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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: Claim Jumper Steakhouse
250 Harding Blvd.
Roseville, 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)

August 13 Ladies August Ride Luncheon
See Forum for Details

August 19-21 Tahoe Chill – Camp Richardson

Sept. 3 Monthly Member Meeting - Club Ride

Sept. 2-5 Gypsy Tour

October 1-3 Monthly Member Meeting /
Manchester Beach

November 5 Monthly Member Meeting - Club Ride

December 5 Monthly Member Meeting - Club Ride

December 3 Monthly Member Meeting / Holiday Party

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President's Corner July/August 2022

This is a special Summer Edition of the President's Corner, including my thoughts and ramblings for both July and August. Some of you may be wondering why I decided to combine July and August into one edition this year. While I am not at liberty to disclose the actual reason for this change (it is HIGHLY classified) and can state, unequivocally, that the reason some members have suggested (that I simply forgot to do a Prez Corner in July) is categorically false!!!

On to the news... Club members are continuing to accelerate their post-COVID activity levels with noticeably higher participation in all our events – breakfasts, monthly rides, and special events. The return of the Ride 'n' Bowl was a big success, although Yerington remains a very sleepy town. The River City Beemer Bowlers were reminded of that fact when we finished bowling at about 7:45pm on Saturday evening and asked our waitress for some dinner recommendations. Her response -- "It's almost 8:00pm on a Saturday, everything is closed! -- tells you all you need to know about Yerington. We did eventually find a little kitchen/cantina tucked in the back of the Latino supermarket and had a quite spectacular Mexican dinner. Unlike the bowling itself, that portion of the trip was of the highest quality.

Fred's "Ride to Eat" continues apace. We have already had two special bonus rides and Fred tells me that lots of members are racking up lots of miles (and calories!) in pursuit of those tires. A dozen of us rode up to Granzella's on July 23 following a beautiful Ken Caruthers designed route through the farm country around Woodland and then up the Capay Valley. There is still time to try to figure out Fred's arcane rules and visit some of his favorite dining spots. Someone is going to win those tires and it might as well be me – I mean you!

The Tahoe Chill is coming up soon (August 19-21) and the bears are expecting us. This is always a fun event with excellent food to complement the fantastic riding and relaxing options available up at Lake Tahoe. Sign up on the RCB website because space is limited.

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Finally, I would like to offer my warmest Happy Birthday greetings to our ride guru Ken on his 80th lap around the sun. If his riding has slowed down any I would have hated to see him in his earlier and faster days. He is a real asset to the club, and we all owe him a debt of gratitude for showing us the great roads hidden in plain sight around Sacramento. Happy Birthday, Ken, from all of us!!!

Ride safely, ride often, and ride with your buddies!

Gordy, Your Once and Future Prez

RCB 40th Anniversary

As some of you may have picked up at the last two member meetings this year is RCB's 40th anniversary. Below is an introduction to the club from the web site.

The Story of the River City Beemers As related by Founding Member Earl Mattingly in June 1996.

In the late seventies and early eighties, I rode with my son and his friends, all of whom owned a variety of motorcycles: a Honda 750, a Yamaha 1100, a Suzuki 650, a Kawasaki 1000 and me on a BMW R100/7. We rode mostly on day trips with an occasional overnight camp-out. But I wanted even more riding time, and as a result, I often rode alone.

*An acquaintance told me about a club for riders over 40 and owning any brand of bike. They were the **Retreads** and their club was a loosely knit organization. I joined them, but it seemed like we lacked a common denominator. I mean, who wants to talk about Harleys and Hondas all the time. So, I encouraged the other Beemer riders to join a BMW club. There was no local club at the time, so I organized one. Ozzie's BMW Center, Joe Sarkee's Motorcycles, and J&J Precision Cycle Works helped a great deal by giving me the names of BMW owners in this area. I sent postcards to each, informing*

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them of a meeting to be held in Carmichael Park on Halloween 1982 to discuss formation of a club. Thirty-one (31) riders attended and most all liked the idea of a local BMW club.

I tried to get a volunteer to take this group and build a club as recommended by the majority of members. No one volunteered and several persons suggested that I serve as Director, Leader, or whatever, and we would rotate every six months. After each six months, no one wanted the job. We were an informal group with no officers, no business meetings, and no dues. I published a newsletter and collected \$5.00 a year from those that wanted the newsletter. Everyone subscribed. As we grew in numbers, it was clear that everyone liked the club as it was. At the time we were known as the **No Name BMW Club**.

