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Summer Start Cookout at Doug & Linda Tewksbury's Home

photo by Doug Tewksbury

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BMWRO President's Message

by Jay Bennett

Summer Time

Okay, so the 2016 Chief Joseph Rally is now history. By almost every measure, the event was a great success. We had 485 attendees, great food and gifts, more showers than we knew what do with, terrific presenters such as **David Hough**, **Walt Fulton** of Streetmasters, and our own **Bob Metzger** for Team Oregon; and vendors such as Mr Ed's and Off-the-Asphalt who designed and made the T-shirts (this is just scratching the surface of all the things that went well). **Jim Stewart** did super job (if not a bit quirky) on the rider awards, which will be cherished forever by the recipients. Our rally was honored with Governor Advisory Committee Meeting on Thursday and it offered a view of what is being proposed by the DMV and ODOT in the future for motorcyclists. 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 have been a little better on Friday and Saturday; but hey, Thursday was great and Sunday was perfect for the ride home for most people. If you didn't make the club's wine tasting on Thursday, you missed one of the highlights of 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 to be a more cohesive group because of the natural teambuilding and getting to know each other 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. **Clarence Story**, the Rally Chair, did a superb job and this was very much appreciated by the attendees and club members. 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. **Breaking news: Doug Tewksbury has stepped up to assume the roll of Rally Master for Chief Joseph 2017!**

Changing subjects and looking forward now: we have got some great events ahead and places to visit coming up, so check that schedule. The Prineville / Walton Lake event happens on July 29th thru 31st. This is a beautiful lake in Ochoco Mountains about 30 miles from Prineville in one of the state's best road and off road riding areas. The annual Steen Campout and meeting will be held September 9-11 with all the usual food, scenery and fellowship. We also have coming up a new/old location of Moonshine Park in Lincoln County on September 23-25. This a great place, also, to road and dual sport ride.

I also wanted to highlight the fact that, before you know it, we'll be holding elections again in October and November. I won't be running for president this year, so we need to find a replacement. I've been in the VP and President positions for 9 years, long enough for anyone—any longer and I'll start to look like one of those century-old senators in D.C. I'm told that the other Executive Committee members won't be seeking my job either, so put your nominating thoughts together and start creating ideas on who'd you like to see lead this club. The job requires a trustworthy, motivated individual that has your—and the club's—interests at heart. Choose wisely! 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 2017!

*Now go out and ride.
Jay*





BMWRO

Coming Events



Club Sanctioned Events

Event: **BMWRO July 4th Picnic**
Date/Time: Monday, July 4, 2016 at 8:00 AM
Place: Box Canyon Horse Camp, Willamette National Forest Blue River, OR
Description: Details on page 6 of this issue
Contact: Roger Paquette, **541-852-0434**

Event: **Women Riders' Campout**
Date/Time: July 15-16, 2016
Place: Breitenbush Campground, Willamette National Forest (*not to be confused with Breitenbush Hot Springs or Breitenbush Lake*)



Description: Rustic camping with other women riders in two multiple-occupancy campsites along the Breitenbush River (Sites 22 & 24). There is both good road and dual sport riding in this area. Amenities include potable water, vault rest rooms, a fire pit and picnic tables. Potluck dinner Saturday night. Gas, groceries, restaurants, and supplies 9 miles away in Detroit.

Directions: Coming from Detroit, turn east onto **Breitenbush Rd/NF 46**. Follow **NF 46** for 9.3 miles. You'll pass Cleator Bend Campground 1/2 mile before the Breitenbush Campground on your right. Coming from Estacada: Follow **Clackamas Hwy 224 south**. At about 25 miles, you'll see Ripplebrook Ranger Station on your left; continue **south** from the ranger station on **NF 46**, signed for Detroit. Breitenbush campground will be on your left, about 35 miles past the ranger station. If you come to Cleator Bend Campground, you've gone too far.

