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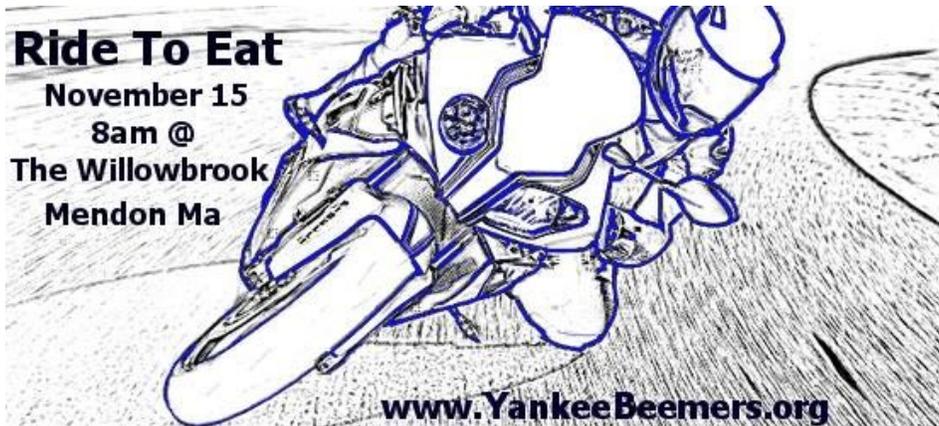


Happy Thanksgiving

“ELECT to RIDE - RIDE to ELECT”



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YB Member Rob McKays Moto Tour of the Atlantic Irish Coast
Hopefully we can get an article with more details Rob?



Prez/Secretary Says By Ken Springhetti

As President I am sad to announce the retirement of our beloved (and cute) Secretary, Mr Waegemann. I am pleased to announce that "Young Karl" Renneker has stepped up to take his place. While Lord Marc and his Surface Pro are now fading into the rear view, I look forward to the literary delights with which our new Secretary will bless us.

On a cold October Sunday, 55 hardy Why Bee's walked the gangplank onto the good ship Willowbrook. Despite the cold weather and cramped conditions the atmosphere was electric. In attendance were Former YB President Jeff Stein, The Hadden Brothers, Karl, Marc and Wallace were at the head table heckling as the crowd continued to grow. Many former and new members came and introduced themselves. Even as the temperatures continues to drop, the enthusiasm of the New England rider cannot be broken. Despite reports of snow in Vermont, serious frost on the pumpkins, and a smattering of other pre-halloween haunts, the YB's rolled out in force for a morning ride. Kate and I took a long and winding back road ride to the breakfast, and were rewarded with orange and yellow foliage, no traffic, and a beautiful morning.





It was nice to see so many YB's at Carl's ride to the Vanilla Bean on November 1, many came unwashed and blurry from the nearby Mt Misery campout. There were Airheads, S1000's, A K1, sidecars, and all sorts of cool machines that filled the parking lot. A rare Phil Rose appearance!

The candidates for Team 2016 are on the ballot, once again running unopposed. Please take time to thank all of them for their service, and do consider coming out in November. YB's ride Far, Fast, and Frequently, plug in your electrics, put on that extra sweater and join us on November 15th. Please remember to renew your membership, it helps the club continue to operate our forum, the Boxer Shorts, and to keep the events going. 2015 was a great year with more than 30 events, gatherings, rides to eat and campouts. We look forward to serving you in 2016

Thank you all for a great year.

See you November 15th at the Willowbrook

Editors View By Dwight Nevins

2016 YB Management team / Hardy BMW riders

I won't use the same lame joke I did last year about the Japanese and elections.. It was in poor taste (and you know that I'm all about good taste.)

So for the election of the 2016 officers we have four uncontested positions Below you will find each candidates stated position . A ballot to use at the November meeting. If you would like, You may fill in yourself or another for any of the positions .

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS SUCKS !

With the sun setting earlier and darkness taking over well before supertime and the low morning temperatures leaving our roads with an exciting little layer of Frost / Leaves / Ice, I suspect the number of riders we see on the roads and in the moto-commuter lots will fade fast .

But then there's the BMW riders: Turn on the grips , plug in the Gerbings , set the windscreen switch to UP , and carry on as normal.

We may not have it as bad as some of our more northerly neighbors, but it takes special kind of individual to get out there and face the elements, when there's probably a nice warm vehicle available with coffee cup holders and a heater that

you could also choose , but you DON'T !

WHY ?

Because We are BMW RIDERS.

That's why.



