



**Region "E" Chapter "O"**  
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Nebraska Chapter "O" meets on the second Saturday of the month at D&K's Gretna Café, 104 Glenmore Drive (near highway 6&31) Gretna, Nebraska 402-332-3273. [Breakfast & chat @ 8 a.m., meeting at 9 a.m.](#) Come join us for a gathering of *Friends for Fun, Safety & Knowledge!*

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### **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

#### **August Birthdays**

Robin Saunders Aug 22

#### **August Anniversary's**

Gary & Teresa Hemingway Aug 02  
 Willard & Sonya Crowl Aug 04  
 Bob & Charlotte Lake Aug 09  
 Doug & Kathy Rice Aug 13  
 Ron & Anna Osborn Aug 19  
 Bill & Nancy James Aug 22

**September Birthdays**

Marty Fawcett	Sept 03
Nancy Drawbaugh	Sept 04
Bob Lake	Sept 08
Cheryl Lapka	Sept 17
Rodger Fawcett	Sept 17
Mary Classen	Sept 22
Willard Crowl	Sept 24
Les Delano	Sept 29

**September Anniversary's**

Mark & Michelle Owens	Sept 07
Bill & Marna Raymond	Sept 13
Greg & Karen Pennington	Sept 27

**What's Happening in Chapter "O"****From the Directors Desk***Gary & Janita Stegner*

Chapter "O" has completed another annual picnic with great success. We had 36 in attendance. A big thank you to Mark & Michelle Owens for the overwhelming hit with the board game. It brought a lot of laughs and suspense.

John & Cheryl Papson are planning a dinner ride later this month. Watch for more details to come. The next big event will be the region rally Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>&4<sup>th</sup> at Moline, where Mark and Pam Burwell will be running for regional couple of the year. We wish them the best.

For those who attended the meeting, we have a new committee to present the "Wing Nut" award for the month. So if you make a mistake, motorcycle related, look out. You might be the next one to receive this great honor.

The weather is starting to get nice for making up a lot of rides that were not possible when it was so hot. The freedom rock ride is still in the works, probably some time in September. Anyone wanting to go somewhere just let us know. You don't have to lead. We have road captains that would be glad to help out.

We want to send out a big thank you to those from other chapters that attended the picnic.

Happy Days,  
Gary & Janita

**Assistant Directors***Rodger & Marty Fawcett*

As Gary stated in his letter, we would also like to thank everyone that came to the picnic and for their donations of cleaning supplies for the flood relief effort. What a way to open our hearts to people and families in need. Several bikes rode to 36<sup>th</sup> and Cummings to drop off our items at the Salvation Army after the picnic.

\ On Sunday (August 14th) nine bikes went for a ride to Nebraska City to Johnny's corner Café, WOW! (If you have never been there for breakfast, it's really something to put on your to do list.) They have a buffet on the weekends, (Saturday, Sundays) that is just awesome. If you need someone to ride with, just call us.

We will be planning a ride to Freedom Rock in Greenfield Iowa in the middle of September and will visit a car museum and eat at the famous Hotel. I have to make some calls yet, but more info will be coming for that ride.

Our next meeting will be back at D & K in Gretna on the second Saturday (Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>) 8 am for breakfast and the meeting after.

We wish Mark and Pam Burwell the best in Moline as they represent our chapter at regional for couple of the year.

Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge Says It All  
Rodger & Marty



*Rider Education*  
Mark & Pam Burwell



The last week or so has brought a welcomed decrease in the daily temperatures to many of us in the Midwest. This temperature change, however, brings a reminder of the importance of frequent checks of your motorcycle tire pressures. Because of the physics involved with a change in outside air temperature and the pressure of a particular volume of gas (the air inside your tire), a decrease in air temperature brings about a decrease in pressure. Checking pressure when the tires are "cold" on an 85 degree morning will result in a higher pressure reading than when you check the same tires on a 70 degree morning. (Note: Tires are "cold" when your motorcycle has been ridden less than a mile at moderate speed or after being stopped for three or more hours.)

Riding on tires with too little air pressure is dangerous. The tires will build excessive heat, which can cause a sudden tire failure. Under inflation may also:

- damage the tire, leading to tire failure
- adversely affect vehicle cornering
- reduce tire life
- increase fuel consumption
- cause fatigue cracking

Riding on tires with too much air pressure, however, is not good either. Over inflating tires will result in:

- reduced flexibility of the tires and a hard ride through the transmitting of shock loads to the suspension
- reduced ability of the tires to withstand road impacts
- accelerated tire wear in the center of the contact patch

Your best and safest bet for motorcycle performance and handling is to run the pressures recommended by the motorcycle manufacturer. The recommended tire pressures and resulting tire flexibility were factors considered by the engineers when they designed your motorcycle.

Ride safely!

Mark and Pam Burwell

Ride Safely,  
Mark and Pam Burwell



*From Our Members*



**HOT AIR BALLOON FESTIVAL**  
**Indianola, Iowa**

July 29- Aug 5<sup>th</sup>

Vee and I, along with another couple, went to this balloon festival Sat. to see a mass take off of hot air balloons.



They came in all shapes and sizes. And with such a beautiful blue sky it was wonderful. Only thing was, it was HOT, HOT, HOT!!

Did I say how HOT it was? The only saving thing was, we had folding chairs and umbrellas. We got there around 4:45 for the 6:30 take off.



We stayed until almost 8pm. Time went fast. There was a slight breeze which was perfect for the balloonist and us.

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If you get a chance we would recommend going. It is a lot smaller than Albuquerque, N.M. balloon festival in Oct, but it also closer. Only 160 miles away.

Indianola is a nice little town with a couple of colleges and all types of restaurants. We decided to stop at Iowa Machine Shed, in Urbandale on the way home. It was a good decision. We ate too much, as usual, though.

If you are looking for something different to do and not have to travel to far, this is something you don't see every day. They have been having this balloon festival since the early 70's.

It would be a great bike trip, if it wasn't so HOT. However, we heard that there were some die hard bikers that did brave the heat that made it there. More miles and more smiles. My air conditioner is turned up a little for them.

