

The Raindrop

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January 2008

Presidents Corner:

Hi: Rainmakers

Wow did we have a Christmas party this year complete with entertainment and everything. I would like to thank everyone that helped with the party or donated gifts, or went out and collected gift certificates.

THANKS TO:

Janice = M. C. ing the party, Office Max gift certificates & 4 boxes of candy

Jack Byrnes = Afghan & gift certificates from Bad Boys Cycle

Bill & Cheryl Blaquiere = game, bread basket & Stella's gift certificate, Floral arrangement

Apex Manufacturing = T shirts, caps, calendars & prizes,

Larry = Jewelry,

Paul & Bev = pen & pencil sets, entertainment, and gift certificates from Kwikway, Santa Fee Reds.

Dave Alder = gift certificates from Hi-Tech, Reiter's, & Polaris.

John Vanover = entertainment,

Kendra = gift certificates from Beartooth Harley & entertainment.

Dave Deboer = gift certificate from Rib & Chop House

Greg Holt = Entertainment / Bag pipes.

Ron & Laura Blaquiere = Wine & Chocolate

Dave & Carol Jarzyna = Wine

Judy Balzer = Home made cheese cake

Mike & Nancy Henry = Balloon pop game, & Center piece.

A Special Thanks to the Rainmaker's Sunshine band (Paul, John, Kendra and the 5 Raindrops.)

Now that we have our own Rainmaker song, we should get it recorded on CD, maybe we could sell them to raise money for the Club. **You guys were great!**

And a special **Thanks** to Greg Holt for playing the pipes for us, it was great.

Who knew the Rainmakers had such talent?

Happy New Year

Darrel



Remember January is election month.

Step Up And Volunteer



2008 Dates to Remember

January Show Up Rides leave McDonalds @ 11:00, weather permitting.

January 1, 2008— 12:00 (noon) New Years Day Ride to Columbus Montana for lunch and 50/50 drawing.

January 9th— Monthly meeting @ Holiday Inn. Dinner @ 6:30, meeting @ 7:30. Will be holding election of officers for 2008.

January 16th— Dinner Ride @ 6:30. Location to be announced in January Raindrop.

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From the Editor

6 Years of History...

As many of you know, I have been doing a monthly Raindrop for the Rainmakers since January of 02'. Over the last 6 years I have produced 72 Raindrops, gone thru 1 computer, 1 monitor, 1 mouse, 2 keyboards, 3 printers (2 printers broke when we moved 3 years ago-luckily we had purchased warranty which we never do- and got them replaced for free- got 1 good one) and we are on our second desk. Our Kmart special finally had to go! Reams of paper, countless ink cartridges, (I used to print a copy each month for the printers) and currently cd disks to save each one to a disk. Rubber bands for mailing, gas for my car for running to the printers, office supply and post office. I have used 3 printers over the years, Topel Printing, Kinko's and now Office Depot. Office Depot is my one stop shop now. I get printing, supplies and stamps all in one run!

I have spent countless hours putting together the newsletter. I pour through motorcycle magazines, other magazines, The Billings Gazette, Tidbits, and The Rimrock Wings newsletter, to provide you interesting and informative information. And, I always appreciate when a member steps up to the plate and provides me with an article, information or joke for the next newsletter.

It takes me approximately 5-12 hours each month to actually compile my data and produce a newsletter. It just depends on how much I need to search for 'filler' things. And I do a lot of proof reading. I also work a 40 hours a week, take care of our house, Bill and our two dogs.

I really enjoy doing the Raindrop. I have progressed from not knowing anything about Publisher or what I was getting myself into, to having my arms wrapped around it. I've become a whiz at copy and paste, locating graphics, saving to pdf format and downloading to a website.

The most recent challenge/changes came when we created the two Rainmaker websites in 2006. Dave Jarzyna was instrumental in getting it all started. We had talked about it but really didn't know where to start. Dave created the Yahoo site for the members and Bob Schrammeck hooked me up with Steve Unsworth of Advanced Office Solutions to get our Bresnan site built through our Bresnan account. Since this was done...the newsletter goes very seamlessly for the most part, unless I leave something out!

There have been bumps and lumps along the road, but I've always managed to get through or around it. Thank you for allowing me to be your editor for the last 6 years. I hope for many more to come.