Cost: BMWRO members: **free**. Non-members: **\$15.00**
Contact: Co-hosts are Alice LeBarron and Carol Lamper alicelebarron@hotmail.com or **541-647-7194**; carol.lamper@gmail.com or **503-860-8787**
Preferred method of sign-up is thru the Event

Calendar on the BMWRO website. Sign-up closes July 12. Campground info and a link to the campground map can be found on this [page](#)

Event: **Walton Lake Campout**
Date/Time: Friday July 29 to Sunday July 31, 2016
Place: Walton Lake Campground, Small Group Campsite, Ochoco National Forest



Description: A group campsite with tent sites and limited RV sites (no hook-ups) in a setting of old growth Ponderosa Pines and mountain meadows. There is both good road and dual sport riding in this area. Amenities include potable water, vault rest rooms, a fire pit and picnic tables. Potluck dinner Saturday night. BBQ grill will be available. Gas, groceries, restaurants, and supplies 30 miles away in Prineville.

Directions: Take **Hwy 20** east from Prineville approximately 15 miles; Turn right onto **Ochoco Creek Road/CR 123**, signed for Walton Lake. At about 8 miles, the road forks at the junction of **NF 22** and **NF 42**; **go left onto NF 22**; follow this about 7 miles to the Walton Lake Campground on your left.

Cost: BMWRO members: **free**. Non-members: **\$15.00**
Preferred method of sign-up is through the Event Calendar on the BMWRO website

Contact: Alice LeBarron, alicelebarron@hotmail.com or **541-647-7194**
Preferred method of sign-up is thru the [Event Calendar](#) on the BMWRO website. **Sign-up closes July 26**. Campground info and a link to the campground map can be found on this [page](#).

Event: **Mount Rainier First Saturday**
Date/Time: August 6–7, 2016: First Saturday Overnight.
Place: Meet at **BMW of Western Oregon** in Tigard. Doors open at 8:30; clutches out to begin the ride promptly at 9:45.



Description: Every month has a first Saturday. But not every month has a First Saturday Overnight. In August we'll test the waters. Members from all over the state are invited August 6th and 7th to join the NW Ambassadors as we set our sights on Mount Rainier. We'll ride north over the east shoulder of Mount St. Helens, through Mount Rainier NP, toward our digs at the stately Econo Lodge in Buckley, WA. Sunday's ride back will be around the north side of Mount Rainier, through Yakima, then home on US-97.

- Limited to 30 participants
- A block of rooms are reserved at the Econo Lodge. Rooms (tax included) are:
 - \$101 for a single Queen;
 - \$112 for two Queens;
 - \$112 for a King.

• **YOU MUST SECURE YOUR OWN ACCOMODATIONS.** Contact the Econo Lodge at **(360) 829-1100** to make a reservation. Mention you are one of the **BMW RIDERS OF OREGON**.

• Dinner will be held at Bootlegger's Bar & Grill, next to the Econo Lodge. You can order off the menu, with two exceptions:

- 1) Alcohol will not be purchased by the club and will be paid for separately by each participant.
- 2) Go ahead...order the **Big Bad Bootlegger**. Note that **if you fail to finish it, you are on your own**—for both the \$30 bill and the emergency services that will likely accompany your attempt.

• If you want a dinner deal, you must prepay through the Club.

Cost: **\$15 for members; \$30 for Associates and non-members.** Dinner reservations will not be accepted after 30 reservations or July 1, whichever comes first. This may be a popular

event, so sign up early.
Contact: David Peterson at dwpeterson01@yahoo.com or call **(503)327-5592** or Michael Ripley at gobeezer@me.com or call **(503)648-0578**.

Event: **Steens Narrows**
Date/Time: September 9 - 11, 2016
Place: Narrows RV Park, OR



Description: A Saturday and Sunday morning continental breakfast and a Saturday night meal of BBQ, plus more. 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.

Cost: For members: \$15.00; for non-members: \$25.00 Contact Janet and Jay Bennett. Please **RSVP** No Later than **8/30/16**. Preferred method of sign-up is thru our website and use PayPal at:

<http://bmwro.org/SNC-preregistration.html>

RV hookups at your own expense:

call **541-495-2006** to make reservations for RV camp spots or visit: www.narrowsrvpark.com. Preferred method of sign-up is through the [Event Calendar](#) on the BMWRO website using a credit/debit card or by sending our Treasurer a check in the mail.

