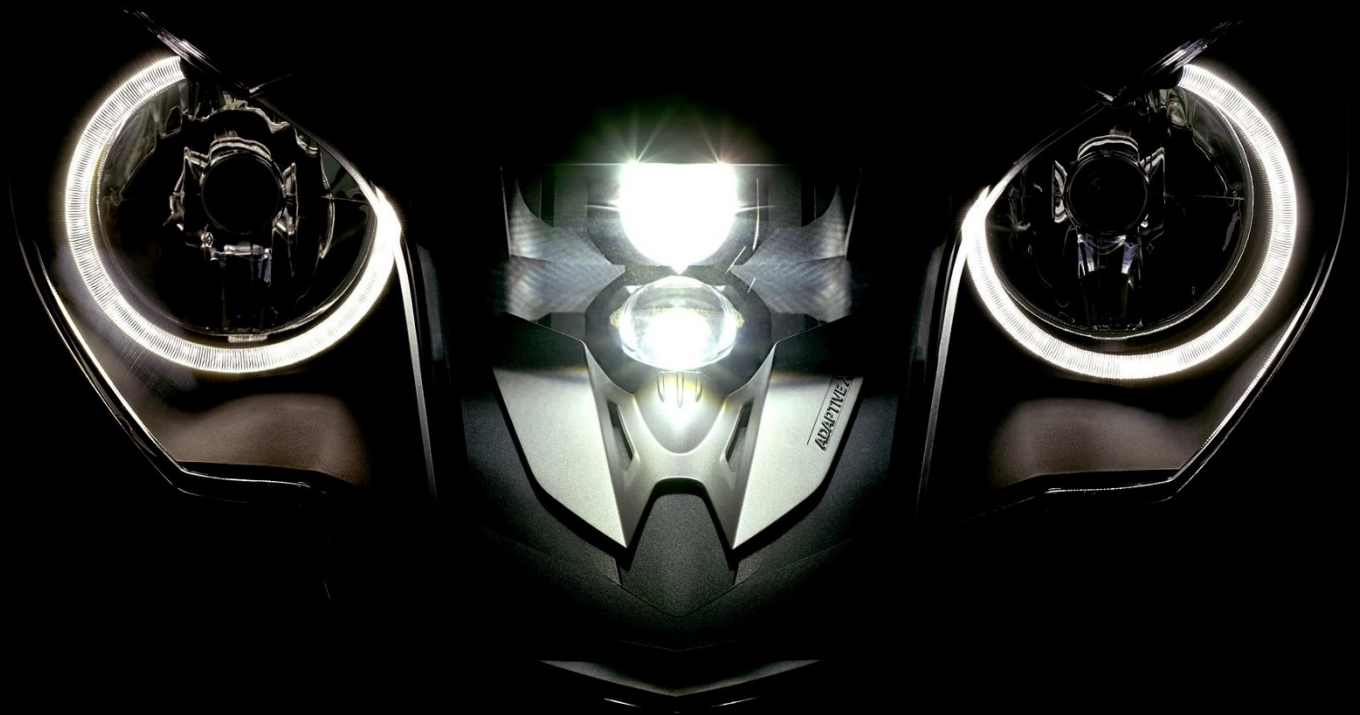


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# RCB

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## Welcome New RCB Members

FIRST_NAME	LAST_NAME	CITY	ST
Douglas	Hitchcock	Sacramento	CA
David A.	Yaroch	Concord	CA
Darold	Cooper	Rancho Cordova	CA
Kenneth and Marcia	Fritz	Orangevale	CA
Hebert	Lee	Sacramento	CA
John and LaShaun	Vezirian	Sacramento	CA

# River City Beemers



BMW MOA Club #210 & BMWRA Club #104

Catch us on the Web at WWW.RCB.ORG

NOVEMBER 2014

## Club Information

### President

Gordy Olson 916-642-2221

### Vice President

Jack Klauschie 530-677-6395

### Secretary

Tom Moe 916-742-4287

### Treasurer

Dave Alexander 916-612-6616

### Membership

Ray Nuguit 916-625-0799

### Web Master

Ken Caruthers 916-712-1014

### Women's Liaison

Jeanie Thurston 916-626-9121

### Directors through 2014

Ken Caruthers 916-712-1014

Marv Lewis 916-652-0575

Ray Nuguit 916-625-0799

Rand Olson 916-599-0819

Kim Rydalch 916-000-0000

### Directors through 2015

Mike Ivie 916-666-1403

Al Morrison 916-955-6096

Terry Lee 916-987-9126

Mike Harvey 916-334-5901

Bruce Parrish 916-989-9224

### Director Emeritus

Stan Paolini 530-622-4808

Rick Blake 916-927-0000

### Membership Meeting

First Sat of Month at 8:00am  
Susie's Country Oaks Cafe  
500-G Cirby Way  
Roseville CA

### Director's Meeting

Second Tue of Month at  
Cabos Restaurant 7:00 pm  
8570 Auburn-Folsom Road  
Granite Bay, CA  
916-797-1996

### Breakfast - Be There!

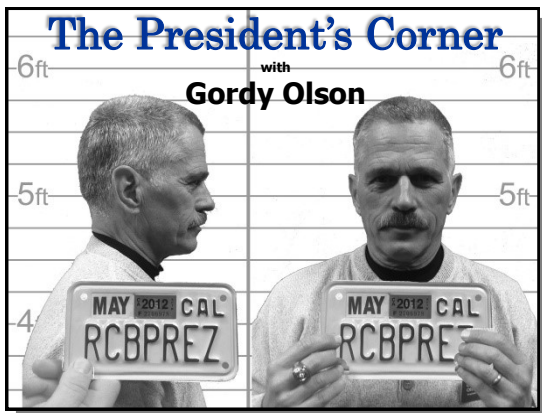
Every Saturday 8 am  
Susie's Country Oaks Cafe  
500-G Cirby Way Roseville CA