Sincerely, Cheryl Blaquiere

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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2007 High Mileage Race

1.	John Vannover	11,676
2.	Darrel Lavoy	11,608
3.	Bill Blaquiere	10,358

4.	Larry Nichols	9,935	8.	Mike Henry	5,109
5.	Bob Brown	8,519	9.	Greg Holt	5,057
6.	Dave Alder	5,516	10.	Paul Mundschenk	4,392
7.	Jack Byrnes	5,234	11.	Gene Wasia	2,691

2007 Most Scheduled Rides Attended- out of 20 sponsored rides

John Vannover	18	Darrel Lavoy	17
Larry Nichols	14	Dave Jarzyna	14
Jack Byrnes	11	Mike Henry	10
Bill Blaquiere	10	Richard Hofer	9
Greg Holt	8	Dave Alder	6
Don Bushman	6	Dick Slagowski	6
Richard Plyman	6	Kendra Bruget	5
Dave DeBoer	5	Al Koski	5
Terry Jessee	5	Dave Bruget	4
Gary Flagler	4	Darwin Nissen	4
Gene Wasia	4	Bob Brown	3
Stan Flemmer	3	Paul Mundschenk	3
Ron Blaquiere	2	Darrell Brewer	2
Jim Davis	2	Rick Ballantine	1
Kevin Frank	1	Tom Hess	1
Chuck Siemens	1	Virginia Plyman	1
Wayne Salisbury	1	Warren George Jr.	1

2007 Most Scheduled Co-Riders Attended- out of 20 sponsored rides

Janice Lavoy	16	Carol Jarzyna	12
Sharron Nichols	10	Cheryl Blaquiere	8
Jean Bushman	6	Barb Koski	4
Bev Mundschenk	3	Juanita Brewer	2
Jennifer Flagler	2	Judy Balzar	1
Laura Blaquiere	1	Karen DeBoer	1
Darlene Hess	1	Cynthia Jessee	1
Goldie Siemens	1		

2007 Scheduled Ride Attendance Totals

4/15	Columbus Shakedown	10 bikes	14 people
4/22	Sarpy Creek	15 bikes	19 people
4/29	Rapleje- Red Lodge	18 bikes	23 people
5/6	Powell / Lovell	5 bikes	7 people
5/20	Cody / Pahaska Teepee	20 bikes	28 people
6/3	Dead Indian Pass	12 bikes	19 people
6/10	Cody – Pahaska	12 bikes	15 people
6/17	Martinsdale	8 bikes	14 people
6/24	Cooke City	8 bikes	10 people
6/30	Lolo Pass	9 bikes	13 people
7/7	Big Horn Mtns.	5 bikes	6 people
7/15	Road Kill Café	11 bikes	14 people
7/22	Story, WY	9 bikes	13 people
7/29	Beartooth Attack	8 bikes	12 people
8/5	Lewistown Picnic	5 bikes	9 people
8/24	Jellystone Park	5 bikes	7 people
9/9	Hobson / Utica	9 bikes	13 people
9/16	Ingomar/ Beans & Gass	14 bikes	18 people
9/23	Montana Hanna's	8 bikes	10 people
9/30	Final Countdown	7 bikes	9 people



Rainmaker Meeting Minutes

December 8 , 2007

Rainmaker Christmas Party and More.....



Tidbits from December 2007 & January 2008...

From Fellow Rainmakers and Motorcycle Riders.....

December 21, 2007:

During the fantastic Christmas party I won a Gift Certificate from Bear Tooth Harley. I would like to trade it to anyone who has a Bad Boys Cycle gift certificate. Contact Jack, and Merry Christmas everyone and to all Rainmakers have a Happy New Year.

December 31, 2007:

I heard today that the 307 bought the Apple Village property, so if that's true, they should be opening that someday. The 307 does have good food.

Have a Happy New Year!

Darrell Robson, editor & webmaster of Rimrock Wings

January 1, 2008:

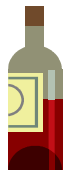
The new years ride is cancelled because of weather. A few of us are still going to meet at McDonalds and go to lunch somewhere in Billings. Every one is invited. Good food and conversation is the order for the first day of 2008. See you at noon.

