

**BMW Motorcycle Club
of Northern California**



NORCAL NEWS

Presidents Report

October has come and gone as well as a fantastic Oktoberfest. Over 90 people came out to Rancho Seco to celebrate the founding of our Club. We gathered around an epic fire ring, feasted on burgers and brats from Culinerdy, washed it down with cold beer, and then slept it all off in a grassy campground. It was great with so many smiling people that lingered around the next morning for coffee and pastries.

We honored Alan, Carol, and Chris with 50 year plaques during the Members' Meeting. Those that didn't get honored during the Meeting are the people that have volunteered in various positions throughout the Club's history. Many people have served through the years in various capacities: Board of Director positions, Chairs for all types of things, Newsletter Editors, Advertising coordinators, and just helping out whenever we call for help. I apologize for not directly recognizing the efforts and contributions of all that have served the Club. The work everyone has put into the Club makes it what it is, and for that, thank you.

I'd like to particularly thank the following people for helping with Oktoberfest:
Firewood: Andy and Mike
Drink transportation: Mike
Registration: Barbara, Randy, April, and Rai
Flyer: Wynne

Our website has undergone a hosting change with the addition of a membership management piece. Everyone in the club now has the ability to visit the club site and update your own contact information. Doing this is a step in the direction of reducing the effort needed to keep our membership directory current. Additional features will be added to the site as JV continues his project.

Tom O'Connell has taken on the task of '49er Chair for the 2016 Rally. The Board of Directors tasked Tom with increasing the attendance of the '49er. With a relatively early start and a foundation in place from the previous rallies, I believe 2016 will be a great event. We'll have several opportunities for volunteers to assist with the planning and advertising of our Rally very shortly.

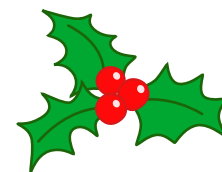
The Newsletter now has a new editor. John Ellis has taken over the position from Warren

Barnes. As a reminder, we are always looking for content for the Newsletter. If you've been somewhere, ate something, bought a gadget, or done something fun or especially stupid, write a few lines about it and send it to our editor.

Dan Rowe



**See page 3 for date and menu of the
Christmas Party**





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Celebrating 50 years 1965-2015

A note from the editor

I just wanted to let everyone know that I accidentally volunteered to take over Newsletter editor duties from Warren Barnes. Warren has held many positions in the club and has been responsible for the newsletter for the last 5 years. Big thanks to Warren.

If you look closely you may notice the newsletter format looks a little different this month. This is primarily because I have moved to different publishing software called PagePlus. I did this to save licensing charges but primarily because the new software is easier to use and runs on a PC. The other advantage is that it is developed in England so the video tutorials are accompanied by an female English voice that sounds exactly like my daughter when she tries to imitate my accent.

I am aiming to keep the newsletter at sixteen pages every month. Clearly I will need content and am reliant on members for their contributions; text and pictures. If you send pictures, please add captions if the subject is not immediately obvious. Don't forget if you have bike or parts for sale (or wanted) send it to me with a picture or two.

2015 Club Membership Anniversaries

SEPTEMBER

- Brian Goetz 5 Years
- Linda Opp 20 Years
- Wayne Opp 20 Years

OCTOBER

- Don Alexson 5 Years
- Carmen Vailly 5 Years

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

- Lee Damico 5 Years
- Marc Dubresson 15 Years
- Doug Hubbard 40 years



December marks the month of the Holiday Party which will be held at the Blue Pheasant.

Location:

Blue Pheasant, 22100 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino, 95104

Date:

December 19, 2015. 6 PM.

Cost: \$30

White Elephant Gift exchange after dinner. \$20 is the recommended cost.

Cash bar before dinner.

Food Options:

1. Pasta Primavera served with fresh seasonal vegetables sauteed with garlic, fresh herbs, and white wine served over linguine
2. Broiled Salmon: Fresh king salmon broiled to perfection and topped with a fresh dill sauce
3. Chicken Bouna Donna: sautéed boneless breast of chicken with prawns and roasted red peppers in a sherry wine sauce.
4. Prime Rib of Beef: Au jus served with fresh horseradish

Dinners include mixed green garden salad, potatoes or rice, fresh vegetables, French bread, and a dessert.

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How cold are you?

It's fall now and temperatures are dropping with the days getting shorter so I think a review of Hypothermia is in order, as here in the Golden State we ride all year around. As you may know, this is the loss of body heat to the environment and lowering our core temperature. Mother Nature has equipped us well to deal with cold climates, but could never anticipate the wind blast form a moving motorcycle! That's why our fingers and maybe feet too will get cold first.

further, shivering stops and movements become slow and clumsy, reaction time is longer, thinking is blurred, and judgment is impaired. Not good! Here's a handy "Chill Chart" just for us riders. Note that even at 45* and 60 MPH it will feel 32* to exposed dry skin. Being wet will make it even worse!

Layering garments under our riding suits works well to insulate us and electric heated clothing is available too. So dress appropriately and keep warm. Ride Safe!

