



TOUR CAPTAIN'S REPORT

by Ted Crum

Breakfast for the March ride to Morro Bay was at Flames on Santa Teresa, where we met first-time NorCal campers Bob Rasters and Alex Rodas, both 49er vets on GSA's, and Blaise (after Pascal!) Goodpuster, also on a GSA. We also met Brian Tesorio, and fast-riding Chris Brown on his RT. Heidi Schmidt (Ninja 500) stayed to eat, then soloed to Paso.

17 riders started the route, with John Ellis once more riding sweep: 101 to San Juan Batista, over San Juan Grade with its lovely green view, then on Old Stage, through Chular to River Rd, and onto 101 again at Soledad. We took Jolon Rd from King City and through the Interlake area to lunch in Paso, then down 46 and across Old Creek to the campsite. A lot of 101, but it's a long ride in short daylight. I was pleased by the number of riders who had just discovered San Juan Rd, and by the light traffic on sinuous Old Creek.

The scheduled lunch was at Margie's (Cute, good, expensive) where Peter Oxenbol and Wendy Kessler, riding with "P-Bob" Empasis (Ducati) were waiting. Bob was there to deliver some good news, see the President's report! As we left Paso, we dropped out of the sunshine into marine moisture, but there was no rain.

33 riders attended the meeting, including 7 of us who decamped to motels. The smaller "Oso" site that had seemed tight on my pre-ride had since been cleaned up, and there was plenty of room, allowing me to release the two overflow sites I'd booked. It did rain overnight in Paso, but by 7:30 AM Heidi and I were threatened but never seriously rained on as we rode home up Hwy 25.

The March meeting is the (often annual) Death Valley campout, on Saturday the 28th at the Furnace Creek campground.

We have overlapping reservations at two sites, covering Friday through Sunday nights. On Friday and Saturday we have group site "003", and on Saturday and Sunday we have group site "K2". To stay all three nights you will have to move tent. There is no official tour, as riders have different schedules and road preferences; our Facebook page would be a good place to find a riding group. If you don't pay National Park entry fees at the gate you will have to pay them at the campground. Aged 62 or better, you can get a lifetime parks pass at the visitor center near the campground. The usual \$10 member, \$20 guest camping fee will be collected by NorCal. There are a store, bar, and restaurant nearby, so the event is not catered. Please park only in designated areas, or along the side of the road near K2; do not park next to your tent.

April 25 will take us to Bothe-Napa State Park.

In May we have no meeting, to accommodate the 49'er rally.

The June (election) meeting will again be at Fannon Lake, on June 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.

The August 29 meeting will be at the Emigrant group camp at Stampede Reservoir in Tahoe National Forest.

The September 26 meeting will be at the Hornswoggle group camp at Bullards Bar Reservoir, on Marysville Rd near Hwy 49. We have the camp for Friday and Saturday night.

Enjoy the Ride!

Ted Crum -- Tour Captain

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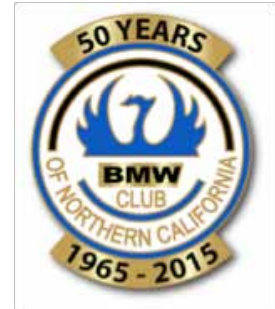
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for the newsletter are due on the
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PRESIDENTIAL RAMBLINGS:

by Z Ortiz



A Second Sunday Breakfast:

Thanks to Ken Caruthers for leading the March Second Sunday Breakfast Ride that took us north on a cold and very foggy day. Add the time change and I am sure there were some people that didn't make on time. The group had a nice ride in spite of the less than desirable conditions. The sun finally appeared and at the end of the ride Richard Burton and Tom Connolly met the group.

The Triple Crown Anniversary Ride:

Thanks to Ed Perry the Triple Crown Anniversary Ride is taking shape and is on target for June 20th, 2015. It's a full day of riding so start getting in shape now.

BMW Recall:

BMW HAS issued a recall - or 'technical campaign' as bike makers prefer to call them - of R and K series models produced during a period spanning almost eight years. The rear wheel flange may crack as result of brake disc bolts or wheel nuts being over-tightened, BMW says.

While BMW says the fault will only occur due to incorrect maintenance, the firm is to replace wheel flanges with 'a more robust part as a precaution'.

The recall applies to R and K series motorcycles produced between November 2003 and April 2011. It's understood to affect over 300,000 bikes globally including 23,000 in the UK.

Membership:

We now have 263 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.

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'49er:

Andy Anderson, '49er Rally Chair, has been busy pre-riding the Poker Run and the GS routes but there is plenty of work to go around. Please support Andy in making the '49er a memorable event. Joyce will be producing a flyer and Dan Rowe is updating the website. The registration form can be found elsewhere in the newsletter. Thank You.

