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Southern Oregon Saturday Ride

photo by Dan Hall

Short Issue

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BMWRO President's Message

by Jay Bennett

Winter Dalliance

Ok so it's been raining about forty days now and yet it is only late October. It seems we are in for an early winter. Did you know the closest Cycle World Motorcycle Show this year is now in Long Beach, California? That event was one of the highlights of our motorcycling winter. There is the "The One Motorcycle Show" in Portland but that is not until Feb 10—12th, 2017. Our next state wide BMWRO event is the January Meeting in Florence. The November Meeting is officially cancelled due to not getting a host. So what to do for the indoor bound motorcyclist?

I have been postponing some garage work, so that is on my agenda. It seems right to do those non-essential projects when you have rain hitting the roof. Who wants to take the bike out of service during the riding season? Perhaps now is best time to see your mechanic or whoever does your maintenance and get those fluids changed, bearings and seals replaced, those super-duper modifications done, or that farkle added (Fancy, Accessory, Really, Kool and Likely Expensive). For my BMW, there's seldom much needed; but for the other bikes in the household, there is a laundry list to keep me researching, ordering and installing parts to get the "Perfect" bike—or at least make it reliable, modernize —or to make *normal* one of our classic old bikes (yes call me a dreamer).



"Jay—vicariously living John Britton's Dream



Curling up with a good book is sometimes a good way to keep the flame going and the cobwebs at bay. I have a couple of shelves of motorcycle and travel related books in my study that have been read several times and

referenced dozens of times. Recently I picked up a new book called "**Race Tech's Motorcycle Suspension Bible**" by Paul Thede (of Race Tech Suspension) and Lee Parks (the BMW MOA columnist and of the California motorcyclist training program). If you want to understand the black magic of a motorcycle suspension, this is the best I have seen in explaining what is happening, why it's happening and what you can do about it. Similarly, a good movie can give a lot entertainment especially with the right company. Anyone want to come over and watch my *On Any Sunday* or *The World's Fastest Indian* again?

Another pastime is trip planning. What is on your list for 2017? The BMW MOA has the big rally in Salt Lake City (SLC) on July 13–15 in '17. Travel to SLC makes for a great ride through southern Oregon and across the salt flats—if done right—or you can make it in a day's ride on I-84—not fun, but quick. The BMW RA is having their rally July 6-7 in Petoskey, Michigan. Also, we have our very own Chief Joseph Rally on June 23–25th. As many of you know, I am a planner by obsession, so my wife and I have three trips in 2017 already written down. One of my favorite sayings is "A goal is simply a dream with a deadline". So pull out a pen and calendar and start making it happen in 2017.

This last weekend I taught a Team Oregon class with six new riders. They were excited to get out there and ride—even in this weather. We should be excited, too. Not many people in this day and age can ride a bike in inclement weather like a BMW rider. Get out there and make your adventures.

Don't forget to connect up with other kindred motorcyclists. Do a movie night or potluck at a house. Help another person with their project or ask for some help. Put on that raingear go for a ride with another rider—so what if you get wet? Just do it. To be a motorcyclist is to be a self-starter by nature—so get out there and find adventure.

Jay





BMWRO

Coming Events



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 Friday Lunch**
Date/Time: Every Friday around noon-ish
Place: Various places around Eugene. Check the events calendar [onLine](#) for locations.
- 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.
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Mark Collier **541-499-1395**
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- Event:** **NW Oregon 1st Saturday Ride**
Date/Time: First Saturday of each month
Location: Various breakfast and ride locations in the Northwest Oregon Region.
Description: Finding the twisties and connecting with our membership for grins and food sharing.
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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

