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NORCAL NEWS



Ride to Camp

Camp to Ride



**2019 49er Report
Election Results**

BMW Motorcycle Club of Northern California

President's Column

Our June meeting was a great way to start the summer off right! With the entire campground reserved for the club, we had plenty of space to host the close to 100 members and guests who attended our annual election meeting. The turnout was high and demonstrates our members are deeply committed to our club and its' governance. Perhaps it was also the excellent meal from Frank's Diner.

I am honored to represent the Club this year at your President and look forward to working with the new Board bringing another year of outstanding riding, camping and skills development events for our club. While I am a relative newbie with the club, having joined in June of 2016, I was welcomed into the club and always felt the camaraderie with the club. The club has been instrumental with me developing my riding skills both on and off road and pushed me to ride to places I would likely have never done on my own. I really appreciate the club is first and foremost a riding club first that encourages motorcycle riders to get out and ride.

Thank you to all the candidates that accepted nominations for positions. Win or lose your contributions to the Club are significant. Congratulations to our newest Board Members, Mark Mergan, Vice President, Hugo Bonilla Treasurer and Mike Murphy, Secretary. Along with returning Board Members, I look forward to working with each of you.

With our new two year term process we end up with a great mix of new BoD members which are critically important to diversity of thought along with returning members to support the transition each year. There is a lot to learn as a Board Member to keep the Club smoothly running and the continuity will definitely help. With an annual budget of \$100,000, 300 members, 11 monthly meetings, skills classes, the ROL and the 49er, the Board keeps busy. Thankfully we have great systems and processes to make the process manageable.

I believe the Club is already on a strong foundation with a growing membership base bringing new enthusiasm to the Club. So my main focus this year is to not screw it up! We will be looking at more ways to bring greater value to our membership, focused on Riding, Camping

and Skills Development. With our growing size and presence in the Marketplace we will be looking at how to integrate our local advertisers and club sponsors. I took note at the 49er of the great prizes the GS Giants were able to provide from some top notch sponsors and will be looking at how to bring some of those sponsors to the Club.

In addition, our Women's focused training at the 49er validated the importance of focusing more intently on diversity in our training and events. Lastly, is a focus on greater involvement of club members as volunteers. Members are the key resources in getting things done and the more help we have the better our club will be.

Of course, the entire Board welcomes any constructive input into our club. We especially welcome new ideas for our rides and campouts, member outreach and other club events. Feel free to email your input to president@bmwnorcal.org and I will ensure it gets considered at a Board Meeting. Better yet join us at one of our Board meetings to present your ideas. We typically hold the meetings on the First Saturday of the month at MotoGuild on Treasure Island. However always check the Website for the latest information on the dates and times.

Speaking of volunteers, we have been without a Second Sunday Breakfast Ride coordinator for quite some time, and this has fallen by the wayside. It's a fun casual event that enables riders who can't commit to a full weekend ride to participate in the Club. It's a great way to support the club and meet a lot of members. If you are interested please let us know. You would be responsible for working with Nick in organizing the monthly SSBRs which entails finding a breakfast spot and planning a route.

Lastly, I'd like to thank Greg Hutchinson, Greg Morlin and Fred Montano for their outstanding service to the club as outgoing Board Members. I have certainly enjoyed working with them over the past two years. Their steady hand and balanced perspective was always welcomed and a model for us this year

Safe Riding

Kevin Coleman President

2019 RANGE OF LIGHT GYPSY TOUR! - 30 Aug to 2 Sept 2019

3:00 PM on 30 Aug at Nevada County Horsemen Event Grounds: 10600 Bubbling Wells Rd, Grass Valley, CA 95945

This event is open to all street legal motorcycle riders

The main route is excellent paved riding and the optional GS routes are easy to moderate dirt side-routes for those wanting to get off the beaten path.

Our destinations? You won't know until the day before. This is a closely guarded secret - all we can tell you is the start point.

And as with all BMW NorCal events, riders of all brands of motorcycles are welcome to ride in the ROL, as long as the bikes are street legal, in sound working order, registered and insured. Starting for the very first time with this year's ROL, non BMW NorCal registrants that own BMWs are eligible for Club membership

You can expect around 300 miles each day. Make sure your tires are in good shape.

