

RCB Newsletter



BMW MOA Club #210 & BMWRA Club #104

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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 more or less at 8:00 A.M. and runs until 9:00 A.M. or so, 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

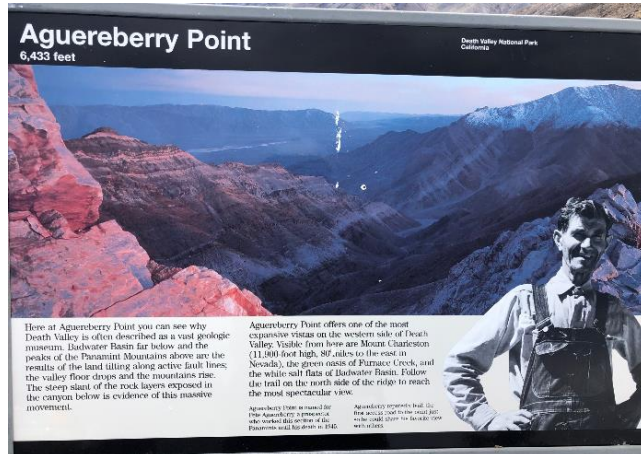
Location: Coffee Republic
6610 Folsom-Auburn Road,
Folsom, CA 95630

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. Locations are chosen the previous week by the participants. 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. Consideration is given to member interest and cost, and the meeting is open to all. While the meeting begins at 7:00 P.M., most of the directors gather earlier to have dinner.





2019 Officers and Directors

Officers:

President	Mike Robles	916-718-1514
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2019 – 2020	Laura Musgrave	916-334-5901
2019 – 2020	Bob Rasters	925-606-6129
2019 – 2020	Bob Brown	530-263-2823
2019 – 2020	Ken Caruthers	916-712-1014
2019 – 2020	Marv Lewis	916-208-1110
2019 – 2020	Rick Kilton	541-331-9553
2019 – 2020	Bob Highfill	925-200-6910
2019 – 2020	Karl Weiland	530-409-5409
2019 – 2020	Ray Nuguit	916-625-0799

Appointed Positions:

Membership	Rich Gay	916-792-7557
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Women's Liaison	Jeanie Thurston	916-626-9121
Rafflemeister	Bob Rasters	925-606-6129
Ride Leader	Ken Caruthers	916-712-1014

RCB Calendar of Events (See RCB Web Site / Forum for Details)

April 4	Monthly Member Meeting / Club Ride
April 24-26	Coastal Classic – See Forum for Details
May 2	Monthly Member Meeting
	Memorial Poker Run
May 22-24	49'er Rally – Mariposa
June 6	Monthly Member Meeting / Club Ride
June 12-14	Spring Fling – Lewiston
June 19-21	Chief Joseph Rally, John Day, OR
June 25-28	MOA National Rally
July 4	Monthly Member Meeting - Club Ride
August 1	Monthly Member Meeting - Club Ride
August 14-16	Tahoe Chill – Camp Richardson
Sept. 5	Monthly Member Meeting - Club Ride
Sept. 4-7	Gypsy Tour
Sept. 11-13	Mt. Lassen / Lost Creek Group Campground, Mt. Lassen National Park
Sept. 25-27	Nevada Outback – Off Road
October 2-4	Monthly Member Meeting / Manchester Beach
November 7	Monthly Member Meeting - Club Ride
December 5	Monthly Member Meeting - Club Ride
December 5	Holiday Party / TBD

**President's Corner****March 2020**

Well, all we got was a trace of rain in Feb. and that came on the 29th. If it is not gonna rain (I know, we need it!) nice weather is fine with me. The weather has indeed been fine and the last month has been great for riding. I hope everyone has been able to take advantage of it and worked on wearing out a set of tires. I have hardly used heated gear this winter. Climate change I suppose! Next week may bring rain for most of the week and it is still technically winter. We shall see.

The RCB culinary staff fed the crowd on the 22nd at the A&S Swap Meet. Weather was great, the crowd was large, and the burgers and dogs went fast. There were quite a few interesting bikes for sale there including Ray T's side hack. Hope you sold it Ray! Anyway, it was an enjoyable day even with the cooking thing.

So, after Sat's meeting there will be a GPS seminar with Capt. Ken, Terry Lee, and Rich Gay teaching folks how to deal with their GPS's and Garmin Basecamp. Ken with the Windows folks and Terry and Rich with the Apple users. Hopefully there is a good turn out for this. I have had my share of Basecamp headache so this seminar should really help members get the most from these expensive boxes hangin off our handle bars. They are complex electronics and are not all that intuitive in their operation so all who attend should have a much better grasp of all things GPS!