This was a fun get away and we would do it again. Be sure and take sun screen, folding chairs and an umbrella. No coolers are allowed in though. Motorcycles have up front parking too.

Doug & Vee



They also give balloon rides. \$175 for about a 45min. ride with around 12 other people. Too many people for us in a basket and fire.

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**MONTANA'S**

**COUNTRY**



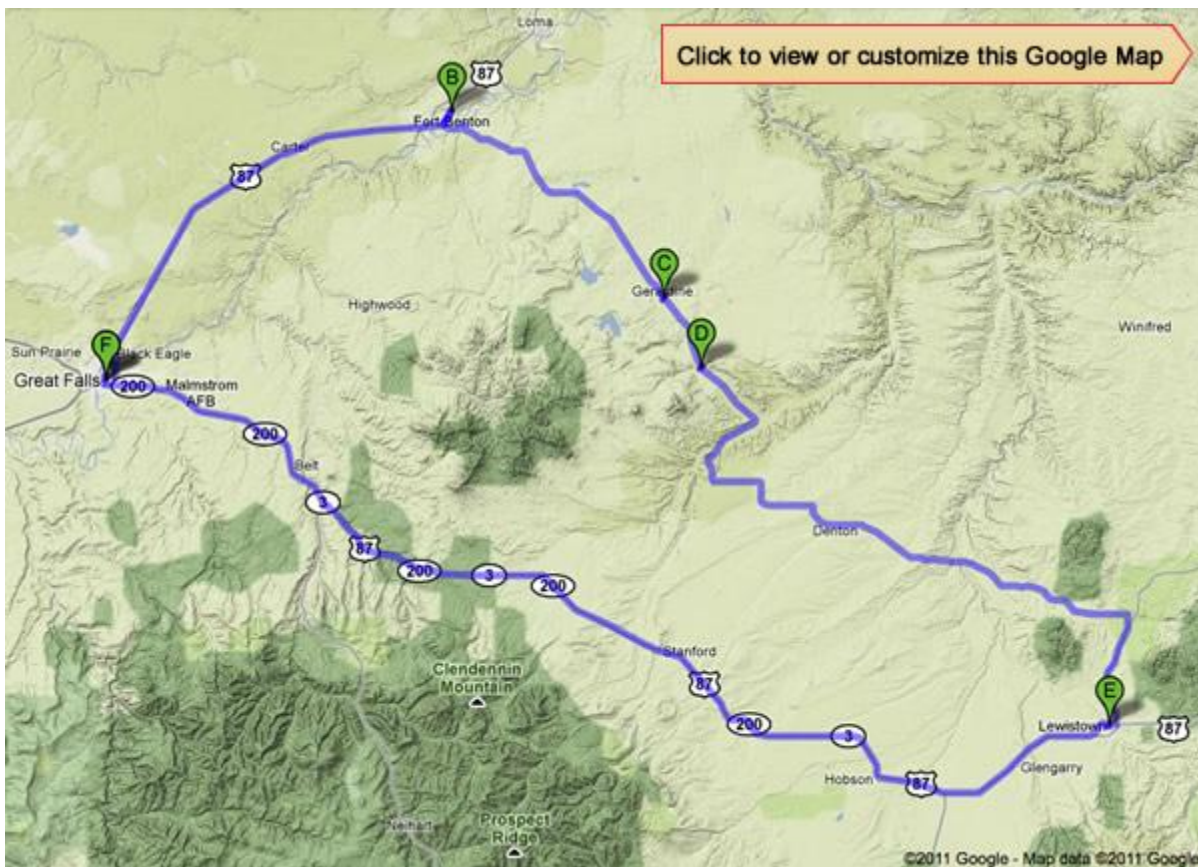
Russell Country Motorcycle North central Montana's Russell Country offers some great motorcycle rides. If you want to follow history on your ride, try the Lewis & Clark, C. M. Russell, Last Battle or Cowboy routes. Some amazing geography and scenery can be seen on the Plains to Peaks, Centermark, Mountains to Wind Towers and Scenic Byway routes. If you just want to ride, check out the Big Loop and Figure 8 routes.

We've added personal tips for each ride that have been discovered from doing lots of miles through Russell Country on the back of a bike. If you find a new "favorite" along the way, drop us a note at [russellcountry@bresnan.net](mailto:russellcountry@bresnan.net) and we'll add your comments!

**Enjoy Your Ride!**

**Montana Motorcycle Rides and Routes**

**C.M. Russell Ride**



**Approx. Distance:** 247 miles

**Approx. Ride Time:** 5 hours 27 minutes

Take US 87 north of [Great Falls](#) (F) to historic Fort Benton. Drive into [Fort Benton](#) (B), once the world's most inland port as steamships carried supplies up the Missouri River. There is fine dining at the Union Grille in the [Grand Union Hotel](#) and great home cooking at Bob's Riverfront Café and the Banque Club. For trivia's sake, the former bank vault is the cooler at the Banque Club. Cross the mighty Missouri River on MT 80, drive past [Geraldine](#) (C) and Square Butte (D), then take MT 81 at the junction and ride to Lewistown (E). [Lewistown](#) is a community of about 7,000 people nestled between several island mountain ranges in the geographic center of Montana. Ride US 87 from

Lewistown to Great Falls (about 100 miles). This route is designated the C. M. Russell Trail. You'll pass many scenes from Russell paintings still visible today. There's a great side loop, about 25 miles and all paved from [Hobson](#) to Windham. In the middle of this loop is [Utica](#) and the Oxen Yoke Bar. The "Ox" serves a half pound burger and more fries in a basket than anyone should eat! Request a free copy of the C. M. Russell Auto Tour booklet that gives history of the area and great information about the western artist's paintings.