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Norcal Board of Directors - Election Results

In case you missed it, the June Member Meeting/Camp-out and Board of Director Election was a great one! And stepping up for the available board positions were several first time members to the board. The Vice President position was a hotly contested one and the votes were close, coming down to a difference of 3 votes. And while there is ultimately only one who ends up in a position, we commend everyone for stepping up. And don't be discouraged, stay involved with other volunteering opportunities throughout the year and run for the BoD again at another time. Thank you again!



The 2019/2020 BMW NorCal Board of Directors is as follows:

President: Kevin Coleman
Vice President: Marc Mergan
Secretary: Mike Murphy
Treasurer: Hugo Bonilla
Historian: Rick Webb
Safety Director: Jorgen Larsen
Tour Captain: Nick Gloyd

Finnon Lake June Campout

The meeting was attended by 100 members and visitors. Big thanks to Nick for organizing both a road and GS routes and Kevin for bringing the beer. The food at the local cafe was excellent.

First time attendees were Pete Luzdas (Merced), Adam Lotz (Walnut Creek), Scott McKee (Fremont), David Gilbert (Montara) and Robert Ramirez (Petaluma).

2nd timers and new members were Elaine Chu (Walnut Creek), Marc Mergen (Walnut Creek), Mark Nakahara (EiCerrito) and Tom Witt (Stockton)



Oops, I Crashed

I was riding down route 25 on my way to Atascadero. As I was riding I was thinking about one of Thane Beckstrand's stories. Thane was riding down Peachtree Road in 1975, missed a corner and slid into a ravine. He was hurt, and all day no one saw him or his bike, and he lay there all day. Every time he tried to get up he'd faint. Night fell, and Thane crawled to the bike, and got his flashlight out of the tank bag. When a car went by on Peachtree, he'd shine his flashlight, hoping they would see, and stop.

Finally someone appeared with a shotgun, and Thane was rescued. It turned out that shining a flashlight from the field was the M/O of a cattle rustler: they would sneak into the field, slaughter a cow, then signal their accomplice to stop the truck and pick up the chops.

So anyways, there I was going south on Indian Valley Road when I got to the intersection with Hare Canyon road, except apparently I lost focus for a moment and found myself looking at road going left and road going right, and did the classic error: I had tunnel vision, slammed on the brakes, and slid across the intersection which was full of gravel and sand, and whacked into the fence. I hit my right side on the fence post and broke my pelvis.

So there I am, lying with my head toward the fence, and my feet toward the road. I can't get up. I check wiggling toes and fingers, all good. I'm wondering what will happen. Then I hear a car coming. They come from the south, and turn left down Hare Canyon. They didn't see me! Oh shit, this could be bad. I'm re-living Thane's story.

I don't think I broke my neck, so I remove my helmet and shut off its bluetooth. I manage to fish my cellphone out of my pocket, it's still working. I dial 911, but the signal drops as soon as I try to talk. Finally I figure out to dial 911 on speakerphone, and if I'm holding the phone as high as I can (a foot and a half) it will work. So the operator tells me help is on the way.

Since this was going to be a Death Valley experience, I'd taken a large bottle of Bulleit Rye, replaced the top third with Antica Formula and Angostura Bitters, and added a jar of cherries and a large bottle of Tarantula Azul. As I lay there I could smell the booze...something broke. Please don't let me die without having some of that Manhattan.



Another car came by. This time they stopped: two guys whose names began with A and Z. I told them that I'd already contacted 911; they asked if I wanted them to stick around. I said yes, I'd be grateful for the company, and they pulled the bike out of the fence and verified that it still started. I didn't actually see any of that but I could hear it.

Then the EMTs arrived, strapped me onto a back board (owww!) and eventually shot me up with Ketamine and loaded me into the Life Flight. I hallucinated all the way to Salinas.

Well the upshot seems to be that all I did was break my pelvis, which is a great pain to recover from, but no permanent damage, except I might need an operation to correct the shape of the pelvis. Lesson learned: get airlifted to Stanford, not Salinas.

