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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)

Dec. 4 Member Meeting

CHRISTMAS PARTY

**PLEASE CONSULT THE RCB FORUM
FOR DETAILS ON UP-COMING EVENTS
AND SPONTANEOUS RIDES**

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President's Corner

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Here we are in mid-October with the end of the year staring us down. So where are we now in the maybe post pandemic era? Well, we managed to make a showing at the MOA Intl. in Great Falls Mt. There were somewhere around 25 members in attendance. Not the best rally we have seen but kudos to the MOA rally chairs for making it a nice event with all we have been through this last year. We had a good time. We attempted a campout at Lassen Nat'l Park in Sept. but that was thwarted due to the massive Dixie fire. It was getting tough to find areas to ride in this summer as we were pretty much surrounded by smoke and fire. We did get to Manchester Beach for the Stofer Memorial Classic. Didn't know for quite a while if that was gonna be pulled off but it was. Worst thing that happened I think was the RCB coffee pot was BROKE! The KOA bailed us out with a coffee pot and saved the day. Fred was the Manchester Barkeeper and kept everyone happy with Bloody Marys. Bruce and Lisa auctioned a quilt off through auctioneer Jack K. to Gordy for 610.00 that went to The Childrens Receiving Home of Sac. Great cause. We had over 70 folks there I believe. Not bad. Weather was fantastic.

A handful of us loons gathered at a dusty campsite in the Nev. High desert on Oct 14th, 15th, 16th and rode around stirring up dust and raising hell. We had a great time after we thawed out. Our mornings were touching freezing in the mornings. Scott M. was our host and fed us well. Hopefully the Nevada Outback ride will continue on. I know I will go back. That was FUN! This is not a pavement ride.

I talked with Randy at A&S and we are set for the annual RCB Christmas Party. Wasn't sure at first but yes!, we will have a party complete with our resident Elf in attendance. Information will follow in a thread on the forum. One thing is for sure, there will be no raffle at the Dec. club meeting. All the goodies are raffled at the Gala, Sat. night. The Elf is in charge. Come and enjoy a great evening!

Nov. is election month. There will be NO mail in ballots. You must be present to vote. I want to urge all members to get involved in YOUR club. Whether it be an officer or a director or in another capacity please throw your hat in the ring. We need new ideas and new blood to keep things fresh! WARNING!!!! The pay sucks! LOL!

So, see everyone at the Nov. meeting. Hopefully the weather is good and we can ride!

Mike

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Manchester Beach

Fall Classic

At long last RCB went back to Manchester Beach for The Fall Classic. For a few of us the ride to Manchester Beach started Thursday with a ride to Ocean Cove. Cheers!



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As you see below, the weather was horrible.



Very little beats a sunset at the ocean.

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Well, a couple - - a few - - cold beers and margaritas make sunset at the ocean better.



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A stay at Manchester usually involves a few rounds of bocce ball and cocktails.

It pains me to report the ladies murdered the guys this year. We will have a chance to redeem our pride next year.



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No Fall Classic would be the same without mixologist Fred, ably assisted by the tall, handsome Jaaack.



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Many thanks to Bob for playing on a Ukulele, of course, and singing a tribute to Laura Musgrave We indeed had a friend in her.



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Nevada Outback By Scott Moseman

As El Presidente Mike alluded to in his October Prez Corner, a handful of RCB loons descended upon the Frog Ponds late Thursday afternoon to partake in a weekend of teeth rattling and bone jarring dirt bike riding.

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Located at the edge of the Black Rock Desert playa, the Frog Ponds are located roughly twenty miles southeast of Gerlach, NV off Jungo Road. A big thank you goes out to Mr. Robert Redd of Lovelock, landowner, who gave our group permission to camp.



Upon arrival, we all went to work setting up camp. As the sun set, the desert cold moved in, and we were all huddled around the camp fire watching the Giants/Dodgers baseball play-off game on Mike's smart phone. Imagine that, in the middle of BFE, live streaming a baseball game. Mike made the comment that it didn't "buffer" one time. Of course, it helps when there's a newly installed cell tower a couple of miles away. There's no doubt this new tower was installed to accommodate the trendy Burning Man crowds that are self-absorbed sending "hedonistic selfies" to the masses.