## Montana Motorcycle Rides and Routes

### Scenic Byway Ride





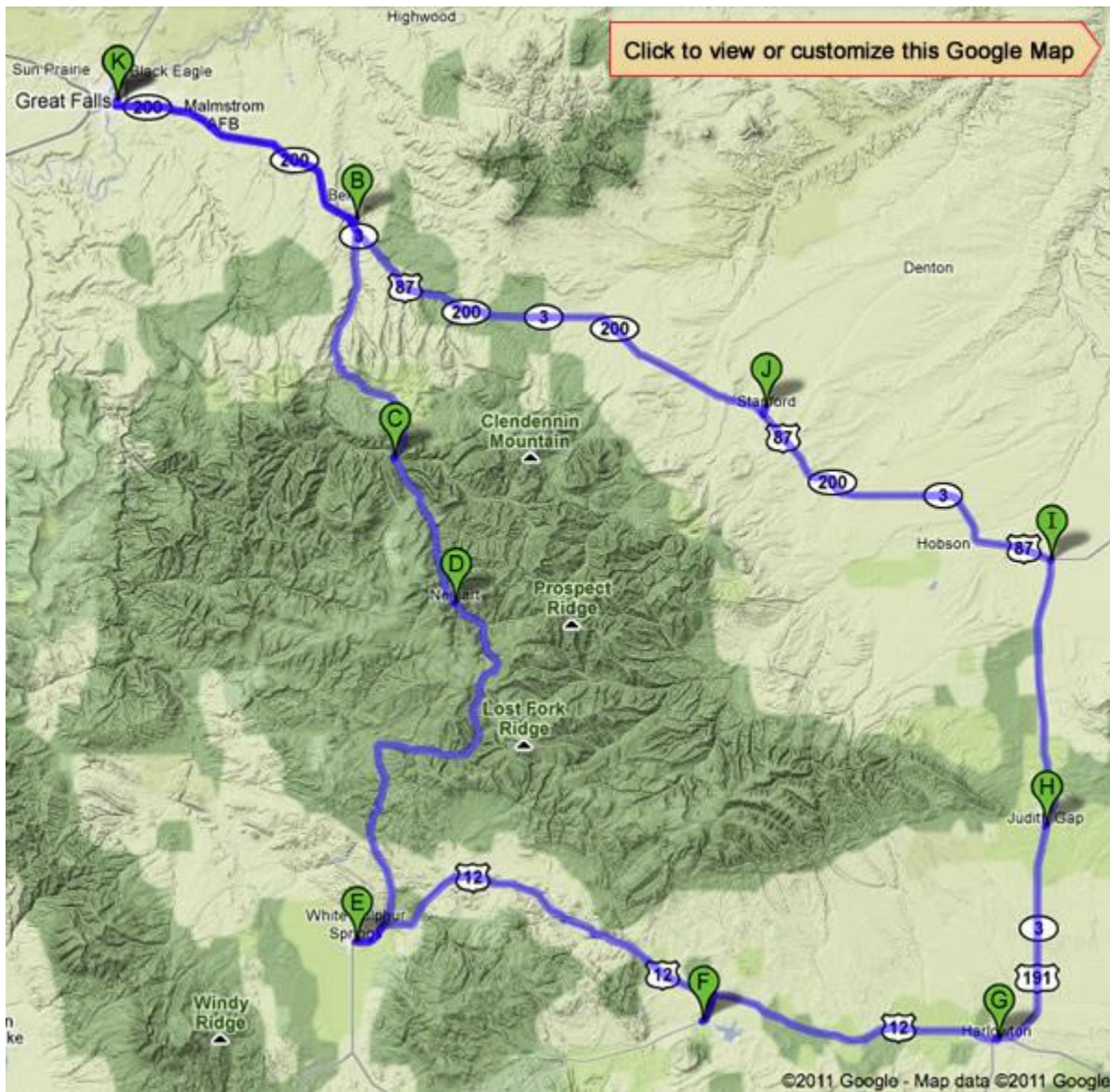
**Approx. Distance:** 265 miles

**Approx. Ride Time:** 4 hours 37 minutes

Ride about 25 miles east from Great Falls (J) on US 87 past [Belt](#), turn south onto US 89 at Armington Junction (B) rest area. The next 71 mile stretch is dubbed the [Kings Hill Scenic Byway](#). You'll ride through the charming mountain towns of [Monarch](#) (C) and [Neihart](#) (D), cross Kings Hill Pass, and then into [White Sulphur Springs](#) (E). There are hot springs here and the water is used at the [Spa Hot Springs](#) to heat one large outdoor pool and two smaller pools. You don't need to be a motel guest to soak, just pay your \$5.00 and enjoy the thermal waters. If you forgot your swimming suit you can even rent one! This town features a unique [Castle Museum](#) built as a home by an early day resident. Continue traveling about 36 miles to Townsend (F) on US Hwy 12 through the Big Belt Mountains and a scenic canyon, then to Helena (G) on US 287. From Helena to Great Falls you can take portions of I-15 and the frontage road. The terrain on this 90 mile route will amaze you with rocky cliffs, grassy mountains and the Missouri River. For a break, stop in and enjoy the locally owned shops and eateries in [Cascade](#) (H), about 25 miles southwest of Great Falls. Fourteen miles from Cascade near the town of [Ulm](#) (I) is [First People's Buffalo Jump State Park](#). The park is four paved miles from Ulm and there is a visitor center at the base of the buffalo jump. It's well worth the four miles off the highway to learn about Native American culture before the introduction of horses and firearms. Ride back to the frontage road and take the final 11 miles of your journey into [Great Falls](#).