Each of the four kids said exactly the same thing when they came to see me in the hospital: "Gee Dad, you look like shit". I feel as if I've raised them properly. When they got my bike home, Pamela found that the Bulleit bottle had broken, and also the cherries. Darn. They had a big party and toasted my health with the surviving bottle of Tarantula.

After a week in Natividad medical center I spent about 5 weeks at Grant Cuesta rehab, and then home. I borrowed an industrial type walker from

Greg Hutchinson but now it's just me and a cane, and back to work, and I have a weird shaped pelvis.

So there are three answers to the question "are you ever going to ride a motorcycle again":

1. No, of course not, those things are dangerous
2. Hey, I love pain and I'm going to try to ride faster
3. I'm going to try not to repeat this particular mistake.

I figure since I've been riding for 46 years it's too late for #1. Also, #2 seems foolhardy. So #3 seems like the only answer.

Bummer is, the EMTs cut my practically new Aerostich off me. Ah well.

David Gluss

Editors Corner

Unfortunately this years 49er Rally conflicted with a trip to Germany to visit my daughter. This year I was totally reliant on others to record what happened in words and pictures. I had asked my friend Fred Montano to write up something and he actually came up with two articles. The first captures a history of the 49ers early days that Fred put together based on conversations with members who were actually there. The second is a description of what went on in 2019 providing future club historians with the data they will need. I would also thank the following members for the photographs - Mini McMahon, Jeff Zane (that's him on the front cover), Richard Klain, Buddy Scauzzo and Fred. I got so many great pictures that the on line edition of this newsletter is 20 pages long. The biggest ever.

In addition thanks to Steve Kesinger for sending a short article describing his first MOA weekend away (almost looks like a Cub event) and David Gluss for sending in the article you can see above. You can't imagine my relief when I receive unsolicited content for the newsletter.

I would personally like to thank outgoing President, Greg Hutchinson, for all the support he has provided to myself, and his monthly contributions to the newsletter over the last two years. It has been a real pleasure.

John Ellis

The 49er Golden Years

The 49er Rally has been held for 47 years by the BMW Club of Northern California. The NorCal Club started in 1965. The members back in 1970 attended a picnic that was sponsored by the BMW Club of Southern California. The picnic was held at Griffith Park in Los Angeles. After attending the picnic, the NorCal members talked amongst themselves and felt like they could put on a better BMW gathering than the SoCal picnic. So the members set out to organize a club sponsored gathering and picked Bob Pedrick to be the first chairman of the event. They decided to hold their gathering on Memorial Day and call it the 49er Rally, (named after the Gold Rush in 1849).

In 1972 Bob Pedrick and the members of NorCal set out to find a place to hold their first 49er Rally. One of the members knew or found an abandoned campground on Uvas Road in Morgan Hill. This was not a great location but it was a space to have a few hundred BMW riders meet, camp, and enjoy some merriment. The members set about to structure their rally. They had a BBQ, with chips and potato salad. Members did all the cooking. There was a swimming pool but it was so grungy with algae that no one could swim. Chris Weld was the communications chairman and developed the flyers and posters for the event. Alan Huntzinger organized field events. There was a slow race that a 14 year old from Nebraska won. He was attending the rally with his father. Some people said "Wait a minute" he is too young and cannot have a licence at 14 years old. Well as it turned out you can have a motorcycle licence at 14 in Nebraska. Other events were asphalt trails, and a gymkhana type of course with stanchions and tennis balls. Awards were brass cups or statues. They soon realized that it was difficult to carry these back home on a motorcycle. So these were later changed to belt buckles and plaques. The first 49er Rally was a hit with over 300 riders attending.

The purpose of the 49er Rally was to have fun. It was never intended or structured to attract membership or revenue.