Did I mention the desert cold? The low Friday morning was 24 degrees. Water in my washbasin was frozen solid. Thankfully, Mike Robles brought his propane powered fire pit and fired it up. We drank hot coffee and watched the sun come up over Old Razorback Mountain. Once the sun came up, the temperature slowly started to warm. After some breakfast burritos and more coffee, it was time to put on our riding gear and prepare our dirt bikes for the first ride of the day.

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We departed camp around 10AM, heading south through the Kumiva Valley, our destination, Skull Rock located in the Lava Beds. The Lava Beds are misnamed, as their origins aren't volcanic at all. They are a granite plateau that was formed millions of years ago when the area was under an ancient ocean. The rock is comprised of soft decomposing granite. Wind and water erosion have sculpted these outcroppings into strange figures with names such as Skull Rock and Elephant Rock.



After about an hour of riding, we reached Skull Rock (elevation 6,000 feet).

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We ate some snacks and took some pictures, then headed to Pete's Cabin. Pete's Cabin is an old cowboy shelter nestled at the base of a large granite outcropping. Inside the cabin, there's an old iron stove and some canned goods on a shelf. Not a five-star destination, but if you were caught in a storm and needed shelter, this place might save your life.

Back on the bikes again, our group headed back to camp. Down another valley "dirt superhighway", we turned off on a shortcut. This trail had some areas of deep sand and loose gravel washes, testing us old guys and our off-road riding skills. Completing a sixty-mile loop, everyone made it back to camp without any incidents.

Later that afternoon, I led two other riders to Black Rock Point. About seven miles from camp, out on the playa, Mike's bike quit running. After about 45 minutes, we had no luck getting it started. So, I rode back to camp to have my son, Bryce, drive his truck out to pick the bike up and bring it back to camp. Once back at camp, we all went to work tearing the bike apart to determine why it wouldn't start. We determined that the spark plug wire had come loose from the ignition coil. After some dielectric grease and some electrical tape, Mike's bike fired up and he was back in business. Since it was late afternoon and the sun was starting to set, we elected to prepare the bikes for Saturday's ride and start dinner.

The cold returned as the sun disappeared over the horizon. Friday evening was another cold one, but not as cold as the night before. Saturday morning was cold, but once the sun came up, things warmed up nicely. After another hardy breakfast, the group geared up and took off for Black Rock Point.

Black Rock Point is the only black mountain in the area, thus the name Black Rock Desert. Its origins are volcanic and can be seen up to fifty miles away. It was used as a point of reference for wagon trains heading West during the mid-1800's.

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At the base of Black Rock Point, there's a hot spring. This spring was used to water the animals that pulled and accompanied the settlers on their journey.



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We rode past Black Rock Point and continued East towards the two “mini” plays. At the second playa, we rode to the top of a rock island, where we stopped and took some pictures and admired the views. Once break time was over, we reversed our route and rode along the bottom of the Black Rock Mountain range to Double Hot Springs. These springs are over 180 degrees and are fenced off with warning signs. No soaking here.



These springs are of historical significance, as they were used by traveling settlers to water their livestock on the Apple Gate Trail.

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The ten-mile trail to the springs had loose silt, sandy washes, whoops, tight corners, and standing water from rain earlier in the week. Up on the pegs, shifting your weight, working the throttle, while screaming along at speeds over 50 mph....a dirt biker's dream.

Once at Double Hot Springs, we waited for the group to come together before we made the trek back across the playa to our camp. It's important to account for everyone so no one gets left behind. Think Top Gun, "never leave your wingman".

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On our way back to camp, some of us detoured to check out the model rockets that were being launched on the playa. During the fall, model rocket builders head out to the Black Rock to launch their home-made rockets. Because some of these rockets can go up to 100,000 feet or more, air traffic is restricted in the area. Google “model rockets Black Rock Desert”. There are websites and videos to check out.

Everyone made it back to camp without any incidents. Saturday evening was spent having a nice dinner and discussing the days ride around the campfire. We all retired to bed before 10 PM, tired from the energy expended trying to be young again.

The fourth annual Nevada Outback is in the books. Thanks to all the “loons” who made the trip out and enjoyable.



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President's Corner

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I want to open this month's Prez Corner by wishing all the veterans in RCB, and I know there are many, a happy Veteran's Day. All Veterans deserve recognition and a big "Thank you for your service!" Really, thank you!