2014-2015 MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

MARCH

Steve Kessinger 20 Years

APRIL

Buddy Scauzzo 5 Years

MAY

Terry Burnes 25 Years

Suresh
Chandrasekaran 5 Years

Don Condon 5 Years

Bill Hall 10 Years

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David LaPoint 5 Years

Ed Perry 10 Years

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Laurent Vailly 5 Years

Roger Vandevent 5 Years

JULY

Steven Palmer 15 Years

AUGUST

Bruce Buxton 35 Years

Fred Pravda 30 Years

Neil Talbert 10 Years

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Brian Goetz 5 Years

Linda Opp 20 Years

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CHARTER MEMBER INTERVIEW: *by Z Ortiz*

During the Adventure Designs open house celebration I had the privilege of interviewing Chris Weld and Alan Huntzinger, charter members of our club. This was made possible by the generosity of Adventure Designs and Rick Klain. Rick provided us with a couple of audio recorders; Chad and Karsten provided us with a location away from the noisy festivities.

During the interview I found out that there are other charter members around the bay area. The difference is that they are not currently BMW Norcal members, While Alan and Chris are. Chris provided with a list of original members that were there from the beginning, not only starting our club, but were instrumental in producing the first '49er Rally. Chris and Alan state that the first '49er Rally was also the first National Rally so these names are very important.

First National Rally Chairperson, Sheila Hyman. David P Reimers (wife - Twillah), Jerry Jamison (wife Joan) and Don Cortright.

This new information opened the doors for a more complete look at the rich tapestry that has been woven by many of the early visionaries that started our club. We will try to get these visionaries together for a more complete look at our beginning.

I had a basic list of questions and you know how that goes, when you have questions at least two other questions pop up and in subsequent interviews I plan to do follow-ups on

some of these questions. Interesting to me is the fact that even from the beginning The BMW club of Northern California was a safety-first club that required members to wear all their gear all the time, to ride with the headlights on and follow basic procedures for group riding. The idea of the orange vest originated out of the penchant for safety, it was inexpensive and everybody could get one. I believe Chris said there were a around five dollars back then. The club also wanted to differentiate it's self from other Harley clubs that wore "colors".

In the beginning, these pioneers where also focused on riding and camping. The idea being that like-minded people hanging around a campfire made for an interesting exchange of ideas, rides, tire kicking and making fun of other brands. There was no BMWNA and Butler & Smith were the only importers of BMW Motorcycles at the time so there was no dealer network. There was, however, a Southern California BMW club.

They originally placed an ad in the local paper to reach out to BMW motorcycle riders and inform them that a club was about to take shape. Informal meetings were held as the club began to take shape and define itself and the basic structure i.e. President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Tour Captain were established in 1965. Pictured Below: Charter members, Chris Weld & Alan Huntzinger



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GPS WORKSHOP: *by Cliff Dunn & Z Ortiz*



couldn't answer the questions regarding Basecamp for PC Ted Crum and Ken Caruthers stepped up to the plate and pointed out the differences. There is no question that the Garmin software is better but is still has a long way to go to be computer friendly for those that are not that computer savvy. One gentleman had a specific route in mind, which worked out for the best due to the complicated nature of the route allowed us to show real-time some of the challenges you have with waypoints and differences in software. We also discussed about getting to know your GPS unit because once you create a route and you uploaded to your GPS the GPS will change the route depending on your

Following the success of the GPS workshop at Adventure Designs earlier this year, we ventured north to A&S BMW motorcycles in Roseville CA. The GPS workshop was well attended by 27 people and two walkers (people that walk in and out of seminars).

The challenge with the workshop was getting all the presentation pieces together. A&S supplied the projector and we supplied the computer program and files. We arrived early to ensure all the pieces fit together. FedEx Ted brought the laptop that we borrowed from Dan Rowe along with the necessary projector video adapters for the presentation, Darral Martin provided tech-support and by getting copies of the route sheets and distributing them among the attendees. We had a small glitch with the computer because of the hard drive partition that would not run the program. We decided to reboot and there was certainly something amiss because it took the Mac a long time to reboot. There was obviously something it didn't like but once we got that set up, the Mac was flawless and we hook it up to the projector. Next, we had to adjust the display because the new Macs have a really high-resolution screen and most projectors do not. Once that was taken care of we were ready for an on time presentation.

The participants were attentive and engaged to ask questions. Of course most of the people in the room had Macs but there were a few with PCs and when we

settings. It's really important to carefully choose your settings. When we started creating the route the GPS settings were incorrect and it didn't show the road we were looking for but it once we changed the preferences everything came up and it was pretty close to what the gentleman wanted.

All in all it was very engaging and it appears everybody walked away with something. Thanks to Randy Felice from A&S for providing the venue for the workshop.



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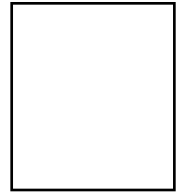
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| March 28 | Meeting & Camping -- Death Valley |
| April 25 | Meeting & Camping -- Bothe Napa S.P. |
| May 21-25 | 49er Rally -- Mariposa, CA |
| June 27 | Election Meeting & Camping -- Finnon Lake |
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