



TOUR CAPTAIN'S REPORT

by *Ted Crum*

Your Tour Captain was unable to attend the Death Valley meeting with a medical excuse, and with Z joining me on the disabled list we have Dan Rowe to thank for filling in for both of us. The split campsites we had at DV were the result of my starting the reservation process the day after my June election, when a 7 month lead time is required to get the preferred reservation. I will leave the next captain with a better hand. Since, by tradition, there was no official tour there is not even a proxy ride report, but Dan will report on the 6 new guests at the meeting. Safety Chair Buddy Scauzzo brought in an overland party to the meeting and his report will mention the injuries we experienced.

I will be healed to lead the ride to the April 25 meeting at Napa-Bothe State Park group camp, 3 miles south of Calistoga. The ride will start at the Dipsea Café, 200 Shoreline Hwy, Mill Valley; breakfast at 8:00, depart at 9:00. This will be another "I've been everywhere" ride, hitting some of my favorite little roads across 3 ranges of hills. The Bothe group camp does not include the covered "ramada" (Spanish for a sun shelter made of branches) area on the lower level, and I declined reserving it since this is not a catered event. But the park manager has given us permission to hold our meeting there for free, provided it is unoccupied. We can't cook or camp there. (I can personally recommend Buster's BBQ, 3 miles north in Calistoga.) Bikes at the group camp must park in the associated lot. The GPS file and the route instruction will be on the web site and on Meetup.

I've made a reservation for Oktoberfest, which will not be held at Sly Park again this year, at Big Basin Redwoods but I am hoping to improve our lie with a more northern site, so I'm not making it official yet. Other meeting information:

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

The June (election) meeting will be held 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.

Finally, the June meeting is the election meeting. Any member who would like to take a turn at Tour Captain (or any other office) should talk to a board member or Mike Morlin about the nominating committee. Cliff Dunn would also like a replacement at Second Sunday Breakfast coordinator and if you would like to lead a Second Sunday Breakfast ride please let Cliff know and we can fill in for whatever month you would like to organize for.

Enjoy the Ride!

Ted Crum -- Tour Captain



Above: Steve Kessinger receives 20 year pin at D.V. mtg.

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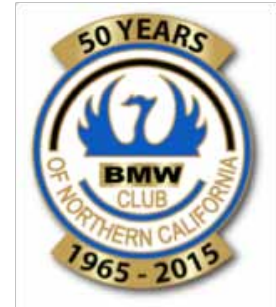
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PRESIDENTIAL RAMBLINGS:

by Z Ortiz



Pitching in:

The BMW Motorcycle Club of Northern California is a premier club whose ethos is Riding and camping. If you have perused the History of the club during its 50 years of existence, the roster of members that have contributed to the club reflects the growing list of people that have made a difference. The club is metamorphosing to embrace social media, a term I find to be an oxymoron, while keeping true to our roots of riding and camping.

Our club is membership-young (is that a real word?) with the majority of the members (65%) have only been in the club for 5-years or less. Statistics only show the result of a query and don't reflect the collective experience in different aspects of employment or recreation. Just like clock-watchers think they are working hard because of the time spent on a project, the reality is that someone else with experience or a fresh perspective can do it faster. This is sometimes known as an "aha" moment and usually followed by laughter when you realize you were swimming against the current.

Below are two positions that offer an opportunity to make a difference and I present them for your consideration. Your name can be added to the growing list of members that have brought us so many memorable moments. I would like to thank the following individuals that have tirelessly contributed to the club while raising the bar.

Wayne Opp (Webmaster & On line payments), Richard Burton (RoL and '49er Poker Run), Tom "Tuc" Harris ('49er Beer Garden, Oktoberfest and June Membership meetings) Greg Gibson (Contributions to the '49er format and venue changes while achieving the highest attendance record for a '49er), Pat Potter (AD Chairman, President, '49er and Concours D'everybody), Wynne Benti ('49er & RoL T-shirt art that pops, seminars and advertising) Michelle Pamer (Newsletter & '49er Rally program), Russ Drake (RoL, Treasurer, Membership Directory,'49er), Cliff Dunn (Tour Captain, SSBR Chairman, Intro to GS riding for '49er, GS rides '49er, Track Days, GPS Workshop)

