



## TOUR CAPTAIN'S REPORT

*by Ted Crum*

The January ride and meeting to Lovey's Landing, near Colusa, was well attended, with 30 riders around the breakfast tables at the Railroad Café in Livermore. Like the last time we started there, we got a private area and the same efficient waitress who handled all the separate checks with aplomb. The group included several first-timers and non-members: Joe, a geologist, on his F800GS, Stuart on an R1200GS, Jeff Palin on an R100R. Re-active member Mariana introduced her riding partner Sharon (F800GS), and Justin Adams came with a just-cleaned tech-session chain. Todd Peters came for breakfast only on an R1200GS. 23 bikes started out, so we divided into two riding groups, with the stalwart John Ellis again sweeping the first group, and Buddy and Mini Scauzzo taking the second group.

The ride up the challenging Morgan Territory Road afforded great views back across miles of green hills, but by the time we reached Marsh Creek Road, headed for Antioch, we found ourselves in valley fog that wasn't a hazard but shortened our vistas. Soon came the free "Real McCoy II" Ferry that carries SR84 across Cache Slough. We got the whole group on a single thrice-hourly crossing; it's oddly pleasing to sit on your bike and bob across the river. The fog slowly thinned as we followed the river north, giving us an inspiring view of the Sutter Buttes as we rode swoopy Pass Road toward the destination.

Arriving at Lovey's we met Mike Morlin reading a paperback in the sun, with two other campers, and we eventually had 34 riders camping on green grass. The turnout took the kitchen by surprise, but they sent a car to Colusa for more supplies. The steaks were good, and there were still riders at the river-view bar when I went to bed. In the morning they served a nice breakfast. Thanks to staffers Rhonda and Lonny (who made early morning coffee in his trailer) for taking care of us.

The meeting was on a covered party space overlooking the river. New riders were introduced, and historian Ed Perry gave a great report. Weather reports were for warmer and less fog on Sunday, but that was apparently for the East Bay only. We went to bed counting stars, but many were wakened by fog drip from the trees. Visibility was short and the temperature at 44F nearly to Vacaville, and I didn't see 60F until Orinda.

The next meeting will be on February 21 at Morro Bay State Park. The ride will start at Flames Coffee Shop, 7170 Santa Teresa Boulevard, San Jose; breakfast at 8AM, leave 9AM. We will be taking an inland route to avoid coastal traffic, which riders can beat on the way home with an early start. We have the smaller Oso group site "GOSO", but because of the dry weather and high attendance at recent rides, we have taken a couple of individual sites for overflow. The tour leader will have those reservations. The event is not catered, but there are many restaurants in the area, the close-by favorite being the Bayside Café at the harbor. Get on the list early. The route instructions will be posted on the web page and Meetup.

March 28 is the Death Valley meeting at Furnace Creek, with the option to come a day early or stay until Sunday night (you'll have to move tent to stay all three days.)

April 25 will take us to Bothe-Napa State Park. In May we have no meeting, to accommodate the 49'er. The June (election) meeting will again be at Finnon Lake, on 6/27.

The July meeting has been moved to 7/18 to clear the National in Billings, and could be used as a starting point for that ride. It will be at Oh Ridge on June Lake. We will have some space on Friday 7/17 so that riders can come early and ride the many trails in the area. August 29 will take us to the Emigrant group camp at Stampede Reservoir in Tahoe National Forest.

Enjoy the ride!

--Ted Crum, Tour Captain

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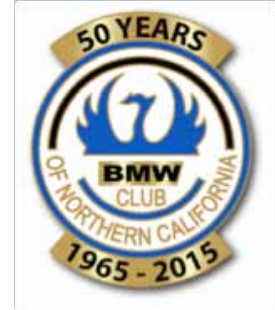
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# PRESIDENTIAL RAMBLINGS

by Z Ortiz



Adopt-a-Highway:

Ed Perry continues his quest to have Norcal Adopt a Highway in the San Jose Area. He is currently busy trying to break through the red tape. Once we muddle through the process I would like to have us do the same thing in the North Bay and the East bay.

The Triple Crown Anniversary Ride:

One of my goals for this year is to ride more. Norcal Members ride a lot and travel to other Rallies and venues. We have our Second Sunday Breakfast, our membership meetings and our two premier events; The Range of Light and the '49er Rally. Since we are celebrating our anniversary all year long, why not have an anniversary ride? Ed Perry came up with the three Mountains hence the name. Mt. Tamalpais, Mt. Diablo and Mt. Hamilton. The format is under review and the target date is June 20th, 2015. It's a full day of riding so start getting in shape now.

Charter Members Interview:

We will be interviewing our charter members in the coming months to reminisce about how the club began and other fun facts. I have some questions for our veteran members in the now vs. then format but maybe you want to know how the English Trials appeared at the Rally or which member started the Range of Light (Doug Hubbard). Send your questions to [registration49er@yahoo.com](mailto:registration49er@yahoo.com)

Meetup:

We now have 247 riders on our Club Meetup site. Meetup has become a valuable tool for dissemination of club information and offers a number of features that we have yet to explore. We will be expanding on those features as we bring the club forward to the digital age.



