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BMWRO So. Oregon May Ride

photo by Dan Hall

The May Southern Oregon ride started at Hansen's BMW dealership's annual open house. Who can pass up a free hot dog and cookie? Eight of us checked out all the new bikes along with a few hundred riders from around the area enjoying the open house. We also learned some sad news, that Hansen's is losing the Ducati franchise just after having lost the Triumph franchise this past winter. They will soon be exclusive BMW. I don't understand Ducati's and Triumph's thinking, how can having no sales and service in So. Oregon be better than having a great small dealership? So much for loyalty to your customers.

After lunch seven of us rode up to the Mt. Ashland ski lodge taking the old twisty highway to the top. What a great road and ride. After a brief stop to check out the views, Steve led us down a 12-mile dirt road into Ashland. This was new to me and had great views of the city and valley below along with views of Immigrant Lake. At town we all split up and headed for home. It doesn't get much better than Southern Oregon for bike riding with such variety close to home.

~ Dan Hall

BMWRO President's Message

by Jay Bennett



Showtime 2015

Well, the 2015 Chief Joseph rally should be about two weeks away, by the time you receive this issue. We have every reason to believe this will be a great year. We have yet to attain the "Perfect Rally" status but we strive to make it better each year. For example the vendors have been given a small financial perk this year to encourage more vendors. Many of the old favorites of the rally such as the John Day area roads, the motorcycle people who come to event each year, the support from the John Day residents and general rally atmosphere will be the same. Overall the rally continues to be thought of a great success for the club.

The rally is a big positive to many groups of people: to our club, the non-club attendees and even to the people of John Day and Grant County. The club members meet, greet, eat, drink, bike and serve others for this weekend (not at the same time of course). I, like many others, use this as a mini vacation, by coming early and staying some extra days. I hear and get emails from non-club riders that we have the best little rally in the area. People rave in our feedback surveys that 99% of the rally is perfect and we continue to work on the remainder. By the way, our club is well represented at the rally with probably around 75% of club there, yet only about 1 in 5 people

at the rally are members. The local economy of Grant County benefits as the local businesses sell extra food, lodging, fuel and other items (beer?) that are bought. We also donate back to local John Day needy and non-profit organizations because of the revenue the event creates.

While all this sounds positive, a big head wind continues to be the economy. It has put the pinch on discretionary spending. I'd bet motorcycles and rallies are pretty discretionary for most people. So we'll have to keep our rally a real value to be what people want to spend their hard earned money on.

And now the pitch for **volunteerism**: we always need more assistance at the rally. Lynne Clark, the rally chairperson, is doing a huge and terrific job. THANKS, LYNNE, AND ALL THE VOLUNTEERS FOR MAKING THE RALLY HAPPEN! If you haven't already volunteered, please contact Lynne at clarkl@spiritone.com/ (503) 860-7227 or myself bmwro.pres@gmail.com or one of the many committee chairs to give a hand. Our club's budget relies about 90% on our rally. If you want better events and financial prosperity then lending a hand, however small, is the way to do it.

Before the rally, as club events, we have the **Annual Swap Meet** at Don and Debbie Weber's **Premier Motogear of Oregon** on June 6. Bring those extras parts out, buy some treasures, swap stories, and make some friends as the event is always a low key but highly successful event. Also, on June 27 is the **BMW Bike Show** at the Antique Powerland Museum, Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum Display Field hosted by Steve & Jan Prokop of **Steve's Bavarian Motorcycle Service**.

Now go out and have a great time at the rally and use those bikes.

Jay





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Coming Events



Club Sanctioned Events

- Event:** **12th Annual BMWRO MotoGear Swap Meet**
Date/Time: June 6, 2015 –Saturday– from 9 am to 3 pm or until it is over—rain or shine.
Place: 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: Don & Debbie Weber
(**RSVP** for space: **541-926-2107** or email to motogear@mredsmoto.com)
- Event:** **Chief Joseph Rally**
Date/Time: June 18–21, 2015
Place: Fairgrounds at John Day, Oregon
GPS coordinates: N44°24.967', W118°56.868'
Description: The BMWRO's Annual Rally and the highlight of the motorcycling seasonal calendar!
Contact: Lynne Clark, BMWRO.rallymaster@gmail.com
- Event:** **BMW Bike Show**
Date/Time: June 27, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 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: Steve's Bavarian Motorcycle Service, **503-538-8120** or stevesbmw@msn.com
- Event:** **Sixes River Campout**
Date/Time: July 24–26, 2015
Place: Edson Creek Campground, sites B&C
Description: Rustic tent camping experience on the banks of 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. See [Brochure](#) online
Contact: Keith Matteson, keithbob@charter.net

