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Membership Meeting

Sat Oct, 4th 8:00am

This month only the meeting will be at the Manchester Beach campout...see newsletter.

Director's Meeting

Tues Oct 14th, 7:00 pm

IHOP

2525 Iron Point Road
Folsom

Breakfast - Be There!

Every Saturday 8 am
Susie's Country Oaks Cafe
500-G Cirby Way
Roseville

Weds. Dinner Ride

Meet between 5-6:30 pm

Leaves every Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm from The Coffee Republic in Folsom

The President's Corner by Fred Jewell



Well, it's finally here - the end of the Road to Nowhere tour, and as I have said all along, I have had the best time riding and collecting points from places I never would have found without it. Who would know that Wheeler Peak in Nevada had such a beautiful ride up to an Alpine panorama out in the middle of nowhere? Hence the name of the tour, I get it. The Bristlecone Pine Forest was breathtaking; I'm going to go again when I'm sure there won't be any snow so I can concentrate more on the ride and the scenery instead of merely surviving. I'll also never forget (and never again ride) the Nacemiento/Fergusson Road from Ft. Hunter-Liggett to the coast, but I'm glad I did once. The ride to the Carrizo Plains National Monument on route 58 was as good, and sometimes better, than route 36. Don't bother eating at the casino in Tonopah, just go to the McDonalds instead, and unless you are really hungry, the Lil Aleinn in Rachel should be passed up on, but then again, it's the only place to eat within 80 miles. I didn't make it to all the locations, but I did manage to hit about 2/3 of them and make my goal of over 75,000 points. Some of the places I didn't get to are going to be goals for future rides. John and Tom really stepped up and devised a competition that got about 40 of us involved in some degree or other, and I can't show my appreciation enough. Thank you both for a great job. We need more participation like this in the future from our members, and it doesn't have to be as extravagant as the RTN. A ride destination idea, a weekend trip somewhere, or even an event that doesn't center around motorcycles are always welcome, so come to the planning meeting in November and step up to the plate yourself.

Remember that the October monthly meeting for the club will be held at Manchester Beach instead of Susie's, as is our usual practice due to the number of members who come out there to camp and enjoy the excellent roads. Phil has promised a great meal for us on Saturday, and Becki and I will have the World's Best Bloody Marys available again. Gordy says he has something special for the raffle prizes, too. Looks to be another outstanding weekend for the club and our biggest event of the year.

With summer ending and fall just starting, I feel it's the best time of year to ride. Warm days and cool nights, leaves changing colors, duck season, fewer RV's and neophyte Harley riders on the road, and a lower demand on overnight accommodations all make it my favorite time of year. My work gets a little hectic while the leaves are falling, but generally fall means a short respite is coming from the more intense regimen of keeping the grounds at the Med Center looking good the rest of the year.

I think this month's puzzler is fairly easy, especially after Ken got the last, and supposedly Google-proof, quote right away, but where did these come from, and what do they mean - BIODTL, GDTRFB, IFTL, LTGTR, and WALSTIB - ? Sorry, I am fresh out of small but useful prizes, but I'll buy you a cup of coffee at A&S if you get it right.

Remember, we're not bikers, we're motorcyclists.

We ride far

We ride often

We ride quiet(ly)

Manchester Beach—The Main Event!



October 3-5, 2008

I have attended this fall event for the past 4 years and have marveled at how easily Jack & Lynelle or Joe & Diane have made this event into the kind of extravaganza that I start looking forward to next year as soon as the last one has ended.

Well, this year I hope to be added to the list of Manchester Beach Production Masters by presenting food, drink and atmosphere that will be talked about in years to come. I have planned a menu that should please everyone. On Saturday we will have morning muffins, coffee & juice followed by a great day of

riding the north coast. You are on your own for lunch, but be sure to save room for a warm and hearty dinner. Sunday morning we will have Danish, juice and coffee before everyone starts heading home.

As usual, there will be a keg of adult beverage that will be available starting Friday evening. In addition to the adult beverages, there will be the usual soft drinks and bottled water.