Some thought we should have a more meaningful club name. The January '83 newsletter asked for recommendations for a club name. Our members showed their creativity with 42 different alternatives!

- Ace BMW Club
- Bavarian Shaft Drivers
- Beemers
- Beemer Butt Busters
- Beemer Cycle Riders
- Beemer Gleaners
- Beemer Motorcycle Wanderers
- Beemers of the North
- Beemer Riders
- Beemer Steamers
- Beemer Riders Around Sutterville Slough
- Beemers of Sutterville Slough
- BMW Club of Superior California
- Central Valley Vagabonds
- Cruisers
- Eager Beemers
- Frolic Beemers
- Gold Country BMW Riders
- Gold Trails BMW Club
- Happy Riders
- Jugg's' Nomad BMW Riders
- Northern California BMW Owners
- Northern Lights
- Opposed Twin Flyers
- PRO Club Riders
- Sacramento Beemers

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- BMW Cruisers
- BMW Love Gods
- BMW Owners-Riders-Enthusiasts
- BMW Road Runners
- Capital BMW Club
- Capital BMW Riders
- Capital City Cycle Riders
- Sierra BMW Association
- Sierra BMW Riders
- Sierra BMW Wanderers
- Super Snails
- Tip Top BMW Club
- Two Wheel Touring Club
- Valley Beemer Riders

In the end, River City Beemers was the popular choice. Two other names tied for runner-up: The original No Name Club and River City BMW Club.

It is hard to believe the club has been around for 40-years.

I shake my head and am flummoxed to acknowledge I have been a member of the club for 23 or 24 of those years. I cannot remember when I joined but likely in 1998 or 1999 - shortly after I bought my first BMW, a red R1100RS, from Randy's father, Tony, in 1998.

RCB Memory Lane

I cannot think of a better way to share the history of the club and the history each of us have with the club, except through photos and the stories that go with them.

As always, I am open to your suggestions.

I ask all members to dig through photos you have from prior events and send them to me (jackklau@comcast.net) so we all can take a stroll down memory lane.

Please, please send them.

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Contributions from Larry Campbell.



RCB @ 49er rally in Mariposa mid 80's

(Can you find Larry in the photo?)

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Some of you may not know that Larry and his son, Glenn, raced airhead BMW's in vintage classes.

Larry still has a racing sidecar. I remember like yesterday when I first saw the sidecar. Larry brought it to Thunderhill when RCB put on its 12th Rider Skills Improvement Day in 2007.

I recall Larry had not owned the sidecar for very long. First thing I sensed when it was started is the crack of the exhaust note when each cylinder fired. Each cylinder went off like a large caliber gun shot.

A few of us followed Larry (pilot) and Glenn (monkey) around Thunderhill for a couple laps. I alternated between awe, especially Glenn as monkey, and laughing my ass off 'cause I had never seen a sidecar before much less one going round a racetrack at speed. Great experience and great memory.



