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## **Membership Meeting**

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Sat, Sept. 6th, 8:00am Susie's Country Oaks Cafe 500-G Cirby Way Roseville

#### **Director's Meeting**

Tues, Sept. 9th, 7:00 pm Brookfields Restaurant 4343 Madison Ave Sacramento

#### **Breakfast - Be There!**

Every Saturday 8 am Susie's Country Oaks Cafe 500-G Cirby Way Roseville

#### Weds. Dinner Ride Meet between 5-6:30 pm

Leaves every Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm from The Coffee Republic in Folsom

## The President's Corner

by Fred Jewell



That was quite the baptism of fire we put the new restaurant under for our first meeting there! I believe we had somewhere around 92 members and guests at Susie's, and aside from a few glitches (since fixed) it went well. They were able to handle the crowd by bringing in extra help so every one seemed to get their breakfast in a timely manner. I don't think the WCP could have handled that many, the most I ever saw there was about 75. The problem of the meal check coming at the end of the meal has been addressed and is no longer a concern; they are now bringing it with the food. I like the variety of their menu and I feel the food is better. I think we have a great place to meet now and for the future, just remember not to park in the Laundromat only parking spots or that lady might be back REALLY mad this time.

This was my first time to Yerington for the annual Ride'n'Bowl weekend, and I have to say, for someone who doesn't drink, gamble or bowl, I had a terrific time. The ride out over the Sierra was excellent, with a great place in Genoa to stop for lunch and even a picturesque canyon of twisties in the Smith Valley on the way into Yerington. You sure can't complain about getting a room, Saturday night buffet and Sunday brunch buffet for around \$37; I don't care who you are that there's a bargain. I'll be going again next year, and you should too. Thanks again to Kim Rydalch for setting this up for us. Of note though, is that the casino/motel has been up for sale for a while, so if someone has a spare \$12 million lying around they should buy it and we could go there for our meetings. Nah, probably a little too far, but not a bad idea. Wait a minute, a clubhouse that has gambling, 24 hour alcohol consumption, and an all you can eat buffet? We'd be poor, fat drunks in no time (if we weren't already).

We are entering the final month for the Road To

Nowhere, or, as Becki calls it, the Road To Poverty, and I have to say I've had a wonderful time visiting places I never would have found otherwise. I'm on my third front tire and my second rear (hence the poverty reference) and I'm no where near the top of the group, but it sure has been worth it. John Flowers and Tom Lashbrook did an incredible job finding all these sights to visit and see, and John has been very diligent in keeping track of all the participants, not an easy job to do. I can understand why they are not planning to repeat it again next year as it is an awful lot of work. I do, however, have the germ of an idea for next year that I and others are working on that will be similar in some ways but very different in others. It should have something in it for everyone, whether you like to ride far for days or stay close to home. Stay tuned to this station for details as they become available, probably after the beginning of the new year. I hope we can continue with the success the RTN has had.

My quote for this month is one that I have designed to be so obscure, and coincidentally, Google-proof, as I had to spell it phonetically from the Old Irish. A small but useful prize will go to the first one to determine where this is from: "Annall natracht, ous vas bethoud, doth diell dienve." I sure hope I got that right or I'm sure someone (who would have to be a bigger nerd than I) will correct me. Good luck.

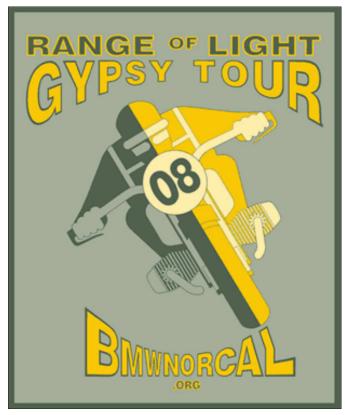
We will be going to Quincy to have lunch for our September club ride. Ken has devised a route that is a little different and it should be fun. There is the September RTN bonus ride for those who wish to continue on that path, and also the Bed and Breakfast weekend in Volcano is happening that weekend and you may want to ride there, a veritable plethora of choices available.

Remember, we're not bikers, we're motorcyclists.

We ride far.

We ride often. We ride quiet(ly).

