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## Upcoming Rides

**June 4-**BMW Club or Colorado Ladies Ride. Depart 1000am from BMW Denver, 2910 S Havana. For details visit: coloradobeemers.com.

**June 18-19** Curt Gowdy State Park Dual Sport Camp & Ride. 2 day ride to Wyoming for riding on pavement or dirt. See our website or Dan Kearney at (303) 246-8804 or (303) 582-3348 for more information and details.

**July 9** As part of the bimonthly random rides, we will be riding to Bishop's Castle near Pueblo. RSVP by July 5 and for more details contact Susan Andrews (303) 680-9189

**July 5-17** Vintage Races in Ohio and Motorcycle Hall of Fame Museum. Roy Blakney will be riding out to AMA Vintage races before the MOA Rally. Contact Roy (303) 756-2547.

**July 21-24** BMW MOA National Rally in Lima, Ohio. See the national website: [www.bmwmoa.org](http://www.bmwmoa.org) for more details. If you are going and want to have others ride with you, please contact Ed Padalinski (303) 699-6282 for listing in the newsletter.

## MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

It seems that our young, active, and dynamic club is in the need of more members to help continue supporting and coordinating the club. We currently have about 34 members, but we need more to help with all the duties that we are involved in. While most clubs only have about 10% of its members actively involved in the club, our club has at least a 30% involvement ratio. While that is fantastic, we could sure use more active members. We feel that with the amount of activities and rides, we are a very active club for its short existence. This is only because of the dedicated group of founders that make this club what it is today!

We have real riders that plan many trips and usually ride at least once a week and several of our members probably ride every day. In coordination with BMW Denver and Foothills BMW, we have decided to offer free one year memberships to their customers who purchase a new or used BMW motorcycle this year. We feel that once they enjoy the benefits of our club membership, they will certainly renew for years to come!

We will also be coordinating monthly recruitments at the dealerships once per month to meet and greet potential members. You can help us, by coming to these events and support your club and tell others of your club experiences and benefits.

Remember a club is only as good as its membership!!

Club Membership Information is available online at [www.rmbrc.org](http://www.rmbrc.org) or contact Susan Andrews at (303) 680-9189.

## From your President....

**A DAY AT THE TRACK** - Last Saturday, I spent at the 2nd Creek Raceway in Commerce City. Not watching, but rather out on the track on my current K1200LT. Now those of you who know me realize that Kip and racer do not belong in the same sentence. Soooo ... let's back up a bit. Say a year or so, when, with my first K1200, I make a stop at the local BMW dealership. There, after a good bit of discussion with one of their salespeople, the Go-4-It motorcycle training was recommended as one of the best ways to sharpen my riding skills. Being a natural procrastinator, I tucked the Go-4-It flier into my BMW folder, with all good intention of taking one of their classes "in the near future".

It took a group ride, a patch of sand at the outside of a right hand turn to show me (rather dramatically) that some additional instruction was indeed necessary. After the insurance company decided I really needed a new bike (ie, my lovely K1200 was TOTALED ), I made a promise to my new bike that I'd get that

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## DAN KEARNEY BBQ

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On May 15th Dan (our rides committee chair) decided to invite club members to his house in Golden Gate Canyon for a BBQ. This was an impromptu gathering and several members met at Sams#3 to ride up to Golden. Unfortunately, Ed Padalinski had a little mechanical difficulty (leaking gasoline) forcing him to return home. But, Susan Andrews and Bob Wright made the trip on 2 wheels, while Roy Blakney, Kip Rogers and their significant others rode up in 4 wheels. Several other members also met up at Dan's house. The ride was beautiful, with good cheer and burnt offerings in the form of hamburgers!



Dan at his recent ride to Moab over Memorial Day Weekend.



