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NORCAL NEWS



Ride to Camp

Camp to Ride

This month featuring:

Oktoberfest and the history of beer
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BMW Motorcycle Club of Northern California

Presidents Column

The only thing missing from the Club's Oktoberfest meeting at Lake Sonoma was a fraulein from the biergarten carrying 6 steins of beer in each hand. We had lots of beer, brats, sauerkraut, bake beans, and snacks so no one was left wanting more. Over 100 new and old members enjoyed a beautiful night with a wonderful campfire and generally having a great time. New members, old members, and people passing by made for lots of conversations and pictures and fun stories. A very big round of applause to Nick Gloyd, Kevin Coleman, Mark and Linda Rodda, Lorene and Chris Daily and a host of others for supporting the Club by bringing and preparing the food, lots of beverages, various accoutrements to make dinner and the door prizes. Way to go everyone and we thank you.

Also time for recognition for the person behind the curtain who crafts the Club newsletter each month. John Ellis keeps a high

standard for articles and pictures that entertains and educates everyone. Thank you John.

Next month get ready for a little jog down south for the Club meeting at Plaskett Creek on beautiful Big Sur. Beautiful campground overlooking the scenic Pacific across the road. Nick has the location posted in this newsletter and on our ever improving website.

Starting to see more members show up for the monthly Board of Directors meeting to see what goes on in the background. It's a chance to see how the various Club procedures are tweaked, what changes might be in store for the By-Laws, the planning for both the 49er and Range of Light as well as the day to day running of Club...get a chance, come on by.

HOLIDAY PARTY...Skates on the Bay with world class views and wonderful food...and the Club is subsidizing each member's cost. Register now on the Club website.

Hope to see everyone on the Coast next month. Check the date since Thanksgiving changes our calendar. Happy Holidays!!

Greg Hutchinson

BMW Norcal Member Only Clinic 18 November 2017

BMW NorCal is hosting a member Member Only Clinic at Moto Guild in San Francisco on 11/18/2017 from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm. It will be fun and a great learning experience. Bagels and coffee will be provided.

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Editors Corner

Massive thanks to Fred Montano for Part 2 of his summer odyssey. Readers have no idea how frightening it is for me to to face 16 empty pages each month. Thanks to Richard B for his historians report and quotations. Mylene Larson for most of the camp out photographs and the front cover picture. My personal thanks all of the board members for their efforts in pulling together an outstanding Oktoberfest. Expect many more typos, missed words and spelling errors in this month's newsletter. My proof reader is on vacation in France. Things should get better in January (there is no December newsletter). If anyone wants to volunteer pictures and/or write up for the party, it would be very much appreciated.

Suggestions for SSBR

Do you have a favorite local ride? We want to hear from you about your fun, local go-to rides. This is what the SSBR is all about! Shoot Nick a note at tourcaptain@bmwnorcal.org with your ideas. It doesn't even have to be a complete route. It could be a fun section of road or even just a place you like going to on your bike. I can take it from there.

BMW Norcal's End of Year Member Party

Enjoy a festive evening at Skates at the Bay, a great venue at the end of Berkeley Point, affording stunning views of San Francisco Bay. The party begins at 5:00 PM for drinks with dinner at 6:30 PM plus our usual White Elephant gift exchange. Start thinking of that "special" gift you want to share and register for this last get-together of the year!

Skates on the Bay
100 Seawall Dr.
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Captain's Log

Star Date November 2017

Well we did it, we survived another October Member Meeting / Oktoberfest! This year we explored a new venue for the club, Liberty Glen Campground. Situated in the scenic hills above Lake Sonoma, Liberty Glen Campground proved to be the perfect venue for this Fall event, keeping us out of the lowland fog that we found on our way out. And because this site is so remote, the night sky was lit up and on display in a way we don't often see.