Contact: 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.**

Event: **Fall Coastal Campout**
Date/Time: September 23–25, 2016
Place: Moonshine Park near Siletz in Lincoln County



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- Description:** A group campsite for tents and several RV sites. There is both good road and dual sport riding in this area. The Siletz River runs beside the campsite. There are rest rooms with showers, fire pits and tables. Food will be on your own but nearby there are good restaurants. A small country store is 4 miles away.
- Directions:** Take Hwy 229 to Siletz. Turn east onto Logsdan Road, drive approximately 7.5 miles until you reach the Logsdan store. Then cross the bridge and turn left onto Moonshine Park Road. Follow for approximately 4 miles to the park.
- Cost:** For members: **free**; for non-members: **\$15.00**
Preferred method of sign-up is thru the [Event Calendar](#) on the BMWVRO website.
- Contact:** Jay Bennett. **Please RSVP No Later than 9/20/16.** Preferred method of sign-up is thru our website or contact Jay at bmwro.pres@gmail.com or **541-760-0675** to reserve a space (both tent or RV). Also checkout this [Moonshine-Park](#) web page.

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 Ambassador Ride**
Date/Time: Various dates and times. See the event calendar on the web site for more information.
Location: European Motorcycles of Western Oregon
Description: Various routes.
Contact: Jim Breen, **541-912-4500** or jpbior@aol.com or Bob Metzger **608-642-1186**
bobmetzger51@gmail.com
- Event:** **Southern Oregon 1st Saturday**
Date/Time: First Saturday of each month
Location: Various lunch/breakfast and ride locations for southern Oregon members.
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 the Northwest Oregon Region.
Description: Finding the twisties and connecting with our membership for grins and food sharing.
Contact: David Peterson **503-327-5592**
dwpeterson01@yahoo.com
Mike Ripley **503-789-2966**
gobeezer@live.com

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

Heard-On-the-Road

- Event:** **BMWRO July 4th Picnic**
Date/Time: Monday, July 4, 2016 at 8:00 AM
Place: Box Canyon Horse Camp, Willamette National Forest, Blue River, OR



- Description:** Family and friends gone off to their own 4th Celebration? Don't worry, BMWRO still loves you. Ride out to USFS Highway 19, aka Aufderheide Scenic Drive for a gathering. We will meet at the Box Canyon Campground at 12 noon. A small barbeque will be fired up for your grilling pleasure. Box Canyon Campground is located at 3700 feet. It is approximately the half way point either from Hwy 58 or Hwy 126. It is a free horse camp. It features 13 campsites and vault toilets. There is no drinking water and you will pack out your garbage. We will pick a vacant campsite upon arrival and set up for lunch, rain or shine. You will bring your own food, utensils, water and garbage bag, very simple! This is all located in the McKenzie Ranger District. If you have questions, look it up on line or a map. Official speed limit on the Aufderheide is 45mph! No sign up nor reservations required, just show with your food.

- Directions:** **From Blue River, OR**, travel 4 miles east on Highway 126 to Aufderheide Drive (Forest Service Road 19). **Continue south** on Aufderheide Drive, taking a right at the Y and climbing to the top of Cougar Reservoir. **Continue south** on Aufderheide Drive past Cougar Reservoir for 31 miles to **Box Canyon Horse Camp** on the west side of the road at the top of the pass.
Contact: Roger Paquette, **541-852-0434**

Non Sactioned Events

- Event:** **Bee Cee Beemers 2016**
Date/Time: August 18, 2016 at 3:00 pm
Place: Nakusp Hotsprings Campground, 4h Street & 10th Avenue NW, Nakusp, BC
Description: detail
Contact: Marcus Schack at mschack@shaw.ca or email nakusprally2016@beeceebeemers.com

NEW MEMBERS

Motorcycle

Dichelle Chambers, Grants Pass, OR..... unknown
Bill Habel, Portland, OR 1995 R1100R
Laura Keir, Eugene, OR unknown
Brian Morgan, Heppner, OR 2012 R 1200 GS



**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

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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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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).

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).

