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Entrance to Picture Gorge

photo by Laura Nielsen

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BMWRO

Coming Events



Club Sanctioned Events

- Event:** **1st Quarterly Meeting of the Membership**
- Date/Time:** January 19, 2019 at 11:30 am
- Place:** [Cascade Grill](#)
110 Opal Ct. SE, Albany, OR (541) 926-3388
- Description:** Club business is conducted quarterly. All members are welcome to attend, meet other members and have a tasty lunch.
- Cost:** Members pay: \$5.00
Non-members pay full price.
Register online at : www.bmwro.org
- Contact:** Bill Habel
Deborah Hughs-Habel



- Event:** **41st Annual Chief Joseph Rally, 2019**
- Date/Time:** June 27-30, 2019
- Place:** Grant County Fairgrounds, John Day, Oregon
- Description:** This is the club's largest event of the year, and it is well attended by riders from far and near. Please join the Rally Committee and help direct the success of the 2019 Rally!
- Contact:** Alice LeBarron
- Event:** **Coastal Campout**
- Date/Time:** July 26-28, 2019
- Place:** Edson Creek Group Campground
- Description:** Details to be announced.
- Contact:** Keith Matteson
- Event:** **Steens Mountain Campout**
- Date/Time:** September 6-8, 2019
- Place:** The Narrows
- Description:** Details to be announced.
- Contact:** Alice LeBarron

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
Gary Stead **541-593-7461**
garystead67@gmail.com
- Event:** **Central Western Region 1st Saturday 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:** TBD
- 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
Mark Collier **541-499-1395**
mcollier5895@gmail.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:

Bob Marley's Birthday Celebration

Date/Time: February 3, 2019, 11:45 a.m.

Place: Fort Hoskins Park, Hoskins, OR

Description: See page 3 for full details and directions

Contact: Roger Paquette mrgsa02@hotmail.com



Oregon Back Country Discovery Maps

Thanks to the generosity of Milt (Butch) Farrand, BMWRO has a complete set of maps for the Oregon Backcountry Discovery Routes.

Refer to www.oohva.org for more information about these maps.

BMWRO members who wish to borrow the maps should contact Alice LeBarron bmwro.secretary@gmail.com.



Bob Marley's Birthday Celebration February 3, 2019

Bob Marley: 02/06/1945

Need a Sunday Ride Destination?

Sunday February 03, 2018 @ 11:45 AM. Gather and Celebrate Bob Marley's Birthday @ Ft Hoskins Park, Hoskins OR.

This is Year FIFTEEN! It's a lot of fun!

This is a NO HOST EVENT. [That means, NO HOST, No Rules, No Formal Invitation. You assume ALL personal RISK]!!!!

Riders bring their own food, drink, utensils, plates, cup, garbage bag and music to participate.



On Site: Covered Pavilion, picnic tables, charcoal grill to prepare your celebratory dinner. If you want to share, bring something everyone will enjoy!

Directions: Head west from Corvallis on HWY 20. Go through Philomath and stay right onto Hwy 20 for few miles. Turn North onto Hwy 223 @ Wren, OR. Hwy 223 goes to Kings Valley and Dallas OR. Go NORTH SIX [6] miles. Turn Left to Hoskins. There is Fire Station opposite the turn. Fort Hoskins Sign is about a 1/4 mile after the turn. Go about a mile to Park Entrance on the Right. Use first gear at Park Entrance! It's paved but steep with a sharp RH turn almost immediately. Once past that, you'll come to a car park at hill top. You'll see the revelers and Pavilion. GPS 44.675397 123.4542703

This is a newer Benton County Park. Ft Hoskins was sited there from 1856 to 1866.

Hope to see you there!

DISCLAIMER: NO HOST, NO RULES.

By Attending, you participate voluntarily and assume all personal risk.



BMWRO President's Message

by Alice LeBarron



photo by Bruce Henriksen

More Campouts, Please.

What's involved in hosting a campout? So often, I've heard from members saying that they want more campouts on the BMWRO calendar. To make this happen, we need more members to volunteer to host these events. We've already got a few campouts on the calendar for this summer, but it sure would be nice to fill it in with a few more!

If you'd like to host a campout, you would first need to decide where and when you'd like to have it. Reservable group sites can be found at some of the national forest campgrounds, some state parks, BLM campgrounds, and county parks. You may consider holding the campout at a site that we've used in the past or find someplace new.



Some things to consider in selecting a site:

- Will it be accessible for all bikes, riders or primarily dual-sport?
- How many bikes can a site accommodate?
(group sites generally specify how many cars are allowed; two bikes equal one car.)
- Will there be room for RV's and if so, how many?
(State park group sites allow only one RV and the remainder would be bikes & tents.)
- Will potable water be available?