### Weds. Dinner Ride

Meet between 5-6:30 pm  
Leaves every Wednesday  
evening at 6:30 pm from The  
Coffee Republic in Folsom

### Thurs. Breakfast crew

Meet at 8am and ride by 9am  
Brookfield's Restaurant  
11135 Folsom Blvd



Perfect weather...marvelous food...homemade pizza.....great company....plenty of twisties....cold beer....coffee and bagels every morning.....that was the recipe for a great weekend up at Manchester Beach! I think it is safe to say that everyone who attended the Fall Classic got his or her \$10 worth of fun, food, and frolic! We even picked up some new members when guests at the event realized that they wanted to be a permanent part of the festivities by officially joining our merry little band. A lot of people deserve thanks for making this event happen. Jack W. was the chief honcho of the event and performed his duties with characteristic aplomb. Roy proved that his bragging about being the best pizza maker this side of Milano was no idle boast. The Stofers brought the big breakfast wagon and kept the coffee and the conversation going 24/7. Fred mixed up his signature Bloody Mary's for those so inclined (and after two or three of `em a lot of folks were really inclining!). The folks at the KOA outdid themselves with the banquet they put on for us. Perhaps the best news of all is that all this fun came in at a mere \$32 over budget! It's going to be tough to top this next year but, rest assured, we are going to try.

In an effort to keep such great events coming, our annual planning meeting will be held on Sunday, November 23, at 5:00pm at the Round Table Pizza (at Madison and Greenback in Folsom). All members are invited to come and suggest events, rides, or other way to amuse ourselves next year. The Club will spring for the pizza and soft drinks (and maybe even a pitcher or two of beer!). You will be **especial-ly** welcome if you suggest an event and also

volunteer to organize it.

Start thinking now about the RCB Christmas party scheduled for Saturday, December 6, at A&S. As usual, the Club will provide some main dishes and members will chip in with side dishes, desserts, and salads. Watch the Forum for the alphabetic breakdown on who brings what. This year there will be live music featuring a (somewhat) famous band led by ONE OF OUR OWN! That's all the information you will get out of me, but I assure you that the music will be a fantastic addition to our end-of-the-year get together.

Also, our (almost) annual Toy Run to the Children's Receiving Home is also coming up in December. Fred will be getting more info out about this event on the Forum as the date approaches, but start thinking now about how you can assist these kids who, through no fault of their own, find themselves in pretty tough situations.

As the weather starts to cool, get ready to break out those winter weight base layers and balaclavas. When the rainy season starts (hopefully!), break out the Frogg Toggs and other assorted foul weather gear. Do not – under any circumstances – stop riding! As wise old campers say: "There is no bad weather, only bad preparation and bad equipment!"

Ride on! RCBPREZ



## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Meeting:** River City Beemers Board Meeting

**Location:** Cabos Restaurant, 8570 Auburn Folsom Rd., Granite Bay, CA

**Minutes:** Tom Moe

**Date:** Oct 14 2014

**Next Meeting:** Nov 11 2014

<i>Officers</i>			
	Gordy Olson (President)	P	Jack Klauschie (VP)
P	Dave Alexander (Treasurer)	P	Tom Moe (Secretary)
<i>Directors</i>			
	Rick Blake (Director Emeritus)	P	Rand Olson
P	Ken Caruthers (Webmaster)		Stan Paolini (Director Emeritus)
P	Terry Lee		Jeanie Thurston (Women's Liaison)
P	Marv Lewis		Bob Lawrence (Newsletter)
P	Mike Ivie		Mike Harvey
	Ray Nuguit - (Membership)	P	Al Morrison
P	Bruce Parrish		Kim Rydalch
<i>Guests</i>			
	Bruce and Lisa Cornish		Roy Ulsfrud

'P' indicates member was present at the meeting

### Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:0 PM by V. P. Jack.

**Last Month's Minutes:** The Minutes from the September meeting were moved, seconded and approved without changes.  
**Treasurer's Report** – Continue in the "red". Current Assets: \$9,976.82 YTD Net Income- (YTD Net Income- loss (\$1,010.02). Full Treasurers Report dated Sept. 30, 2014 is attached. The treasurer submitted a \$260.00 invoice to A & S for new member name badges.

**Membership Report** – Membership is at +-190 paid members with quite a few new members which may increase this number.

### Old Business

Superior Sound Technology return visit- Gordon will contact the company who presented at the June meeting to see if they will return to Susie's on a Saturday to provide services for club members. Several members who purchased the product were satisfied with them- noted turnaround time can be somewhat delayed. This continues to be a work in progress.

Change in Leadership- Gordon has offered to bequeath his personalized license license plates "RCB Prez" to the future RCB president- talk about incentive :-). Cost is \$38.00. There was discussion about the change in leadership- several members agreed with the assessment that Gordon has done an extraordinary job as both president and the "rafflemeister" but that his work as the raffelmeister was truly outstanding. Very creative and has resulted in many new and innovative products. Thank you and great job! Some board members may refuse to accept his stated resignation :-). A suggestion for the webmaster to poll the membership using the forum for preferences for future raffle items was made. Just in case the incoming leader is not as skilled in this area. The board sincerely hopes that Gordy will be willing to lead in both categories another year. It was also noted that our scribe, Tom Moe has indicated he will not be available for another term. Al Morrison indicated that his wife Angel may be willing to undertake the arduous task. We certainly hope so as she would bring style and grace to the posi-

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

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tion, a big improvement over the present scribe.