Something that completely snuck by us all in the event planning this year was the annual Memorial Poker Run in May after the club meeting. What? How could that happen? I immediately began to freak out cause Bob Highfill and the High Road Goddess Joanie had hosted this event for the last two years and I felt as though it would be too much to ask them to host a third year. What to do? Well, here comes Rich Gay at the BOD meeting who volunteered to host the event this year. FANTASTIC! Thanks Rich and Brenda. Great members and great people. That is makes the club what it is. I am sure The Capt. will have a great route for us.

Not to get ahead of myself here (I have!) The Coastal Classic which is in Fortuna this year is on April 24th, 25th and 26th. Information as to lodging is here on the website and Terry will lead a group up Fri. and most likely post other routes up. Thanks Terry. I have booked my room and recommend, if you're coming that, you do the same. The North coast is beautiful and the roads are fantastic. Bring Gore tex or rain gear tho' as the North coast can get wet. Quick!

So, Spring is upon us and so is another great riding season. I am pretty sure we will have at least two new members at this month's meeting. Welcome them to the fold and make them feel comfortable being new to the club. Sometimes I think we need to do



more to make newer folks feel as tho' the are part of RCB. They are. We all are. I like this family and I enjoy being part of it.

I want to thank all of our members who volunteer. From the club officers and directors to those that show up to cook burgers and dogs at A&S, to those that put together group rides and post them on the forum. Those who volunteer their RV's and time to cook for events and ask for nothing in return. Those that organize events and pull them off. Without these volunteers there would be no RCB. Thank you all! I was reading an RCB newsletter from 2007 where then Prez. Gary Stofer (RIP) was railing about lack of volunteers for RCB events. Even then Central Cal. was asking RCB if they were interested in co hosting the Beemer Bash in part because they were experiencing a lack of help. Wow, as Gary stated at the time, "I see a pattern here". Thanks again to all who help and a shout out to folks who might wanna help and are not sure what to do. Your ideas and suggestions are welcomed.

Get up to speed on your bike maintenance and get ready for a great riding season!
Good health to all and ride safe and often!

Mike

Telemedicine Savings

BMW MOA MEMBERS SAVE 20% ON TELEMEDICINE SERVICE

The BMW Motorcycle Owners of America have secured another member benefit for MOA members - 20% off the annual cost of telemedicine benefits from CareClix. For many patients, telemedicine can bring nearly immediate relief through diagnosis of common ailments and, for some, a prescription being ordered through your local pharmacy faster than if you visited your physician's office.

CareClix provides 24/7 on-demand access to board-certified US licensed physicians who consult and diagnose by phone or high definition video call from any device, and if needed, prescribe medication for common and acute illnesses. After calling the CareClix toll free number, a CareClix representative will request your demographics and symptoms. A medical doctor will call you back to conduct the consultation and prescribe as needed. Receive care 24 hours a day, seven days a week from any mobile device.

Why telemedicine from CareClix? In 2019, the average Emergency Room visit cost \$3,000 to \$5,000. Average primary care visits range from \$130 to \$190. The average telehealth visit costs about \$79 including co-pay and prescriptions.



CareClix membership is \$49 per year. However, BMW MOA members receive a 15% discount and pay only \$41.50 annually for the service. Members may also choose to save an additional 5% by selecting the auto renewal feature and never worry about a missed premium or lapse in coverage. Physician service requires a \$25 co-pay, payable by credit card, and any prescription medicine costs.

MOA members can **PURCHASE CARECLIX COVERAGE ONLINE**. Enter the membership code SAVEME20 to active the discounted pricing for MOA members.

Initial enrollment requires a 30-day waiting period before services begin, however no waiting period is necessary for renewals with no lapse in coverage.

National Rally Volunteering

By Tom Moe, BMWMOA Regional Coordinator

There is a signup page on the BMWMOA.org site to sign up to assist with the national rally. There are many positions needing assistants and all help will be appreciated. Please sign up to help with final rally cleanup if you possibly can. I have agreed to serve as the post-rally cleanup chairperson. As such I am hoping to enlist the aid of local MTBMWriders and those willing to stay on just a little longer on Sunday. If we have a good crew of approximately 12 people, we should be able to finish and leave by early afternoon. If you can assist and commit please let me know either by phone/text 406-599-5226 or tom.moe@sbcglobal.net

Death Valley 2020

I was able to keep the dates set aside for a trip to Panamint Springs Resort in Death Valley for some dual sport riding. Work commitments cooperated this year but not the weather. It rained enough before we arrived for the Park Service to close some of the dirt roads.

