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Recurring Events:

Member Meeting: 1st Saturday of Every Month

Location: Susie's Country Oaks Cafe,
1000 Melody Lane,
Roseville, CA 95678

Breakfast or such whenever you arrive. Meeting starts about 8:00 A.M. and runs until 9:00 A.M., depending on what the Rafflemeister has in his goodie bag. Weather and other factors permitting there is a member ride after the meeting. Check the web site for details at rcb.org.

Wednesday Night Dinner Ride

Location: Coffee Republic
6610 Folsom-Auburn Road,
Folsom, CA 95630

Riders meet at the Folsom Coffee Republic before heading out to a local dining establishment 30-45 minutes away. After dinner, the riders return home on their own. Yes, we ride in rain and during holiday periods. Each week's destination is usually posted in the forum on the previous Monday or Tuesday.

Board of Directors Meeting

Location: Kathrin's Biergarten
4810 Granite Dr.
Rocklin, Ca.

The RCB board of directors meets monthly to review past activities and plan future events, taking into consideration member interest and cost. The meeting is open to all. While the meeting begins at 7:00 P.M., most directors gather earlier to have dinner.



Guess where this bad boy was?



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RCB Calendar of Events

(See RCB Web Site / Forum for Details)

November 17 2020 Planning Meeting

December 7 Monthly Member Meeting - Club Ride

December 7 Holiday Party

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President's Corner

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Nov. 4th 11:00 a.m. 70 degrees with tons o sun! It's why we live in California. Speaking of which, what a glorious club ride we had Saturday. Our ride leader Capt. Ken took us on a circuitous route to the Priest Grade Café for an excellent lunch. Great crew, great ride and gorgeous weather! We took Wards Ferry Rd. for part of our return route. Wards Ferry has really crappy asphalt, pot holes out the butt and cliffs of death everywhere. WHAT A COOL ROAD! Ask Laura and LeAnne. Safe to say they had a ball on that road. We all did! Perfect day!

Speaking of Laura, Congrats Laura on your new position on the RCB Board of Directors. Also to Rich Gay for taking on the position of Membership Director. Thank you Rich! And, after many recounts and investigations into Russian collusion it has been determined that there really is no change in the RCB hierarchy. The club will put up with us for another year at which time I will be hitting term limits and vacating my position as your Prez.

There will be a Day after Thanksgiving ride this year. That will be on the day after Thanksgiving. Don't ask. We will lunch at the Waterloo Inn which is a very interesting place. Many of us will visit Lockeford Meat on the return home. Easily the best sausage place on the planet. The Dakota Smoked sausage is the bomb! Join us on the Day after Thanksgiving. Watch the forum.

Nov. 17th is our annual planning meeting for the coming year. So.....come to the Round Table at 9500 Greenback Ln. in Folsom at 6:00 and assist us in the crafting of next year's club events.

Dec. 7th will be the Toy Run following the club meeting. We will cook burgers at the Children's Receiving Home. Fred is posting all the particulars for this event. The kids love the motorcycles and are very appreciative of the lunch and gifts. The day will wrap up at A&S for our annual Christmas Party at 6:00 pm. Gordy has posted on the forum. Rumor has it that we will have a special guest from the North Pole. Cool! Come one, come all. Always a fun evening!

Never to early to start with this. RCB won most attending from a Charter Club at the Salt Lake BMW MOA National. We should do it again at Great Falls Mt. in 2020! The date is June 25th through 28th. Mark it on your calendars and come help us take the title home

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again. The National is a great event. Tons of vendors and seminars and just plain fun. You should go! You know you want to. Right?

Everyone needs to bust out their winter gear now! Don't get lulled into thinking this weather will last. Nothing is worse than not having the correct gear when you need. It's one thing when it's warm. It's a whole different deal when you get cold and don't have the proper gear. Be pre-emptive and get your gear together! Now! Today! Get it?

Everyone please ride safe. We'll see you at the Christmas soiree! Frederd might bring some caviar!

SEE YA!

Mike.

2019 FALL CLASIC AT MANCHESTER BEACH - THE GARRY STOFFER AND RCB LOST RIDER MEMORMIAL

By Larry Klein

It seems like a very long title but I think it covers the purpose of our Annual Ride and October Meeting at the Manchester Beach KOA. I haven't been to Manchester Beach in several years. From what I hear this year had an exceptional turn out. Quite a bit larger than the last couple of years. Our host camp site was manned by Ray Trujillo who kept the morning coffee and pastries going. I'm not sure of his other duties but the morning coffee and pastries were handled magnificently. Here is a shot of our host performing his duties.

