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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)

May 7 Monthly Member Meeting
May 7 POKER RUN
May 14 Ladies May Ride Luncheon
See Forum for Details
May 26-30 49'er Rally – Quincy
June 4 Monthly Member Meeting / Club Ride
June 10-12 Spring Fling – Lewiston
June 16-19 Chief Joseph Rally, John Day, OR
June 16-18 MOA National Rally
June 24-26 Nevada Outback
July 9 Monthly Member Meeting - Club Ride
July 9-10 Ride N' Bowl
August 6 Monthly Member Meeting - Club Ride
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

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Spring has sprung and the roads are clear of snow in just about every direction! Dr. Fauci has proclaimed that the "pandemic phase" of COVID-19 is over and that's good enough for me. We have seen increased numbers of members at our monthly meetings and on our rides. Hopefully those trends will continue and maybe even accelerate.

On May 7 we will be resurrecting the annual poker ride and the sign up sheet is already on the website. Signing up in advance helps with meal planning and lets our host, Mike Ledbetter, know just how many towels he will need to have ready for all the rope swingers. This year's event is free of charge with everyone getting a poker hand (assuming you complete the ride and correctly answer the questions) and lunch. A \$100 A&S gift certificate will be awarded for the high and low hands. Runners up in each division will also get a prize (of significantly lesser value!). There will also be a 50/50 drawing where you can spend as much of your own money as you want to sweeten the pot. We will have our regular meeting and raffle over at Susie's that morning before going over to A&S to start the poker run. Ken and I have ridden the route and it is a beauty!!

A number of our riding buddies are down in Morro Bay this weekend – more evidence that the club is definitely in the post-COVID afterglow! Other events that are making their triumphant return this year include June's Trinity campout and July's Ride 'n' Bowl at the newly renovated Pioneer Crossing bowling alley in Yerington. Details on those to follow on the website forum.

This Memorial Day I am hoping that a lot of RCB'ers will be joining our NorCal brothers and sisters at the 49'er Rally up in Quincy. RCB is handling the two poker runs that weekend and I would much prefer to give the prize money to one of our own, so sign up for the event itself and for the rides.

Remember to ride your own ride, wear All The Gear All The Time, and spread the good word that COVID is (sorta) GONE and RCB is (completely) BACK!!!

Cheers, Gordy (Your Once and Future RCBPREZ)

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Coddiwompling

By Jean Cordalis



The Twins

Tracy Buchanan joined me for some Coddiwompling. We had a great ride.

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Death Valley 2022

I missed the annual trek to Death Valley for some off road riding the previous couple years. I was determined to make it this year.

I was joined by Al Morrison, Steve Bechtold, Steve Harris, Henry Mini and a couple of Henry's friends whose names I cannot remember. Honorable mention goes to Herr Robles who couldn't join us due to the need for a valve job.

We pitched tents at Panamint Springs Resort for a long weekend of riding.



Al Morrison en route to Titus Canyon

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Steve Bechtold on his new KTM 890.



This year I finally got my racing Buddy, Frank Keepers, to join us. He drove down from Smithfield, Utah which is about 15 miles from the Idaho border. The swing in temperature from his home to Panamint Springs was about 60-70 degrees during the day. Getting some heat in his bones must have felt good. I hear he had to drive through a snowstorm on his way home.

As I said to the guys when pulling up to our campsites, Frank earned an expert plate in District 37 desert racing and typically was racing for a class win against folks like Mitch Mayes, Terry Clark, Larry Roessler, and others, and he was WAAAAAY faster than me. I conceded any race before it started. Too old for that stuff.

Frank decided to buy my Husky TE 610 and he was like a pig in shit on the bike. I couldn't get a photo of him on the bike because all I saw was a cloud of dust.

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Left to right are Al, Frank and Steve Bechtold on a ridge on the way to Titus Canyon.

While there is a fair amount of pavement to get to the start of the dirt road to Titus Canyon from Panamint Springs, I believe it is worth the saddle soreness if you are on a small bike plank aka seat. The road to Titus goes one way so there is no need to worry about opposing traffic. That is good because the road is only wide enough for one 4 wheeled vehicle most of the way.

Titus Canyon is a ride that is GS friendly provided one is not afraid of a dirt road and has basic dirt skills.

