

# BMW RIDERS OF WESTERN COLORADO

## Color Weekend



Hotchkiss, Colorado

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## BMW Club Events!!

### • August Club Events

- August 28-29, 2010 Saturday / Sunday Dual Sport ride. Meet at GJBMW at 8a.m. see minutes for route details

### • September Club Events

- September 2, 2010 Thursday Club social meet at 6 pm at Diorio's on Horizon at 759 Horizon for bench racing, camaraderie, and dinner
- September 11, 2010 a 2nd Saturday Bonfire Overnight somewhere, The Thunder Mountain Lodge on the mesa is booked.
- September 18, 2010 Saturday Business Meeting Everyone is welcome to meet at 9:30 a.m. at Grand Junction BMW 2747 Crossroads Blvd. Grand Junction for a business meeting and a tech session. **Final Rally decisions will be discussed and decided.**
- September 24-26, 2010 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Thunder Mountain Rendezvous

### • This is OUR Rally! Fantastic venue, good food, good friends and motorcycling, don't miss it!

Come join us along the North Fork of the Gunnison River in downtown Hotchkiss Colorado at the Delta County Fairgrounds on color weekend on the Western Slope of Colorado. Experience the spectacular fall colors of Colorado! Ride through the world's largest Aspen stands as they turn golden along Kebler pass, the Grand Mesa, the North Rim of the Black Canyon, Owl Creek Pass, and the Million Dollar highway across Red Mountain, Molas and Coal Bank passes. Our low elevation venue includes a large meeting hall and plenty of grassy camping as well as the convenience of walking to downtown restaurants, stores and motels. Your rally fee of \$35 before (September 10) \$45 at the gate, gets you dinner Friday and Saturday nights, continental breakfast Sunday morning, camping, rally pin, free coffee and tea, door prizes, a movie Friday night inside Heritage Hall and music on Saturday night. GS rides, (all abilities), color rides and mileage rides will be mapped out and waiting for your enjoyment. No camping on the grass before Thursday evening September 23 after 5 p.m. We must limit registration to the first 200 guests to maintain quality. For information contact Rally Chair Terry Toner [motoman970@yahoo.com](mailto:motoman970@yahoo.com) or call 970-640-2420 or go to [www.bmwriders.net](http://www.bmwriders.net) and download a rally registration form.

### • October Club Events

- October 7, 2010 Thursday Club social meet at 6 pm at Dietch House 820 Hwy 92 Delta for bench racing, camaraderie, and dinner
- October 10, 2010 2nd Sunday Ride is this the Chili at Goblin Valley weekend?
- October 16 2010 Saturday Business Meeting Everyone is welcome to meet at 9:30 a.m. at Grand Junction BMW 2747 Crossroads Blvd. Grand Junction for a business meeting and a tech session. **Rally recap, a nominating committee and party planning!**

### • November Club Events

- November 4, 2010 Thursday Club social meet at 6 pm at The Hot Tomato in Fruitaf for bench racing, camaraderie, and dinner
- November 20, 2010 Saturday Business Meeting Everyone is welcome to meet at 10:00 a.m. at Grand Junction BMW 2747 Crossroads Blvd. Grand Junction for a business meeting.

### For Sale!!

ARAI XD-3 Dual Sport Helmet, XL, Silver, \$375.00

also Scala Rider Q2 intercom \$200.00 can be left in XD-3 helmet if desired

Call Andy Peterson 858-3201

## It's Thunder Mountain Rendezvous time!

Are you ready for the  
Thunder Mountain Rally?  
Download a registration form  
here:[http://  
www.bmwriders.net/  
rallyregister.htm](http://www.bmwriders.net/rallyregister.htm)  
Do it Now!



### Minutes of the August 21, 2010 Business Meeting of the BMW Riders of Western Colorado

President Brad Hoy called the meeting to order at 9:15. There were 13 members present. Brad reported he had ridden the 100,000 foot ride sponsored by the BMW Club of Colorado. He also has information on track days in Albuquerque. He will have the specifics at our next gathering.

#### Officers reports:

Treasurer Monte Potter reports that the PayPal account for the rally entries is working well, and with recent registration deposits, the bank balance is above \$5000. Monte also reported that Joe Branson was heading to the East coast via the BMW MOA Open house in Missouri. Secretary Jeff Smith mailed welcome letters and club brochures to ten recent purchasers of BMW motorcycles from Grand Junction BMW on July 24. No-one has responded although one letter was returned because of a bad address. The Land of Enchantment BMW riders of New Mexico host the Sipapu rally every September. They have asked our club to donate a door prize. Jeff was directed to send them a certificate for the Thunder Mountain Rendezvous and a rally brochure. He will also ask them to donate a door prize to our 2011 rally. Jeff reported that club member Mark Rovito had given him brochures and business cards for Mark Stewart the new owner of the Thunder Mountain Lodge on the Grand Mesa. This is the old Spruce Lodge on Ward Lake. A club overnight was discussed, staying in cabins on the Mesa or camping at the nearby campground, and enjoying a bonfire on Saturday night September 11. Vice President Paul Hughes has two passes to the Dogwood Trail Rally next spring to be awarded at our rally.