# **Gypsy Tour 2008**



RANGE OF LIGHT GYPSY TOUR Labor Day Weekend, August 29 - Sept 1, 2008 Space limited. Sign-Up Online Now at www.bmwnorcal.org

It's a traveling tour! Come on the best RIDING and CAMPING tour in the West. This year we're starting at the Amador County Fairgrounds in Plymouth, CA. Where we go after that is anybody's guess. The entry fee is \$75 pre-registered and \$85 at the Gate. Deadline is August 22.

On Friday afternoon or evening you arrive at the starting point (Plymouth) with your camping gear; you sign in and receive the next day's route sheet. You camp on grass for the night and showers are available.

On Saturday you load your gear on the trailer, and ride the Saturday route. Along the route you find answers to poker run questions. A catered meal, your gear, and the next day's rout sheet await you at

the destination. You camp for the night and showers are available.

On Sunday you load your gear on the trailer, and ride the Sunday route. Along the route you find answers to poker run questions. A catered meal, your gear, and maybe some prizes await you at the destination. You camp on grass and showers are available. You ride home on Monday or just keep on riding.

The roads will be fun, sometimes very twisty, and several different kinds of beautiful. You're probably going to see some roads that you've never seen before. There will be optional unpaved loops too.

You don't have to camp but lodging is on you.

OK, you can show up on Saturday morning but make sure you get there before 9:30AM.

We take soft bags only on the trailer. We can't take hard bags.

Saturday and Sunday evening meals are included. They are not refundable. There will be many cafés and markets along the way for those other meals.

We're using the same clear and readable route sheet format as last year.

T-Shirts can be ordered from the registration form so we can get your size (M, L, and XL). (Note: Large and XXL sizes are now sold out). A few will be available for purchase at the rally but no guarantees.

Rally pins will be provided to the first 175 participants.

# Gypsy Tour Kick Off Dinner at the Holleron's

The NorCal Gyspy Tour starts from Plymouth this year. The board has approved sponsoring a dinner at our house for all those going on the tour and any other RCB members that are interested. We will be open for business at 6:00 PM on Friday, Aug. 29th before the Labor Day weekend, and plan to serve dinner around 7:00 PM. Our house is located about five miles east of Plymouth on Fiddletown Road. If you have ever seen the covered wooden bridge that's Bob and Alisa about a mile west of Fiddletown, that's where you

turn. If you are planning to attend, you will need to contact me via e-mail (preferred) at: holleron(@) amadorca.com or by phone at: 530-391-2831 to get directions and the gate code at the bridge. Hope to see you then. Road to Nowhere points for bagging this difficult location will be a great big zero -- unless the tour masters decide otherwise.

### Manchester Beach—The Main Event!

October 3-5, 2008

I have attended this fall event for the past 4 years and to the adult beverages, there will be the usual soft have marveled at how easily Jack & Lynelle or Joe & drinks and bottled water. Diane have made this event into the kind of extravaganza that I start looking forward to next year as soon as the last one has ended.

Well, this year I hope to be added to the list of Manchester Beach Production Masters by presenting food, drink and atmosphere that will be talked about in years to come. I have planned a menu that should please everyone. On Saturday we will have morning muffins, coffee & juice followed by a great day of riding the north coast. You are on your own for lunch, but be sure to save room for a warn and hearty dinner. Sunday morning we will have Danish, juice and coffee before everyone starts heading home.

As usual, there will be a keg of adult beverage that

will be available starting Friday evening. In addition

It is with a sad heart that I must add that due to the current economic times and budgets being what they are, this year we are sorry to say that will have to charge a \$10.00 per person fee to cover the rising costs for producing this event. Please be sure to get your wrist band upon arrival from either Phil Sweeney, Mary Sweeney, Mary Lewis or Lois Lewis. You will need to show this wrist band to be included in all the fun.

I am counting the days till we all meet up in Manchester for a great weekend. Don't forget to mark your calendar for the weekend of October 3 -5, 2008. See you all there! Phil Sweeney, coordinator.

Editor: It's hard enough to get one's touring essentials on the bike without strapping on a dry-bag, it's another to camp with two riders with all of their stuff on one bike. Here are some tips for your riding enjoyment...

## **Advice on "How To Stuff It!"**

David Brick opines about solo touring...

