

# The Raindrop

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December 2008

## Side Roads From the President



Come join us for an evening of fun at the Red Door Saturday, December 13 @ 5:30 for the Rainmaker Christmas Party.

Here is a GREAT idea!

When doing your Christmas cards this year, take one card and send it to this address. If we pass this on and everyone sends one card, think of how many cards these wonderful special people who have sacrificed so much would get.

When you are making out your Christmas card list this year, please include the following:

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## Monthly & E Board Meetings

The meetings are monthly at **The Red Door**. Monthly meeting starts with dinner @ 6:30 & meeting @ 7:30. E Board meetings are the last Wednesday of each month @ 6:30. ALL members are welcome to attend. **NO monthly meeting or E Board meeting in December.**

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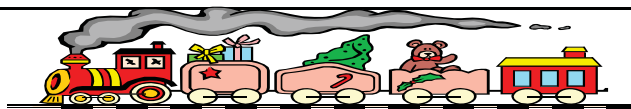


## What's Happening Rainmakers

**Dec 13**— Rainmaker Christmas Party at the Red Door. See details on page 7 for the Christmas party.

**Dec 25**— Merry Christmas Rainmakers!

**January 1, 2009**— New Year's Day Ride to Columbus. We will meet at McDonalds @ 12:00 noon and ride to Columbus for lunch and 50/50 drawings.



## Rainmaker Motorcycle Club Christmas Party 2008

**When: Saturday December 13, 2008**

**Where:** The Red Door on Grand Ave.

**Time:** 5:30 p.m. Cocktail Hour  
6:30 p.m. Dinner  
7:30 p.m.

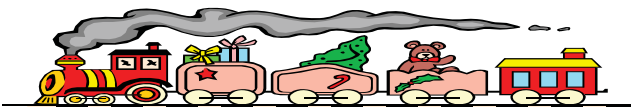
Fun, Games and Prizes  
Awards for 2008

**Bring:** A food donation to be given to the Billings Food Bank.

**A positive attitude to have fun!**

**Menu:** Buffet including Beef Top Round Roast and Roasted Red Pepper Chicken. Including potatoes, veggies and desserts. \$15.00 per person. Please mail to the post office box: Rainmaker Motorcycle Club  
P.O. Box 23001  
Billings, MT 59104.

**RSVP by: Saturday December 6, 2008.**



## New Rainmaker:

At the November 12th meeting, Jay Fligler was voted in as a new Rainmaker member. Jay rides a 2008 Vulcan 1600 Nomad. He has ridden on 3 or 4 rides with the group throughout the riding season. Show up and scheduled rides. He works as a cardio tech at Billings Clinic. He is married and his other interests include dirt bikes and sport shooting.

Glad to have you on board with the Rainmakers Jay!

## Rainmaker Birthday's & Anniversaries

### December Anniversaries

16th– Butch & Michelle Kochel


### December Birthdays

20th– Mike Henry

24th– Larry Hopkins

31st– Colleen Moore





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### Websites:

<http://home.bresnan.net/~bcpmmach/>

**Yahoo-members' only site**

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/RainmakersMC/>

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

Deadline for submissions is the 25th of the month. **It's nice when you contribute!** Contact me @ 252-7704 or email @

bcpmmach@bresnan.net. *Cheryl Blaquiere—editor*






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## New Member Information:

**Rainmaker Vests**– Purchase a vest of your choice, denim or leather. ACES (All Color Embroidery Services) on Overland Ave and John and Ginger can embroider "Rainmakers" and your name on your vest.

**License plate frames, pins, patches, windshield covers, flags, etc etc**–Contact an officer of the club, they can help you.

