

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

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RCB Calendar of Events

(See RCB Web Site / Forum for Details)

ALL RCB EVENTS ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE TO COMPLY WITH THE COVID-19 SHELTER-IN-PLACE ORDERS

PLEASE CONSULT THE RCB FORUM FOR DETAILS ON UP-COMING EVENTS

June 6	Monthly Member Meeting / Club Ride TBD
June 12-14	Spring Fling – Lewiston - TBD
June 19-21	Chief Joseph Rally, CANCELLED
June 25-28	MOA National Rally; CANCELLED
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

**President's Corner****May 2020**

I hope this column finds everyone well and maintaining their sanity during the pandemic. Speaking strictly for myself I am ready for things to open up but, I do understand the caution. SORTA, to a point. As I write this I am watching a Senate hearing in regard to the Pandemic and the possibility of the relaxation of sheltering on both the Federal and State levels and I am still as confused as politicians.

That being said, the song remains the same. Until some level of "normal" returns to us, our club activity will remain as it has been the last 2 months. All we can do is be patient and hope the opening of the economy comes soon. I know that even places one might camp such as KOA's are closed to all but "essential workers" whoever that is out in the woods. ALL state campsites as well as picnic areas and rest rooms are all still closed. I've checked. To get out, I do venture out on the bike for social separation rides. Traffic for the most part is quite light and places like Downieville and Sierra City are close to ghost towns. Wild. The day rides are beautiful and helpful but I'm looking forward to pitching a tent somewhere. ANYWHERE!

Things are slowly beginning to open up in phases. Looking forward to phase 4.

So, while I wait for that to happen, I'm gonna change my oil today in the GS and get ready for the day, hopefully sooner rather than later, when I/we can enjoy each other's company for a nice lunch together and a much needed camping trip as RCB! It WILL happen.

Take good care and I look forward to seeing you all very soon!

Mike

Confession
Editor

I believe I am a positive person by nature. I have much to be thankful for and that certainly makes being positive easier.

I apologize for the date by which you receive the May Newsletter.



I confess I had a hard time getting motivated to prepare a Newsletter for a riding club when riding event after event was cancelled due to the covid-19 shelter-in-place Orders.

The straw for me and I guess many of you is when the MOA National Rally was cancelled. This especially was difficult to absorb given I had been looking forward to the rides to and from the Rally and the comradery at the Rally for a year.

Whatever disappointment I personally may feel however is insignificant compared to the efforts of hospital workers who are caring for the gravely ill, and the grief of family members who lost a loved one to the virus. Putting the political aspects of this aside, the mortality rate associated with the virus is staggering when one understands this has occurred in only three months and the actual numbers might be much higher given health care professionals have learned blood clotting occurs in advanced stages of the disease. I wonder how many deaths from a stroke, pulmonary embolism and similar blood clotting events could/should be added to the current numbers.

I will not stop being disappointed by the riding and camping events that have been cancelled, but I cannot whine when compared to the price others have paid.

I remain steadfast in the belief we all will be exposed to the virus and we need to do what we can to minimize the speed at which the virus spreads to assure those who become gravely sick find an unoccupied hospital bed.

Be careful and remain vigilant as we start to emerge from our homes. It maybe you or me who needs that bed.

I hope you and family remain healthy and safe.

Best,

Jack

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Physical Distancing



Laura, Leanne and Lynn on a socially distant ride up Mosquito Road to the last snow gate on Thursday, April 16. A beautiful day and ride up the foothills



Not Wednesday Dinner Ride **Lynn Malmstrom**

Laura snapped this selfie of a group of eight who decided to physically distance on Wednesday, April 15. Attendees were Chuck as leader, Bruce, Rich and Brenda, Marc, Leanne, Laura and Lynn for a sweet ride on the twisty backroads up from Folsom to Placerville and back.



