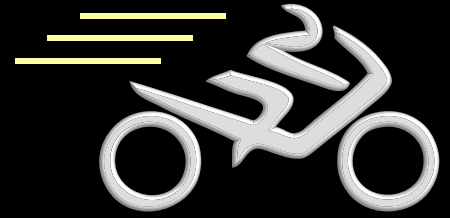




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# BMWRO President's Message

Hello everyone! Several exciting updates to let you know about this month:

## Elevation Tour

First of all, the signup page for the Elevation Tour from last month has an incorrect email address for Gary Harkin. It should be: [porsche1gt2@gmail.com](mailto:porsche1gt2@gmail.com). Please take note of this update if you need to send correspondence to Gary. Also please refer to the sign-up page in this issue (with the correct email). The contest starts April 15th!

## Club History

With lots of help from our club treasurer, Dave Cook, we now have some of our club history documented on our website. Check it out! After logging in, go to Documents in the main menu. From there, select Club History.

## Chartered Club Camping at the MOA Rally in Great Falls, MT

I will be coordinating with the people who are running the camping at the national rally to arrange for a camping area reserved for our BMWRO members. If you are planning to go to the rally in Great Falls and want to camp with BMWRO while there, please contact me with the number of people in your party and the number of tents for your party. Please email your information to [bmwro.pres@gmail.com](mailto:bmwro.pres@gmail.com) before May 10th. If you will have any special needs (for instance electricity for CPAP machine), please include that information.

## 2019 MOA Summer Mileage Contest

Oregon had twelve finishers in the 2019 MOA Summer Mileage Contest. Six of those finishers are BMWRO members. Congratulations to Chris Henry for topping the list with 16,438 miles! Other BMWRO members who made the list were: Leon Brunken, David Peterson, Jackie Brunken, David Morganstern, and Christie Nestler.

## Club Campouts

We've got plenty of fun campouts planned for this spring, summer, & fall! Be sure to find an opportunity to thank the hosts who've organized these events. Check out the Event Calendar on the BMWRO website! The first campout will be at the end of May when we'll gather at the Eagleview Group Campground!

I hope to see many of you at some of our events this year! Alice



*Photo by Bruce Henriksen*

## **UPDATE**

Unfortunately, due to the novel coronavirus situation, the 2020 Chief Joseph Rally has been **\*CANCELLED\***. The Executive Committee discussed all possible paths and due to the current situation, cancelling the rally was deemed to be the most prudent. Please keep an eye on your email for further information concerning the rally.

Also, the list of events has been updated with what events have been cancelled at time of publication, but please contact the organizers of a listed event to see what the event status is. We do our best to distribute accurate information, but things are changing quickly these days. -- Editor

## NEW MEMBERS

Lori Creekmore, Bend, OR. . . . . 2018 Honda CTX700

Jerry Norman, Winston, OR. . . . . 1998 BMW R1100RT



## BYLAWS, POLICIES & GUIDELINES

These are located in the Documents section of our website:  
[www.bmwro.org](http://www.bmwro.org) and can be viewed by members who are logged in.

## BMWRO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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\*Submission date for the newsletter is  
the 14th (firm) of each month.

## 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) .

Clarence Story — 541-689-2822  
[ccstory@go-ducks.com](mailto:ccstory@go-ducks.com)

### Northwest Region

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

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[www.wfodave.smugmug.com](http://www.wfodave.smugmug.com)

Neal Malagamba — 503-969-3220  
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### 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  
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(Oakland, OR into California. The coast through Klamath Falls).

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Mark Collier — 541-499-1395  
[mcollier5895@gmail.com](mailto:mcollier5895@gmail.com)

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



## Chief Joseph Rally Update

### Ride, ride, ride!

We've got some fun & scenic guided rides planned for CJR 2020! Keith Matteson has been working with a few volunteers to get some paved routes and some GS routes on the rally schedule. Steve Miller will be leading a moderate level GS ride on Friday, Mark Collier is planning an easy GS ride for Saturday, and David Peterson will lead a paved route ride on Saturday. We're limiting the number of riders for each ride to keep them manageable and fun, so if you want to participate in any of these rides, be sure to sign up at the Info Booth when you get to the rally!