David W. Peterson—503-327-5592

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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**

Summer Start Cookout

by Linda Tewksbury

I want to start by saying thank-you to all that joined in for the Start of Summer cookout. In all there were 27 people who joined in for the activity—with members from Florence, Roseburg, Portland and areas in between, it proved to be a wonderful mix of people. There were conversations amongst old friends and new acquaintances.

As many of you know, it takes a lot of time and planning for such an event; and it is wonderful that the club sponsored the cookout this year to defray personal costs. Once the budget was set, the food menu was planned. Next came the shopping for all the food items. Despite what many men think, a woman generally doesn't get a great deal of enjoyment shopping for food. Clothing and shoes are usually a different story.

The four canopies, tables and chairs could all be set up a couple of days ahead of time, but food stuff is another story. The day prior to the event I was able to pick

the fresh strawberries and rhubarb from my yard and proceed to make the 4 strawberry/rhubarb pies. I was also able to bake the blueberry cobbler, the tri-colored pasta salad and the German potato salad. That evening I was able to pick the blueberries and strawberries for the next day's fruit platter. When I set the date for the cookout, I never thought blueberries would already be ripening (they are about a month ahead this year).

Next came the morning of the cookout. The pulled pork was started in the crock pot, the marinara sauce was cooking away in the caldron, the salad was prepared and the fruit and vegetable trays were being artistically designed. Low and behold every event has to have at least one minor disaster. As I prepared the fruit trays, I neglected to continuously check my roll dough. Since I had made two batches of dough, one of my bowls proved to be insufficient in size. Anyone that has ever made homemade bread knows that after the dough is kneaded, it is covered and placed in a warm place to rise until doubled. For me

that warm place is the oven that has been warmed slightly. In hind sight, outside would probably have worked quite well. As I was getting ready to divide the dough into the dinner rolls, I discovered the dough had expanded beyond the confines of the bowl, spilling over onto the oven racks and oven floor. I really wasn't thrilled about having to spend the 25 minutes cleaning my oven, but it had to be done. People say they love the smell of fresh baked bread, but I doubt burnt bread would be all that appealing. The grill was fired up and the baked potatoes and chicken were started and later the hot dogs.

Everything was set, but plans do change. With temperatures that reached 98 degrees here in the valley, the food tent was not used. Instead the air-conditioned kitchen seemed like a much wiser option. The ice bucket on the counter, along with the beverages, stayed far cooler indoors than they would have outdoors. Thankfully I have a large Galley kitchen so it accommodated the alteration well. I have received several e-mails from those that attended thanking me for the good time. I say Thank-you back to each of you.



photo group by Dan Russell



photo group by Doug Tewksbury

2016 Rally Master Ramblings

by Clarence Story

As I look back at the rally that just occurred, which was a wet one, my thoughts take me back to Dec of 2015. I thought that I was out of the rally master business, but, Jay called before Christmas to say he really needed someone to lead the rally. If I was going to do it—since I'm retired—it had to be fun. I decided to jump back in and do it. Called **Bill Wiegand**, Managing Editor of **BMW ON** about national advertising and learned we had to have something *today*—the 31st of December—for advertising in March! Miss *today* and the first national advertising would not go out until April. We prefer to have the national advertising start in January or February at the latest. I quickly checked the dates of the rally; made some changes to an old advertisement that had been used years ago; changed the rally master email address—as that no longer

worked; and shot an email back to the east coast. Bill emailed me back and were on for March.

That was the first hurdle; then to figure out where we were on the 2016 logo. **Carol Lamper** was working with a fellow in the Portland area on a new design: a bike with rider, a horse and some mountains with a reflecting pool. I liked the idea; but the first version was not so good.



We switched the art work to **Abram Heard**—a Lane County resident—for some changes. No reflecting pool and changed the horse from a roan to an appaloosa and we had our logo.

Started sending out emails for seminar speakers and in the final version; **David Hough**, AMA Motorcycle Hall of Fame and a national magazine writer would attend. **Walt Fulton III**, professional motorcycle racer and now speaker and advocate for motorcycle safety was added to the seminar list.

Bob Metzger, represented Team Oregon Motorcycle Safety Program.