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PRESIDENTIAL RAMBLINGS: *by Z Ortiz*

Second Sunday Breakfast Chair:

If you have been enjoying the Second Sunday Rides that BMW Norcal provides look no further than exemplary member Cliff Dunn. Cliff has been leading the SSBR for almost as long as he has been a member and several of those years were spent being Tour Captain as well. Sure, several members have pitched in and helped but Cliff would like to pass the torch. I invite all members to thank Cliff for his leadership and I also invite the membership to pick up the torch. Ken Caruthers put together a great ride north. Ron Cordell put together a ride by stitching together bicycle routes in the east bay and we have several routes in the south. Where will your favorite ride take us?

Newsletter Editor:

Another member that is worthy of praise is our newsletter editor, Warren Barnes. Warren has been putting the newsletter together for 5 years this June, and his tenure will end in June. If you would like to undertake this pivotal position and have questions, you can contact Warren or any board member. Warren is willing to help or coach the new editor for an easier transition into the position.

Membership Dues renewal:

Your membership to BMW Norcal expires at the end of June. If you wish to remain a member in good standing you can renew your membership for 2015-2016 on line, by check or cash.



'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 by volunteering. The registration form can be found elsewhere in the newsletter. Thank You.

"And a man, a man provides. And he does it even when he's not appreciated, or respected, or even loved. He simply bears up and he does it. Because he's a man." - Gus Fring

JUNE ELECTION MEETING: *by Buddy Scauzzo*

As provided in our Bylaws:

The board elected Mike Morlin to chair the election committee for the 2015 June board elections. Mike will need two additional members one of at least 10 year membership and one of at least 5 year membership. If you would like to be on the election committee please contact Mike.

The committee will network the membership and scout for new members willing to serve. The committee will also screen them for qualifications. Lastly the committee will run the elections in June.

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City/State/Zip: _____	_____
Telephone: _____	_____
E-mail: _____	_____
Club Affiliation: _____	_____
Cycle Make: _____	Model: _____ Year: _____

BMW Rider: You may sponsor two non-BMW Riders. Use a separate form for each.

Name(s) of rider(s) you are sponsoring: _____

Non-BMW Rider: A BMW Rider must sponsor you.

Name of your sponsor: _____

Fees, this motorcycle:

Adult, pre-registration (NO meals; \$55 at the gate)	\$45 x _____ = \$ _____
Child (under 12), pre-registration (\$20 at the gate)	\$15 x _____ = \$ _____
Saturday BBQ Dinner (Pre-registration ONLY)	\$16 x _____ = \$ _____
Saturday Vegetarian Dinner (Pre-registration ONLY) →	\$16 x _____ = \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Renew Membership (current Members)	\$30 x _____ = \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> NEW Membership (One time initiation fee \$10.00)	\$40 x _____ = \$ _____
Total due = \$ _____	

RELEASE OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT:

In consideration of your acceptance of my application for entry in the BMW Club of Northern California '49er Rally, I the undersigned, for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages, for death, personal injury or loss of property I may have, or which may accrue to me as a result of my participation in the BMW Club of Northern California '49er Rally. I the undersigned, discharge and release the promoters, including the BMW Club of Northern California, its Members, Officers, '49er Rally Committee, and event officials, the sponsors, the Mariposa Fairgrounds, the City of Mariposa, the County of Mariposa, the State of California and their respective agents, boards, commissions, and any other involved municipalities, and employees, members and/or representatives of all the foregoing, from all liability arising out of or connected in any way with my participation in this event. I acknowledge that the riding of motorcycles is a dangerous activity. My participation is voluntary and is at my own risk. I attest that I am physically fit and sufficiently trained for participation in this event and the completion of this event. I understand and agree that medical or other services rendered to me by or at the instance of any of the above parties is not an admission of liability to provide or to continue to provide any such services and is not a waiver by any of said parties of any right hereunder. I attest that the motorcycle and equipment I will use in the BMW Club of Northern California '49er Rally is in good mechanical condition. I understand and agree that wearing a helmet, gloves and riding apparel made from abrasion resistant material such as leather can prevent serious injury. I agree to abide by the rules of the event as established by the promoting organization and to obey the directions of the officials. I hereby grant full permission to the BMW Club of Northern California and/or agents authorized by the promoters including the BMW Club of Northern California to use photographs, videotapes, motion pictures, or any other record of this event, including my name, likeness and/or voice, for any legitimate purpose.

