

The Raindrop

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September 2007

Presidents Corner:

HI Rainmakers:



We really had a nice **Phil Kniss "Poker Run and Picnic"** at Riverfront Park.

I would like to **thank Everyone** that brought all the good food and drinks. That made this such a great get together. Everyone really came together as a club and made this a memorable event. **(John, some pictures should be put in the archives)**

Once again Thanks everyone, and those that didn't attend really missed a great Club event.

I'm already looking forward to next years Poker run/picnic, and remember we always need help from Club members in sponsoring this event, don't be afraid to step up and volunteer.

At the E-Board meeting in September, we will be planning the Christmas party. Anyone that would like to help please contact me. There will only be 3 meetings (Sept, Oct & Nov) left before the Christmas party.

All those that helped last year, please attend this meeting. (Tiny's Tavern 6:00 PM 9/26/07.)
Darrel

Editors Note: Ask Darrel and Bill about the lady in pink on the pink bicycle and pink hat. Find out how Darrel plays kick the beach ball south of Butte. Talk to Bill about the rooster/chicken along the highway to from Naksup to Windlaw while on our Canada trip.

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2007 Dates to Remember.

Sept 5- @ 6:00 Dinner Ride to Stokers Tavern in Huntley.

Sept 12- Monthly Meeting @ Holiday Inn. Dinner @ 6:30 and meeting @ 7:30

Sept 15-Lasagna & Deck Party @ Blaquiere's @ 6:00. Please RSVP by Sept 13.

Sept 19- @ 6:00 Dinner Ride to Santa Fe Reds on Grand Ave in Billings.

Sept 26- @ 6:00 E Board Meeting @ Tiny's Tavern. Will be discussing the Christmas Party.

Oct 10- Monthly Meeting @ Holiday Inn. Dinner @ 6:30, meeting @ 7:30.

Oct 17- @ 6:00 Dinner Ride to Gusicks in Billings.

Oct 24- E Board Meeting 6:00 @ Tiny's Tavern.

Rainmaker Lasagna & Deck Party:

Where: Bill & Cheryl Blaquiere's
3448 Fife Circle
252-7704

When: Saturday September 15th

Time: 6:00 pm

Menu: Lasagna

Please bring: A food item, BYOB, a lawn chair or two if you have them and your binoculars. We can watch the wildlife in the coulee behind the house. RSVP by Thursday September 13 @ 252-7704 if you plan to attend and we will assign you an item.

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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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Mouse Story—

from The Coffee Mate (Castelgar, BC)

A mouse looked through the crack in the wall to see the farmer and his wife open a package. "What food might this contain?" The mouse wondered—he was devastated to discover it was a mouse-trap.

Retreating to the farmyard, the mouse proclaimed the warning: "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!" The chicken clucked and scratched, raised her head and said, "Mr. Mouse, I can tell it is a grave concern to you but it is of no consequence to me. I cannot be bothered by it." The mouse turned to the pig and told him, "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!" The pig sympathized, but said, "I am so very sorry, Mr. Mouse, but there is nothing I can do but pray. Be assured you are in my prayers." The mouse turned to the cow and said, "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!"...The cow said, "Wow, Mr. Mouse. I'm sorry for you but it's no skin off of my nose."

So, the mouse returned to the house, head down and dejected, to face the farmer's mousetrap alone. That very night a sound was heard throughout the house—like the sound of a mousetrap catching its prey. The farmer's wife rushed to see what was caught. In the darkness, she did not see it was a venomous snake whose tail the trap had caught. The snake bit the farmer's wife.

The farmer rushed her to the hospital and she returned home with a fever. Everyone knows you treat a fever with fresh chicken soup, so the farmer took his hatchet to the farmyard for the soup's main ingredient. But his wife's sickness continued, so friends and neighbors came to sit with her around the clock. To feed them, the farmer butchered the pig.

The farmer's wife did not get well; she died. So many people came for her funeral the farmer had the cow slaughtered to provide enough meat for all of them. The mouse looked upon it all from the crack in the wall with great sadness.

So, the next time you hear someone is facing a problem and think it doesn't concern you, remember—when one of us is threatened, we are all at risk. We are all involved in this journey called life. Each of us is a vital thread in another person's tapestry; our lives are woven together for a reason.

