as in “we had a *fun* time riding our bikes on *fun* roads”. Use a Thesaurus, if necessary, but find a new or different word to use.
3. Spell out words—if you don’t, the editor will make the change. It’s not okay to use “ok” or abbreviations for *months* of the year, a *state* in the union or *acronyms* in which you don’t also explain what the letters mean\* at least once. And please don’t assume that the editor will know what it means and fix it.
4. Maintain *verb tenses* (that’s a grammatical distinction for any verb expressing time) throughout a paragraph. For example, if one is telling a story about something that happened in the past (*past tense*: “we were going”), one should not switch to *present tense* (“we go”).

\* *As this is a motorcycle club, an exception is made for Bike Model acronyms — it’s just the nature of this beast.*

## NEW MEMBERS

### Motorcycle

**Scott Bradley**, Yamhill, OR. .... 2005 BMW 1200 GS  
**Timothy Love**, Ashland, OR. .... 2008 BMW GSA  
**Randall Vogt**, Portland, OR. .... 2009 BMW R1200R  
**Randy Zustiak**, Medford, OR. .... 2014 BMW R1200RT



**FIND THE BMWRO NEW MEMBER  
APPLICATION FORM ONLINE:**

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

## Bylaws, Policies & Guidelines

If you are interested in any of the above, just visit our website  
and download. [www.bmwro.org](http://www.bmwro.org)

## BMWRO Club Officials

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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).

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[jpbior@aol.com](mailto:jpbior@aol.com)

**Bob Metzger**—608-642-1186  
[bobmetzger51@gmail.com](mailto:bobmetzger51@gmail.com)

### 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**

# **BMWRO and Premier Motogear Present the 12th Annual Winter Tour Night Bentley's Big Adventure!**

Join us: 6 PM, Saturday evening, February 27, 2016, at  
Premier Motogear of Oregon  
414 Queen Ave SW Albany, OR 97322

This is a *free* event but space is limited. **RSVP** to:

Deb Weber: [premiermotogear@comcast.net](mailto:premiermotogear@comcast.net)

or call **541-926-2107** to reserve your spot - Doors open at 6 PM!

Explore 11 Countries in South America with Bentley the dog and Susan Nelson!

Refreshments will be served, save room for popcorn and cookies!



**11 countries, 10 months, 2 bikes, 2 humans and a dog.**

**Nothing says “let’s be friends” like a Labradoodle on a motorcycle!**

**Presented by Susan Nelson.**

**See you there!**

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# 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.**

## **Gate Registration:**

**\$60.00 per person for club members**

**\$70.00 for non-club members**

**12 yrs and younger: \$10.00 per person**

## **Pre-Registration:**

**\$50.00 per person for club members**

**\$60.00 for non-club members**

**More info at: [www.bmwro.org](http://www.bmwro.org)**

**click the Chief Joseph Rally link**

## **Deadlines:**

**US Mail Pre-Registration: June 3, 2016**

**OnLine Pre-Registration: June 3, 2016**

**Refunds: June 3, 2016**

# Grant County Fairgrounds ~John Day, OR June 17-19, 2016

2016 PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

ON LINE AT

**WWW.BMWRO.ORG**

# NW Ambassadors Ride Report- January 2016

David Peterson #90113  
Michael Ripley #191665

January riding is not for wimps. Even on days when the sun is blinding and the pavement is dry, opening the garage door can move you to reconsider dawning your electric jacket. After all, curling up in front of the big screen to watch that boxed set of *Long Way Round/Down* you got for Christmas is almost like going for a ride, isn't it? And on your couch, your feet don't get cold...

On the other hand, it was a beautiful day. And what could be a better way to start the New Year right?

And so it was that Diane and David arrived at a closed Tigard BMW—and found eight of their own, bundled up and ready to go. **Kim Dorsing** and **Janice Mathern** motored in from Vancouver. So did **Andy Sulla** and **Steven Polansky**. **Ric Holderbaum** and **Neal Malagamba**



rolled over from closer in. A particular tip of the hat goes to **Chris Henry**, who left his house at oh-dark-thirty, riding 100 miles from Eugene, just so he could ride another 100 with us.

David's thermometer read 29° and with no warm shop in which to debate the issue, it was time to go. Even though our destination was only fifteen miles away as the crow flies, we allowed two hours to get there. That's what motorcyclists do!

Off we motored, David in the lead, Mike sweeping up. Through Tigard, then on to OR-99, south through Cipole and Sherwood, onto Tonquin Road. Here the riding started to get fun.