You MIGHT BE A BEEMER RIDER IF :

* You have ever tried to figure out how to attach your skis to your motorcycle so you can get to the slopes.



- ◆ You know the capacity of your bike's electrical system and have calculated how many extra lights and how much heated gear you can add without overtaxing your system and the headlights go yellow and the bike quits halfway to your destination 150 miles away.

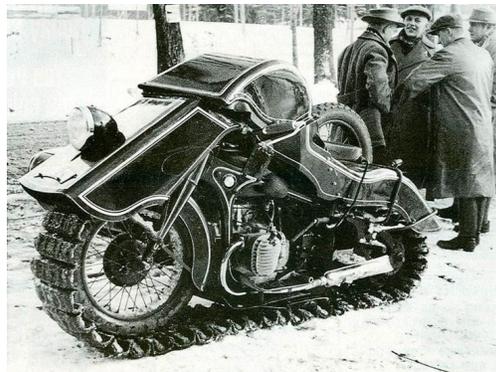


* All you ask Santa for is Chemical Heater Packs and Wool



Socks.

- ◆
- ◆



* You think the idea of adding a track to your motorbike is entirely reasonable.



Ken Springhetti -PRESIDENT

It has been a pleasure to serve as YB President in 2015. I have had the honor of leading the best motorcycle club on the planet. It has been a great year of riding, camping, rallying, traveling the back roads and chilling at the campfire. My vision for the Yankee Beemers in 2015 was to perpetuate the existence of the events that drew me to become a member so many years ago, and add my own spin to them. Starting with Frosty Nutz, and ending this weekend at the Vanilla Bean, this has been a fun year for me, and I am looking forward to 2016! The team of people that drive the YB Machine are an unstoppable force in New England. I love the YB scene, be it hanging out at Heritage Ice Cream for bike nights on Tuesdays with Kate, Karl, Karen, Steve Thomas, and all the other YB's, setting up my tent along the river at Wilgus State Park for the Frosty Nutz, drawing YB logos on my computer to advertise the latest event, sorting out the calendar for the year, making coffee at a rally, riding to a breakfast event, or representing the YB's at far flung club rallies all over the USA. A great club and being President has been a lot of fun.

I would like to thank everyone who helped make 2015 great,

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During the next year they will be doing a lot to keep the wheels rolling, I ask you all to offer to help them fly the YB Flag in any way you can. We will be looking for rally chairs, ride leaders, camp counselors, ambassadors of goodwill, BBQ'ers, toybox haulers, pie servers, ice cream scoopers, and folks to help empty the beer cans..

Many hands make light work, Here's to Twenty Sixteen!

-P.S. it's not too late to run against me,
you may even win unopposed !

Colorado Highlands Tour

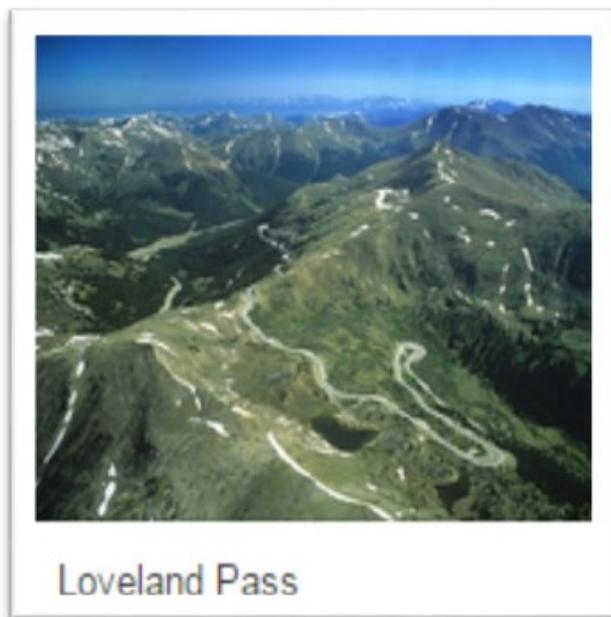
Victor Cruz

Allow me to share the 7-day Colorado trip that Tom Kemper, Moe Lazzaro, Kurt Schmucki, Don Lapierre, Phil Foster and I took in July. All quotes cited here belong to Steve Farson, author of *The Complete Guide to Motorcycling Colorado*.