- Event:** **Central Oregon Area Campout**
Date/Time: August 14–16, 2015
Place: Haystack Reservoir South Shore Campground, Willow Group Campsite
Description: Superb road and off-road routes in the area. Wide open desert skies for viewing the Perseids meteor showers. Shoreline campsites
Contact: Alice LeBarron alicelebarron@hotmail.com and Steve Miller shuntermiller@gmail.com
- Event:** **Women Riders Campout**
Date/Time: August 20–23, 2015 (Fri–Sun)
Place: Kiahanie Camp Ground (near Westfir)
Description: Rustic-camping • good-food • fun-women
Contact: Alice LeBarron alicelebarron@hotmail.com
- Event:** **Ride, Camp, Ride, Camp... Repeat, Oregon Midweek Tour to Finish at Horseshoe Bend Campgrounds**
Date/Time: August 25–28, 2015 (Tuesday to Friday)
Place: Tentative schedule, see details under Description
Description: Tour of Central and Southern Oregon
Tuesday Evening 25 August: The initial rendezvous would be near the center of Oregon at Walton Lake in the Ochoco Mountains. This is a secluded campsite where we can anticipate our next few days' adventures. You would pack your own food, supplies, etc.
Wednesday 26 August: Now rather than passing through this area on the way to somewhere else, we can spend the day riding the profusion of convoluted, twisty roads in whatever sequence fits your needs. There will be no set time schedule, no fixed route, nobody telling you to do anything but to enjoy your day. With one caveat; we will be gathering again that evening in North Eastern Oregon, probably near Joseph (home of the early Chief Joseph Rallies). No doubt that night will provide input on Wednesday's travels and inspiration for the next day.
Thursday 27 August: Time for some open country blitzing followed by a restful sojourn in the South Central region. The aim is to select spots that are not on your normal itineraries. I've several campsite candidates in mind at this time in the Southern Cascades. Of course, if you have some favorite bivouac that you'd like to suggest, please send it along. The camping plan is still evolving.
Friday 28 August: Now is the chance to have

"some more" as there are many wonderful routes down in the South and West. We don't, as a club, encourage enough riding in this spectacular part of our State. It will be hard to choose between so many excellent alternative routes to our Friday night destination on the North Umpqua.

Contact: Jim Stewart, 69jystewart@gmail.com

Event: **Horseshoe Campout near Steamboat**

Date/Time: August 28–30, 2015—Friday–Sunday

Place: details to follow

Description: Shady Trees and a beautiful river

Contact: Roger Paquette

Event: **Steens Narrows**

Date/Time: September 11–13, 2015

Place: Narrows RV Park, OR

Description: A Saturday and Sunday morning continental breakfast and a Saturday night meal of PRIME RIB and green salad, plus more. Cost ? 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.

Contact: Janet Bennett. Please **RSVP** No Later than 8/29/15. Preferred method of sign-up is thru our website and use PayPal at: <http://bmwro.org/SNC-preregistration.html>

Or contact 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>

Recurring Events

Event: **Central Oregon 2nd Saturday**

Date/Time: Second Saturday of each month

Location: Various ride and lunch locations in the Central Oregon area.

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

Event: **Central Western Region 1st Saturday Ambassador Ride**

Date/Time: First Saturday of each month), Meet at 8:30 a.m., will leave parking lot at 9:00 a.m.

Location: European Motorcycles of Western Oregon

Description: Various routes.

Contact: Jim Breen, **541-912-4500** or ipbinOR@aol.com or Bob Metzger **608-642-1186**
bobmetzger51@gmail.com

Event: **Southern Oregon 1st Saturday**

Date/Time: First Saturday of each month

Location: Various lunch/breakfast and ride locations for southern Oregon members.

