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Crater Lake—En route to the Autumn Beemer Bash

photo by Roger Paquette



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by Lane Weinberg



Riding the Dolomites

Our trip to Europe this year included riding our own bike, two up, across the Alps and into northern Italy. I purchased a 1988 K75c sight unseen from a rider I met at the BMW MOA rally in Salem, Oregon. The bike is stored in Heidelberg, Germany at Stefan Knopf Tours. We arrived in Germany mid August to spend three weeks riding in Europe and one week on a cruise of the Greek islands. In particular, I was interested in riding the Italian Alps, the Dolomites.

When we arrived at Stefan's it was the first time I had the opportunity to take a good look at our new ride. Other than some minor adjustments, the bike appeared to be good to go. The first half of our journey included a visit to my sister in Stuttgart, ride the Italian Alps and visit the Bolzano Museum of Archeology, home of the five thousand year old mummy named Otse', found in the Dolomites back in the 1990's.

We started out our journey from Heidelberg to just outside of Stuttgart to visit my sister. The route included a ride up the Neckar River to Heilbron then to Ludwigsburg then on to Hochburg. We wanted to stay off the Autobahn as much as possible. We found that at times the going was really slow on the local roads so if you wanted to make some time, unfortunately, the Autobahn/Autostrada was the only way.

It was a good thing that part of the trip the first day was on the Autobahn because it gave a good shakedown for the rest of the tour. The K75 did great up to about 130 Km/hr. That speed was a good enough to keep up with traffic under most conditions. Of course, the left lane was still for the super-fast cars. The bike was fitted with a new Wilber's rear shock and felt solid on the road and grounded at all speeds. We both were really happy with the bike's performance and we did not worry about it for the rest of the tour.

Getting lost seemed to be part of the day. We would ride into town, stop for gas then not be able to get back onto the main road. On several occasions someone would step forward and offer to guide us out to the main road. In Germany, for instance, it was common for the person giving directions to include drive time to each turn. Once on the main road our maps were detailed enough to guide us. It was in the towns that things got fuzzy. We arrived at my sisters house around five o'clock Friday. We had the weekend ahead of us and enjoyed a really nice visit.

Monday we left for Trento with an overnight stop in Garmisch-Partenkchn. Coming into Innsbruck we encountered a 16% downhill grade. Holy crap, that was really steep. We arrived at the Trento Nord B&B around four o'clock on Tuesday. We were greeted by Ehore (pronounced Ekor) who spoke little English. Through hand gestures and some broken English we understood that his wife, Paula, was coming soon and knew English better then he. I noticed when we rode in that a K1150RS was parked off to one side of the driveway. The wheels in my head started turning. I want to ride the twisties in the Dolomites and there is a local guy who rides. Hmm. Imagine, a guided ride climbing up endless switchbacks on a remote local road with no traffic. I wonder

Paula arrived and tensions eased. Her English was a little better but not great. Half in Italian and half in English with side bars to Ehore we spent the next hour or so getting the lay of the land. Now. The Dolomites. The next morning at breakfast I got out the map and spread it out on the kitchen table. There it was, a local road winding up out of Trento. Not a Green, Gray or Red road but, a White road with endless switchbacks. I hurried over to ask Ehore if he would like to go for a ride. He did! And, Paula indicated she would go with us. Yahoo. Two bikes two up. An hour later we were on the road. Pinch me, I must be dreaming.

Ride like an Italian. Ehore took off like a rocked with Paula on back waving her hands pointing to road signs, turns, faster, slower, go, stop. She had a full vocabulary of hand signals and communicated nonstop while Ehore was cutting in and out of city traffic. In a few minutes we were out of town and on the switchbacks. I watched Ehore on the first couple of switchbacks to see what kind of line he was running and discovered that I do the same line. That was a comfort as I was a little nervous about riding with a stranger let alone an Italian on a big liter bike.

We climbed over 4,000 ft up the side of the mountain. The only traffic was a few bicyclists coming down the hill and they kept out of the way. At the top of the pass there was still 2,000 feet of mountain above us. Perched in the pass was a large restaurant where we stopped to have a nice lunch and recount the ascent up the side of the mountain.

The trip back to the B&B was just as exciting. It was on a gentler slope and speeds went up. The first couple of lane splits and passing rolling roadblocks took me by surprise. Once I got into the rhythm it seemed almost natural. Just throw out all the rules and go for it. Oncoming traffic would move over to leave a space up the middle for passing. I wrung everything I could out of that little K75 and it kept up pretty good.