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Here are several other shots of the Saturday morning coffee.



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After morning coffee most were off for a ride on some of the very nice roads around the Manchester Beach area. Since I drove up this year, I made a day excursion to Fort Bragg for lunch and a stop at the Jug Handle State Natural Reserve. A very interesting stop with lots of hiking trails and geological information about the coast in the area. I think this shot is twin to one I have seen in a Microsoft Theme.



It is worth the stop whether you are on a motorcycle or in a car.

Back at the Manchester Beach KOA things were being put into place for the evening meeting and dinner catered by the good people that run the campground. Again, we find Ray in the thick of things but this time with his parole officer in tow. Here is a shot of Ray and his Parole Officer.

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Here are several more shot so the meeting and the dinner. Sorry for the smoke but we did have a very large fire going at the time.

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I tried to get shots of all the raffle winners but failed miserably. Next came dinner which was very good a usual. The line:

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The eating.



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Again, it was a great trip and meeting. We had several new members there and I believe a great time was had by all.

Larry

BMW MOA National Rally

Great Falls, Montana

By Tom Moe

BMW MOA MT Regional Coordinator and RCB Member

The BMW MOA National Rally will visit Great Falls, Montana June 25 - 28, 2020

Not all of the rally information is available yet but I do hope that we as a group will volunteer as much time as we can to assist with the rally. What is known is:

The 2020 MOA Rally will be held in Great Falls, Montana.
Montana ExpoPark
400 3rd St NW
Great Falls, MT 59404
(406) 727-8900

Online rally registration will open on 1 January 2020, at BMWMOA.ORG and is available until the rally ends. Registration forms will be available in BMW Owners News. Registration incentives will be announced on the website and in the magazine as they become available.

For your full rally registration fee (excluding children and day passes), you will receive admission to the rally for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, entry into door prize drawings, eligibility for our Grand Prize drawings and the BMW MOA prize bike. Your registration also includes camping fees for the Montana ExpoPark.

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Anyone arriving prior to Thursday **must be an identified volunteer** with a rally committee and will be expected to volunteer for rally set-up duties. Rally set-up is a big effort and the set-up volunteers need an opportunity to get their work done in a timely fashion. Please give these volunteers a chance to get the rally ready before your arrival.

Day passes will be available at Rally Registration on Saturday only. Day passes will allow access to the event, but will not include door prize tickets, pin, patch, or rally program. Cost is \$TBD for all day on Saturday.

The Rally is open to BMW MOA members and their guests. Rally attendance is contingent on abiding by the rules and policies of the BMW MOA, and at the discretion of the Rally Chairs. We reserve the sole right to deny admission and/or remove persons from the rally grounds based on our discretion.

While MOA members receive a registration discount, non-members may join the MOA online or at the rally registration rate and receive the MOA member discount. A one-year membership is \$49 for U.S. residents. Please see the BMW MOA website for the extensive list MOA member benefits which easily off-set the annual membership fee.

While the BMW MOA National Rally is specific to BMW motorcycles, we welcome riders and guests on all marques. All bikes must meet local noise abatement regulations and rally attendance is contingent on abiding by the rules and policies of the BMW MOA and the discretion of the Rally Chairs.

Upon arrival: First things first. Register for the rally or check-in if you registered online before the rally. Check in at the registration building to receive your wristband, rally program, door prize tickets, etc.

If you are camping, proceed to the designated camping area and pick a spot to pitch your tent. Meet your neighbors, make new friends and relax.

Once you've settled in, visit the Rally Central to turn in your door prize tickets, pick up your pin and rally mug and sign up at the Awards Booth...you never know what you may win!

First time at an MOA International Rally? We're glad you're here! Be sure to stop in and introduce yourself at the Ambassador's Booth. Need to charge your electronic devices?

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We've got you covered at the Electronics Charging Station. Be sure to bring your own cord.

Check out the MOA Gear Shop for Rally shirts and other cool MOA items.

Visit the MOA Foundation Booth to learn more about rider safety, education and training.

Last, but certainly not least, start having fun!

VOLUNTEERING:

Lots of work happens before the Rally even opens. Contact the Volunteer Committee Chair, Paul Ruffel for current needs. At the rally, the Volunteer Booth is located in the MOA building and you can sign up to volunteer there. Stop by and sign up for a shift or two. NOTHING would happen without our fantastic volunteers!

