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RCB Newsletter



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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 when you arrive. Meeting starts 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 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.



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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 COVID-19 ORDERS

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

November 7 Monthly Member Meeting - Club Ride
CANCELLED

December 5 Monthly Member Meeting - Club Ride
CANCELLED

December 5 Holiday Party
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President's Corner

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My apologies folks. Oct. 12th and I am struggling with this month's Prez Corner. It is not that I don't have anything to say, it is just that anything I say will not change our situation as a club and our ability to meet together in our usual large group. Someone asked me recently if we will be having our annual Xmas party and I said I don't see how we can for many reasons of which I will not go through here. Most of us know why.

So, in spite of Covid we can still get away and enjoy life even if we have to adhere to safety measures. I don't know how many were on site, but I'd guess there were probably around 20 or so at Manchester. Most all did their own thing in regard to feeding themselves but it was nice to know there was a presence there. I talked with Yolanda on Sat. night by the big fire pit and brought up the fact that we would have been having our meeting and big raffle right about that time had it not been for the Covid. She was honestly sad we were not there. I could see and feel her sadness. She has been our go to contact at the KOA for a long time. I hope we return in 2021.

So, let's talk wild fires for a bit. A small group that was going to Lassen Nat'l Park last month were disappointed when ALL nat'l parks were closed in Ca. We shifted to the KOA in Trinity Center and rode the entire area looking for relief from all the smoke in the air. Didn't matter what direction we rode, there was smoke, never light. We even hit a road closure going to Happy Camp because of fire. Problem was, we were getting very close to having fuel issues and if you have ridden that area you know there ain't a bunch of fuel to be had up there! Ya gotta think up there and the fires made it more important to plan. The Caltrans crew at the road closure gave one of our riders some fuel to ensure he make it to the next available fuel stop. It all worked out and I think I can say we all had a good time that weekend. Thankfully the smoke has subsided, and we can breathe a little easier now.

Even with the Covid and it effecting our club activities, I can honestly say I have been ridin' at least as much and probably more than a non Covid year. So yes, we can still get out and I hope you all have, too!

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Winter will be upon us soon, but we are lucky to be able to ride all year here in California. Get out and ride and we will all watch and wait for life to return to normal. Whatever that is. I hope it does soon. 2020 can't go away soon enough in my book.

Everyone, take care and ride safe.

Mike

CY 19 Response

From Larry Campbell:

My wife & I left the '87 or '88 49'er Rally at Mariposa & headed out for Mount Pleasant, Texas (about 50 miles east of Dallas) to see my wife's father who was in ill health. About 2 days out of Mariposa and a long day in the saddle we entered the west side of Farmington, New Mexico after dark & started looking for a motel.

The motel we selected looked pretty nice, but the surrounding area got me thinking about the safety of our bike. So not wanting to press our luck we rolled the bike into our room. It fit pretty easy once the bags came off. By the time we got ready to turn in though we began to smell gas. So back on go my pants & I roll the bike out onto the walkway in front of our room. Put a cover on it & it survived the night ok.

This was my first BMW. An '82 R100RS & I had 2 more over the years. Gave them up when I got tired of riding with the low narrow bars. Still the best-looking bike BMW made.

Spent a week with my wife's folks & then I headed back home. My wife stayed with her parents for another 3 weeks & then flew home.

Would get about 50 MPG with the bike. Put about 87,000 miles on it & the only problem I had with it on the road was a flat tire

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Physical Distancing



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Heat escape round 2 - My buddy and I headed out early Saturday for Arcata. Rode Hwy 36 out of Red Bluff. The sign tells the story 😊 And although the 1 was fairly well impacted with traffic getting to the beaches, the back roads were exceptionally empty! Certainly, some unfinished roads out towards Ferndale and Petrolia. You'd come around a bend and GRAVEL road!! LOL!! Best stop of the trip had to be late on day one at Six Rivers Brewery in McKinleyville! Looking forward to the next escape!"