**Fall Classic-** \$1150 was budgeted, the expenses, if all in appear to be over by \$32.41. Jack is to be commended for organizing feeding the members, Fred for Bloody Mary's and Gary and Linda for their help as usual. It was heard that Friday night pizza night was a huge success as well.

**New Business**

There was a discussion concerning deficit spending and the declining bank account. Numerous ideas and concepts were batted around with more discussion and input from the next term board warranted.

The fall colors ride (formerly 5 passes) is set with an interesting route planned. It should be a bit cooler than we are used to so bring your cool weather gear was the warning.

The club elections are scheduled for the November meeting as usual and hopefully we can entice some new members to the board and officers slate. Jack & Dave agreed to serve another term if elected and none of the board members present tonight bolted from the team. Nominations for new officers and board positions are welcome and encouraged.

The November club ride appears to be a trip to San Mateo to the Progressive International Motorcycle Show. Our fearless ride leader will be challenged to make a simple ride to San Mateo twisty.

Tech Day is Sunday November 2, at A & S. Bring your hopeless project in so Gordy can adjust the carbs for you, his specialty. Or, if you don't have carbs perhaps get some assistance from the techs and other knowledgeable RCB members of which there are plenty.

The yearly planning meeting will be at:  
Round Table Pizza, 9500 Greenback Ln, Folsom, CA 95630  
Date/Time: 11/23/2014 - 5:00pm  
Organizer: Gordy Olson  
Contact Number: 916-642-2221

Bring your best ideas and volunteering spirit.

RCB has been approached to assist with the annual Beemer Bash held in Quincy, CA each year. We have been requested to bring larger participation and hopefully more members and guests to keep this rally viable and the potential for profit or heaven forbid loss. The board will be considering this over the next few months when more details are available.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

**FUTURE CLUB EVENTS****TECH DAY 11/2/2014****LOCATION: A&S****DATE/TIME: 11/02/2014 - 9:00AM****ORGANIZER: GORDY OLSON**

Tech Day is scheduled for Sunday, November 2, starting at 9 a.m. at A&S. There will be an A&S tech there so we will be able to use the tire changing equipment and also get some advice and guidance. Remember, the tech is there to answer questions and to assure safety not to do your repair work for you. Bring your own tools and supplies to the extent possible. Pizza and cold drinks will be provided by the club. We will probably break for lunch about noon and hope to wrap everything up by 3 or 4 p.m.

We will have a drawing for a pair of event-appropriate door prizes during the lunch break. Hope to see a lot of you there!

**2014 PLANNING MEETING****LOCATION: ROUND TABLE PIZZA, 9500****GREENBACK LN, FOLSOM, CA 95630****DATE/TIME: 11/23/2014 - 5:00PM****ORGANIZER: GORDY OLSON****CONTACT NUMBER: 916-642-2221**

Every year around this time a number of RCB members huddle around a table to plot next year's ride calendar. We'll be looking for a mix of slab and off-road rides, a mix of one day and overnight rides, and a mix of camping and motels rides. We'll also consider other club's activities and try to minimize overlap. In the end, we hope to generate a ride calendar for the coming year.

The meeting starts at 5 PM and usually runs for two hours or so. Members propose rides (or rides they would like) and together we try to fit this jigsaw puzzle together. Even if you don't have a ride to propose, it's worth it to stop by just to see how things come together. Hey, it's YOUR club, after all. RCB picks up the pizza and soft drinks and it's not a bad way to spend a Sunday evening.

**RCB TOY RUN FOR 2014**

Once again the RCB will be doing a toy run for the Sacramento Children's Receiving Home, cooking hot dogs and hamburgers for the kids, the help, (and us) on December 13. It's a Saturday, the week after our club meeting and our club Christmas dinner, and of course I'm looking for a few volunteers to help set up and do some cooking. It's such a humbling experience cooking for those kids, who are not at the home through any fault of their own, they truly seem to enjoy the barbecue. One girl last year told us that it was the best thing to happen to her since she got there.



## FUTURE CLUB EVENTS

As we get closer to the event I hope to have a list of items the kids want for Christmas, but as always, gift cards are very welcomed by all. They like movie cards, Target, Walmart, even fast food, and remember, most of the kids are actually older, up to 18 or more. They have also told me in the past that plus size clothing in both sexes is always needed. The SCRH cannot send any child home without extra



socks, underwear, shirts, pants, pajamas and personal hygiene items, so they need those items all year round.

I'm sure Ken can come up with a roundabout route for those of us wanting an actual toy ride on that day, look for that coming soon. Thank you all for participating, and let's make it a great day for the kids (and us too!).



# WANTED

## Club Photographers, and story tellers

Dislike being in front of the camera, here is your chance to be behind it. RCB Newsletter editor looking for photographers to capture club events. Call or email Bob Lawrence at (916) 208-6641 or email [robertlawrence@surewest.net](mailto:robertlawrence@surewest.net)

## CLUB MEMBERS AT WORK

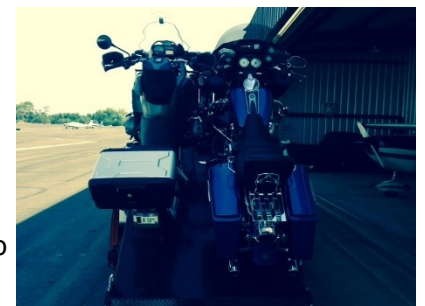
### WHEN YOUR SWEET RIDE NEEDS A SWEET RIDE

Call Trujillo Tow & Transport! This new towing business, launched by club member Ray Trujillo, specializes in transporting motorcycles using a hydraulic lift system that ensures no stress or strain is ever placed on your bike as it is lifted gently into the truck bed.



