



## TOUR CAPTAIN'S REPORT

*by Ted Crum*

The April meeting ride started at the Dipsea Café in Mill Valley, a spacious and friendly spot where we convinced the manager to give separate checks. We started with 11 riders including Bob Rasters on his new “Super 10” (not a BMW) and Mario Bajandas. We flanked Tamalpais, then up to Tomales and through Chileno Valley to Petaluma. Sonoma Mountain, Bennett Valley, Trinity and Mount Veeder got us to Napa, then a victory lap on Spring Mountain and on to the Bothe-Napa group camp. I’d been omitting lunch on the winter rides, but some riders wished I’d scheduled a stop now that days and rides are longer; I’ll work on it. We didn’t reserve the “ramada” covered area, and didn’t need it – the weather was perfect. The woodsy niches across the trail that we’ve always put tents in are now closed for restoration, making this a spot a little smaller. We were joined at the meeting 9 members, including Z, Buddy, Mike Morlin of the Election Committee, and Peter Oxenbol with his son Dane; 5 of them camped. Many riders took dinner at Busters BBQ in Calistoga –Recommended!

Our May event is the 49er Rally in Mariposa <http://www.bmwnorcal.org/49er/>, so there is no scheduled ride this month. No rest for the wicked tour captain, though, I’ll be presenting the GPS seminar there, hoping that it is received as well as Cliff Dunne’s sessions.



The June meeting is the Election Meeting, held again through the good auspices of Tom “Tuco” Harris at Finnon Lake north of Placerville, on Saturday June 27. Campsites A3 and A5 are reserved for Friday early birds. Tom has also arranged for the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association to cater Saturday dinner in camp, and for a keg of local craft beer. President Z Ortiz will be taking the RSVP’s for dinner (none required for camping.) See Tom’s article or watch the web site. Tom gives good instructions to the camp, but I will also lead a ride to the party. We will elect a new board of directors at that meeting, including Tour Captain. If any member would like to take a turn directing the “Ride to Camp” mission of the club, you can throw your hat in the ring by contacting Mike Morlin.

The July meeting, moved to 7/18 to not conflict with the MOA National, will be at Oh Ridge on June Lake. We will have some space on Friday 7/17 for riders who come early to 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. Russ Drake will share his local knowledge by leading that tour.

The Oktoberfest meeting and party, on October 24, will be a celebration of our 50 years as a club. It will be held on one acre of green grass and trees at Rancho Seco Park (25 mi SE of Sacramento), group site 2.

The November meeting is traditionally delayed a week to avoid Thanksgiving, putting it on December 5. The location is TBA.

Enjoy the Ride!

Ted Crum -- Tour Captain

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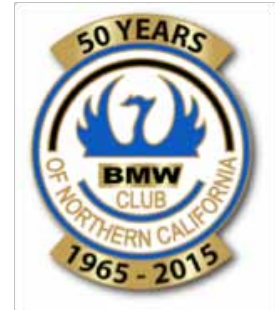
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## PRESIDENTIAL RAMBLINGS:

by Z Ortiz



### Second Sunday Breakfast Chairs:

If you read the ramblings, you may have noticed a change in the paragraph title from last month. The North Bay has experienced an infusion of new members so it stands to reason that the North Bay riders would have some terrific roads to explore. If we divide the riding area into three locations (North, South, and East) and have three SSBR leaders, the task won't be so daunting. I am pleased to report that Ken Caruthers has agreed to lead four rides in the North Bay after June. Thanks, Ken.

### Oktoberfest:

Our Tour Captain, Ted Crum, has found a location for our Oktoberfest-50th Anniversary celebration. It will be held on one acre of green grass and trees at Rancho Seco Park with showers rounding out the amenities. Thanks, Ted.

### Webpage:

Our webpage has seen an increase of traffic due to the '49er Rally. An interesting change has taken place. While in the real world desktop computers have plummeted in the consumer market, giving way to tablets and smart phones, 78% of our niche market (Riding & Camping) is currently accessing our webpage by desktop computers and 22% by mobile devices. A trend sure to change and mobile devices become more versatile.

### Membership Dues renewal:

We Currently have 227 members with 21 members renewing for 2016. Your membership to BMW Norcal expires at the end of June 2015. 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 Update:

We have a new caterer, River Rock Café, for the Saturday BBQ and they will be offering a vegetarian breakfast and lunch boxes throughout the weekend. The acoustic band, Soul Galaxy, will be playing Friday and Saturday. We have a masseuse on Saturday. The trolley will run on Friday evening and on Saturday afternoon and evening. The schedule is on line.