Contact: Dan Hall, dnehall@frontier.com

Event: **NW Oregon 1st Saturday Ride**

Date/Time: First Saturday of each month

Location: Various breakfast and ride locations in Central Oregon area.

Description: Finding the twisties and connecting with our membership for grins and food sharing.

Contact: David Peterson **503-327-5592**

dwpeterson01@yahoo.com

Susan Ortiz-Renteria **503-779-7842**

dirtsquirt816@gmail.com

Event: **Eugene 1st Saturday Coffee**

Date/Time: First Saturday of each month 9:00 to 11:00 am.

Location: Eugene BMW store, 2891 W. 11th Ave

Contact: Jim Breen **(541) 912-4500**,

ipbinor@aol.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



WHEN:

Saturday, June 27th from 10:00 to 3:00

WHERE:

Antique Powerland Museum

Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum Display

3995 Brooklake Road NE

Brooks, OR

503-393-2424

www.antiquepowerland.com

Directions: Take I-5 North or South to Exit #263 towards Brooks onto Brooklake Road. West to the entrance.

There is a \$5.00 entry fee to the grounds.
Food vendors will be available for breakfast and lunch.

Steve's Bavarian Motorcycle Service

Steve and Jan Prokop

503-538-8120 and stevesbmw@msn.com

NEW MEMBERS

Motorcycle

Stephen Campbell, Redmond, OR 2013 BMW F700 GS,
..... & 2006 Honda ST1300
Robin Dunn, Grants Pass, OR 2015 BMW F700 GS
Barbara Garfien, Nicasio, CA 2010 F 650
Nadine Hughey, Aloha, OR Unknown
Jim McWhirter, Springfield, OR 2015 K1600GT
Dennis Mounts, Portland, OR 2009 F800GS
Steve Paysinger, Silverton, OR 2009 R1200 GSA
Donna Sue Staples, Yakima, WA Unknown
Vann Starr, Portland, OR 2005 K1200Lt
Scott Williams, Albany, OR 2012 BMW R1200GS Adventure
Bruce Wilson, Vancouver, WA 2002 BMW K1200RS
Cheryl Wilson, Vancouver, WA Unknown
Ed Woods, Portland, OR 2006 BMW R1200RT

FIND THE BMWRO NEW MEMBER APPLICATION FORM ONLINE:

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

Bylaws, Policies & Guidelines

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

Jim Breen—541-912-4500

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Bob Metzger—608-642-1186-

bobmetzger51@gmail.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).

Alice LeBarron – 541-647-7194,

alicelebarron@hotmail.com

Southern Region

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

Dan Hall – 541-862-7411,

dnehall@frontier.com

Northwest Region

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

David W. Peterson – 503-327-5592,

dwpeterson01@yahoo.com & www.wfodave.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**

Event: **Horseshoe Campout near Steamboat**

Date/Time: August 28–30, 2015—Friday–Sunday

Place: Horseshoe Camp Grounds

Description: Shady Trees and a beautiful river

Contact: Roger Paquette mrgsa02@hotmail.com

BMWRO is camping at Horseshoe Bend Campsite, August 28-29, 2015. Prior campouts held there were very popular. BMWRO has reserved the **Deer Flat Group** campsite, which is adjacent to Horseshoe Bend.

Directions

Many wonderful roads lead to Horseshoe Bend. The following “official” directions are a great reference point. But, check out alternatives, there are some amazing roads available.

From Roseburg, it’s approximately 46 miles: Turn onto OR HWY-138 (aka E/NE Diamond Lake Blvd.) Continue on OR HWY-138 approximately 16 miles until you reach the town of Glide. Upon entering Glide, the North Umpqua Ranger Station will be on your left (You can obtain Umpqua NF information, maps and brochures). There is a Chevron gas station/convenience store (south side of 138) in Glide. Recommend you top up. Gas is available approximately Mile Post 50; again at Diamond Lake and Crater Lake NP, but you pay the tourist rate.