**Montana Motorcycle Rides and Routes**  
**Mountains to Wind Towers Ride**





**Approx. Distance:** 291 miles

**Approx. Ride Time:** 5 hours 40 minutes

Ride about 25 miles east from Great Falls (K) on US 87 past [Belt](#), turn south onto US 89 at Armington Junction (B) rest area. The next 71 mile stretch is dubbed the [Kings Hill Scenic Byway](#). You'll ride through the charming mountain towns of [Monarch](#) (C) and [Neihart](#) (D), cross Kings Hill Pass, and then into [White Sulphur Springs](#) (E). There are hot springs here and the water is used at the [Spa Hot Springs](#) to heat one large outdoor pool and two smaller pools. You don't need to be a motel guest to soak, just pay your \$5.00 and enjoy the thermal waters. If you forgot your swimming suit you can even rent one! This town features a unique [Castle Museum](#) built as a home by an early day resident. After you've enjoyed White Sulphur Springs, ride about 3 miles back to the junction of US 89 and 12. Ride east on US 12 for 30 miles and take the turn to Martinsdale. In one mile you will see the [Bair Museum](#), open for tours during the summer. Charles Bair was a sheep rancher in this area and his daughters left the home and it's furnishings for the public to enjoy. The Bair ladies traveled abroad extensively and the house grew larger to accommodate their collections. If you ride one more mile to the town of [Martinsdale](#) (F), the [Crazy Mountain Inn](#) there has been voted the best pie stop in Montana! Best advice, order the sour cream lemon. Backtrack to US 12 and then ride another 25 miles to [Harlowton](#) (G). At the junction for Harlowton turn north on US 191 past 90 wind towers to [Judith Gap](#) (H). The Judith Gap Merc is known world-wide for their milkshakes and unique "tractor seat" counter stools. Ride on to Eddies Corner (I) at the junction of 191 and US 87. Turn west on US 87 and ride back to [Great Falls](#). Foodies should note that great steaks can be found at the [Black Bull](#)

in Hobson, to-die-for cinnamon rolls at the Byway Café in [Stanford](#) (J) and built-to-order sandwiches with great ales and porters at the Belt Creek Pub.

## Montana Motorcycle Rides and Routes

### The Last Battle Ride



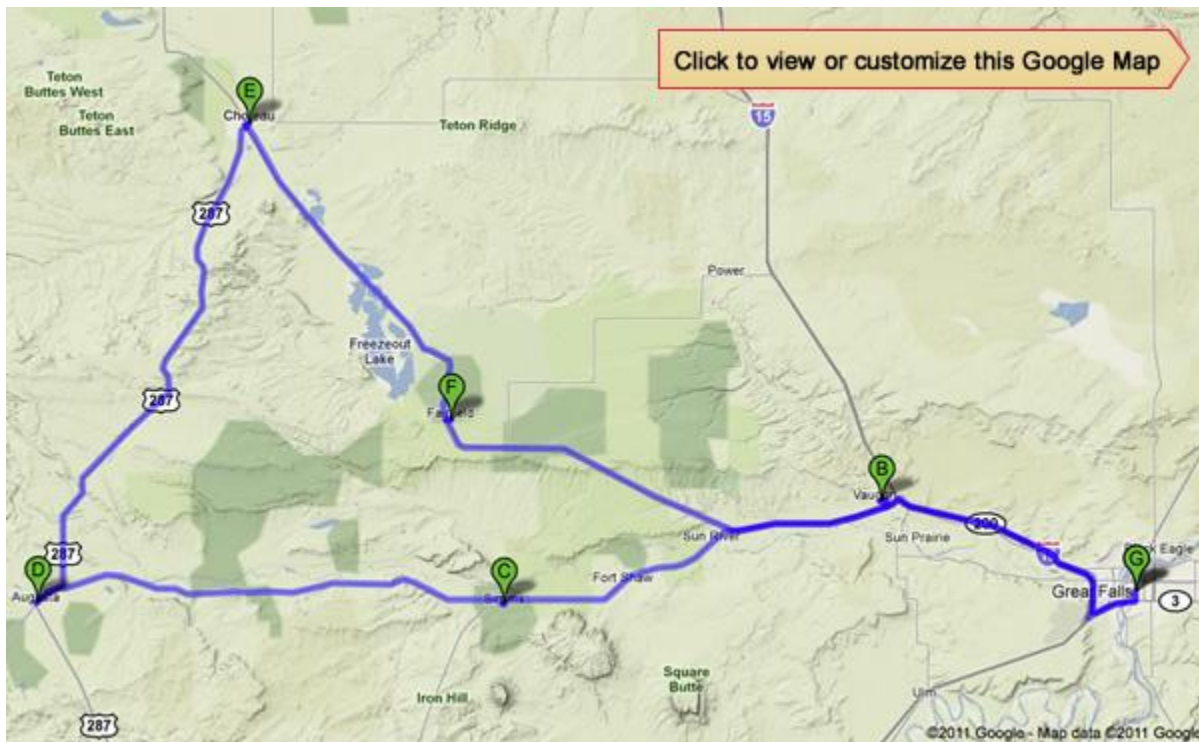
**Approx. Distance:** 276 miles round trip  
**Approx. Ride Time:** 3 hours 36 minutes

Ride from Great Falls (A) northeast on US 87 past [Fort Benton](#) (B), [Big Sandy](#) (C), [Box Elder](#) (D), then to the junction of US 87 and 2. Turn east and ride through Havre (E), then to Chinook (F). In [Chinook](#), the [Blaine County Museum](#) interprets the last major Indian battle in the United States through the video "Forty Miles from Freedom". After a stop at the museum, ride south on Route 240 for 16 paved miles to the [Bear Paw Battlefield](#), site of Nez Perce Chief Joseph's surrender. There are hiking trails with interpretive signage about the battle. Thirst can be quenched a few paved miles south of the Battlefield at the Cleveland Bar. As you take the same route to return to Great Falls, tour options include a visit to [Havre Beneath the Streets](#) in downtown Havre, a tour of a bison kill site at Wahkpa Chu'gn on the west edge of [Havre](#), and a guided tour at [Fort Assiniboine](#) just south of Havre. [Wolfer's Diner](#) in downtown Havre is a great café with a 50s theme. Don't be surprised if the lure of some great grub persuades you to also stop in the tiny town of [Loma](#) at Ma's Cafe.