Non Sactioned Events

- Event:** **North Bay Ride**
Date/Time: Thursday, Nov. 3rd 8:20 a.m. All Da
Place: Shell Station & Food Mart
6085 W 11th Ave. (Hwy. 126 & Green Hill Road), Eugene, OR
Description: Scenic & Varied Ride – Some Gravel
From Eugene to Florence, we will ride to the coast, down 101 and turn on to paved backroads that take us along the lesser traveled country roads. Most people haven't been on the routes on the North Shore of the bay, and then along estuaries into the remote country roads through Fairview, Dora, Sitkum and then up the old Wagon Road to Looking Glass (near Roseburg). We will stay on backroads to Elkton, then do the Territorial return to Eugene. We will stop to eat snacklike at country stores. There are two stretches of gravel (good road), one about 10 miles and one maybe half that. Side stands up at 8:30 a.m.
Contact: Dan Russell, **541-221-0990**,
danjrussell@gmail.com
- Event:** **Dessert Social**
Date/Time: Sunday, December 11, 2016 at 4:00 PM
Place: Linda Tewksbury's Home: 3043 Dalewood Street Eugene, OR
Description: Dessert and coffee time to celebrate the holidays and welcome the club's new president
Contact: Linda Tewksbury, bmwro.treasurer@gmail.com
- Event:** **January 2017 Beach Bash**
Date/Time: January 20–22, 2017
Place: Driftwood Shores Resort, Florence, OR
Description: The annual January meeting and banquet. For those wishing to spend either one night or two at the hotel, there has been a block of rooms set aside for the event at a **discounted** group rate at individuals own expense. All rooms may be reserved until January 9, 2017 as follows
Single Queen with microwave, refrigerator and coffee maker for \$95 per night plus tax or
Double Queen suite (2 bedrooms/2 baths) with full kitchen; sleeps 4 at rate of \$135 per night plus tax.
More details on the [website](#).
Contact: Linda Tewksbury, bmwro.treasurer@gmail.com

Note from the Editor

by Forest McGreggor

For as long as I have been newsletter editor for the **BEEMER BEAT**—about seven years—this is the first time the club has cancelled the Winter Celebration and November quarterly club meeting. The reason being that no club member stepped forward as a volunteer to Host the event. Jay and Janet Bennett put out repeated requests for a host as they had put everything in motion, but were not going to be able to host the event. No one volunteered, not even myself.

As editor for the club newsletter—this here **BEEMER BEAT**—I am finding the November issue to be challenging as fewer members have sent stories from the last month. **Dan Hall** and his co-Ambassador for the southern Oregon region have sent photos from their October ride—those images can be found on Front & Back Covers. Faithful as ever, **David Peterson** has a full Ride Report with a map, pictures of the happy bikers, and links to where the group ate lunch as well as links for where others may share their photos. With some arm-twisting, **Jay Bennett** wrote a sad/hopeful note on what to do with a raining riding season.

Aside from these tenacious members who sent stuff to me for publication, this editor has chosen to fill a few pages with “Flash-from-the-Past” PDF captures of stories as they were originally printed in earlier versions of the **BEEMER BEAT**. Stasi Vaillencourt—long since dropped off the radar—wrote in 2008 about leading the GS Ride at the Chief Joseph Rally (page 7) and Roger Paquette’s President’s Message from 2007 (page 6).



BMWRO Officer Election Results

The election is closed and ballots are counted. **Robert Metzger** will be our new president and **Alice LeBarron** will continue in her role as secretary.

Thirty-eight members voted; of those, 36 ballots were submitted via the new website voting system and two ballots (one household) submitted their ballots via email. There were no write-in candidates submitted.

Bob Metzger will be installed as president of BMWRO at the January meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice LeBarron, Secretary, BMW Riders of Oregon



NEW MEMBERS

Motorcycle

Beth Dolos, Ashland, OR 2014 BMW F800GS
Julious Griffith, Eugene, OR 2016 BMW F800GSA
Eric Lintner, Wilsonville, OR 2010 R1200GS
Cynthia Olson, Ashland, OR 2014 BMW F700GS



Bylaws, Policies & Guidelines

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

FIND THE BMWRO NEW MEMBER APPLICATION FORM ONLINE:

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

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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).

Jim Breen—541-912-4500

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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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Mark Collier—541-499-1395

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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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Michael Ripley—503-648-0578

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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



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President's Message

By Roger Paquette

What a terrific riding month September has been. I hope most members have been able to take advantage of this fabulous weather. I was able to fit in a couple of events. That is why I am scrambling to compose the October President's message late this month.

Our editor, Ross Carroll has requested all newsletter submissions prior to the 15th of the month. It takes him between 20 and 30 hours to produce the Beemer Beat. Difficult to do after the 25th.

The club has a new webmaster. Jim Titus jim@melloville.com is currently working on a new site layout. Jim will be at the November meeting.

The main business for October is BMWRO's officer election. A ballot is enclosed in this Beemer Beat. We have four very qualified members stepping forward up for the club.