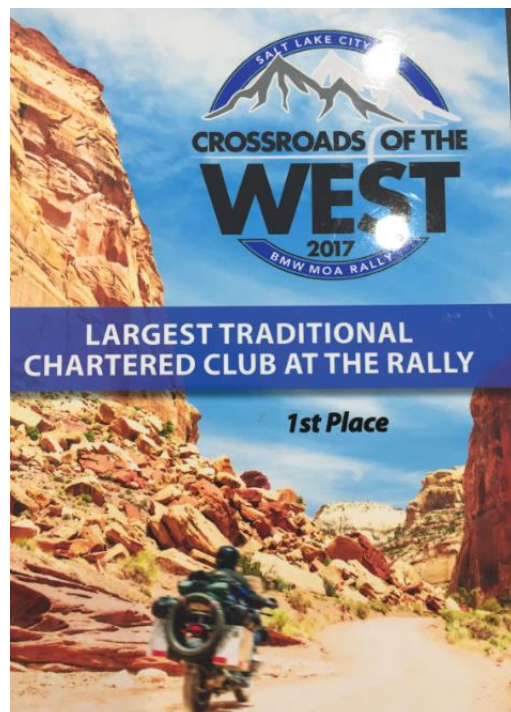


Memories of Easier Times Anticipations for 2021

There are silver linings in all this C-19 mess if one opens eyes wide. I see neighbors walking and interacting as they walk the hood likely for the first time in ages. I see kids outside playing or on walks/bicycle rides with their parents. I surmise nearly every dog in the neighborhood has lost weight as their owners take them for walks – many happy dogs. For the first time in over a decade I feel like I live in a neighborhood.

Another one for me is the MOA National Rally will be in Great Falls in 2021. I simply cannot take enough time off work to attend a rally somewhere other than the west side of the USA so once again I anticipate the Rally.

RCB was very close to being the club with the most participants at the MOA Rally in Billings. According to some we were, but Not earning that distinction stung then President Gordy and one he and I pledged to overcome in Salt Lake City.



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The torch has been passed to Herr Robles who also has pledged to keep the trophy at home. WTR BXR made the trip to SLC. RIP Gary and all other RCB fallen.



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Here are a few memories from the goings and comings for the Salt Lake Rally I hope you find encouraging.



Wood bridge in Oregon.

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Lava flow in Oregon



Disruptors

Editor

An article by Zack Bowman (Cycle World) which was written about Matthew B. Crawford resonated with me, so I plagiarize some of what Zack wrote with the hope it also resonates with you.

Crawford published a book around 2006 named "Shop Class as Soulcraft." In it, Crawford examines the ideology of knowledge-based work versus manual work. The introspection came about because Crawford felt more intellectually challenged trying to diagnose a machine compared to various white-collar jobs he had held.



Since Shop Class was written we have seen the growth of the “Maker” movement with more people building, tinkering and sharing their knowledge. To Crawford this made perfect sense. Crawford observes we evolved (and to a large extent survived) as tool makers and users. There is an intimate connection between use of our hands and use of higher cognitive functions in our minds. People come home (from their office jobs) and want to take things in hand.

In my own life Lynell’s desire to and love of cooking makes more sense after considering Crawford’s observations. She comes home from her desk job and wants to take tools in hand to create something of her own making.

For me, I routinely refer to motorcycle and household maintenance, repair and tinkering as therapy.

Fast forward 15 years or so since Shop Class was written, Crawford observes our economy and home lives are dominated by tech companies who understand that capturing, controlling and monetizing our attention is the core of contemporary capitalism. If anyone has any doubt about the psychology built into our “apps” try this experiment. Sound the smart phone tone/chime for receipt of a text or e-mail at any place where people can (used to be able to) gather which is loud enough for most people to hear. Ex. a restaurant. My bet is half, or more will put down their fork or stop talking in the middle of a sentence to check their phone. In my opinion this is profound and powerful control over the most basic activities of our lives.

The place where business knows they might have our undivided attention is in a car during our commutes to and from work. Crawford surmises this is why tech companies are investing millions, if not billions in driverless cars. Commuting time to and from work is the last uncontrolled frontier. It is fair to wonder what happens to each of us when we surrender this last personal space to IT monopolistic companies and non-negotiable platform (apps) capitalism.

What becomes a motorcycle or motorcyclist when vehicles and your attention are controlled by tech companies? Crawford observes that motorcyclists have and continue to be disruptors, but in a positive sense. When one straps on a helmet, we step outside the ever-tightening grid of social control. The helmet and motorcycle become the refuge from daily life’s barrage of chimes, notifications, alerts, calls, texts, e-mails and glowing screens – all the things that make someone else money by monopolizing your attention.



I struggle and I hope you struggle to carve out time and energy for yourself by breaking the compelling psychological connection to your glowing devices.

My new mantra is: "learn to love the off button" (assuming the tech companies built one into your devices).

Put your head in a helmet to isolate yourself from the dominion of our apps, straddle the tool we call a motorcycle, and go out to improvise and create your path as you thread your way along the snaking expanse of asphalt.

A COVID-19 Request

As you are sitting at home to comply with the COVID-19 Orders, 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 viral mess.

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.

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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 auxillary 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:

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