Geology Rocks (a biker tour) was presented by **John Fiedor** (a retired park ranger—whom receives an “A Plus” every year from our riders. The popular **Cowboy Breakfast** led by **Jay Bennett**, was a little damp as we had showers-to-heavy rains Friday night through Saturday morning; so the ride was a wet one.

As a club—especially in the rally master position—we were blessed this year with the number of folks stepping up and volunteering. All positions filled quickly. Huge thanks to **Doug Tewksbury**, our webmaster, for taking on the **Preregistration**, which is a huge job. His job starts the day we post on the website that preregistration is open. His emails start that day with problems and helping folks get registered.

Received an email from **Alice LeBarron** that **Allen** and **Joy Cesafsky** would come back and head up the **Front Gate**—not easy filling the front gate—thanks Allen and Joy. **Rally Info Center**, **Ellen Barton** stepped back into her familiar role. She has been involved with the rally *forever*, and, gives good advice when I need it—thanks Ellen.

Thanks to **Jim** and **Laura Stewart** for taking on the **Rider Awards** this year. Jim broke away from the standard acrylic trophies that we have used for years; and he handmade the trophy awards using wood-burning and painting characters out of **Mad Magazine**. The awards turned out phenomenal.

I—as Rallymaster—chased down the **Door Prizes**; then had someone give those away at the rally: **Carl** and **Shelia Boulden** did the daily drawings and helped with the grand prizes during the closing ceremony.

Taking **pictures** this year was “five-times past, rally master”,



Lane Weinberg. Lane has been my mentor and a great friend. **Brian Bach** approached me early on about posting **Signage** around town, which was great. There's been years that no one wanted to put up signs. Thanks Brian for helping this year.

Was looking for someone to do the **50/50 Drawing** and out of the wood work strode **Fred and Gladys Hasse**—in clown and jester outfits—doesn't get any better.

The rally has struggled the last few years with finding someone who wanted to get up at 4:00 am every morning to make **coffee** for the rally attendees. Past **Fairgrounds Manager, Carolyn Stout "Barista"**—who has been around our group for many years—actually wanted the job. The coffee stand this year went so smoothly—even Saturday morning, during heavy rain showers—she kept the coffee coming.

Vendors: having someone to deal with the paperwork for the last few months as I get calls from all kinds of people wanting to know about being a vendor at our rally—and "Where is John Day?"—I just send them on to **Bruce Moses**. Thanks Bruce for the lunch dates



Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety

photo by Lane Weinberg

discussing the rally and where are we going to assign everyone.

Dave Kaechele stepped up for the "Airhead Central" group and gave a great talk about tuning your engine, with over 40 folks in attendance.

Steve Miller and Roger Paquette worked for months putting together the "Off Road Ride" and the morning of the ride, it was wet. Some bikes went down with parts and pieces of bikes coming off; but, the report was a good 180 mile ride with some tough dirt/wet roads to navigate.

Chris Henry led a **Men's Ride** on Friday and the weather was nice. He had to leave early—headed to Alaska.

Alice LeBarron and Carol Lamper hosted a **Forum for Women Riders** followed with a ride on Friday. Carol Lamper and **Liz Jones** conducted a "Nice & Easy Ride" on Saturday.

Our Thursday evening "Wine and Cheese tasting"—one of my favorite events—I tried to meet everyone that I don't know and make them feel welcome. Couple of years ago, National BMWMOA president "Greg Feeler" took me aside and said "This is the rally that I implore other rallies to emulate, as this rally is like, family."

Three special events happened at the rally.

1. The Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety hosted their quarterly meeting. These are the folks who discuss subjects like "lane splitting and lane sharing" and all facets of motorcycle safety, then make suggestions to ODOT or the governor. Want to thank the committee chair **Bob Reichenberg** and also from BMWRO were: **Deb Weber, Chris Henry and David Peterson**.
2. The Grant County Stock Growers wanted to have a rodeo occurring the same time as our event. The rodeo is sponsored by the same folks who put on the **Cowboy Breakfast**. Our rally is here in this town and community, because the folks of



John Day like and appreciate us. It is not easy to find a location to host a motorcycle rally and it is in our best interest to help support this community. We shared the venue with the rodeo for part of Saturday.

