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Chief Joseph Rally

The Chief Joseph Rally offers some of the most comfortable camping available—complete with grassy areas to pitch a tent, an adjacent RV park with complete accessories, uni-sex shower stalls, meals provided, road adventures, friendships to be renewed as well as new ones to establish. There are many hotels and places to stay in John Day if camping is not your thing. Come on Thursday afternoon and enjoy a social gathering—CJR style—around 7 pm.

Warm sunny days with occasional thunder bursts. Cool nights and chilly mornings. Riding the Strawberry mountains and taking in the extraordinary scenic

views of the surrounding areas. Instruction classes, vendors, and so much more. It's the "West little Rally in the Best".

Friday night entertainment will be the talented Johnson Family. Country and Western is their main calling, but they can play any type of music. The Johnson Family performed at CJR a couple of years ago for Saturday morning breakfast—they were a huge hit. We are delighted to have them entertain us again at the 2014 Chief Joseph Rally.

Bring your dancing shoes.

BMWRO President's Message

by Lane Weinberg



JUNE IS HERE! – IT'S RALLY TIME—

2014 Chief Joseph Rally is ready for you

The pre-registration numbers indicate the trend for attendance is better this year. This is encouraging. Rallymaster Clarence Story said he and his cadre of volunteers are prepared to make this rally the “Best in the Northwest”. Make some time for the rally, if you haven't already. Pack up the bike and head on out to John Day, Oregon June 12 thru 15 for the 2014 Chief Joseph Rally. Remember, it is not the destination it is the journey. Hope to see you there.

Check out our Program online for vendors, seminars and events happening during the rally at BMWRO.org. You can sign up online, if you haven't already. You won't be disappointed.



The BMWRO Ambassador Program Ambassador Volunteers Needed

The state is divided into four areas with up to two Ambassadors representing each regional area. The Ambassador is a two-year volunteer position although some have continued beyond two years.

The duties of the Ambassador include but are not limited to:

- Introduce yourself and welcome new members by phone, email or letter
- Be point of contact for new members in regional area.
- Promote BMWRO and benefits of membership
- Organize first Saturday ride or event like a campout or multi-day ride for the region you represent

The four regions are:

- **Southern:** Oakland, OR into Northern California. The coast through Klamath Falls.
- **Central & Northeast:** 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.
- **Central Western:** South of Salem, including Eugene & Oakland from the coast to the Cascades.
- **Northwest:** From Longview, WA south through Salem, OR, the coast to the Cascades, including The Dalles.

The Regional Ambassadors are:

Region	Main Coordinator	Second Coordinator
Southern	Dan Hall 541-862-7411 dnehall@frontier.com	
Central & NE	John Beeson 541-420-3275 beeson@bendbroadband.com	Steve Miller 541-977-6787 shuntermiller@gmail.com
Central Western	open	Open
Northwest	David W. Peterson 503-327-5592 dwp@help-me-plan.com Smug Mug Images	Susan Ortiz-Renteria 503-779-7842 dirtsquirt816@gmail.com

Looking at the table above you can see we have some opportunities available and positions to fill. If you would like to become a club ambassador give me a call: Lane Weinberg at 503-522-1067.

Email me at: BMWRO.pres@gmail.com





BMWRO

Coming Events



Club Sanctioned Events

Event: **Chief Joseph Rally**
Date/Time: June 12–15, 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: **Women's Off Pavement Riding School at Chief Joseph Rally**
Date/Time: June 12, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Place: Grant County Fairgrounds
Description: For women only, limited to eight (8) students; a fee of \$100.00 for this training with Ramey "Coach" Stroud and BMWRO charter club #83. More details on page 9.
Contact: Lane Weinberg, bmwro.pres@gmail.com or **503-522-1067**

Event: **Sunday Scenic Ride Around Mt. Hood & Saturday BBQ and Campout**
Date/Time: July 12, 2014 BBQ at 5:00 p.m.
 July 13, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.
Location: BBQ/camping at Kaechele Residence
 Breakfast at **Tollgate Inn**, Highway 26, Sandy
Description: **Saturday:** arrive anytime after 4 p.m. for an evening BBQ and Campout. Grass camping available and room for RVs. **Sunday:** breakfast at 8:00 a.m. at the **Tollgate Inn**, Sandy. If attending the BBQ and Campout, please **RSVP** Dave at **503-668-5188** or email: dave.kaechele@yahoo.com If just coming Sunday for the ride, show up at 8:00 a.m. at the **Tollgate Inn** for breakfast, or ready to ride at 9:00 a.m. Additional details to follow.
Contact: Dave and Deborah Kaechele **503-688-5188** or dave.kaechele@yahoo.com