This year we also switched up the Oktoberfest format a little. The Board had decided to treat the membership to a cookout, with free dinner for members and cooked by the Board (and a few great volunteers). Club Treasurer Kevin Coleman was instrumental in this and did an outstanding job sourcing exceptional, locally produced food, including amazing Polish and Brats from Taylor's Sausages in Oakland, fresh pretzels from Bakeshop California, and fresh raw sauerkraut and pickles from the Sonoma Brinery in Healdsburg. (Huge shout out to club member Jerry Baker for picking up the sauerkraut and pickles on his way through on Friday. Thanks!) And of course Lagunitas Brewery was well represented too. In addition to procuring everything needed for the food, Kevin did a really great job heading up the cooking and serving, with the help of a few mighty volunteers of course!

Breakfast and the club ride from Terra Linda to the campout was popular, with over 40 participants! I had anticipated a decent turn-out, so I had reserved space at the two neighboring breakfast joints, Eduardo's and Joe's Café, so we wouldn't overwhelm the staff. Both were great eateries and after breakfast we converged at

Eduardo's for the pre-ride meeting. Big thanks to Club Safety Director Jorgen Larson and John Ellis (Editor at Large of this fine newsletter) for leading the two separate groups to Liberty Glen. I had decided not to lead the ride, opting instead to ride directly from breakfast to the campground (after picking up my lovely wife of course) to coordinate the checking in and set-up. As such, Jorgen and I (and a few Crispy Patas) pre-rode the route the week before, so Jorgen would be familiar with the route, especially the exceptional "locals only" sections coming down Coleman Valley Road, and the Annapolis loop. Plus, it was a great excuse to get out for a spectacular ride. If any readers didn't make the ride, get the route sheet from the website (or contact me) and check it out, you won't be disappointed! All in all, this year's Oktoberfest ride and campout/cookout were a great success! Look for a similar format next year, but with a few fun additions.

Next up – The November SSBR, Tri County Ramble! Thanks to Kevin Coleman for putting this one together. It'll be a fun one!

And Members, don't miss our next Member Only Clinic at MOTO GUILD-SF, November 18th. Again, go to the club website for complete details and registration.

The November Member Meeting / Campout is pushed to December 2nd due to Thanksgiving. We are heading down to Plaskett Creek Campground, with the breakfast and ride starting at the Fremont Black Bear Diner. Go to <http://www.BMWNorCal.org/events> for the details and registration.

Nick Gloyd

Meet your Treasurer-Kevin Coleman

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as your Treasurer and take my responsibility to protect and manage the club's financial results very seriously. We are fortunate that our



past Board has managed our club very well and we have a strong financial footing. I am a CPA by background and have worked for a large accounting and consulting firm my entire career. In addition I serve as the Audit Committee Chairperson for the Junior Achievement of the Bay Area, a local non-profit and enjoy using my experience in helping the Club. It's a very well run club with outstanding members and programs.

In addition to maintaining our club financial records, I also support the member renewal process, answer questions about payments and refunds and support the ROL and 49er Chair's in budgeting and monitoring our Rally financial forecasts. I am also the person that manages the reimbursements of expenses that any member incurs on behalf of the Club and maintain our budget and forecasts. Lastly as we look to new member programs or changes to our dues and fees process, I develop financial models to assist the BoD in evaluating the impact to our long term financial stability.

I am relatively new to riding motorcycles, having purchased my first motorcycle in 2016 and really like the preparation and adventure aspect of motorcycle trips. I am really excited about our new Sister Club International Program and looking forward to our first cross border club trip in March 2018. In addition to riding, my other hobbies are bass fishing and woodworking and I have three children, ages 10, 15 and 19. I am born and raised in South San Francisco and now live in the Eastbay.

Oktoberfest History Report

The history of beer is as old as civilization. If you had grain and knew how to make bread you could make beer. Beer was a good thing to have. It was rich in B vitamins and calories and better for you than most water was before modern sanitation. It travels well too. The Samaritans, Egyptians, Greeks, and Romans considered home brewing a basic and essential domestic skill. A typical formula for beer is water and barley-malt fermented by yeast, and hops.

The Romans took it across Europe. Beer making flourished in places like Germany, England, and Ireland because the climates there were favorable. People from these places came to America and established our brewing industry...mainly people from Germany.