Since the 49er Rally was so successful the MOA (BMW Member Owners Association), reached out to the BMW NorCal Club and asked them to sponsor and hold the very first MOA National Rally along with the 49er Rally on Memorial Day 1973, once again in Morgan Hill. Sheila Hyman was selected as chairperson of the 49er Rally and first MOA National Rally. The President of the MOA and Board Members were in attendance. A location was selected across the street from the prior location. It was on Uvas Road and named Skip Sanger's RV Park & Campground. Once again they had a BBQ and all the cooking was done by the members. There was good beer, good food, and plenty of merriment. Alan once again managed the field events. This time the riding course included riding through a creek. Some riders didn't make it through the water and one rider got stuck. There was a sidecar event that the driver stood in the sidecar while racing the course. One driver went through a barb wire fence and luckily did not get hurt. It was a wild and interesting event. The winner of the slow race was a 16 year old rider riding a bike that had an extended front fork. There was some controversy over this but soon they realized that the fork did not give him an advantage. There were prizes handed out that the club received from local BMW dealerships and motorcycle vendors. Not as many as now and not the same quality, but still appreciated and made the event more fun.



The Second 49er Rally in 1973, and the First MOA National Rally, was a success with close to 500 riders attending. There were planned events, games, rides, and they always had music. The music was performed by members or were hired. Also, members put on a skit that was really the height of activities. This was a tongue in cheek performance that was a kick to perform and hilarious for the membership.

In 1975 there was no 49er Rally. This is the only year that the NorCal Club did not sponsor a Rally. For some reason no member wanted to be chairman of the 49er Rally. So the board decided not to have the rally. The membership was so disappointed that the club has organized a 49er Rally every year since. This year will be the 47th annual 49er Rally.

I spoke with Greg Hutchinson, who was the 49er Chairman in 2007. His goal was to stop the decline in attendance and heighten the fun aspect of the Rally. In 1989 and 1990 the attendance was in the 1300 range. At the 2006 Auburn rally there were 1100 attendees. The revenue from the rally was not the main consideration as long as the club could break even or close to it. The club had a Rally book that was a checklist for everything to organize for the event. Unfortunately a member, in good faith, placed this in a school storage unit with other club supplies that was inadvertently disposed of by a cleaning crew. Oh no !

One year it rained so hard in Mariposa that the road between the A & B buildings was like a river. It poured through the gazebo and tents on the grass got washed away and stuck on the fence. And another time it snowed in Quincy and they saw all kinds of weather. There was a dinner both Friday and Saturday night. The cost was \$60 all inclusive; camping, meals, events, & prizes. There was a fun run for everybody. And a ride to the Ahwahnee Hotel on Sunday morning. At one of the events there was a mud pit about 15 or 20 ft. long to navigate. Greg Gibson decided to rush through it and got his front wheel stuck. He quickly came to a stop and flipped over the handlebars and went splat in the mud. It was quite a sight. The events, prizes, food, and of course the beer garden, has always been a major part of the 49er. English trials, street riding course, slow race, and fun rides have been a part of the rally from the beginning. The club added the GS Giants in 2015. This was an outcome from so many members purchasing dual sport motorcycles.

Tom Connolly is a two time 49er chairman (2016-2017). He stated that the most important aspect of organizing the rally is good dependable volunteers. The volunteers make the rally fun and successful. A problem area this year was parking RV's. After a lot of talk and agitation all was solved. Another challenge was that at the GS Giants course a rider broke his femur and there was no plan for first aid or any type of medical injury assistance. This was a real learning experience. Also a lady riding the GS Clinic course fell and broke her forearm. She was taken to the hospital in Santa Cruz by her husband. Surprisingly she returned to the rally with her arm bandaged. It was a pleasure to work with the fairground staff. They were very helpful.

Fred Montano

NorCal Found Gold?

The 2019 49er Rally was once again held at the Mariposa Fairgrounds. Our illustrious chairman was Hugo Bonilla. He started out organizing last July after he was appointed. A first for the 49er Rally was that we had an official sponsor: Russ Brown Motorcycle Attorneys. They also had a booth and gave a very enlightening presentation. Another first was a Thursday night dinner for all the volunteers. Hugo gave every volunteer a special 49er cap.