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Rider's signature _____ Passenger's signature _____

Please make check payable to: 2015 '49er Rally.

Mail form and check to: 2015 '49er Rally
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Pre-registration deadline: May 9, 2015. NO Refunds after May 9, 2015. If you desire confirmation please enclose SASE. Early Bird camping available: \$10 per tent - \$30 for RV per night.

For more information: www.bmwnorcal.org/49er. *See our Email Privacy Policy

BMW '49ER RALLY HISTORY: *by Doug Hubbard '49er Rally Veteran*

The '49er Rally is still creating very much of a past and the BMW Club of Northern California remembers the respected past as we travel into the exciting future.

The BMW Club of Northern California was organized in Oct. 1965 but it took a little while getting its Rally up and running. Our Rally was first held Memorial Day 1972 and it took the name BMW '49er Rally and Tour, and for many years that name stuck but slowly the Tour part of the name faded from general use; however, even today a few still refer to it by that name. Nowadays when someone says, The '49er, we know they are talking about our BMW Rally and not some obscure sports team. We struck gold with a traditional but ever-changing format while offering the BMW rider a great time in Gold Country.

1972, a time when very, very few BMWs were seen and if you saw one on the street it was most likely a /2 and the black color scheme was in vogue, proportionally hardly anyone knew such a machine existed. Memorial Day 1972 found us for that first '49er at Oak Dell Park, a small park just outside Morgan Hill, CA. Over 300 BMW enthusiasts made that a huge turnout for the time. The BMW Club of Southern California took largest club award with 25. Long distance club was the BMW Club of San Diego. Long distance rider was Philip Funnel from Vancouver, BC. English Trials winner was Ernie Ward. Yes, we had English Trials back then, found them to be a big hit and still have them at every '49er to this day.



In 1973 a new location was in order. Still near Morgan Hill but this time at Sanger Park. The very young BMWMOA asked if they could share in our '49er and promote our Rally as their very first MOA National Rally. Of course they could and so our second '49er became the first MOA National. 425 attendees, not huge by standards of today but back then, a turnout to be talked

about. The Rally stayed at Sanger Park for 1974 with 338 attending, a very good number as this wasn't a National, but a change was coming.

The Gold Country - Calaveras County Fairgrounds in Angels Camp, CA, on Hwy. 49 saw us on Memorial Day 1976 with 422 attending. We were starting to promote our '49er theme more heavily with this move. We stayed in Angels Camp for three years, our numbers were increasing, our Rally was becoming known throughout the U.S. and we felt an urge to move on.

At the Mariposa County Fairgrounds in Mariposa, CA the '49er Rally found a home for the next 14 years. The good people of the small town of Mariposa became family to us and more often than not the waitresses on our first day in for the long holiday weekend would be heard to say, our BMWs are back in town. The '49er garnered great success during these years. The Rally became well known internationally and saw visitors from several European countries as well as Australia and New Zealand. During these years we added events to our already full calendar like the off-road GS Tour, the Poker Run and Fun Run. The English Trials on the hillside remained a crowd favorite and the Trials riders grew bolder and bolder and enjoyed themselves to the fullest. The '49er was at Mariposa for so long that some folks were beginning to call it, The Mariposa Rally. Not wanting to be type cast, the Rally looked for a new home.

The '49er moved to the Plumas County Fairgrounds in Quincy, CA in 1993 and stayed for six years. What a grand time we had in Quincy! The Feather River Canyon was a great ride and the new motorcycle road from Bucks Lake to Oroville opened during our stay here. Rally participants wondered why there was a foghorn that blew at odd times of the night when we were in the crisp clean air of the Sierra Nevada. We all took a tour of the saw mill over the years and found out. We are going to miss the wide-open expansive campgrounds of Quincy and the grand log entrance to the Fairgrounds and the management couldn't have been nicer. But, we felt the pull of Highway 49 so it was time to move on.