### Miscellaneous Websites :

**Prescription Eyewear** [www.flyingpigeyewear.com](http://www.flyingpigeyewear.com)

**Denim Chaps** [www.zone-tailed.com](http://www.zone-tailed.com)

[www.badboyscycles.com](http://www.badboyscycles.com)

[www.skidrowjoe.com](http://www.skidrowjoe.com) (patches)

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# Practice and Use Hand Signals

Kota Konyha



**START ENGINES**  
With your right or left arm extended, move your index finger in a circular motion.



**LEFT TURN**  
Raise your left arm horizontal with your elbow fully extended.



**RIGHT TURN**  
Raise your left arm horizontal with your elbow bent 90 degrees vertically.



**STOP**  
Extend your left arm at a 45 degree angle with the palm of your hand facing rearward.



**SLOW DOWN**  
Raise your left arm at a 45 degree angle and move your hand up and down.



**SPEED UP**  
Raise your left arm up and down with your index finger extended upward. This indicates the leader wants to speed up.



**HAZARD LEFT**  
Extend your left arm at a 45 degree angle and point towards the hazard.



**HAZARD RIGHT A**  
Extend your right arm at a 45 degree angle and point towards the hazard.



**HAZARD RIGHT B**  
Extend your left arm upward at a 45 degree angle with your elbow bent to 90 degrees and point towards the hazard over helmet.



**TIGHTEN UP**  
Raise your left arm and repeatedly move up and down in a pulsing motion. This indicates the leader wants the group to close ranks.



**SINGLE FILE**  
Position your left hand over your helmet with your fingers extended upward. This indicates the leader wants the group in a single file formation. Usually this is done for safety reasons.



**STAGGERED FORMATION**  
Extend your arm upward at a 45 degree angle with your index finger extended. This indicates that it is safe to return to staggered formation.



# Rainmaker Meeting Minutes November 12 , 2008



John Vanover called the meeting to order on November 12, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. and had 17 RMC attend this month's meeting.

October minutes were accepted.

Treasury Report: \$258.60

Old and New Business:

1. Jay and Karen Fliger were voted in as new members. Welcome to the club.
2. The Christmas party was discussed. Currently we have 26 people signed up for the party. Janice brought an idea for centerpieces.
3. Cheryl mentioned that there are several rides we don't do anymore and maybe someone would want to consider those rides – contact Cheryl.
4. Jack felt personal invites to members on rides was a good idea.
5. Dave Jarzyna will be handling the picture show this year for the Christmas Party– so anyone with pictures get them to Dave as soon as possible.

50/50 winners was Bill Blaquiere \$10.00 Shake a day added another \$9.00

Motion to adjourn by Bill Blaquiere and seconded by Dave Alder.

Submitted by Beverly Mundschenk

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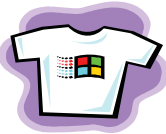
## FOR SALE PAGE

### RainmakerT- Shirts

Short Sleeves-\$10.00 to \$13.00

Long Sleeves- \$13.00 to \$15.00

Call Cheryl Blaquiere @ 252-7704.



### Rainmaker Items for Sale:

Small Stickers	\$2.50
Large Stickers	\$4.00
Rainmaker Pins	\$2.60 ea
Rainmaker Patches	\$7.00 ea
Large Rainmaker Patches	\$18.00
Rainmaker MC License Plate Frames	\$15.00
Rainmaker Auto License Plate Frames	\$20.00
Rainmaker flags	\$12.95
Montana Flag	\$10.95

There are now new Rainmaker license plate frames. Call John Vanover or Bill Blaquiere for information.

### Custom Made Windshield Covers

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Contact Bill Blaquiere for information.



### Memory Patches

**Darrel LaVoy**– patches are available for \$6.00 each.

**Dick Slagowski**– patches are available for \$6.00 each. Contact Bev Mundschenk for patches.

**Phil Kniss** -@ Monograms Unlimited @ \$6.00 each.

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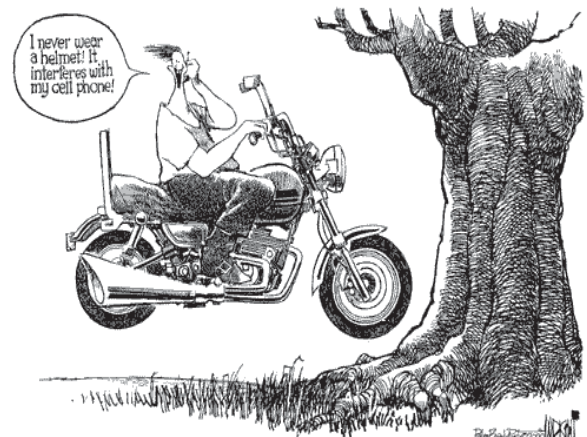
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I've Gotta Hang up Now!