Ray's business covers many facets of transporting motorcycles, including:

- **Roadside Rescue:** If your motorcycle breaks down on the highway, Trujillo Tow & Transport (TTT) will cheerfully rescue both you and your motorcycle. Ray also carries gas, air, and can give you a jump-start, if that's what you need.
- **Motorcycle Transport for Dealers:** If you are a dealer who needs to deliver a new motorcycle to a customer, give TTT a call. And rest assured that the bike or bikes will be transported safely and cheerfully.
- **Rally Transport:** If you've always wanted to attend a rally maybe even Sturgis give Ray a call. He will safely transport your bike so it will be waiting when you arrive.
- **Routine Service & Maintenance Transport:** Professionals are you just too busy to have your bike serviced? Give TTT a call and your bike will be picked up and delivered to your preferred service dealer and delivered safely back home again after service.



Trujillo Tow & Transport can carry up to six bikes at a time – two in the bed of a heavy-duty truck, and four in an enclosed trailer specifically outfitted with equipment to ensure safe transportation.

You can rest assured that Trujillo Tow & Transport will treat your motorcycle with the same care and respect that you would. Call 916-601-9141 or 1-800-601-6631 whenever your sweet ride needs a sweet ride



## HALF MILLION ORANGE HIGHWAY CONE RIDE

By Jim Wilson

I was fortunate enough to have the inclination and now retired from work, time to go to the, as far as I know, only 40th R90S BMW Rally in the US, models of the R90 group 1974-1976. This has been in the planning stages for a year +, based on a wish, a whim if I may say to gather some folks to an unknown place, somewhere back east. Intended only to be a small gathering, maybe 20-30 and may include oh they thought a 3 states area. But, once the cat got out of the bag all hell broke and she grew and grew and became "the event" BMW Rally of the year. Held at a private 30 acre residence, that most of us didn't get the info about until two-three weeks prior to the event start. Just north of Philadelphia was all we knew. Limited to and based on a first come, first serve ticket and only talked about on the r90sworldnet site. Little did I know what was to grow from the small seed planted over a couple brews.

My adventure with this rally started with just trying to get in, I just wanted a ticket. I had emailed rally master in charge Todd Trumborn on Jan 30th and was refused. Sorry mate as down-under rallyer Frank would say, Hop Sing our western railroad ranch cook who worked for Ben Cartwright and Utah Philips a local storyteller, railroad-bum, philosopher & songwriter would say, "no tickie, no laundry".

So it looked like I wasn't going. I've been to several 'special' rallies before, that's why I knew this was another I just had to be a part of. It was 1982 when a Vincent rally was held 200 miles north of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada at Shadow Lake that I knew I wanted to be there, designer, author and engineer Philip Edward Irving [(1903-1992) was an Australian engineer and author, most famous for the [Repco-Brabham Formula One](#) and [Vincent motorcycle engines](#). He also designed [Velocette](#) motorcycles and drew the engine of the 1960 EMC 125cc racer] and wife Edith Irving were to attend. I had just gotten my R90SRS running two weeks before so away the four of us went, 2 Vincents, 1 Ducati and me. We never had to deal with 'tickets' to rallies because the rallies in the Vincent club are about the riders who share a common interest in a particular bike. It's a gathering of people who make the rally a rally, not the bikes. If you wanted to attend then simply show up. Oh sure the bikes are there in all their glory. They WILL outlive us, as we are just their present caretakers. In this regard many of those owners are older and we cherished them first. That trip was similar to this in that the distance was great, 24 states, 3 provinces and a great lakes ferry crossing in a little over three weeks. I didn't have much vacation time back then. I was young and the stock R90 seat was piss ass poor and made me sore. That seat hangs in the rafters now. That trip got me interested in long distance riding. When Todd sent me an email late April or early May saying there are 2 tickets available, I had to snatch them up. My wife would fly out to Philadelphia's airport, but that didn't happen as she bowed out.

John Edwards, Washington rider, contacted me early on in March and said his friend was not attending and I could have

his ticket. He wanted someone to ride out with because he had never done such a trip before. First time rides can be daunting to some who only venture short distances around their state on bike rides. That ticket then went back to Todd for the next person on the waiting list to go to this event. John and I met up in Billings, MT. I rode north east to catch up to John on Hwy 90, Nevada to Idaho and Montana. I wanted to ride Lolo pass but never made it there. Maybe when I head to the MOA next year in Missoula. We headed east for the next few days. One of my requests was to see some national parks while riding and there are 4 states that I have never been to in any of my travels, North Dakota was one of them. Before I reached John I routed myself to Yellowstone N.P. the lady at the gate requested \$20.00 for motorcycle entrance fee. I gladly took off my helmet and reached into my wallet for my California driver's license and handed her with a big smile my license, I responded "I'd like my senior pass please". She smiled and said OK, you qualify. For those who do not know it's the next best idea, America did after creating the National Parks system as Ken Burns has called the National Parks Series on PBS TV.

If you have never seen this series I highly recommend its purchase. It will wet your whistle and you'll be back to America just to see as many N.P.s as possible in one summer. The senior pass allows you and a friend to enter any N.P. anytime, as many times as you wish for the rest of your life. It's \$10.00.