When we got back to the B&B, Ehore was looking over the K75 and indicated he was surprised and pleased that I could keep up with his K1150RS. He even said I was a pretty good rider. Wow, I never saw that coming, and from an Italian too.

Earlier at lunch we found out that Ehore is a Guitar teacher and musician. I was a musician for many years so again something in common. Go figure. During lunch Ehore made some phone calls to set up a jam session that evening. Travel to Italy to play music. For me, that was the high point of the whole trip.

The next day we headed for Bolzano. Ehore and Paula, now friends for life, rode with us for half an hour to a really neat Gelato place for a final treat on the way to Bolzano. At last, with hugs and kisses, we parted vowing to stay in touch.

Ride Safe Ride Often







<u>Club Sanctioned Events</u>

Fall Ride to Eat. Eat to Ride Event: Date/Time: October 11, 2014, time: 9:00 am-11:00 am Pacific Crossing Clubhouse, Place: 1070 Goff Road, Forest Grove, Oregon **Description:** Ride to Forest Grove, Saturday October 11, 2014. October offers brisk mornings and gorgeous afternoons. Fall colors and seasonal rhythms reward our senses. David Hill and other wineries nearby. Join your hosts Scot and Carol Lamper. Who promise good coffee, yummy casseroles, and healthy side treats. Drop by for buffet. Meal is anytime between 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Come with a small group, by yourself, or two up. Plenty of street parking. Rain or shine. Carol Lamper: Carol.Lamper@gmail.com, Contact: Winter Celebration and **Event: Quarterly Meeting** Date/Time: November 1st, 2014 Location: Oregon Garden Resort, Silverton, OR Description: Join BMWRO club members for our Annual Winter Celebration to be held at the Oregon Gardens Resort in Silverton, Oregon. Dinner for club members is \$15 per person; Associate or Non members \$30 per person. There will be a meet and greet at 5:30 p.m. in the lounge, dinner starts at 6:30 followed by a short club meeting. We will not be having a "White Elephant" gift exchange this year. Make it a weekend by booking a room at the resort. The resort is holding rooms for both Friday and Saturday night; guest rooms are \$89.00 plus tax (1-to-2 people per room). Room Rate includes breakfast in the morning and Garden admission. Rooms with pet allowances are available—call the Resort for further information regarding pets. Participants can book online or call the reservation department at the Oregon Garden Resort 503-874-2500 and reference "BMWRO". If you would like to book online, just follow this link: https://reservations.moonstonehotels.com/ irmnet/login.aspx?resort=15 PASSWORD: BMWRO **Contact:** Janet Bennett, jlbennett60@gmail.com



Recurring Events

Central Oregon 1st Saturday First Saturday of each month Various breakfast and ride locations in Central Oregon area. John Beeson 541-420-3275 Steve Miller 541-977-6787
Central Western Region 1 st Saturday Ambassador Ride
First Saturday of each month), Meet at 8:30 a.m., will leave parking lot at 9:00 a.m. European Motorcycles of Western Oregon Various routes. Jim Breen, 541-912-4500 or ipbinOR@aol.com
Southern Oregon 1st Saturday First Saturday of each month Various lunch/breakfast and ride locations for southern Oregon members. Dan Hall, <u>dnehall@frontier.com</u>
NW Oregon 1 st Saturday Ride First Saturday of each month Various breakfast and ride locations in Central Oregon area. Finding the twisties and connecting with our membership for grins and food sharing. David Peterson 503-327-5592 dwpeterson01@yahoo.com Susan Ortiz-Renteria 503-779-7842 dirtsquirt816@gmail.com

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Eugene 1st Saturday Coffee

Event: Date/Time: Location: **Contact:**

First Saturday of each month 9 to 11am. Eugene BMW store, 2891 W. 11th Ave Jim Breen (new Ambassador) (541) 912-4500, ipbinor@aol.com

Event: Date/Time: Location: Contact:

Doc Wong Riding Clinic

Second Saturday of each Month, 9:00 am Mr. Ed's Moto: 414 Queen Avenue, Albany Don Weber 541-791-5142 don@mredsmoto.com

Regional BMW Events

Event: Date/Time: Place: **Contact:**

Seattle Motorcycle Show November 21st - 23rd, 2014 Seattle Washington Description: http://www.motorcycleshows.com/ detail



Off-Road Riding in New Zealand

photo by Jay Bennett



Katrina Neilsen at Granite, Oregon photo by Joe Collins







It is amazingly gratifying for one's ego to have a story printed in a semi-professional publication.