CHIEF JOSEPH RALLY 📅 JUNE 2020  
BMW Riders of Oregon

Thanks to the diligent work of Jay Bennett, the Cowboy Lunch Ride is happening again this year! This very popular rally activity will follow a scenic route to the lunch location and you'll have an opportunity to learn a bit about ranch life, up close, while enjoying a chuckwagon lunch of grass-fed burgers and all the fixin's! If you want to attend the Cowboy Lunch Ride, be sure to add this activity when you're registering for the rally!

Keith Matteson is working with the folks from the John Day Fossil Beds to put together something along the lines of the Geology Rocks! rides that we used to offer. Details are still being worked out for this activity and we'll let you know when we have more information to share!

David Morgan is working with the Moa folks to come up with an incentive plan for those who may want to attend the rally and ride on to the national MOA rally in Great Falls, MT. We'll be sure to let you know when we've got details worked out!

### Volunteers needed at the rally!

The rally team is a great set of volunteers who have been working to plan the rally to make sure that you have an enjoyable and informative experience at the rally! In addition, once we get to the rally site, we will need YOU to help out! Please sign up at the Info booth when you arrive at the rally site. We need people to sign up for 2 hour shifts to help at the Info Booth and the Registration Booth on Thurs, Fri, & Sat. This is a fun way to meet people and get involved in the rally. Sign up early so that you'll get a better choice of available shifts!

We also will need help with set up on Wed afternoon. This consists of helping Jay Bennett move stuff from the storage unit to the fairgrounds or helping Steve Miller hang the banners in the Pavilion or hanging signs at the gate and in town. (Continued on Pg. 5)





On Sunday morning, we'll need help taking everything down & putting it away in storage. These tasks don't take very long if we have plenty of help! What a great way to earn respect and appreciation! Gavin Silasky will need a volunteer or two to help him in Keerins Hall for a few hours Fri & Sat. Keerins Hall is where the seminars will be held during the day and where motorcycle movies will be shown each evening. If you're interested in helping, please contact Gavin at [bmwro.membership@gmail.com](mailto:bmwro.membership@gmail.com)

We especially need someone to volunteer to help the Thursday evening Wine Tasting Meet & Greet at their RV site to kick off the rally! Since alcohol is involved in this BYOB activity, it needs to happen in the RV park. If you have a site reserved for your RV and wouldn't mind a really nice group of fellow motorcyclists congregating around your site, please contact me at [bmwrores@comcast.net](mailto:bmwrores@comcast.net). I really want to get this planned now before the rally programs are printed.

#### Rally T-shirts and hats.

The webstore is now open so that you can view and order your rally T-shirts & hats. There is a link to the webstore on the website Rally Information page. Like last year, we offer you a choice of colors and shirt styles. The deadline for placing your orders for shirts & hats is May 10th. This early date is necessary to get all the orders processed and shipped in time for you to pick up your goodies at the rally.

Everything is shaping up nicely for another great Chief Joseph Rally! I'm looking forward to it and I hope you are, too!

Alice





# BMWRO



## Upcoming BMWRO Events

### Elevation Fun Tour

When: April 15 - October 15

Where: See details on page **10** of this issue.

### Eagleview Campout and 2nd Quarter Meeting

When: Friday, May 29, 2020, 1:00 PM until Sunday, May 31, 2020 11:00 AM

Where: Eagleview Campground Group Site

110 Bullock Road

Oakland, OR 94602

Contact(s): Jay Bennett -- 541-760-0675, [jabennett.2012@gmail.com](mailto:jabennett.2012@gmail.com)

### Women Riders' Campout

When: Friday, June 05, 2020, 4:00 PM until Sunday, June 07, 2020 1:00 PM

Where: Silver Falls State Park Group Site

20024 Silver Falls Highway

Sublimity, OR

Contact(s): Carol L Dallas -- 503-860-8787, [carol.dallas57@gmail.com](mailto:carol.dallas57@gmail.com)

### Chief Joseph Rally

When: Thursday, June 18, 2020, 12:00 PM until Sunday, June 21, 2020 12:00 PM

Where: Grant County Fairground

411 NW Bridge St

John Day, OR 97846

Contact(s): Alice LeBarron -- 541-647-7194; [bmwro.pres@gmail.com](mailto:bmwro.pres@gmail.com)

### Edson Creek Coastal Campout

When: July 17-19

Where: Edson Creek Group Campsite near Port Orford.