## RED SKELTON'S RECIPE FOR THE PERFECT MARRIAGE

Submitted by Dave Jarzyna

1. Two times a week, we go to a nice restaurant, have a little beverage, good food and companionship. She goes on Tuesdays, I go on Fridays.
2. We also sleep in separate beds. Hers is in California and mine is in Texas.
3. I take my wife everywhere.....but she keeps finding her way back.
4. I asked my wife where she wanted to go for our anniversary. "Somewhere I haven't been in a long time!" she said ,so I suggested the kitchen.
5. We always hold hands. If I let go, she shops.
6. She has an electric blender, electric toaster and electric bread maker. She said "There are too many gadgets and no place to sit down!" .. So I bought her an electric chair.
7. My wife told me the car wasn't running well because there was water in the carburetor. I asked where the car was; she told me "In the lake."
8. She got a mud pack and looked great for two days. Then the mud fell off.
9. She ran after the garbage truck, yelling "Am I too late for the garbage?" ... The driver said "No, jump in!"
10. Remember: Marriage is the number one cause of divorce.
11. I married Miss Right. I just didn't know her first name was Always.
12. I haven't spoken to my wife in 18 months. I don't like to interrupt her.
13. The last fight was my fault though. My wife asked "What's on the TV?" I said "Dust!"

Can't you just hear him say all of these? I love it.....this is the good old days when humor didn't have to start with a four letter word.....just clean and simple fun.

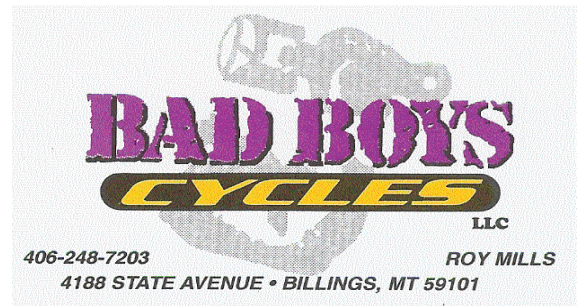
**Editors Note:** Since Christmas colors are Red & Green. I thought we could all use a little 'Red' humor! Way to go Red Skelton.



### An Old Couple

Submitted by Cheryl Blaquiere...a Darrel LaVoy email from 2006

An old couple was sitting quietly in church one Sunday morning. About halfway through the service, she leans over to her husband and says, "I just left a silent fart...what do you think I should do?" He replied: "Put a new battery in your hearing aid."



### Political Humor -

#### From various Rainmakers

The reason congressmen try so hard to get reelected is that they would hate to have to make a living under the laws they've passed.

**"With hurricanes, tornados, fires out of control, mud slides, flooding, severe thunderstorms tearing up the country from one end to another, and with the threat of bird flu and terrorist attacks, "Are we sure this is a good time to take God out of the Pledge of Allegiance?"**

A Department of Agriculture representative stopped at a farm and talked with the old farmer. "I'm going to inspect your farm." The old farmer said, "You better not go in that field." The Ag representative said in a wise tone, "I have the authority of the U. S. Government with me. See this card? I am allowed to go wherever I wish on agricultural land." So, the old farmer went about his farm chores. Later, the farmer heard loud screams and saw the Department of Agriculture rep running for the fence and close behind was the farmer's prize bull. The bull was madder than a full nest of hornets and the bull was gaining at every step. The old farmer called out, "Show him your card!"

And last but not least.....