Event: **Vintage BMW Motorcycle Show**
Date/Time: July 19, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Place: Antique Powerland Museum, Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum Display Field, 399 Brooklake Road NE, Brooks, OR
Description: Display of BMW Motorcycles. Entry fee of \$5.00 to the Antique Powerland grounds. Food vendors will be available for breakfast & lunch
Contact: Dave Kaechele, **503-688-5188** or dave.kaechele@yahoo.com

Event: **Sixes River/Port Orford Campout**
Date/Time: July 25–26, 2014
Location: Edson Creek and Sixes River Recreation Sites.
Description: Rustic tent camping experience on the banks the Sixes river. Great road and dual-sport riding in the area, connecting over to the Rogue River and beyond. Large grassy camping area under tall firs at the confluence of Edson Creek and the Sixes River. Along the coast, but several miles inland out of the fog zone. Fire pit and tables. Five miles north of Port Orford, and 25 miles south of Bandon. **Coordinates:** 42-48'54.0"N, 124-24'39.6" W. PDF brochure and map available at www.blm.gov/or/resources/recreation/files/brochures/EdisonCrkandSixesRiverBrochure.pdf
Contact: Keith Matteson keithbob@charter.net

Event: **Rogue River/Grants Pass 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, it 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: Dairy Point Group Campground
Description: Motorcycle-riding women gather to share a uniquely female perspective on the motorcycle camping experience. Directions are online at www.fs.usda.gov and will be printed in future issue of the **BEEMER BEAT**.
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: A Saturday and Sunday morning continental breakfast and a Saturday night meal of PRIME RIB and green salad, plus more. All this for only \$15.00 for Club members. (Non-members contact the Bennetts for details).
 The Narrows RV Park is 26 miles south of Burns on Hwy #205, on the way to Frenchglen and Fields. General Meeting to be held Saturday afternoon.

Please **RSVP** Jay and Janet Bennett at jlbenett60@gmail.com or **541-760-0823** to reserve a space in the tent area and/or for dinner. An accurate head-count is needed for the Saturday night meal. RV hookups at your own expense: call **(541-495-2006)** to make reservations for RV camp spots or visit: www.narrowsrvpark.com. Also checkout: <http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/burns/recreation/steens-mtn.php>

Contact: Jay & Janet Bennett—**541-760-0823**

Event: **Fall Hardy Souls Campout**
Date/Time: TBD: Oct 17–19 likely
Location: Seneca/John Day area
Description: TBD
Contact: TBD

Event: **Winter Celebration and Quarterly Meeting**

Date/Time: November 8th or 15th, 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

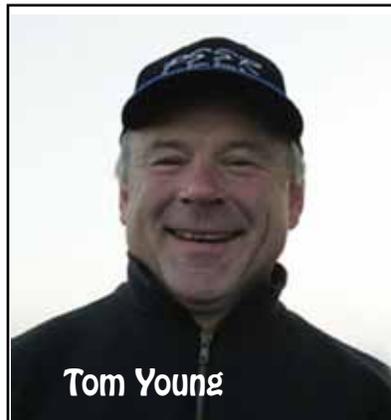
Regional Events

Event: **42nd Annual Rally of the Washington State BMW Riders**
Date/Time: July 24–27, 2014
Place: Ferry Count Fairgrounds, in Republic, WA
Description: Coordinates: 48.652 N, 118.694 W. To register or get more information visit wsbmwr.org
Contact: Tina: tina_YBR@yahoo.ca

Norm Horn Remembered

died April 29, 2014 in a motor vehicle accident.

His friend and mutual club member, Garry Stead, said that Norm (66 years old) had a heart attack while driving his RV and went off the road.



Tom Young



**Need
Wheels?
Tom Young
to the
rescue**

Tom Young will be at Chief Joseph Rally this year to see to all your tire replacement needs. He will have a large selection of tires on site—check out Tom's shop on wheels. Contact him at (503) 320-2475.

NEW MEMBERS

Riding

Jack Thompson, Salem, OR R100R
Kent & Ester Neely, Dallas, OR unknown cycle
Steven Doctor, Richland, WA R1150GSA
Richard Jorgensen, Davis, CA unknown cycle
Jay & Jackie Yake, Bend, OR F800ST
Scott Smelosky, Vancouver, WA unknown cycle
Steve & Chris Thorns, O'Neals, CA R1200GSA & R1200GS
David Gwynn, Medford, OR unknown cycle
Alicia Brown-Docken, Clovis, CA unknown cycle
Norm Gustafson, Medford, OR unknown cycle
James Campbell, Sublimity, OR F800ST
Mike & Leslie Antley, Eugene, OR R1200GS
Mark & Melissa Raffaelli, Yreka, CA 1200GS & R1200RT
John Sichel, Beaverton, OR R100GS
Roger D. Meyer, II, Hillsboro, OR unknown cycle

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

BMWRO Club Officials

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bmwro.pres@gmail.com

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bmwro.vp@gmail.com

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Doug Tewksbury (interim)
bmwro.web@gmail.com

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bmwro.news@gmail.com

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bmwro.vp@gmail.com

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).