Steve DeSantolo

Trinity

Given we had two group campsites reserved in Lassen Nat'l Park last month a small group decided to go as there would be no problem assuring physical distancing once we arrived. As all had to provide their own meals and beverages, there was no worry about spreading Covid through food if that is possible.

Who would have guessed Nat'l Parks south of Sacramento would be closed Monday before we were to leave due to wildfires, followed by all Nat'l Parks in California by Wednesday.

As me and a couple others planned to stay at Trinity KOA Thursday night and then head to Lassen Friday, we decided to go day by day at the KOA. We were pleased to discover the KOA was an oasis of fresh air.

On Friday, we rode the Forks of the Salmon and other great roads hoping for relief from all the smoke. Didn't matter what direction we rode, there was smoke. In many areas the smoke was so bad you couldn't see a hundred yards down the road. On the Forks of the Salmon ride Hwy 96 was closed because the wildfire near Happy Camp jumped the highway. The plan was to get gas in Happy Camp. Not now. As The Prez noted in his remarks: "we were getting very close to having fuel issues and if you have ridden that area you know there ain't a bunch of fuel to be had up there! Ya gotta think up there and the fires made it more important to plan. The Caltrans crew at the road closure gave one of our riders some fuel to ensure he make it to the next available fuel stop. It all worked out."

Physically distancing around a make-believe campfire because campfires in all State and Nat'l lands were barred.

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Lunch / dinner at a great Mexican restaurant in Willow Creek on Hwy 299 just west of the intersection of Hwy 299 and Hwy 96.

A beer to celebrate we did not run out of gas after being turned around on Hwy 96 near Happy Camp.



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Al is checking out the local celebrity.



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A water and snack break on Saturday on Forest Service 1 heading toward Hwy 299 after a jaunt west on Hwy 36 to Mad River.



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Manchester Beach 2020

After speaking with Yolanda at the Manchester Beach KOA we cancelled our annual trek to the KOA. The drumbeat continues and for good reason. Group events are not smart. The KOA cannot host large groups.

I have been attended this event since about 1999 (when it was a Central Cal and RCB event) and this is the first year we could not have the event. Right decision, but sad, nonetheless.

A number of us went to Manchester in spite of our club cancellation. We took care to wear a mask when appropriate and physically distance. A personal lament: No shake n'bake this year.

A special thanks to Karl and Heidi for providing a spaghetti dinner and other goodies to those who rode to Manchester. As Greg and Cyndee Peart commented: "You two made it better than it would have been for such a strange time in our club history."

When Timber Cove became crazy expensive and Sea Ranch Lodge closed, Maggy and Henri Mini told us about the Ocean Cove Lodge. The next year we booked it.

Steve and Jenny Harris and Lynell and I started our weekend Thursday evening at the Ocean Cove Lodge. Typically, the restaurant and bar are open which is nice if traveling on a bike.

Mendocino County has been very aggressive in enforcing Covid restrictions to the point of setting up an 800 number so people can make complaints. The 800 number has been abused and the fines are significant for business owners, even stupid complaints. The owner decided the risk of very expensive fines could not be outweighed by the few customers who patronized the restaurant in Covid times. He closed the restaurant to do some remodeling and he will reopen when things are less restrictive.

The motel however is open, and we endorse it.

You likely have ridden past it on your rides on Hwy 1. It is a few miles north of Fort Ross, and 15 miles or so south of Gualala.

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We learned there are very few places to eat on the coast. The combination of Covid closures, on-going restrictions, the Mendocino County grudge line, and diminished customers has been too much for many to overcome. If in Gualala we recommend this taqueria. Not cheap but they are struggling to stay open and solvent.

Great breakfast burrito with chorizo and breakfast sandwich. There are other options for breakfast and lunch. Not sure if they are open for dinner.



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Weather at Manchester was clear and warm Friday. Typical marine layer Saturday morning that mostly burned off in the afternoon, so the temperature was very comfortable. Perfect for beers and bachi ball.



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Many thanks to The Prez for hosting a campfire.

Columbian Adventure

By Rand Olson

RCB'ers,

I have been thinking about leading a ride in Chile for what should be an ADV ride. ADV defined as new country, different culture, partly different language, a need for flexibility, and a good dose of patience.