Since the advent of soft-feeling nylon, I carry two pairs of convertible (zip-off leg) pants, two longsleeved shirts in similar fabric, and two pairs of under shorts: wear one, and at the end of the day throw the worn set into the shower with me. Walk on it while washing hair. Hang up. Dry by the time you get back from dinner.

Socks: silk liner + ragg outer. Two pairs of each.

Throw the worn liners in the shower, the outers can go a week or more between washes.

T-shirts: one, maybe two.

Gerbings electric liner, as well as an Aerostich vest. I like wearing the vest off the bike. A hat, if I were a hat wearer. Maybe a folding umbrella. Tevas to wear off the bike.

Deerskin unlined gloves (hot weather), mediumweight gauntlet GoreTex gloves (medium weather or rain), silk glove liners, maybe heavy gloves if I expect serious cold.

This is about a saddlebag +, even if both liners are packed. So there's always room for books!

David continues on two-up touring...

Traveling two up, with camping gear on occasion (the occasions are getting longer in between), smaller, packable clothes has my interest. I have a hard time giving up my Levis. Unfortunately they use up half of my half.

The narrow side bag ('04 K1200RS) carries our shoes (Nike jogging shoes) and all of our toiletry items (tooth brushes, hair dryer, curling iron, shaver, brushes, etc.) Wanda's buddy pack goes behind the shoes and is our on the road filing system. My toiletries are in a Granite bag that is made out of some of the thinnest "material" I've seen. All the toiletry items are in a large mesh bag for easy transport from the bike to the hotel/camp site. There is still room for a long sleeved shirt or a jacket liner (heated or not).

The right bag holds all our clothes and the notebook computer. I usually bring a t shirt and a pair of socks for each day we are out up to 5. I use riding shorts and bring two pair. Wanda brings the same number of days' worth of clothes. Amazing how much smaller her clothes pack than mine. Everything goes into a BMW bag liner. Again, for me, it makes it easier to transport everything. In a pinch either Wanda's jacket liner or her Gerbing heated jacket liner will fit; mine are a bit bulkier and fit better in the left side

bag.

If we are camping then the tent and a medium sized Outdoor Research bag that holds all our rain gear and gloves are strapped down on the rear rack that the soft tail trunk sits on. The rack sans the soft trunk makes a good rear rack. The "thermarest" (actually a Camp More knock off), our down CM bags, inflatable pillows, towels, and possibly our jeans go into Helen Two Wheels medium bags. They ride on top of the side bags and are held down by H2W's straps.

If we are not camping, all our rain gear goes into the BMW rear trunk (the same as the 650s use). We can store our jacket liners and one or two pairs of gloves in the trunk as well. Our long sleeved shirts can be squeezed in also. It didn't take us too many trips to recognize that you have to have room to store all the cold weather gear you are wearing when riding around in the desert southwest.

The BMW OEM RS tank bag carries a bit of everything: snacks, small thermos, spare glasses, all the phone and computer wires and charging systems, a camera, intercom system, brush, air pressure gauge, two AA battery flash light, a couple of maps (or more), and other stuff.

Under the seat I have a small first aid kit, tool roll, tire repair kit with electric pump, 3 feet of plastic hose, the seat rain cover and the tank bag rain cover. In the seat compartment I carry my vehicle registration/proof of insurance, the BMW MOA Anonymous and a set of jumper cables.

We can stay on the road for 5 days, getting home on the 6th. Any longer than that requires a trip to the laundry mat.

Deryle Mehrten writes...

I find the best thing to wear under a 'Stich in hot weather is a pair of surgical scrubs. Breathable cotton but thin and lightweight. If you slide on the pavement and the temp on the cordura gets it hot enough to melt some, you will really, REALLY wish you had on more than just your briefs! ;-)

## RCB's Road to Nowhere Tour 2008

## September Monthly Bonus

Well it's September and the Official ending Month for the Road to Nowhere Tour. We have many participants that just need a goal or two to reach the finishers level. You still have all month to collect photos of the goals so it's not too late.

It's time for the Last Monthly Bonus and being we don't want any tied scores, this one is going to be a tie breaker of sorts.

Goals: Historic Road Bridges – The oldest three you can find.