The trick to a successful cold-weather ride is that it be a cold, *dry* ride. Even when the sun shines bright and the roads are exposed, you never know what evil lurks in the shade and the corners. Chris had proven the point on his ride



Photo by Diane Peterson

up, scuffing his hard cases when a small, innocuous water crossing proved not to be so benign after all. So we took it easy as we rolled our way along Wilsonville Road. But as we approached Newberg, forest gave way to field, and confidence and speeds began to climb. The St. Paul Highway took us south into Marion County, Keene Road swept us east across I-5, and Monitor-McKee Road led us across Butte Creek into Clackamas County. Along the roadside, fields shimmered and puddles glistened, as their frozen finishes gave way to the rising temperature.

A few minutes later, we found ourselves rolling into Donald and circling for parking in front of the **Donald Café**. It's the only game in town, and for anyone hungry and in the area, well worth the stop. It's a cozy place and space is limited, but even so, they warmly welcomed eleven hardy riders. Careful readers will note that eleven means we picked one up along the way. That's because **Skip Gosser** was there, holding down the fort until we arrived. He'd intended to join us for the ride, but his wallet inconveniently departed his company along the way. Once noticed, he backtracked to find it, only to hear from a neighbor who'd already picked it up. Armed with his wallet, we thought that might mean Skip was going to buy us lunch. We were mistaken.



Photo by Donald Café

Looking around the table, there was a vast array of road food staples—biscuits and gravy, various stuffed omelets, freshly baked toast. David can only vouch for the chili omelet and the swirl-rye toast, which were delicious. But a last look at the plates scraped clean indicated everyone else was happy as well.

We finished lunch with plenty of daylight left. But David had promised to get everyone home in time for Alamo Bowl kickoff, so we quickly went our separate ways. Given Oregon's second-half collapse, we probably should have kept riding. Oh well...we'll make up for it in February!

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](mailto:dwpeterson01@yahoo.com).

**Total miles, January Ride: . . . . 119**  
**Total First Saturday miles – 2016: . . . . . 119**

The [Donald Café](#)  
10870 Main Street NE,  
Donald, OR 97020 (503) 678-1364



**Editor's Comment**

I am continuously amazed that David pulls together a significant gathering of members to ride together and find new places to eat and share stories. Even as he opens this ride report with how tempting it can be to stay home with warm cozy feet propped up while vicariously enjoying a motorcycle ride via film/video, I feel myself relating to his ambivalence. Or perhaps ambivalence is purely my own internal/emotional response.

I'm a wimp when it comes to riding in cold weather—not that I ride anymore. That would be due to my wimpy nature.

Even David's wife, Diane, gets out on the bike with him to *endure* the 'adventure'—so there's got to be something attractive about it for her. I suspect that part of it is seeing the members who gather together for the monthly *Ride-to-Eat*. From my own experience with meeting club members and getting to know

their stories, I find it fascinating and delightful that so many members are genuinely friendly and interesting people—interpersonal interactions are particularly foreign to a misanthropic hermit such as myself. Yet even a wimpy, social misfit—such as the likes of me—can feel quite welcome in this club. In addition, the culinary delights to be enjoyed after an endurance ride probably has its own attraction. Or, the ride is its own reward.



**BMWRO Annual Beach Bash — Table Decorations: Sports Theme**

*photo by Doug Tewksbury*



**BMWRO Annual Beach Bash — The Usual Suspects attend**

*photo by Doug Tewksbury*

## Beach Bash 2016

Attending the 2016 Beach Bash at the Driftwood Shores Motel were the following:

Brian & Valerie Bach  
Jay & Janet Bennett  
Tom Faust  
Arturo & Carolyn Gardener  
Dan & Elie Hall  
Brent & Debbie Jenkins  
Dave & Deborah Kaechele (hosts)  
Carol & Scot Lamper  
Robert & Lindy Metzger  
Sam Olsen  
Lubomir Pospisil  
Ann Robinson  
Clarence & Carolyn Story  
Andy & Kathy Sulla  
Doug & Linda Tewksbury  
Dilia & Kit Vercella  
Randall Vogt  
Don & Debbie Weber

Winners of the Beach Bash Costume Contest—photograph on last page—were:

- Clarence Story (Fisherman)
- Bob & Lindy Metzger (Road-Racing Cyclists))
- Lubomir Pospisil & Ann Robinson (Figure Skater/Dancers)



**Beach Bash 2016 — Scot Lamper always manages to put 'bunny ears' on Carol**

Anyone who reports the Mystery Guy to the *BEEMER BEAT* editor wins a prize—even if it is the Mystery Guy himself.