### Meet Joe the Plumber



### 1995 RAINMAKERS RIDES

DATE	RIDE	SPONSOR
Feb. - April	Show Up Rides	U Do
<i>(The new McDonalds at the new Blue Creek Exit is the departure point)</i>		
April 29	Mall Bike Show	
April 30	Ingomar Ride	Joe Fisher
May 7	Colstrip Ride	Dave Johnson
May 21	Healing Hands Poker Run	
June 9-11	Deadwood Ride	Rock Cline & Ben Larson
June 21	Fishtail Dinner Ride	Mike Grevtak
<i>(6:00 pm departure from Blue Creek McDonalds)</i>		
July 2	Beartooth Attack	
July 16	Bighorn Mountain Ride	Bill Downs
July 19	Silesia Dinner Ride	Rock Cline
<i>(6:00 pm departure from Blue Creek McDonalds)</i>		
July 29-30	Lowell, Idaho Ride	Phil Kniss
<i>(Lolo Pass)</i>		
August 6	White Sulphar Springs	Jack Byrnes
August 23	Acton Dinner Ride	Phil Kniss
<i>(6:00 pm departure from Blue Creek McDonalds)</i>		
???	Highway Cleanup	Gene Knox
Jan 1, 1996	New Years Day Ride	Rock Cline

### 1999 RAINMAKER'S RIDES

All Rides Depart McDonalds  
South Billings Blvd.

DATE	DESTINATION	TIME	SPONSOR
April 25	* Shake Down Ride	1:00 PM	Rock Cline - 259-4862
May 1	Show Up Ride	11:00 AM	Steve Wickham - 252-1808
May 23	* Field Meet	1:00 PM	Steve Wickham - 252-1808
June 6	* Sarpy Creek/ * Ingomar	9:00 AM	Jack Byrnes - 252-6988 Dave Alder - 656-2952
June 13	Open		
June 20	Longest Day/Ride	5:00 AM	Phil Kniss - 652-8918
June 27	* Beartooth Attack	9:00 AM	Gene Knox - 656-7346
July 11	* Bighorn Ride	9:00 AM	Bill Downs - 669-3160
Aug. 1	Show Up Ride	9:00 AM	U-DO
Aug. 8	* Virginia City	9:00 AM	Phil Kniss - 652-8918
Aug. 22	Show Up Ride	9:00 AM	U-DO
Aug. 29	Show Up Ride	9:00 AM	U-DO
Sept. 12	* Cooke City	9:00 AM	Steve Wickham - 252-1808
Sept 19	* Mt. Hanna	9:00 AM	Pet Redler - 651-9407
Sept 26	* White Sulphur	9:00 AM	Delane Langton - 252-1540
Oct. - Dec.	Show Up Rides	1:00 PM	U-DO
January 1	* New Years Day Ride	1:00 PM	Rock Cline - 259-4862