We enjoyed our first Manchester Beach event since the pandemic and, I think we all had a great time. I never was really sure it was gonna happen as this state is all busted up as far as pandemic protocol is concerned but, I finally got the ok from our favorite KOA contact Yolanda that the event was to go on as planned. It was so great to see all friends new and old at our biggest event of the year. Next year will be even bigger I'm sure.

During the November meeting we elected a new RCB President for the coming year and the vote was unanimous. Our new prez is Rich Gay! I and we are sure Rich will be an excellent Prez for our club. Thank you Rich for your willingness to serve. Gordy was re-elected as the VP and Maggie will continue on as our Secretary with Scott Moseman to continue as Treasurer. Thanks Scott, you do great work! All BOD members will remain in their positions with me getting the nod to take on the one open director position. Cpt. Ken will continue as our IT guy and Ride Capt. as well as a director. Thanks to all who serve the club! I know, the pay sucks but, someone has got to do it. Thanks again.

Sunday, bout a dozen of us got together to resurrect our events calendar for 2022. Those events will be put on the events calendar by Capt. Ken when he gets to it. I want to encourage anyone who would like to suggest a new event for the club to do that. Please do! But, if you do, you are responsible for the planning of the event. It will be your event, and as stated earlier, the pay sucks! We have quite a few new members in the club. Can't wait to hear new ideas for new events. Bring 'em on! May the pandemic be over.

There will be a club meeting Sat. Dec. 4th at Susie's but, there will be no raffle and, most likely no club ride as that evening we will celebrate our 2021 Christmas Party at A&S. Watch the forum for info in regard to time and your contribution to this grand event. Just know there will be a special guest direct from the North Pole in attendance. That is all I will say! See you there!

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Everyone have a great Thanksgiving with your families and friends.

Capt. Ken will be leading The day after Thanksgiving ride to Waterloo for lunch. You can swing by the Lockeford Sausage store on the way home and buy the best sausage made ANYWHERE. DO NOT ASK WHAT DAY THE RIDE IS!

Ride often, and ride safe!

Mike

An Editor's Request

MANY THANKS TO THOSE WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED MATERIAL FOR NEWSLETTERS!!

Please take a few minutes to 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.

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

Now don't be bashful.

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



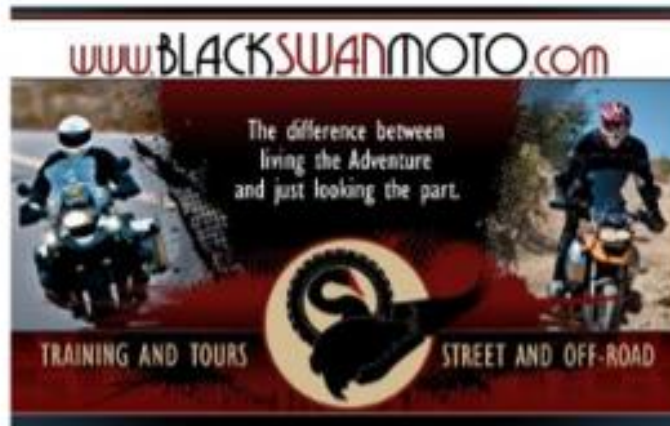
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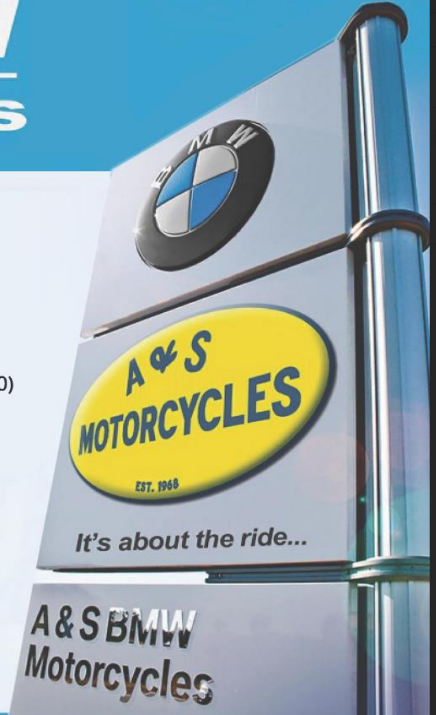
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