Call for volunteer to fill this role

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
[Smug Mug Images](http://SmugMug.com)

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

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
Artwork	Steve Ludeman	steve.ludeman@yahoo.com	503-622-5632
Awards	Jay & Kathy Dyblie	jdyblie1@msn.com	509-972-6291
Banners/Site Decorations			
Communications	Doug Tewksbury	bmwro.news@gmail.com	541-543-7320
Complimentary Beverages			
Cowboy Breakfast	Jay and Janet Bennett	jabennett.2012@gmail.com	541-745-5838
Door Prizes	Carl & Shelia Boulden	cboulden@douglasfast.net	541-784-6008
Fence Inspector			
Gate	Jan & Stephanie Messersmith	me109@eoni.com	503-568-4305
GS/Off Road Ride/Men			
GS/Off Road Ride/Women	Kris Jacobson	kjacobson62@gmail.com	
Info Center/T Shirts	Ellen Barton	elbarton3@frontier.com	541-963-7579
Meals	Carolyn Story	bmwro.rallymaster@gmail.com	541-689-2822
News Letter	Forest McGreggor	bmwro.newsletter@gmail.com	541-761-2320
Photographer			
Pre-Registration	Doug Tewksbury	bmwro.news@gmail.com	541-543-7320
Security	Clarence Story/Lane Weinberg	bmwro.rallymaster@gmail.com	541-689-2822
Self Directed Rides	Gary & Loriann Thye	garythye@bctonline.com	503-632-3239
Seminars	Clarence Story	BMWro.rallymaster@gmail.com	541-689-2822
Site Signage	Tod Roy	tarphd@yahoo.com	
Vendors	Bruce Moses	brucemoses@gmail.com	541-647-6861
Web Page	Doug Tewksbury	bmwro.news@gmail.com	
Wine Tasting	Tom & Barbara Mitchell		
Women's Ride	Alice LeBarron	alicelebaron@hotmail.com	541-647-7194



RV Camping

Grant County Fairgrounds has 25 Full hook-up RV sites for \$25 per night at at the John Day/Canyon City Parks & Recreation RV Park. Call the office to make your reservations. Make your reservation early as the spots go pretty fast.

John Day/Canyon City Parks & Recreation RV Park

(Located on the Grant County Fairgrounds)

123 N. 7th Av.
John Day, OR 97845
541-575-0110

For additional information you can log onto the Oregon Live web page at <http://www.gcoregonlive.com/>. You need to be making plans and reservations now for accommodations in John Day. Reservations go quickly for this popular event.

For off site camping, **Clyde Holliday State Park** is located about seven miles West of John Day on the John Day River. They have 40-to-50 hike and bike tent sites at \$5-10 per night; thirty-one (31) RV electric only hook-up sites at \$21 per night; two (2) Tee Pee sites at \$35 per night, each sleeps 5. The Tee Pee can be reserved. All other camping and RV sites are first-come-first-served.

Clyde Holiday State Park
59500 Highway 26
Mount Vernon, OR 97865
541-932-4453

The **Fish House Inn and RV Park** is located in Dayville, about 31 miles West of John Day, and has 7 full hook up RV sites at \$25 per night.

Fish House Inn RV Park
Dayville, Oregon
541-987-2124
www.fishhouseinn.com

Hotel/Motel accommodations

If you want a room with a view, soft bed and hot shower, John Day

and the vicinity have several hotels and B&Bs from which to choose. For the adventurous, there are Dude Ranches and Lodges also available in the area.

Americas Best Value Inn
390 West Main Street
John Day, Or
97845
541-575-1462

Best Western John Day Inn
315 W Main Street
John Day, Or
97845
541-575-1700

Blue Mountain Lodge Motel
150 W Main St
Mount Vernon, Or
97865
541-932-4451

Boulder Creek Ranch
72585 Middle Fork Lane
Bates, OR 97845
541-421-3031

Budget 8 Motel
711 W Main
John Day, Or
97845
541-575-215

Country Inn Last Resort
Po Box 302
Dayville, Or 97825
541-987-212

Dreamers Lodge Motel
144 N Canyon Blvd
John Day, Or
97845
541-575-0526

Fish House Inn And RV Park
110 W Franklin
Dayville, Or 97825
541-987-212

Historic Hotel Prairie
112 Front Street
Prairie City, Or
97869
541-820-4800

Lazy V Adventures & Outback At Granite
1844 Center Street
Granite, Or 97877
541-755-5300
541-568-4722

Little Pine Inn
250 E Main St
John Day, Or
97845
541-575-2100

Long Creek Lodge Motel
171 W Main
Long Creek, Or
97856
541-421-9212

Monument Motel & RV Park
P O Box 274
Monument, Or
97864
541-934-2242

Riverside School House Bed & Breakfast
28076 N River Road
Prairie City, Or
97869
541-820-4731