The farther ahead you can make your plans, the better. Some group site reservations fill up far in advance. National forest sites can usually be reserved six months in advance, although there are a few that can be reserved a full year in advance. State park group sites can be reserved nine months in advance. Once you have an idea of the site and date, contact the Activities Coordinator, **Chris Henry** at bmwro.vp@gmail.com. After Chris approves it, make your reservations. BMWRO will reimburse you the site fees. Email your receipt to the Treasurer, **Nate Levin** at natelevin200@earthlink.net.



Feeding Your Friends

Now that you've got your site reserved, it's time to consider food! Are there cafe's or grocery stores close by? Do you want to make it a potluck? Do you want to provide the meal? Do you want the campers to all be responsible for their own meals? The club owns a nice propane BBQ that you could consider using. Arrangements might be made with someone driving from the Eugene/Albany/Salem area to transport the BBQ.

The Club Helps!

If you want to provide a main dish or a meal, the club can reimburse you. This would be coordinated with Chris Henry. Hosting an event should not mean money out of your pocket.

Once you have the campout planned, Chris can put your event on the website Event Calendar and send out emails to club members about your event. You'll need to let him know when you want the registration deadline to be and the limit on how many people can register.

If you need some suggestions for sites or dates or have further questions, feel free to contact me at bmwro.pres@gmail.com or Chris Henry at bmwro.vp@gmail.com.

If You Host It, They Will Come

Hosting a campout can be a fun way to get involved! Feel free to be creative and plan the campout the way you want it to be. Campouts don't all have to follow the same format. Make it yours!

Remember to check about fire restrictions as you get closer to your event date.





A sepia-toned portrait of a Native American man, likely a leader. He has long, dark hair with a feathered headdress. He is wearing a beaded necklace and a dark garment. The portrait is set against a light background.

NEW MEMBERS

Motorcycle

Lee Block, Bend, OR. 2002 BMW R1150GS
Dustin Gilbert, Bend, OR 2005 BMW R1200GS

2019

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:

Central Western Region

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

Ambassador Volunteer Requested—
if interested please contact any member of the Executive Committee.

Central & Northeast Region

(East of The Dalles, including I-84 to Ontario, south of Columbia River to US 20, Baker City & including US 20 to LaPine. Includes Camp Sherman/Bend/Redmond/Sisters & Prineville area).

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(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

Letters to the Editor

Hi Forest,

I've just read your tribute to your dog, Ragnar, in the newsletter. I just want you to know that some of us know how you feel. The loss of a pet is a very quiet, personal grief because some people think it is inconsequential. It is anything but. Those of us who live closely with our critters miss them deeply when they pass.

And some people give up because it hurts so much to lose a good dog. I had my Phoebe for 17 and a half years. She was amazing. And beautiful. But I know that more than 17 years is a real gift; and I was lucky that she kept going for that long. Looking back at the last two years of her life, I was doing full-on geriatric care. It was worth every minute.

After a few months of being dogless I started looking again. Now I have young Tilly and she is wonderful. She got out of Texas just before the hurricane; and she is not interested in going back. I guess I am just writing to say that however sad the loss, it is just better to have a dog along for the ride than not.

I also have some really great pix, a couple of them because my sister Laura works hard at creating nice pix. Just wanted to send some pix and let you know that you are in my thoughts.

Sincerely, Katy (Katrina Nielsen)



Photos by Laura Nielsen

left: Tilly
top: Katy and Tilly
above: Phoebe

December in Central Oregon.

from Alice LeBarron

We didn't have a ride scheduled for December, but the season did bring our annual Holiday Potluck hosted by **Allen & Joy Cesafsky** in their lovely log home! Twenty members gathered together to share good times, good food, and stories of moto-adventures! We had lots of delicious appetizers, Tri-Tip and Chicken done up on the BBQ by Allen, a few side dishes, and a yummy array of desserts!

All photos by Joy Cesafsky.



