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# BMWRO President's Message

I'm so sorry that we're missing out on the Chief Joseph Rally this year. This is always such a highlight to the year! All of the planning was nearly completed by the time that we ended up cancelling the event. I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to the people listed here. Of these people, many had already done work to help with planning for this year's rally. Some of these people had stepped forward to take on major roles at the rally and some had done planning work ahead of the rally. Each one of these wonderful people did something to make my job a little easier! My sincere thanks to all of you!

Ellen Barton, Jay Bennett, Mark Collier, Dave Cook, Carol Dallas, Walt Fulton, Bob Grimm, Kathy Hart, Bruce Henriksen, David Hough, Jeff Jones, Liz Jones, Dave Kaechele, Keith Matteson, Steve Miller, David Morganstern, David Peterson, Craig Porter, Louie Robida, Gavin Silasky, Tammy Tolbert. From Grant county, these people were instrumental in helping us plan the rally: Brenda Coley, Carolyn Stout, Micah Wilson, and Mindy Winegar.

If you had reservations for your RV at the Grant County Fairgrounds RV park, please contact Mindy at 541-620-8058 if you wish to cancel your reservations. The RV park is still open to self-contained RVs only. Shower & toilet facilities remain closed and social distancing is being followed.

Of those who had already registered for the rally, some individuals chose to donate their registration fees to the Grant County Fairgrounds. A total of \$405 was donated and earmarked for the fund for remodelling Keerins Hall. The fairgrounds manager, Mindy Winegar, has asked me to pass on her sincere thanks. The folks of John Day will be looking forward to our return in 2021.

As of this writing, the National MOA Rally in Great Falls, Montana has been rescheduled for 24-27 June 2021.

I'm wishing you all the best as we go through this social distancing, shelter-in-place period. Hopefully, we'll be able to gather safely in small numbers at the campouts that we've got planned this summer!

Ride safe! Stay healthy!

Alice



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## *Note from the Editor...*

All attempts have been made to ensure accurate information, but please contact the appropriate contact or check the BMWRO website for the most up-to-date event information. Thanks! -- Editor "



# NEW MEMBERS

**Lorne Dauenhauer, Portland, OR . . . 2015 BMW F800 GSA**



## 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.

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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) .

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### Northwest Region

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

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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) .

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



## Upcoming BMWRO Events

### [Elevation Fun Tour](#)

When: April 15 - October 15

Where: All over Oregon! (click the title to be taken to the event sign up form)

Contact: Gary Harkins @ [porsche1gt2@gmail.com](mailto:porsche1gt2@gmail.com)

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

### [Edson Creek Camp Out](#)

When: July 17-19, 2020

Where: Edson Creek Group Campground, Sites B & C

**Details TBD. Host needed.** Contact Alice at [bmwro.pres@gmail.com](mailto:bmwro.pres@gmail.com) if you'd be interested in hosting.

### [Alsea Falls Campout](#)

When: August 3 - 6, 2020

Where: Alsea Falls Recreation Site, Group Campsite #14 & Standard Site #15

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

This is a "No-Host" Campout, meaning that each person will be responsible for their own meals. Services (restaurants, pizza, brewpub, groceries, gas) are 13 miles away in Monroe. Paved and GS routes in the area. Campsite has potable water, firepit, picnic tables, vault toilets.

### [Canal Creek Camp Out and 3rd Quarterly Meeting](#)

When: August 28-30, 2020

Where: Canal Creek Campground near Waldport, OR

Contact: Keith Matteson: 541-272-2373 or [motomatteson@gmail.com](mailto:motomatteson@gmail.com)

We've reserved a group campsite near Waldport with Canal Creek running alongside the campsite. We've got room for tents and several RV spots less than 30' length with no hookups (large trailers and motor homes are not recommended). There is both good road and dual sport riding in this area. There are restrooms but no water. We will have some drinking and cooking water available. Dinner on Saturday will be provided but other food will be on your own. Dinner will be Albacore with corn on the cobb and salad. Nearby there are several good restaurants. A full service store is 10 miles away.

### [Crystal Crane Hot Springs Camp Out](#)

When: September 10-13, 2020

Where: Crystal Crane Hot Springs in Burns, OR

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

Crystal Crane Hot Springs is 25 miles east of Burns on Hwy 78. This area offers riding to those beloved areas we treasure: Fields Station, Steens Mountain, Malheur Refuge, Diamond and French Glenn.

Saturday night we have reserved the community room for a potluck type meal so plan a side dish to bring and share. The club will provide a hearty main course (TBD on what type of hearty course).

Your host will be looking for volunteers to help put a meal together! Please contact Carol at the address below if you want to help.

All other meals will be on your own so bring your own food and beverage or ride out to neighboring communities for dining.

This is a gypsy club event so you'll need to call or email the lodge to reserve your own accommodations (Rooms, cabins, tent sites, and RV spots). Your camping or cabin fees are in addition to your event registration fee.

### 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**  
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**Event:** **Southern Oregon 1st Saturday**

**Date/Time:** First Saturday of each month  
**Location:** Various lunch/breakfast and ride locations for southern Oregon members

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**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.

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**Event:** Cascade Country Rendezvous  
**Date/Time:** July 16 - 19  
**Location:** Cashmere, WA  
**Description:** This annual rally hosted by the Washington State BMW Club.  
**Contact:** [www.wa-bmw.org](http://www.wa-bmw.org)

**CANCELLED**



**Event:** **BMW Motorcycle Owners of America National Rally 2021**

**Date/Time:** Rescheduled for June 24 - 27 2021

**Location:** Montana Expo Park, Great Falls, MT.

<http://www.goexpopark.com/>

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

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

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### **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.



