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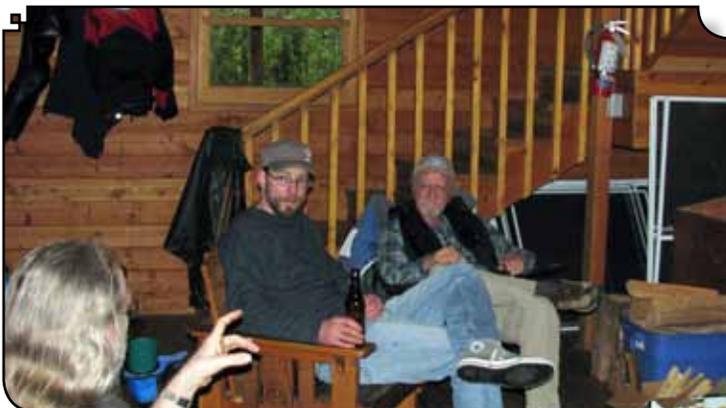
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Fort Hoskins Bob Marley Birthday Celebration—March 15, 2014

photo by Chris Henry



Less Hardy Souls Campout at Ludlum House, Brookings OR April 18–20, 2014

Contact Tod Roy to RSVP for Dinner Saturday night
(707) 951-4606 or email drtodroy@aol.com

BMWRO President's Message

by Lane Weinberg



Spring Cleaning Time

If you haven't scheduled your spring maintenance and tune-up with your local dealer you better get on the ball 'cause it feels like spring is already here. If you do your own maintenance then that unheated detached garage,

(mine) is finally warming up enough to do some wrenching with out your fingers turning purple from the cold. I won't bore you with the details but my maintenance to do list seems to be getting longer by the minute. Major fluids and a tire change on the RT then trouble shoot some electrical gremlins on the RS. With that I should be ready to do some serious riding. I hope your ride is ready. See you on the road.

Volunteer Support Needed for the Chief Joseph Rally

You can help our club continue our success by letting Clarence Story, Chief Joseph Rallymaster, know that you will support him by volunteering at the rally. He has a couple of Rally Chair slots to fill yet and is looking for your support. Clarence is doing a terrific job putting the rally together this year and it looks like it is going to be a good one with interesting seminars and quite a few vendors. Thanks Clarence for your dedication and hard work. And, having the rally in beautiful Grant County can't hurt either.

BMWRO Club Webmaster Position Open

When I took over as club President, a year and a half ago, the club web page had deteriorated to the point it was almost unusable. Fortunately Bonny Wagoner and Garry Wasserman offered to turn it around and get it working again. Through their tireless effort and professional expertise, volunteered to club, our web page is functioning once again. On behalf of the club I would like to express our heart felt gratitude and thanks. We couldn't have done it without you. Now, Bonny and Gary are moving on to other challenges.

If you are interested in the volunteer position of Webmaster, contact a member of the Club Leadership

'Coach' to Teach MSF Dirt Bike School Course at Rally

Ramey 'Coach' Stroud a certified MSF Dirt Bike School Coach has offered his time and expertise to coach two sessions of the MSF Dirt Bike School at the Chief Joseph Rally. This is in addition to his contribution to the success of the rally by giving rider training seminars and sitting in with Dave Hough and his "Coffee with Dave" sessions. Coach is an invaluable training resource with international motorcycle training credentials.

So, what is the MSF Dirt Bike School? Here is what the MSF has to say on their web page, www.msfdirtbikeschool.com.

The Closed Range Exercises (CRE) course was created by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) to provide hands-on rider training with an emphasis on safety and skill development. New riders, or others who want to improve their riding skills, will benefit from the CRE course taught by certified MSF Dirt Bike School Coaches. During the school, students learn basic techniques for safely riding off-highway motorcycles. Lessons are presented at controlled off-highway riding sites specifically selected for the course.

We are in the process of certifying the Grant County Fairgrounds as an MSF Dirt Bike School Training Site. Once this is done, then we can offer additional classes at the Fairgrounds in the future.