Roads to be ridden typically are in good shape and one should be able to do the ride on most any BMW except an HP4 or R1000RR. Oh yea, BMW made K bikes. Not sure about them.

A full confession, discussion with your rabi, or similar spiritual cleansing is advised so one can be fully immersed in the country, culture and ride.

Hug you wife and kids as one will not return home the same person. You will return more spiritually aware, more fully engaged in the present, more aware of the insignificance of most things in modern life, and appreciative of all little things.

What will you need on this adventure?

As I mentioned, patience is helpful as there may be occasional traffic.

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Rocks may find their way onto the road and none of us want Capt. Ken's experience and have to replace both wheels after hitting a rock particularly when the closest BMW dealer may be a continent away.

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Presence of mind, mindfulness and engagement in the present are useful skills for this adventure especially when rounding a corner.

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Optional training and gear?

Base jumping, properly packing a parachute and parachute.

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**The Name of the Ride is:
Trampolin De La Muerte**

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Rand has started a list of people who are excited about this ride. Don't miss this opportunity of a lifetime. Give him a call and sign up.

[**Editor's Note:** I only embellished this some. Well, actually this is completely fabricated and Rand likely will kill me for writing this in his name. I'm not completely at fault however because he sent me the link to the photos. Really, what is an editor of a Newsletter supposed to do when we cannot do anything to report? Everyone knows the answer. We make shit up. Well not entirely.]

MOA Membership

Tom Moe, BMWMOA Regional Coordinator

MOA Membership – a FREE year membership for New Members.

I know that in many of my columns I go on and on about joining and maintaining membership in the BMWMOA. The reason I do so is the survival of many clubs and organizations depends on membership and many organizations are suffering a decline in membership, people are not the joiners that they once were, and some members are aging out. I know from professional experience as well that even professional organizations are suffering the same decline in membership.

The MOA has a targeted incentive package for new members. To take advantage of this send me your address via email.

TOM.MOE@SBCGLOBAL.NET or text 406-599-5226 and I will mail you the card you will send in to take advantage of this great incentive plan.

I am hopeful we will gain some new members from this plan.

You will find many reasons to join or renew your membership in the attached promo piece from the MOA.

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The BMW Owners News (ON)

Our monthly magazine only available to BMW MOA members comes to you as a traditional paper version or a digital edition. Every issue keeps you up to date on latest moto technology, gear, maintenance as well as upcoming new models from BMW Motorrad.

BMW Owners Anonymous Book

Possibly the most valuable asset of being a member! The *Anonymous Book* lists thousands of members around the world who have volunteered to assist in cases of emergency. Or, to just hang out and talk when you roll through their town. The book only lists phone numbers by geographical location to make it easier to find the closest town to you when traveling.

Access to the MOA Forums and Marketplace

The MOA Forum makes the collective knowledge of MOA members available at your fingertips! Need advice on travel, gear or maintenance? Stop by the Forum and ask away. And the MOA Marketplace is loaded with bikes, parts and gear with each ad from an active MOA member.

BMW MOA National Rally

Our annual homecoming brings over 5,000 members together for three days of motorcycle nirvana! Many consider this the pinnacle of the riding season and incorporate the Rally into their grand tour plans for the year. Whether you want to stop in for a day or a week, you are sure to find friends at the BMW MOA National Rally.

MOA Getaways

These events are designed to be a little smaller, more intimate and hotel-based events than the National Rally. Locations are chosen for their spectacular riding opportunities and favorite locations include Fontana, North Carolina, Copper Mountain, Colorado, Tomah, Wisconsin and Cambria, California. An MOA Getaway is the perfect weekend escape for you and a riding partner.

Member Discounts

Want even more value from your MOA membership? Dozens of valuable product discounts are available to MOA members at bmwmoa.org/discounts. Most MOA members save more than the cost of annual membership by accessing just one discount.

Contests, Raffles, and Awards

Multiple motorcycle raffles held throughout the year from the foundation. Many member awards (helping hands, key volunteer, friend of the marque, exemplary service, etc.)