Speakers & presentations on various topics has become a major part of the Rally. This year Greg Hutchinson chaired this activity. He scheduled John Vashon - Touring in SE Asia, and Kevin Coleman - Club Ride to Copper Canyon. Presentations included topics on navigation, communication, photography, adventure & backroad riding. This year the club scheduled a Women's Adventure Riding Seminar taught by Pat Jacques, that was well received and appreciated by the ladies in attendance. Greg Peart was there to discuss "crash basics-first on the scene", which was informative. It was interesting to listen to Ron West present the California BDR South ride. The highlight of the Rally was to hear our own Randy Fujishin speak on "Growing Old On A Motorcycle". He presented a string classic graphic representation about where each one of us are in years vis a vis the average life span. This showed me that I am almost at the end of my string and I do not have time to waste. Also, Randy gave us clues as to when we need to begin considering giving up our motorcycle riding experience. Randy's speaking expertise, delivery, riding knowledge, and overall connection with motorcycle riders, was thrilling.

Off-Road riding has become a major interest for NorCal members. This is due to many members purchasing dual sport bikes. As a result the GS Clinic taught by Lance Thomas, was once again booked to the max. Riders who attended the class were treated to a very professional approach to off-road riding. And a big thanks to Buddy Scauzzo and all the volunteers that helped.

The English Trials and the GS Giants BMW Challenge was rescheduled to Saturday due to the weather forecast. The Trials, chaired by Anja Seitz, was again rip roaring and very exciting. It included some mud spots that riders had to contend with. Mini McMahon took second place in her class. And Manny Rubio placed riding his cafe racer airhead. This was not an easy course made worse due to the weather. The GS Giants Challenge course was once again up on the hill. The course started out on the lip of the hill and made a quick right turn at the bottom (ops - many riders went down as they slid into the turn). My hat is off to the riders who rode this course. I watched in amazement with a raised heart beat as riders tried to negotiate this thrilling course. This event started in 2015 and has become an exciting addition to the 49er Rally. The SLOW Race has been around forever. It was once again managed by the Huntzinger's, (Alan & Michael). Tyler was again the winner. He actually did a track stand and did not move for a few seconds. A great end to our riding activities.

Let's not forget all the other activities that make this one of the best motorcycle Rally's in the country. The Poker Run is always fun and a great ride. It was won by Jeff Zane who donated his \$200 winnings to the Mariposa Grapplers. Self-Guided rides that traverse the Sierra roads and identify historic places. The wonderful music by Joyce Sampson. And on Saturday night the illustrious Tony Westlake and his band of blues men. Food was plentiful and delicious. Coffee and breakfast provided by the Mariposa High School wrestling team club. They also served lunch & dinner and a no charge pastry night. Sal's Taco truck was again at our event. The Saturday night dinner was served

by B&B Catering and was yummy. Plenty to eat and we even had seconds. The movie night selection was interesting and had a good crowd.

Hugo developed a new system using QR coded plastic name badges attached to a lanyard. It identified who registered, who attended a given event, and who won door prizes. The system also identified & selected door prize winners at each event. This system introduces modern technology to the 49er Rally. The club now has a method to organize and control this ever growing event.

The biggest challenge of the 49er Rally this year was the inclement rainy weather. About 80 people were no shows due to forecasted bad weather. And there is no telling how many people stayed home instead of attending the Rally. The weather was remarkably good Friday & Saturday. But on Sunday we woke up to a drenching downpour. It lasted until midday then tapered off. It was on and off with drizzle the rest of the day until evening. As a result of the forecast, Hugo decided to schedule the riding events on Saturday. It all worked out nicely. Everyone enjoyed the Trials, the GS Giants Challenge, and Clinics. This could not have taken place on Sunday due to the weather. The surprise on Sunday was that we watched the Indy 500 race in building A (because of the rainy day). Leftover food was served and a great ending to the race added to the enjoyment. This could become a scheduled event.

Reaction from many of the attendees was that this was one of the best 49er Rally's they have attended. Hugo and all the great volunteers managed to organize fun events, interesting relevant speakers, good food, terrific prizes, and a positive social environment. At the awards ceremony Gary & Val, who manage the Mariposa Wrestling Club, presented a "Thank You" plaque to the BMW NorCal Motorcycle Club for our outstanding contribution & support. The main goal of the 49er Rally is to have fun. By all accounts this was a fun time and our goal was achieved. Thanks to Hugo Bonilla and the many volunteers that made this possible.