So, what does a person get from taking a MSF Dirt Bike School course?

First, you gain skills, expertise and confidence to enhance your riding experience—whether on road or off pavement. Second, you get a certificate from MSF upon successful completion of the course. Third—in the State of Oregon and some other states—you are eligible for a Class III OHV training card issued by the State Parks and Recreation Department—which allows you to ride on some State and Federal Lands (with a permit).

A Men's class is available at the Grant County Fairgrounds June 11, 2014 and a Women's class is available June 12, 2014. The class size is limited to 8 people so there is a lot of one-on-one contact time with Ramey 'Coach' Stroud. For more information, contact: BMWRO.pres@gmail.com.

Ride Often, Ride Safe.





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Coming Events



Club Sanctioned Events

- Event:** **Less Hardy Souls Ludlum House Campout**
Date/Time: April 18–20, 2014; arrive 1:00 pm on Friday.
Location: Ludlum House, Bookings, OR
Description: Solar powered historic cabin with wood stove and accommodations for 10-30 people—an additional \$5/person after the first 10. Site for RV and camping around the cabin. Host will provide a hot meal on Saturday night.
Contact: Tod Roy **(707) 951-4606** or email drtodroy@aol.com
- Event:** **Spring Cleaning: Off Pavement Training Campout**
Date/Time: SATURDAY May 17, 2014 11:00 am arrival for camp set up.
Noon: break for lunch—provided by the club.
1:00 pm After a lunch: we will go out and clear off some of the winter's debris from the training course. Bring a pair of heavy gloves.
5:00 pm - Happy Hour - BYOB
6:00 pm Club Hosted Dinner
 "Later that evening": Tall tails and lascivious lies.
Did you hear the one about ...
SUNDAY May 18
 After a continental Breakfast at 7:00 am Sunday morning we will get out on the closed course for some hands on slow speed maneuvering under 'Coach's' expert guidance. The closed course work will break up around Noon for a no-host lunch. After lunch we will break camp.
Location: Lyons Oregon – Cascade Endurance Center
Description: Ramey 'Coach' Stroud is opening his world-class training facility, Cascade Endurance Center, exclusively to the BMWRO club riders May 17–18, 2014. For a little volunteer clean up here and there he has offered to provide a training class for riding on less-than-optimal surfaces—like what you would find in a construction zone. This session will be of great value to the sport touring and adventure touring rider. The class setting will be a closed course for some hands on exercises. This is a great opportunity to hone your skills in preparation for the coming riding season.
Contact: Lane Weinberg at BMWRO.pres@gmail.com or phone **503-522-1067** to get in on this great opportunity. **RSVP is required** so we can plan the class and meals. Space is limited. Directions will be sent upon receipt of RSVP.

- Event:** **11th Annual BMWRO MotoGear Swap Meet**
Date/Time: Saturday May 31, 2014 from 9 AM until 3 PM or until it's over—rain or shine.
Location: Premier Motogear Parking Lot, 414 Queen Ave SW, Albany, OR www.mredsmoto.com/map.htm
Description: Free Space - We supply the space, you supply the table and stuff! Make money and clean the garage at the same time! Enjoy free refreshments and camaraderie!
Contact: Hosted by Don and Deb Weber
RSVP for space: **541-926-2107** or email to motogear@mredsmoto.com
- Event:** **Chief Joseph Rally**
Date/Time: June 12–5, 2014
Location: John Day, OR Grant County Fairgrounds
 GPS coordinates: N44°24.967', W118°56.868'
Description: The highlight of the BMW social season calendar and major fund-raiser for Charity.
Contact: Clarence Story BMWRO.rallymaster@gmail.com
- Event:** **Central Coastal Area Campout**
Date/Time: July 25–26 or 18-19 Weekends (TBD)
Location: Location yet to be confirmed but around Newport Coastal Mountains area.
Description: Rustic tent camping experience on the banks of a great river. Dates and campground to reserve are TBD. Details to follow.
Contact: Keith Matteson keithbob@charter.net
- Event:** **Southern Coastal Range Campout**
Date/Time: August 15–17th 2014
Location: Indian Mary County Park, Grants Pass, Or
Description: Park is located on the Rogue River appx 20 miles northwest of Grants Pass. We will be in the group site at the east end of the park. The first 12 people are included free, additional people are \$3/person. The park has showers and a small beach on the river.
 Galice restaurant is appx. 5 miles from the park and has a nice shaded deck overlooking the river.
Coordinates: 37 25' 19.1 N, 122 05' 06' W
 Detailed directions to follow in the next issue.
Contact: Dan Hall dnehall@frontier.com
Please RSVP.