3. **Brian Anderson** approached our state president (**Jay Bennett**) about filming segments of our rally for a motorcycle documentary. The fairgrounds manager, **Mary Weaver**, along with Jay Bennett, Alice LeBarron, Steve Miller, **Joy Cesafsky** and myself spent some time in front of the camera. The results are to come out next year.

Coming up next month the BMWMOA National Rally is in Hamburg, NY. Also, the 2017 National Rally will be held in Salt Lake City, UT.

BMWRO contributed money last year to the fairgrounds for improvement to the Wi-Fi system and we didn't get any complaints this year that I know of. The Wi-Fi range even reached out to the front gate where incoming riders could pay with a swipe of a credit card!

Half of the 50/50 money went to the Juniper Ridge 4H group, who also served breakfast one morning.



Also, groups that we supported were Grant County Stock Growers Association, Friends of the Fair, Outpost Catering Co, Smoking Pit Barbeque and the 1188 Brew Pub.

During the closing ceremony, **Sam Olsen** was recognized for starting the BMWRO club and this rally almost 40 years ago and has been our only MOA ambassador for Oregon.

New BMWMOA Regional Coordinator, **Gordy Olson** was in attendance. He came and left and I was sorry I didn't get to really meet him.

Had great door prizes this year from Premier Motogear, Mr. Ed's Moto, ROK Straps, BMW Motorcycle

Magazine, Al Schibi – Sound Devices, Steve Prokop BMW, Greg's A-List, Off the Asphalt, Ozzie's BMW, Hansen's BMW, Giant Loop, Happy Trails, E-Z Touring, Mountain Shop, Moto Fantasy, Bob's BMW Motorcycle, Sound Rider, Walt Fulton III and Dave Hough.

I want to thank our club president, Jay Bennett, Vice President, Scot Lamper, Treasurer, Linda Tewksbury, and Secretary, Alice LeBarron—without their support, this Rallymaster could not achieve this kind of success.

When shaking hands at the Saturday evening dinner, the feedback from everyone is, "Wouldn't miss this rally for the world!" I've enjoyed every minute, but, this was my last rally. *Really.*

*See you down the road,
Clarence*



Many more images available at the bmwro.org website and some will be posted in the August issue of the **BEEMER BEAT** if space allows.

~ editor



Ride Report

by Dan Russell

Put together 90-degree Eugene weather, five dual sport bikes, a couple guys who rode BMW's off-road long before it was the craze, a couple newbies, the Tewksbury's organizational skills and you have the primordial elements necessary for extraordinary life.

Gene Fessenbecker and Tom Mitchell planned the Aufderheide ride-gathering as a GS-type ride from Lowell along the dirt-and-potholed West Boundary Road on the north shore of Dexter Reservoir to the red covered bridge in Westfir. Doug Tewksbury—feeling far enough away from the traffic enforcers—rode his non-radar detector equipped Dakar 650 to spew the dust contrails which gave the rest of us plenty of *Dakar ambience*. We were challenged to see, let alone survive, the craters already lurking in the shadows ahead of our dust-covered face shields. Newbies, Bill Lelash and Dan Russell, began earning their rights of passage bringing up the rear in the dust contrail's vortex.

While leading, Doug Tewksbury savored the dust-free panorama of



Lookout Point Lake and the road ahead; but, the rest of us found the dust clouds thin enough to our sides to enjoy the shoreline view.

Doug had advised the group that Linda Tewksbury would meet us at the red covered bridge in Westfir with hot dogs. We all had been to the Start of Summer BBQ at the Tewksbury's earlier in the month, so we knew we were in for a treat. Dan started salivating at the thought of the culinary indulgences of that day—especially the strawberry-rhubarb pie and ice cream. Yum.

Arriving in Westfir, we turned left onto the red bridge—built in

1945—and emerged on the other side where Linda Tewksbury waited with chargrilled hotdogs, potato chips, chocolate chip cookies and cold water. It was like we were on one of those expensive motorcycle tours where they meet you with a chuck wagon along the route.

With tires all re-inflated, tummies full and thirst quenched, we dusted off our visors and joined the Aufderheide for a scenic paved tour to Cougar Reservoir. We old geezers had mercy on the nude hot spring users and spared them the revulsion of our presence, continuing on to the dam.

