



TOURCAPTAIN REPORT:

by Ted Crum

I get one more chance to thank Ed Perry for taking over the July ride to June Lake while I attended to personal business. I'm pretty sure he showed the crew a good time with his backroads and a stop at his cabin, but I don't know for sure – he and much of the club are dispersed on various MOA National Rally linked rides. The pictures that came back speak of a good site and good weather. The pictures also suggest that turnout was light, but the proximity to the National accounts for that. The meeting was moved a week to accommodate the National, and I'm pleased that several members used the meeting as a starting point.

Your tour captain had to choose between the National and the Stanley Stomp, and Heidi's liking of blueberry shakes and cabins (visit us in 1B!) will have me on the road to Idaho as soon as this is in the mail. I'll be back in time to lead the ride to the Emigrant group camp north of Truckee on August 29. That ride will start at the IHOP in Livermore, 4567 First St 94551, leaving at 9:00. We'll ride up hwy 88, then around Tahoe on 89 with a lunch break in Meyers and a stop for groceries in Truckee. The campground is on Dog Valley Road 1.6 miles from Stampede Dam Road (which comes up from Truckee as Hirschdale) across the dam, but Garmin can't get you there because of a map error. You can navigate to the intersection at N39° 28.987' W120° 05.780', then ride southwest 1.6 mi.

Russ Drake will share his backroad education by leading the ride to the Hornswoggle group on Marysville Road on September 26. This is a two-day reservation, and early-birds can camp out on Friday.

The ride starts at the Black Bear in Tracy at 2351 Toste Road. To get there from the Bay Area take Hwy 580 toward Stockton and take the Grant Line Road exit from Hwy 205. Russ is going to work us pretty hard, and he wants to start the motors early, at 8:30. Russ will have an article in the September newsletter.

Details of these rides can be found at our Meetup page <http://www.meetup.com/BMW-Motorcycle-Club-of-Northern-California/>, no sign-up required, and on the web site.

The Oktoberfest, on Oct 24, will be at Rancho Seco (25 mi SW of Sacramento) on an acre of grass by a lake. Dan is the Party Committee.

On December 5 Joyce Samson will lead us to Plaskett Creek on the coast between Big Sur and San Simeon, while I cruise the Queen Mary 2 across the stormy Atlantic.

2016 plans are for January at Laguna Seca and February at Fremont Peak near Hollister (short trips in rainy season.) Death Valley in March and probably Kings Canyon in July (the first ride under your next tour captain!) April and June are still open; any requests?

Enjoy the ride!

Ted Crum -- Tour Captain

TREASURER'S REPORT:

by John Vashon

Treasurer's Report: Big thanks to Russ Drake for getting all bills paid for the 49'er before the end of the fiscal year. Funds for the ROL registration are rolling in and we paid a couple of bills in July. I'm working with President Dan Rowe to schedule the audit of the 2014 financials. We'll meet in San Francisco (near the Bay Bridge) in August and FREE pizza to any club member who volunteers to help with the audit. I'm also working on other projects to simplify how we do business including payments, membership and our website. Shoot me an email if you have questions about our finances. Hope to see you later this month on the Range of Light Gypsy Tour and wherever you ride, think safe!

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REGULAR PEOPLE:

by Dan Rowe

Greetings Everyone,

Our club has a busy schedule of events for the next few months. We also need volunteers for a few key items.

The hot topics:

Membership dues were due in June but can still be paid. There are two ways to pay your dues. Go to: www.bmwnorcal.org/club-store or mail a payment of \$30 to the Treasurer (PO BOX 2472 Santa Clara, CA 95055).

Newsletter Editor Warren Barnes plans on stepping down from the position of Newsletter Editor. Contact me (rowe.dt@gmail.com) or Warren (wildguineapig@hotmail.com) to discuss the position.

Second Sunday Breakfast Ride leaders I'm looking for people to lead rides by region. Ken Caruthers and Andy Anderson have agreed to lead rides for their regions. Share your favorite roads with the club by leading a ride. The guidelines are very simple: Breakfast somewhere that can accommodate between 10 and 20 people and a ride that lasts until around 12 noon with a few breaks that is safe and sane.

Range of Light T-Minus 30 days and counting to Range of Light. Register now on line at www.bmwnorcal.org/gypsy-tour. Joyce and Bob have a great ride planned for this year.

Oktoberfest. NorCal is throwing a bigger than usual bash for Oktoberfest this year at Rancho Seco. I'm looking for a few volunteers to help with various aspects of the event: setup, running, breakdown, and a couple of the finer points for planning.