Event: **BMWRO Women Riders Camp-out**
Date/Time: August 21st-24th; Thursday-Sunday,
Location: TBD (contact Alice)
Description: *Mark your calendars now!* Details on page 6.
Contact: Alice LeBarron: alicelebarron@hotmail.com
541-647-7194
Kris Jacobson: kjacobson62@gmail.com
541-520-7785

Event: **Steens Mountain Campout**
Date/Time: September 5-7, 2014
Location: The Narrows Campground and RV Park, OR
Description: detail to follow
Contact: Jay & Janet Bennett

Event: **Fall Hardy Souls Campout**
Date/Time: (scheduled between deer and elk season) Oct 17-19 likely
Location: Seneca/John Day area
Description: TBD
Contact: TBD

Event: **Winter Celebration and Quarterly Meeting**
Date/Time: November 11th or 18th, 2014
Location: TBD
Description: details to follow
Contact: Janet Bennett, jlbenett60@gmail.com

Recurring Events

Event: **NW Oregon 1st Saturday Ride**
Date/Time: First Saturday. Leaving parking lot at 9:45 a.m.
Location: Various breakfast and ride locations in northwest Oregon
Description: Finding the twisties and connecting with our membership for grins and food sharing.
Contact: Dave Peterson **503-327-5592**
dwpeterson01@yahoo.com
Susan Ortiz-Renteria **503-779-7842**
dirtsquirt816@gmail.com

Event: **Central Oregon 1st Saturday**
Date/Time: First Saturday of each month
Location: Various breakfast and ride locations in Central Oregon area.
Contact: John Beeson **541-420-3275**
Steve Miller **541-977-6787**

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: **Tigard 1st Saturday Coffee**
Date/Time: First Saturday, each month, starting at 10am.
Location: Tigard BMW store, 12010 SW Garden Place
Contact: Susan Ortiz-Renteria **503-779-7842**,
dirtsquirt816@gmail.com

Event: **Eugene 1st Saturday Coffee**
Date/Time: First Saturday of each month 9 to 11am.
Location: Eugene BMW store, 2891 W. 11th Ave
Contact: J.R. Dallas **(541) 731-6951**,
dallas-jr-1@hotmail.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

Regional Events

Event: **NW Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum event**
Date/Time: April 19, 2014 from 10:00 am to 12 noon
Location: NWVCM Vintage Gas Station @ Antique Powerland, Brooks, OR
Description: BMW enthusiast and vintage racer Dave Kaechele, who will talk about vintage BMW sidecar racing
Contact: Tom Ruttan, tgruttan@gmail.com
(503) 638-1746

Event: **Oregon Vintage Motorcycle Show and Swap Meet**
Date/Time: May 17-18, Sat / Sun
Location: County Fairgrounds Corvallis Ride, Show
Description: Sat. Ride 12 noon, Sun. Show and Swap Meet
Details: <http://www.oregonvintage.org/calendar.php>

Event: **Richard Newton Memorial Camp Out**
Date/Time: May 16-18, Fri - Sun
Location: Deschute State park
Description: Ride, Camp, BBQ
Contact: BMW Freeriders in the Tri-City