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Photographers: send your high resolution images that are publish-worthy with a photo caption to the editor. Forest, or place them at Dropbox and send a link to the editor using this email: bmwro.newsletter@gmail.com.

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

Jim Breen—541-912-4500 jpbinor@aol.com

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

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

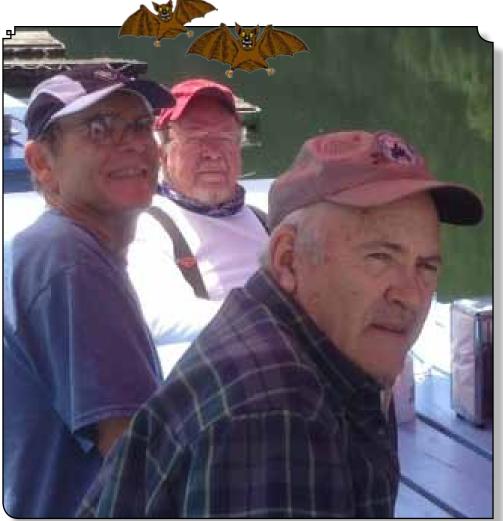


Ambassador Report Central / Western Region

by Jim Breen Central/Western BMWRO Ambassador

I am pleased to report that the Central / Western Region riders have had a wonderful riding season. We completed seven Thursday morning rides as planned and each seemed to be better than the last. It is difficult to pick a favorite but, several stand out. The ride on Wolf Creek road to Winchester Bay, followed by lunch at Unger Bay Fish & Chips, was a great ride. The ride to Alsea Falls followed by lunch at Jamie's on the Dock at Taylor's Landing was exceptional. We did an evening ride to Brownsville which was a change of pace and proved to be a special ride. We will do this ride earlier next season so that we are not chasing daylight. We were able to stop for a cold one...at the Dairy Queen on the way home. I hope this recap will bring back pleasant memories for those who were on these rides.

We did one Saturday ride where we had a meet up with the riders from the South / West Region. We ate buffalo burgers and kicked tires at Ken's Sidewalk Café in Canyonville.



Waiting for the food to arrive Clarence Story, Tim Godsil and JR Dallas

photo by Jim Breen

Following lunch, the whole group went to ride the Cow Creek Road Loop from



Riddle to Glendale. As motorcyclists, we accept the risk associated with our sport. Unfortunately, on the Cow Creek Road this caught up with us. One of our riders went down and was seriously injured. He was taken to Rogue Valley Hospital where he continues to recover. I would like to thank those who rendered assistance for our fellow rider.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the riders who showed up for these rides. It is your participation that has made this summer so much fun.

As your Ambassador, next year I expect more of the same. Perhaps another evening ride and another Saturday ride. I will also take more pictures. Here are a couple.

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BMWRO ELECTION BALLOT

Ballot Must Arrive by Friday October 31, 2014 to Ed Foltyn Secretary. Direct your questions to any executive officer. Telephone responses will not be accepted. Email: bmwro.secretary@gmail.com

TO SNAIL MAIL:

remove this page from the newsletter (or print pages 7 & 8 back to back), fold so the address to the Secretary is the outside mailing label, tape close, place stamp and mail.

Thank you and please vote.

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incumbent:	Jay Bennett		
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Secretary:	for 2 years		
nominated:	Alice LeBarron		
incumbent	Ed Foltyn		
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NW Oregon Ambassador's September 2014 Ride Report

David Peterson #90113 Susan Ortiz-Renteria #106802

When we prepped the year's riding schedule in January, we figured it might be nice to escape to the coast in September—the last vestiges of summer are often pretty toasty. But even we were surprised at the 40° temperature swing we sampled on September 6.

The plan must have seemed like a good one...19 folks on 15 bikes showed up to see what **David** had in store. With **Diane** on the back, the Petersons were chased out of Tigard by Kim Dorsing and Janice Mathern, Frank Broyle, Ric Holderbaum, Colin Luther and his 12-year-old son Cameron, Neal Malagamba, Dan Noble, Scott Pell, Karl & Ramona Perlich, Mike Ripley, Garry Zinn, René Renteria, and newcomer Louie Robida. Susan assumed her position as sweeper, skillfully coaxing the group through turn-signal troubles in Tigard and enthusiastically waving at most intersections to assure David all were present and accounted for.