Details TBD. Host needed. Contact: Keith Matteson [Motomatteson@gmail.com](mailto:Motomatteson@gmail.com)

### Alsea Falls Campout

When: August 3 - 6

Where: Alsea Falls Recreation Site - Group Campsite #14 & standard site #15

13 miles east of Monroe, OR

### Crystal Crane Hot Springs Campout

When: Sept 10 - 13

Where: Crystal Crane Hot Springs is 25 miles east of Burns on Hwy 78

### Canal Creek Campout

When: Aug 28 -30

Where: Canal Creek Group Campsite near Waldport.

Contact: Keith Matteson [Motomatteson@gmail.com](mailto:Motomatteson@gmail.com)

**All events require pre-registration. Click on the title of the event to go to the event page.**

### Annual Banquet & Meeting

When: November 6-8

Where: Driftwood Shores  
Florence, OR

More info and website link to be announced.



## Recurring Events

**Event:** **Central Oregon 2nd Saturday**

**Date/Time:** Second Saturday of each month  
**Location:** Various ride and lunch locations in the Central Oregon Region

**Contact:** Alice LeBarron **541-647-7194**  
[alicelebarron@hotmail.com](mailto:alicelebarron@hotmail.com)

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

**Date/Time:** Various dates and times. See the event calendar on the web site for more information.

**Location:** European Motorcycles of Western Oregon

**Description:** Various routes.

**Contact:** Clarence Story **541-689-2822**  
[ccstory@go-ducks.com](mailto:ccstory@go-ducks.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](mailto:dnehall@frontier.com)  
Mark Collier **541-499-1395**  
[mcollier5895@gmail.com](mailto:mcollier5895@gmail.com)

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

**Date/Time:** First Saturday of each month

**Location:** Various breakfast and ride locations in the Northwest Oregon Region.

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

**Contact:** David Peterson **503-327-5592**  
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Neal Malagamba **503-969-3220**  
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**Event:** **Willow Springs Raceway**  
**Date/Time:** April 17-18, & April 24 - 25  
**Location:** Willow Springs, CA  
**Description:** If you can get down to Willow Springs Raceway for these dates, you'll have an exciting opportunity to watch BMWRO member Dave Kaechele racing his sidecar! Dave gave a seminar at CJR last year on building and racing sidecars. It was well attended and got good marks on the survey. Dave will be talking about sidecars again this June at Chief Joseph Rally.

**Event:** **BMW Sport Touring**  
**Date/Time:** May 22-25  
**Location:** Red Hill Motel, Weaverville, CA  
**Description:** The bmwsporttouring.com group will have their annual gathering at the Red Hill Motel. Bill Buck, a Bend BMWRO member, says these gatherings have good people, great riding, and convivial evenings.  
**Contact:** Patty @ Red Hill Motel for reservations 530-623-4331

**Event:** **Cascade Country Rendezvous**  
**Date/Time:** July 16 - 19  
**Location:** Republic, WA  
**Description:** The annual rally hosted by the Washington State BMW riders.  
**Contact:** [www.wsbmwr.org](http://www.wsbmwr.org)



**Event:** **BMW Motorcycle Owners of America National Rally 2020**  
**Date/Time:** June 25 - 28 2020  
**Location:** Montana Expo Park, Great Falls, MT.  
<http://www.goexpopark.com/>

**Rally Website:** <http://rally.bmwmoa.org/>

**Registration opens January 1st, 2020!**

**MOA website:** <https://www.bmwmoa.org/>

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## Heard-On-The-Road

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### **Event: Ready to Rally Demo Day**