Day 1: Aurora – Boulder – Loveland Pass – Breckenridge 130 miles

Although we fly into Denver around 10:00am MST, the early 3:00am wake up and 4.5 hour flight will not bode well for a long day in the saddle. After picking up our steeds from Tour Bikes (14 miles from airport), we go thru Denver to Boulder just 30 minutes away. For the next 3 nights we'll use Wolf's Den, a ski chalet in Breckenridge, as the central hub. From Boulder it is 11 miles to Boulder Falls on a canyon road that climbs 2,700 feet on a former railroad bed to Dutch mining town Nederland. South from there we pass casino towns Black Hawk and Central City, turning west from Idaho Springs for a 26 mile stretch on I-70 before getting off at Loveland Pass, "a stirring" 15-mile ride over a 11,990 ft road, said to be the highest pass in the world regularly maintained in

the winter. Says Farson: *"Since you will be riding well above timberline in this scant-air place, be prepared. You should expect anything, from thunderstorms and electrical activity, to cold sleet and possibly snow in the summer."* Now you know what to pack!



Day 2: Leadville - Georgetown - Guanella Pass 220 miles

We leave north from Wolf's Den hopping on I-70 for 30 miles pass famous Vail ski resort to Dowds Junction exit Rt 24 south to Tennessee Pass. From Minturn to Leadville, *"there isn't a boring strip of asphalt the entire route."* We ride over historic Red Cliff



Truss Bridge at Eagle Gorge before coming to Tennessee Pass, a bump between the State's highest 14-footers, Elbert and Massive. A coffee break in Leadville, a town gold and silver mines put on the map, sits at 10,152 feet. We'll visit City on the Hill coffee rosters, the highest elevation bean house in the U.S. Their website says, *"Roasting at high altitudes produces a rich, smooth cup profile without a bitter after-taste."* Re-mounting our trusty steeds we ride north on 91 towards Copper Mt and Fremont Pass, different from the others.... *"Instead of a tightly coiled snake ready to strike, the serpent of Fremont Pass is more stretched out and retreating, avoiding confrontation with its fangs."* During World War 1 the area was mined for molybdenum, a mineral used to harden steel. We'll see it too: The Climax Mines.

We rejoin I-70 for 10 miles to Dillon exit US-6 east and ride the back side of Loveland Pass then back on I-70 for 10 miles east getting off at Georgetown. Brick-oven pizza at the Alpine restaurant welcomes our greedy stomachs in touristy Georgetown. We ride through town to the south entrance of Guanella Pass, a 23-mile high-altitude "ultra-scenic" ride mostly paved with 8 miles of "well-maintained dirt surfaces." We hit 285 south greeting unspoiled horse meadows and views *"unlike any other in Colorado."* We go through Kenosha Pass (*"no drop-offs or vertical rock walls close by"*) pass tiny Jefferson then over the S curve of Red Hill Pass, taking a break at the Brown Burro in Fairplay, named in the 1800s as a place where the locals "play fair."

Day 3: Peak to Peak - Rocky Mt National Park - 260 miles

Today is a big day in the saddle. We avoid weekend traffic by saving today (Monday) for Rocky Mt National Park. We take secondaries on the perimeter of Dillon Reservoir until we find route 9 north, a quiet, less-traveled beauty that meanders across wide-open country. Paying a \$10 toll, the Park's Trail Ridge 34 is North America's highest continuous paved road. *"Careful thought went into its engineering and design to enhance the visual aspects of the Park."*

We grab picnic provisions in Grand Lake beforehand. Traffic was too annoying on 34, so we stopped



midway then went south toward Winter Park then thru Berthoud Pass which is *"park-like, with high-imposing peaks anchoring the horizons."* Passing lanes allows you to ride it like a rollercoaster, leaning the bike way over. A speedy return to Wolf's Den from the hamlet of Empire, using the Eisenhower Tunnel on I-70.

Day 4: Breckenridge to Durango - 274 miles

Today we must part ways from Wolf's Den to seek warmer climates in the south and Wolf Creek Pass. Durango is more than 3x larger than Breck with a population of 16,899