Event: **42nd Annual '49er Rally**
Date/Time: May 22-26, 2014
Location: Mariposa Fairgrounds, CA (gateway to Yosemite)
Description: Rally costs \$45 adult/\$15 child under 12 years pre-registered, children under 6 admitted free; \$55.00 adult/\$20 child under 12 years at the GATE.
Contact: 49erRegistration@bmwnorcal.org

NEW MEMBERS

Paul & Rose Headings, Nampa, ID

Riding an undertermined moto-bike

Ed Fisher, Portland, OR

Riding a F650GS and VF750S

Jeffery & Lisa Brown, Portland, OR

Riding a R12GS and a F650 Twin

Daniel & Lori Bielenberg, Selem, OR

Riding a R1150RT

Harold Olaf Cecil & Michelle Hanford, Bend, OR

Riding a F800GS

Bruce & Kris Remy, Everson, WA

Riding a K1200RT

Bill & Helen Brisson, Bend, OR

Riding a R1200RT

David Thompson, Albany, OR

Riding a "unknown" cycle

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**FIND THE BMWRO NEW MEMBER
APPLICATION FORM ONLINE:
[HTTP://BMWRO.ORG/JOIN-US.HTML](http://BMWRO.ORG/JOIN-US.HTML)**

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:

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

Dan Hall – 541-862-7411,
dnehall@frontier.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).

John Beeson – 541-420-3275,
beeson@bendbroadband.com

Steve Miller – 541-977-6787,
shuntermiller@gmail.com

Central Western Region

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

JR Dallas – 541-731-6951,
dallas-jr-1@hotmail.com

Northwest Region

(from Longview, WA south through Salem, OR, the coast to the Cascades, including The Dalles).

David W. Peterson – 503-327-5592,
dwp@help-me-plan.com
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Susan Ortiz-Renteria – 503-779-7842,
dirtsquirt816@gmail.com

**Please call or email your regional Ambassador for club outings and rally information.
We can assist you with learning more about BMWRO**



Less Hardy Souls Campout, April 18-20 2014

The event held at Ludlum House is usually booked earlier in the year (March). However, the Parks & Recreation folks decided to close the cabin for use between the end of November and April 18; so this year, we are calling it the “Less Hardy Souls Campout.” On the positive side, there may be less rain in the forecast and more incentive to ride the motorcycle.

Tod and Sally Roy are hosting the event and will provide a warm meal on Saturday night. An RSVP is requested so that ample amounts of food can be prepared. Email the Roys at tarphd@yahoo.com or call 707-465-1837 and leave a message that you intend to attend, and want some share of the food.

Directions: 42° 2'11.05"N 124° 6'31.92"W

From Brookings, Oregon travel south on US Hwy 101 for 5 miles to the junction on Winchuck River Road (WRR: Road # 896). Turn east and following the WRR for about 7 miles to Forest Service Road (FSR) #1107. Take FSR #1107 for 2 miles to the junction of FSR #1108. Follow FSR #1108 for approximately 2 miles to the Ludlum Recreation Area. Ludlum House will be on the right, follow the road to the cabin. Coming from the south out of California, the WRR is approximately 1.5 miles past the border after crossing into Oregon. Check out more great photos of Ludlum House online. <https://www.flickr.com/photos/musguy/sets/72157626045330296/>

This is a 'pack-it-in, pack-it-out' site.

Participants may sleep in the cabin or pitch a tent on the cabin porch, which extends all around the cabin—yes, the porch is wide enough for several small tents—or on the grassy areas. The sleeping space upstairs is a bit brutal: there are no beds, just floor space, so an inflatable mattress or cot may be desirable. When there are several people sleeping in this space earplugs become a necessity to drown out the snoring sounds. No wonder so many pitch their tent on the porch.

The first 10 people to RSVP pay nothing for the weekend. All others after the first 10 pay \$5.00/day. At least, that is what the Parks & Recreation folks have asked.