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Photos simply cannot capture the canyon and its walls but here are three photos with the hope they motivate you to put this on your list of rides to do.



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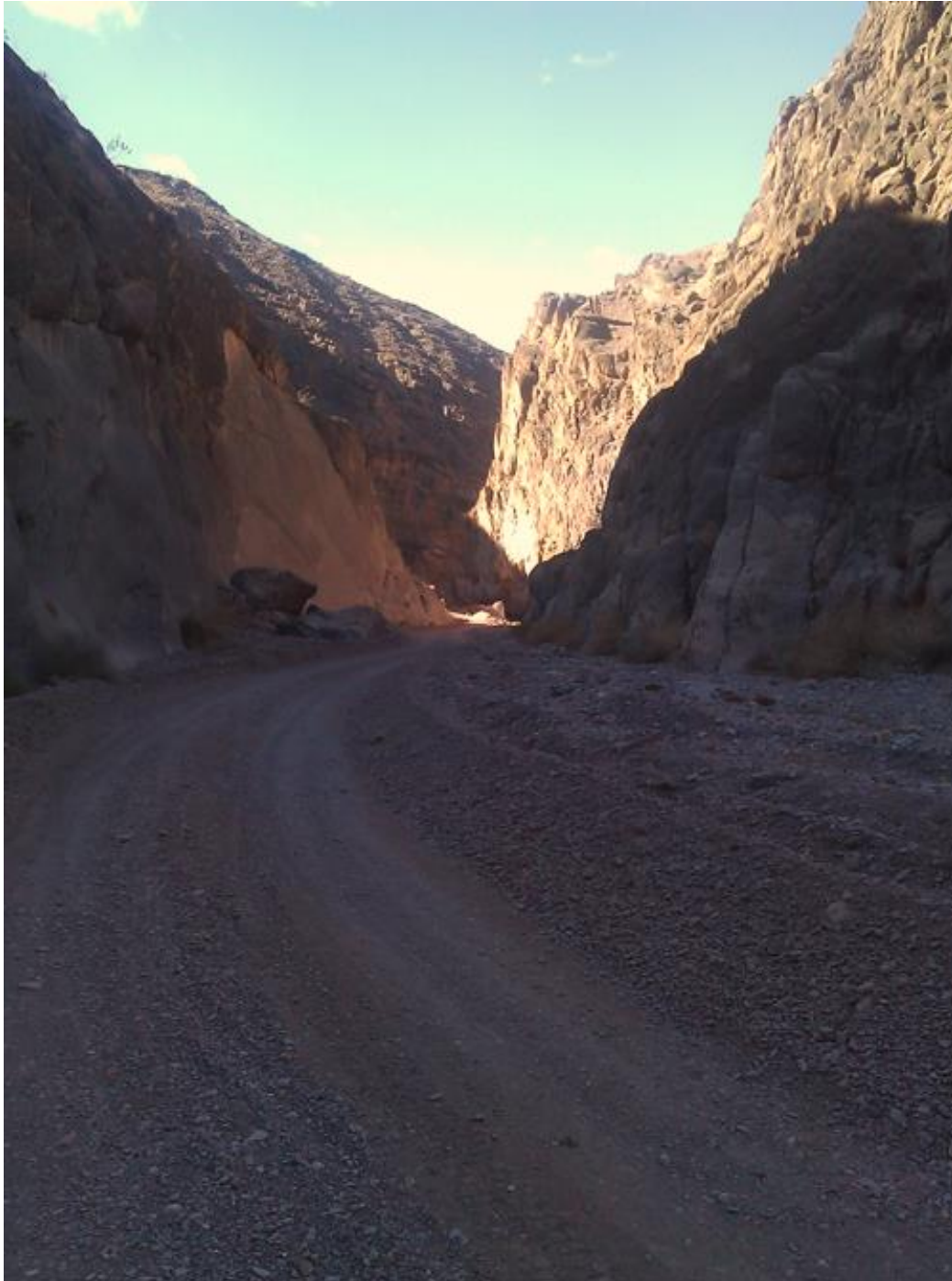
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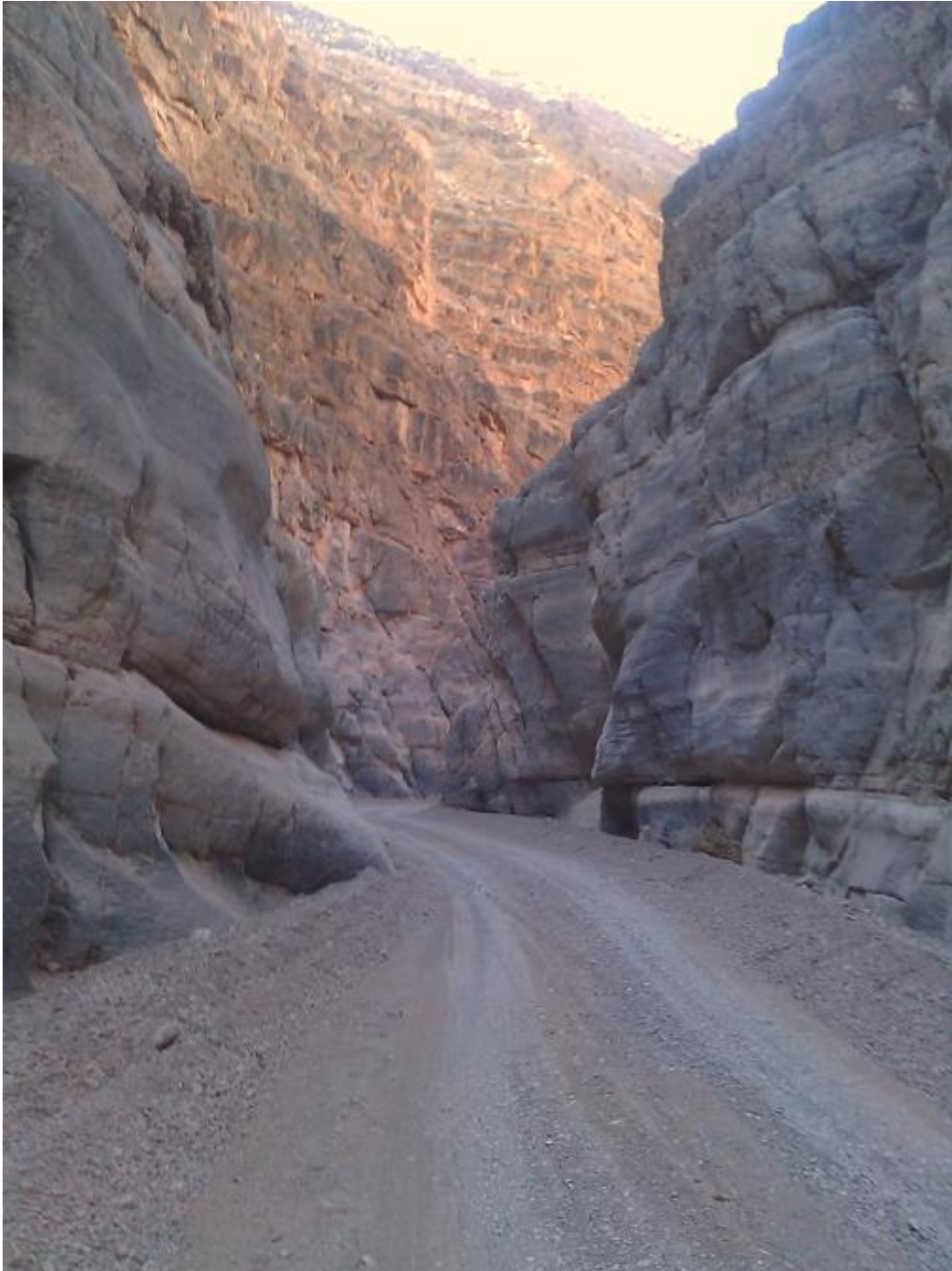
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Part of our group included good friends from the Central Cal BMW Club. One day the whole group decided to ride "the back way" up to Cerro Gordo as we heard the wash, which usually is the hardest part of that route if not impassable, was a good two-track. It in fact was in the best condition I ever have seen.