# 2014-2015 MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

NOVEMBER/	MAY	JUNE – None	OCTOBER
DECEMBER 2014	Terry Burnes 25 Years	JULY	Don Alexson 5 Years
Greg Gibson 25 Years	Suresh Chandrasekaran 5 Years	Steven Palmer 15 Years	Carmen Vailly 5 Yeras
JANUARY 2015	Don Condon 5 Years	AUGUST	NOVEMBER/
Bruce Swantson 5 Years	Bill Hall 10 Years	Bruce Buxton 35 Years	DECEMBER
FEBRUARY	Wendy Kessler 5 Years	Fred Pravda 30 Years	Lee Damico 5 Years
Dale Rich 5 Years	David LaPoint 5 Years	Neil Talbert 10 Years	Marc Dubresson 15 Years
MARCH	Ed Perry 10 Years	SEPTEMBER	Doug Hubbard 40 years
Steve Kessinger 20 Years	Roger Rapp 5 Years	Brian Goetz 5 Years	
APRIL	Ron Suydam 5 Years	Linda Opp 20 Years	
Buddy Scauzzo 5 Years	Laurent Vailly 5 Years	Wayne Opp 20 Years	
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## 2015 '49ER RALLY IN MARIPOSA: *by Z Ortiz*

It is unfortunate that this year's '49er became about moving the Rally rather than continuing the trend of offering a first class event with the club membership proudly hosting 400-500 guests of whom 75 were new to the venue and although the event met all the criteria used to define a successful event, it still wasn't enough. Andy Anderson was nominated as 2015 Rally Chair at the first meeting of the new Board of Directors in July and the board did not approve him until the December Board Meeting.

I met with Andy for a good part of a day in Sacramento to get his input and views on the direction he thought we should take with the venue. He has some fresh ideas and he was enthusiastic about the daunting task of being a Rally Chair. Andy is fully committed to make the event a success. During our meeting we discussed the possibility of moving the Rally to a different location. As you can imagine we have already had the Rally at the locations that came up: Auburn, Quincy, Sonora and Angels Camp. We were in Mariposa for 18-years before we moved to Quincy but I digress. Maybe things had changed for the better like Mariposa. I requested for Andy to go to Auburn and see if they were a good fit for us. They were not and after Andy presented his report to the board your board voted to hold the Rally in Mariposa (Note: John Vashon was not in attendance at the board meeting).

### Here is Andy's report:

On Wednesday January 28, 2015 I visited the Placer County Fairgrounds in Auburn for the purpose of determining feasibility for the '49er rally. I spoke with Linette Rubidoux, who told me she was the only person authorized on that day.

Linette said that renting the fairgrounds varied in cost depending on which portions of the grounds or buildings we wished to use. We looked at a map of the site, and I located the Sierra Building, and the Placer Building as the two buildings we had used in previous '49er rallies. Linette informed me that we would not be able to rent the Sierra building, as it is already rented for a wedding party on Saturday 23 May, 2015. Also we could only rent the parking lot for 2 days (Saturday and Sunday) as it is already rented for other events on Thursday and Friday, also due to the wedding, we could rent the parking lot at the full price for Saturday, but would be required to share it with the wedding guests.

The itemized cost of buildings and grounds are as follows:

Sierra Building-	\$924.00 per day x 4 days	\$3696.00
Placer Building-	\$1254.00 per day x 4 days	\$5016.00
Main stage-	\$481:00 per day x 4 days	\$1924.00
Tent cover (main stage)-	\$1100.00 per day x 4 days	\$4400.00
Farrell Wrenn park-	\$616.00 per day x 4 days	\$2464.00
Main lawns/gazebo -	\$481.00 per day x 4 days	\$1924.00
Parking Lot-	\$550.00 per day x 2 days	\$1100.00
Total		\$20,524.00

Minus the cost of the Sierra Building= \$16,828.00

There are a total of 5 restrooms that are available for our use at various locations on the fairgrounds; however, there are no shower facilities. I asked Linette about renting portable showers for the event, she said that we would be allowed to rent portable showers for our event, but we would be required to acquire the facilities on our own.

I also asked about uniformed security personnel at the gates, she said that again we would be allowed to provide that service at our own cost and efforts, however, due to the wedding on Saturday, the security personnel would have to grant entrance to everyone, as the wedding guests would not have our wrist bands for identification.

Linette also informed me that she was quite pleased that I arrived when I did, as the decision had already been made that if BMWNORCAL did not contact the fairgrounds by close of business on Friday 30 January, the fairgrounds would cancel the reservation made last year by Greg Hutchinson.

--Andy Anderson

# THE WAY BACK MACHINE:

by Z Ortiz

Our club's 50th anniversary is approaching fast and I wanted to do a series of interviews with our two Charter members, Chris Weld and Alan Huntzinger as well as some of our veterans. Our in house electronic guru, Rick Klain had graciously offered to help out with the task.