Submitted by Darrel LaVoy

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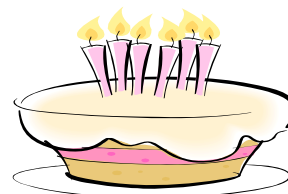


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Traveling this summer & fall?

If you travel this summer and fall, but you don't always use the samples that the motel leave for you? Please bring them home and bring to the Rainmaker meetings? Final collection of personal items will be at the November 14th meeting. Ethel Kniss, of Burns Insurance Agency and the Insurance woman's group she belongs to, donates the motel samples to the Woman's Shelter just before Christmas time.

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**Montana Tidbits—
 From August 15, 2007 edition of
 'Tidbits'**

Famous people born in Montana include comedian Dana Carvey; TV news anchor Chet Huntley; daredevil Evil Knievel; Mr. Universe winner Steve Reeves; NBA coach Phil Jackson; singer Nicole Larson; actors Patrick Duffy, Gary Cooper and Dirk Benedict; filmmakers Brad Bird and David Lynch; actresses Jean Parker, Missy Gold, Michelle Williams, Martha Raye and Myrna Loy; and sports announcer Brent Musberger.

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Marital Bliss?

Wife: "What are you doing?"

Husband : Nothing.

Wife : "Nothing...?"

You've been reading our marriage certificate for an hour."

Husband : "I was just looking for the expiration date."

Submitted by Dave Alder



September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Rides begin at time shown on calendar. Meet at McDonalds at given time.						1
2 Show Up Ride @ 8:00	3 Labor Day Birthday Bill Blaquiere	4	5 Dinner Ride to Stokers @ 6:00 Birthday Ethel Kniss	6	7 Birthday Jack Byrnes	8
9 What the Hay Ride to Hobson @ 9:00 Grandparents Day	10 Anniversary Alice & Dick Slagowski	11 Patriot Day Remember 9/11/01	12 Monthly Meeting @ Holiday Inn Dinner @ 6:30 Meeting @ 7:30	13	14	15 Rainmaker Lasagna Party @ Blaquiere's @ 6:00 Please RSVP
16 Ingomar Ride @ 9:00	17 Anniversary Chuck & Goldie Siemens	18	19 Dinner Ride to Santa Fe Reds in Billings on Grand Ave. @ 6:00	20	21	22
23 MT Hanna's Ride @ 9:00 1st Day of... <i>Fall</i>	24	25 Birthday Alice Slagowski	26 E Board Meeting @ Tiny's Tavern @ 6:00 FULL MOON	27	28	29
30 Final Mileage Countdown Ride @ 9:00						

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Canada Trip 2007-by Cheryl Blaquiere

Friday 8/24 we left Billings around 6:30 pm and headed up I-90 to Bozeman, where we had a late dinner at McDonalds and turned in for the evening next door at the Super 8 next door.

Saturday 8/25 we ran from Bozeman to Kalispell. Took I-90 to Three Forks, then the back road to the Lewis & Clark Caverns to Caldwell where we then headed north up the frontage road to Boulder, jumped onto I-15 to Helena. Here we headed west over McDonald Pass and had lunch at the Avon Café before heading north to Clearwater Jct, Seeley Swan and Kalispell. Darrel & Janice stayed at the Days Inn and Bill and Cheryl stayed with Ryan, Kelly & Tristan. The Blaquieres' went to Bigfork to meet with Ron, Laura & Gram for dinner at the Swan River Café. They were in Bigfork to attend a play.

Sunday 8/26 we rode from Kalispell to Chewelah, WA via Eureka, Lake Koochanusa, Libby, Troy, Sandpoint, ID and Spokane, WA. We stayed at the Nordlig Motel (a nice clean mom & pop motel) for \$55.00 per night. We enjoyed the homemade quilts on the bed and the fresh homemade muffins (continental breakfast) in the morning. We had dinner at the Sportsman's (Sporty's) Bar. It was great food, good company and a great recommendation from the motel owner, Paul. If you are ever in Chewelah... here is where you want to stay!

Monday 8/27 we rode from Chewelah, WA to Hope, BC. North to Colville, west to Republic and Tonasket. When then turned north to enter BC at Osoyos. Lunch was at Osoyos. We then rode west to Princeton through wine country and west onto Hope for the evening. Stayed at the Colonial 900, clean but pricey. Dinner was at Papandreas.

