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Upcoming Rides

May 7-Dual Sport Ride sponsored by BMW Colorado Springs and Pikes Peak Road Riders Club. Leave Colorado Springs BMW at 9 a.m. Coffee and donuts at 8. Lunch in Canon City. Some of us might want to stay in Cripple Creek Saturday night for fun. These roads are of low difficulty except for the scenic distractions. Ride host: Carl Thomte at rcarloski@msn.com.

May 21-22 PPIR AMA Races in Colorado Springs. This will be a 2 day ride to Colorado Springs Pikes Peak International Raceway for the AMA Superbike Weekend. Departure will be after breakfast at 9am at Sams #3 departing 10am for the track to go visit the pits and time trials. Later a ride to Canon City for overnight and dinner. Returning Sunday to the track for the Sunday races. Contact Dan Kearney (303) 246-8804.

June 18-19 Curt Gowdy State Park Dual Sport Camp & Ride. 2 day ride to Wyoming for riding on pavement or dirt. See our website of Dan Kearney at (303) 246-8804 for more information and details

WHERE ARE YOU? GPS FOR YOU?

Our April monthly meeting held at Windsor Gardens Restaurant "GPS, what is it, how does it work and what can it do for me?"

Dave Fiack made an informative presentation on GPS - Global Positioning System. The presentation provided the attendees an overview of what GPS is and how it began. Dave delved into the basics of how present locations are derived using a method called 2 dimensional Trilateration followed by the principles of 3 dimensional trilateration which is the basis of determining a precise location anywhere on earth. The principle of

WAAS (Wide Area Augmentation System) was introduced as a means of increasing the accuracy of present day GPS receivers. The presentation concluded by talking about some of the typical standard features of today's GPS receivers. Dave passed his GPS receiver - Garmin eTrex Vista, around for the attendees to see. Kip Rogers demonstrated his GPS. Dan Kearney, Ed Padalinski and Gary Holmes each discussed their respective GPS receivers and how they use them. Gordon Fox indicated he owned a GPS at one time, however he could not find someone to show him how to use it. This seems to be one complaint that is heard quite often. All in all those in attendance felt they learned something new and it was a worthwhile and enjoyable presentation



Club Membership Information is available online at www.rmbrc.org or contact Susan Andrews at (303) 680-9189.

From your President....

AHHH - SPRING

Spring is one of my favorite times of the year to go riding. With patches of snow on the ground and the grass turning green, it's a delight to drive my bike out through the countryside. I guess I'm not alone because last weekend as I cruised south on Rt. 105 there were almost as many bikes out and about as there were cars. I refer to days like that as "Right hand days" since my left hand is off the handlebar, giving a wave to fellow bikers, almost as much as it is on the grip. That little wave is a reminder, that we all share something in common that those driving about in "cages" don't experience. We know, that regardless of the make or style of the bike we ride, that we'd stop and help another biker in trouble, without a second thought. Yes, as I've come to put more miles under my K1200, I've needed help a few times. And when that happened, in every case, a fellow biker came to help me out. This is what makes belonging to a club not only fun, but very sensible. By sharing the ride, you have the assurance, that should that rare event occur, where you need help, it's only seconds away. Our last monthly meeting on GPS a few

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1 YELLOWSTONE/GLACIER PARK 2005 RIDE BY DAVE FIACK 2

This 8-day adventure from AUGUST 19-27, 2005 promises to be one of the highlights of 2005 for the Rocky Mountain BMW Riders Club. Dave Fiack is leading the trip on his R1150GS.