The Oktoberfest Festival tradition started in 1810 to celebrate the October 12th marriage of Bavarian Crown Prince Ludwig to the Saxon-Hildburghausen Princess Therese. The citizens of Munich were invited, which was unusual because nobles rarely mixed with the general public in those days. A horse race was the main event and a major amount of beer was consumed. Oktoberfest has continued every year since then with only a few interruptions for wars and epidemics.

Crown Prince Ludwig became King Ludwig I who ruled Bavaria from 1825 to 1848. Ludwig I was by far the greatest of Bavaria's monarchs and Munich's greatest builder. He made the city into an artistic, scientific, and cultural center. Never-the-less it is Oktoberfest and Munich's beer gardens that are his most popular achievements.

In Bavaria, beer rules. Witness the beer riots of 1844. The riots began after King Ludwig I decreed a tax on beer. Crowds of urban workers beat up the police, while the Bavarian army did little. Civil order was restored only after the King decreed a ten percent reduction in the price of beer.

In 1920 when prohibition was enacted in America, the beer industry was crushed. They tried to market "near-beer" for a while but it just wasn't the same. In 1932, Franklin Roosevelt was elected president for the first time largely based on his promise to repeal Prohibition. The next year production and sale of beer became legal again. FDR was famously quoted as declaring "I think this would be a good time for a beer."

Richard Burton Historian

Without question, the greatest invention in the history of mankind is beer. Oh, I grant you that the wheel was also a fine invention, but the wheel does not go nearly as well with pizza. **Dave Barry**



Milk is for babies. When you grow up you have to drink beer."
Arnold Schwarzenegger



"Give me a woman who truly loves beer and I will conquer the world!"
Kaiser Wilhelm



You can't be a real country unless you have a beer and an airline - it helps if you have some kind of a football team, or some nuclear weapons, but at the very least you need a beer.
Frank Zappa





“Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy” Benjamin Franklin

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CalMoto Open House



Owner of CalMoto Mike Meissner and Buddy



Claire Palmgren won the raffle unfortunately the bike was not her prize

Mini and a few other club members attended a CalMoto open house in Mountain View. Mini tells me that she Claire and Buddy won raffle prizes, and a great time was had by all. CalMoto is a long time sponsor of BMW NorCal. All photos by Mini McMahon



Adventure Designs open house

We had a great Club "onsite" at Adventures Designs "Open House" this month everybody helped out!

Chris Daily

Technical Tip for Watercooled R1200s

The water cooled boxer engine introduced a wet clutch. I.e. the clutch runs in oil. I saw this recommendation in BMW Motorcycle Magazine maybe a year ago. The recommendation was to fill the oil level to the middle of the oil level glass to reduce the clunky first gear selection. Always use recommended oil. I applied the same trick to my bike and it definitely helped.

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October SSBR - Santa Rosa after/during the Fires

Nick Gloyd had organized a SSBR around his stomping ground in Santa Rosa weeks before the fires hit the Napa area and Santa Rosa which started on the night of 8-9 October. I tried to contact Nick at the time but as one can imagine he was really busy. I spoke to him on the phone at the Saturday Adventure Designs Oktoberfest event and he indicated he was definitely planning to run the event. I was extremely surprised because the images in the papers and on television news depicted an apocalyptic event with fires still raging. Given the SSBR was on, I committed to attend. On the Saturday night, Nick replaced his original planned route with two alternatives depending on the level of smoke. The ride started in Adel's in down town Santa Rosa. Adel's was one of the first restaurants to reopen after the firestorm hit. Based on the conditions I was surprised that 12 riders showed up.



After an excellent breakfast we headed out of town, hitting a couple of roads blocks, one manned by the National Guard. On the roads that were open there was generally not any sign of the fire; however we did pass a store (which I later found out was a gun store) that was completely burnt out with a burnt out truck in front. The strange thing was buildings on either side were untouched.



After finally finding an open road we headed out east, stopping for the first time in Cazadero. Interestingly Cazadero is home to Willys America, which sells parts and restores Willys-Overland vehicles. We spent some time looking over the fence admiring the many vehicles in the yard. The roads that Nick led us over ranged from potholed single track to smooth flowing two lane and everything in between. We stopped at Dry Creek general store on the way back, but it was closed with everyone at home doing their best to protect their properties from the fires. The final stop was planned to be the airport restaurant in Santa Rosa where it was hoped that we might see the fire bombers taking off and landing. At this point due to some idiocy on my part I lost sight of the group as they took off. I finally found the airport and restaurant when the eight or so remaining riders were helping themselves to lunch.