Sonshine Bed & Breakfast
210 Nw Canton
John Day, Or
97845
541-575-1153
541-575-1827

Strawberry Mountain Inn
E Hwy 26
Prairie City, Or
97869
800-545-6913

The Inn At Juniper Ridge
Mount Vernon, Or
97865
503-537-7570
503-867-0377

Up The Lazy River Bed & Breakfast
907 E Main Street
John Day, Or
97845
541-575-5612

C Bar C Guest Ranch
29584 Franks Creek Rd
Dayville, Or 97825
541-987-2462

Great Expectations
Star Rt 2
Kimberly, Or
97848
541-934-2395

Holmes River Ranch Inn
HCR 82
Kimberly, Or
97848
541-934-2276

Home On The Range Oregon
Hwy 26
John Day, Or
97845
207-784-2196

Mt Vernon Motel & Trailer Park
195 N Mountain Blvd
Mount Vernon, Or
541-932-4712

Rudio Ranch B&B & Barn Lodging
39026 Rudio Rd
Kimberly, Or
97848
541-934-2275

Sag's Motel
Hwy 26
Prairie City, Or
97869
541-820-4515
John Day Area Camping And RV Parks

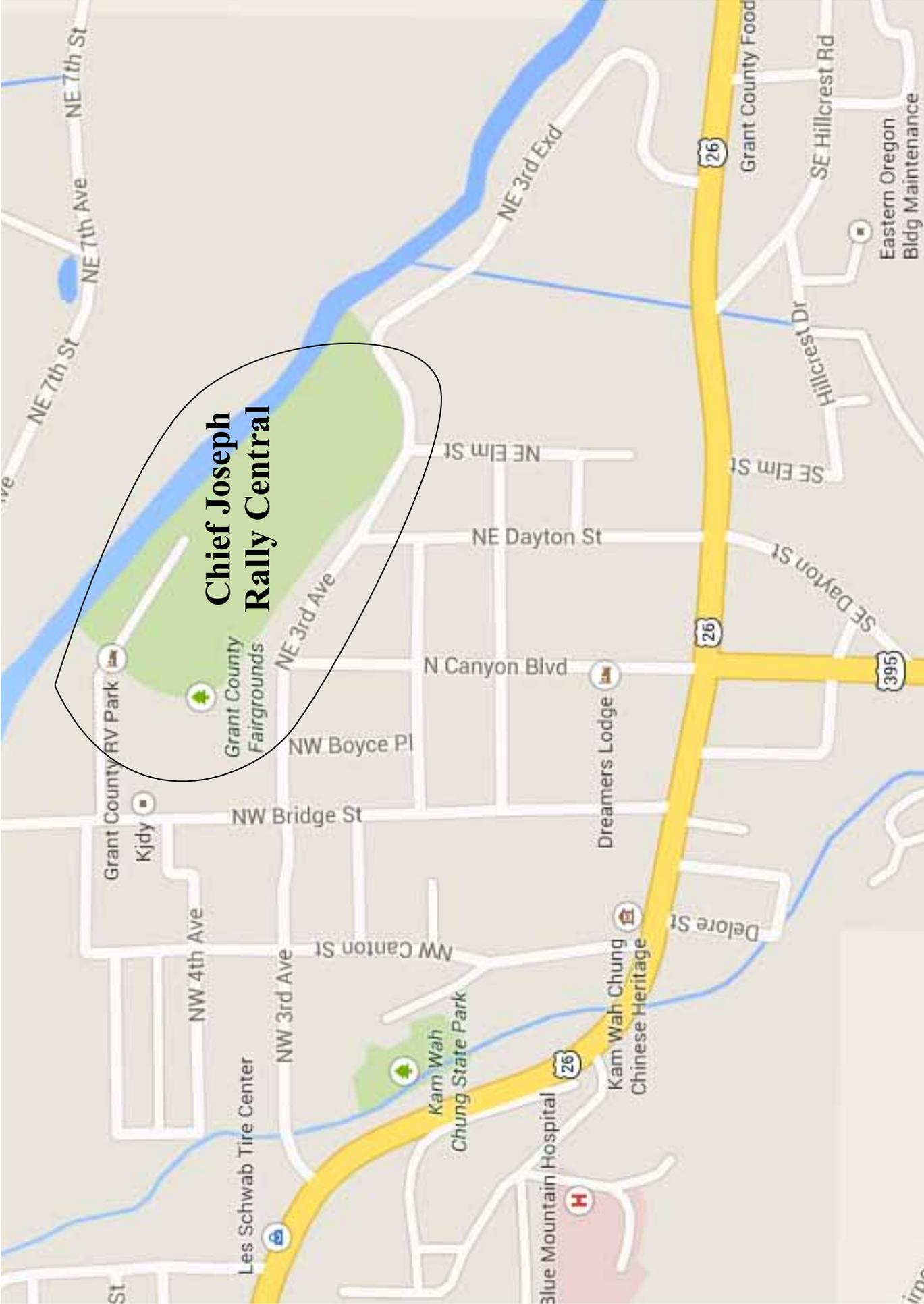
The Lodge At Granite
1525 Mccann St
Granite, Or 97877
541-755-5200