BMWRO Women Riders' Connection Sparks New Ideas

As a result of the Women's Ride at the 2013 Chief Joseph Rally, 5 of us hatched a plan to meet again for a Women's BMWRO Campout at Yukwah Campground in August 2013. We had a heck of a fun weekend! We went for a couple of rides, enjoyed each others' company and ate scrumptious meals. And, we talked about more ways to connect the women riders of this club. We have some ideas to share and would love to get feedback from the women riders of this group.

1. You're invited to join our private Facebook page where we learn from each other and share our stories of adventure. To join, email Jalene Case at jalenecase@gmail.com.

2. What kinds of activities, classes or events would you like to see for women at the 2014 Chief Joseph Rally? What would you be willing to teach? Which of these ideas appeal to you? Below are some ideas but we'd love to hear more from the women in the group. Send your response to Kris Jacobson at kjacobson62@gmail.com.

Women's rides:

- Off-Road Riding for Beginners
- Off-Road Riding for Non-Beginners

Women's workshops:

- Packing for a Solo Road Trip
- International Travel with Tour Groups
- Transitioning from being a Passenger to a Rider
- Motorcycle Camping Tips for Women Riders

Women's hands-on practice sessions:

- Lifting your bike
- Fixing a flat tire

3. We would like to have the Women Riders campout become an annual event. It would most likely be scheduled for an August weekend and we would like to have a firm date and location planned in time to announce it at the 2014 Chief Joseph Rally. It would really help us to have an idea now of the interest level for this new event. Would you be interested in attending the Women Riders BMWRO Campout in 2014? Send your response to Alice LeBarron at alicelebarron@hotmail.com.

We welcome your thoughts and suggestions and look forward to hearing from you.

Contact information:

Jalene Case jalenecase@gmail.com 541-270-4288

Alice LeBarron alicelebarron@hotmail.com 541-647-7194

2014 Chief Joseph Rally

Call For Volunteers

There are still some rally chair positions that need to be filled. This is an opportunity for you to take a leadership position with the Rally Crew. Give Clarence Story a call or email to indicate your interest: call 541-689-2822 or email BMWRO.rallymaster@gmail.com

Presently, need folks for the following positions:

50 – 50 drawing: someone who is out going and likes to meet people. A big plus, not afraid to ask folks for money. A couple works best and can even wear something outrageous.

Complimentary Beverages: a person that likes to get up early and likes to talk. John Beeson will be back this year to help and show the new person what is required. You get to sit and talk a lot in this endeavor.

GS, Men's Off Road: We have a map, easy trail or more challenging. Need someone with off-road experience to lead the ride.

Wine Tasting: Just have to show up on Thursday evening, bring some wine and cheese, and pull a couple of tables together. Also, must pick a varietal or region, a theme.

Each year the Chief Joseph Rally is organized by over twenty-five rally chair members and more than a seventy

volunteers. January is the time we begin our planning in earnest. The rally chairs are finalizing their plans now and looking for volunteers to come forward to fill some needed positions. This is a great time for past volunteers to renew old friendships and new volunteers to make new friends and become part of the volunteer tradition of the rally.

We invite you to join in the tradition by volunteering a few hours this year. Just send an e-mail to one or more of the Committee Chairs indicating a day and time you would be able to help out. Yes, you can volunteer for more than one committee and more than one time frame, if you like.

Can't decide which committee would be best for you? Send the Rally Chair (BMWRO.rallymaster@gmail.com) an email indicating a committee, day/s and time frame/s that would be best for you. And it will be sent along to the Committee Chairs.

Want to wait until you get to the rally? No problem, drop by the information booth, check out the list of needed volunteers and sign up.

The neat thing about volunteering is you get to meet and help lots of people at the rally. You will work alongside experienced volunteers and have the opportunity to make new friends. I know the rally goers will appreciate your time and you will know you helped make this rally a big success. So go on, pick out a couple of Rally Chair Committees that interest you and send them an e-mail, right now.