## Old Rainmaker Ride Cards

### RAINMAKERS MOTORCYCLE CLUB RIDE SCHEDULE FOR 2002

Year 2002	Destination	Time	Sponsor	Ph. #
4/21	Columbus Shakedown Ride	11 AM	Gene Wasia	245-5941
4/28	Little Big Horn Battlefield	11 AM	Larry Nickols	652-4553
5/5	Sarpy Creek	10 AM	Dave Alder	656-2952
5/12	Musselshell	9 AM	Gene Comes	896-0691
5/19	Cody Ride (Poker Run)	8 AM	Rock Cline	259-4862
5/26	Montana Hanna Ride	9 AM	Gene Wasia	245-5941
6/2	Sheridan, WY	9 AM	Cameron Westwood	665-2915 or
6/9	Show Up	9 AM	open	
6/16	Cody Pashakta TeePee	9 AM	Dick Slagowski	259-9319 or
6/23	Virginia City	8 AM	Bill Blaquiere	252-7704
6/30	Big Horn Mtn Ride No. 1	9 AM	Bill Downs	669-3160
7/6-7/7	Fort Benton	9 AM	Gene Comes	896-0691
7/14	Beartooth Attack No. 1	9 AM	Don Bushman	323-4120
7/21	Bair Museum, Martinsdale	9 AM	Chuck Siemens & Bob Carlson	
245-5402				
7/28	Ten Sleep Buffalo Ride	9 AM	Dave Alder	656-2952
8/3-8/4	West Yellowstone Ride	8 AM	Bill Blaquiere	252-7704
8/11	Beartooth Attack No. 2	9 AM	Phil Kniss	652-8918
8/18	Red Lodge Loop Raplje Ride	9 AM	Tom Hess	248-9327
8/25	Broadus Loop	9 AM	Darrel Lavoy	245-0241
8/31-9/2	Black Hills, Rapid City	8 AM	Jack Byrnes	252-6988
9/8	Hobson Utica, Hay Ride	9 AM	Gene Wasia	245-5941
9/15	Big Horn Mtn Ride No. 2	9 AM	Phil Kniss	652-8918
9/21-9/22	Thermopolis, WY	8 AM	Bill Blaquiere	252-7704
9/29	Miles City	10 AM	Rod Porch	652-5901
01/01/03	Columbus	Noon	Gene Wasia	245-5941

All Rides Depart from McDonald's Parking Lot at South Billings Blvd.  
If you have questions please call: Gene Wasia 245-5941

### 2003 RAINMAKER RIDE SCHEDULE -All rides depart McDonalds, S. Billings Blvd.

Date	Time	Destination	Sponsor
4/13	11 am	Show Up	
4/19	11 am	Saturday- Columbus	Gene Wasia
4/27	11 am	Little Bighorn Battlefield	Larry Nichols
5/4	10 am	*Sarpy Creek	Dave Alder
5/10	9 am	Saturday- Show Up Ride	show up
5/11	9 am	Westward HO!	Jack Byrnes
5/18	9 am	*Cody- Pahaska TeePee	Dick Slagowski
5/25	9 am	Show Up Ride	show up
6/1	9 am	*Sheridan, WY	Bill Blaquiere
6/8	8 am	*Cody, WY (Poker Run)	Jack & Dave
6/15	9 am	Greybull, WY	Dick Slagowski
6/21	9 am	Saturday- Show Up Ride	show up
6/22	9 am	Show Up Ride	show up
6/29	9 am	*Raplje-Redlodge Loop	Rod & Dave
7/5	9 am	**Anaconda/Georgetown Lake	Don Bushman
7/6	9 am	Sunday- Show Up Ride	show up
7/13	9 am	*Beartooth Attack #1	Phil Kniss
7/19	9 am	Saturday-Show Up Ride	show up
7/20	9 am	Martinsdale	Chuck Siemens
7/27	9 am	*Fort Phil Kearney/Story WY	Darrel LaVoy
8/3	9 am	Livingston	Gene Wasia
8/10	9 am	*Beartooth Attack #2	Don Bushman
8/16	8 am	**Saturday-Cody Sierracade (Sierracade- Aug 13 thru 16)	show up
8/24	9 am	*Ten Sleep Buffalo	Darrel LaVoy
8/30	1 pm	Club Potluck-Riverfront Park	Jack & Phil
8/31	8 am	*Big Horn-Shell Canyon Ride	Phil & Jack
9/1	9 am	Show Up Ride	Jack & Phil
9/6	9 am	Lewistown-Chokecherry Fest	show up
9/7	9 am	*Hobson Utica, Hay Ride	Gene Wasia
9/14	9 am	Big Horn Mtn	Dave DeBoer
9/20	9 am	Saturday- Show Up Ride	show up
9/21	8 am	*White Sulpher Springs	Bill Blaquiere
9/28	10 am	*Miles City	Rod Porch
10/5		Show up rides Oct @ 10 am & Nov thru April @ 11 am	
1/1/04	Noon	Columbus	Gene Wasia