Candidates are: President: Jay Bennett; Vice-President: Tom Dew; Secretary: Gladys Hasse; and Treasurer: Elie Hall.

Members can also write in another member for any of the above offices. Might be a great idea to check with them before you write them in.

October isn't all business. Scott and Carol Lamper are hosting an event October 13, 2007. It looks like a lot of fun especially if you like food! Further details are inside!

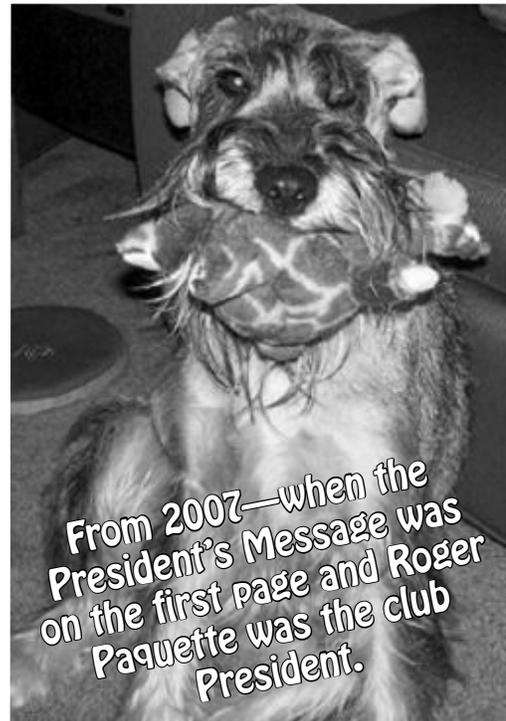
November 10, 2007 is BMWRO's annual "Christmas Party" and fourth quarter meeting. Gladys Hasse has worked very hard setting this up at "The Village Green Resort" in Cottage Grove OR. It's a very nice place and the block of reserved rooms is a great deal. Looking forward to seeing many of you there. See the details inside.

We have finally compiled the club by-laws onto a CD.

They are also printed out and available from the club Secretary. Send a request and you can have your very own copy.

The January Meeting is in the works. Elie Hall is setting up our winter party in Florence.

It is time to think about all the great times you had at club events this past year. As club President, I have had many members suggest BMWRO hold an event here or even there! Wouldn't that be a fantastic deal if someone could set it up! Well now is the time to sit down and consider what you would like to see happen. It doesn't take a whole lot to set up an event. You can do it. There are many members that can help you. Just ask! It's your club, make it happen.



Chief Joseph GS Ride by Stasi Vaillancourt



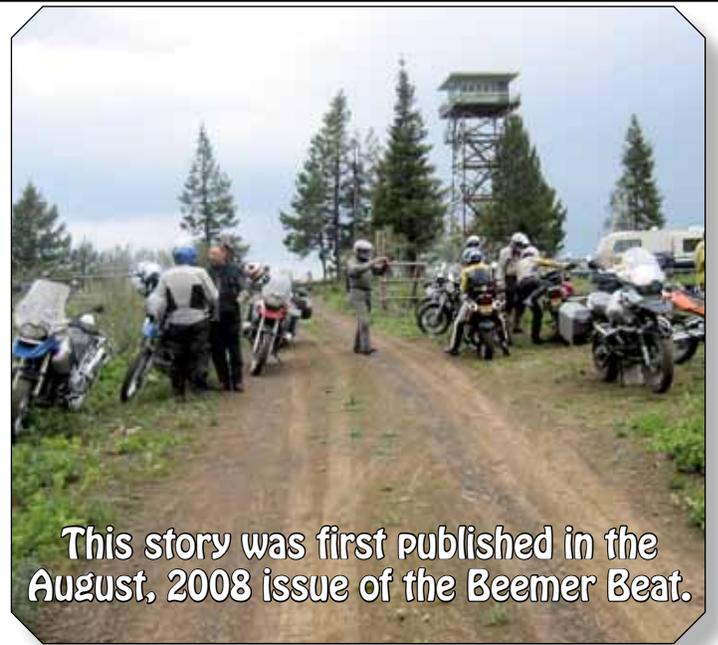
I've heard reports about how well this year's rally went and how much fun folks had. Good. I'll have to take your word for it, as I wasn't on the grounds to partake of any daytime festivities. Instead, I can update you on some fun that was had by adventurous souls in the beautiful mountains around John Day.