The IBA, Iron Butt Association and, Utah based, MERA, Motorcycle Endurance Riders Association have many rides to entice you to ride your bike. One of them is to visit 50 N.P.s in 25 states in a year. A simple way to have an excuse to just go ride and see America. So off to Montana and find John. We rode to Teddy Roosevelt N.P. and I was a little disappointed to not see more at 'HIS' park because it was Teddy who was the father of the N.P. system in 1872.

We rode next to Little Bighorn Battlefield N.P. I was kind of shocked while there because nothing was said nor grave monuments marked for Native Americans who fought in those same fields, too bad America can't get past this. I like to get things for the grandkids but realizing there is only so much room on the bike decided that was for their parents to do, not me. So I bought stickers for the panniers. John had some family so we then were off to visit them in between the rain showers and thunderstorm hail fronts. At an off road farm town gas stop along our way, we talked with a farmer who brought his 1926-27 mixed bag, model T pickup to the gas station where we had stopped, it reminded me of the model A I used to tinker on when I was 16 years old, a red roadster cabriolet with a rumble seat and quail radiator cap. He had 3 others back at his garage, lord only knows what else was stashed in his barn.

A quick visit to John's family members in eastern Montana, then to both North and South Dakotas, a place you really should avoid. The amount of trucks hauling fracking equipment and water trucks was tremendous. 300 fracking rigs and 3000 water trucks, 30 welding trucks, and every conceivable fake name about energy and solutions you could think up; Cypress, Acme, Firm Solutions, Energy Alliance,

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First Alliance Co., True Energy, Quick Drilling and Energy Group, Clear Energy, New roads going in faster than the center yellow paint stripping could dry. Farmers leveling land and piping in temporary water and electricity lines so 20-40 small trailers could be based close to the entrance gate on the farmers land for workers temp residences. Each small trailer costing \$1800-2500.00 a month rent. Workers running 7 days a week and probably 8 to 12 hr. shifts. Quite a big deal and all very ugly to me, it filled the spaces of the TV documentaries my wife and I have seen. It stunk!

Fearing a time crunch and the fact the thunderstorms were coming in waves, we headed east to Minnesota and south Wisconsin where 3 to 6 inches of rain hit in about a 3 to 4-hour period. It came down so fast that while riding down the freeway and not finding a hotel because Ms. Garmin trailed us wrong, then we found one. Luckily it had a dryer available for us to use. I was fine but John was soaked. The folks running a non-chain hotel were super and friendly mid westerners, who lived there all their lives. This takes me to another thought about the talks we had and visiting people along the way as well as those at the rally. It's hard for me to imagine just how going through life and never ever leaving the state one grew up in. To me that is sad but that's life.

Pretty much we stayed on the secondary roads and smaller byways of the federal highway system. For those who don't know about it and believe me many really do not know all there is to know about the numbering system circa 1957. Now we needed to focus on getting to the rally. One last detour was to ride down the road I was born and lived on for my first 3 yrs. Just outside of Pittsburgh, Pa. I'm sorry to say I never did recognize my house, I did recognize the golf and country club close by though. I always thought the house and yard were larger, I remember seeing my old family photos and remember, it was 59yrs ago when I saw it last, ahh, age has its faults.

The rally was the icing on the cake adventure ride. It was at the rally that I learned about Jim and Terry, two other Washington and Oregon riders. Funny how no riders from So-Cal, NM, AZ, TX, OK, IOWA, UT, CO, etc. were there. Come on guys, get the bikes out and see your fellow rider owners. Also



Hans Muth, Videographer. Gary Fischer, Tom Cutter, Ute Gietl, Reg Pridmore, Todd Schuster.

there has never been mention of a west coast 40 yr rally? Humm. When I got there it was raining all across Pennsylvania, but within a couple hours the sun came out and stayed that way all weekend long. A large tent was set up so we had cover from all elements. We had our talks under it as well as dinners, conversations and late night movies.

So you ask what went on at this event? The players are: Tony Karas and his wife who own the beautiful parcel rally site farm.

Hans A. Muth chief designer of the R90S, The RS was his work also, who had joined BMW in 1971 to work on the design of



HANS in the middle while we still line bikes up in the R90S badge with a border around it

car interiors.

Robert A. Lutz, Executive Vice President of global sales and marketing at BMW in Munich, Germany from 1971-74

Gary Fisher, Rider/racer,

Reg Pridmore, Three time AMA Superbike Champion Rider/racer,

Most of us know of Reggie. Reg brought some 22"x 18" posters (see below) showing his winning form at [Laguna Seca](#) in 1976 for a signing session.

Other R90S posters were there and everyone signed them.

Hans Muth forwarded 2 sketches of what the R90S /R9TS would look like today if he were to designing a 2014 model.

Udo Gietl engineer chief racing division Superbike builder and tuner & lead Butler & Smith Team member.

Tom Cutter, team wrench.

Todd Schuster. Master machinist, fabricator and welder for the Butler and Smith race team.

Ted Cymbaly – An R90S enthusiast and author, Ted is president of the Classic Katana Owners of North America.

Plus Max BMW's R90S built from 99% BMW Catalog parts, an R-Nine-T (currently as scarce as hen's teeth), etc

I say these are as close as I can remember, the unofficial titles of those listed here.

These gentlemen used all these titles very loosely because it seemed BMW really didn't have a budget for racing in those days and it also seemed they didn't care too awful much about the motorcycle division and according



butler & smith race R90S bike

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to them, BMW was a loosely run motorcycle division back then.