We've crossed Washington County a number of times this season. This time we took the direct route up Laurel Road, then over the hill and down the carousel that is Laurelwood Road. As we made our way through west county, it became apparent that others were also making their way to the coast—by any route possible. Even tertiary roads through places like Timber were loaded with beach goers—and pickups overloaded with firewood.

Eventually we made it to Necanicum Junction and the last 35 miles before lunch. We had a treat in front of us—OR-53, with its first ten miles of 20-mph hairpins are rightfully designated a motorcycle scenic byway by ODOT. David was determined to avoid US-101, especially after the morning's traffic, so he eventually found his way Garibaldi via the Miami





River Road. Blasting along Miami River Road

Photo by Diane Peterson

It was about halfway down OR-53 when we realized the two-day heat wave at the Oregon coast was no more. The first isotherms we crossed provided welcome relief, but by the time we reached the lunch stop at Pirate's Cove in Garibaldi, it was downright chilly. We were thankful to be sitting down to lunch...indoors.

We were a little late, but the staff at Pirate's Cove didn't bat an eye. The provided us with a delicious assortment of salads, seafood, and sandwiches in record time. I (David) chose this place because I think it serves the best chowder on the coast (take that, Mo's). Looking at the empty plates around the table, it was clear they didn't disappoint.

After lunch, the usual scatter occurred. The largest group headed



Taking one last break along Nestucca River Road

Photo by David Peterson

to Beaver and the backroad excursion that is the Nestucca River Road. We were rewarded with not one but *two* gnarly dirt sections! But everyone survived and as we rolled into Newberg and its 104° temperature, it was clear the coast had been the only way to go.

<u>More pictures</u> from this ride and from all our First Saturday rides can be found <u>here</u>. Next month, the plan is a leisurely ride to Cathlamet, WA. Watch your email for details. Contact David at <u>dwpeterson01@yahoo.com</u> or Susan at <u>dirtsquirt816@gmail.com</u> if you want to be added to the email list.

Pirate's Cove Restaurant, 14170 Hwy 101 N., Garibaldi, OR 97118 (503) 322-2092. www.piratesonline.biz.

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New Zealand Off Highway Riding

by Jay Bennett

We were on a three week trip in New Zealand that included two days of off-road riding. This little article is about the off-road portion. Our host, guide and riding coach for this adventure was Denis Columb. Denis and his family own and operate a motorcycle and off-road adventure business, in Queenstown New Zealand, called appropriately Offroad Adventures. He and his gracious wife, Marilyn, have visited us in the US and become friends. Denis is a big offroad enthusiast and has offered to take myself, American Brian Bach and another Kiwi friend, Darryl, for a little off road adventure.





affecting power, ABS and Traction Control; all three are used today. Mostly it's open grasslands with a smooth gravel road going through it. Our only real problem is river crossing—there are probably 20 small crossings with slippery rocks, hardto-see depths, buddies watching for you to fall: all the usual problems with water crossings on a motorcycle. Surprisingly, no one gets a bath today, although there are some close calls. Brian takes a muddy approach to one river crossing, sinks in and forward motion stops. I get to laugh, take pictures, and watch as he paddles his way through the mud.

3/11/14 Day 1 -

We are using Denis' bikes to visit the Nevis Track today. Denis and I are on two new Yamaha Super Teneres, Brian on a knobby clad Suzuki V-Strom and Darryl on his F800GS. So Denis, Brian, Darryl and I head off after a light lunch at café in the small town of Garston.

This riding area is an 80 mile trip into a gold mining and sheep farming area lying in dry grassy rolling hills. The bike I rode was very nice on the street *and* in the gravel. The bike has two modes: Touring and Sport



As we carve up this road we are learning to slide a little more and brake a little harder as we are assisted with our electronic helpers (ABS and DTC).

As we go along there are sheep flocks that are both curious and scared by our passing. We visit old dwellings of miners and farmers and Denis gives us the history that he loves to study and share. After we make it back to civilization, we have a celebratory beer at the Bannockburn pub. On to our temporary "home" at another friend's house, Graham and Donna's, and we feast on chicken, mashed, potatoes, and salad. What a terrific day!