Glenn @ Barbers early 90's on R75/5

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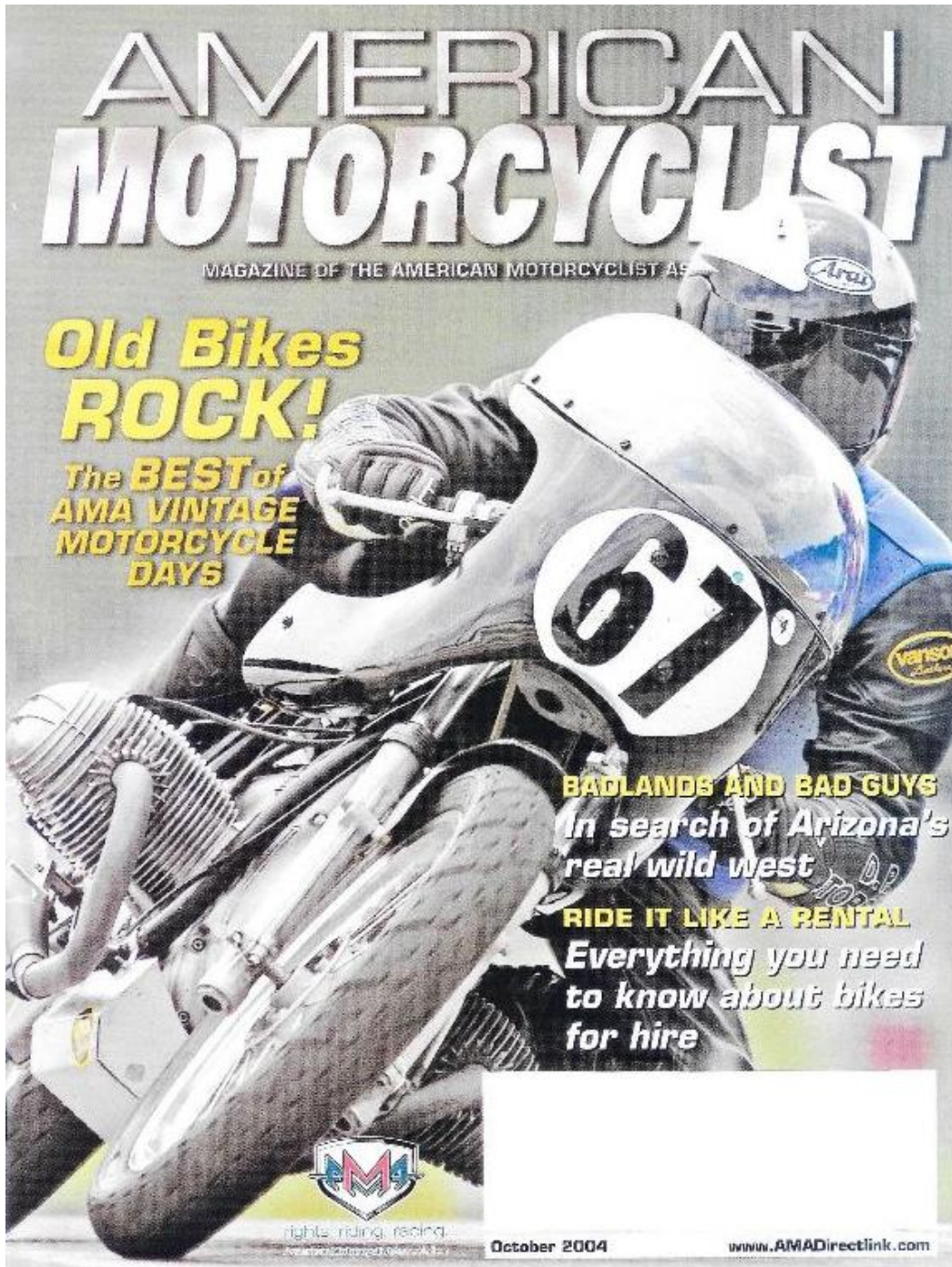
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Glenn @ Mid Ohio track early 90's

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Glenn on 39 BMW R51 (500cc) leading an Indian sidseshifter (750cc)

RCB Rider Skills Improvement Day

**Thunderhill Raceway
June 10, 2007**

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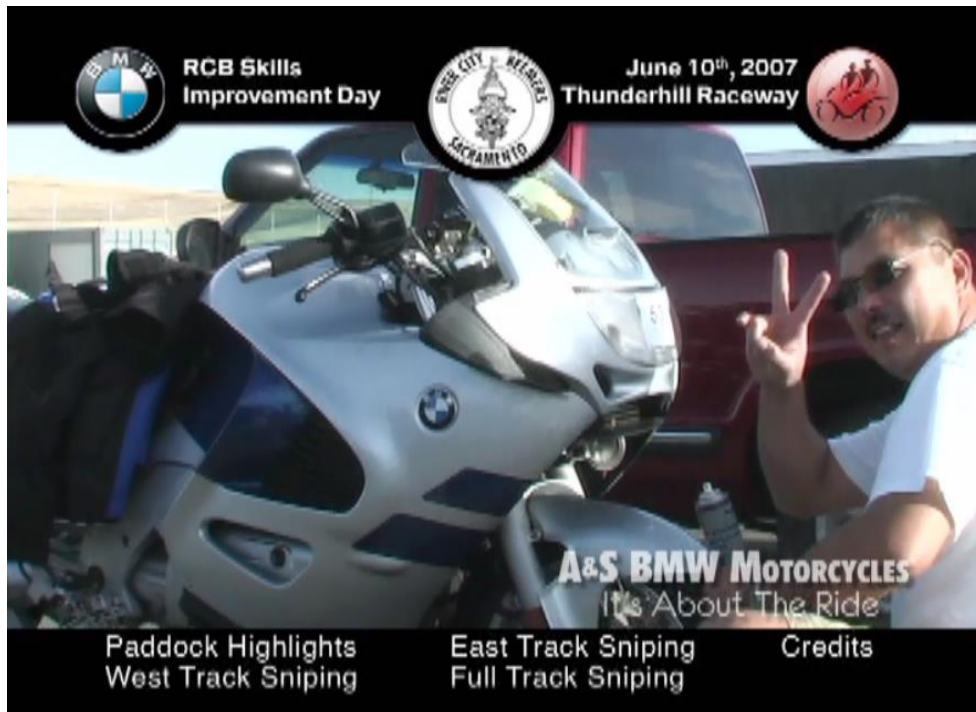
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Jim Cyran was a primary organizer of the Rider Skills Improvement Day at Thunderhill.