Chair	Name	E-Mail	Phone
2014 Rally Chair	Clarence & Carolyn Story	bmwro.rallymaster@gmail.com	541-689-2822
50/50 Drawing			
Advertisements	Clarence Story	bmwro.rallymaster@gmail.com	541-689-2822
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Awards	Jay & Kathy Dyblie	jdyblie1@msn.com	509-972-6291
Banners/Site Decorations			
Clean Up Crew			
Communications	Doug Tewksbury	d.tewksbury@msn.com	541-689-6890
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Door Prizes	Carl & Shelia Boulden	cboulden@douglasfast.net	541-784-6008
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GS/Off Road Ride/Men			
GS/Off Road Ride/Women	Kris Jacobson	kjacobson62@gmail.com	
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News Letter	Forest McGreggor	bmwro.newsletter@gmail.com	541-761-2320
Photographer			
Pre-Registration	Doug Tewksbury	bmwro.news@gmail.com	
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Site Signage	Tod Roy		
Vendors	Bruce Moses	bruce@mosesdirect.com	541-933-1670
Web Page	Doug Tewksbury	bmwro.news@gmail.com	
Wine Tasting			
Women's Ride	Alice LeBarron	alicelebarron@hotmail.com	541-647-7194

NW Oregon Ambassador's Ride Report – March 2014

by David Peterson #90113

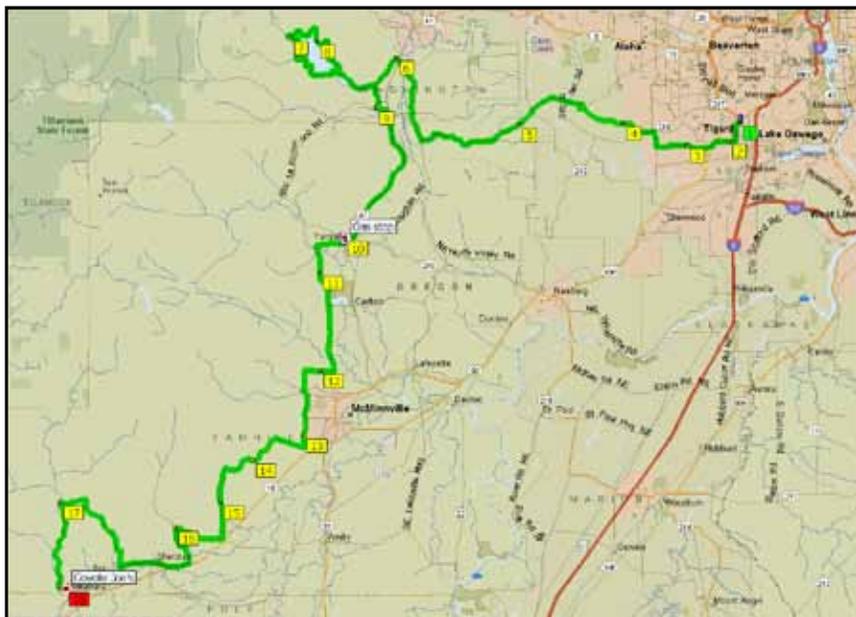
I'm my own worst enemy. After all, it was only late February, yet I was freely mocking how we might dodge rain and snow in my announcement for the March ride. On the morning of the ride, it was brisk and the pavement was damp. All right, I thought, this will work. The deluge merely waited until I closed the garage door.

As I arrived at the shop, I wondered if we'd have any takers at all. The first good sign were **Janice Mathern** and **Kim Dorsing**, soaked from head to toe, but with smiles on and thumbs up. "It's a great day for a ride," gushed Kim. With friends like this to ride with, he was absolutely right.

A few minutes later, the head count grew. **Mike Ripley's** always game for a ride; this wet Saturday was no different. **Ed LaPlante**, a friend of mine on his matte black ST1100, arrived for the second month in a row. **Andy Sulla**, who we hadn't seen since last July, rolled in all the way from Vancouver. Newcomer **Ken Bays** rode up from Salem. Clearly, we didn't need sunshine to draw a quorum.