**Judy Kincheloe,
Dave Prybylowski,
and Susanne Eckhardt**



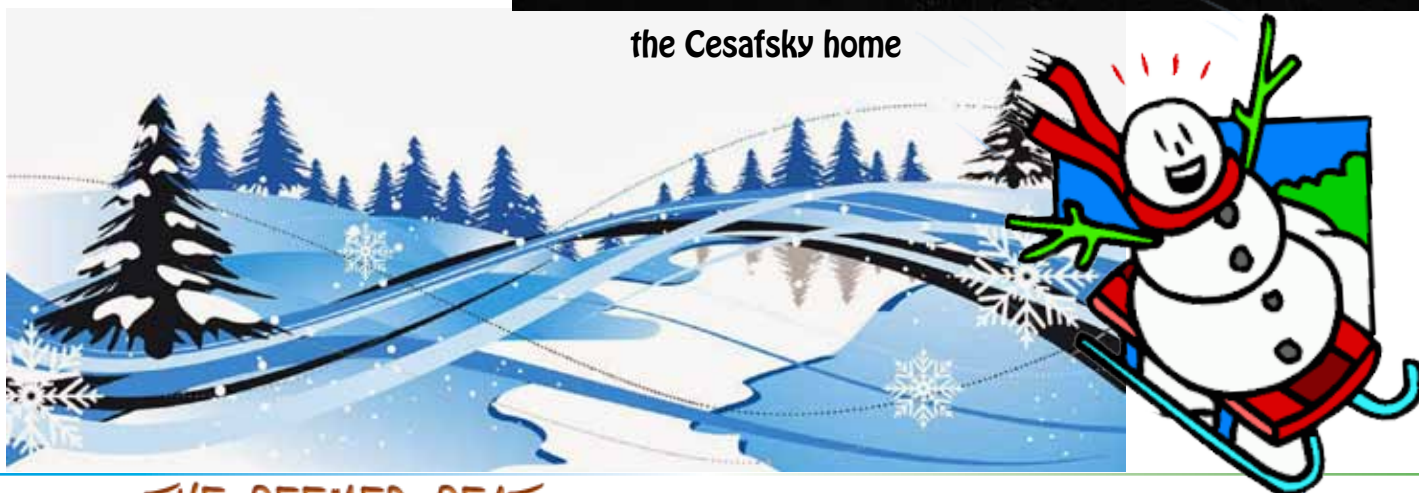
**Claudia Bisso-Fetzer,
Jim and Louise Breen.**



Joy Cesafsky



the Cesafsky home



Flying the Long Way to Fort Hill NW Ambassadors Ride Report – December 2018

David Peterson #90113

You might think that ride ideas lay dormant when attention turns to the holidays. Maybe in places where the weather's less balmy, like California or Costa Rica. But certainly not here in Oregon. Especially when the pavement is dry!

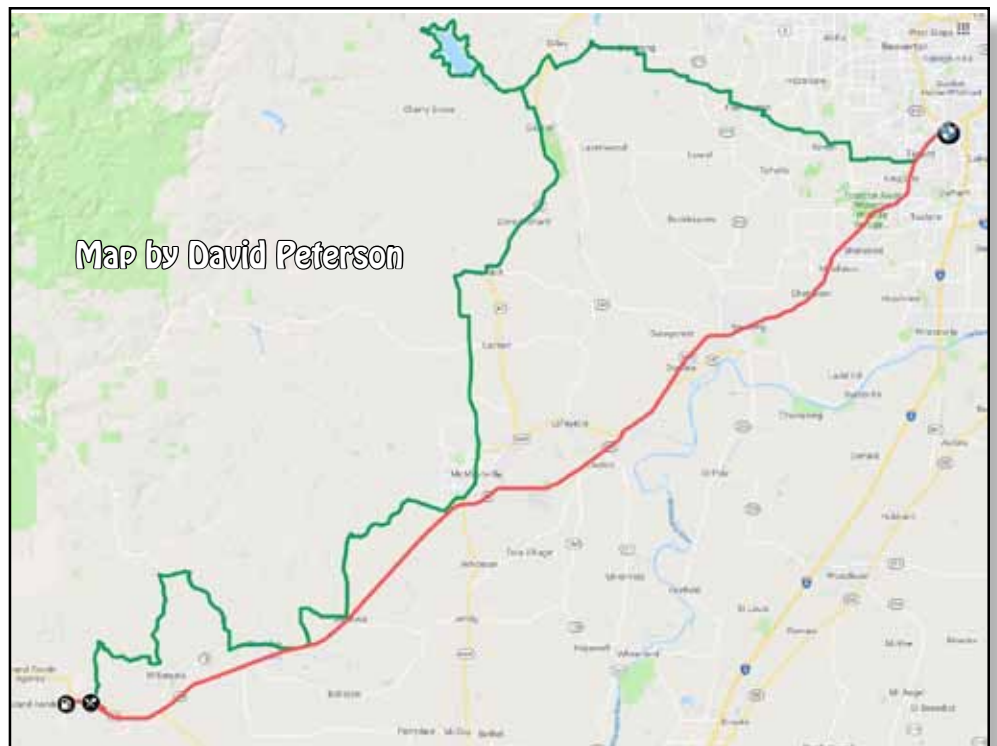
And so it was that eighteen riders answered the clarion call to ride. *Eighteen! On fourteen bikes! In December, when it gets dark at four-thirty in the afternoon!* It's amazing how the prospect of dry roads will alter one's holiday shopping plans.

Before setting off, we gathered around **Charles Trapp's** GS to admire his holiday light job. Had I known he was so decoratively inclined, I'd have scheduled the ride for six in the evening, to get the full effect.