Traveler's Motel & Mini Mart
755 S Canyon Blvd
John Day, Or
97845
541-575-2076

2014 Chief Joseph Rally Registration

We have online Pre-Registration forms available for the 2014 Chief Joseph Rally in John Day, OR. You can use Mastercard®, Visa® or PayPal® to pay online. To use the online registration or download a PDF of the form, go to <http://bmwro.org/rally.html>, and please report any problems you might encounter to the [webmaster](#): Doug Tewksbury.

John Day Oregon



Wine Tasting at Chief Joseph Rally, 2014



Come, meet fellow BMWRO members and have fun tasting wine at Chief Joseph Rally, Thursday Evening at 7:00 p.m. Rally attendees will meet at Tom & Barbara Mitchell's picnic table in the RV Park @ 7:00 p.m.

The wines this year will be from Louisiana and St. Tammany Parish (the Pontchartrain Vineyard).

2012 Zydeco Rosato

Your nose is greeted by notes of ripened strawberries, tomato leaf, asparagus, and a hint of madeira. Beautifully balanced with tastes of red

grapefruit, spice, ginger, star fruit and a crisp, succinct finish that shows a nice acidity and a touch of sweet and sour.

To participate, bring one bottle of wine—if you can't procure a bottle of Zydeco Rosato, then stop in at your nearest grocery mart and gravitate to your favorite red or white—it will be placed on the table for all to sample! Remember to bring a portable wine glass and a munchie, too!

Hey we're BMW Riders—so, let's be wine snobs, too! This is a casual event to meet fellow club members and kick off a great spring rally and a favorite camping experience.



Cowboy Breakfast at Chief Joseph Rally Saturday June 14, 2014

Yee-Ha. The 2014 Cowboy Breakfast event is happening at the Gander Ranch in the Izee Area this year. Once again the Grant County Stockers have stepped up to support us with another new ranch visit and breakfast. Each year this fun and popular event has given the attendees a chance see how an operating ranch works, have a tasty chuck wagon style breakfast and a ride to boot.

We will ride (or drive if you must) to the ranch starting from the fairgrounds main gate. There will be two groups leaving at either 7:30 or 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning, June 14. Breakfast will be served between 8:00 & 9:00 a.m. by the Stockgrower's Association.

There are **two ways to reserve your spot**, but the spots are limited and on a first come first served basis.

1) Email or phone in your reservation to Jay Bennett at jabennett.2012@gmail.com or 541-760-0675 then pay at the rally before 5:00 p.m. on Friday at



Cowboy breakfast 2013: a very popular Chief Joseph Rally event.

Rally Central (Information Booth). In your message please indicate if you prefer a 7:30 or 8 a.m. departure.

2) You can wait to sign-up and pay at Rally Central (Information Booth) by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, but it is first come first serve.

Cost: \$12.00 at the rally.

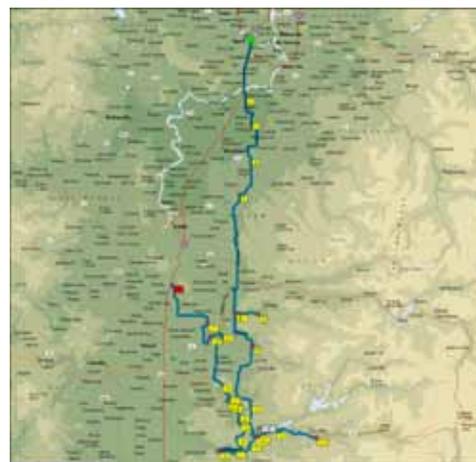
Come out and enjoy this unique experience of having breakfast at a working Grant County ranch.

NW Oregon Ambassador's Ride Report - May 2014

by Susan Ortiz-Renteria #106802
and David Peterson #90113

As I write this ride report watching the lightning and listening to the thunder, I am remembering the overcast and perfect temperatures we had for our first Saturday ride in May. We enjoyed the ride with **Kim Dorsing, Janice Mathern, Andy Sulla, Willy Paul, René Renteria, Mike Ripley, Greg Straub,** and newcomer **John Vissell. Ric Holderbaum,** who helped David with the pre-ride, made sure no one was left behind.

