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August 2007

Presidents Corner:



Hi Rainmakers:

Correction to the intervals in the president's corner from last month. Should be 2-3 seconds from the bike in front of you in the opposite lane, and 4-5 seconds from the bike directly in front of you in the same lane. Sorry for any confusion this may have caused.

Seems that we have talked about the intervals at several meetings and also at pre-ride meetings this summer and as I have noticed on the last few rides, we still don't have the intervals down. Some rider's idea of 2-3 seconds is a lot different than others, some keep big distances between bikes and others are pretty close. As I have noticed we seem to be quite strung out as we ride. "We need to work on maintaining our intervals as we ride.

Pick a reflector post, as the bike ahead of you goes past count one-thousand-one one-thousand-two and you should be there for a 2 second interval. At 60 miles per hour 1 second equals 88 ft. so you should be 176 ft behind the bike in front of you in the opposite lane.

Most times we should be traveling 65 MPH on 2-lane roads, and 70 MPH on interstates.

Anyone that didn't go on the Lolo ride, missed a very good ride, 1140 miles and 4 days, and a very good bunch of friends.

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August 4th to 11th— Sturgis, Black Hills SD.

August 4th-Vintage Motorcycle Show & Flat Track Races @ the MetraPark Grandstand @ 7:00.

August 8th— *Rainmaker* Monthly meeting @ Holiday Inn, Madison Room. Dinner @ 6:30, meeting @ 7:30.

August 15th— Dinner ride to Columbus, Whitlocks Steak House. Leave McDonalds @ 6:00.

August 17th— **60th Wedding Anniversary**— John & Chris Liggett— Lifetime Rainmaker Members!

August 19th— Phill Kniss Poker Run and BQ— @ Riverfront Park. Gather @ 8 am, shelter site #2. Poker run leaves @ 9:00 am.

August 22nd— Dinner Ride to Fort Rockvale. Leave McDonalds at 6:00.

August 24,25,26— Jellystone, Yogi & Boo Boo run. Yellowstone Park Ride. Contact Mike for more details. Thanks... Mike Henry

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Phil Kniss Poker Run & BQ

When: Sunday August 19th, 2007

Where: Riverfront Park @ shelter site #2.

Time: 8:00 am & Poker run leaves @ 9:00 am.





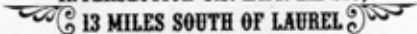
Sponsored by: Rainmakers, Darrel LaVoy & Bill Blaquiere.

Chicken will be purchased from Tiny's as the main course. Please contact Darrel LaVoy @ 245-0241 before the August 8th meeting and let him know what you will be bringing and how many will attend. We need a headcount for the chicken. Rainmaker members will provide salads, desserts, chips, dips and drinks.

Saturday Lite Rides

Saturday August 4th— Leave @ 8:00, Hardin for Breakfast @ Purple Cow, Custer, Huntley & home.

Saturday August 18th— Leave @ 8:00, Lavina for breakfast, Harlowton, Big Timber & home.


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From the Editor.....

The Raindrop is posted to both websites each month. **No email ?** I'll mail you a hard copy! **Let me know if you get email. I can always add you to the email list!**

Deadline for submissions is the 25th of the month. **I love it when you contribute!** Contact me @ 252-7704 or email @ bcpmmach@bresnan.net. *Cheryl Blaquiere*

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Reasons Not To Mess With Children

Submitted by Dave Alder

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note, and posted on the apple tray: "Take only ONE. God is watching." Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."

Lolo Ride Report

Four days of riding @ a total of 1140 miles. The people who lived the closest who had to drive the farthest to Wing Ding. We had 9 bikes and 13 people.

Winners of the games were:

Poker- Saturday	High John Vanover
	Low Dave Alder
	split 37.00 (18.50 each)
Monday	High Bill Blaquiere
	Low Tom Hess
	split 27.00 (13.50 each)

Bug Gut	1 st place- Bob Brown	\$15.00
	2 nd place- Darrel LaVoy	\$10.00


Dice	Day 1	High (72) Larry Nichols	5.00
		Low (39) Tom Hess	5.00
	Day 2	High (63) Darrel LaVoy	5.00
		Low (44) Tom Hess	5.00
	Day 3	High (66) Dave Alder	5.00
		Low (36) Tom Hess	5.00
	Day 4	High (71) Bill Blaquiere	5.00
		Low (40) Tom Hess	5.00
	Overall	High (245) Dave Alder	5.00 & Karma bell
		Low (159) Tom Hess	5.00 & Karma bell


***We had to have a shake off for high between Dave & John, they were tied at 245 after 4 days- Dave won the shakeoff and John received a consolation prize of a patriotic scarf.