Roadside Assistance

The MOA has worked hard to provide Roadside programs geared towards motorcyclists! All road side plans cover up to 3 bikes (and no they don't have to be a BMW), come with free battery service, free flat tire service, free fluid service (gas, oil, etc.) and towing with coverage throughout the U.S. and Canada. And the Platinum program offers up to two tire replacements per year due to road damage! Roadside coverage comes in three distinct flavors based on your budget and needs:

Basic 25 – free towing up to 25 miles

Basic 100 – free towing up to 100 miles

Platinum – free towing up to 100 miles, 2 tire replacements a year (up to \$250 per tire)

The Paul B. Scholarship

A program made available through the BMW MOA Foundation and offers motorcycle training scholarships up to \$250.00 for MOA members. Want an easy way to improve your riding skills and pay for your MOA membership at the same time? Take advantage of the Paul B Program!

New BMW Motorcycle Discounts are available to MOA members who have been active for one year or more. Depending on the model you choose, these discounts can add up to \$750.00 off the purchase price of a new BMW!

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Editor: As I was going through old Newsletters for remembrances from time past, I kept landing on and reading Gary Stofer's riding tips. As they are timeless, I have decided to start republishing them in the Newsletter.

Riding Tips

By Former RCB President and All-Around Good Guy - Gary Stofer (RIP)

August 2004

This month's riding tip. When you're riding with a group, let the rider with the shortest range dictate the fuel stops for everyone. Top your tank off unless you have twice the range of [the person with the shortest range] Mike's cruiser. Bob Holleron has a new 10 gallon tank on his R1150GS, so he's able to pull this off. So could I had I been on ROBOBYK with it's 11 gallon capacity but ROBO II has just the standard 6 gallon capacity, so I fueled every 150 miles. (Bob took great delight in rubbing this in).

Ride Safe... Ride Often...

Got Mufflers?

A COVID-19 Request

MANY THANKS TO THOSE WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED!!

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? Tell us about it.

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

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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.

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



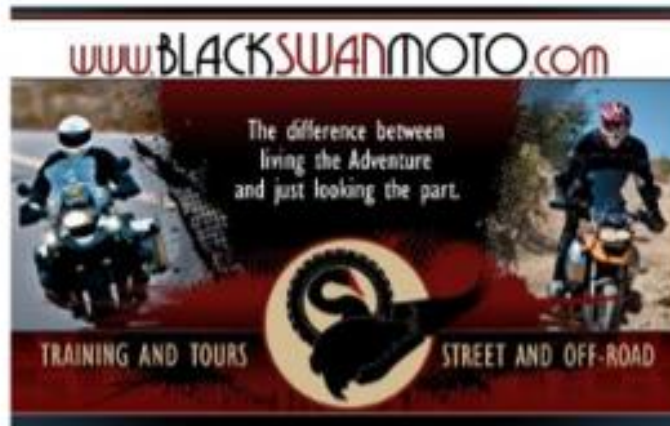
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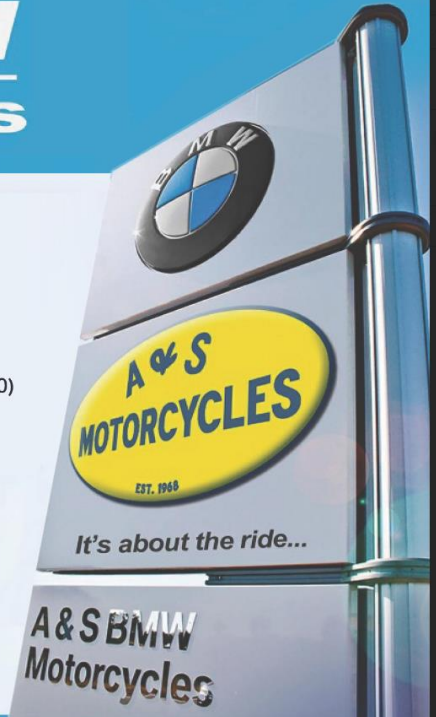
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