Overall, for me it was a great day riding over roads I had not ventured out on before. By the time I got home it turned out to be a very satisfactory 300+ mile day.

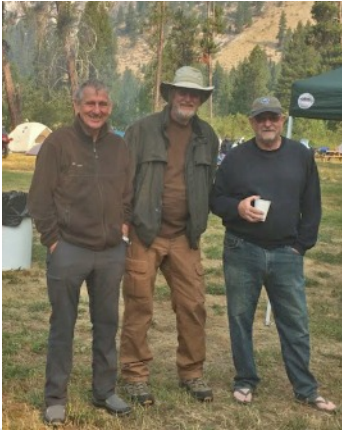
John Ellis



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Seven Rallies - One Summer - Part 2

After being home for a week and a half I met John at his home and we were off to the Stanley Stomp Rally in Idaho. "On the road again..." We took Hwy 108, one of the most beautiful roads I have been on. The scenery and roads are spectacular with trees, cliffs, and tight twisty turns. We continued on 395 to Reno and motored to Winnemucca where we camped at a KOA. That evening we had a good Mexican meal then turned in for the night. In the morning we took off on Hwy 95 and headed to Idaho. This road has a few curves and climbs over a few low mountain passes. This is grassland with few trees. The valleys are wide with cattle, farming of hay and alfalfa, a few sheep & goats. The road goes between two mountain ranges, wide open, and a big beautiful sky. It wasn't long before we were in Oregon. Cheap gas and service at the pump. We continued over the Blue Mountain Pass to Burns Junction and onto the Jordan Valley, (this is where I walked on water... Only kidding! But I did feel like a dip would be refreshing.) Now we were in Idaho and riding to Boise. From here we charted a course up Hwy 55 to the Rally location, (the Rally is not held in Stanley but in a campground about 10 miles away in a remote location.) The road to the Rally is fantastic. Plenty of rivers with white water everywhere. Large trees and high mountains. The road is very curvy and interesting. We actually passed the road leading into the rally campground. It is not clearly marked and the directions just listed a coordinates. We turned around and John found the right road. The road was packed dirt and gravel but not too bad. A few ruts, holes, and puddles. As we arrived at the rally campground there was a creek we went through to get to the main camp site. We stopped and looked for a good place to pitch our tents.



There were many riders already at the campground. John & I set up our tents and stuff. As we looked around the campsite we saw Don Wilson, Richard Burton, Roger, David Holliwell, Mario, & Ken Campbell. Amazing, NorCal had eight members at the Stanley Stomp. We had fun talking with fellow NorCal members and telling stories about our summer travels. Richard passed around Tequila and Jim Beam that added to our interesting communication.

The next day John Ellis, Don Wilson, and I decided to take an off-road ride to a ghost town and old mining site. This

was a terrific ride. We explored the old buildings and walked through the town.



The big attraction was the rather large dredging machine that was imported from New Zealand in the late 1800's. It took huge amounts of rock and sifted out the small pieces of gold. We continued on the gravel road that became narrower, steeper, ruttier, and a bit more challenging. We made it to the summit and down to the town of Challis for lunch. We arrived back at the Paonia campground and enjoyed visiting with other

attendees and especially our Nor-Cal members. After dinner I spent time around the campfire hearing interesting stories and sharing experiences from the road.

In the morning we left to Stanley and a visit to Ketchum & Sun Valley via a back road. Don



Wilson knew of a back road to this area. After filling our tanks at the station, Don waved us on. So John & I turned right and soon realized that Don was not following us.