Sadly, we lost him this year due to a heart attack.

In 2007, it was RCB's 12th "track day."

We had to give up this cherished club event because the sports car club that owns Thunderhill would not offer us a decent date and days we were offered were very expensive. Our event was a casualty of the growth of track day providers who were given priority because they would reserve several weekends for their events.

Below are a few highlights and participants.

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Larry's Sidecar – Warm up in the paddock



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A&S hired a videographer to film parts of the day. Thanks again Randy!!

There also were videos taken during classes from one of the instructor's bikes. I have copies and got a kick watching them again and realizing how young we all still look despite the passage of 15 years, surviving a pandemic, and the infamous COVID 20.

The original video format is clunky on today's software. I however was able to convert the old video format which was used in 2007 to Windows Media Viewer which most, if not all of you should be able to open if you have a fairly new computer and you have updated your programs/Apps.

I put the videos from the Rider Skills Improvement Day in 2007 into a share file you can access to watch the videos, download them to your computer, or save them to a memory stick or DVD.

Below is a secure share file link we use at work to send and receive large files. You can click on the link to open it or copy and paste the link into your internet browser to access the file.

If you have trouble with the link, I suggest you corner one of your grandchildren and ask him or her for help.

<https://mathenysears.sharefile.com/d-s6fc4962f45184e268b98ca8e7ad0cd4f>

Instructions:

1. After you click on the link, it will take you to the screen below.

You must enter your email address, first name and last name. The Company field can be left blank.

(I however will consider giving a good bottle of wine to the person who makes me, and my assistant laugh the hardest with your company name.)

Click Continue.

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2. On the next screen, you can select the videos (individually or all) to download.
3. Click Download.
4. Once downloaded, you can play the videos and/or save them to your computer, memory stick or DVD.

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Alaska 2023

Roger Sweitzer

The best laid plans of mice and men really does change sometimes. With Covid, and border closings our trip two years ago went away. I was hoping for a trip this year, but that didn't come together. I am hoping for a trip in 2023 in early July.

I would like to leave the first Saturday after the fourth of July.

The trip is now set for 15 days. We will go north up through Boise for the first stop, then up to Kalispell Montana, and if it is open highway to the sun in Glacier Park. A little bit of heaven. Then on up Banff British Columbia, No. to lake Louise, to Jasper, and on to Prince George. From Prince George to Fort Nelson, from there across the Canadian Rockies to White Horse, in the Yukon gold country. The next day we head for Fairbanks, Alaska. We will have a day to rest, sight see and do laundry. From there we will head to Anchorage, with a stop at Denali Nat. Park. We then head south to Hanes Junction.

At that point you can get on a ferry to Prince Rupert. It is 1&1/2 days with a cabin to stay overnight on board. The cost for that is about \$700.00 with the cabin and add \$200.00 more if you are riding double. The ferry will pass Haines, Juneau, and on south through the inside passage, and on to Prince Rupert.

We will then board another ferry and go to Port Hardy on Vancouver Island. The ferry is about \$600.00, add \$200.00 more if riding double. It takes 14 hours to Port Hardy. You will have option to not go on ferries, by riding 3 days to Vancouver B.C. You might save some money, but not much with hotels and fuel.

From Port Hardy we will ride south to take a short ferry to Port Angeles, Washington, USA. From there it is 2 days south to home, mostly on the coast.

What you will need: good rain gear, a bike that is well maintained with new tires, be willing to ride some long days, if it is not raining. Tiedowns for your bike on the ferries. and about \$ 5,000 to \$6,000 in the bank for food, fuel, and lodging. You will see some of the most beautiful sights in the world and get home happy but tired.