Here's what webmd.com has to say about it: Initial symptoms include intense shivering and teeth chattering. As body temperature falls

Steve Kesinger Your Safety Guy

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VERY COLD

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EXTREMELY COLD!!!!!!!!!!!!



Treasurer's Report



Still glowing from Oktoberfest? Great location, food and volunteer teamwork made the Oktoberfest 2015 one to remember!

No significant events on the financial side. The BOD is working with Tom Connolly, our 2016 49'er Rally Chair, to develop the budget and the underlying list of activities for the event. Our state and federal taxes need to be filed prior to November 15th (ugh...)

Russ Drake graciously volunteered to publish the club directory for 2016 and we download all the member data from the new club website. Speaking of which, we cut over to Wild Apricot, a non-profit membership software application, on November 1st. The first release of our web page looks familiar but with added features such as member logon, access to confidential club documents (meeting minutes and financial records), member directory, view purchase and payment history and more! Initially it's a bit of work, but in the long term it will simplify keeping track of membership and organization of events. I would encourage you all to log in and check it out.

Buddy Scauzzo (Advertising Chair) has offered to update the banner photos more frequently. Ed Perry (Historian) and Rick Klain are collaborating to bring to life the club history on our site with lots of photos, videos and old documents.

If you are interested in helping with the website this is a great time to get your hand up! If you have questions about the club finances shoot me an email at treasurer@norcal.org and wherever you ride, think safe!

John Vashon





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Tour Captains Report

It's axiomatic that nothing brings a crowd like free beer, and the Oktoberfest that Dan put together on October 24 proved it's still true. Or it could have been the great catering, huge campground, the big fire pit with hardwood cut by Mike Huntzinger and hauled by Andy Anderson... I'm pretty sure most of the 91 (!) attendees had a good time.

After securing the Rancho Seco site 6 months ahead, I planned a tour that included a stop at Clearwater Lights, whose bright spots and Free Lunch (at their open house) seem popular with our riders. The route started up Highway 160 from the Railroad Café in Livermore with 18 riders, the redoubtable John Ellis riding sweep. Hwy 160 was single-lane at Threemile Slough, but my circumnavigation of Sherman Island paid off by putting us at the head of the line where a cooperative CHP unit and a friendly flagger (I think they all ride) put us on our way. We stayed at Clearwater until the raffle proved a Norcal bust, then took a loop through Gold Country that carefully avoided the great roads that Russ used last month, coming to camp via Shingle Springs, Plymouth and Lone. Highlight: Salmon Falls Rd.

Our next, December 5, tour will be to Plaskett Creek, on the coast between Big Sur and San Simeon, with Joyce Samson conducting while I cruise the QM2 to England (cheap in winter.)


February 27 is Fremont Peak, March 26 (25-27) is Furnace Creek, April 23 is Orland Buttes at Black Butte Lake (named after a favorite beer, NOT in Lassen.) The June 25 Annual (election) meeting is TBA, but probably at Manchester KOA.

Enjoy the ride!

Ted Crum your Tour Captain

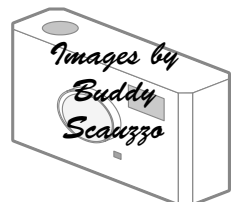


Ted samples all kegs before before declaring them safe for members to drink



WARNING

There has been a change in the January campout. The site we had planned for at Laguna Seca will be closed for the off season, and the staff there decided (they didn't mention it before) that only 2 bikes can park on a 32-foot RV pad. The Jan 30 meeting is moved to Arroyo Seco, site of the '13 freeze out. As Arlo said, I was "runnin' out of time."



Rancho Seco History

In 1966, SMUD purchased 2,100 acres in southeast Sacramento County for a nuclear power plant, which was built in Herald, 25 miles southeast of downtown Sacramento.

In the early 1970s, a small pond was expanded to a 160-acre lake to serve as an emergency backup water supply for the station. The lake has always received its water from the Folsom South Canal and has no relationship with the power plant's daily water supply. Surrounding the lake is 400 acres of recreational area originally operated by the County of Sacramento for day-use activities.

The 2,772 MWt pressurized water reactor achieved initial criticality on 16 September 1974 and entered commercial operation on 17 April 1975.

On 20 March 1978 a failure of power supply for the plant's non-nuclear instrumentation system led to steam generator dry out. In an ongoing study of "precursors" that could lead to a nuclear disaster if additional failures were to have occurred, in 2005 the United States

Nuclear Regulatory Commission concluded that this event at Rancho Seco was the third most serious safety-related occurrence in the United States (Behind the Three Mile Island accident and the cable tray fire at Browns Ferry).

The plant operated from April 1975 to June 1989 but had a lifetime capacity average of only 39%; it was closed by public vote on 7 June 1989 (despite the fact that its operating license did not expire until 11 October 2008) after multiple referenda.