# First Quarterly Meeting of the BMWRO Membership

## January 15, 2016

Meeting was called to order by Jay Bennett

Members in attendance: 29.

Minutes of the November meeting were approved as published in the December, 2015 *BEEMER BEAT* newsletter.

Our new treasurer, Linda Tewksbury, gave the Treasurer's report:

- As of Dec. 31, 2015, the BMWRO bank balance is \$16,000.
- We have a current membership of 340 (primary and secondary members).
- 175 members have renewed for 2016.
- We have plenty in the budget for future events.

Our new VP/Activities Chair, Scot Lamper, encouraged volunteers to contact him regarding activities they would like to host for the upcoming year.

- Please provide a description of the activity with date and estimated cost to [bmwro.vp@gmail.com](mailto:bmwro.vp@gmail.com).

### Chief Joseph Rally 2016:

Update was provided by Rallymasters Clarence Story and Carol Lamper:

- Everything is on schedule for the planning.
- Volunteers are needed for the following positions.
- 50:50 drawing
- Wine & cheese tasting
- Presenter of rider awards
- Presenter of door prize
- Gate shifts
- Info booth shifts
- To volunteer, please contact [bmwro.cjrrallymaster@gmail.com](mailto:bmwro.cjrrallymaster@gmail.com), or sign up on the website event calendar.
- The Rallymasters are making some plans for door-prize drawings specifically for volunteers.
- Rally artwork for T-shirts and pins is being led by Carol. It will feature a BMW motorcycle in a Native American scene.
- We will be trying to get an estimate of T-shirt count before ordering them for the rally.
- BMWRO Webmaster, Doug Tewksbury, spoke about signing up for events on the BMWRO website.
- To sign up for an event, go to [bmwro.org](http://bmwro.org). Logging into the website is secure—the member log-in is encrypted, just like a bank.
- There is a box to click if you forget your password, or need to create one, which will send an email to your email account.

**User profile:** After logging in, hover over your name in the upper right corner. You can change your name, address, phone, and add pictures. You can also see your event history, payment history, etc.

To register for an event: Go to the Event Calendar, Click on the event you want to attend, Click the register button.

You can also register a guest or secondary member. For the rally, you can sign up for multiple events, for example, the Cowboy Breakfast

You can pay through the website with credit card or by mailing a check. When selecting your payment method, you have the option to print an invoice and mail it with a check.

Also note the *Volunteer Button* on the CJR Event Calendar registration page. Even if the rally registration is closed you will always be able to volunteer. Volunteering is fun and a great socialization opportunity!

Bob Metzger spoke about the upcoming Team Oregon Rider Skills Practice for BMWRO members. This is a great opportunity to practice. It is especially helpful as we age. Remember, we all always need practice.

Registration is limited, so sign up early. The sessions are Saturday May 14 in Bend and Sunday April 3 in Albany. The cost is \$99. Go to [teamoregon.org](http://teamoregon.org) to register.

Jay Bennett spoke about charity donations. This past year, we donated \$2000 to the Canyon City Fire Relief Fund. We have another \$1200 available for charity donations.

This will be divided between 4 Grant County groups: CASA, Seniors Program, Family First, and the Grant County Fairgrounds.

**Old Business:** None

### New Business:

Kit Vercella informed members that Vicki Cudek has passed away due to cancer. Her husband Greg and her mother are doing okay. A card was sent from the club to Greg. If you would like Greg's contact info talk to Jay or Kit.

### Golden Rider presentation:

There was only one entry this year, Bruce Moses, nominated by Roger Paquette. His story was published in the August, 2015 Beemer Beat.

Scot Lamper will make arrangements to get the Golden Rider plaque from Ed Foltyn and present it at a future event.

Costume Judging was by our Beach Bash host, Dave Kaechele. Prizes and winners were:

BMW T-shirt, donated by Bob's BMW, was won by Bob Metzger for his Lance Armstrong-themed costume.

*Street Riders Guide*—a book written & donated by David Hough—was the prize won by Clarence Story for his fisherman costume.

LED light was won by Lubomir Pospisil and Ann Robinson for their ice skater costumes.

Next General Membership Meeting will be June 2016, date/time TBD.

Meeting was adjourned.

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**Clarence Story, Bob & Lindy Metzger,**

**Lubomir Pospisil &  
Ann Robinson**

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