Thank you to all attended our ride. We enjoy your company and having you along to enjoy this GREAT ride!!

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Rainmaker Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2007



President Darrel LaVoy called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. There were no visitors or guests at the meeting. 17 RMC members attended the July meeting.

The minutes to Junes meeting were accepted. Motion made by Jean Bushman, seconded by Cheryl Blaquiere.

13 RMC members tried the 3 item menu this time around—seems to be working.

Virginia Plyman's upper arm and shoulder are healing nicely. Virginia said, "I'll be riding again soon."

Past 2007 Rides

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| 1. Martinsdale | 8 bikes 2 cars | 318 miles |
| 2. Cooke City | 8 bikes 10 people | 270 miles |
| 3. Lolo Pass | 9 bikes 13 people | 1200 miles |
| 4. Big Horn Mtns | 3 bikes 6 people | 355 miles |

Yellowstone Ride: \$60.00 for prizes. Motions made by Larry Nichols, seconded by Cheryl Blaquiere.

August 19th BBQ Ride: List will circulate on what to bring. For example, sides, desserts, fluids etc etc etc.

Tentative ride schedule was handed out by Mke Henry.

Discussion followed: Some RMC members volunteered to sponsor the August 5th picnic ride to Lewistown if Roberts & Coley are unable to sponsor the ride.

Saturday Lite Ride: August 4th @ 8:00 Hardin, Custer, Huntley & home.
 August 18 @ 8:00 Lavina, Harlo, Big Timber & home.

Winners: 50/50 \$8.00 Ethel Kniss
 \$10.00 Red Lobster Gift John Vanover
 Shake-A-Day \$10.00 went into the balance in the pot- no winners

Motion to adjourn made by Jack Byrnes and seconded by Cheryl Blaquiere.
Submitted by Vanover

Editors Note: The Rainmaker BQ held at Kendra & Dave Brugets on Saturday July 21st was a ton of fun! Kendra & Dave provided the burgers, polish and homemade sourdough buns. The rest of us brought salads, desserts, relish, condiments and drinks. It was all decided that this was a fun night and we needed to do it again! Thank you Kendra & Dave for hosting.

Next Rainmaker BQ: Bill & Cheryl Blaquiere will have the next Rainmaker BQ in September! Mark you calendars with Saturday September 15th @ 6:00 @ 3448 Fife Circle. Depending on the weather, which can be questionable in September, we may or may not BQ...lasagna may be on the menu instead. Give us a call @ 252-7704 if you plan to attend and we will assign you an item.

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Anniversaries: 3rd- Dave & Karen DeBoer

17th- Art & Kelly Beebe

17th- 60th Anniversary !!!!!!!

John & Chris Liggett

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19th- Mike & Nancy Henry

Birthdays: 7th- Chuck Siemens



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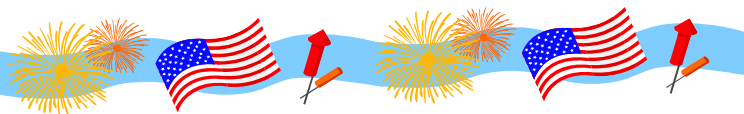
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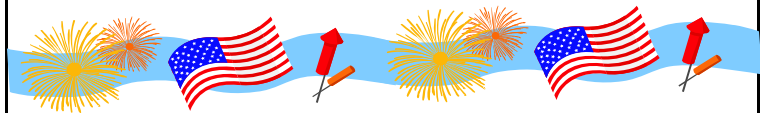
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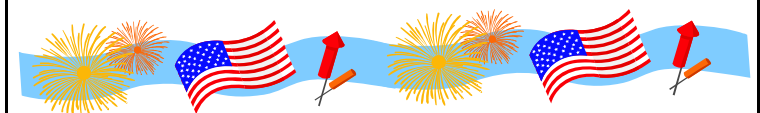
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Group Riding Suggestions

Submitted by Jack Byrnes

For those of you who are new to group riding (and for those of us who have forgotten) here are some suggestions to make your ride more enjoyable.