Numbers:

Total attendees 404 *this includes vendors & speakers

Paid attendees 370

The 2019 49er Rally broke even.

Donations

Mariposa Wrestling Club - \$1,500

Motorad Angels - \$250

Number of prizes given

77 winners - 35 prizes given out at rally closing

GS Clinic Participants

Pat Jacques 15

Lance Thomas 51

Hugo mentioned how fortunate he feels to have been the 49er Chairman. This position gives a person a chance to know club members better and an opportunity to contribute to our motorcycle enjoyment. Hugo encourages anyone to participate as chairperson of the 49er Rally. The personal rewards are many. Volunteering to chair or participate to help at the Rally is also fun and rewarding. Many of our volunteers worked tirelessly and enjoyed every moment. Thanks to all the members and non-members who attended this years 49er!

Fred Montano



GS CLINIC

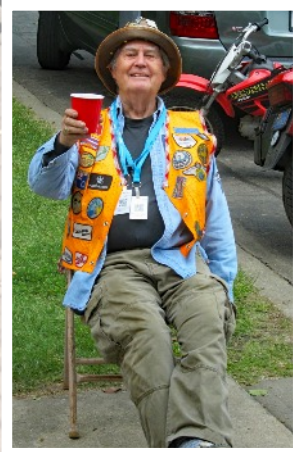


ENGLISH TRIALS





WOMENS GS CLINIC



SEMINARS

BEER GARDEN



VENDORS



LIVE ENTERTAINMENT





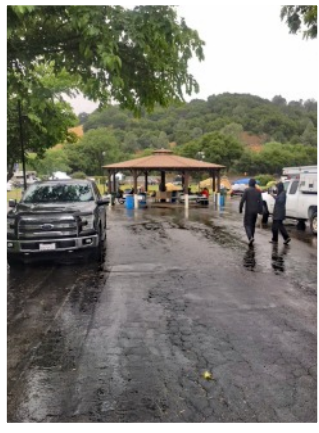
SLOW RACE



CS GIANTS



GREAT FOOD



WET SUNDAY





49ER PEOPLE PICS





RICK KLAİN'S 49ER VIDEO CAN BE FOUND HERE



A graphic for "Movie Night" featuring a red and white striped popcorn bucket with the word "MOVIE" written on it. To the left of the bucket are two blue movie tickets. The word "Night" is written in a cursive font to the right of the bucket.





Greg Hutchinson, retiring President , receives a mounted gavel, wrapped in a plastic bag, for leading the club over the last two years.



Congratulations to our new Emeritus Members

Our Bylaw revisions during 2018 created a new member category for members that have maintained a continuous membership for 30 years. These members have shown a tremendous long term commitment to our club. Emeritus members do not have to pay the annual dues and remain members so long as they meet our other eligibility requirements.

Thane Beckstrand	Midvale, UT	Oct-1983
Terry Burnes	Gardnerville, NV	May 1990
Bruce Buxton	Suisun City, CA	Aug-1980
Ron Cash	Santa Cruz, CA	Jan-1989
Jim Cearley	Modesto, CA	Jun-87
Russ Drake	San Leandro, CA	Feb-1989
Walter Gates	Ramona, CA	Sept-84
David Gluss	Woodside, CA	Mar-1986
Dan Gragert	Carson City, NV	Aug-76
Terry E. Hieb	Lodi, CA	Mar-81
Pat Holland	Vail, AZ	Jan-89
Doug Hubbard	Livingston, TX	Nov-75
Sam Hudnall	San Francisco, CA	May 1989
Greg Hutchinson	Foster City, CA	Apr-1989
Jonathan Jefferies	Alameda, CA	Sept-1987
Rick Klain	San Jose, CA	Feb-78
Mike Morlin	San Francisco, CA	Apr-84
Bob Pelikan	El Granada, CA	Sept-1986