Tuesday 8/28, we had breakfast @ Home Diner. Then rode north to Cache Creek where we had lunch at the DQ (imagine that!). We then headed east to Kamloops and then north on hwy 5 to Clearwater where we stayed at the Dutch Lake Inn. We enjoyed a Chinese dinner at their diner.

Wednesday 8/29. We continued north to Robson Provincial Park and then east to Jasper where we stopped at the Utopia for a late lunch. Here we learned of Miette Hot Springs about 40 clicks to the east of Jasper. Here we got 'rustic' cabin rooms at \$110.00 each (nothing was cheap in Canada!) with double bed (guess we are going to have to be spoons tonight). Bill and I enjoyed the Hot Springs pools just a short walk from the cabin and dinner at their café. Darrel & Janice didn't hot pool it, but enjoyed the café and the crabby old Frenchman who ran the place!

Thursday 8/30. Today we rode from Jasper/Miette Hot Springs to Revelstoke down the Ice parkway. Temps were cool at the hot springs when we left (44 degrees), but when we left Jasper to turn south, it had warmed up to 58 degrees and getting warmer, 75 degrees, by the time we reached Lake Louise. The Canadian Rockies were beautiful under clear sunny skies. We then traveled west on Canadian Hwy 1 to Revelstoke where we stayed at the Gateway Inn and had dinner at a restaurant across the street.

Friday 8/31. Breakfast at Denny's and then we headed west to Sicamous and then turned south on 97A to Vernon, then east on Hwy 6 to Needles where we took the 15 minute ferry across to Naksup and then turned south again. Just before reaching Windlaw, where we were to stop for gas, we saw a 'pink lady' on the highway and a rooster. Ask Bill & Darrel. Rode Hwy 6 to Hwy 3A to Castlegar where we stayed at the Quality Inn. The best rooms, so far for the price.

Saturday 9/1. We had free breakfast at the Quality Inn then headed south on 3A to Creston where we crossed the border into the US. We rode south to Sandpoint, ID for gas then south to Coeur d'Alene to I-90. We then rode as far as Kingston where we got off and stopped at the Snakepit Saloon for lunch in Enaville. We took Idaho #9 over the Thompson Falls Pass into Montana and then to Thompson Falls. What a pretty ride! Took Hwy 200 to Ravalli then Hwy 93 to I-90 and into Missoula for the evening. We had dinner at Jakers. Yummy! Probably the one of the best meals of the trip.

Sunday 9/2. Breakfast at Missoula. East on I-90 to Drummond where we took Hwy 1 (The Pintler Scenic Loop) to Anaconda, back on I-90 to Butte, took the Harrison Ave exit and rode Hwy 2 over Pipestone Pass to Whitehall. Here we stopped at the A & W for treats and rode I-90 on into Billings with a stop at the Reedpoint rest area. We arrived home, with the empty gas tank light just coming on around 5:00 pm with almost 3000 miles on the bikes and a really great time.

Conclusion: We all agreed, even though we had a wonderful time, the Colorado Rockies and the twisties in Colorado are much better than Canada! A lot of the Canadian Hwy's are very busy with traffic, with some very crazed drivers. Gas sold for up to \$1.29 a litter. At 3.78 litters per gallon, gas could cost as much as \$4.87 per gallon. Rooms were over \$100.00 most places and the exchange rate is \$98.00 US dollars to \$100.00 Canadian dollars. Not much bang for your buck here. And don't try to order wheat toast; it is brown bread everytime. Also, you get used to converting kilometers (clicks) to miles, but I'll never figure out Fahrenheit to Celsius. It's hot at 30 degrees!

From the Editor: My apologies for the September newsletter for being so late! August was nuts! The week of August 5th, we had a fire in the coulee behind our home. The week of August 12th we had Ryan, Kelly & Tristan here for a week. The week of the 19th a fire broke out in Emerald Hills and Darrel & Janice 'moved in' for a couple of days. Then the week of August 26th – we were on vacation! Do you think we needed one by then??? And last but not least, I had planned on finishing this up on Thursday September 6th and to the printers on Friday and in the mail that night. But our electricity went out at approximately 6:00 pm and didn't restore until sometime during the middle of the night.

