

Gateway Gazette

Gateway Riders BMW Club
The Legendary Riders of the Midwest

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Technology... it's almost an over-used word. Yet it keeps flying up in my face, almost daily. Yesterday, I found out how to take pictures from my phone, print them at a local Walgreens, and be able to pick them up in an hour! There's an app for that, its called "Walgreens." So I was able to fill some picture frames at the lake house where I do not have a printer. It amazes me.

A few weeks ago Jill and I flew to Dallas to visit our daughter. We decided to take a cab from the airport because its cheaper than renting a car, which we really don't need while we are there. So I was directed to download an app called "Uber." What a wonderful piece of technology! I had a black Suburban waiting for me near baggage claim, and I had a picture on my phone of the car, the driver, and a location of the car. If I wanted Uber to pick me up a block away, I could drag my location pin to that destination, and re-direct the cab to that location. You get a confirmation phone call almost instantly upon request, the charges are automatically billed to your credit card, and there is no awkward tipping. Again, the technology is amazing.

Wonderful technology brings me to my point about riding with the Gateway Riders club. We have had the good fortune of some pretty warm weather in the last couple of months, which allowed us to comfortably ride our motorcycles. The technology that brought together a huge group of 21 bikes was email—a spur of the moment shout-out to go riding in January delivered instantly, electronically. A couple of weeks later someone speculated that the following Saturday looked like good weather again and posted it on Facebook. We had 9 riders show up. Technology is slapping me in the face almost every day. It's counting my footsteps, it's calculating my walking distance, it's telling me the heat pump is running at the lake house. Can you foresee the day when we will lose our GR website and use an app for information? This technology is making my life better. It helps me connect with other club members in a meaningful way. It helps me join a group that likes to ride and that enjoy each other's company. I love it.

By the way, we had a great Super Bowl party at my house. I enjoyed it so much I am volunteering to do it again next year. It was a relaxing evening spent with good friends. And the nicest part was that they all brought something to munch on and they took the leftovers back home with them! There was very little clean up involved. I really appreciate that whole concept. So if you are undecided whether to have a party or not, it's really not a big deal. Go for it.

— Al

On the Cover: Going retro, the 2009 Woo's Folly. Our destination was the Diamond Mineral Springs restaurant in Grantsfork, IL. Of the fifteen club members who showed up, Chris Kerckhoff and Ed Fusco rode bikes, and Ed did not have electrics. The temperature was 25 degrees at meeting time. Al Schroer looks on. Photo by Marilyn Roberts.

Late Winter/Early Spring 2015 Events Calendar

Compiled by Jeff Ackerman, Events Director

Note: The ride starting points depend on the direction we are going:

NORTH: **NEW LOCATION** – The QuikTrip at 2791 Dunn Rd.--at New Halls Ferry and Dunn, north side of I-270.

SOUTH: The McStop at Pevely (Exit 180 off I-55 at Z) OR the south end of the Dierbergs grocery on Hwy. 21, just south of I-270 (on the left hand or east side of 21 at the first light).

WEST: The QuikTrip off I-70 (exit 222) by I370 at Mid Rivers Mall (on the north side in St. Peters); or the BP just south of Hwy. 40 (I-64) on Long Rd.; or the QuikTrip in Eureka, just south of I-44 (exit 264) on 109.

EAST: The Dierbergs on 21 (south) or QuikTrip at 2791 Dunn (north) – See above.

Shop Rides: Forever Endeavor has shop rides every 3rd Saturday of the month; typically meet at 8:00/leave 8:15 (next rides are March 21 and April 18), followed by a hearty breakfast. Meet at the new shop at 518 East Osage, in Pacific, MO 63069, 636-257-8343. Check first because of the weather and time of year.

* Feb. 22: “Woo’s Folly” ride to Diamond Mineral Springs. Meet at the QuikTrip at 2791 Dunn Rd., at 9:45 a.m./leave 10:15. (We’ll take cars if the weather is bad.) Jeff Ackerman, 314-838-2161.