## Montana Motorcycle Rides and Routes

### The Cowboy Ride





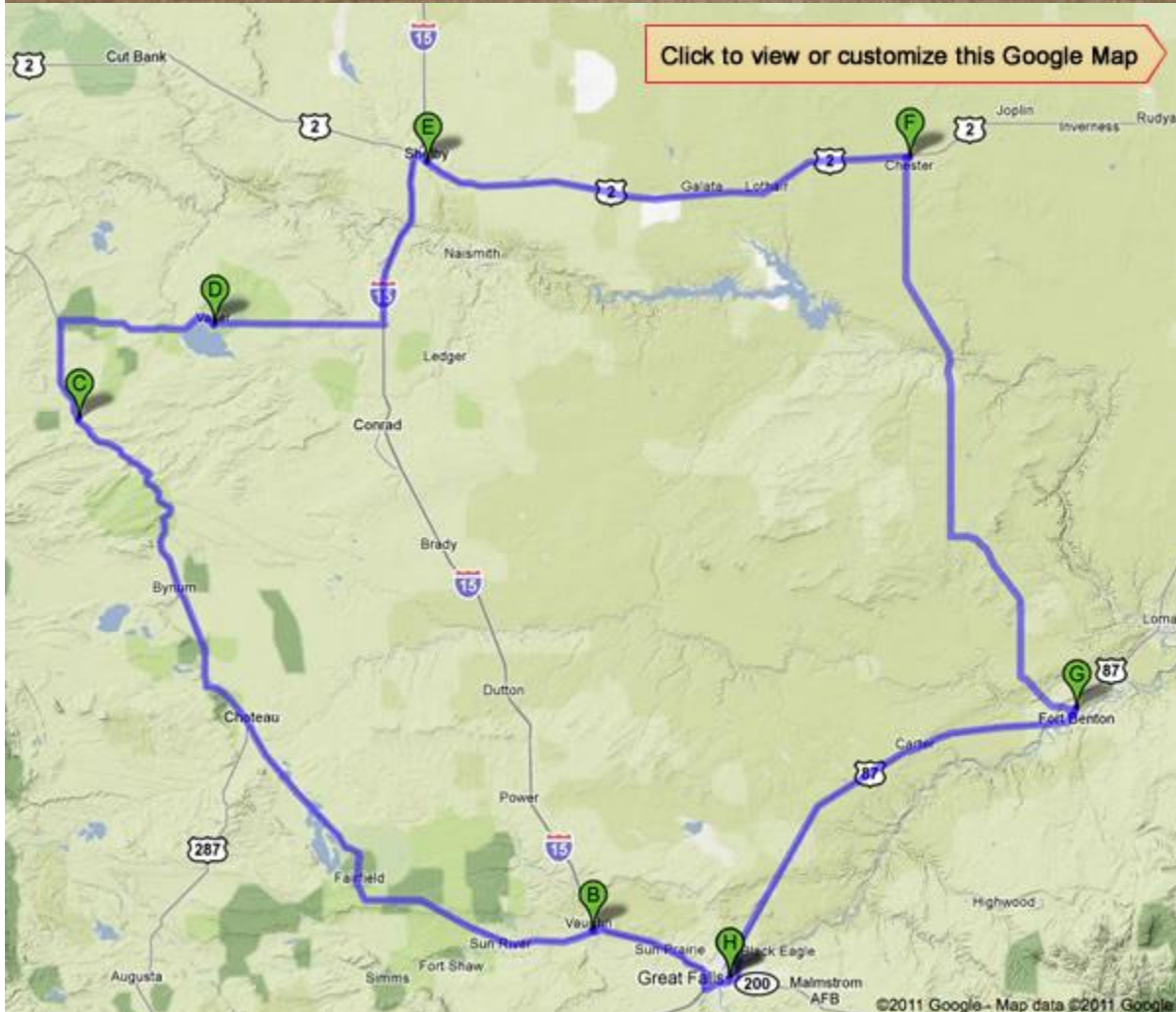
**Approx. Distance:** 132 miles round trip

**Approx. Ride Time:** 2 hours 52 minutes

Cattle ranching and the cowboy way of life will be seen as you ride from [Great Falls](#) (G) to [Vaughn](#) (B) on I-15, then turn onto MT Hwy 200 to [Simms](#) (C), then MT 21 to [Augusta](#) (D). This small town has everything from a cappuccino bar in an eclectic gift store called [Latigo & Lace](#), to a general store. A gathering place for locals, [Mel's Diner](#) will satisfy just about any ice-cream craving you have. From Augusta, ride north on US 287 to [Choteau](#) (E) and be sure to ride up Main Street where the highway splits and goes around the Teton County courthouse. Delightful shops, a great variety of home cooking restaurants, and a nice museum complex will make you want to stay here awhile. Once you've experienced Choteau, ride south on US 89 past [Freezout Wildlife Management Area](#), through the town of [Fairfield](#) (F), then into Great Falls. Augusta, Choteau and Fairfield all have great locally owned shops and cafes for a taste of true Montana hospitality. Enjoy the ride, visit with the locals!