The '49er Rally did not leave the Gold Country, in fact the Rally moved closer to the heart of it. The Gold Country Fairgrounds in Auburn, CA was our next stop and this location was just as nice as any we have had before. Back Forty BBQ offered catered dinners, and

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After Auburn we went to the Mother Lode Fairgrounds in Sonora for one year and then returned to Auburn before going full circle and returning to The Mariposa Fairgrounds.

We look forward to seeing you at this year's '49er!



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BYLAWS REVISIONS

Prepared by Joyce Sampson, Committee Chairperson for the Bylaws Revision, and current NORCAL Club Secretary, 2014-2015

BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR REVISING THE BYLAWS:

Dear NORCAL BMW Members,

The Board of Directors (BOD) for Election Year 2014-2015 are undertaking to revise the Bylaws in phases. The first phase is designed to ensure that the descriptions of Club Officer duties accurately reflect the position. The reason for doing so is that the Board would like to ensure that the positions are as turnkey as possible, so that new incoming board members can get to know their job responsibilities from highly accurate job descriptions. To implement these revisions, the BOD used two guiding principles to revise the Club Officer Position descriptions:

1. Make the current officer descriptions reflect the reality of what each officer actually does, either by revising the position description itself, or by bringing back into each officer's fold, the duties that the current bylaws indicate they should be doing.

2. To make each office as turnkey as possible by providing adequate and accurate information as to what each board position entails, so that when new board members are elected, the bylaws description will be as accurate of a guide as possible.

The BOD plans to continue reviewing the bylaws and consider other needed changes necessary to make the bylaws as accurate as possible regarding the club's current actual practice and operation.

With the above in mind, *please note that the following are verbatim excerpts from the current Bylaws* that cover the duties of each club officer, and that all suggested changes to the position description changes are noted in **red font (or BOLD for Black and White print)**.

We ask all club members to consider these changes, for they will be submitted to the membership at the March 2015 Death Valley meeting for a vote.

PART I: OFFICER POSITION DESCRIPTIONS

PRESIDENT'S INPUT FOR POSITON DESCRIPTION REVISIONS:

Reported no changes.

VICE PRESIDENT'S INPUT FOR POSITION DESCRIPTION REVISIONS:

DUTIES OF THE VICE PRESIDENT:

1. The vice-president is the executive officer of the club, replacing the president when the latter cannot attend or perform his or her necessary duties and functions.

2. The vice-president is a member of and oversees all committees and their activities, assisting, coordinating and rendering other advice as required, but has no vote except to break deadlocked (tie) votes.
3. The vice-president functions at the will and direction of the president to assist him or her and the Board of Directors in carrying out the projects, activities, requirements, and such other missions as the President and Board of Directors may require.
4. **The vice-president's extra, but repeatedly occurring duties include presenting Anniversary pins to members at monthly general meetings, collecting information about guests at monthly general meetings and introducing those guests at the meeting.**
5. **The vice president is responsible for "Membership Sales;" in soliciting new members for the club.**

TREASURER:

D. DUTIES OF THE TREASURER:

1. The treasurer is the keeper of the Corporate Seal and the financial and inventory assets book of the Corporation.
2. The treasurer has official custody and control over all monies, funds, negotiable assets, and all Corporation property, assets, treasury money, net worth, and supplies and equipment on hand, and reports same at the monthly general meetings, and shall provide a written Quarterly Financial Statement for all members who have paid their dues.
3. All checks, inventory documents and receipts, and all Club financial and asset transactions must be **signed approved** by the Treasurer himself, and—in the case of checks and negotiable documents the President, too.

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4. The Treasurer makes annual reports to the Club in conjunction with his or her informational tax and asset reports, and assures that Club funds and assets are not used to endanger the Club Non-Profit, tax-exempt status, or violate State or Federal laws and tax laws, the Articles of Incorporation, and these by-laws.
5. The Treasurer receives all dues and initiation fees, and notifies delinquent members of their status and the possibility of their dismissal from the Club upon continued nonpayment of dues and assessed fees. The Treasurer **signs and gives provides** BMW Club of Northern California, Incorporated, Cards to incoming members, and assures that the word "Non-Profit" is printed, stamped, or affixed thereon permanently and clearly.
6. The Treasurer performs such other functions within the context of the Club, its members, the Board of Directors, and the Articles of Incorporation as necessary and as they require.
7. The Treasurer disburses funds, reimburses members for out-of-pocket expenses as authorized by the Annual operating budget and the Board of Directors, and insures the complete and timely satisfaction of Club obligations.