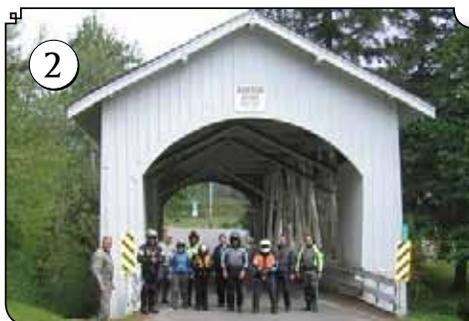
Everyone on the ride truly appreciated the history of the region and all were good sports as David herded us into pictures at each and every bridge. Kim, who grew-up in the area, shared his knowledge of road realignments and local stories. Oregon has the largest number of covered bridges in the Western states. In our covered bridge heyday, over 450 served the state; today, 50 remain. Our ride focused on the covered bridges of Linn County. In order, we visited:



Map & photos by David Peterson



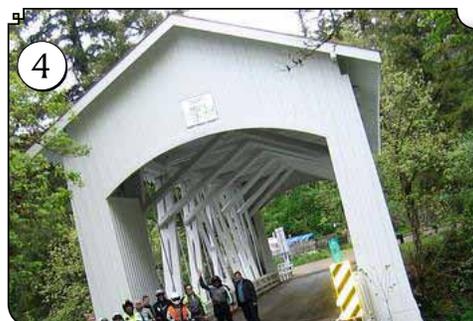
Shimanek Bridge – Built in 1966, this bridge was preceded by four previous bridges that were destroyed by floods in 1904, 1921, 1927, and the 1962 Columbus Day storm. The first documented covered bridge at this site was constructed in 1891 and cost \$1,150.



Hannah Bridge – Built in 1936, it was preceded by a covered bridge built in 1912 just east of the current location. Both bridges were built by John Joseph Hannah, one of the first saw mill owners in the area.



Larwood Bridge – Built in 1939 by William Larwood over Roaring River. In an odd US geography fact, Roaring River is the only river in the US to flow into a creek (Crabtree Creek).



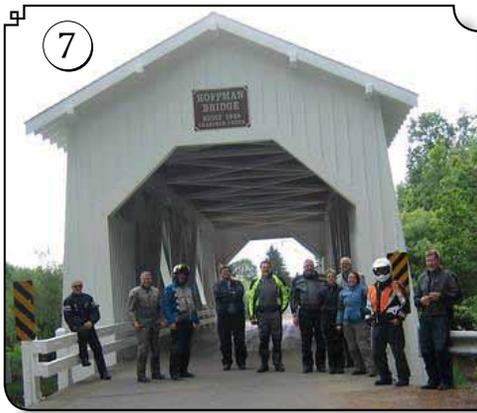
Short Bridge – built in 1945 was previously and commonly known as Whiskey Butte Bridge but was renamed after long time resident Gordon Short. Short Bridge is the only survivor of the covered bridges which crossed the South Fork of the Santiam River.



Weddle Bridge – Built in 1937 and restored in 1990, it an especially interesting history. An announcement in 1987 to destroy the bridge stirred public protest and ended with location restorationists chaining themselves to bulldozers. The result? Weddle Bridge was the first covered bridge to receive grants to rebuild. René proudly shared that he and a colleague designed the foundation for the restored bridge.

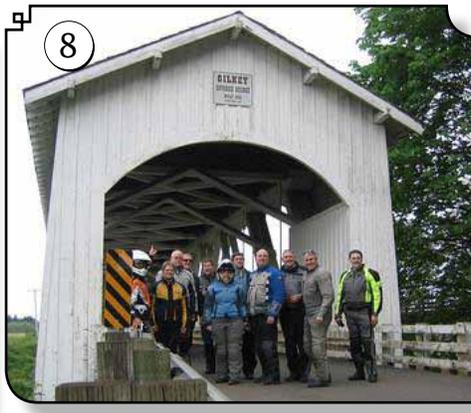


Crawfordsville Bridge – Built in 1932, the bridge was named after Philemon Crawford, who owned the land where Crawfordsville was settled in the 1870s. The bridge was bypassed in 1963 and fell into disrepair, until it was featured in the 1976 television movie "The Flood". Crawfordsville Bridge was severely damaged in the floods of 1996, but since then, volunteers and grants from the Oregon Covered Bridge Program have worked hard to give the bridge a new lease on life.



Hoffman Bridge – Built in 1936, Hoffman Bridge crosses Crabtree Creek (remember Roaring River?). You may notice that the bridge has Gothic style windows and an unusual truss design instead of the usual truss design found in the other Linn County bridges.

Shimanek, Hannah, Larwood, Short, Weddle, Crawfordsville, Hoffman and Gilkey Covered Bridges all provided good reasons



Gilkey Bridge – Our last stop, Gilkey Bridge was built in 1939 and restored in 1998 after an overloaded vehicle sheared some of the lower chords. The bridge had to be temporarily shored to keep it from failing under its own weight. The retrofit required that the majority of the bridge foundation timbers had to be replaced.

to stop and enjoy the spring in Oregon. In between the bridges, David didn't let us down with curvy roads and great scenery. We even

managed a well-earned stop for a patio lunch (including pie) at the **Point Restaurant** in Sweet Home. All-in all, it was another great day of riding, with a little local history thrown in for good measure.