# Montana Motorcycle Rides and Routes

## Plains and Peaks Ride



**Approx. Distance:** 279 miles

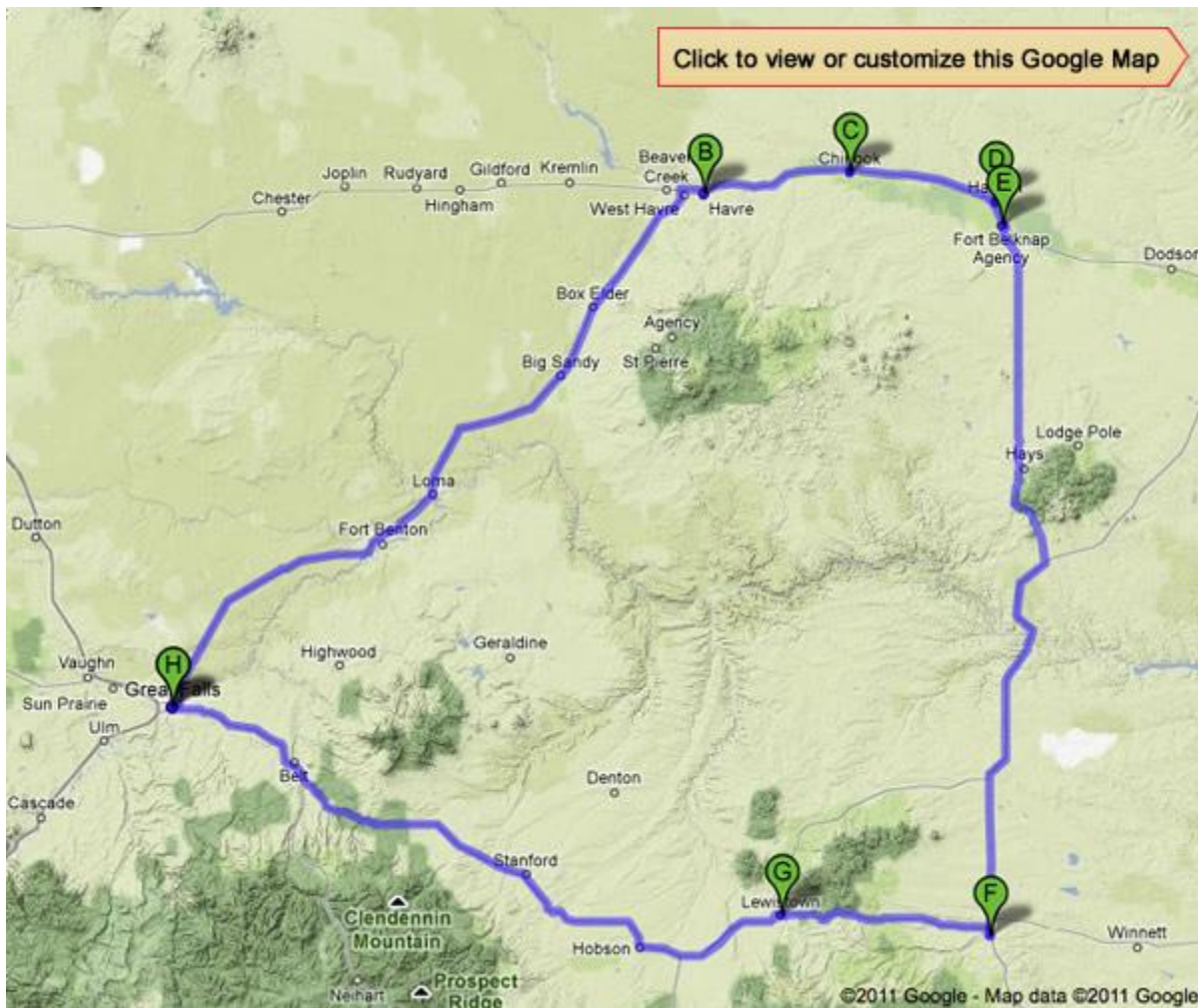
**Approx. Ride Time:** 6 hours 22 minutes

Ride from [Great Falls](#) (H) on I-15 North, turn at [Vaughn](#) (B), then take US 89 north to the small town of [Dupuyer](#) (C). You will be riding parallel to the spectacular Rocky Mountain Front, locally referred to as "The Front". Travel north of Dupuyer about 10 miles, turn east towards [Valier](#) (D) on MT 44. Ride by [Lake Frances](#) although you may want to stop in for dinner at [The Lighthouse Restaurant](#). Continue riding on MT 44 to I-15, then turn north for a short ride to [Shelby](#) (E). Boxing enthusiasts will want to see the boxing gloves and other memorabilia from the Dempsey-Gibbons heavyweight championship fight held here in 1923. They are displayed at the [Marias Museum of History](#) located in town. Continue riding on US Hwy 2 east to [Chester](#) (F). Locally made gifts are for sale at the [Liberty Village Arts Center](#) and you'll need plenty of time to learn area history with a visit to the well-cared for [Liberty County Museum](#). Ride south on MT 223 through what is called the Golden Triangle (for all of the wheat grown here) to the junction of 223 and US 87 near [Fort Benton](#) (G), then ride US 87 back to Great Falls.