THE TREASURER ALSO SUGGESTED THESE REVISIONS ELSEWHERE IN THE BYLAWS THAT GOVERN THE TREASURER'S DUTIES:

ARTICLE 3, ITEM 10

Upon acceptance and admission to membership by having met the requirements specified in C above, a member in good standing shall be ~~issued and presented~~ **provided** a Membership Card in the BMW Club of Northern California, Incorporated. Form and content of such Membership Card **may be electronic or physical and** shall be as prescribed by the Board of Directors and not in contravention of law, the Articles of Incorporation, or any provision listed in the by-laws herein. The word "Non-Profit" shall be clearly, legibly, and indelibly stamped or affixed thereon in bold-faced letters. Membership Cards not containing the word "Non-Profit" affixed or stamped permanently thereon as aforementioned shall be invalid. So, too, shall any Membership Card be invalid unless it is ~~signed in permanent ink~~ **approved** by the Treasurer of the Corporation.

ARTICLE 11: MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS, #3

3. Except as otherwise provided by law, the Articles of Incorporation, and these by-laws, checks, drafts, promissory notes, orders for the payment of money, and other evidence of indebtedness of the corporation shall be ~~signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the President~~ **approved or signed by the Treasurer and approved or counter-signed by the President;** any contract, lease, or other instrument executed in the name of and on behalf of the Corporation shall be signed by the Secretary and countersigned by the President, and shall have attached to it a copy of the resolution of the Board of Directors and the minutes of the general members' meeting at which authorization was approved. This provision applies similarly to all expenditures and checks. All aforementioned instruments and documents, signed and countersigned or certified as prescribed herein, shall become prima facie evidence of Corporation action and any obligations, liabilities, debts, or other benefits or obligations accrued thereunder.

SECRETARY:

The current Secretary does not have suggested revisions yet.

HISTORIAN: DUTIES OF THE HISTORIAN:

1. The historian records events, activities, and actions of the Club, its members, and their relationships with the public and other groups and activities. **One of the primary duties under this category is to research significant, important, and/or interesting history of the area near the club meeting site and present an oral historical report at the general membership meeting.**

2. The historian maintains a scrapbook of articles, pictures, or other documents recording the activities or aspects of the Club and its individuals and groups, and maintains same for inspection at meetings and displays by or for the Club.
3. He or she is the custodian of trophies, club accomplishments and documents thereof, and maintains such books and documents as necessary to preserve and promote the history, achievements and activities of the Club and its members.
4. He or she also assists in promotion and dissemination of Club activities, projects, publicity, or other Club aspects to other clubs, the public, and the news media in both motorcycle and public media.
- 5.

SAFETY TECH: reported no changes necessary to that position's duties description

TOUR CAPTAIN: reported no changes to that position's duties description.

END PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGES

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SAFETY & TECH. CORNER:

by Buddy Scauzzo

I spoke to Pat in service at Cal Moto and he said BMW North America will have a recall announcement similar to Australia coming out by the end of the month.

This is the just of it:

Across 15 separate models, due to the mounting flange on the rear wheel at risk of cracking if the bolts are over-tightened

BMW Motorrad Australia has fallen into line with other major motorcycle markets around the world by announcing a recall of a wide array of 1200 and 1300cc models sold locally between December 4, 2002 and April 5, 2011.

The recall, issued on April 8, 2015, relates to the possibility of cracks in the wheel flange occurring as a result of over-tightening during maintenance work and/or wheel changes. According to the company, this may "lead to fractures of the bolted joint and failure of the rear wheel flange, posing an accident hazard to the rider and other road users". In other words, the rear wheel may not remain secured to the motorcycle...

The recall relates to the following models: R 1200 GS, R 1200 GS Adventure, HP2, R 1200 RT, R 1200 R, R 1200 ST, R 1200 S, HP2 Sport, K 1200 S, K 1200 R Sport, K 1200 R, K 1200 GT, K 1300 S, K 1300 R and K 1300 GT.