From the North Umpqua Ranger Station (16 miles east of Roseburg on State Highway 138), continue on OR Highway-138 east for 30 miles to **Road #4750** near Milepost 48 (South side). It’s right in the middle of a terrific set of curves! LOL! Turn right on **Road #4750** and right again on **Road #4750-001** (before the bridge). On road #4750-001, you’ll see **Deer Flat Group** site on your right just before entering Horseshoe Bend Campground. Just go up the hill. Site has room for 50 tent campers. There is room for a few smaller self contained RV’s. The site has flush toilets and water available. Bring your solar shower if that’s important!

Horseshoe Bend/Deer Flat is a terrific ride base. Deer Flat is an ideal spot to relax on a hot summer day! It is quiet and away from other campers. Hwy 138 alone is worth the trip—and is also a major route to Crater Lake National Park, a great day ride. Watch your speed! There are dual sport roads throughout the Umpqua National Forest. Tokatee Hot Springs is about 25 miles down the road. Waterfalls are a major attraction on Hwy 138. Brochures are available via the USFS.



This is a TRADITIONAL HARDY SOUL CAMPOUT

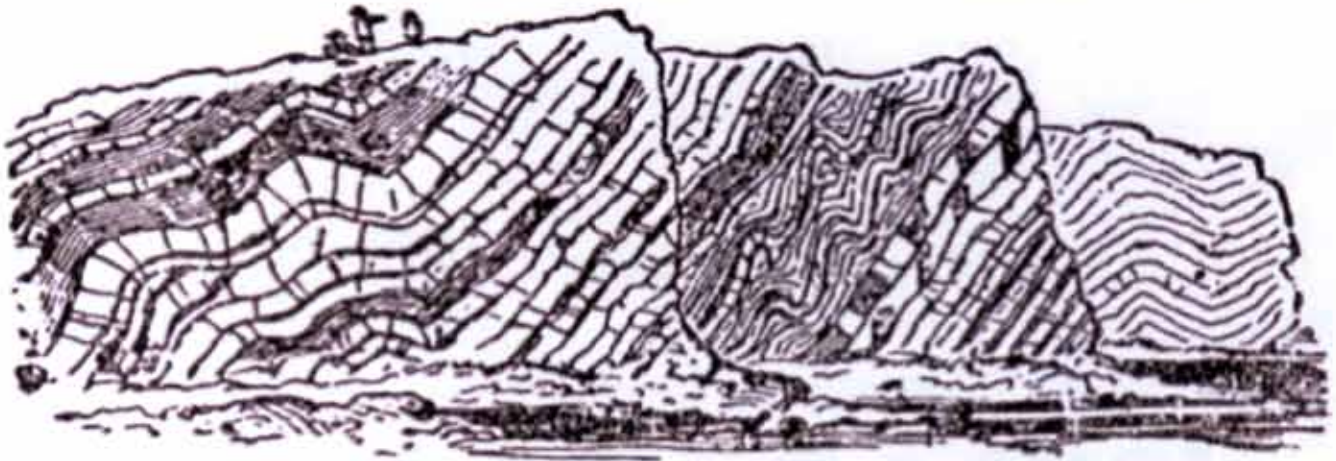
What to bring? Your camping equipment, food and of course BYOB. Food is your responsibility. Saturday evening meal is a pot luck. If you want to participate, bring something of substance to share. There is a fixed barbecue available for campers. You will want to bring your own charcoal. Coordinate with your RV/pickup driving friends to bring food and other essentials.

A small store is about a mile east of Horseshoe Bend. It has regular gas pump, snacks, ice and beer for sale. Steamboat Inn is about twenty miles [+/-] west of Horseshoe Bend, excellent cuisine, reservations recommended.



Deer Flat will be open at 3:00 pm (1500 hours) on Friday the 28th. Checkout time is 1000 hours Sunday morning. BMWRO members camp for free, nonmembers **MUST** be sponsored and **IT will cost them \$10.00 a night**. Remember, bring food if you want to eat. I have no GPS coordinates, you should be able to obtain some off Google. If you are coming via RV/pickup, coordinate with fellow members. You can carry more beer than they can!

GEOLOGY ROCKS!