**Date/Time:** Saturday, April 25, 2020, 9AM-3:30PM

**Location:** BMW Motorcycles of Western Oregon; Tigard, OR

**Description:** Now is the time to get ready to rally! We'll have expert riders 9-11:00, 1:00 & 2:30 Lunch during the 12:00 hour. Representatives on site to talk about the benefits of BMWRO club membership. The Chief Joseph Rally Dave Peterson will be on site to show some fantastic routes as well as get you from Chief Joseph to Saddle Up & Ride Tom Mehren from So. Portland will be on site to chat about area scenic rides & Rally in the Gorge Matt from Klim will be on site to teach about the latest Klim offerings We'll have information available for several more NW rallies & ride events Giveaways, and more! WE LIVE HERE. WE RIDE HERE.™

### **Event: BMW Freeriders Deschutes Campout**

**Date/Time:** Friday, May 08, 2020, 2:00 PM until Sunday, May 10, 2020, 1:00 AM

**Location:** Deschutes River State Recreation Site Loop G, Site B near Biggs, OR

**Description:** Annual event put on by the Tri-Cities BMW Freeriders.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/231633034496711/>

### **Event: 48th Annual BMW NorCal 49er Rally**

**Date/Time:** Thursday, May 21, 2020, 3:00 PM until Monday, May 25, 2020, 12:00 PM

**Location:** Mariposa Fairgrounds; Mariposa, CA

**Description:** The 49er Rally is the BMW Motorcycle Club of Northern California's annual Memorial Day Weekend rally. Click on the [Register Now](#) button to go to their website for detailed information.

### **Event: Cascade Country Rendezvous**

**Date/Time:** Thursday, July 16, 2020, 12:00 PM until Sunday, July 19, 2020, 12:00 PM

**Location:** Chelan County Expo Center; Cashmere, WA

**Description:** Annual rally put on by the Washington State BMW Riders. This year, the rally will be held in Cashmere, WA at the Chelan County Expo Center. Click on the [Register Now](#) button to go to their website.

### **Event: 2nd Semi-Annual Eclipse Campout (without the Eclipse)**

**Date/Time:** Thursday, July 30, 2020, 11:00 AM until Monday, August 3, 2020, 5:00 PM

**Location:** Skip's Place; Aumsville, OR

**Description:** BMWRO member Skip Gosser is inviting BMWRO members to join his friends & family for a campout on his ranch in Aumsville. Contact Skip Gosser (503-749-1601) for details.

# Elevation Fun Tour Revived

We are resurrecting a contest that the Club held in the 1990's. This contest is to travel over as many of Oregon's approximately 300 mountain passes, summits, gaps, or saddles as you can within a 6-month time span. Riders will be scored on how many highway passes they cross and the height in elevation of the crossing. For instance , Alsea Summit is 1,211 feet. That would be 1 point for the summit crossing and 1,211 points for the elevation. Potentially there could be 2 winners, one for the most passes crossed and one with the highest elevation totals. The rules are fairly simple. The contest begins April 15th and ends October 15th. The rider must submit a photo with both the official elevation marker and their motorcycle clearly visible in the frame. Riders must also submit the date of the photo and a description of where the summit or pass is located using Highway number, nearby town or county, or GPS coordinates since there are many places that share the same name. For instance there are 6 Windy Gaps in Oregon, just tell us which one you are using. Only summits, passes, gaps and saddles in the State of Oregon are permitted to be used in this contest. You can only use a crossing once.



Entry fee is \$10.00 per BMWRO member and you must be a member to participate. If we have enough entries cash prizes will be awarded to the first place finisher(s). 2nd and 3rd place finishers will also be recognized. Submit your photos to Gary Harkins at [porsche1gt2@gmail.com](mailto:porsche1gt2@gmail.com). No entries submitted before April 15th or those received after October 15th will be counted. The winner(s) will be announced at the November Club meeting.

Remember: Please be extremely careful when taking the photo. Pull off in a safe manner and watch for traffic and other hazards.