Prior to the Rally, Lane started asking who would lead the traditional GS ride. Jay was sucked into Presidency details, and Dave had the lame excuse of not wanting to use his RT1150 on dirt roads. All eyes turned to me and the rest would be history. OK, a chance to work on my presentation skills.



Thursday night I was walking and talking around the grounds (the foundation of this great event) and ran into a pleasant retired gentleman named Pat. We chatted for a while, and suddenly, ironically, he realized I was the guy doing the GS ride. He had plenty of questions about routes and difficulty. I then found out he had just purchased his new GS 5 months prior, and had never ridden on gravel. Oh Boy, I felt a little pressure build and hoped Pat had signed his waiver. He was asking for first time tips and maybe about getting some practice in. Hey, I've got an idea: I was going to pre-run the main route and make up a beginner course on Friday, so I suggested to Pat that he come along. It worked great. And Pat did great. We took our time, I got to check the roads and route sheets, and soon Pat was grinning ear to ear while discovering a whole new labyrinth of passageways through the forest. Pat is a great example for any of you out there feeling an urge to get out beyond the pavement.

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This story was first published in the August, 2008 issue of the Beemer Beat.

Saturday morning had a whopping turnout. I counted 18 on the intermediate/advanced ride, and 4 on the beginner loop. We were surprised with a thundershower at the top of the mountain, but it was just the right amount to keep the dust down but not get the dirt slick. The views and scenery everywhere make this ride so good, the high point (pun yes) being Flagtail Mt. Lookout.

My reward was smiling faces everywhere, even the 2 guys in T-shirts that stuck it out through the warm rain. My name was on the program but this was a group effort. Thanks go out to the following: Scott Nelson of Motorcycle Mystery Tours (a professional ride guide no less) for leading the "fast crowd" and getting them out of the way so the intermediates had time to develop their skills. Brian Bach for "bringing up the rear," a thankless job that involves dust. Dave Zuber for laying out the original GS ride, and for leading the beginners. Which was a more relaxed pace but Dave didn't seem to mind as I understand he was provided with a gourmet picnic lunch, ("Would you like brie with your cracker?") and finished out with the comment, "This is like riding through a park, we don't want it to end."



NW Ambassadors Ride Report October 2016

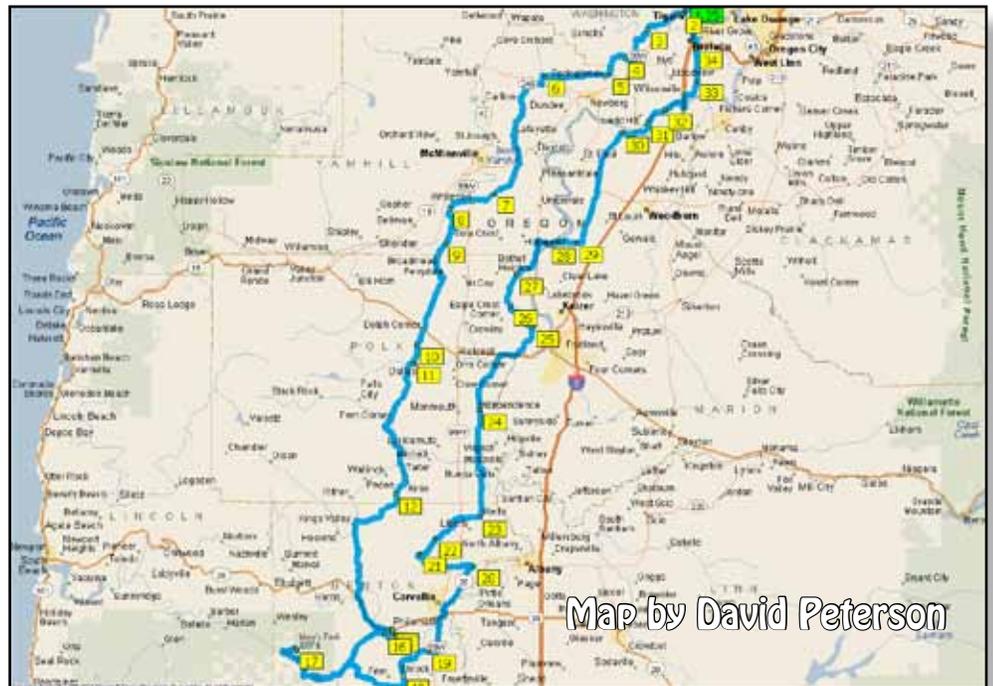
David Peterson #90113
Michael Ripley #191665

It was a great idea in July—when Mike first proposed a ride to Marys Peak near Corvallis. And we would have made it too, with a little more perseverance—not to mention, a little less rain. But like an itch you can't stop scratching, it wouldn't go away. And with the days growing shorter, it was now or never.