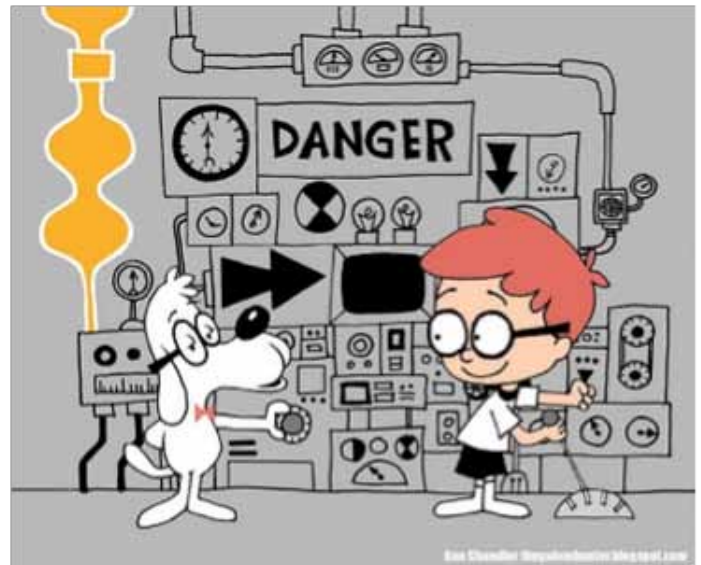
If have been to a campout where Alan has been present, you have probably been taken on a trip down memory lane. You may or may not have heard about the orange safety vests that were require apparel back in the day and you may or may not have heard about our legendary newsletter's humble beginning when they used some crazy machine called a mimeograph (a duplicating machine that produces copies from a stencil now superceded by the photocopier)

I proposed some basic questions and here is the answer to two of them as reflected by Rick Klain:

While the NorCal Club was a precocious 13-year-old teen when I joined, I can attest to some of what transpired back then:

## Orange Vests:

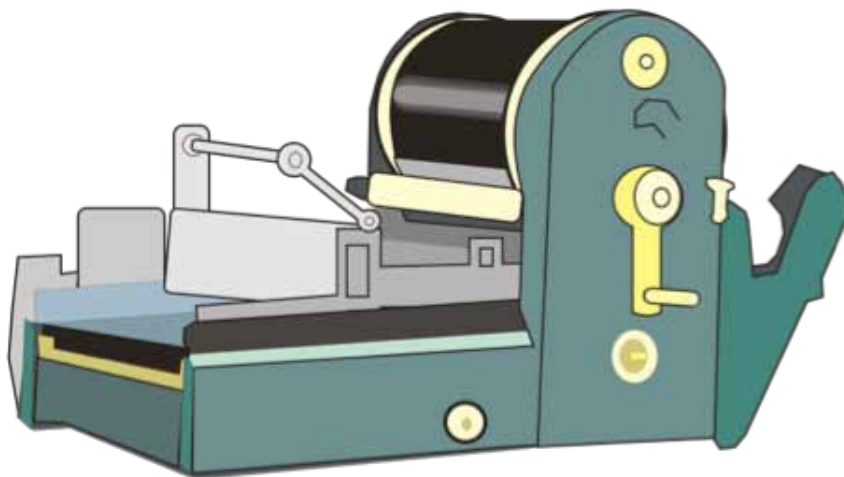
I was issued my orange vest when I joined NorCal in 1978. But, while most wore theirs, it seemed to be slowly falling out of fashion. Most wore them at club functions, and I wasn't aware of any penalties, other than not looking like a club member. It seems like the 50th anniversary badges are becoming a replacement for the long-gone orange vest as a symbol of belonging to NorCal.



## Printed Newsletters:

I joined NorCal during the age of the mimeograph. The first personal computers (Apple II in mid-1977, IBM PC in 1981) could replace a typewriter, but typewriter quality printers were expensive. All that changed in 1985 when desktop publishing software (PageMaker) and Apple's LaserWriter were introduced, which allowed desktop publishing to also be printed on a commercial printing press. This was the sort of stuff that I did during my day job in those days. It wasn't until the Macintosh LC line was introduced in early 1990, and by the mid-90's is when I steered the NorCal Club towards producing newsletters using these maturing, lower-cost technologies. I believe it was Pat Potter who was our first electronic newsletter publisher, taking advantage of the then new Presstek PEARL/Heidelberg computer-to-plate printing technology that made affordable, low-volume newsletter publishing possible.

--Rick Klain



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*by Warren Barnes*

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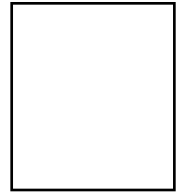
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| <b>March 28</b>    | <b>Meeting &amp; Camping</b> -- Death Valley         |
| <b>April 25</b>    | <b>Meeting &amp; Camping</b> -- Bothe Napa S.P.      |
| <b>May 21-25</b>   | <b>49er Rally</b> -- Mariposa, CA                    |
| <b>June 27</b>     | <b>Election Meeting &amp; Camping</b> -- Finnon Lake |
| <b>July 18</b>     | <b>Meeting &amp; Camping</b> -- Location T.B.D.      |

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