* March 1: (Sunday) The Bissells are leading a ride. The exact destination depends on the weather and roads. Meet at the QuikTrip in Eureka at 9:30/leave 10:00. Cathy and Dave, 636-399-1247.

* March 8: Annual spring ride to St. John’s Gildehaus for the chicken dinner. Meet at BP on Long Road at 9:00/leave 9:30. Jeff Ackerman, 314- 838-2161.

* March 14: Celebrate St. Patrick’s Day on Saturday with Chris and Peggy Kerckhoff at 3 p.m. Bring a snack, side dish, or dessert along with your favorite photos, plus we will have a “game afternoon.” Beer and soda will be provided. 827 Bricken Place, Warson Woods, MO 63122. Please RSVP with Chris at 314-968-8515 or 314-422-1888 or jckerck@cs.com.

* Mar. 18: Wednesday General Meeting at Miss Sheri's at 9967 Manchester Rd., St. Louis, MO 63122. When you come through the doors, the meeting room is to the left. They need us out earlier, so arrive no later than 6:30 if you plan on eating. Meeting starts at 7:00 sharp.

* March 21/22: Jim Shaw is organizing a spring campout in lieu of the “Blue Nose.” Celebrate the vernal (spring) equinox with a campout at Pere Marquette state park. Camping cabins are \$50 and tent sites are \$7; get your reservation early. Meet at the park. Contact Jim about splitting a cabin. 314-521-0341.

* March 29: (Sunday) Al, the president is taking a leisurely ride to the Hermann Wurst House with sausage, sandwiches, and soup. Bring your cooler (if it is warm) to take home some goodies. Meet at the BP on Long Rd. at 9:30 a.m./leave at 10. He will probably take scenic Missouri Highway 94 to Hermann. Al Schroer, 314-602-3500.

NOTE: The Dogwood Trails Rally is canceled this year because it conflicts with Easter.

* April 4: (Saturday) Spring Tech Session for the new season at Dave Leligdon’s from 8 till 2. 2 Autumn Peak Court, in Summit Heights sub-division, just off Hwy. 141 and Hwy. 30, Fenton, MO. 314-575-9454.

* April 11: Moonshine Run for a burger; a great hangout to see lots of classic bikes. This has to be a real early one to get there on time. Meet at the QuikTrip on Dunn Rd., the new “north” meeting place, at 6:30/leave 7:00. Phil Sulfstede, 314-910-9663.

Events, continued from previous page

* April 12: Chris is leading a ride to Hardin, IL for BBQ. Meet at the QuikTrip on Dunn Rd., the new “north” meeting place, at 9:00/leave 9:30. Chris Kerckhoff, 314-422-1888.

* April 15: Wednesday General Meeting at Miss Sheri's at 9967 Manchester Road, St. Louis, MO 63122. When you come through the doors, the meeting room is to the left. They need us out earlier, so arrive no later than 6:30 if you plan on eating. Meeting starts at 7:00 sharp.

* April 18: (Saturday) The Rally Meister is leading a ride to the Midway Bar and Grill in Weingarten. Meet at the McStop at Pevely at 9:00/leave at 9:30. Larry Floyd, 314-223-5192.

April 19: Washington, MO is sponsoring a new motorcycle rally/show downtown from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The location is in a parking lot at the corner of Main Street and Cedar Street in the heart of downtown. J&W Cycles will be on display with almost every major brand. Bikers who show up at the event will be asked for a five dollar donation to show their bike in the parking lot. All of the funds that are collected from this donation will go directly to benefit the Franklin County United Way. We would love to have your club or any riders who would be interested at the event for good music, good food and great bikes.

* April 26: Progressive Dinner – Our most popular ride is on the last Sunday in April. See maps and info the next newsletter. Breakfast (8 a.m.) – Phil Sulfstede and Mary Baker; Soup – Larry and Sharon Floyd; Salad – Dave and Tracy Anderson; Main Dish – Cathy and Dave Bissell; Dessert – Marilyn and Bill Roberts.