Such was the mindset for our October ride.

As the new month approached, we made contingency plans should the weather misbehave once again. And the forecast was not encouraging. But when October 1st dawned, the weather was warm and the pavement was dry. We might get away with it after all!

The memory of our rainy July may have lingered—only seven riders on five bikes set out at the appointed hour. Mike had pre-



ridden the route, so he took the lead. **Chris Henry** fell in behind him, warmed up from the ride from Eugene, and ready to take the long way home. **Kim Dorsing** and **Janice Mathern** joined us from Vancouver, fresh from a scooter to Montana, where they bagged the last of this year's Grand Tour checkpoints. And it was great to see **Steven Polansky**, back from a summer full of weddings ill-timed to coincide

with our rides. **David and Diane** brought up the rear, ready to chase down any wayward soul who might head north instead of south.

The great thing about our region is that although many routes are well-traveled, there's always a road or two that can make a familiar route a discovery. McDonald to Beef Bend to Roy Rogers via Elsner is a regular escape from Tigard's urban sprawl. Elwert to Kruger to Bell via Leander are roads less travelled. Likewise, North Valley Road through Yamhill County toward Lafayette is familiar territory, while Briedwell through Perrydale into Dallas is a little less so.

As we rode, the weather only improved. David chuckled to himself as he thought about all those riders who were missing out. After a gorgeous sprint through the King's Valley, it had been a couple of hours in the saddle and our stomachs were grumbling. Or maybe it was the AKRAPOVIČ exhaust can on Chris's new GSA.

Either way, we soon found ourselves seated at a roomy table in the back of **Eats & Treats**—



Mike returns to the bikes with a camera full of the beautiful view.

Photo by David Peterson

Trip Advisor's #1 restaurant in sprawling Philomath—it was easy to see why, judging by the plates we passed on the way to our table. And while it was a new experience for many of us, it is not a hidden gem: **Steve Woodward** joined us from Corvallis—and pulled out his frequent eater card. From the tri-tip sandwich to the chicken pot pie, the food was terrific—and gluten free. There's something on the menu for everyone (except, I guess, a glutenphile). And the best part for first time visitors? Free freshly-baked chocolate chip cookies for all!

The roads were still dry when we arrived for lunch; and they remained dry when we left. But clouds had enveloped Marys Peak. However, the cloud ceiling appeared to be low. David was convinced that after a short ride through light fog, we'd pierce through the other side into brilliant sunshine and a gorgeous view of the cloud-shrouded lowland below. And the zippy ride along OR-34's famous carousel corners only heightened the anticipation.

As we made the turn onto Marys Peak Road, bike after bike disappeared into the fog—just



Just another lovely day atop Marys Peak.

Photo by Kim Dorsing

like we expected. What we didn't expect was the rain—and wind—that accompanied the fog. Upward we climbed and so did the wind speed. At 4,098 feet, Marys Peak is the highest peak in the Oregon coast range. On this day, the mountain was no match for the cloud. After the quick obligatory group selfie, it was time to hasten our retreat.

Back below the fog line, the weather remained quite civilized. Steve disappeared as quickly as he arrived, and as we reached our

southern apogee, Chris headed home with a wave. The rest of us avoided the worst of Corvallis traffic and headed north. Straight north? Of course not. Approaching Albany, we took a hard left on Granger Avenue through Lewisburg and onto Sulphur Springs and Soap Creek Roads. Making our way north, we were reminded again that the only thing better than a First Saturday Ride is a First Saturday Ride that ends on a ferry! And so it was on the Wheatland Ferry that we celebrated our riding luck and said our goodbyes. Who knows what November will bring...

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, October Ride: 283
Total First Saturday miles – 2016: 2,676

[Eats & Treats Café](#), 1644 Main Street, Philomath, OR
 (541)286-4970



A sunny, ferry boat ending to another great ride.

Photo by Kim Dorsing

Southern Oregon Saturday Ride Cow Creek Rd. a few miles west of Glendale

photo by Dan Hall



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