Operation of the recreational area was assumed by SMUD in 1992. In cooperation with the Nature Conservancy, SMUD dedicated in June 2006 the Howard Ranch Nature Trail, a seven-mile long trail that follows riparian and marsh habitat along Rancho Seco Lake and the adjoining Howard Ranch that once belonged to the owner of the famous racehorse Seabiscuit. All power generating equipment has been removed from the plant and the now-empty cooling towers remain a prominent part of the local landscape. Also scattered throughout the area around the plant are abandoned air raid



sirens that at one time would have warned people of a radioactivity release from the station.

Additions to SMUD's Rancho Seco property have included massive solar installations and, more recently, the natural gas-fired Cosumnes Power Plant, brought online in 2006.

On 23 October 2009, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission released the majority of the site for unrestricted public use, while approximately 11 acres of land including a storage building for low-level radioactive waste and a dry-cask spent fuel storage facility remain under NRC licenses.

Ed Perry Club Historian



The origins of Oktoberfest

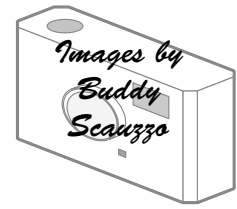
Crown Prince Ludwig, later to become King Ludwig I, was married to Princess Therese of Saxe-Hildburghausen on October 12, 1810. The citizens of Munich were invited to attend the festivities held on the fields in front of the city gates to celebrate the happy Royal event. The fields were named Theresienwiese ("Theresa's meadow") in honor of the Crown Princess, and have kept that name ever since, although the locals have since abbreviated the name simply to

the "Wiesn". To end the celebrations from the royal wedding on October 17, horse races were held in honor of the newlyweds. It is reported that the origins of the horse races and Oktoberfest itself were proposals from a coachman, and sergeant in the National Guard, Franz Baumgartner. However, these origins of the festival are controversial. The decision to repeat the horse races in the subsequent year gave rise to the tradition of the Oktoberfest.

Ed Perry Club Historian



Bruce Buxton receives
35 yr pin from Vice
President Bill Lopez



Alan Huntzinger and
Chris Weld receive
plaques
commemorating their
50 years with the club.





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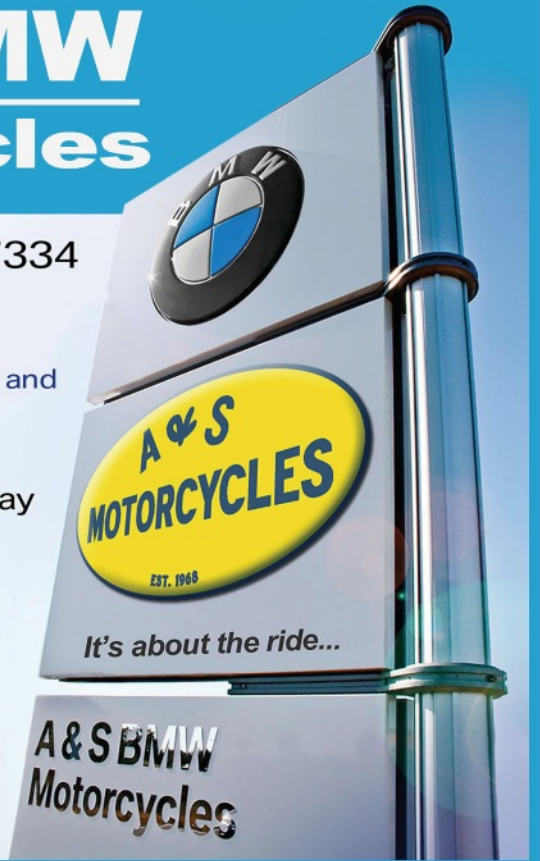
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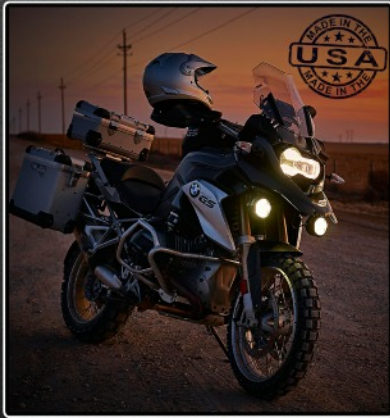
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CANopener

Clearwater Lights, manufacturer of innovative LED lighting systems for motorcycles, announces the arrival of the CANopener module for select 2012+ water cooled BMW motorcycles.

The Clearwater Lights CANopener module provides a plug-and-play solution to integrate control of the company's lineup of high-performance lights directly into the bike's existing switchgear.



With the CANbus system, BMW brought motorcycle electrical design into the modern age by allowing direct monitoring and control of nearly every component on the bike, while eliminating the heavy, bulky wiring that would normally be required. As a result, electrical accessories such as auxiliary lights and horns can no longer be added without introducing their own cumbersome wiring harnesses and awkward controls. Wouldn't it be nice to add the safety of powerful LED lighting to the motorcycle, then control it instantly with the familiar interface?

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13 Dec 2015 Second Sunday Breakfast Ride TBD

19 Dec 2015 Holiday Party 2015 6:00 PM

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30 Jan 2016 Arroyo Seco, Ride, Member Meeting, and Campout

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