Robert's talk was a video-cast pre-taped DVD. Everyone else was live, in person and full of fun. We talked about life at BMW, life in general, racing stories, swapping lies and swatting flies, pit and track stories, other racer stories, wanting BMW to do and give more funds. Tech sessions and tune-ups, the real name behind the story of Daytona orange is 'egg yolk', how the smoke colors were born & cockpit design. How the camshafts flexed too much and fairing design. The conversations went into the night with fireworks and fireflies a-buzzing.

A video will be available to watch of the whole interview and discussion groups and panel racers and I hope to get and show this to our club members, so stay in touch.

Tentative Schedule of Events: (this is a sneak - per-published copy)

Thursdays.....Out of Town arrivals, Meet and Greet, Chili and Brats around the Campfire

Friday:

7:00a.... Coffee and Donuts/Danish

8:00.....Announcements

8:15.....Robert A. Lutz's DVD film presentations

8:30.....Hans A. Muth, presentation and autographs

10:30.....Udo Gietl, presentation/ autographs

12:30.....Lunch Available

1:00p.....Gary Fisher, presentation/autographs

3:00.....Reg Pridmore, presentation/autographs

6:00.....Dinner by Master Chef Alphons Schuhbeck or equivalent

8:00.....Slide Presentation by Ted Cymbaly, Movies, etc.

10:00.....Camping by the Campfire

Saturday:

7:00a.....Coffee and Donuts/Danish

9:00.....Announcements

9:15.....Robert A. Lutz, DVD film presentation

9:30.....Panel Discussion with:

..... Hans A. Muth

..... Udo Gietl

..... Reg Pridmore

..... Gary Fisher

..... Todd [Schuster](#)

Moderated by Moto Journalist & Editor of Motorcyclist Magazine, Mitch Boehm. Followed by Autograph Session

12:00.....Lunch Available

12:30p...."Covered Bridges of Bucks County Ride", marked, self guided tour of historic & scenic Bucks County

3:00.....Tech Session by Karl Myers, soup to nuts tune-up procedure, bring your notepads

6:00.....Bavarian Dinner

7:30.....Door Prizes, Awards, 50/50 Raffle & Thank you

8:00.....Live Band

10:00.....Tall Tales Around the Campfire

Some other attractions:

..F750 Butler & Smith [race bike](#) built by Udo and raced by Reg Pridmore



property owner Tony Kares on race bike in one of his garages. his 30 acre property was a grand place with a farm

..Max Stratton's R90S built by parts bike

..R-Nine-T bike provided by Hermy's BMW, local dealer

..Udo's back-up R90S Superbike, snatched from the scrap heap, struck by several disasters, but saved and resurrected to live another day and preserved for all vintage enthusiasts to enjoy

..Tony Karas's wonderful Barn Museum filled with rare vintage motorbikes and motorcars including the first R90S designated for the USA....yes, Vin 4950001

Sunday:

7:00a.....Coffee, [Donuts](#) & Danish, Packing Up the Tents, Handshakes & Farewells

The return home was through smaller secondary roads, Amish back roads out thru Penna. and Ohio thru Indiana on Hwy 224. Farmland, silos, windmills, horse, cows and buggies. After pulling off the road in Ohio at one point a highway patrolman stopped us and said we'd better find cover and quick because of the front coming. They roll in quick. We did and it dumped water.

Heading west and getting out of the heart of farmland thru Illinois took us through Chicago. It's been a while since I crossed the mighty Mississippi and Missouri rivers. The creeks in Wyoming and Montana and the Dakotas were larger than any of our present streams, American, Feather or Yuba rivers here in California. Just inside the Illinois border we got hit again with a heavy dose of rain, about 1 mile past the tollgate. This time it came down so hard that I couldn't see at times the big rig I was following. The truck then headed off to the right split and I knew I wanted to go left. My new angel was a car with the super bright LED type taillights, so I followed it. I couldn't see much but 20-30 feet in front of me riding through 1-3" of standing water in the lowest road spots because it couldn't drain fast enough. We did notice at the last gas stop as some of the intrastate fuel facilities have a TV viewing weather channel. This front was heavy, moving fast west to east but thin. In other words we could 'punch thru' it if we stayed the course. It was a really heavy downpour and once thru, the sun shone. We stopped at a very old friend's home for a quick Guinness while getting through Chicago. Glenn owns many old Vincents and Indian motorcycles, sounds like me?? A quick stop and off again. One thing I did start to notice was a shiny fork tube, meant a leaking fork seal as time and miles went by, it got wetter,



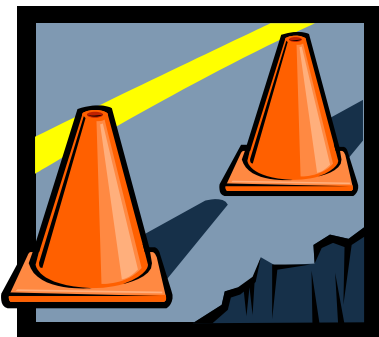
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this caused some concern on my part.