See you on a ride soon,

Dan Rowe -- President

COUNTDOWN TO THE ROL:

The BMW Motorcycle Club of Northern California's Range of Light Gypsy Tour is coming right up:

Friday, Sept. 4, 2015 through Sunday, Sept. 6, 2015

All we can tell you about this year's route is that we are meeting at the Glenn County Fairground, 221 E. Yolo St, Orland, CA, 95963, Friday night, September 4th. Only then, will our next night's surprise destination be revealed—with a Saturday Rally Route sheet that includes a MAIN STREET ROUTE (with a built-in WIN \$\$ Poker Run) and an optional GS LOOP. GPX files will be available for those using GPS.

BMW NorCal welcomes all women riders with our second annual Ladies Happy Hour on Friday night. It's a special year as we celebrate 25 Years Riding the Range, from its first run in 1991 (chaired by Doug Hubbard), starting at Big Bear Campground (closed) near Oakhurst, to our run in 2015, chaired by Joyce Sampson and Bob Empasis. Registration form is included in this newsletter on page 3.

Range of Light Gypsy Tour • Labor Day Weekend • Sept 4 - 7, 2015

Please print clearly • Use a separate form for each motorcycle

Rider

Passenger

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Email address: _____

Cycle Make: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____

Club affiliation, if any: _____

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Name of rider(s) you are sponsoring: _____

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Name of your BMW sponsor: _____

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Pre-registration postmarked by **August 22 - \$90.00/per person** x _____ = \$ _____

No refunds after August 22. **Gate** registration (\$100.00)

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I understand I may be required to sign a separate liability, assumption of risk and indemnity agreement as required by the Range of Light Gypsy Tour insurance provider when I check-in Labor Day weekend before I will be allowed to participate in the Range of Light Gypsy Tour.

I have read and understand everything written above.

Rider's signature _____ Date _____

Passenger's signature _____ Date _____

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CAN YOU SEE ME NOW?:

by Steven Kesinger

There has been a revolution in lighting technology in recent years. Remember the warm yellow glow of incandescent headlights of the 60's and 70's? They were replaced by halogen that gave a much brighter, whiter light. Recently HID light technology has made even brighter, almost blueish light from smaller, lighter packages. Now LED lights are becoming wide spread, are even smaller and draw very little current along with having very long life.

Last year I decided to add auxiliary lighting to my GT, but it has a nice smooth fairing without a good place to mount anything extra, and I didn't want them sticking out, so I went shopping for the smallest lights I could find. I found the "Denali DM Micro Single Intensity LED Light Kit" at Twistedthrottle.com. These lights are only 1.75" around, and 2.4" long. They draw a total of .75 amps (10 watts/pair) and came with complete wiring harness and good instructions. The spec's say they throw a beam 240', about twice as far as my stock headlight. I fabricated a mount just below the oil cooler and fit them as far apart as I could, and still keep them inside the fairing opening. See photo #1. Wow: What a difference! See photo #2.

I was so happy with the result, I looked at my airhead GS to see what I could do with that. Back at Twistedthrottle.com I bought the "Denali D2 Dual Intensity LED Light Kit." These are a little larger at 2" around, but still only 2.4" long. They draw 1.5 amps (20 watts/pair on high) and throw a beam 423'. The wiring includes a tap into the high beam circuit, so they run on low (65%) with the low beam. Activate the high beam circuit and they go to full bright. I made a mount for these to fit just inside the stock guard bars below the fairing. See photo #3. Now on high they make my halogen headlight look like a candle! See photo #4. I've had several club members comment that there is no doubt where I am now on our rides!

These are just two of the options out there. The Denali series have several more including 4 LED bulb lights. Clearwater is a popular brand carried by most of our local dealers and are infinitely adjustable. There are many lights designed for the 4X4 or quad off road vehicles as well. I even know someone who found a pair of LED lights designed for forklifts! Decide where you could mount a pair of lights, and how much space you have; there's something out there that will work for you. Now you'll be seen too!

Steve Kesinger; Your Safety Guy



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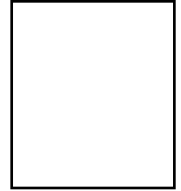
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| August 29 | Meeting & Camping -- Emigrant group camp -- Stampede Reservoir in Tahoe National Forest |
| September 4-7 | ROL Gypsy Tour -- Start at Glenn County Fairground in Orland, CA |
| September 26 | Meeting & Camping -- Hornswoggle group camp -- Bullards Bar Reservoir |
| October 24 | Oktoberfest -- Rancho Seco Park |
| December 5 | Meeting & Camping -- Rancho Seco or Plaskett Creek T.B.D. |

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