If you would like to go, e-mail or text me with your contacts. About 1-2 months before the trip, we will have a final planning meeting to make reservations on the ferries and go over each day. rogersweitzer@sbcglobal.net 916-257-3898

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Ride To Eat Contest

A Members Only Event

Contest Administrator – Fred Jewell

Contest Rules: • Contest dates are April 1, 2022, through August 31, 2022.

- Only RCB Members in good standing are eligible to participate and win.
- Contest winner will be determined by drawing at the October membership meeting at Manchester Beach KOA – YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN.
- Contest consists of visiting the restaurants listed on the attached list; and collecting their point values. Each restaurant can only be visited once and must be visited on your motorcycle. As you visit each restaurant, take a picture of your motorcycle in front of the restaurant, making sure the restaurant's sign is included in the picture.
- For every 250 points accrued, you will receive one drawing chance.
- One chance for the drawing will be given automatically to each RCB member in good standing in attendance at the annual membership meeting at Manchester Beach KOA
- Email the picture to the contest administrator (frebeck94@gmail.com) with your name and the name of the restaurant. The food is great at all these restaurants – make sure to grab a bite while you are there!
- Prizes are: Points Drawing: A set of motorcycle tires of your choice - installed on your bike
High Point Achiever: Their name, their points/points possible and the year of the contest, on a perpetual plaque at A&S Motorsports.
- Shhhh – here's the SUPER DOUBLE SECRET EXTRA SPECIAL BONUS: One time ONLY, during this contest visit two different restaurants on the same day and double your points for the day! Take a picture of your receipt from each restaurant with the date on it and send along with your picture of your bike at the restaurant. You can only do this once. Choose wisely.

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- **Special Note:** There will be club rides to some of these locations, as well as extra rides on other Saturdays to locations not on the attached list that will be posted on the forum a week ahead of the ride.



RCB 2022 RIDE TO EAT Restaurant and Points List

Restaurant/City	Points	Restaurant/City	Points
Velvet Grill and Creamery – Galt	28	Los Reyes Restaurant – Coalinga	190
Sweet Pea’s – Auburn	34	Cowpoke Café – Lovelock, NV	248
Ione Café – Ione	24	Mattie’s Café – Brookings, OR	422
Lumberjacks Restaurant – Yuba City	50	Toiyabe Café – Austin, NV	326
Buttercup Pantry – Placerville	54	Mt. Whitney Restaurant – Lone Pine	306
Putah Creek Café – Winters	56	Little A’Le ‘Inn – Rachel, NV	424
Sarom’s Southern Kitchen – Sacramento	28	Samoa Cookhouse – Eureka	314
Wren’s Café – Vacaville	58	Melita’s Café – Chiloquin, OR	352
Lucy’s Café – Rio Vista	42	Auction Yard Café – Alturas	330
Stagecoach Restaurant – Elk Grove	24	Tonopah Brewing Co. – Tonopah, NV	336
Granite Rock Café - Rocklin	26	Chen’s Family Dish – Roseburg, OR	432
Bodie Mike’s BBQ – Lee Vining	192	Mad Greek Café – Baker	446
Jax at the Trax - Truckee	124	Jerry’s – Lakeview, OR	380
Tommy’s Joynt – San Francisco	182	Fab Hot Dogs – Reseda	352
Happy Burger Diner – Mariposa	126	Jocko’s Steak House – Nipomo	292
Genoa Country Store – Genoa NV	128	Fisherman’s Restaurant – Crescent City	400
Nancy’s Airport Café – Willows	110	Pete’s Breakfast House – Ventura	372
Gold and Silver Inn - Reno NV	154	Emma Jean’s Holland Burger Café – Victorville	388
Burger Barn – Bridgeport	178	Matt’s Big Breakfast – Phoenix, AZ	763
Susie’s Diner – Arnold	82	Los Osos Saloon – Jemez, NM	1113
Hi-Lo Café – Weed	264	Jack and Janelle’s – Cortez, CO	968
Good Times – Newman	80	Rudy’s BBQ – Colorado Springs, CO	1253
Wizard’s Café @Corbin – Hollister	146	Café Genevieve – Jackson Hole, WY	864
Brewbaker’s – Visalia	186	Rose’s Lariat – Rawlins, WY	957

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Editor's Request for Photos and Content

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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