Outside of Illinois we found highway 30 and then 20, 20 being the longest highway in America, all 2 lane roads, we followed 20 through several states... More farmland, typical backbone of America, a great crossing. The "0" in its route number indicates that US 20 is a coast-to-coast route. Spanning 3,365 miles (5,415 km), it IS the longest road in the United States. While riding through Iowa I could not help but sing Greg Brown songs because he lives here somewhere. Heading out of the mid-west storm zones we thought and the muggy heat, DQ was my favorite gas & stop all along the ride. Our next stop was to visit John's sister who was in Pine Bluff, Wyoming. A pleasant visit to his sister daughter's boyfriends wheat farm. Wow! What a place they have. John and I split up at that point but not before we hit the last big storm in Cheyenne where nickel sized hail was coming down thanks to the trucker's info. We held up at another big rig gas center before our separate ways. I headed towards Utah, the salt flats raceway, Wendover where I have been a half dozen times before in past years. Finally Salida, Utah & Highway 50 through Nevada, the loneliest road in America and home to the Sierra in California.

Much more later, as there is a story to be told. I and others will be telling the story as soon as we recover. Four or five magazines involved from Cycle World, Motorcyclist, Roadrunner, BMWMOA Owners News, BMW Magazine, a video documentary is in the works from Chad Strohmayer and Artist/Illustrator John Ritter provided the artwork for the commemorative posters. Regards, Todd Trumbore RM It was about 3688 west to east. Total was 6853 +/- 17-18 states. 434 photos in my shutter fly folder of the rally.

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## BMW Club Riders Association International



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### LATEST ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE BMW RIDERS ASSOCIATION

OTL EDITOR WILL GUYAN WINS "FRIEND OF THE MARQUE" AWARD

Pursuant to a unanimous vote of all Delegates attending the annual meeting of the BMW Council of International Clubs in Tokyo, Japan, our own Will Guyan has received the extraordinary honor of being named a "Friend of the Marque."

Since the inception of this award, only approximately 100 persons in the world have received this extraordinary recognition of service and commitment to the worldwide BMW community.

Please join me in congratulating Will and saying, "Well done!". The Riders Association is asking members to log-in to our new website and let us know your thoughts regarding our latest advertising ideas. We welcome your input. Simply go to [bmwra.org](http://bmwra.org) and click on the forum tab, then go to members only subforum.

The OTL facebook page is seeing some real activity in recent weeks. Please stop by and like On The Level Magazine. Let us hear from you.

The BMW Riders Association now has an active facebook page. Simply like BMW Riders Association.

The Riders Association was at Bob's BMW for their open house. Let us know if you have a dealer event or rally in your club's region.

The Sept/Oct OTL has gone to press and should be in your mailbox in the next few weeks.

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# CALIFORNIA CRACKS DOWN ON MOTORCYCLE EXHAUST

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Every new year brings new laws. Most go unnoticed while other spark up a bit on controversy. Ahem we're looking at you Illinois Wheelie Law. And California is no exception. Starting the first of this year, police in California officially have the authority to ticket motorcyclists who ride motorcycles with non-compliant exhaust systems under SB435, the Motorcycle Anti-Tampering Act.

Signed in 2010, this new motorcycle exhaust law isn't the first to hit the California law books. SB435 is a law meant to support already existing motorcycle exhaust restrictions by allowing police to ticket motorcycles that are parked, ridden or used for any other matter that have been manufactured after January 1, 2013 and have an aftermarket exhaust system or any motorcycle that has a motorcycle exhaust system manufactured after January 1, 2013 that does not display a label directly on the exhaust system showing that it adheres to previously instated noise emission standards.

In other words, if you buy a new motorcycle this year that was made after the first of this year and you switch out the exhaust system, you have to buy one that specifically states and displays that it meets the noise emission requirements or you could receive a ticket from a police officer no matter whether you are riding or parked. Also, if you have a motorcycle manufactured before the first of this year and you upgrade your motorcycle exhaust system to one that was manufactured after the first of this year, it must also show that it is compliant with the noise emission laws.

Wondering how much these tickets will pop you? Get caught with an illegal motorcycle exhaust system a first time and be prepared to give the state of California \$50 to \$100, but it can be dropped if you show the court adequate proof that you installed a legal exhaust system. The second ticket goes up to no less than \$100 but no more than \$250 but cannot be dismissed even if the pipes are replaced.

But there are some holes in this law. For instance, I'm not 100% sure whether or not the motorcyclists must be pulled over for a separate infraction such as failing to signal for a turn or running a stop sign before the motorcyclists can be ticketed for an illegal exhaust system. The bill itself merely states, "This bill would make it a crime for a person to park, use, or operate a motorcycle, registered in the state, that [...] does not have the above..."

Also, there's little stopping a motorcyclist who has been cited from switching the illegal motorcycle exhaust system out for a legal one, showing the court proof to have the infraction dropped, and then switching it back to the illegal exhaust.

Effective or not, the law shows that the motorcycle noise emission debate is still raging. Whether you stand on the "loud pipes save lives" side of the argument or on the side that believes some bikers abuse the power, is this law actually going to make a difference or affect the average rider?

Looking for some new motorcycle exhaust for your bike? Check out [BikeBandit.com](http://BikeBandit.com)'s wide variety of Aftermarket motorcycle parts as well as their motorcycle gear including motorcycle helmets, jackets and maotorcycle gloves.



By Arron Cortez

October 29, 2014

## 2014 STUDY ON LANE SPLITTING: IT'S SAFER THAN YOU THINK

A new study by the CHP and researchers at UC Berkeley shows some interesting findings about lane-splitting; not only is it NOT more dangerous when done at reasonable speeds, but riders who do it wear better gear and have less severe injuries. Read on to get the details.