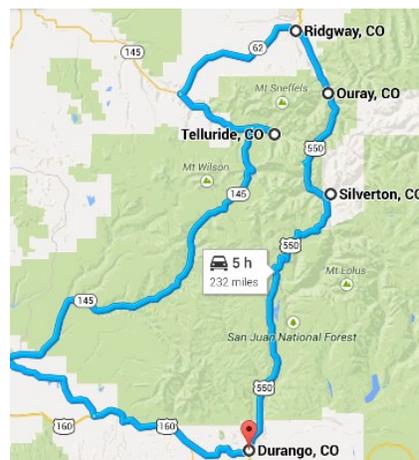


(Breck is a ski resort

town of 4,500 people) and ten degrees warmer on average. We go south from town up Hoosier Pass rolling past Fairplay again, turning right on 285 toward Poncha Springs and its namesake Pass. We literally ride over the old inland sea bed of the San Luis Valley, *"the world's largest alpine valley with more than 3 million acres at 7,500 feet of elevation."* We actually cross two mountain valleys. On our left the Sangre de Cristo Range *"scraping the sky off into the distance."* The San Juan Mountains to our right, following an old railroad bed across national and state wildlife refuges and lakes. About halfway to Durango we stop for a break in sleepy Saguache to mentally prepare for a 23-mile flat and straight-as-an-arrow road, the only one of its kind. But we eventually hit 42 miles of forested land at South Fork, the start of Wolf Creek Pass (where we got pelted by hard hail that must have made that cruiser dude riding without a helmet say ouch). A road offering wide sweepers with passing lanes: *"Watch out here. There's a curving tunnel inside a snow shed. Inside, it hides a curve tighter than others that can catch an unprepared rider just cooking through."* At the bottom of this pass is Treasure Falls. Scenic riding with sun in our eyes until we reach southwestern Colorado.

Day 5: Durango – San Juan Skyway – Lizard Head Pass – 232 miles

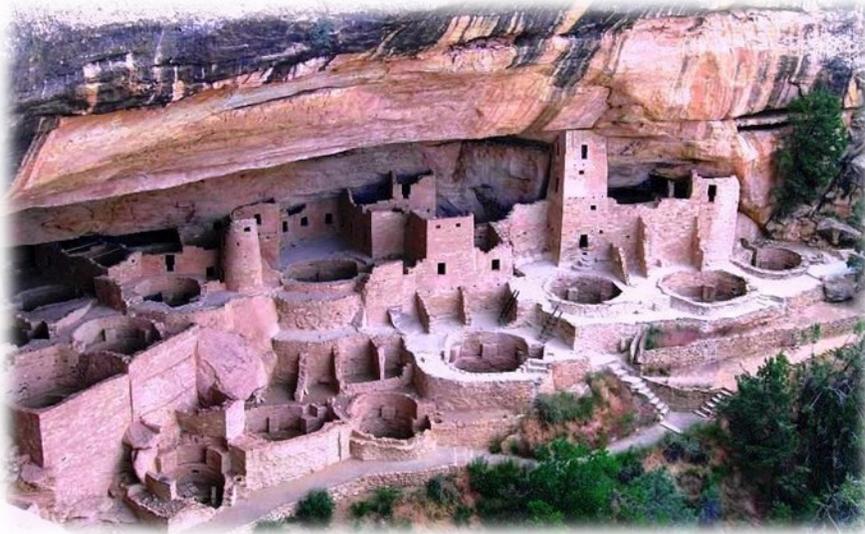
We awake to find ourselves in the General Palmer, our 3-night Victorian hub located in Durango's historic main street section. After a complimentary breakfast we head on 550 north for *"one of the Top Ten rides in the country"* with the sun on our backs to Silverton, the gateway to the famous Million Dollar Hwy, so called for costing a million per mile, some say, while others say it's called that for having gold ore in its fill dirt. The 21 miles from here to Ouray our guide calls *"Spectacular....I am hard pressed to think of a more amazing, breathtaking, awe-inspiring section of paved road anywhere."* In Ouray, probably the "cutest" town in the world, nesting inside of surrounding peaks, we jump into their sulfur-free Hot Springs to dip our claw-like bodies into its relaxant 106-degree baths. From there, Ridgway is at the tip of our loop, the area where John Wayne's *True Grit* was shot. Here begins the 3,200-foot climb to Lizard Head Pass and the western side of the San Juan Skyway. From here it's a southwesterly run to the awesome box canyon of filthy rich Telluride, where a waterfall that cascades like a vertical river can be seen from downtown and where millionaires come to complain if it happens to rain. We'll see Trout Lake and 14k-ft Wilson Peak. Moving south to Rico and *"ranches of the coffee-table book style"* and a town aptly named Stoner, we advance to Dolores and Mancos *"through farms and meadows with sweeping ascents and descents."*





Day 6: Durango – Mesa Verde National Park – 130 miles RT

At this late stage of the tour we'll need to stable the horses so we can finally behave like good-natured tourists. We leave the high alpine passes to drier attitudes, pointing the noses west toward Utah for 35 miles until the turnoff south to Mesa Verde, where you can see New Mexico in the distance. The entrance road is 30 miles of parkway, all curves and dips. We stop at the Visitor Center and pay a \$10 park fee. We're here to visit ancient Puebloan sandstone homes built in the 1190s and occupied until 1300. There are several sites in the Park. Cliff Palace is the largest and requires a ranger-guided tour. FYI, tickets have to be bought in person the day before. You have to climb ladders to reach certain sections. A great way to spend a leisurely afternoon with your Camelback. Dry and 80s sounds really good right about now.