The model numbers are as follows: K25 (0307/0317), K25/02 (0382/0397), K25/11 (0303/0313), K25/12 (0380/0390), K25/31 (0450/0460), K25/32 (0450/0460), K25MM (0310/0320), K25HP (0369/0389), K26 (0368/0388), K26 (0367/0387), K26/11 (0430/0440), K2611 (0330), K27 (0378/0398), K27/11 (0400/0490), K28 (0328/0338), K29 (0366/0396), K29HP (0458/0468), K40 (0581/0591), K43HV (0585/0595), K43 (0584/0594), K44 (0587/0597), K40/11 (0508/0509), K43/11 (0518/0519) and K44/31 (0538/0539).

Consumers should contact an authorised BMW Motorrad dealer, or call the BMW Group Australia Customer Interaction Centre on freecall: 1800 813 299.

In America, BMW Motorrad dealers are replacing the existing aluminium rear wheel flange with a steel one, free of charge.



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NEWS AROUND THE CLUB:

by Dan Rowe

2015 brings the '49er back to Mariposa with Andy Anderson as Rally Chair. Andy's planning a great Rally with the return of last year's favorite events plus something new (GPS seminars, Ladies only GS clinic, and even a masseuse).

Do you want to help the club and have a chance at a prize? A contest is being held for best Rally Flyer posting. I ask all of our members download our flyer from the website, print three copies, and put it up somewhere other riders go. You can enter in the contest by taking a photo of your creative location, posting it to your social media site of choice, and then tagging it with #norcal-bmw49er. The best posting gets prize at the Rally.

The flyer can be found at the bottom of the '49er registration page.

www.bmwnorcal.org/49er

All events need volunteers to be truly successful. If you would like to volunteer, let Andy know or fill out the volunteer form on the website.

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Proposed changes to NorCal's bylaws have been made and presented to at the Membership meeting at Death Valley. The next Membership meeting is at Bothe in Napa. Another vote on the changes will occur. This is the final approval vote needed from the Members to make the changes. Proposed changes follow below in the newsletter. Come out to the Bothe Meeting and let your voice be heard.

To celebrate NorCal's 50th anniversary, Ed Perry has put together a Triple Crown Anniversary Ride in June. We'll ride Mt Diablo, Mt Tamalpais, and Mt Hamilton all in one day. Commemorative stickers will be available at the event.

Club elections are in June at Finnon Lake. Mike Morlin volunteered to be the Elections Coordinator or Chairperson. As Chair his duties will be to solicit candidates for Board positions and officiate the voting process at the meeting. In order to vote or run for office you'll need to be present at the election meeting and have paid current membership dues.

Warren Barnes retires from the Newsletter editor position as of June. I want to personally thank him and encourage everyone else to do the same. We are seeking a new editor for the upcoming year.

Bob Empasis and Joyce Sampson are 2015's Range of Light Chairs. They are both hard at work developing this year's event. The starting point will be announced at the '49er Rally.

Riding is a way of life and a means to experience a special freedom. Every time I get on the motorcycle, I accept that something could happen. While the thought of having a mishap is not always at the front of my mind, it's still lurking around. Most of us that have been riding have been in an accident at some point, and I'm not exempt.

Both of my mishaps were from a lapse in focus. My mind was elsewhere for a moment too long, and then I was on the ground. I make an effort to clear my thoughts and ride without distraction every time I gear up. You can have perfect focus, but still go down though.

We've had a few members in accidents over the past year, and it saddens me. Be safe, stay focused, and come out for another ride.

Vice President -- Dan Rowe



Above: Sam Hudnall 25th and Lee Wolff 20th membership pins awarded from Dan Rowe @ D.V. mtg.

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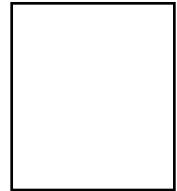
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| April 25 | Meeting & Camping -- Bothe Napa S.P. |
| May 21-25 | 49er Rally -- Mariposa, CA |
| June 27 | Election Meeting & Camping -- Finnon Lake |
| July 18 | Meeting & Camping -- Oh Ridge on June Lake |
| August 29 | Meeting & Camping -- Emigrant group camp -- Stampede Reservoir in Tahoe National Forest |
| September 26 | Meeting & Camping -- Hornswoggle group camp -- Bullards Bar Reservoir |

blue/bold items are Norcal events. All events in California unless otherwise stated.