3/12/14 Day 2 – Skippers Canyon

With Denis and his son, Lachie, as guides, we are going into the gold mining area called Skippers Canyon on barely street legal Dual Sport bikes. Brian and I have Yamaha WRX450s, a step up from our usual DRZ400 at home. The bike is much more immediate in everything it does.





Denis and Lachie's bikes. I can't say I've ever seen a passenger in the dirt that worked as well as these two ladies did. As Lachie told Julia when they started, "Nothing personal, you don't know me now, but you will know me like a bar of soap by the end of the day".

This is very technical riding with big pain if you make a mistake. Brian and I both cross our wheels in deep ruts at various times and hit the dirt, but both manage to survive. Darryl the Kiwi rider, is unscathed and ever the composed pilot.

I am told the Skippers Canyon was formed by the most productive river in gold rush history; so much development happened and

The ten miles of pavement getting to the dirt is spent feeling like you are getting away riding a motocross bike on the street. I love NZ.

Once on the gravel, the roads are defined with cliffs and rock faces to the sides. You must pay close attention today or pay the price. Two ladies in our group from Boston, Leslie and her friend Julia, join us as pillions (kiwi talk for passengers) on the backs of



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disappeared in a short amount of time between 1862 and 1930s, it is hard to believe. Many of California and Yukon miners came here and stayed.

As the day is growing to a close there's still entertainment when Brian runs out of gas and has to be rescued by Denis. To Denis it's no big deal to ride two up on a dirt bike but to me it's pure joy to watch my dear friend, Brian, ride b tch on the back of Denis' bike. Both guys are over 200 lbs and with gear the DRZ 400 is hauling like a ¹/₄ ton when Denis decides to close the day with a climb (with Brian) up a vertical wall of a hill, (which I won't do one-up on the better bike). They make it stick and everyone is amazed. Oh well, just another day in the land of wonders.

Should you ever get to this part of this world look up Offroad Adventures at (http://www.offroad.co.nz) for a worthwhile and unforgettable experience. For those looking for on-road experiences, there's many companies to use but we used Bekers' Motorcycle Tours for superb street bikes at http://www.bekersmct.com.





There are four metal sculptures on Hwy 299 just about a mile out of Adin heading to Canby (east bound). The sculptures have been in place at least ten years. I called the one, (on back cover) "Bodicaea, Boudicia", depends on what Latin school you went to. I called the rider "Bodicaea" because she has dual glass fuel filters on her chest. Bodicaea led the last Celtic revolt vs the Romans in first century AD Britain. Celts went into battle naked. The Romans took no prisoners.

an email from Roger Paquette

BMW Riders of Oregon 6 September 2014

Minutes of Members Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm in Narrows, OR at the Steens Mountain Campout with Jay Bennett, Gordon Taylor, and Ed Foltyn present from the Executive Committee. There were 57 members present.

Jay thanked the members present for being members and attending the Campout which has become the largest event after the Rally

The Secretary's minutes from June were published in the July Beemer Beat and were accepted as published.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Activities: Jay went over the remaining activities of the year: the Hardy Souls Campout at Seneca, and the Annual meeting at Oregon Gardens the first weekend of November.

New Business

There was discussion that we need a new Rally Chair. Clarence has been running the Rally for three years and is ready to pass on the duties. He will be here to help.

The primary topic of the day is that election time is here and nominations for officers are open. Ed explained that with the modification to the club's by-laws last year, that the President and Secretary would be elected for a 2-year term in even years and that the Vice-President and Treasurer would be elected for a 2-year term in odd years. Because this is the first time we have voted after the change in By-Laws, the President and Secretary will be elected for 2 years and the Vice-President and Treasurer will be elected for a one year. Next year the Vice-president and Treasurer will be elected for a 2-year term with the intent of having at least two officers remaining in the Executive Committee in any given year.

There were no nominations set forth at the meeting. Ed will prepare an email to send to members for further nominations. Nominations will be published in the October Beamer Beat for the November election.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm Respectfully submitted, Edward Foltyn, Secretary BMW Riders of Oregon

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Letters to the Editor

"They spoke no English, so there was a lot of hand jesters, and common sounds like "varoom."

Those French clowns can be so funny. Who edits this stuff, anyway? LOL

an email from Aaron Nicholson

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