Chief Joseph Rally,
John Day, OR



2015 BIKER TOURS

Friday & Saturday,

June 19 & 20

11:30 am to 5 pm

25 bike limit, each tour

These tours will help raise funds for two Grant County, non-profit organizations, the Juniper Arts Council and the River Valley Writers Group. Each tour will feature the landscape, geology, and cultural history of Grant County. The tours will be led by retired John Day Fossil Beds park ranger John Fiedor; who led the tour at the 2014 Chief Joseph Rally.

Each tour has about seven stops and covers about 125 miles, round trip, all on paved roadways (pull-offs may be dirt and gravel). The tour on Friday will be a repeat of the 2014 tour, heading west toward the John Day Fossil Beds National Monument. The Saturday tour will be new, and head in an easterly direction.

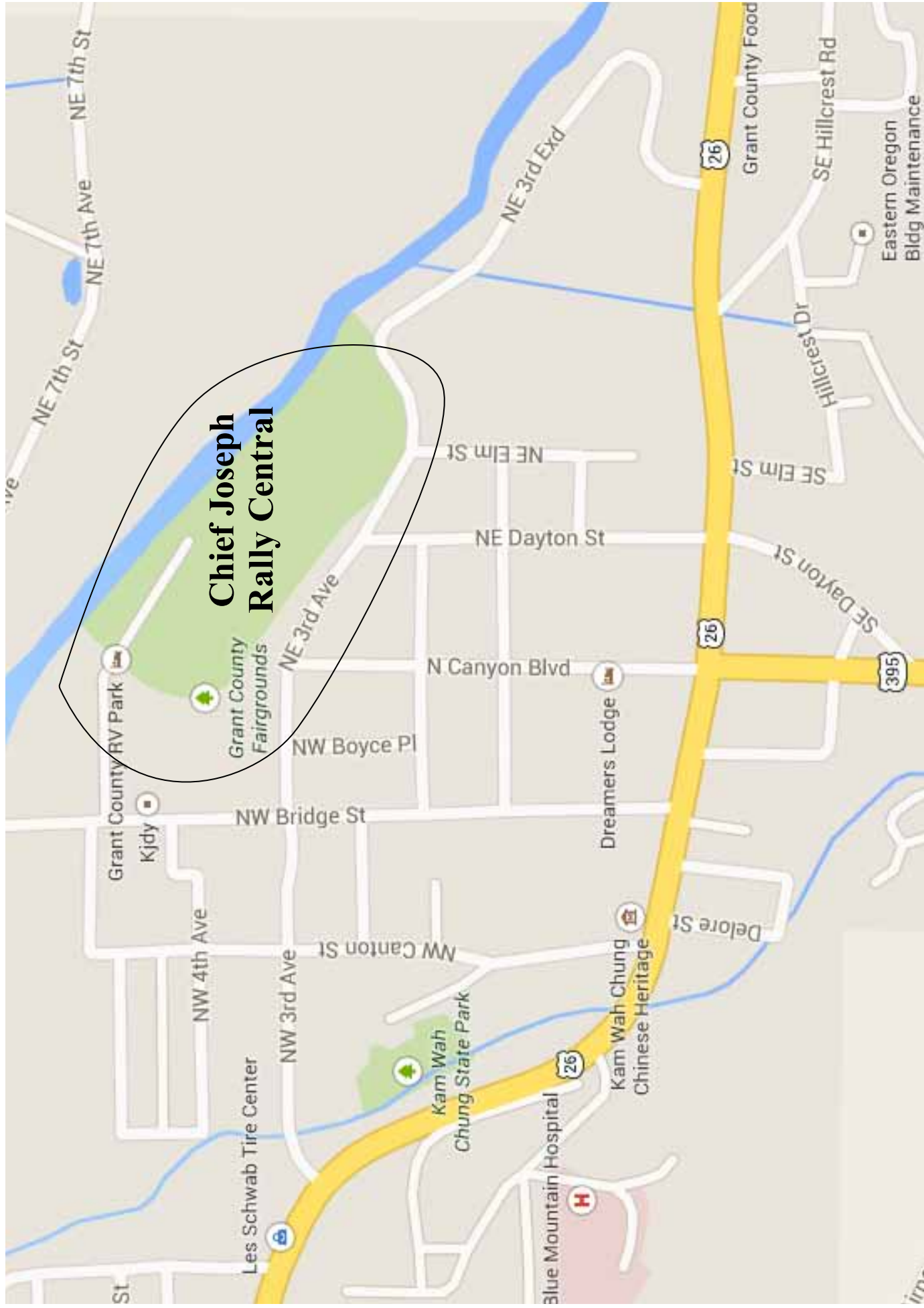
There is a suggested donation of \$20.00 per bike (to be mailed in after the rally). A waiver will need to be signed by participants. The tours will start at the fairgrounds office parking area. Bring your own refreshments for the road.