To enter: Fill in and sign the form. Return it and a check payable to BMWRO for \$10.00 per member to BMWRO c/o Dave Cook, 7455 NE Haugen Rd. Corvallis, OR 97330.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Motorcycle Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Motorcycle  
Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

I/We understand that the BMW Riders of Oregon cannot assume responsibility for any aspect of my/our safety and that if I/We participate in any sanctioned event I/We do so voluntarily on my/our own assessment of ability, the course and all facilities and conditions, assuming all risk. I/We release and hold the BMWRO harmless for any injury or loss to my/our person or property which may result therefrom.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_





Pictures by Bruce Henriksen

## Bob Marley's Birthday Bash at Fort Hoskins Park

It was sunny and cold (42°) back on 2/2/20, when a couple dozen riders decided to attend the 16th year, no host, bring your own food and drink affair at Fort Hoskins, a Benton County Park. Two nature events that occurs every year for this event is 1) the steepest ascent: First gear, immediate right turn coming off the main road, steep as far as pavement is concerned; 2) no matter how many layers of clothing you wear, the draft through the shelter will chill you to the bone, so most folks stand outside in the sun.

Thanks to long time BMW rider, Roger Paquette for keeping Bob Marley's birthday (alive) and an opportunity to gather for food and friendship.

Attendees: Roger Paquette, Bruce Henriksen, Connie Cammack, Steve Miller, Clarence Story, Doug Tewksbury, Dave Zuber, Carol Dalles, Dave Cook, Wayne Henneck, Keith Matteson, Mark Strand, Charles Hibbard, Bob Actis, Stasi Valancourt with his daughter and granddaughter, Richard Griffith, Lubomir Pospisil & wife, Paul Breen, Vern, Deny Schane. Most likely I missed someone as riders came & went. Submitted by Clarence Story



# Riding to Philomath to Thai One On

## NW Ambassadors Ride Report-March 2020

David Peterson #90113



Map by David Peterson

Even with 29 days in February, and the first Saturday falling on the 7<sup>th</sup>, March was here before we knew what hit us. It's been a mild winter, so a little rain would be no big deal. But a quick check of weather radar on Friday evening before bed suggested the ride might be a soaker. Oh well...that's winter riding in Oregon.

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In the morning, I drew the drapes, expecting the worst. Instead I found an overcast day with bits of blue. Hmm, I thought. *This might work out after all.*



Photo by Diane Peterson

**And...they're off!**

An hour—and a full tank of gas—later, we arrived to see a bevy of familiar bikes. Larry Wood had ridden the farthest, arriving from Salem. Our GS contingent included Mark Wegener, Ric Holderbaum, and Steven Polansky. Matching them on RTs were Louie Robida, Mike Ripley, and Diane and me. Kyle Emerson was there on his trusty V-Strom. At the appointed hour, I pulled on my helmet and gloves, taking my time and muttering to myself, *Any minute now...wait for it...* Then, there she was, CJ Strauss, astride her Honda CB500. We were now a quorum. It was time to ride.

And to where, you might ask? Well even though the title gives it away, our original plan was to enjoy a well-reviewed bakery/café in Blodgett. We had a splendid pre-ride there, only to find it locked down and under construction, reminding me again why I pre-ride. We backtracked into Philomath, where we settled on a new and utterly charmless brew pub. Surely we would do better today.

After the requisite fifteen minutes on I-5, we darted east through Aurora and onto Meridian Road. For my money, Meridian Road is one of the best tours of northern Marion County. Darting left and right around uneven property lines, it constantly reminds one that no valley floor is truly flat, as field gives way to stream, then field again. About ten miles south, we darted west for the first of two covered bridge visits we threw into today's mix. [Gallon House Bridge](#) crosses Abiqua Creek about a mile northwest of Silverton. Built in 1916, today it serves as Oregon's oldest operational covered bridge still in service. Why Gallon House? It seems that gallon jugs of moonshine, produced in a tiny shack on the north side of the bridge (the "Gallon House"), were very popular among the citizens of Silverton during Prohibition.

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Photo by Diane Peterson

### Rolling across Gallon House Bridge.

After a brief stop for photos, we were again southward bound. So far it was dry, but the skies we were chasing were turning grayer by the minute. South of Salem, we cut back toward I-5 and civilization for a quick break, and not a moment too soon: as sidestands dropped, the skies let loose.