It is with a sad heart that I must add that due to the current economic times and budgets being what they are, this year we

are sorry to say that will have to charge a \$10.00 per person fee to cover the rising costs for producing this event. Please be sure to get your wrist band upon arrival from either Phil Sweeney, Mary Sweeney, Marv Lewis or Lois Lewis. You will need to show this wrist band to be included in all the fun.

I am counting the days till we all meet up in Manchester for a great weekend. Don't forget to mark your calendar for the weekend of October 3 -5, 2008. See you all there! Phil Sweeney, coordinator.

South Africa Touring Anyone?

Editor...BMW of South Africa is planning on leading two moto tours for next year. Any club members interested in checking out the "Dark Continent" call the number and reserve your place.

South Africa Tour 2009- BMW Tours releases advanced information exclusively for World of BMW e-newsletter subscribers

Following the huge success of the two brand new sell-out tours to South Africa in 2008, BMW Tours are delighted to announce the return of these incredibly popular tours for 2009. As a World of BMW e-newsletter subscriber, we are pleased to be able to offer you a sneak preview into what next year's participants can expect from this once in a lifetime ex-

perience.

Planning for the 2009 BMW Tour programme is already well underway, and the two tours to South Africa look set to be as exhilarating as ever. With breathtaking scenery, magnificent passes and roads, together with the sheer vastness of Africa, these unique tours provide you with the opportunity to experience this vast and beautiful country first hand.

The two tours are due to take place in April and October and have been designed to offer a taste of South Africa's culture and warm hospitality, fine dining and, of course, the opportunity to sample some of the excellent wines the region has to offer.

For 2009, BMW Tour Director - Richard Harvey, has refined the South Africa tours to offer two new experiences. The April Tour has been designed to provide participants with the opportunity to enjoy the stunning scenery and virtually traffic-free roads, at a more relaxed pace. The addition of one day will also allow more time to take full advantage of local animal attractions, the Worcester Wine Region and The Addo Elephant National Park which includes two game drives. The Tour will also feature a new luxury hotel in Plettenberg Bay.

Meanwhile, the October date will focus on the incredible wildlife for which South Africa is famed, featuring a two-night stay at a luxurious game lodge where there will be the opportunity to get up close and personal with 'the big five'- elephant, rhino, leopard, lion and buffalo. The exclusive 5 star all-

inclusive reserve offers exhilarating drives through the private game reserve led by professional rangers with extensive knowledge of the indigenous wildlife. Evenings will be spent enjoying dinners on the veranda, whilst surveying the panoramic views of the Karoo landscape, before retiring to air-conditioned suites with stunning mountain views. In addition there will also be an animal attraction which will provide the opportunity to interact with big cats such as cheetahs and tigers. Participants will also stay at the new luxury hotel at Plettenberg Bay.

The two dates available for our 2009 tours to South Africa are:

Sunday 19 April to Friday 01 May
Sunday 18 to Thursday 29 October

The group will be accompanied by a BMW Tour Guide, a support vehicle to transfer your luggage, as well as a spare BMW Motorcycle should it be required. Participants will travel across South Africa on BMW R 1200 GS motorcycles, which will be provided for the tour in conjunction with BMW Motorrad South Africa.

Prices for the 2009 tour are due to be announced in early October, however subscribers to the World of BMW newsletter can also keep up to date on any further announcements on the World of BMW website, www.worldofbmw.com. For further information or for details on advanced booking please call 08000 131 282.

The Vehicle

By Bruce Hilger, Shopdoc

The first and last time of a happening stands out the most in ones mind, like your first ride and your last ride. And perhaps these memories stick for a significance as I recently found out. At twelve years of age I came home one day to tell him I had just

bought a used car with my job earnings, against his wishes, but important for my needs, and would he bring it home as I could not yet drive? You see, there was and had to be a difference. He was a very bright professional and while my youthful curiosity tore this orphan car apart and fixed it into good running order he would try to do the same and never

had that mechanical thinking that guides you through the understanding and workings that makes the vehicle perform as good or better than it was designed for. Soon I was more excited when I bought, fixed up, and rode a Triumph Cub as an off road scrambler. These growing and learning events produced contradictions that came from my urge for expression. Being the first of three sons, I don't remember much earlier than this, but I do know that I found myself a frequent rebel, on the fringe. I couldn't be as bright and accomplished as him because there had been intense competition amongst his siblings in his growing up, and I was too far behind to be good in this endeavor. It is interesting that my Mom was a farm girl who learned to keep the Model T running as a vital necessity for their existence. So this was my first ride, my first success, this was an important identity for Bruce.