## COLORADO BEEMERS RIDE PEAK TO PEAK RIDE

On April 24th, Dan Kearney and Ed Padalinski decided to join the BMW Club of Colorado for their annual Peak to Peak ride. We left Foothills BMW on a rather chilly morning for the group ride. There were about 40 motorcycles at the event. We rode to Golden up to Golden State Canyon and to Nederland for a break to warm up with some hot Java. We continued on to Estes Park where the group met up again for lunch. There was still a lot of snow on the side of the roads, but the weather did improve slightly. Of course the speeds were on the high side as that club likes to move along. All in all it was a good ride and Dan & Ed enjoyed the route and scenery. After lunch everyone was on the own, so we traveled back from Estes Park to Boulder and then back to Denver. As we arrived near I-70 and I-225 the weather began to make its impact and we rushed home before the rains really came down.

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## PUERTO VALLARTA, MEXICO 2005

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Dan Kearney and Ed Padalinski have begun planning the ride to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico in October. We have set the exact dates of October 1-12, 2005. The exact route and more details will be discussed during this months regular meeting. If you are interested in traveling with us, please contact Dan (303) 582-3348 or Ed (303) 699-6282. The route will go south along the coast and back to Denver inland through Copper Canyon. We are also considering traveling all the way to Cabos San Lucas and taking the ferry back to the mainland.

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long overdue instruction. Thus when I heard that a group class had been rescheduled, I jumped at the chance for some great semi-private training with Go-4-It's president and chief instructor Mike Pettiford. Mike, with over twenty years experience teaching both racing technique and street safety, turned out to be everything I could have wished for in a coach. With a mix of short "chalk talk" sessions followed by significant track time, I found both my confidence and skills noticeably developing as I first followed Mike around the 14 turn Grand Prix style course then had him follow me. Mike's memory and eye for detail is truly remarkable. As the day progressed, he would compare my progress on specific turns with what I had done hours before.

Now, you may be thinking, "why do all this on a race track". Well, if you think about it, it lets you concentrate on refining turning technique at highway speeds in a safe, repeatable environment. It also lets you practice it over and over again on the same stretch of road, until you get it right. Thus a class with four students and two first rate instructors is pretty close to the ideal way to learn. Yes, it might have been nice to have Mike all to myself, but quite frankly, it helped my ego a bit to be with another student or two who were also having to work a bit to, as Mike would say, "Fix It". So, while my "line" around a curve may not yet be perfect, and my bike doesn't always turn like it is "on a rail", I know what doing it right feels like. And yes, I'll probably go back for some more of that excellent coaching.

PS One of my fellow classmates was David Allen, another RMBRC member. It sure was fun, wasn't it Dave?



Photo shows left to right: Mike McFaren (instructor), Kip Rogers, David Allen, and Mike Pettiford (instructor) relaxing after class. Out on the track all of us were fully suited up.

## Club Activities:

All Monthly Meetings will now be held in one location at Windsor Gardens Restaurant 597 S Clinton St. Denver.

- June Monthly Meeting on June 2nd at Windsor Gardens Restaurant 597 S Clinton St. (303) 341-7408. Topic is "Riding With Others" by Dan Kearney our own rides committee chairman and the usual leader of our own group rides
- Our first Dinner Ride on June 4th at 600pm at the Hickory House 10355 S. Parker Rd. The dinner rides are for members & guests to socialize. RSVP required to Ed Padalinski (303) 699-6282
- July Membership Drive-July 25 at BMW Denver from 10am-2pm. Please contact Kip Rogers (303) 750-6234 for signup
- July Monthly Meeting, July 7th with the Topic of "Hang On" or two up riding.

The Club Library is online now, so if you wish to 'check out' items from other club members, please see our website [www.rmbrc.org](http://www.rmbrc.org) for a complete list but a sampling is:

- "Motorcycle Adventures through Baja"
- "Motorcycle Adventures through Northern Mexico"
- "Motorcycle Adventures through Southern Mexico"
- "Two Wheels Through Terror"
- "Obsessions Die Hard"
- "One Man Caravan"
- "Ghost Rider"
- "Between a Rock and a Hard Place"
- DVD "Long Way Round"
- "Long Way Round" book

If you have any items you wish to share with other members, please contact Dan Kearney for listing in our club library