# The Places We've Been, the Things That We've Seen

## NW Ambassadors Ride Report-April 2020

David Peterson #90113

Well, to no one's surprise (except, maybe, my own), we held up the white flag and surrendered the April ride to coronavirus. It was the first time since January 2017 that we had to pull the plug. At least that time, our decision was vindicated by several inches of snow on the ground. This time, while the afternoon rain made me glad I wouldn't have to wash the bike again, it left me uneasy about what the future holds.

But it also gave me a chance to remember all the great outings we've had over the years.



Our first lunch stop in Clatskanie— March 2013.

Photo by Doug Tewksbury

Our gatherings were actually the brainchild of Susan Ortiz-Renteria. She was co-Ambassador for the Northwest Region in late 2012 and she thought it might be a good idea to offer members a monthly excuse to socialize and ride. I had been thinking the same thing; like many reactions, a catalyst makes it happen. Over burgers one Saturday, we quickly mapped out a game plan. It being winter, we decided the first ride could wait until the weather behaved.

We didn't wait quite long enough. On 2 March 2013, it rained. But that wouldn't stop eighteen new best friends. That first ride was a 178-mile meander over familiar roads to lunch in Clatskanie. All had a really good time. We resolved to try it again in April.

It rained again in April, hard enough to limit us to five riders. But that was it for rain, as the rest of the year's rides were dry. I don't remember why we didn't continue our get-togethers beyond on September that first year (probably weather).

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**We kicked off 2014 with a valley ride in February that ended in Silverton. We avoided rain on all but four**



Photo by David Peterson

Carol Dallas waits for the ferry in style—May 2013.

**of the year's rides, which took us from Willamina to Mount St. Helens to Little Crater Lake. Neal**

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Klickitat Canyon—April 2014

Photo by David Peterson

**Malagamba** called me to introduce himself and to ask about the dynamics of riding in a group. I explained our accordion philosophy was designed to accommodate riders of all experience, that it was a social event first, but that everyone could enjoy his or her own pace. He joined us in July for a ride to Mount St. Helens and he must have enjoyed himself; he's still riding with us today.

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Photo by Skip Gosser

Stopping along the Quartzville Scenic Byway—September 2015.

2015 was the first year we filled the calendar. The year started with a cold and foggy ride to spot herons on Sauvie Island. In February, Ric Holderbaum ignored my ride cancellation notice and rode anyway, gaining the distinction of anchoring the smallest outing we've had—one rider, himself! Susan handed over her ambassador reins to Mike Ripley in October and he became my most reliable ally, even after moving to Phoenix in 2018! The year almost ended with a disaster as good friend Colin Luther bagged a deer near Ballston on the December ride from Spirit Mountain casino. Down he went, totaling his bike, not to mention the deer. But he was otherwise all right and back riding with us in February.

It was cold (28°!) but sunny and crystal clear when eleven of us kicked off 2016 with a lap around the valley to lunch in Donald. 2016 was also notable for our first ride-and-hike outing to Drift Creek and our first overnight trip to Mt. Rainier. The overnight ride was a huge success. I keep very good records, and I've noticed that although we have about four rainy rides a year, none of them have occurred in August. So August has become our annual overnight ride date.

January 2017 was cold and dark. Reluctantly, I cancelled the ride early in the morning. Good thing, too—by the time I got out of the shower, there were four inches of snow on the ground. I've yet to hear if Holderbaum proceeded without me. We had tremendous turnout throughout the year, even though the weather was mixed or rainy on over half the rides. Thirteen of us enjoyed our overnight ride to Reedsport and its meander through the Smith River watershed.

2018 and 2019 were excellent years, with very good weather and terrific destinations. The highlight to me was last August's two-night sojourn to Enterprise, where 23 of us got to

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experience central Oregon, the Snake River Canyon, and Bickleton Highway—all in a single weekend. I also relearned an important lesson: don't get cocky about pointing out someone else's worn tire, lest your own tire scrubs to the nubs!



Photo by David Peterson

A warm summer day(?) along Mt. Rainier—August 2016.

And so that brings us to today, where we sit idle in the grip of pandemic. I want to thank all my good friends who have reveled in our First Saturday camaraderie. Mike Ripley, who continues to assist me, even from his perch in Queens City, AZ (thank God for Air Intel). A special shout out also to great friends Kim Dorsing & Janice Mathern, who lead the pack among attendees, with 45 FSRs, and who often badger me with questions about future rides, so they can plan their retirement around them. Frank Boyle and current co-Ambassador Malagamba aren't far behind. Lastly, I can't forget the fair Diane, who has ridden with me on almost every ride, capturing the best moments in flash memory, while kidney-punching me if I don't agree with local speed limits.

The pall that sits upon us can't lift too soon. Keep your chin up, stay healthy, and I hope to see you on an FSR soon.

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Photo by David Peterson

A gathering of the Central and Northwest tribes—September 2018.

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).

Total miles, April Ride:	0 (hopefully for the last time)
Total First Saturday miles – 2020:	542



# Jesse O'Bryant





# Paul Provost





# *Yellow Bottom*

By Bruce Henriksen



Remember these cat prints of the 70's?....Artist: B. Kliban



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