We also bid a temporary farewell to one **Steven Polansky**. Overtaken with his usual enthusiasm, he had hopped on his GS, closed the garage door, and quickly made his way to the start. Along the way, he noticed an unfamiliar warning alert on his display. "That's new," he thought. "What does that mean?" Seeing Sales Advisor, **Brian Platt** in the parking lot, he waved him over for advice.

"Where's your key fob?" queried Brian. "In my pocket...of the jacket I changed out of, and left at home," responded Steven. We waved goodbye to Steven, after he promised to meet us for lunch. For the moment, all I could think was, *Maisie [his wife] is going to be awfully happy he didn't kill his engine.*

So, for a while at least, our parade would only have twelve floats. **Diane** and I took the lead, while Charles and **Joy Trapp** followed (their Christmas bike really should have been leading). Then we had **Mike Ripley** on his Oregon steed, **Kim Dorsing** and **Janice Mathern** astride GreTL, **Ric Holderbaum**, **Chuck Mileur**, **David Morganstern**, **Cam & Karen Rust**, **Jeff Yarnall**, and **Tammy Tolbert**. **Chris Henry** even got up early to join us from Eugene, an act that is noteworthy in July, but is downright fanatical in



**Charles Trapp's GS, festooned with lights.
Perhaps we should have ridden at night.**

Photo by David Peterson

December! **Neal Malagamba** made sure nobody turned left when they should have turned right.

This month's ride closes out our sixth year of First Saturday rides. So it can be a bit of a challenge to find new tarmac, especially during the winter months, when we tend to stay close to home. As we've commented before, while the roads are the same, the surroundings are in flux. For that matter, the roads aren't the same—we encountered a new traffic circle on Bull Mountain Road and again later on Hill Road in McMinnville. If greater Portland has a housing crisis, Tigard, Beaverton, and McMinnville are doing their level best to answer the call. Thick development in both areas is pushing suburbia into our favorite wide open spaces. The good news is that these growth boundaries can still be crossed relatively easily and the remaining rural riding remains as compelling as ever. I am curious, but nervous about what the next six years will bring.

Cold-weather rides require us to keep shade and elevation in mind. So we tend to stay on the valley floor, where the sun can get to most of the roads. That still gives



Crossing Hagg Lake. We definitely could use some rain.

Photo by Diane Peterson

us plenty of opportunities to have fun. Today we were heading south and west, but that didn't mean we couldn't meander north to get there. After crossing Washington county, we found ourselves approaching Hagg Lake. Developed in the late 70s by the Bureau of Reclamation, it's a popular summer destination, but rather desolate in the winter. It is ringed by Scoggins Valley Road, a wide and extremely well-maintained ribbon of asphalt that is alone in the wilderness in the winter. We like alone in the

wilderness, especially when the pavement is dry. **Jay Bennett** joined us from Corvallis and it was here he chose to connect. Jay knows his roads and he fell into line right at the best spot on the route.

Following Hagg Lake, we turned south on OR-47. Stomachs were probably growling and bladders were, shall we say, pressing us for relief. But facilities out here are limited, so we kept the throttles open. The Hill Road corridor is surrounded by buildable lots, but a quick right on Peavine got us back into countryside so pristine that Morganstern's daughter chose it for her wedding site earlier this year (congratulations, David).

Entering Sheridan, there stood Mr. Polansky, waiting to reconnect. A quick glance of his energized headlight in my mirror assured me that his key fob was now in the proper pocket. The balmy weather enticed us back into the hills for a bit. Buck Hollow Road was our most ambitious segment (more than once I've skated, rather than ridden its surface) but today it was grippy as ever.

Just when we tightened our loins for another long segment, we



A hungry horde dominates the Fort Hill Public House.

Photo by David Peterson



Waiting for the accordion to compress (i.e., we're waiting for others to catch up).

Photo by David Peterson

rolled into the back lot of the [Fort Hill Public House](#). It sits along OR-18, about three miles east of Spirit Mountain Casino. At first glance, it seems inaccessible from the freeway, which probably explains why it recently changed hands. Reopened and remodeled in July, it's a pretty good destination for hearty comfort food. Conversation ceased when plates arrived and did not resume until every plate was shiny clean. The wait staff did a particularly bang-up job, attending to us en masse in the heart of the restaurant, probably at the expense of every non-motorcycle riding patron in the joint. Oh, and the facilities were clean and shiny as well. *That felt goooood.*

After lunch, we gathered in the cool but dry outdoors for a photo to commemorate our final ride of 2018. Only one outing encountered full-on rain this year, although I'd

call the weather on two others mixed. We thanked Chris and Jay for making the journey north and we vowed to do it all over again in 2019.

Come join us!

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, December Ride: . . 177

Total First Saturday miles – 2018: 2,858

**Fort Hill Public House
Restaurant & Lounge**

8655 Fort Hill Road,
Willamina, OR



Photo by Diane Peterson

Heading Home from CJR 2018

photo by Laura Nielsen



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