Events that are starred * are point events. Any motorcycle rallies greater than 200 miles away or any BMW rallies are point rides, even if not listed. Note: See the MOA magazine or website: www.bmwmoa.org for more rally info. **GR**

Gateway BMW Suspension Seminar 2015

Come join us for our 2nd annual Suspension Seminar on **Saturday, February 21st** at 10am. Eric from Velocity Calibrations will be here talking about everything suspension.

Do you have questions? Great! There will be plenty of time built in Q&A. This is a great class for anyone who rides a motorcycle, not just BMWs. The material is relevant for all makes, models and years.

Annual Gateway BMW Delish Dish Cook-off

This year featuring: Red Chili - Come to compete, or come to EAT!
Saturday, February 28, 2015 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Sign up early by calling the shop and asking for Marklyn.

This is a blind contest with no entry fee. One crock dish per entry. Set up is at 10:30. Have your dish hot and ready. No microwave is available. In addition to your crock, bring a serving spoon and extension cord. We will supply the rest of the goodies. Top 3 prizes are \$25, \$50 and \$75 gift certificates.



One of our impromptu rides generated from Facebook. This photo of some of the group after a nice BBQ lunch was taken by Phil Schoulberg.

Touring Maps and Websites of Interest to Those Going to the MOA National in Montana

By Jim Shaw

I have already collected Visitors Guides from Montana, surrounding states and parks. First, from Montana's tourist site I collected a state map and visitors guide. From their site I also found links to Android Apps such as Montana state parks guide Pocket Ranger, Billings Tour, MDT Travel Info and Montana, a commercial App. Since I plan on traveling through the Black Hills I got South Dakota map and visitor guide plus downloaded their state App. I'll be in northwest North Dakota also, so I got their map and visitor guide.

Because Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks are nearby I went to www.NPS.gov for details. Both online and printed items are available. I requested a pamphlet/map and park newsletter. Android Apps available online, both official and commercial.

Over the years I have scanned-in numerous tour maps around North America. Listed below are 16 that are in and around Montana. FYI: These are JPEG & TIFF files from pages of Rider, Roadrunner and other magazines.

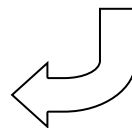
Bitterroot Montana, Bismark to Pierre S/N Dakota, Central Idaho, Glacier to Grand Tetons NP tour, Helena MT Shamrock tour, Idaho circle tour, Midway Utah Shamrock tour, North Dakota circle tour, Nebraska Outlaw tour, North Dakota Grassland tour, Northwest Montana circle tour, Roaming Wyoming, West Central Idaho multi-loop tour, West Montana circle tour and Yellowstone Tri-State circle tour.

I'll make a disk for members requesting any or all of the above rides (You provide a blank CD, Windows compatible). Contact me for a complete list of "Rides." **GR**

Ed Lang has a Corbin heated seat for a 2009 GS Adventure for sale. He can be reached at 314-852-1902.



You'll see some Gateway Riders in this picture of the Jack's Pack winter breakfast at Cracker Barrel. Jack's Pack has Sunday rides at 6:30 a.m. sharp. If you are interested in joining them on a ride, talk to Phil Sulfstede or Al Schroer.



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An Afternoon at Gateway BMW

By Marilyn Roberts

I decided to keep my 1994 R100 Mystic because 1) It's a looker, 2) It has spoken to me, and 3) It's rare. Only 740 were imported and of those, probably half don't exist anymore.

When I bought the bike from Honz in October 2006 the tires were 13 years old. Part of the deal was new tires. Now it's early 2015 and those 2006 tires were still on the bike. They weren't worn or checked but they had gotten hard. I figured if I was keeping the bike, the first thing it needed was new tires.

Gateway BMW had a front bias ply tire in stock but had to order the rear. Both are Metzler Lasertec. I watched the forecast for a warmish day and made an appointment: January 16.