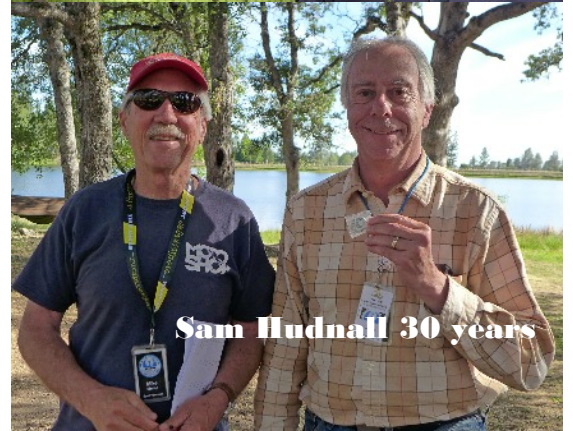
ANNIVERSARY PINS AWARDED AT FINNON LAKE



Gene Austin 25 years



Tom Short 5 years



Sam Hudnall 30 years

We have a new payment processor!

We have switched our online payment processor from Paypal to Wild Apricot Payments. This change was driven primarily by Wild Apricot which is the company hosting our website and membership system. Wild Apricot has implemented new fees for customers that do not use their Wild Apricot Payment service. As a result we elected to change our payment processor to avoid the extra fees. In addition to better integration of our payment process with our member and event management system there are a few benefits for our members.

Auto Renewal

The first benefit is our ability to implement recurring membership payments. Our new default set up for members establishes a recurring annual subscription to BMW Norcal. This will save members from having to manually renew their membership each year as well as reduce the effort required by the Club to finalize our annual renewal process. Approximately 80% of our current members have elected to establish a recurring dues payment which will save a lot of time and effort for everyone.

For members that do not wish to establish a recurring payment, you can change your membership level from Member to Member Non Recurring anytime during the renewal period on the Member Profile page after you log in. Also you can also cancel your subscription at any time on your member profile page.

One Click Check Out

The second benefit is that you can elect to store your credit card information with Wild Apricot Payments. This will enable one click checkout for events that requires a payment!

Security

Wild Apricot Payments uses a large payment processor Affinipay to process payments. All of your credit card information is stored with Affinipay which is a PCI certified organization. The Club and Wild Apricot does not have access to your credit card number information.

Please email treasurer@bmwnorcal.org if you have any questions or comments about our new payment process.

Fred Is Selling his R100



This is a 1992 R100R airhead in excellent condition with only 58,600 original miles on the odometer - I am the third owner of this wonderful motorcycle - it is a rare Purple Haze color that BMW featured in '92 - it has a single plate clutch with a 5 speed gearbox, shifting is smooth & efficient with positive engagement and a neutral that is easy to find - the engine is 980cc with 42mm Bing Carbs - 435 lbs. dry & a 5.7gal tank that gets an average of 48 mpg or a range of 200+ miles - this bike will cruise comfortably at 80 mph all day long - it has heated grips, new windscreen, & BMW Saddlebags - It includes the original tool bag with tools, a new battery, and new diode board. I also have the "Owners Rider's Manual" in good condition. And the March 1993 Cycle World Magazine that introduced the R100R model with a full write-up and analysis. I have ridden this bike to Copper Canyon, Mexico and did not have a bit of trouble. It is a great touring or commuting bike. This bike is simple, efficient, highly reliable, low maintenance, and will take you anywhere you want to go... \$5000

Fred Montano 510 459 0008

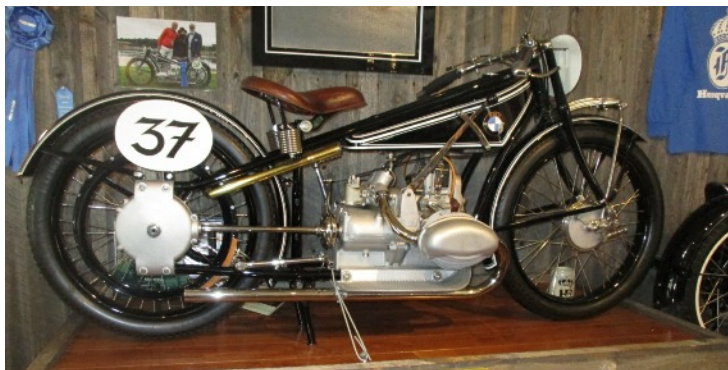
MOA Getaway Weekend

As a MOA member, I'd read about the weekend getaways they've hosted but they were always too far away to consider going. This year one was scheduled to be held in Cambria, CA May 17 – 19. Being that close and right on Hwy 1 south of Big Sur, how could I not go? So I signed up and asked my friend Gene Austin also a MOA member if he was interested in joining me. He jumped at the chance and we started making plans!