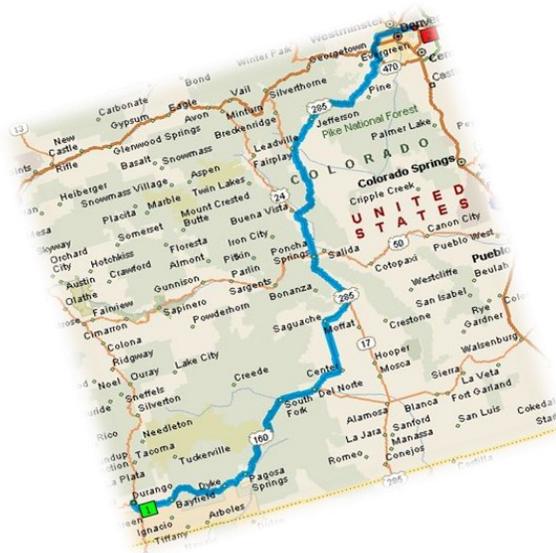
Day 7: Durango - Denver - 347 miles

By now I'm sure we will all be extremely exhausted. So what better way to cap off the tour than with a 6 hour ride without stops and into city traffic as a cap-off? We retrace the scenic route we used to reach Durango 3 days earlier via Pancha Pass 285, returning bikes to Aurora, then a check-in at the Denver Marriott Renaissance that offers free airport shuttles for our 10:25am flight.

The Aurora rental agency Tour Bikes was a no-fuss affair. They offer an assortment of BMWs. Plenty of 1200 GS's. Bikes were clean, most had over 20,000 miles. Kurt didn't like the looks of his Triumph's front tire, so Bill the owner replaced it with a new one without blinking. We were lucky in so many ways. Great weather and no fall-offs. We saw a herd of elk in the wild. After returning the bikes I sent Bill off to the package store to retrieve us

a 12-pack of micros. They were consumed within minutes without blinking. Everyone should make it their duty to check off items on their bucket lists, and ride Colorado.

V.C.



Things that work :

by Catfish

1. Tents .I like a Half dome tent with clips to hold the polls.
The ones with two poles are easier and faster to set up.

2. Inside the tent I put a space blanket on the floor
to keep the dampness out and keep in heat.

3 .Sleeping bags .
when it's cold I use a synthetic type sleeping bag
rated for 0° they are more bulky but warmer than down.
When it really gets cold, I use a bag liner
or a small sleeping bag to put inside mine .
Just because a bag says 0 degrees doesn't mean
you will be warm
I think just it means you probably wont die of hypothermia.
Summer time I use a lite weight mummy if it gets too hot
you can always open it up.
I've seen it get to 42° .at Heath the first week of August

4 .Tent Hygiene
Under the fly I put a folded up grown cloth .
And I use a straw beach mat for a door mat
outside the tent, so I don't crawl out into some mud.

5. Safety When the tent stakes are far out from the tent
I tie a ribbon on the stake, so it can be seen
and not get stepped on and you trip and fall and break your
neck. Riding your bike home is better than riding in an Am-
bulance.

6 Packing , Most riders take to much stuff.
When you get home look at what you didn't use
and leave it home next time.



Catfish forgot to mention, that ANYTHING from the YB Store works well !



Mark Your Calendars :
YB Holiday Party
Saturday Jan 16, 2016
Warren Inn and conference center
Ashland, Mass.

(full details in the December Shorts)





Breakfast Meetings

On Nov 15 and Dec 20

We will be back to our regular spot

The Willowbrook 16 Hastings St Mendon, Ma.

Coffee at 8 , breakfast at 8:30 ,

meet and then Ride , Ride on to ??? Chan's for Lunch ?

Novemeber 1 (Sun) Carl Saccocia's Vanilla Bean Ride

November 15 YB Breakfast Willowbrook Mendon

December (TBD) Hound Butt Bus Tour MC show ???
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December 20 YB Breakfast Willowbrook Mendon

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