#### Rally Business:

Rally Master Terry Toner passed around rally notes including job assignments and a tentative budget. He is working on a grand prize for the rally and will purchase a gift certificate from Grand Junction Harley Davidson/BMW/KTM for the winner. T-shirts were discussed with the club purchasing 50 short sleeve and the Grand Junction BMW purchasing 50 long sleeve shirts. The shirts purchased by Grand Junction BMW will be given away to participants in the poker run who stop by GJBMW. Terry suggested that club members who register and volunteer at the rally each receive a shirt for their efforts. A motion was MSP that Club members who register and pay \$35 to attend the rally and then "work their tails off" at the rally will receive a rally shirt from the 50 that the club is buying. **In order to participate in this offer club members need to get their registrations in and email their T-shirt size to Brad Hoy before September 1 or else!** A discussion followed about what to charge visitors/late arrivals on Saturday. It was agreed to charge \$15 for the Saturday night dinner to non registered guests. Gary Campbell is finishing another chili cooker and with Monte's propane burner and chili oar we will have two chili pots and plenty of chili. The club plans to dispose of any excess chili at a



campout in Goblin Valley in October. Terry reports that the Hotchkiss Booster Club breakfast is a go for Saturday morning September 25, and that "Have Cooker will Travel" is scheduled for Saturday night. The music on Saturday night will be a guitar and keyboard from Starr's Guitars. He will also contact the Hotchkiss Chamber of Commerce to get the word out to area businesses that the rally is coming to town again. Terry also reports that Tom Lowdermilk of Sidestand Up is looking forward to attending our rally and will broadcast live from Heritage Hall on Friday night before the movie. Monte is working on Insurance.

New Business:

Monte suggested that club members think about safety related causes that the club could fund or donate towards to promote rider safety and awareness. Ideas include MSF tuition support, billboards, or a club sponsored ERC course. Monte's two day dual sport ride is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday August 28 and 29. Meet at GJ BMW at 8:00 am on Saturday August 28 and ride East over Muddy Pass, Kebler, Cumberland, Waunita, Black Sage, and Old Monarch. The group will stay in motels in Salida and then turn West on Sunday morning with various dirt routes including Old Cochetope, Cinnamon and Engineer passes.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

Respectfully Submitted, Jeff Smith Secretary/Editor

### **A Horizons Unlimited meeting right in our backyard, Silverton, Colorado**

**Come to an [HU Travellers Meeting](#) Thursday through Sunday August 26 - 29, 2010  
If you have ever thought of traveling around the world. Or are you fascinated by the  
stories of people who have?**

The Horizons Unlimited website says it the best, "You are not alone! You can meet people who don't think you're crazy for wanting to ride your bike to South America or Africa or across Asia, or even around the world! Admit it, all your 'normal' friends and most of your family fears for your sanity! So, this is your opportunity to meet the people who will encourage you in that craziness, share their experiences and advice on how to do it, and maybe you'll meet them again in Mongolia or Timbuktu! HU Meetings are not like your average biker rally. They are a combination of inspirational presentations on overland trips people have taken, hands-on 'how to' sessions to help with your planning, and lots of great folks to talk to about past and future travels. Our aims for the meetings are to help people who want to do a long distance trip with ideas and info, inspire people to go a little further than they have before and reduce the fear of the unknown. The meetings also generate profit to support HU, but most importantly, they're a lot of fun! In 2006, meetings in the UK, Canada, USA East and West, Mexico, Belgium, Portugal, Australia and Argentina attracted over 1,000 travellers and would-be travellers. In 2010, we have at least 14 confirmed [meetings](#). There's bound to be one near you!"

For information and online registration go to: <http://www.horizonsunlimited.com/meetings/Colorado2010.php>

### **A favorite local rally in Sipapu New Mexico**

#### **Bavarian Mountain Weekend September 10, 11, and 12, 2010**

The Land of Enchantment BMW Riders cordially invite you to attend one of the finest BMW motorcycle rallies in the West. Our greatest attraction is our setting. Each year, the first weekend after Labor Day, we return to the [Sipapu Ski Area](#) in the Carson National Forest for a fun-filled event in the mountains of northern New Mexico. The scenery is superb, the roads are awesome and the weather is usually fabulous. Registration for our rally is required. A wristband will be issued to all rally attendees and visitors, so please check in at the registration tables near the gas pumps adjacent to the lodge. This year we've added an option so you can register, order merchandise and pay for everything, and you can do it all on-line via PayPal. You still can also register by filling out an on-line form, printing it out and putting it into the mail with you check. For more information go to: <http://www.nmbmwmc.org/sipapu.htm>



**"Accelerate" The Colorado Rider News-  
The K1600 GT and K1600GTL six cylinder BMW's are coming April 2011**

Read it all at: <http://www.bmwgj.com/>

Want a test ride? Make an appointment with Grand Junction BMW and Demo a R1200RT, a R1200GS or a F800GS.

Check out the discounts!

Grand Junction BMW is still offering a **Side Stand Up** tire sale, bring in your best price on tires and they will beat it.

Follow the link: <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs049/1102890109308/archive/1103580838217.html> to get the details and a coupon worth 10% off your next purchase through August 31, 2010.

**Summer is Here!! Why Check the Road Report?**

The high passes of Colorado are open; but hazards still exist all over the State, be careful of **gravel, sand, early morning ice or dew!** Watch the weather and check the road report before you head out on the bike. Check for weather, construction delays and closures on state websites. Our own [www.bmwriders.net](http://www.bmwriders.net) includes a link to Colorado road construction projects, and more information, including **road conditions** is available at [www.cotrip.org](http://www.cotrip.org). Other nearby States can be checked while planning a trip to minimize delays and torn up roads. Utah construction can be checked at [www.dot.state.ut.org/construction](http://www.dot.state.ut.org/construction), New Mexico at [www.nmshtd.state.nm.us](http://www.nmshtd.state.nm.us) and Wyoming at <http://wyoroad.info/>. **Ride safe and slow down for the Cone Zones!**

**Members send your email address and get the newsletter in color!**

To save on copying and postage costs members are encouraged to opt out of the mailed newsletter. Please send the Club Editor an email at [rjspoa@yahoo.com](mailto:rjspoa@yahoo.com) including your email and I will remove your name from the newsletter mailing list. You will continue to receive club correspondence by email.

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