Bridges must be at least 50 years old and be road bridges. No foot paths or Railroad bridges will be accepted. Doesn't matter if they are still in use or not, standing or dilapidated. As long as you can still tell that it is or was a bridge and there is sign, plaque or stamped date. (If there is no name then a detail location must be given)

Picture – Must include bridge, sign with build date and name. (Of course your M/C, flag and passenger must be in the picture) Take multiple pictures if needed, the info needs to be readable. (Example – take a picture of the M/C and bridge then get the sign close up)

Location – Anywhere CA, NV & OR Points: 1000 points per bridge (up to three bridges) and 5 points per year old for the age of the bridges. Hint – Three of the oldest bridges in California are within 100 miles of Roseville.

The monthly goal is only good during the Month of September and must be turned in at or before the October monthly meeting. You may email the picture to amarider@concours.org or in person at any breakfast, dinner or ride you see Tom or John.

The tour officially ends at the October Monthly meeting but you have until the November monthly meeting to turn in your photos. The results and prizes will be awarded at the RCB Christmas dinner.

Thanks – Your Tour Masters Tom Lashbrook & John Flowers

#### By Larry Morris... RCB's roving reporter

Doran Beach was a great success thanks to Roy Ulfsrum and his magical cast iron Dutch ovens. We had mild winds, some marine layer mist and outstanding meals. 22 folks rode in on Friday and were treated to a tasty dinner of chili and sandwiches. Saturday, 2 folks departed and 4 new folks joined us. I rode to Point Reyes for a light lunch of steamed mussels. Once we were approx 2 miles away from Bodega Bay, it was sunny and clear. Beautiful day for a ride. Only one mishap. Sam had a run-in with a bee to his left eye and discovered a significant allergic reaction. Ranger assistance and some scavenged

benadryl and he was able to ride home on Sunday.

Saturday breakfast was a delicious eggs, potato, meat, cheese and other secret stuff that was blended into an excellent breakfast feast. Saturday evening was ribs in a very nice light barbeque sauce with a medley of cheese and vegetables Then the fresh peaches in a baked turnover desert topped off the gastronomical delight. If you still have not experienced Roy's talents with those Dutch ovens, you can't imagine what you have missed.

Thanks Roy. It was another outstanding weekend.

## Member's Classified Ads

Classified ads are free to members, and usually will run for 3 months give or take a bit, unless you email back and tell us to pull it. Send the text of your email to Classified, and it will be included in the web site and also in the newsletter. Please format similar to ads below. Limit 75 words.

Front tire, 110/80 – 19 for 1150GS TKC 80. Received new 9/4/08. I fat fingered the online order and SWMoto sent me 2 of them. I paid only \$108.95. You can have for what I paid. No tax. Ken 916-768-1675 (8/7)

Misc: Front has been on the road for 800 miles, 120/70-17, \$ 90.00. They fit the new 1200 RTs very well. Women's Olympia riding pants with liner, size 8. \$ 80.00. Like new. Women's ReVit riding boots, size 39 Euro, worn twice. \$ 75.00. AutoCom with 2 helmets including mic and speakers installed. \$ 120. Larry lrmksm(@)juno.com 916-705-3900 (8/3)

1999 BMW K1200 RS, Silver & Blue, Color Matched Saddle Bags, Heated Grips, Standard & Tall BMW Windshields, Corbin Seat & Stock Seat, Ohlins Rear Shock & Stock Rear Shock, Remus Titanium Exhaust System, 5 1/2" Rear Wheel, Very Nice Condition, 28K Miles, \$8000. jta101(at) surewest.net or 916-457-7619 (6/30)

Wanted: stock windshield for a R1150GS not adventure. Perfect condition doesn't matter as long as it's half way decent condition. Call Mark @ 916-834-7190 or email rtbmr (at) yahoo.com (6/23)

Riding Gear: Oxtar Sunray GTX boots, ladies, in box new condition, size 9 EUR 41, \$100. SHOEI RF -1000 R.Blue sz XL 7.5/8-7.3/4 inch 61-62 cm, in box, in micro fiber bag, clear shield. Helmet is in mint condition, used for 1K, \$200. ICON Denim Blk dings, new brake pads & alternator belt, 40k service, Pants, mens size 36w 33L, \$30, JOE ROCKET **BALLISTIC TEXTILE MOTORCYCLE PANTS** Tall/Med Ballistic 5.0 w/ knee protectors, mens Size 36, \$80. Call Dennis 530-391-5754

Misc: I have nine shims and the two tools needed to change them on the early flying bricks and the 750 three flat BMW engines. \$100.00 for all. I also have an exhaust wrench - the STEEL one for the BMW

Misc: Eureka Wabakimi 3 season 2 person tent with 2 vestibules & 2 doors. Packed size 7" dia. x 22" long. Weight about 5 lbs. \$60.