Something touched me after my children were grown. It seemed a quiet but insistent voice from the past. By now I had learned to come to people recognizing that to be with God I had to help, be close to and understand them with love. I had lived on the fringe for many years and I suspect this attitude exists in other members of my family including maybe him. But I felt the call of the two wheel ride; for all intense and purposes, this was the perfect vehicle. I feel it producing an internal freedom with a better understanding of self, as mind and body work together. With helmet all the senses come to play, not stifled as in a car. I have smelled people, seen and felt the shimmering products of nature as my ride pierced the veil. It has a rhythm. This gets me in tune with the riding world. A good ride is a good day. If something is not just right I know and stop; fixing the bike keeps

things going. The physical side of riding is guided by the mental state, the reflexes and experience. The muscles and fine-twitch action of nerves are a symphony of motion aided by keeping in good health with exercising. I found that this machine was the standard by which I could measure both the world and me.

As was often the case for me whenever I mentioned two wheels he would berate me, but by now, predictably. And we are older. As such this was more a token retort, and then we had an understanding from discussions, sharing our reasoning. As he was intellectually successful in his field, he respected my riding ability and requested help with the wrench. Between us neither could compete on the others turf; there was a tacit understanding that bonded us, each open and comfortable. After his ninety-second birthday it became clear he had a rapidly progressing condition known as dementia and the great mind was destined to melt into nothing. We understood his end. We all did as a family. Fortunately it did not involve suffering. In fact as he became more dependent and three son's help was full-time, we all had enjoyable and memorable times with him in these final days. The old him was only memory now, this new him we would make the most of as a family as his life was marked in hours. The hospice nurses marveled as we put him into a pool with flotation devices, with a duck and a Chihuahua in a life vest. And, it was inevitable that the play and games included lifting him, willingly, onto the seat of my parked R1100GS. The pictures show us beside, his hands on the grips, feet on the pegs having the last ride.

Kim's Korner

Kim Rydalch, newsletter editor

According to the Iron Butt Association the way to cover a lot of ground is to not stop! It makes sense... just keep moving and make the gas stops as short as possible. I personally rode 1520 miles in 1997 in 23 hours riding from Modesto to Orem, UT and back. I

earned my Burn Burner Gold and I never rode faster than 75 mph. I had just installed a set of Dunlop radial tires on my 1993 K1100LT and the tires caused a serious weave above 75 mph so I was forced to keep my speed down. It was a blessing in disguise because I had a better mpg with the lower speed therefore I stopped less often for gas.



I bring this up because the August 2008 edition of Bike magazine had three journalists ride their motorcycles to the destination of their choice and see who could ride the farthest in 24 hours. The results were the following...

Journalist #1 rode toward the Artic Circle via London towards Sweden. The bike was a BMW R1200GS with no extra gas tank. He also didn't use any electric clothing for extra warmth so he froze most of the night. He was able to ride over 100 mph often and there fore had lots of stops for gas. Final mileage total was 1440 miles.

Journalist #2 rode toward Istanbul, Turkey via London and Eastern Europe. The bike was a Victory Vision Street. The ride itself was very comfortable, but the limiting factor for him was lots of Border stops, two lane roads and traffic. Final mileage total was 1200 miles and ended in Croatia.

Journalist #3 rode toward Ceuta, Spain on the African continent starting from London. He rode a Kawasaki ZR1400 sport bike. His speed was such that many times he needed to refuel after 135 miles so he made many fuel stops. He loved the bike and comfort! Mostly auto route (freeway) so he was able to cover a lot of territory. Final mileage total was 1470 miles.