The trip begins early on August 19th where everyone will congregate at a central location and receive a 1st day riders briefing — the travel route will be reviewed, join up places and times, should anyone get separated, safety review for group riding. The route will take us over Berthoud pass to Winter Park, Kremmling, and Rabbit Ears pass into Steamboat Springs. After a rest and refreshments we'll head west through Craig and leave Colorado just west of Dinosaur. We'll enter Utah and proceed to Vernal then north through Flaming Gorge National Recreation area. From Flaming Gorge we'll begin the last leg of the day to Green River Wyoming. The first day will be the longest of the trip, approximately 450 miles. Day 2, after a good night's rest we'll depart Green River and head west a bit before we turn north and travel through Afton, Wyoming, and other small towns and villages, crossing back and forth between Idaho and Wyoming. The day will conclude in West Yellowstone, Montana.

Day 3 takes us over some wonderful secondary roads passing by Big Hole National Battlefield, west to highway 93 then north through the Bitterroot Valley, of Lewis and Clark fame, to Missoula, Montana. From Missoula we'll continue north on highway 93 along Flathead Lake into Kalispell, Montana for a well-deserved night's rest.

Day 4 will be one of the most spectacular for scenery. We will enter Glacier National Park early, before most of the tourists arrive and travel the famous Going To The Sun road at a leisurely pace to ensure we can all enjoy the beauty of such a wonderful place. We

will leave Glacier National Park behind us at St. Mary Glacier and travel highway 89, the Lewis and Clark Trail to Great Falls, Montana, then east and finally south to White Sulphur Springs, Montana where we will spend the night. We will have an opportunity to relax in the hot springs pools and soak out the road left behind. The travel distance may look like quite a bit on a map but is only about 335 miles.

Day 5 After departing our hotel, we'll head south along the Gallatin National Forest and ride part of the way on the Old Yellowstone Trail. We'll enter Yel-



lowstone National Park at the north entrance, near Gardiner, Montana. The route will take us on an unhurried path through the park to West Yellowstone where we'll again spending two nights.

Day 6 will be a very relaxed optional day off. Some may wish to explore more of Yellowstone others will just want to "kick back" and take it easy.

Day 7 begins the journey home. Again we'll get an early start to avoid as much of the tourist traffic as possible. The route takes through Yellowstone, out the south entrance along the John D. Rockefeller Memorial Parkway and into

Grand Teton National Park. Upon exiting Grand Teton at Moran Junction the road takes a southeast turn along the Washakie Wilderness through the Wind River Indian Reservation to Rawlins, Wyoming and finally our destination of the night, Saratoga Springs, Wyoming. This will be another opportunity to relax in a hot springs pool.

Day 8, our final day on this wonderful trip will head south through Walden and either highway 14 along the Poudre Canyon Highway to Fort Collins and home or continue on and travel through Rocky Mountain National Park over Trail Ridge road, Boulder and home.

The trip is designed to be leisurely with consideration for the slowest riders.

The planned roads, to the best of my knowledge are all paved hard surface. However, the occasional construction area may be encountered. There are daily route maps posted on the Ride Forums of the RMBRC web site.

The time of the year we are going is the tourist season, so hotel reservations in places such as Yellowstone and Glacier are a must. If you would like me to make hotel reservations for you at these places I'm asking you provide me a check for \$300 deposit money by May 15th. However, you are more than welcome to make your own reservations. The hotels I'm planning on are not 4 Star places, in fact some may be just 1 Star, but they are clean and comfortable without amenities. I hope you will plan on joining us for this wonderful adventure. If you have any questions, either send email me:

PROGRAMS@RMBRC.ORG, or call me at 303-805-1799.

PUERTO VALLARTA, MEXICO 2005



Dan Kearney and Ed Padalinski have begun planning the ride to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico in October. We have not set the exact dates yet, but are planning mid month. The route will probably go south along the coast and back to Denver inland through Copper Canyon. If you are interested, we will be holding our first informational planning meeting on after the regular club meeting on June 2nd at Picolos at 3563 S Monaco. Adios y hasta la vista!