To make a reservation (limit of one tour only) contact john_fiedor@yahoo.com

IMPORTANT: Sorry! Reservations will NOT be accepted before May 1, 2015.

Will need to know name, email, which tour, and how many riders on your bike.

John Day Oregon





Wine Tasting at Chief Joseph Rally, 2015

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 the RV Park @ 7:00 p.m.

The wines this year will of your choice. To participate, bring one bottle of wine—it will be placed on the picnic table to be consumed.

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 20, 2015

Once again the Grant County Stockers have stepped up to support us with another new farm visit and breakfast. We are heading to **Frank Silva Ranch** between Mt. Vernon and Dayville. 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) to the ranch starting from the fairgrounds main gate. There will be two groups leaving at either 7:30 or 8:00 am Saturday morning, June 20.

Breakfast will be prepared between 8:00 and 9:00 am by the Stockgrower's Association.

There are three ways to reserve your spot, but the spots are limited and on a first come first served basis (100 maximum the sooner you sign up and pay for your breakfast, the more assured you are of getting a spot).

1. Sign up online at BMWRO.org and click on Chief Joseph Rally, then follow the link for the Cowboy Breakfast.



2. 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 pm on Friday at Rally Central (Information Booth). *In your message please indicate if you prefer a 7:30 or 8:00 am departure.*
3. You can wait and sign-up and pay at Rally Central (Information Booth) by 5:00 pm on Friday but it is first come first serve.

Cost: \$12.00 per person

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



List of Vendor at Chief Joseph Rally, 2015

Earth Angel Massage Dawn Hamshire
Giant Loop..... Harold Olaf Cecil
Happy Trails Tim & Sherry Bernard
MFSD Bob Runyan
Mountain Shops..... Steve Corpi
Murph's BMW Service Charles Murphy
Premier Moto Gear Don & Deb Weber
Ride Adventures..... Eric Lange
Mosco Moto..... Nichole Crites
Reflective Decals Sheri Berger
Rubber Tomahawk..... Abram Heard
Sound Devices Al Schibi

The things to look forward to at the rally are:

- One of two **Geology Rocks!** tours on Friday and Saturday
- **Cowboy breakfast** on Saturday.
- **Speakers** are **Tom Pemberton**, who writes for BMW ON, and **David Hough**.
- David L. Hough will speak on "Situational Awareness" from 2:00 pm to 3:30 in Keerin's Hall on Friday, and also will be available in an informal discussion group at 7:30 am for *Coffee with Dave*. He even has his own Wikipedia page!

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2015 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 Lynne Clark a call or email to indicate your interest: call 503-235-9451 or email BMWRO.rallymaster@gmail.com

Presently, need folks for the following positions:

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

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
2015 Rally Chair	Lynne Clark	bmwro.rallymaster@gmail.com	503-235-9451
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Artwork	Scott Conary		
Communications	Doug Tewksbury	bmwro.news@gmail.com	541-543-7320
Complimentary Beverages	Ellen Barton	elbarton3@frontier.com	541-963-7579
Cowboy Breakfast	Jay Bennett	jabennett.2012@gmail.com	541-745-5838
Fence Inspector	Kris Jacobson	kjacobson62@gmail.com	
Gate	Joy & Allen Cesafsky	sfstatemon62@gmail.com	
Geology Rocks Ride	John Fiedor		
Grant County Fairgrounds Manager	Mary Weaver		
GS/Off Road Ride/Men			
GS/Off Road Ride/Women			
Info Center/T Shirts	Ellen Barton	elbarton3@frontier.com	541-963-7579
Meals	Mary Weaver		
News Letter	Forest McGreggor	bmwro.newsletter@gmail.com	541-761-2320
Pre-Registration	Doug Tewksbury	bmwro.news@gmail.com	541-543-7320
Prizes			
Rider Awards	Jay & Kathy Dyblie		
Security	Kris Jacobson		
Seminars	Lynne Clark	bmwro.rallymaster@gmail.com	503-235-9451
Site Signage	Chuck Fike		
Vendors	Bruce Moses	brucemoses@gmail.com	541-647-6861
Web Page	Doug Tewksbury	bmwro.news@gmail.com	
Wine & Cheese tasting	Tom & Barbara Mitchell		
Women's Ride	Alice LeBarron	alicelebarron@hotmail.com	541-647-7194

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- **A one thousand dollar gift certificate** from *Ride Adventures*; a couple of nice sized gift certificates from *BMW Motorcycles of Western Oregon* & *European Motorcycles of Western Oregon*
- **SMARTrainer from BMWMOA:** This motorcycle simulator allows riders the chance to put their skills to the test in a virtual environment with a video monitor, seat, handlebars and all the standard motorcycle controls. Choose from a

range of scenarios to test your skills and receive a performance review from certified RiderCoach Tom Pemberton. Riders experience and respond to a variety of on-screen scenarios. The objective of the on-road simulation is to safely negotiate a series of routes, while developing effective road hazard awareness.

- **Earth Angel Massage.** We are happy to have Dawn back again. Sign up in the Main Pavilion 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Friday and Saturday

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
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97864
541-934-2242

Riverside School House Bed & Breakfast
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Sonshine Bed & Breakfast
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John Day, Or
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541-575-1153
541-575-1827

Strawberry Mountain Inn
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Prairie City, Or
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The Inn At Juniper Ridge
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Sag's Motel
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Meet your Central Western Region Ambassadors

Jim Breen, Central Western BMWRO Co-Ambassador

Well, I am now back from my winter migration to Arizona and am happy that I will again be serving as BMWRO Ambassador for the Central/Western region. Here is just a little background for those who don't know me. I grew up in Nebraska and migrated to Oregon in 1977. I attended Creighton University in Omaha where I received a B.S. in Pharmacy. After moving to Oregon, my professional career was spent at Sacred Heart Hospital in Eugene.

My motorcycling began in Nebraska with the purchase of my first bike, a 1968 Honda 305 Superhawk. My move to Oregon was at least partly motivated by my desire to do all the rides I was reading about in the motorcycle magazines of the day "Road Rider" and "Rider". I still have all the issues boxed in my garage. I've owned several more Hondas and "graduated" to BMW's in 1997. I am nearing my 200,000 mile BMW award.

I have recently found the pleasure in participating in club activity with the South Eastern Arizona Touring riders and the BMW Riders of Oregon. As BMWRO Ambassador, I will again be organizing rides on the second and fourth Thursday each month beginning in May. There will also be First Saturday rides each month beginning in June. Please check the events calendar on the BMWRO website for details.

The really exciting news is that we will have a second ambassador for the Central/Western region this year. I would like to welcome **Bob Metzger** as a co-ambassador, as well as his wife **Lindy**. They are both training instructors for Team Oregon and they will be leading rides this season. We are fortunate to have the experience and enthusiasm they will bring to the region this year.

So there it is. Visit the website often.
"It's not about the destination, it's about the journey."

CW Region Co-Ambassador Ride Report

by Jim Breen

Seven riders including new member Jim McWhirter, enjoyed a typical Oregon spring morning. The temperature was cool and the low clouds, and wisps of fog enhanced the beauty as we rode through the picturesque Loraine Valley. Territorial Hwy and Hwy 38 took us to Elkton where we had a great breakfast at Arlenes Cafe. No one left hungry. After eating we decided to take Hwy 138 along the Umpqua River to Sutherlin. At Sutherlin—after further discussion and a missed turn—we were on I-5 headed home. We decided to save Elkhead Rd for our next ride on



Bob Metzger, Central Western BMWRO Co-Ambassador

I originally hail from Illinois where, much to the disappointment of my father, I began riding motorcycles at the age of 16. My educational background is an Associate's Degree in Natural Science from the College of Lake County in Illinois. I went on to receive my B.S. and M.S. in Geosciences from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, IL.