We left the bay area Fri. with a planned stop at the "Moto Talbot Collection, Motorcycle Museum" about noon in Carmel Valley. Their hours are 11am-5pm, Thur.-Sun. and boast just shy of 200 motorcycles on two floors.



Just inside the door are these 3 Moto GP world champion race bikes, another Moto GP racer, and a US Superbike on pedestals complete with their history. The manikin on the Suzuki wears the actual leathers the racer wore to the winners circle too.



BMW was well represented with several models including a R69S, a R90S, and this rare R37 racer from the 20's.

After lunch we continued down Carmel Valley Rd. to Hwy 101, over the hills on Hwy 46 to Hwy 1 and Cambria Pines Lodge which was the focal point of the getaway. There we were immediately met by some other Nor-Cal members who had already arrived! Dinner that evening was to welcome us all, to get to know others, and plan rides for Sat. Also at our "Nor-Cal" table was new-to-BMW Richard MacPherson from Anderson Island, WA riding a K1600B on a two week tour of the west, so we adopted him as an honorary Nor-Cal member for the week-end!

It turns out Gene grew up in San Luis Obispo, so he offered to take me on a tour of the areas back roads that he rode initially on a bicycle, then on motorcycles. His tour covered Morro Bay, San Luis Obispo, Pismo Beach, Arroyo Grande, and back in time to clean up and attend the "Awards Dinner" that evening.

Here is our "Nor-Cal" table seated left to right is Gene Austin, myself, honorary member Richard MacPherson, Laurent Vailly,



Ken Ward, and Valentin Cervantes. Four of us at the table won a T-shirt, or hat and one grand prize of a Cardo intercom. There were at least a few other Nor-Cal members also present at other tables so we were very well represented! My apologies to them for not getting all their names. Total attendance for the event was about 78, so a small group compared to other rallies, but from the responses everyone had a great time.

We'd been lucky weather wise up to this point. We stayed dry Fri on the way down, and just sprinkled on during Sat.'s ride, just as we were returning to the hotel. During dinner that evening it poured, and rained most of that night. While packing up Sun. morning it alternated between showers and sunshine. We tried to time it to leave between showers, but got poured on going from the hotel to the gas station in town. By the time we gassed up and left it was sunny again. That's the way it was to be the rest of the way home too.

Our planned stop on the way home was at "Jameson's Classic Motorcycle Museum" in Pacific Grove, so rode up Hwy 1 through Big Sur to Pacific Grove. Jameson's is only open weekends noon to 5PM, so if going it has to be on the weekend. It's a small collection of one man's infatuation with motorcycles. From scooters and mini-bikes to off road and touring bikes, even side car rigs are there. Some restored, some shown "as found."

For instance here's a R100 with Steib side car that had a confrontation with a Cadillac that he thought was a better story shown as is, than if it was restored.

All in all, a fun weekend. If you get a chance to attend one of the MOA's weekend "getaways" or either of these museums, I recommend it!



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July Member Meeting /Campout
July 27-28
Stoney Group Site Shasta/Trinity
Trinity Lake Blvd, Lewiston, CA 96052 - off Hwy 3

Tech Day at MotoGuild
August 3rd from 12 noon to 4pm.
849 13th St San Francisco

August Member Meeting / Campout
Aug 24-25, 2019
Badger Flats Group Site
Kaiser Pass Rd, Lakeshore

2019 RANGE OF LIGHT GYPSY TOUR
Aug 30, 2019 at 3pm to Sept.2, 2019
Nevada County Horsemen Event Grounds: 10600
Bubbling Wells Rd, Grass Valley, CA 95945

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June	Tom Short	5 years
July	Valentin Cervantes	5 years
Aug	Mike Ledbetter	5 years
	John McGraw	5 years
Sept	Walter Gates	35 years
	Scott Maas	5 years

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