And you know what? That was all it took to keep the rain at bay. It was dry when we left, and aside from a little drizzle in the middle, it was a great day for riding. And ride we did. West from the shop, we quickly dispatched civilization and found ourselves on Scholls Ferry Road. Seeking even less traffic, we detoured onto Tile Flat Road, then up toward Bald Peak and down the carousel toward Laurelwood. At Spring Hill, the direct route would have been south and west. No direct route for us, when you can do an up and away senseless loop around Hagg Lake first.

After a quick stop for gas in Yamhill (use cash or you'll have to endure a 35-cent credit card tax for purchases under \$20), we did our best to stick to the west wall of the Yamhill valley. Rolling into Sheridan, signs for Coyote Joe's, our lunch destination 6 miles **straight** ahead, reminded us again that to a motorcyclist, S-T-R-8 is a four-letter word. A quick right put us on Rock Creek Road, past the Delphian School (interesting sidebar: Delphian, formerly the grounds of a very rural Jesuit novitiate, is now a K-12 private school using a teaching method developed by Scientology's founder, L. Ron Hubbard). After a couple of lefts, we found ourselves at the restaurant, pleased to have turned 6 miles into 12.



Map by David Peterson

Kim and Janice had garden shows to attend, so after a quick pic, they climbed back on the bike. Their place was taken by **Susan Ortiz-Renteria**. Still on injured reserve with a bad wrist, she nevertheless drove over from Silverton to join in the fun. After a terrific lunch, it was time to scatter. All in all, the ride gods cooperated. After all, August, when many might groan, "It's too hot to ride," will be here soon enough.

April First Saturday is coming up fast. If you like long, scenic rides, this one's for you. Join us for a tour of Klickitat canyon, with lunch in White Salmon. Hope you can join us!

Coyote Joe's is located at 142 NE Main Street, Willamina, OR 97396. Phone 503-876-3003.



**It's cold and wet and we're riding in March.
What's not to smile about?**

Photo by David Peterson

3V Racing Maiden Voyage

by Dave Kaechele

About a year ago, I responded to an advertisement for a /5 front-end for sale at Dutch Trash Choppers in Portland, Oregon. The owner, Noll Van Zweiten, builds choppers and sidecars. Thinking I would not be long, my wife, Deborah, decided to wait in the car. When I went in the shop, I looked to the side and there was a BMW sidecar chassis in the shop. So, I walked out of the shop and called my friend, Jason Vaden, and told him about the sidecar chassis and was he interested in going together to buy it. He paused about 2-to-3 seconds and said "yes". That was the start of 3V Racing.



Jason & Dave on Sidecar Frame

Jason Vaden has two sons, Vincent and Hans, so "3V Racing". My wife says, "well, you go into the shop to buy a front-end and come out buying a sidecar, too. I thought we were done with racing. I should have known better."

I raced a 750/5 BMW vintage twin road race bike for 20 seasons, then sold it two years ago because my lap times had increased. I missed the friendship and fun on the track so thought a sidecar would be fun to race.



Sidecar Frame

The chassis was built, but not finished, by Bob Bakker for Larry Coleman near Sacramento, Calif. Jason and I analyzed what we needed and started developing the bike. One of the things we needed were wheels, 3"x 16", and sidecar road racing tires. After two months searching in the U.S., we ended up sending two /6 hubs to Central Wheel Components in Birmingham, England for spokes, rims, tires and tubes. That put the bike at the correct height. The mini 10" wheel needed a spindle and height block welded at the correct height and angle for toe in. Jason and Noll worked on the chassis and body development while I built the motor and transmission.



Sideview of Sidecar in Development

AHRMA rules require a 1972 appearance and 750 cc size. I obtained a 1981 engine, with a flywheel carrier for lightness, and a 1979 five speed transmission. The narrowed /5 swing arm was on the car. I worked with Dan Baisley,



Front View of Sidecar in Development

of Baisley High Performance, to install and degree the sport cam, dual plug the heads and raise the compression. We wanted a reliable rig for the first year as we learned what we were doing as neither Jason nor I had driven a sidecar rig. Ozzie Auer from Chico, California, gave us some tips on the chassis and car setup, which we as novices, really needed.