1. Ride in a staggered formation. The leader should always ride the left side of the lane, the number two bike rides to the right side and so on.
2. Allow a four second interval between you & the bike directly ahead of you. Ride smoothly with a minimum of jockeying back and forth (the person behind you will be your friend forever).
3. Don't Be a lemming. You, not the leader, is riding your bike. Continue to check for traffic and other hazards, stay alert & don't just follow.
4. Stay within the bounds of your skill level. Don't be influenced by the bike ahead of you diving into curves like a jet fighter. This is not a race.
5. If someone in the group pulls onto the shoulder and stops, don't follow him, stay with the group. The tail bike is designated by the leader to stop and help.
6. In parking, the leader will try to find an area big enough for everyone, if he can't, find your own. Don't mill around like a lost chick, park your bike and get on with it.
7. Remember the ride leader appreciates your suggestions, but not at 60 MPH. If you know an interesting place, restaurant or route, tell him before the ride or during lunch or better yet sponsor a ride yourself and take in those fine locations on your ride. We will enjoy your ride also.
8. Regarding new members and guest riders, the leader should inform them of our ride policies before the ride. Along with that the leader should inform everyone of the ride and the stops etc. As Rainmakers we should all step forward and introduce ourselves to the new members and guests. Let's make them feel welcome, remember we were all new to the club once.
9. Relax and enjoy the ride. Remember, the ride itself to a destination is seventy five % of the fun.

Sunday August 5th Lewistown Picnic Ride

Ride leaves at 8:00 from McDonalds.

Will stop @ Wades in Harlowton for Coffee & rolls.

Bring a picnic lunch with you or plan to stop at a fast food place in Lewistown and take your lunch to the park for a picnic!

Will return through Roundup for ice cream stop and home.

Thanks, Don Bushman

Bad Day Riding

Submitted by Kendra Bruget

Saturday morning I got up early to go riding like I do every weekend, put on my leathers, dressed quietly and slipped quietly into the garage. Just as I was about to back my bike out, it started to rain, and soon turned into a torrential downpour.

I pushed my bike back into the garage, turned on the radio, and discovered that the weather would be bad throughout the entire day.

I went back into the house, quietly undressed, and slipped back into bed.

There I cuddled up to my wife's back, now with a different anticipation, and whispered, 'The weather out there is terrible.'

She sleepily replied, 'Can you believe my stupid husband is out riding in that shit?'

Editors Note: I've seen the 'fishing' version, but like the motorcycle version better. It just fits!!

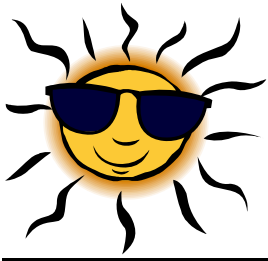
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August 2007



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5 Lewistown, MT Ride @ 8:00	6 Sturgis	7 Birthday Chuck Siemens Sturgis	8 Monthly Meeting @ 7:30 Dinner @ 6:30 Sturgis	9 Sturgis	10 Sturgis	11 Sturgis
12 Show Up Ride @ 8:00 Sturgis	13	14	15 Dinner Ride @ 6:00 to Whitlocks Steak House in Columbus	16	17 Anniversary Art & Kelly Beebe 60th Anniversary John & Chris Liggett	18
19 Phil Kniss Poker Run & BQ @ 8:00 Riverfront Park Shelter #2 Anniversary Mike & Nancy Henry	20	21	22 Dinner Ride @ 6:00 to Fort Rockvale	23	24 Jellystone Yogi & Boo Boo Ride @ 7:00	25 Day 2 Yogi & Boo Boo Ride
26 Show Up Ride @ 8:00 Day 2 Yogi & Boo Boo Ride	27	28 Full Moon	29	30	31	