Shannon checked over the bike before turning it over to Tom to replace the tires. He told me that the neutral locking valve was leaking a slight amount and that it's common. He put some of the leakage on his finger and smelled it. Yup, tranny fluid. The leak is minimal and not dangerous and it was up to me whether I wanted it fixed, but not today; it's about a 2 hour job because of the valve's location.

The rear shock was showing a bit of oil on the shaft. That will probably get worse if I ride the bike more, which I plan to. Shannon said if the time comes to replace the shock there are many less expensive ones than stock.

I generally leave the gas turned on because there is an automatic shut-off on my bike (but not on all airheads). If that shut-off valve should ever go bad I'd have a crankcase full of gas instead of oil. Tom later told me that the crankcase would be really clean! Shannon said that some guys bypass the automatic valve by connecting the gas line directly. Bottom line is that I should always shut off the gas. That will be a new neural pathway to establish in my brain.

Shannon asked if I wanted the old rear tire. Heck no. He wants to put it on his 650 and ride it another couple thousand miles, but commented that it was more squared off than he thought. So maybe he won't.



Tom was having trouble removing the Mystic's rear wheel. I remembered having to remove or loosen the exhaust pipe to get the wheel off. Tom didn't want to loosen the exhaust because of a ceramic gasket, but he had to anyway. He loosened the exhaust at the rearmost joint, to find no ceramic gasket. Shannon checked BMW parts and found that a gasket was not listed for that joint. We lucked out because there weren't any in stock.

The front brake pads were thin. Shannon thought there were around 2000 miles left on them; Tom didn't seem so sure. Later, Tom came and got me from the showroom to show me the pads when he had the front wheel off. He said because of heat they'd wear faster from this point on and most likely if they wore completely through, the whole pad would come off and there would be much metal against metal. A new brake rotor is a couple hundred bucks. I wanted the pads replaced as long as things were apart but the Mystic has dual front pads and the shop had only one set in stock; another set was ordered. In fact, Ryan ordered a set and later Shannon ordered another set. Shannon said, "You've got two sets coming and you're going to have to pay for it all." He was kidding.

I saw Dave Hunter's R75/6, right. Tom has spent the winter disassembling it and bead blasting all the aluminum parts: engine, levers, hubs, etc. Some time ago Dave had it repainted metallic green, which is its original color. With the paint and the bead-blasted metal parts, the bike looks fabulous.

Because the Mystic was on Tom's lift, I was eye to eye with the dirt. I picked up a rag and began wiping off grease and the sawdust stuck to it from wood projects in our garage. I prefaced this by saying that I shouldn't be doing that because customers aren't allowed in the service area. Tom said I'm not a customer. I didn't think I'd get dirty but my fingers were almost black. Tom sprayed me with brake cleaner and handed me a clean rag. All was well.

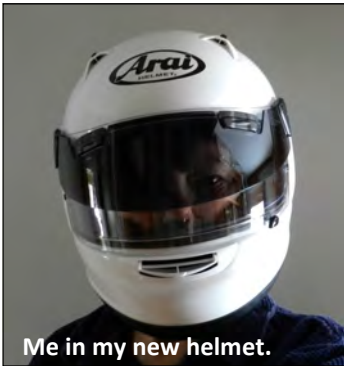


In the showroom, I posted several statuses to the shop's Facebook page, which hadn't been updated much since Honz relieved me of my "job" at the end of last year (because advertising was going a different direction so I wasn't needed to generate print ads and the Facebook thing went with it). I retained my employee discount and said I'd continue to post to Facebook when I was there and do other tasks in return, but I don't make an effort to go there twice a week like I used to.

Adam showed me the new Arai Pro Shade system that includes attachment for a Pinlock and has a pull-down sunshade. I was intrigued. Adam said it would fit my Arai Profile so I said let's do it. But first I wanted to see what it looked like from inside a helmet so I put Adam's helmet on ("It's going to smell.") Adam laughed and said, "That helmet looks huge on you!" An XL helmet on my size small head. I liked that the shaded visor came down pretty far (below), and combined with my sunglasses it will be a great help in stemming my light sensitivity. Adam had trouble removing my helmet's old visor.