Our First Saturday ride will be June 7th. Come join us on for the first Saturday ride on June 7th for a delicious ride to Waldport via the gorgeous Alsea Highway. We will meet at BMW Tigard however, there will be opportunities to join the ride at several locations along the way (Woodburn, Salem, Albany, etc.)—if you would like join up with the group along the way, email Susan at dirtsquirt816@gmail.com. For those of you who live on the coast we would like to see you since we will be in your neighborhood.

The Point Restaurant, 6305 Main Street, Sweet Home, OR 97386 (541) 367-1560. Thanks to Oregon.com for the fun facts on the covered bridges.



Women's Off Pavement Riding School Offered at Chief Joseph Rally

BMW Motorcycle Foundation (MSF) Rider Performance University (RPU) Dirt Bike School (DBS), Ramey "Coach" Stroud and the BMW Riders of Oregon Charter Club #83 have teamed up to provide BMWRO club members the MSF Women's DBS riding class at the Grant County Fairgrounds.

If you want to learn to ride off-pavement or have some experience riding off-pavement or want to improve your basic riding skills, this class is for you. Contact Lane Weinberg BMWRO.pres@gmail.com 503-522-1067 for details.

This one-day course consists of 8 hours of off-pavement motorcycle riding instruction on a closed range course at the Grant County Fairgrounds. The course has been prepared for learning and development of basic off-pavement

riding skills and techniques. For more experienced and first time off-pavement riders, don't let the word "basic" fool you. The slow speed exercises directly apply to all skill levels whether you want to learn off-pavement riding for the first time or have been riding some and want to refresh and renew your street or off-pavement riding skills and techniques.

Many BMW MOA members who ride the big GS at first said the basic Dirt Bike School course felt like it was too simple. Then they went through the exercises and it didn't take long before they were asking for a break. Most riders quickly realized that riding slow well is much harder than going fast, especially on a big bike.

Course Features

- Closed Course has challenging areas for both beginner and more advanced rider to hone their skills.
- Small class size - Semi-private lessons limited to 8 students.
- Skills and techniques you learn

on the closed course directly apply to riding at any speed.

- Focus on the fundamental skills means rapid improvement for beginner and advanced rider.
- A full day of closed range exercises are designed for Learn-by-Doing.
- MSF Dirt Bike School Certificate awarded for successful course completion by BMW MOA Motorcycle Safety Foundation.
- Qualified for Oregon All-Terrain Vehicle Safety Education Class III Card.

What to bring to class:

- Come to the class fully rested.
- Provide own motorcycle in good mechanical condition.
- Wear DOT approved helmet.
- Wear personal protective gear suitable for street or off-pavement motorcycle riding.
- Hydration system recommended.

Details

- Open to women 16 yrs and over.
- Cost per student is \$100.00.
- Meals provided.



Rocks Rule: Death Valley Ride

by Tom Mitchell

Imagine my surprise: as Barb and I pull into Furnace Creek RV camp space, who should we see next to us but **Dan and Elie Hall** from Grants Pass. Dan, an accomplished off-road rider and Elie, a former BMWRO club treasurer, greet us. As we hook up to the facilities, who should come driving in but **Greg Cudek**, with his converted trailer/van combo. His bike, a new Yamaha 200 fat tire ride, is soon rolled out. Then, lo and behold, here comes **Dave Kaechele** in his pickup with his R-1100 go-fast highway knee dragger. He has a ramp and a six-pack, so his bike is soon grounded. This is an amazing meeting of the clan for our mid-March ride in Death Valley.

We all gather around the campfire later, telling tall tales of how it was in the “old days.” Greg has been here about seven times and Dan at least a couple; their tales are of sand, gigantic rocks and buzzards. Campfires and liquid libations do bring out the story-telling abilities.



Camp Fire Stories

Photo by Dan Hall

We take the “Scotty’s Castle” tour the following day. I drive the van with Barb and Elie, while Dan, Greg, and Dave ride their bikes. Old Scotty certainly was the champion teller of tales in this part of the

world. And his wealthy Chicago business friend Albert Johnson brought luxury items from around the world to his large house, including a pipe organ to furnish “Scotty’s Castle.”

Next day the four riders buzz to Beatty, gas up and then stop at Rhyolite—a quaint ghost town with a friendly guy who runs the small museum there. We visit the decorated grave site of the town’s popular prostitute. Through a mix up in communication, Dave becomes separated from the group.



Greg & Dan Grave site at Rhyolite

Photo by Tom Mitchell



Ghost Town

Photo by Dan Hall

Titus Canyon

Then it’s on to the heart of the trip: **The Ride**. Most off-road riders in this part of the Western Hemisphere have heard of Titus Canyon. It’s a rocky, several-mile long entrance to a spectacular two-mile twisty narrow canyon of incredible beauty. Unfortunately, I was too intent on keeping the bike upright to appreciate the sight. Better than falling down, I guess. That would come later.