To lane split, or not to lane split? It's a question that always generates a lot of controversy in the riding community, particularly because the laws pertaining to it are so divided; California is the only state where its permitted, but the rest of the country expressly prohibits the practice. A big part of the problem is that, without any experience living with lane-splitting, people in most of the country – auto drivers and motorcycle riders alike - base their opinions on assumptions and hearsay, rather than on statistics. That's what makes this study, just released last week, so helpful; with over 800,000 registered motorcycles, California is in the unique position of being able to do an in-depth statistical analysis of how safe the practice really is.



*The new study by UC Berkeley finds that lane-splitters wear better helmets, have fewer alcohol-related collisions, and a lower chance of getting a severe injury in a crash.*

## WHAT THE STUDY FOUND

The study took two years, and is the result of a joint effort between the California Highway Patrol and researchers at UC Berkeley, and was funded by the Office of Traffic Safety. By analyzing nearly 8,000 traffic collisions, and collecting in-depth information from officers on the scene about the nature of each accident, researchers were able to draw some conclusions about the safety of lane-splitting based on whether or not the rider was splitting lanes at the time of the incident.

Their findings were eye-opening; among them, the study found that:

Lane-splitting riders were much less likely to be rear-ended (2.7% vs. 4.6%), but more likely to have rear-ended another vehicle (36.4% vs. 14.9%). Lane-splitters were much less likely to suffer head injury (9.1% vs. 16.5%), torso injury (18.6% vs. 27.3%), or fatal injury (1.4% vs. 3.1%) in their collision. Lane-splitters also tended to wear better helmets than non-lane-

splitters, and had a lower prevalence of alcohol use at the time of their collision. Lane-splitters had much higher incidence of collisions on weekdays and during morning or afternoon rush hour than non-lane-splitters.

Severity of injury in the collision was highly correlated with the speed differential at the time of the collision; it increased significantly when done at traffic speeds of over 30 MPH, or when rider speed exceeded traffic speed by more than 10 MPH.

## WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

There are two interesting things about these findings. One is that lane-splitting is not more dangerous to riders; in many cases, the severity of injury in a collision was actually lower among lane-splitters.

The other is that, as should be expected, the rider's decisions have more to do with the results of a collision than anything else. When riders split lanes at excessive speeds, they were much more likely to get into a wreck – which is no different than the risk of speeding in any vehicle. In addition, lane-splitters seemed to be more well-prepared for an incident on the road, indicated by a higher use of certified full-face helmets and lower incidence of alcohol use.



*It may look dangerous - but studies say it's actually not.*

The results of this study have pleased many who support the practice, including the American Motorcycle Association: "These findings bolster the position of motorcyclists and traffic-safety officials that responsible lane splitting is a safe and effective tactic for riders, particularly in heavily congested areas," said Wayne Allard, vice president of government relations for the American Motorcyclist Association. "The AMA endorses these practices and will assist groups and individuals working to bring legal lane splitting or filtering to their states."

## SPLITTING IN OTHER STATES

Studies like this are especially helpful for those in other states who want the freedom to split lanes expanded to where they live. Arizona's legislature passed a bill that would have allowed lane splitting in 2011, but ended up being vetoed by Gov. Jan Brewer, and similar bills have died in both Texas and Oregon. It would appear that, probably because the practice remains so controversial and the population that it would benefit is so small, lawmakers would rather simply retain the status quo.

So even though it remains an uphill battle for riders who want it legalized in the rest of the country, the good news is that there is now even more reputable evidence indicating that, contrary to so many peoples opinions, the practice is actually a lot safer than it's often thought to be.

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## 1994 K75 S Mystic Red



For Sale  
 Extremely clean and well kept. There's a little scuff on one bag. very low miles at 26,107. Lovingly cared for. Absolutely NO issues at all. Randy at A&S had a look and told me that, from the factory, this was a low seat bike. Later on someone had the seat reupholstered with 2 to 3" added height. I'm 6' tall and I'm comfortable on it but it can become a low seat bike with no more work than reupholstering the seat making it a great K75 lovely for a lady or shorter guy or first bike for a teenager. It's my second K75. The other one was the first BMW I ever owned. Headlight protector. I'm pretty sure the little fairing is aftermarket as well - the Stock S had no fairing. This has Laminar Lip double windscreen and works very well. See photo. Dual Air Horn (LOUD!) : ) Thermometer. Touchup paint pen. (may you never need it) Both side bags - all locks are keyed alike including 4 locks on bags, seat lock and ignition. Best to call evenings/weekends or call during day and leave message/question. I'll call you back. \$4000 or - what the heck,

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## 1999 BMW K1200RS



For Sale  
1999 BMW K1200RS w/ABS has 50,600mi it is in outstanding mechanical condition (Thank you, Ozzie's BMW Chico, CA) but it does have some scratches on the fairings and bags. This bike has had all of the common K bike issues worked out, specifically the main seal w/new clutch and a final drive rebuild with these issues out of the way it's good to go for another 50,000 miles. Below is a list of the options, accessories and apparel that come with the bike. Feel free to contact me with any questions about the bike. \*ABS \*Heated Grips \*BMW Hardbags \*Remus exhaust (aprox.140hp) \*Adjustable Windscreen \*Tall Windscreen \*Throttlemeister cruise control \*Sargent Saddle \*Passenger Backrest \*PIAA Driving lights \*SW Motech hard mounted tank bag \*Barbacks \*GPS mounting bracket \*New Battery \*90% Michelin Pilot Sport 2 tires \*Scorpion EXO 1000 helmet in near new condition. XL-XXL \*Scorpion EXO 400 and 700 passenger helmet with pads for sizes XS-XXL \*Summer and winter riding jackets (xxl) and riding pants (xl) \*Motorcycle intercom/audio headset  
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