Rearview of Sidecar in Development

Our first race was on July 13-14, 2013 at The Ridge in Shelton, Washington. The engine and chassis were ready, but we did not have the full fairing installed for the first race. In practice and the first race, we had a fuel delivery problem. We eventually replaced the fuel pump and the rig ran well on Sunday.

Sunday morning practice was fun with no problems but it provided a good story for Jason. He works as a contractor and, at 41, had high cholesterol problem. About a year ago, he had a heart attack, which resulted



Racing the Sidecar

in a defibrillator being installed. On Sunday, Jason's defibrillator recorded a high heartbeat at 10:30 a.m., 10:33 a.m., 10:36 a.m., 10:38 a.m. When Jason got home on Sunday around 10:00 p.m., the modem for the defibrillator downloaded to the hospital the recordings and about 2 a.m. downloaded a bunch of paper. At 8:30 a.m. on Monday, Jason got a call from his doctor's office and the nurse was quite concerned about him. Jason explained "it was better to say I'm sorry afterwards than ask permission and be denied" by the doctor. The nurse laughed and told him to come in on Wednesday for a readjustment to the defibrillator.

The race on Sunday was smooth with no new defibrillator events for Jason. We were the one vintage outfit with four modern F2 outfits so we got a 30 second head start. Two outfits passed us and the other two stayed 2-to-5 seconds behind us. We had lap times of 3:00, 2:58, 2:57 and with a best time of 2:54. It felt good to finish third out of five the first time out.

We have several things to improve on the outfit: the hand holds for Jason and shift linkage for my left foot. We had fun and were successful for the first time out. We were drifting and occasionally lifting the car on right corners, which made the spectators happy.

The modern outfits made us feel welcome and were glad to have another outfit out on the track.

Even though our knees ached and Jason's arms were pumped up, we really enjoyed ourselves. Our next race is Miller Motorsports, in Tooele, Utah, over Labor Day weekend, for the AHRMA Vintage GP.

The AHRMA 8th Bonneville Vintage GP road race was held at Miller Motorsports Park at Tooele, Utah over Labor Day weekend. Jason, Noll and Jason's two sons, Vincent and Hans, drove Jason's motor home and trailer 12 hours east for the event. Ten to twelve sidecar outfits were at the SRA points event. The side car went through tech and was approved to run on the track for Friday practice. We got more practice time on the track at Miller than ever before.

Finally, Jason and I were getting more comfortable as a team working together in synchronization. When we came in after each practice session, other sidecar passengers advised Jason on how to move out to the right and back to the left as we cornered. I started picking up speed as we cornered more aggressively. We were drifting and using more body english to move smoothly through corners so our lap times dropped with each practice.

During Saturday morning practice, in lap 3, the motor began to slow so I pulled off the track and rode back to the pits. We pulled a valve cover and saw a broken exhaust valve spring on right side. We had one and a half hours until the race so we had to find a fix quickly. We knew that there were no shops that would have our parts so we asked around the pits and found out that Larry Coleman had a core engine for his new outfit in a bucket. I asked him if we could use the parts we needed and he lent us the right head which we quickly installed. However, it was not dual plugged so I secured the extra spark plug to the block. We made the starting grid by two minutes and then had a good race. We were running second and slowly lowering our lap times each lap. It was a great race for Jason and I.

We re-teched the outfit for the Sunday race but we had ignition problems. I thought the problem was fixed but on the warm-up lap, the rig went on one cylinder again and we had to pull off the track.

We had a good race weekend and really appreciated the help from other fellow outfits to keep us going. Larry Campbell and his son, Larry, lent us tools and advice, Larry Coleman loaned us the spare head and Bob Baker provided setup tips.

So, from a raw chrome alloy chassis to a running competition outfit, it took a full team of people. We will remove the bugs for next season and will be back for more fun on the track!





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