\*Gift Certificate Rides

\*\* Overnight Rides



# December 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
All Show Up Rides leave McDonalds at time shown on calendar	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 <i>Pearl Harbor Day 1941</i> Show Up Ride @ 11:00	8	9	10	11	12	13 RMC Christmas Party @ The Red Door, Drinks @ 5:30, Dinner @ 6:30
14 Show Up Ride @ 11:00	15	16 <b>Anniversary</b> Butch & Michelle Kochel	17	18	19	20 <b>B-Day</b> Mike Henry
21 <i>Winter Begins</i> Show Up Ride @ 11:00	22	23	24 <b>Christmas Eve</b>  B-Day Larry Hopkins	25 <b>Christmas Day</b>	26	27
28 Show Up Ride @ 11:00	29	30	31 <b>New Years Eve</b>  B-Day Colleen Moore	January 1, 2009  New Years Day Ride— Leave McDonalds @ 12:00 (noon)		

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*Bridger Café, Bridger, MT	406-662-3201	Tabitha Olson
Brown Bear Inn, Roberts, MT	406-445-2318	
*Busy Bee Café, Roundup, MT	406-323-2204	Mark Petrie, Mary or Jennie
*Cowtown Café, Cowley, WY	307-548-2990	
Flagstaff Café, Tensleep, WY	307-366-2745	
4 Aces Café, Lewistown, MT	406-538-9744	
*Jersey Lilly, Ingomar, MT	406-358-2278	Jerry Brown, Lynn Pinkerton
**Fort Custer Café, Custer, MT	406-856-4191	(Hilltop Café)
*Rails Inn, Forsyth, MT	406-346-2242	Carol
*Spring Creek Bar, Sarpy Creek, MT	406-342-5414	Sandra Hewitt
*Stockman Café, Rapelje, MT	406-663-2231	Gee
Sunset House, Cody, WY	307-587-2257	Julie
Montana Hanna's, Nye, MT	406-328-7400	406-328-7373
Branding Iron Restaurant, Dayton, WY	307-655-2334	
Purple Cow, Hardin, MT	406-655-3601	
Wagon Box Inn, Story, WY	307-683-2443	800-301-3120
Cowboy Bar & Supper Club, Fishtail, MT	406-328-4288	
Wade's Drive Inn, Harlowton, MT	406-632-4533	Mary Beth & Tom Bennett
Country Kitchen, Sheridan, WY	307-672-8144	Ryan Buchanan, mgr
Far-West Café, (Riverboat), Hardin, MT	406-665-3317	
Painter Outpost, Chief Joseph Hwy	307-527-5510	Kathy Oceanak or Carol Lunger
Uncle Sam's Eatery, Columbus, MT	406-323-6227	
Carters Camp, Nye MT	406-328-6186	Ken

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## Dinner Ride Restaurants

Fuddruckers Heights	406-259-2489
Laurel Country Club	406-628-2060
DJ's-Laurel	406-628-8780
Rockvale Restaurant, Rockvale, MT	406-962-3963
Grizzly Bar, Roscoe, MT	406-328-6789
Hungry Bear Café, Bearcreek, MT	406-466-9177
Next Generation Grille, Roundup, MT	406-323-2318
Brown Bear Café, Roberts, MT	406-445-2318
Crazy Mary's (Long Branch), Ballentine	406-967-3855
Apple Villiage, Columbus, MT	406-322-5939
Stroker's Supper Club, Huntley, MT	406-348-2042
Montana Hanna's, Nye, MT	406-328-7400/406-328-7373
Briarwood Country Club, Billings	406-245-2966
Jade Palace, Billings	406-656-8888
307 Bar & Casino, Columbus, MT	406-322-4511
Rockpile Restaurant, Billings	406-245-5985
Montana Jack's, Billings	406-252-0243
Tiny's Tavern, Billings	406-259-0828
Santa Fe Red's, Billings	406-252-2221
Gusick's, Billings	406-652-5441
Whitlock's Steak House, Columbus, MT	406-322-8677