Arai stock photo.



Me in my new helmet.

The latches didn't want to raise up, probably from a lot of years of grime and bugs. The new shield bowed out from my helmet; it was too big. Adam looked in the Parts Unlimited catalog and found that the new shield wouldn't fit my older helmet. Then he says, "How old is your helmet?" I was pretty sure it wasn't past the dreaded 5 year limit. He looked it up in the computer records and informed me that it was 7 years old (purchase date) yesterday. He wished my helmet happy birthday as he walked around the counter toward the helmet display. I tried on a medium Arai Signet G (replaces the Profile) but it was too large. Adam would order a size small white one for me. I had a choice of flat white or pearl white. Pearl white was sparkly like glitter and would cost \$4 more. While I liked it, I thought it was a bit too glittery for a lady of my sophistication. Maybe if I was 25.

After more socializing in the showroom, the bike was finished and the sun was setting. I went to service to pay my bill and commented about my new helmet, Pro Shade shield, Pinlock and brake pads, and how I'd dropped near a thousand dollars while waiting. Ryan said, "Let's keep her here a while longer and maybe she'll leave with an R nineT."

As I put on my insulated "400 Pound" overpants in the showroom Honz remarked, "You're wearing Firstgear HT pants!" They are a bit down in the tooth but they still keep me warm. I bought them in the mid-90s from Bill and Bob on Forest Park. That's how old they are, but I didn't leave with new ones this day. I related the 400 pound pants story again. When I tried on the pants at the old Motorrad, Bob Odell saw me walk past his office door and said, "Those pants make you look like you weigh 400 pounds!" Great sales pitch, Bob. But I bought them anyway.

As I put on my helmet outside, the guys were pushing bikes in. Tom stopped and said, "I know you know this... new tires, take it easy." Yup. It got seriously dark on the ride home and I was reminded of how poor airhead lighting is.

Postscript: I brought home a broken carpal in my throttle wrist as a souvenir from Yellowstone. The cast will be on until early March so wearing the new helmet and getting the new brake pads will have to wait for a while. I cannot ride. **GR**

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AMA Information and Notices Compiled by Jim Shaw

Vintage Days: July 10-12, 2015 at Mid-Ohio Raceway, near Lexington, Ohio. Marque motorcycle T.B.D.

Motorcyclist magazine, Dec. 2014 issue highlighted the “Top 10 Issues Facing Motorcyclists:”

- A. Distracted Driving: Texting and other distractions are to be followed and enhanced penalties and primary laws pushed.
- B. Insurance Discrimination: To urge all states to follow Colorado's lead and prohibit companies from denying coverage to motorcyclists.
- C. Parking: Motorcycles should be allowed to park in all lots and “double up” in spaces.
- D. CDC 'treat' motorcycling: Fight the Center from being allowed to identify motorcycles as a disease.
- E. E15 fuel (15% Ethanol): Eliminate use of over 10% Ethanol fuel in motorcycles and other at risk vehicles.
- F. Vehicle to Vehicle Technology: If used in cars, motorcycle safety and privacy must be considered. See below for details.
- G. Motorcycle Only Checkpoints: Influence more than 11 states (Missouri is 1 of 11) to ban the them and convince Congress to prohibit federal money to support checkpoints.
- H. Tolls: Missouri's tolls on I-70 proposals and “Grow America Act” are being countered with “Toll-Free Interstates” alliance and congressional action.
- I. Access to Public Lands: OHV riders should follow both Public and Private land uses; AMA is active!
- J. Use of Private Lands: (see above and below)

Motorcyclist magazine, Jan. 2015 issue:

- A. Government to Mandate V-2-V Communications: NHTSA notified auto makers to implement technology that allows vehicles and individuals to alert by on-board and “smart-phones” collision avoidance.
- B. United Nations Committees Writing U.S. Motorcycle Rules: The World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations, a branch of the United Nations Road Safety Collaboration, is charged with formulating rules. ABS brakes are one item being considered for universal requirement. AMA wants riders to decide.
- C. AMA “Motorcyclist of the Year” awarded to the makers of “Why We Ride” motorcycle movie.