I was intrigued by the Bike article because it shows that in the USA we can cover more ground than they can in Europe even with our lower speed limits. In

the West we have many areas with low traffic density and lots of open freeways that enable all of us to cover a lot of ground. I think another difference is experience in the USA Long Distance riding community. It's common knowledge to wear heated clothing for comfort and safety on long rides. Use a Camel Back type drinking system to hydrate without stopping. Smoke breaks kill time like nothing else and eating in full service a restaurant literally, "eats" up major time during a 24 hour ride!

All of the Bike journalists didn't wear electric vests or jackets and stopped for coffee several times to warm up. They also had many smoke breaks and wasted a lot of time. If they had just sent an email to our own RCB member, Tom Austin, they could have been so much more successful!

By the way if you'd like to earn your Saddle Sore certificate for riding 1000 miles in 24 hours go to www.ironbutt.com for instructions. If you ride the Interstate it should take you about 17 hours.

Just remember...Don't Stop!

All club members who own Arai helmets I have good news. I have had two Arai helmets that had the lower vinyl strip peel off. I tried using gel type super glue with mediocre results. In frustration I went to the Arai website and registered for free. I then sent an email to Arai corporate and asked them what type of glue they recommend to reattach the lower vinyl trim.

Arai responded there was a batch of trim made with too much petroleum in it so the trim would not hold with any glue. Therefore any Arai helmet manufactured after January 2000 will be fixed for free upon request. You must register on their website and then send an email using their website and request an RGA (return goods authorization). You will then send them your helmet at your expense, but they will fix with new trim and return postage paid. Check out the website at www.araiamericas.com

Member's Classified Ads

Classified ads are free to members, and usually will run for 3 months give or take a bit, unless you email back and tell us to pull it. Send the text of your email to Classified, and it will be included in the web site and also in the newsletter. Please format similar to ads below. Limit 75 words.

2005 BMW R1200RT with 21k miles. \$14,000 Garaged kept and maintained by A&S BMW in Roseville. Lots of extras included. You can see more on Cycletrader online or Craig's List. Thanks for looking. E.J. (916) 515-0156

Want to Trade: I would like to trade a low 2005+ GS seat for a medium or high GS seat. I purchased the bike with a low seat and my legs are too cramped. Bob 916-208-6641 (9/16)

1986 Kawasaki 900 Ninja. Great second or commuter bike. 26,000 mi. Purchased in July from original owner. Been always garaged, and here in Sac since new. Very clean. New brakes, tires, fluids, tune up. Runs very strong. Complete service records from day one available. \$2500.00. If I still have it, it'll be at A&S and the club breakfast the 27th. call Steve Horrell 916.316.0446. New title in my name, and insured. I'm riding it almost daily! (9/15)

Misc: RKA (2) Side Case Bags, (1) Trunk Bag for an 2008 K1200LT. The bags are for non-CD cases. They are used but in very good condition. \$100.00 for the set. Contact Frank @ (916) 366-9591. (9/5)

Front tire, 110/80 - 19 for 1150GS TKC 80. Received new 9/4/08. I fat fingered the online order and SWMoto sent me 2 of them. I paid only \$108.95. You can have for what I paid. No tax. Ken 916-768-1675 (8/7)

Misc: 2 Metzler Z06 tires. Rear is brand new 180/55 -17 for \$ 140.00. Front has been on the road for 800 miles, 120/70-17, \$ 90.00. They fit the new 1200 RTs very well. Women's Olympia riding pants with liner, size 8. \$ 80.00. Like new. Women's ReVit riding boots, size 39 Euro, worn twice. \$ 75.00. AutoCom with 2 helmets including mic and speakers installed. \$ 120. Larry lrmksm(@)juno.com 916-705-3900 (8/3)

Misc: Eureka Wabakimi 3 season 2 person tent with 2 vestibules & 2 doors. Packed size 7" dia. x 22" long. Weight about 5 lbs. \$60. Eureka Assault 3 season 2 person tent with 2 doors/2 vestibules. Packed size 7" dia x 22" long. Includes footprint. Weight about 7 lbs. \$40. Women's BMW cool weather riding suit. Hip length jacket with bib style pants. Black with silver reflective piping. Both size Medium \$40. E-mail pics avail if interested. Larry Campbell (707)446-1858 delinesoup(@)aol.com (7/29)