Exiting the Aufderheide, we made our way onto McKenzie Highway to the Vida store where we could grab a refreshing drink and watch Bill's rear brake smoke, before heading back to our homes. Brake problem resolved, we went on with greater anticipation for more GS-type BMWRO rides.



all photos by Dan Russell



NW Ambassadors Ride Report- June 2016

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If at first you don't succeed, you try, try again. That was the motto for the June First Saturday Ride—actually held on the second Saturday, 11 June. It was our goal to bike and hike in May, but *Mother Nature* would have none of that. This month, despite threats and damp rumors, we were greeted with warm temperatures and only a few clouds.

The forecast had been enough (or maybe it was the second Saturday being treated as the first) to keep our number small and manageable. No **Mike** this month; we couldn't convince him that our adventure would be more fun than his son's high school graduation. David was pleased to see a number of faces that had been part of last month's washout. As we headed out



of the parking lot, **Cliff Dunn**—who had electrical troubles in May—fell in behind **David & Diane**, along with **Linnea Alvord, Louie Robida, Steven Polansky, and Frank Boyle. Steve Woodward** graciously agreed to sweep and did an admirable job keeping David apprised that all were accounted for.

The first half of the ride was a study in contrast. We covered

much of the same territory we had last month. In May, the rain built as we rode, and by the time we reached Bald Peak, we were soaked and shrouded in fog. This month the same roads showed crops and wildflowers blooming against blue-gray skies. Scholls Ferry – Laurel Road – Bald Peak – Laurelwood – Spring Hill Road – wonderful roads all. Especially when you can see where you're going.

In Carlton, past Meadow Lake Road, we began to make a new way. If you study the map carefully, you can make out a series of roads that define the west perimeter of Yamhill Valley. Most folks never take the time to seek these outer reaches and they become a completely new discovery. So it was for many in the group this month as we rambled down Westside Road to Donnelly, Hill, Peavine, and Youngberg Roads. Heading south on Muddy Valley Road, we were greeted by dozens of freshly-shorn alpaca, who seemed to be enjoying—in their own way—one of the last weekends of spring.

Heading to Lincoln City, eventually one has no choice but to jump on OR-18. As we headed west, it became clear we were not going



Well-fed and ready to hike.

Photo by David Peterson

to escape the rain entirely. But as storms go, our timing was perfect: the slowest, tamest part of the ride with a lunch stop at the end. Soon we were in south Lincoln City – and the closer we got to the water, the sunnier and warmer it got. Clearly we were going to attain our goal.

If quantity is a lunch priority, you can do much worse at the **Corner Café South**. If taste is also a factor, this place has it all. And who can argue with *breakfast all day*? The pancakes were terrific, as were, (I'm told) the french fries, burgers, oysters, and sandwiches. Not a morsel was left as we made our way back to the bikes. A healthy hike was in order more now than ever.

Drift Creek Road is a meandering ribbon that connects US-101 with OR-18 near Rose Lodge. It climbs dramatically about a thousand feet, getting narrower and twistier the farther you travel. Especially south to north, care must be taken as you round the blind corners on a surface only a lane-and-a-half wide. This is a popular day hike and the preferred



Mid-span on the bridge

Photo by Anonymous

transportation is car or truck. Fortunately, our encounters were few and we all arrived safely at the trailhead.

After changing our shoes and stowing our gear, it was down the trail we hiked. The 1.5-mile trail is an easy downhill stroll through dense forest. As you hear the rush of the falls, what you're not prepared for is the massive suspension bridge that crosses the creek. Built in 1997, it vaults the canyon and the creek 100-feet below and it offers a bird's eye view of the 80-foot falls.

After pictures were taken it was time for the return hike. The



Drift Creek Falls

Photo by David Peterson

uphill grind was made easier by the steady buzz of conversation. All seemed to agree it had been worth the wait and effort.

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

Total miles, May Ride: 257

Total First Saturday miles – 2016: 1,191

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Trails End for a Hardy Group of Hiking Bikers.

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Members gather for Wine Tasting (a pre-Rally tradition)

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