Upon graduation, I have held various positions within the exploration and production geosciences arena for both Amoco Production Company in Texas, and with BP Alaska for twenty-five years. After retirement from the oil industry, my wife Lindy and I started a small coffee roasting business in Wisconsin, which we enjoyed for 7 years before full retirement. We moved to Oregon in 2009 (on bicycles), and we both became instructors for the Team Oregon Motorcycle training after experiencing the benefits of this outstanding program!

Lindy—the best wing “man” ever!—is a fitness instructor at the University of Oregon. We have two grown sons, Matthew and Jacob, who currently reside in Colorado and Alaska, respectively.

In closing, my personal maxim is: *“You can always make more money, but you can't make more time.”*

Roll on



May 28th when we will have breakfast/lunch at Tolly's in Oakland. This is another great road on the east side of I-5 so, see you then.

NW Ambassador's Ride Report – May 2015

David Peterson #90113
Susan Ortiz-Renteria #106802

A forecast of 80°? Westward bound for the coast? The promise of a meal in Astoria's budding brew pub district? We're not sure what the draw was, but when the clock struck 9:45, no fewer than 19 riders on 16 bikes rolled out of the Tigard BMW parking lot. Who, you ask? Well, **David** and **Diane** led, followed **Frank Boyle**, **Linda Boyle**, **Kim Dorsing** & **Janice Mathern**, **Ric Holderbaum**, **Scot Lamper**, **Colin Luther**, **Neal Malagamba**, **René Renteria**, **Mike Ripley**, his son **Justin**, **Louie Robida** & his passenger/wife, first-timer **Karen Robida**, **Gary Thye**, **Marv Wollmoth**, and **Steve Woodward**. Once again, **Susan** swept in her inimitable way. Forty minutes later, like clockwork, **Carol Lamper** joined the conga line as it passed through Banks.

OR-202 through Mist and Jewell is really the only way to get to Astoria from Portland. There are faster ways, but none more scenic and twisty. Lunch was a compromise. We had our hearts set on Buoy Beer, the new brewery/bistro on the pier at 8th Street. But Astoria is hopping these days and reservations for 20 were a pipe dream. So we opted instead for the Fort George Brewery, about 3 blocks from the water. We were pleasantly surprised with a top-floor table that offered a sweeping view of the Columbia.

A few peeled off after lunch, leaving 15 of us to cross the Astoria Bridge into Washington. Unusual diversions on the Washington side ride back included South Valley Road near Naselle, the Barr Loop Road



After lunch in Astoria, back on the road...

Photo by Karen Robida



Map by David Peterson

near Gray's River, and Elochoman Valley/Beaver Creek Roads north of Cathlamet. Back in Oregon, the group had dwindled to 9. Before departing, all agreed, there's no better way to enjoy a First Saturday.

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, May Ride:299

Total First Saturday miles, Year-To-Date:.....862

Fort George Brewery + Public House, 1483 Duane Street, Astoria, OR 97103 (503) 325-7468



Kudos to Dan & Elie Hall

Just returned from an amazing campout hosted by Dan and Elie at the Harris Beach camping resort—a truly lovely campground—with 30 attendees. Yes, the weather was unpleasantly cool, and most of the attendees huddled around the camp fire throughout Saturday; but the food and microbrew catered to the group camp site was professional and well organized—not to mention, delicious. The folks from **Misty Mountain Brewery** were friendly and motorcycle riders, too—though the food arrive in a truck so that tables could be set up with hot plate serving dishes—who were interactive with the group of BMWRO campers; not the traditional automaton that stands by in an apron and has the personality of a rock. **Mark and Hanna Camarillo** run a family business growing their own Cascade hops in the Winchuck River Valley and creating artisan beer. Check out their [Facebook](#) page for more information about this family business. They are new members!

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