2004 R1150R, Silver 8.3K, heated grips, ABS, dual ignition, Throttlemeister, BMW bags, BMW touring windshield, Rick Mayer seat, lowered pegs, bar backs, never down, dealer maintained, always garaged, like new. \$8,400 Jim 530-478-0688 or jpsmithcs(at)sbcglobal.net (7/9)

1999 BMW K1200 RS, Silver & Blue, Color Matched Saddle Bags, Heated Grips, Standard & Tall BMW Windshields, Corbin Seat & Stock Seat, Ohlins Rear Shock & Stock Rear Shock, Remus Titanium Exhaust System, 5 1/2" Rear Wheel, Very Nice Condition, 28K Miles, \$8000. jta101(at)surewest.net or 916-457-7619 (6/30)

Wanted: stock windshield for a R1150GS not adventure. Perfect condition doesn't matter as long as it's half way decent condition. Call Mark @ 916-834-7190 or email rtbmr (at) yahoo.com (6/23)

Riding Gear: Oxtar Sunray GTX boots, ladies, in box new condition, size 9 EUR 41, \$100. SHOEI RF -1000 R.Blue sz XL 7.5/8-7.3/4 inch 61-62 cm, in box, in micro fiber bag, clear shield. Helmet is in mint condition, used for 1K, \$200. ICON Denim Blk Pants, mens size 36w 33L, \$30. JOE ROCKET BALLISTIC TEXTILE MOTORCYCLE PANTS Tall/Med Ballistic 5.0 w/ knee protectors, mens Size 36, \$80. Call Dennis 530-391-5754

2008 Calendar of Upcoming Events

Check often because events are always being added or changed.

General membership meeting at Susie's Country Oaks Cafe, 8 am, 500-G Cirby Way, Roseville, CA 916-786-0274. There will be a day ride afterwards so have a full tank of gas before starting. All members and guests welcome.

The October 4th general membership meeting will be at the Manchester Beach KOA campground. See you there!

Oct.14th,Tue Director's meeting at IHOP Restaurant, 7:00 pm, 2525 Iron Point Road, Folsom. All members welcome.

Oct.16th,Thur Every 3rd Thursday at A&S BMW you're invited to their Garage Party @ 6:30 pm. Interesting activities and eats. Check it out.

Wed. Ride Weds. Dinner Ride, Meet between 5-6:30 pm, Leaves every Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm from the Coffee Republic in Folsom.

Thur. Ride Meet up for a weekly Thursday day ride, "Because We Can Ride". Meet at Brookfield's at Sunrise and Folsom, eat at 8am and ride at 9am. For all retired, independently wealthy or just plain sick of work!

Oct 3 – 5 Manchester Beach extravaganza, KOA, Phil Sweeny organizing
 Nov 9 2009 Planning Meeting, location to be determined
 Dec 6 RCB Christmas Party, details to follow



The Ride To Nowhere finally ends Somewhere!

Well it's coming up on the end of September, just about a week to get your final monthly goal emailed in. I won't be at the monthly meeting @ Manchester Beach, so get your photos turned in by email. Now if you read the rules everyone has until the end of October to get your pictures in for everything but the monthly goals. Being that we're running a relaxed contest here, no one going to check if a photo is taken after September 30th. You just have to have all your photos turned in before the end of October as per the rules. There's a lot of contestants that just need a photo or two to finish or move up to the next level. The overall contest is a close one, real close - good luck and get those photos in.

If you have any concerns or questions about what totals I have for you, drop me a line. On November 1st all totals I have will be final, contact me before that date. So how many sets of tires did you go through?

Thanks
John



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Robert & Barbara Lawrence, Granite Bay

A&S BMW Motorcycles Announces...

Garagenpartei.... 6:30 pm—8:30 pm

Every 3rd Thursday of the month