Ex. Titus Canyon shown below from a previous ride.

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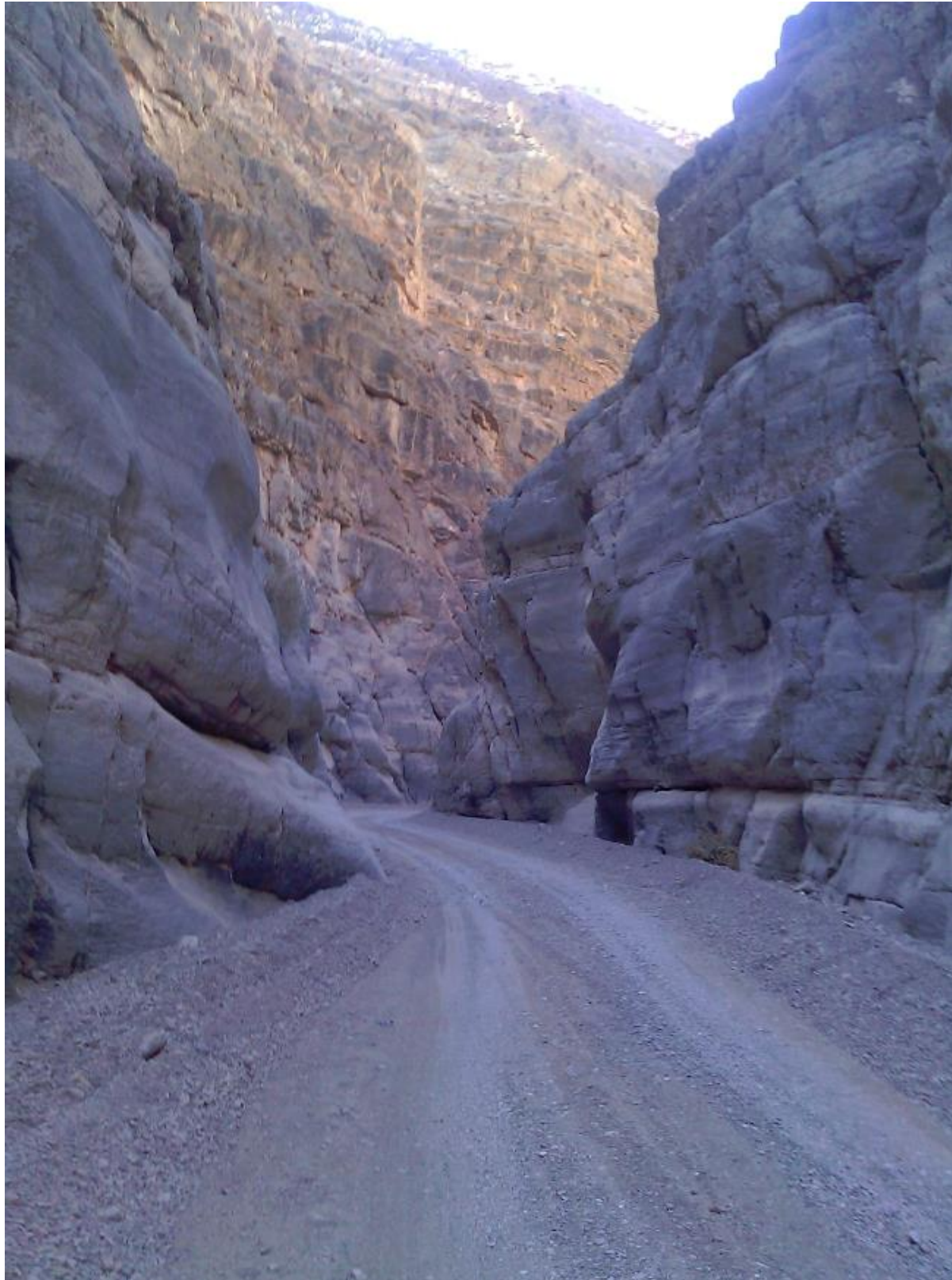


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No worries, there are many other options and Titus might reopen.

Off to the charcoal kilns under a partly cloudy sky with a few sprinkles here and there. A benefit of riding after rain is the dirt is tacky for great traction and no dust.

Below is a photo of the kilns. The kilns were built in 1877. Pinion pine was cut down in this mountain area (elevation 6800 feet plus). About 35 cords of wood were loaded into a kiln and the wood was allowed to burn slowly for a week or so until it was reduced to charcoal. The charcoal would sit in the kiln for another week until it cooled down. The charcoal was transported to the Modock (Modoc) mine smelter about 25 miles to the west where silver and lead ore was processed. The mine was partly owned by the famous (infamous) George Hearst.