"I love deadlines. I love the whooshing noise they make as they go by."  
--Douglas Adams

## JUNE ELECTION MEETING 2015: *by Tom "Tuco" Harris*

The 2015 NorCal election meeting will be held at the Finnon Lake campground again this year on June 27th. The MVFA staff will serve us a catered dinner on Saturday at 6:00 right at the campsite area on "the Point". They look forward to our return. Please let Z know before Sunday, June 21st if you want dinner so we can get an accurate head count. The menu this year will have two entrées of the Italian variety: Lasagna and Italian sausage, plus a vegetarian Lasagna offering. The club will provide a keg from Jack Russell Brewery in Camino. Our hosts will also offer wine for sale at dinner. Plus we will have coffee on Sunday morning at the campground, and the Deli Cafe will open at 9:00 am to offer their breakfast sandwiches.

The club reserved the entire campground for Saturday, June 27th. Early birds who arrive on Friday will find campsites A-3 and A-5 reserved for NorCal on "the Point".

Finnon Lake Recreation Area is around 2300 ft. elevation. To get there from US-50 eastbound, take the Broadway exit to Mosquito Road. (From US-50 westbound, take the Mosquito Rd. exit). At about 2 miles, don't miss the left turn to stay on Mosquito road at Union Ridge road. Follow Mosquito road another 8 miles down into the South Fork American River canyon, over the single lane swing bridge, and back up the canyon through a series of four tight Alpine-style switchbacks. At the "T" intersection, watch for the NORCAL sign pointing Left. At the next "T" intersection, watch for the NORCAL sign pointing Right. Another 1,000 feet, turn left into the Cafe Parking lot.

## 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

To get there from CA-193, the Rock Creek Rd. turn-off is approx. 3 miles from the intersection of CA-49, and 11.5 miles from Georgetown. Follow Rock Creek Rd. approx. 10 miles to the top. Watch for the NORCAL sign at the Rock Creek Cafe parking lot on the left.

The campground entrance is to the left of the Cafe. Both routes are paved all the way.

GPS coordinates for the Cafe are: N38 47.800 - W120 45.050

Finnon website is [www.finnonrecreationarea.com](http://www.finnonrecreationarea.com)

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JULY  
 Steven Palmer 15 Years

AUGUST

Bruce Buxton 35 Years  
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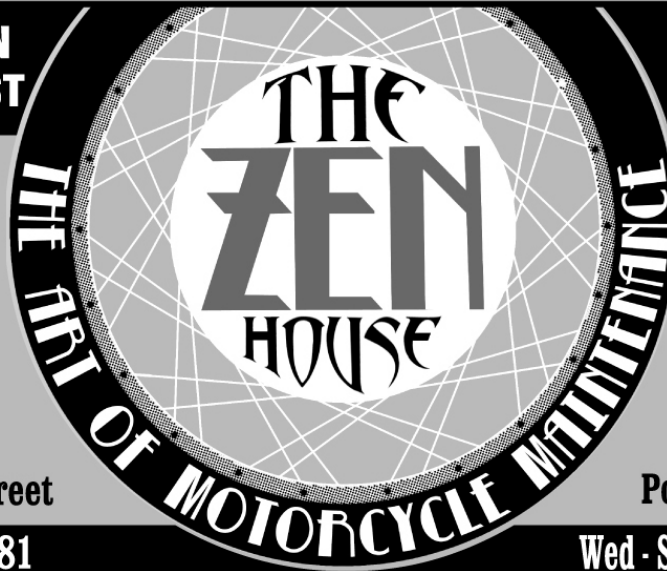


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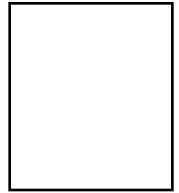
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| <b>May 21-25</b>    | <b>49er Rally</b> -- Mariposa, CA  |
| <b>June 27</b>      | <b>Election Meeting &amp; Camping</b> -- Finnon Lake   |
| <b>July 18</b>      | <b>Meeting &amp; Camping</b> -- Oh Ridge on June Lake  |
| <b>August 29</b>    | <b>Meeting &amp; Camping</b> -- Emigrant group camp -- Stampede Reservoir in Tahoe National Forest |
| <b>September 26</b> | <b>Meeting &amp; Camping</b> -- Hornswoggle group camp -- Bullards Bar Reservoir                   |

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