Photo by Dan Hall

On the way into Titus Canyon, we pass several four-wheel drive rigs. Some are moving, some are not. Then we come upon a KIA Soul. It is leaning on a right-hand berm, possibly high centered. The Asian occupants are clustered around the dashboard Buddha, but the smiling figure offers little hope. Buzzards circle.

The canyon is spectacular, but the riding takes all my attention. Greg and Dan are possibly miles ahead. I putz along, trying to keep upright through the gravel rock. The 250 KLX is about the most perfect bike for this stuff; I only wish I was a better rider. Still learning.

Back on the asphalt we scoot to the campground. Later in the evening Greg demonstrates his fire-starting technique. The logs are piled high and are soon saturated with about a gallon of gas (yes, the stuff that goes for \$5.50 a gallon hereabouts). Mercifully the explosion goes mostly straight up, but the blast has compromised Dan’s eyesight for he later swears to a UFO sighting.

Next day I do the 20-Mule Team loop with Greg. The 20-minute ride is on a smooth bit of twisty that is just plain fun. No rocks, no gravel, no sweat. I will later ride it twice more, once with Dan, and later with Dave.

Hole in the Wall

Somewhere during this scenario the four of us decide on “The Hole in the Wall” ride. We start up the

rocky wash gully and right away I realize this may be a bit over my head. I press on. Greg and Dan are up ahead and Dave is following on his R1100S. How he can manage this stuff is beyond me. It's basically a Jeep track with a very rocky center berm and an occasional circling buzzard deciding which one is most likely to skewer himself on a sharp rock. That would be me.

I zigged when I should have zagged. The center berm sent me back onto the left shoulder berm. Oops. This gives new meaning to the expression "caught between a rock and a hard place." My initial thought was trying to remember which side of the bike routed the exhaust system. My left leg was pinned for a few moments, but the exhaust is on the 250's right side.

I get the bike upright and then Dave comes riding up. This is way over my head, I confess, and we wrestle the bike around. Ahead I see Dan's lime-green, dayglo arm waving. Perhaps he is trying to distract the buzzards. I wave back. The buzzards go in search of some Harley rider.

An aside: Death Valley has lots of bikes coming and going—by far and away: Harley riders. After consulting various reputable scientific/moto magazines, I learned that Harley riders weigh 27.5 pounds more than their riding brethren on BMWs. Hence the preference by buzzards for the more portly meal.

Dave and I stumble back down the gully, and later Dan says he and Greg had to turn back, too. Several demented runners come puffing up the gully, and I wonder what dark force pulls us into this vortex of rocky masochism. Hey, it's not called "Death Valley" for nothing.

Later we all have very good \$14 hamburgers at the Texas Springs resort. I do the van tourist thing with Barb and Elie, and we take in the Artists Palette—a beautiful, smooth loop road. Then we all meet at Badwater, where the salt flats are the lowest elevation in the U.S. (282 ft. below sea level).

Dante's View

Next day we hit a few of the usual tourist "must see" spots, then ride the pavement on to Dante's View, a 5,500 ft. overview of much of the central valley. It really is as spectacular as it sounds. We pose for photos, then on back to the campsite where libations and fire-starting entertainment await. And speaking of entertainment, we were subjected to the worst, free outdoor "concerts" one can imagine at the Furnace Creek facility. One night the guitarist laments his childhood misfortunes and adult mistakes in song. "These songs just come to me in the shower," he sobs. His therapist suggests that he needs something he can believe in, so next session (I am not making this up) he



from left to right

Dan, Dave, Tom & Greg at Dantes View

Photo by Tom Mitchelle

says he believes in a rock. Don't know what he does for a day job.

Greg convinces me that the following night's "concert" will be better—it's an Irish balladeer and I do have a fondness for the sounds. OK, I'll go. We all bring our fold-up chairs and a couple of brewskies to the event. Not enough as it turns out. It seems that Ireland is still in the throes of "the troubles." Dan and Elie leave as the troubadour drones on about sorrowful Irish milkmaids. A distant coyote whines its displeasure, waking some of the audience. Dave and Greg doze on. Barbara feigns interest.

Back at the campsite we enjoy the last of the firewood and the usual campfire conversation, reliving the rides of the past few days. Yes, it's been all that I had hoped for. In the morning, with the bikes loaded, it's goodbye for now, and we all head out. Barb and I go south to visit Jim and Laura Stewart who snowbird at a very nice RV park on the California side of the Colorado River across from Parker, Arizona.

Looking back on the Death Valley rides, I search for a thought or symbol that identifies the riding experience for me. Ah, yes, "Rocks Rule"—just as they have for millennia in this awe-inspiring place.



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