Eureka Assault 3 season 2 person tent with 2 doors/2 vestibules. Packed size 7" dia x 22" long. Includes footprint. Weight about 7 lbs. \$40 Women's BMW cool weather riding suit. Hip length jacket with bib style pants. Black with silver reflective piping. Both size Medium \$40. E-mail pics avail if interested. Larry Campbell (707)446-1858 delinesoup(@)aol.com (7/29)

2004 R1150R, Silver 8.3K, heated grips, ABS, dual ignition, Throttlemeister, BMW bags, BMW touring windshield, Rick Mayer seat, lowered pegs, bar backs, never down, dealer maintained, always garaged, like new. \$8,400 Jim 530-478-0688 or jpsmithcs(at)sbcglobal.net (7/9)

airheads for \$35.00. Please call Mike Miller at 916-408-7754. (3/31)

Women's Riding Gear: First gear Mesh Tex II Jacket, Size W-L, First gear HT Air Over Pants with liner, Size W-14, wore 5x, cost \$345, sell for \$200. BMW Summer Suit Overall Size L-XL \$100. BMW Boots Size 8½-9 sell for \$25. Chippenwa Motorcycle Boots 91/2D \$100. Call 916-543-3265.

Misc: J-Pegs for Twin Spark, Helmets, tents, therma rests, tank bag, RevPak U bag, Cool Vest. Call 916-543-3265.

2001 R1100RT, ABS, 44K, blk sargent seat, piaa lights, new Z6's, k&n air filter, gel battery, engine guards, tools, top & side cases, bike cover, some with valve adj & fresh filter & oil in engine trans & final drive, always covered or garaged, very clean, runs great \$6,750 (916) 730-3253 or bdkerr@comcast.net(2/08)

# 2008 Calendar of Upcoming Events

Check often because events are always being added or changed.

Sep, 6th, Sat General membership meeting at Susie's Country Oaks Cafe, 8 am, 500-G Cirby Way,

Roseville, CA 916-786-0274. There will be a day ride afterwards so have a full tank of gas

before starting. All members and guests welcome.

Sep,9th,Tue Director's meeting at Brookfields Restaurant, 7:00 pm, 4343 Madison (Madison & I-80).

1-916-332-0108. All members welcome.

Sep,18th,Thur Every 3rd Thursday at A&S BMW you're invited to their Garage Party @ 6:30 pm.

Interesting activities and eats. Check it out.

Wed. Ride Weds. Dinner Ride, Meet between 5-6:30 pm, Leaves every Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm

from the Coffee Republic in Folsom.

Thur. Ride Meet up for a weekly Thursday day ride, "Because We Can Ride". Meet at Brookfield's at

Sunrise and Folsom, eat at 8am and ride at 9am. For all retired, independently wealthy or

just plain sick of work!

Aug 29-Sep 1 NORCAL BMW's Gypsy tour

Sep 6-7 B&B at Volcano, Ray Trujillo organizing, see web for details.

Sept 27 Vintage motorcycle show @ A&S BMW, more info later

Sept 28 5 Passes ride, Ken Caruthers organizing

Oct 3 – 5 Manchester Beach extravaganza, KOA, Phil Sweeny organizing

Nov 9 2009 Planning Meeting, location to be determined

Dec 6 RCB Christmas Party, details to follow



Next year's Ride N' Bowl will be August 1, 2008. Remember that date and make your reservation after January of 2009.

The rates haven't been set yet, but hopefully they will be the same slightly higher rate as 2008. Yerington went from a "Killer" deal to a good deal.

Please, as a favor to the club, leave the motel towels in the room and not in your motorcycle. There were four rooms that took towels home with them. Casino West says they cost \$12 for each towel so they want to cut down costs as much as possible. Let us not ruin our Ride N Bowl because of a towel fetish. I want RCB to be their best clients!

See you next year...Kim Rydalch, event coordinator.



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