Our timing was perfect: a bathroom break and a quick Egg McMuffin® took just the time needed to chase the rain away. We remounted and pushed on through Turner and Parrish Gap, then over Scravel Hill. Part of the challenge of valley routes like this is to find those tertiary roads which we then have all to ourselves. It's particularly satisfying when one of those roads flies you over I-5. Today, that was Tangent Road, which eventually led us back to the snarl that is Corvallis.

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Photo by Kyle Emerson

**Can't you read the sign??? Move along, deadbeats!**

It seems intersections are everywhere in Corvallis, one interminable stoplight after another. We found a fun bypass, but as the saying goes, there is no free lunch. Brooklane Drive connects with a string of roads that skirt the southern edge of Corvallis sprawl, all the way to the Alsea Highway. The downside is the Brooklane section is peppered with pesky speed bumps that unnecessarily annoy speed-limit-sensitive motorcyclists like us. But it was a small price to pay to avoid the urban traffic just a few blocks north of us.

Our back way exit actually overshot our lunch destination by just a bit. But it made accessing heavily-traveled US-20 a whole lot easier and in two minutes we had arrived for lunch. [Woodsman Dining](#) is a completely nondescript roadhouse on Philomath's west side. From the outside, it looks like logger fare, a good place to stop for burgers and beers. It looks like that on the inside too, with chainsaws dangling from the rafters and riggings and old photos adorning every wall. But walk by the tables and all you see are steaming, astoundingly large bowls of noodles and stir fry. It was packed but it pays to call ahead: a nice little niche in the restaurant's center easily accommodated the twelve of us.

Did I say twelve? Waiting for us in the parking lot was **Melissa Caldwell**, a Corvallis friend of CJ's who decided the skies appeared to be more car- than motorcycle-friendly this day. And Corvallis local, **Connie Cammack**, who tried to intercept us somewhere along our route. Instead, she ended up trailing us into the parking lot by about ten minutes. And the verdict on lunch? Let's just say the Thai was definitely more Corvallis than Bangkok. And the prices were easily the same size as the dishes. But the leftovers marinated nicely in the topcase on the ride home, where Diane and I enjoyed two additional Thai meals before they were gone.

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Photo by Steven Polansky

### Our March Mob yucks it up on Ritner Creek Bridge.

By the time lunch wrapped, it was 2:30 and we had at least 80 twisty miles home. It had spritzed while we dined; the wet pavement dazzled in the afternoon sun as we saddled up. Our route home followed one of the best sweepers Oregon has to offer: Kings Valley Highway (OR-223) is 35 miles of rolling hills and fir groves giving way to pasture and crops. This afternoon was a special treat as the skies were blue and filled with billowy clouds, with rainbows adorning both sides of the road.

We quickly disembarked at the day's second covered bridge. [Ritner Creek Bridge](#) was built in 1926. Declared structurally unsafe in 1974, it was scheduled for removal when the school children in nearby Pedee mounted a "Save our Bridge" campaign. A measure passed that fall funding the restoration and relocation of the bridge, where it sits today along side the new bridge on OR-223.

Emerging spring was everywhere, evidenced by thickening spreads of sod along the turf farms near Silverton and the explosion of pink in the plum trees along the road and around every bend. We topped off the day by cresting Gibson Hill in Salem and ferrying across a very swollen Willamette River at Wheatland.

We had a ball dodging a season's worth of storms. Yet we're grateful that it won't be long before we can leave the electric jacket at home.

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](mailto:dwpeterson01@yahoo.com).

<b>Total miles, March Ride:</b>	<b>229</b>
<b>Total First Saturday miles – 2020:</b>	<b>542</b>

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Photo by Diane Peterson

Spring is in the air and along the side of the road.



# VENDOR LINKS

Please support these businesses who support our club! Click on the logo to go to the vendor website. When you do business with them, let them know that you appreciate their support of BMWRO and our Chief Joseph Rally!

Co-Sponsors of the Friday evening entertainment at the rally are:



Other Vendors attending the rally and / or providing door prizes:



BMWRO thanks these vendors for contributing prizes for the 2020 Chief Joseph Rally.



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