Next was Aguerberry Point where you can look down at Death Valley, Furnace Creek Resort and Badwater.



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A very prolific gold mining area called Skidoo was next on the itinerary. Many probably have heard the phrase 23 Skidoo. Origins are unknown but here is one possibility.

- An early 1900s Death Valley town had 23 saloons (many basically tents). A visit to all, *going 23 skidoo*, meant having a very good time.
- Death Valley National Park interpreters have sometimes given as an explanation that the early 1900s mining town of Skidoo, California required that a water line be run from the source of water on Telescope Peak to the town – a distance of 23 miles. Most thought it would be easy, but the immensely hard rock along the course made it very difficult; it was eventually accomplished by a determined engineer. The term "23 Skidoo" was then used as a statement of irony, something like "duck soup": a reference to something apparently easy, but actually very difficult. Other interpreters simply say the 23-mile pipeline and the popular slang phrase is what gave the town its name.

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Skidoo Mill

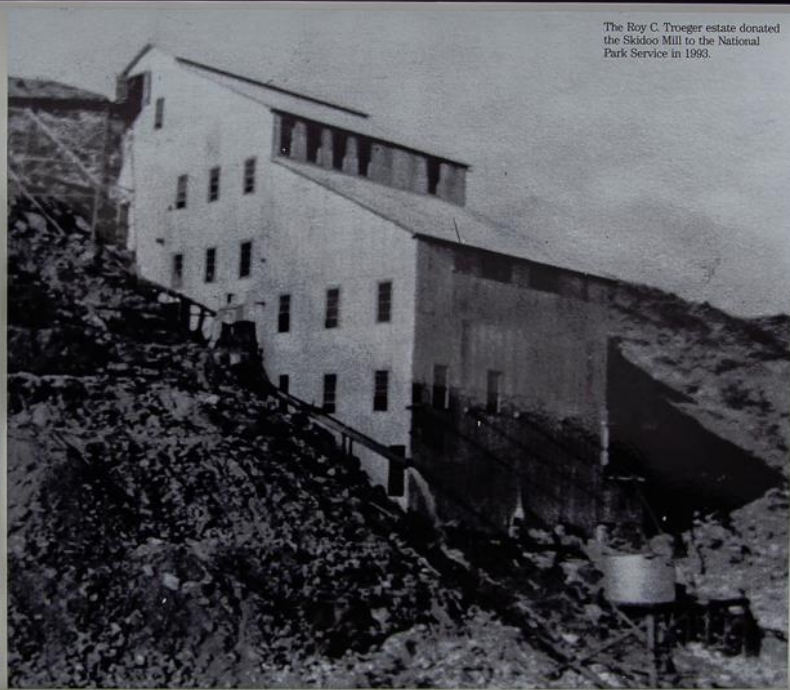
Death Valley National Park
California

Powered by water piped from a spring high in the Panamint Range, the Skidoo Mill extracted gold from ore and was one of Death Valley's most profitable operations. Skidoo had the only water-powered milling plant in Death Valley.

The Skidoo Mill is only partially stabilized. Its machinery is dangerous; its timbers are decaying. For your safety and the preservation of the site, please stay out of the ruin.

Federal law protects all historic ruins and artifacts within Death Valley National Park. Please leave them undisturbed for others to discover.

The water-powered stamps in the mill pulverized ore.



The Roy C. Troeger estate donated the Skidoo Mill to the National Park Service in 1993.



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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. Have a memorable ride, or epiphany while riding?

Send me photos and a short story to go with the photos for the Newsletter.

Answer the Call.

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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TRUJILLO tow and transport

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.

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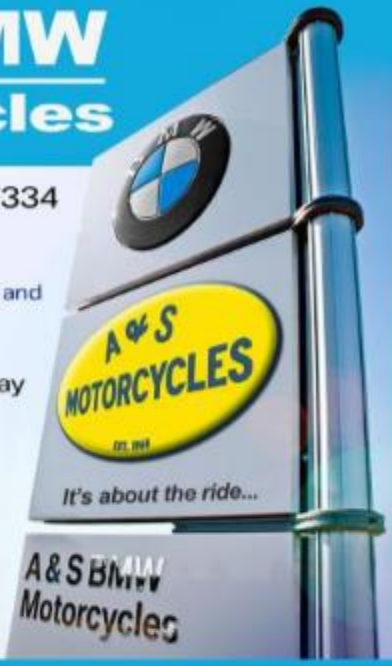
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