## Montana Motorcycle Rides and Routes

### Centermark Ride





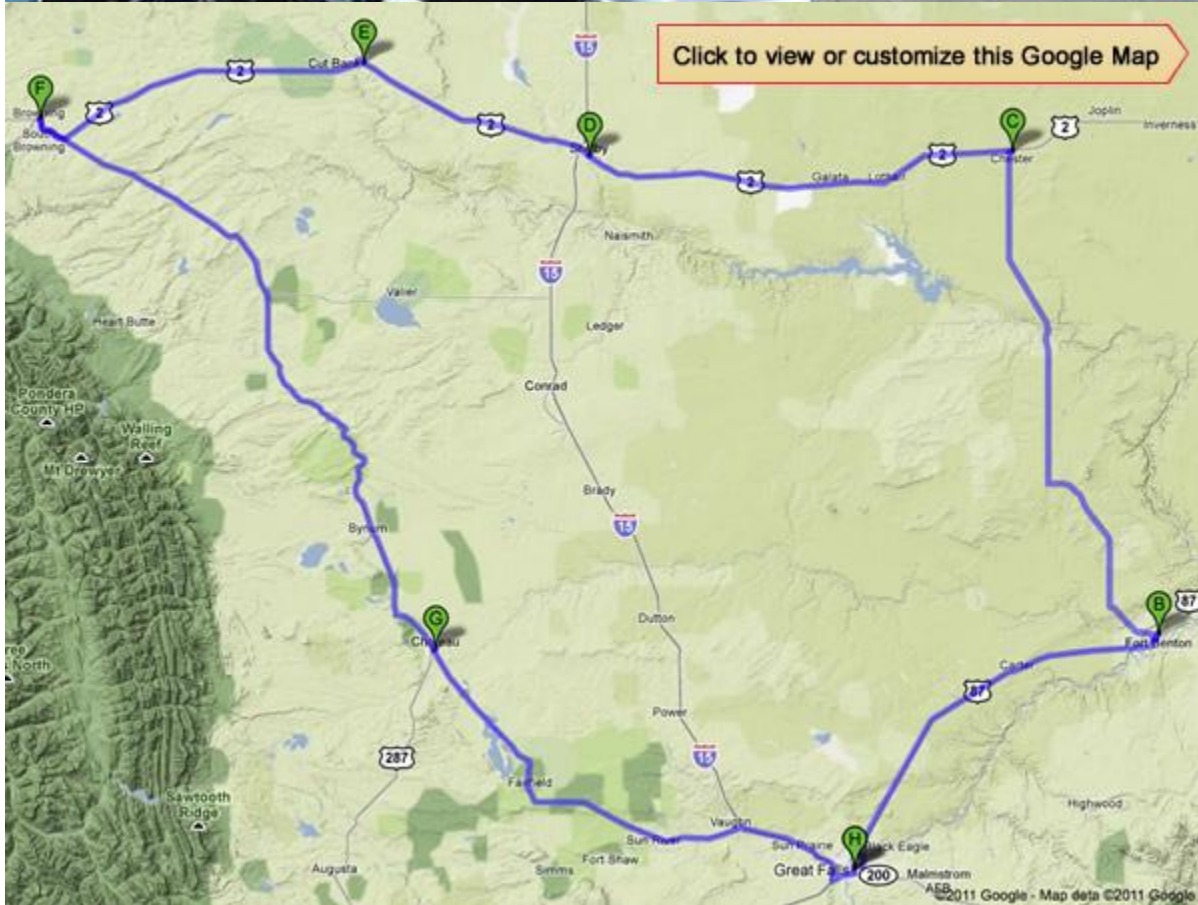
**Approx. Distance:** 408 miles

**Approx. Ride Time:** 8 hours 30 minutes

Ride US 87 north of [Great Falls](#) (H) about 110 miles to the junction at US Hwy 2, turn east riding about 45 miles through [Havre](#) (B), [Chinook](#) (C) and then [Harlem](#) (D). When you reach Harlem, turn south onto MT 66 and ride through [Fort Belknap Indian Reservation](#) (E) to the junction of US 191. You'll be amazed at the change in terrain on this stretch of the route as you travel through the Little Rocky Mountains, referred to by some locals as the lazy mountains. Take US 191 south to [Grass Range](#) (F). Pie lovers take note—the [Little Montana Truck Stop](#) could be serving the pie of your dreams. Ride west on US 87 to [Lewistown](#) (G). You are now in the geographic center of Montana. You can stop at the [Yogo Inn](#) and see the display in their “Centermark” room. If you are looking for a Montana beef burger that will more than fill your tummy, stop in to Ruby's. An alternate route would be to stay on US 191 and enjoy a scenic ride in cattle country passing through [Roy](#), [Hilger](#), [Winifred](#) and then Lewistown. If you take this loop, be sure to spot the unique neon sign at the Rainbow Bar in [Hilger](#) and definitely stop at the [Winifred Museum](#) to see what is thought to be the world's largest collection of Tonka trucks. Take US 87 back to Great Falls.

# Montana Motorcycle Rides and Routes

## Lewis & Clark Ride



**Approx. Distance:** 320 miles

**Approx. Ride Time:** 7 hours 2 minutes

Ride US 87 north of [Great Falls](#) (H) to [Fort Benton](#) (B), the birthplace of Montana. The [Lewis & Clark Memorial](#) stands on the levee in Fort Benton along with several museums covering this town's history. Stroll along the levee and think of the Lewis & Clark expedition paddling up this river. Be

thankful for your motorcycle! As you ride from Fort Benton to Chester on MT 223 you'll pass the site of two separate Lewis & Clark campsites. Near Chester (C) and [Lake Elwell](#) you'll see interpretive signage about the Lewis & Clark expedition. In [Chester](#), stop in at [Spud's Café](#) and chat with the locals. Then turn west on US 2 and drive to [Shelby](#) (D), Cut Bank (E) and towards Browning (F). Between Cut Bank and Browning is an interpretive marker about Lewis & Clark's Camp Disappointment. From Browning, take US 89 south. Just north of the junction of US 89 and MT 44 is another historic marker detailing the Meriwether Fight Site near here. This was the only hostile encounter with Native Americans on the Lewis & Clark expedition. As you continue south on US 89 back to Great Falls, you'll be riding parallel to the spectacular Rocky Mountain Front. You'll be very thankful if you remembered to stow your camera in your saddlebags and have plenty of time to stop and take photos.