I will also be working as hard as I can to assist the rally effort and would gladly help lead the MTBMWriders and RCB members group in a concerted effort. If you are interested in volunteering please contact me at tom.moe@sbcglobal.net or 406-599-5226.

CAMPING:

Individual campsite reservations are not required and there are plenty of grassy and shady areas for tent camping in the designated camping areas. Please do not attempt to reserve space for late arrivals. Chartered Clubs can reserve space by contacting Kevin or Annie Huddy MT Ambassadors and the Chartered Club Camping Committee Chairs. Contact information to be provided on the rally website January 1, 2020.

The grounds are large enough that no designated quiet area will be identified. First-timers should remember that ear plugs can help make your night restful. We ask all rally goers to practice common courtesy throughout the rally grounds.

Campers may drive cars to their selected camping area and set up camp. Please note you may be required to move your car to suitable parking depending on specific site conditions.

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Cordoning off camping space for future arrivals is strictly prohibited. Group camping for MOA clubs is available. Contact the Chartered Club Group Camping Chair or Rally Chairs for information.

Let's help make it a great Montana rally.

Ride safe, keep the rubber side down.

Tom

A Winter Request

As you are sitting at home in the rain pining away for Spring and the start of another riding season, take a few minutes or a few hours and dig out some pictures of you at your riding best, worst or when you were young, foolish and invincible. Send me photos and a short story to go with the photos for the Newsletter.

I'll kick it off.

I started riding on a French motorized bicycle known as a Velosolex aka Solex.

It was a bicycle with a small two stroke motor (just larger than your weed whacker motor) that was attached near the steering stem on a hinge on the front of the bicycle. The motor drove a small flywheel that resembled a small, heavy walled tin can. There was a lever to raise and lower the motor onto the front wheel. The flywheel would rest on the front tire and drive the front wheel after you pedaled to get it going.

Below is a photograph of one that is in substantially better shape than what I had.

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I graduated to a wrecked Yamaha DT-1 that my father bought as salvage. I fixed it up, stripped the lights and other street stuff and made it my first dirt bike. A family friend took me out to the desert to ride and eventually, through him, I entered a local Palmdale/Lancaster desert race known as the Ponderosa.

Fast forward a year or two. I bought a Yamaha 250 dirt bike and was racing AMA District 37 desert races. JN Roberts was king of the desert but was chased by a few other racers whose names you might recognize – Whitey Martino, Eric Jensen, and Malcolm Smith. Second generation racers coming up were Mitch Mays, Larry Roeseler, Bruce Ogilvie, Terry Clark and others.

I had no racing talent compared to these guys, but I managed to finish nearly all of my races. Given the desert racing environment and “good” suspension was 6” in the front and 3.5” in the back finishing was an accomplishment in itself.

I raced when cameras were big, film was expensive, and you had to send your film to a lab to get prints. The staging area for races (small encampments) was tens of miles from the closest paved road and a typical race was around 150 to 200 miles through remote parts of the desert. Needless to say, getting a photograph during a race rarely

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happened. After about four years of racing I had one photograph that was not taken at a finish line – the one on the front of the Newsletter.

Note the racing safety gear. Work boots, Levis, a heavy cotton work shirt, leather work gloves and a “kidney belt” one wore with the hope you were not peeing blood when the racing was done.

Now don't be bashful.

Your pictures and story will help us all get through this winter.

Please take photos and write notes.

Better yet write an article or ride report.

If you read an interesting article send me a copy.

Please send them to me at jackklau@comcast.net and I will add them to the newsletter to share with members.

Please Check the Forum often to stay updated on club functions and events.



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DISCOUNT FOR RCB MEMBERS AT CLEARWATER LIGHTS!!

RCB members can get the brand new "Billie" tail and brake light package from Clearwater Lights for only \$125. The package normally sells for \$149. So buy a set and then use your \$24 savings to cover next year's RCB dues!! The discount is available for April, May, and June only.

The PREZ himself has already availed himself of this opportunity and is happy to show off his new lights to anyone who wants to follow his bike around. The "Billie's" are specially designed for the newer BMW's (GT's, RT's, and GS's) with the "Wonder Wheel" multifunction switch. If you have already gotten a "Can Opener 3" with your Clearwater auxiliary lights then you are all set. If you still have one of the earlier Can Openers (or don't have one at all) you will need to upgrade to the Can Opener 3.

To get your discount, just tell Glen that you're an RCB'er and that "Gordy sent ya!!!!".



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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.

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