BMW DEALERS OPEN HOUSE RIDE BY ED PADALINSKI

On Saturday, April 9th the Colorado BMW dealers decided to unveil all the new motorcycles for 2005. As a club we decided to take a ride to visit all the dealerships. We left from Aurora and headed northward via the back roads to BMW/Ducati in Loveland. They were serving brats and bikes, so we looked around and visited. Meanwhile a couple more of our club members arrived and we headed south to Foothills BMW in Lakewood via the back roads through Ft Collins and Golden. We were met there by more of our club members, dined on hot dogs and continued to visit the bikes.

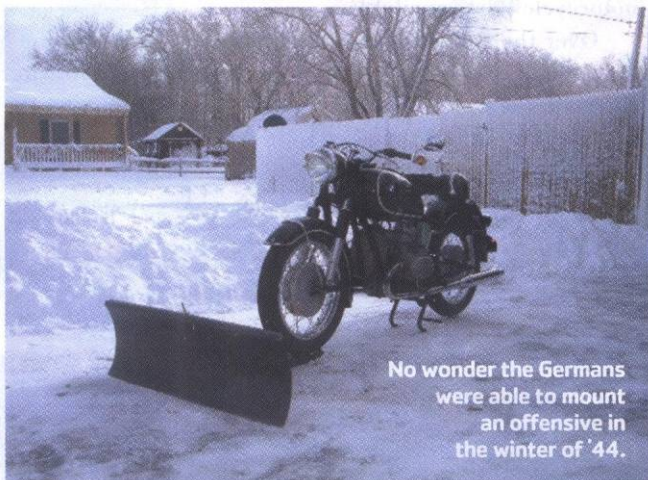
We then headed to BMW Denver as our final stop and met up with more club members. It seems that we had a great club representation at all the dealers by at least 12 of our club members. It was a beautiful day and the camaraderie was enjoyed by all. If you missed out, join us on another one of our open rides that are held the 1st Saturday and 4th Sunday of every month.



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weeks ago was very informative. Dave Fiack, our program chairman, gave a very informative talk on these wonderful devices. Even though I have one and use it regularly, I came away with some added tips and a much better understanding of how this wonderful tool works. Just last weekend, I was out touring the peach blossom festival in Paonia with my wife and we found ourselves totally lost in the maze of county roads. Fortunately, we had our GPS with us and were able to punch in the address of where we were staying. Presto - we had turn by turn directions back to the Inn. It doesn't take many situations like this to make one a GPS believer.

Ride Safe! Kip Rogers



Club Activities:

- May Monthly Meeting on May 5th at 630pm at Windsor Gardens 597 S Clinton St. The topic will be "Communication for your Motorcycle" presented by club members and BMW Denver. Since it is Cinco de Mayo, there will be Mexican buffet for \$10.00 inclusive.
- May 14th BMW Denver Membership Drive 10am-2pm at 2910 S Havana St. Please help us recruit more members to make your club better. Contact Kip Rogers to schedule your time to work at (303) 750-6234
- June Monthly Meeting on June 2nd at Piccolo's Restaurant 3563 S Monaco Pkwy (303) 757-5166. Topic is "Riding With Others" by Dan Kearney our own rides committee chairman and the usual leader of our own group rides
- Our first Dinner Ride on June 4th at 600pm at the Hickory House 10355 S. Parker Rd. The dinner rides are for members & guests to socialize. RSVP required to Ed Padalinski (303) 699-6282.

Club Library

The Club Library is online now, so if you wish to 'check out' items from other club members, please see our website www.rmbrc.org for a complete list but a sampling is:

- "Motorcycle Adventures through Baja"
- "Motorcycle Adventures through Northern Mexico"
- "Motorcycle Adventures through Southern Mexico"
- "Two Wheels Through Terror"
- "Obsessions Die Hard"
- "One Man Caravan"
- "Ghost Rider"
- "Between a Rock and a Hard Place"
- DVD "Long Way Round"
- "Long Way Round" book

If you have any items you wish to share with other members, please contact Dan Kearney for listing in our club library