## Montana Motorcycle Rides and Routes

### The Big Loop Ride





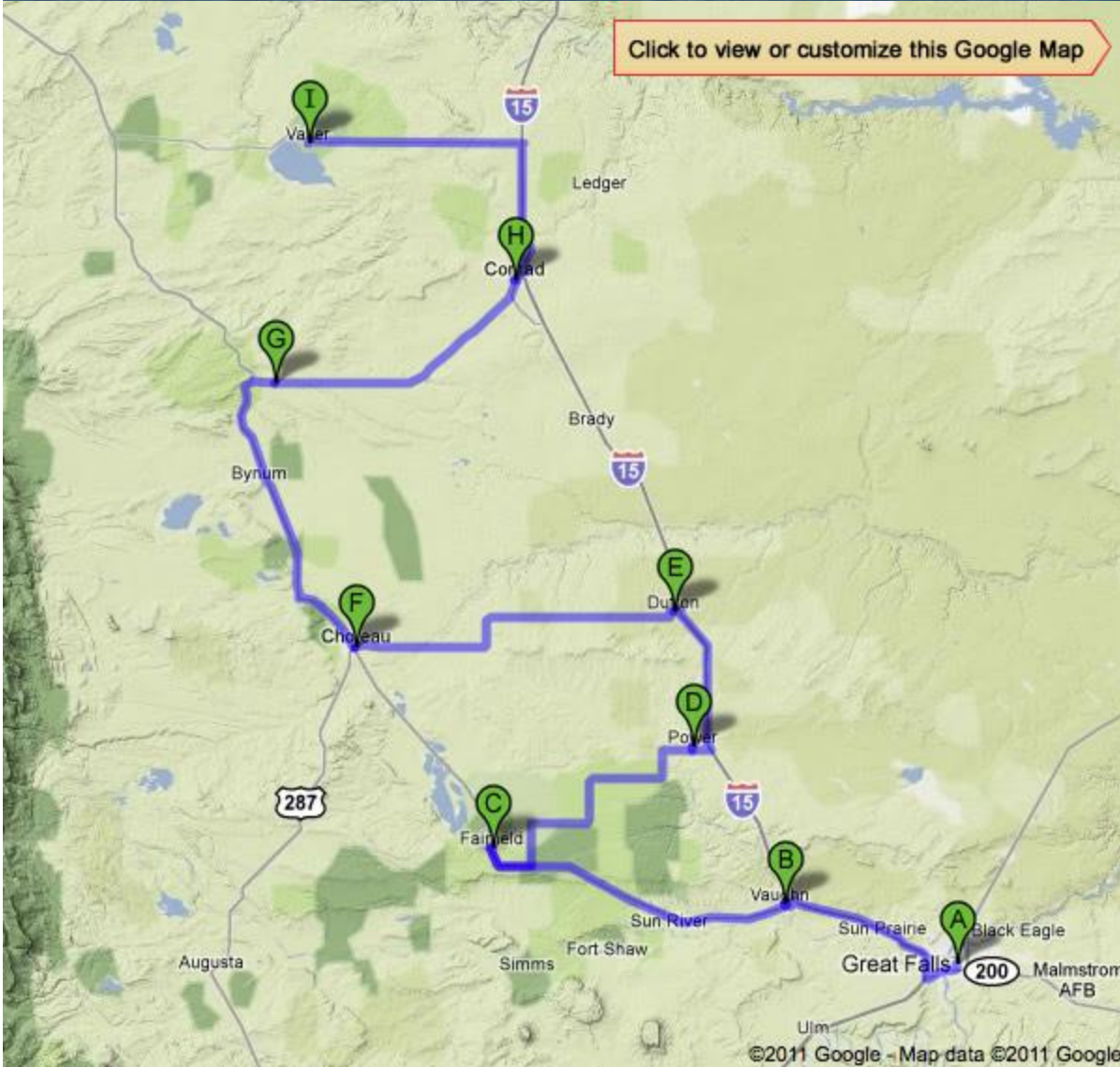
**Approx. Distance:** 408 miles

**Approx. Ride Time:** 7 hours 47 minutes

This ride could also be called the most diverse geographic loop. Ride east from [Great Falls](#) (J) on US 87 past [Belt](#), turn south onto US 89 at Armington Junction rest area (B). The next 71 miles are named the [Kings Hill Scenic Byway](#). You'll ride through the charming mountain towns of [Monarch](#) (C) and [Neihart](#) (D) (great food at Bob's Bar), cross Kings Hill Pass, and then into [White Sulphur Springs](#) (E). Take US 12 east past the turn to [Martinsdale](#) (F) where you could stop and have award winning pie at the [Crazy Mountain Inn](#). Then, travel on to [Harlowton](#) (G) and continue riding east to Roundup (H). Ride north on US 87 to [Grass Range](#) (I), then west on US 87 to Lewistown (J) and back to Great Falls. For a great burger break, [Ruby's](#) in Lewistown features Montana beef in their burgers, and you won't be disappointed. On this ride you'll travel through the Little Belt Mountains, you'll see the Castle and Crazy Mountains, several wind towers, cattle grazing, wheat farms, the Big and Little Snowy Mountains, Judith Mountains, a very prominent feature called [Square Butte](#), and the Highwood Mountains. You'll wonder we named a reservoir [Deadman's Basin](#), a town [Two Dot](#), and a road junction Eddie's Corner. Enjoy our charm!

## Montana Motorcycle Rides and Routes

### Figure 8 Ride



**Approx. Distance:** 241-316 miles

**Approx. Ride Time:** 5 hours 37 minutes to 8 hours 20 minutes

Grab your map for these off-the-beaten-path paved highways! Leave [Great Falls](#) (A) on I-15 North, exit at [Vaughn](#) (B), take MT 200, then US 89 to [Fairfield](#) (C). From Fairfield take MT 431 to [Power](#) (D), then I-15 to [Dutton](#) (E), exit at Dutton and take MT 221 to [Choteau](#) (F). Ride US 89 to the Pendroy (G) turn and take MT 219 to [Conrad](#) (H). Get back on I-15 and ride to MT 44, then turn west and ride through [Valier](#) (I), past [Lake Frances](#) and to the junction of MT 44 and US 89. You can reverse the route to return to Great Falls or take US 89 back. This route takes you past Russell Country's "inland lighthouse" near Valier and Lake Frances, and also some diverse farming. You'll drive by wheat, barley, canola, lentils and more. These small towns offer great opportunities to visit with the locals at a cafe or pub so take a break and enjoy the relaxed pace.

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## Calendar of Events

**\*\*Bike Night at Quaker Steak and Lube Council Bluffs. Meet behind Comfort Inn 72nd and Grover. Clutches out 6:30.**

**Each and every Wednesday night. Aug 17,24 and 31.**

**\*\*Fri – August 19 Rick and Robin Saunders are planning a 3 day mystery trip. Contact Rick and Robin or Bill and Nancy James to join the trip.**

**\*\*John and Cheryl Papson's dinner ride – an email will be sent out to everyone.**

**\*\*Freedom Rock is being rescheduled.**

**\*\*Bill and Nancy James are planning a four day ride at the end of September. More information later.**

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If you went on a nice trip or read a nice article, email me a summary of it to share with the club. We are always looking for the next adventure.

Thanks: Jim Drawbaugh (Editor).

[www.jdrawbaugh@msn.com](mailto:www.jdrawbaugh@msn.com)

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**Phone Tree – Try it – You'll Like It**

Scheduled rides are great! We all make our calendars and plan to make that ride. But sometimes no ride is scheduled - it's a great night to ride somewhere for dinner. Or a beautiful weekend day and you want to ride. You could ride alone but you would like to share the ride with friends.

Now is the time to **USE THE PHONE TREE!**

**If you are not on the phone tree and want to be added**

**Call or email Nancy James at [williamjames3@cox.net](mailto:williamjames3@cox.net) 402-593-8183**

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