Motorcyclist magazine, Feb. 2015 issue:

- A. Motorcycle “crash study” receives new funding: Oklahoma State University has received additional funding to continue research on 100 new incidents to enhance the final report. California is the target state.
- B. EPA delays 2014 renewable fuel standards: Haggling over higher than 10% Ethanol to be restarted in 2015. Chicago has “tabled” E15 fuel mandate ordinance due to AMA members and the local SMRO efforts.
- C. National Parks fee hikes discriminate against motorcyclists: Olympia national park and others are considering raising fees for all. Motorcycles may be unfairly targeted. Contact www.nps.gov to inquire.

D. Illinois to get 400-acre OHV park: A new public access site will be near Nebo, IL (~60 miles N. of STL). Sunset Valley Lodge is a private resort but a public fee area (fee TBD) is attached. **GR**

The Gateway Riders Welcome our Newest Members

Tammy Hatchard is an experienced rider who recently added an R1200R to her two-wheeled stable. Tammy became a member in January, 2015.

Chuck DuVivier spends a considerable amount of time in St. Louis as a contractor, while his home is in San Diego. Chuck rides a BMW in California and keeps a Ducati here. Chuck became a member in January, 2015.

Lynn Ginalick is a returning member of Gateway Riders. Some of you may remember her as Lynn Wall. She currently rides a Ural Patrol. Lynn rejoined Gateway Riders last Fall.

Group Ride Guidelines

Preparation: Have a full tank of gas, dress appropriately, bike in good state of repair - including correct tire pressure. Arrive in time for the pre-ride meeting. (15 minutes prior to leaving). Provide the ride leader your name and emergency contact information.

1. You are responsible for your own safety. Do not cause any hazards to others. If at any time you do not feel the ride is being conducted in a safe manner, be sure the sweep rider sees you leaving the group and find your own way to the destination. Have a map or GPS to find your way.
2. If you leave the ride for any reason, pull over where the sweep rider can see you. They will stop and you can advise them of your intention to leave the group.
3. Do not rely on other riders' actions to judge if it is safe for you to pass, pull out, etc. Make sure that *you* have adequate room and there is space for you in front of the vehicle you will pass.
4. You are responsible for keeping the rider behind you on the route. This means that if you make a turn and cannot see them, you must wait where they will see you before you proceed. You need to balance this with safety and pick a spot to wait that doesn't expose you to danger.
5. Ride staggered when appropriate. Minimum following distance is 1 second to the rider staggered in front of you and 2 seconds to the rider directly in front of you. Don't weave around in stagger formation, stay in position, either left or right of center. If the road gets curvy or the speed of the group increases, allow additional following distance or ride single file. Group size: 5-7 optimum. Lead at left of lane. Do not reverse directions unless necessary.

Groups may be broken into smaller sub-groups, if necessary:



6. Do not pass other riders in the group. If you wish to move ahead or back within the group, wait for a stop and work it out with those around you. The group leader is always first and the sweep is always last. They may occasionally move to center of lane for visual checks.
7. Do not block intersections, run red lights, or stop signs. Others will wait across intersection.
8. The club strongly urges you to refrain from the use of alcohol or illicit or prescribed drugs or substances that could impair your abilities before and during the ride event.
9. Point out hazards with a hand or foot to warn other riders, but keep your visual focus on a safe path.
10. If you have a guest, please inform them of the road rules and ask them to ride in the position immediately behind the ride leader's motorcycle.
11. If you're not going on the ride, leave helmet off and wait until the group is out of sight before leaving. **GR**

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