Larry

January 1, 2008: HELLO FELLO RAINMAKERS!! HOPE YOU HAVE A VERY WONDERFUL 2008!!! WE SURE HAD A BLAST WITH MY CO-WORKERS AT THE BASE...WE BOWLED AND OLE LUCKY RON'S TICKET NUMBER WAS DRAWN AND HE HAD TO GO THROW FOR A STRIKE TO WIN \$100.00 AND HE DID IT!!!!!! HUSBAND DIDN'T CHOKE!!!! IT COULD OF BEEN THE 17 BEERS HE DRANK! NO JUST KIDDING. WE DID HAVE A GRAND TIME! HOPE YOU ALL ENJOY YOUR NEW YEAR LUNCHEON AND HOPEFULLY WE WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE IT TO BILLINGS ON THE 12TH!!! TAKE CARE...ALWAYS,, LAURA AND RON



January 12, 2008 Card/Bunko Party



The card game/wine tasting party will be Saturday January 12th @ 6:30 to be held at the Blaquiere's home at 3448 Fife Circle. Cheryl Blaquiere & Bev Mundschenk are hosting

We will play Bunko and I will have directions at each table and prizes. We will taste wine, eat chili, have snacks and just have a great time with friends. Those attending would be asked to bring a bottle of wine or a small snack and \$5.00 per person to play Bunko. Cheryl & Bev will provide the chili. Also, if anyone has an extra card table & four chairs, please bring them with you. Blaquiere's can accommodate 12 people at 3 tables, but if we have more...then we'll need more tables and chairs.

Contact Cheryl at 252-7704 or 698-3353 or Bev at 248-4012 if you would like to attend or need directions to the house! PLEASE RSVP by Friday January 11th. Thank you!



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 Thank you. **Cheryl Blaquiere**



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January Birthday's & Anniversaries

Anniversaries: None

Birthdays: 3rd- Dave Bruget
 9th- Karen DeBoer
 15th—Laura Blaquiere
 21st- Dave Alder




Am I missing anybody???????????

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Rainmaker & Motorcycle News

I'm starting a new area specifically for Rainmaker/ Motorcycle news flashes. This could include but is not limited to births, marriages, anniversaries, illness/surgery/hospitalization and deaths. If you have information on a Rainmaker or other member of the motorcycle community that you feel is worthy of sharing ...please feel free to contact me and will place it in the upcoming Raindrop.

Thanks...Cheryl

Surgery

Ok...so not to 'rain' on my parade (see new article above) I would like to inform the Rainmakers that I will be having surgery on my right thumb on January 17th. I injured (thought I had sprained it) my right thumb years ago wrestling with my son Ryan. He is almost as big as Bill. This summer while north of Kamloops, BC, Bill and I were riding with Darrel & Janice when I 'popped' the lower joint in my right thumb while working on my helmet. I since found out that I ruptured the ligament in that joint and it needs to be repaired. I will have surgery on January 17th and will be in a hard cast for 2 weeks and a light cast for 4 more weeks after that. I could possibly be gone from work for up to 6 weeks. Since my right hand is my dominant hand, it may be a bit rough for a few weeks or so. Please 'bear' with me while a plug through February and possibly March's Raindrops. Anything that could be sent to me via email in a word doc would be greatly appreciated. Also...please feel free to feed Bill! Thanks a bunch! You guys are the best. Cheryl



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January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 New Years Day  New Years Day Ride 12:00	2	3 B-Day Dave Bruget	4	5
6 show up ride @ 11:00	7	8	9 RMMC Meeting @ 7:30 Dinner @ 6:30 B-Day Karen DeBoer	10	11	12 Chili/Wine/Bunko @ Blaquiere's @ 6:30 Please RSVP @ 252-7704 3448 Fife Circle
13 show up ride @ 11:00	14	15 B-Day Laura Blaquiere	16 Dinner Ride @ 6:30 tba @ meeting & via email	17	18	19
20 show up ride @ 11:00	21 Martin Luther King Jr Day  B-Day Dave Alder	22	23	24	25	26
27 show up ride @ 11:00	28	29	30	31		Show up rides leave McDonalds @ 11:00—weather permitting

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>All show up rides leave McDonalds @ 11:00—weather permitting</p>					1	<p>2 Ground Hog Day</p> 
<p>3 Show up ride @ 11:00</p>	4	<p>5 B-Day Cheryl Blaquiere Bob Roberts</p>	<p>6</p> 	7	<p>8 B-Day Juanita Brewer</p>	9
<p>10 Show up ride @ 11:00</p>	11	<p>12 Lincoln</p> 	<p>13 RMMC Meeting @ 7:30, Dinner @ 6:30</p>	<p>14</p> 	15	16
<p>17 Show up ride @ 11:00</p>	<p>18</p> 	19	<p>20 Dinner Ride @ 6:30 TBA @ meeting & email</p>	21	<p>22 Washington</p> 	23
<p>24 Show up ride @ 11:00</p>	25	26	27	28	29	