As is typical in the desert you never know what you will encounter from one year to the next. We were reminded of this as we made the 90 degree turn from the wash to the road that goes up the back side of the mountain to Cerro Gordo. What used to be a good road starting at the bottom of the hill was washed out and there was no evidence of an established two-track. We sent the little bikes to scout and were advised it was best to turn around which we did. We rode back to Saline Valley Road where our friends from Central Cal decided to ride back to Panamint Springs. We decided to ride over South Pass to the warm springs.

Who could imagine one can find this in the middle of nowhere, and where the tallest vegetation is about a foot tall.



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One of these years I am going to ride to the warm springs and spend the night after soaking in the natural spring water.

We still had a good part of the day as we left the warm springs, so we decided we had enough gas to ride past Eureka Dunes, through Crankshaft Junction and by Ubehebe Crater on the way back to Panamint Springs. As also is typical in the desert if you do not have a route (or past experience), we missed the turn for the road to these places and rode over North Pass eventually to the City of Big Pine. After over a decade of rides in Death Valley this was my first-time riding over North Pass because it usually is covered in snow in March. It was fun but left about an 80-mile ride down Hwy 395, 136 and 190 back to Panamint Springs. (Sorry Al)

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The next day we all decided to ride the easy way to Cerro Gordo - which became less easy because the County was running heavy equipment over the road, leaving loose dirt and gravel over the steepest and narrowest part of the road. Except for one near fall, we all made it unscathed.



The view from Cerro Gordo to whence we came near the sulfate and gypsum flats.

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If you do not know about Cerro Gordo, I heartily recommend an internet search for its history. Galina, silver and lead, was mined here. Below are photos of a few of the buildings and artifacts discovered at the site.



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Me and Frank and ore cart rails which likely terminated at rock crushers at one time.

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Put A Question Mark On That Advice

Adapted from an article written by Bret Tkacs for Adventure Rider magazine

Bret Tkacs has been providing rider training for about 26 years.

The premise of his article is we all should evaluate old notions about best riding practices given the speed of technological developments.

What was a good or best practice even five years ago today may be dangerous.

For example, ABS was crude, barely reactive, wooden, and performed poorly when it first was introduced. (I can vouch for that having ridden a 1989 K1000RS for a few years.) Then, skilled riders likely could brake better with ABS off.

ABS has improved so much in the last 2-3 years experts only can hope to match the braking prowess of the technology. The same can be said for traction control, ride modes, and other rider aids that are becoming standard on many bikes. In my opinion, the capability of the technology can be witnessed best by watching MotoGP or World Superbike races. There is no way any of these racers could go as fast as they are on the same bike without this technology.

OK. OK. So, what's the point?

Bret Tkacs advises not to overestimate your skills. This technology is better at most everything than you. Use the technology to your advantage to widen your range of safety.

Take time to understand how the technology works and its range of adjustability.

For example, the dynamic throttle setting on a GS (Rally on a KTM) is not best on the dirt part of a ride, and I seriously doubt one needs or can safely manage the full level of horsepower a 1200 or 850 GS can muster in the dirt. Enduro mode or similar is likely to make an off-road ride less stressful and safer. The same applies to the street. Rain mode likely is best as compared to dynamic when the road surface is poor or wet.

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A personal example: I stopped using the rear brake in the dirt because I did not have any feel for it with typical dirt boots. It seemed I had one mode, locked up. Locked up is not adaptive in most conditions and was not what I needed or wanted.

Recently, I started experimenting with the dirt or enduro ABS settings and discovered they helped me modulate the rear brake. In my opinion, great strides have been made in the last couple years by manufacturers for off road ABS.

The point? Question the notion your ABS should be off in the dirt.

Set aside the old maxim and give the new technology a try.

Bret Tkacs asks whether one must be on the pegs while off road.

There is no question standing on the pegs when off road offers greater visibility to read the terrain, allows you to uncouple from the bike to allow it to move freely beneath you, lowers the center of gravity, facilitates use of your legs as shock absorbers, and allows the suspension to work more effectively. He argues no because doing so is exhausting and may exceed a rider's level of fitness. Sitting when conditions are comfortable (when on well-maintained dirt roads for example) conserves energy and strength for when it really is needed.

As the title of Bret Tkacs article suggests, take time to question and evaluate riding maxims, whether on or off road, to decide if they still have merit and in what conditions if any.

The point is doing so will make us all better riders.

Moreover, take a riding class. We all still have much to learn.

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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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