John doubled back and I waited for him to return. Not knowing what happened to Don, we continued on to Ketchum for lunch. Somehow we were on the same road that went through Sun Valley and turned into a gravel road back to the town of Challis. We didn't get far before we saw Don coming the other direction. Apparently he went left at the crossroads out of Stanley and took the back road. We exchanged stories and then said good bye. Don was on his way back to Park City. The back road was another wonderful ride. The road took us up a twisty gravel road with holes and a sheer drop off. Then it descended into an open range. Cattle on both sides of the road and mountains and a clear blue sky. Almost no other vehicles were on the road. We reached Challis and caught the Highway to Stanley and our Rally campground. We got back in time for dinner and the closing festivities. This was a low key Rally that is a gathering place and a location to ride and visit the area. Idaho is a beautiful area and a Mecca for recreation. There are many RV's, trailers, Jeep's, boats, kayaks, and fishermen. After dinner the the Bavarian Mountain West Motorcycle Club of Idaho gave out awards and selected winners of the door prizes. John & Roger each won a really nice flashlight at the closing ceremonies. Now it was time for a shower and sleep. Tomorrow we would be riding to the Nakusp Rally in British Columbia with a few days of riding in Montana.

In the morning we rode on Hwy 24. This is a small mountain road that intersects with Hwy 55. And what a beautiful ride it was. A rushing white water river on the side of a twisting road, through the dense forest and no cars. This was an amazing experience of motorcycling in rugged, beautiful landscape. We reached Hwy 55 and headed north. We stopped at a restaurant built out of rustic logs that was by a roaring white water river. This was a good Idaho backwoods country scene. I took a picture with



"Indian Joe", (a dressed up manikin), at the counter. The waitresses were fun to talk with and gladly took my picture. This was a fun stop on our continuing journey to the Lolo Pass & Missoula, Montana. The pastures in Idaho were green, with tall grass, and a lot of cattle. It was a good ride to Riggins and the Lolo Pass, although we encountered rain for a few miles. We were told that the Lolo Pass was closed due to

the forest fires in the area. But we decided to take our chances and ride the Pass anyway. The Lolo Pass was

as picturesque as ever. However, there was a lot of smoke in the air. The river and trees were beautiful. And the gentle curves in the road were fun to ride on. We reached the Lodge and filled our tanks. The station attendants told us the road was closed a few miles up but there are two gravel roads that cut across to Hwy 93. So we continued up the Pass and within a few miles we were stopped. A patrolman waved us onto a gravel road detour. This was a well packed farm road with great scenery and beautiful farms. We thought the farms could be owned by movie personalities. Montana became popular with movie stars after Ted Turner purchased a massive ranch there. We turned onto Hwy 93 and motored into Missoula, MT where we found a campground on the outskirts. After dinner we joined a ice cream social, showered, and went to bed. Another good riding day!

Morning came and we rode North on Hwy 93 to Flathead Lake. We took the East side of the Lake that is less traveled, scenic and curvy. Flathead Lake is a huge body of water that is used for recreation, fishing, hydroelectricity, and has farms and beautiful homes surrounding its shores. We rode around this big lake and then connected with Hwy 2 that took us West to Libby, MT. This was another wonderful ride through mountain passes, lakes, dense forests, and wide curvy roads. OMG everyday seems to be as good as the last day. The WOW factor seems to be at the top of the scale every day we rode. We reached the little town of Libby and had lunch at Henry's Dinner. This is an old established Cafe in town where the locals eat. The waiter told us that there was a campground at the next left turn. So we ventured to the end of the block and still could not find the campground. We stopped and asked a local resident for directions. My goodness, it was almost across the street but hidden in the trees. For \$10 we had one of the best campsites that



was located in town and walking distance to restaurants. I will keep this campground in mind whenever I am in this area. We setup our camp then walked around town. In the morning we ate breakfast at Henry's. Then John remembered riding with the Velocette Club on the West side of Libby Reservoir. So he charted a course to see the reservoir on this small road with no cars. Wow - what a huge body of water that extends into Canada. I was thrilled with the beautiful scenery once again. We stopped and took pictures of the bridge and marveled at the beauty and wilderness. We climbed onto our bikes and headed to





Canada. Soon we were in Eureka, Mt and crossed into Canada with no problems.

As soon as we arrived into Cranbrook, B.C., John had to stop at a Tim Horton's Restaurant for donut holes and coffee.

John is just absolutely bonkers about Tim Horton's bakery and food which I I have to say that I enjoyed it too! We camped that night at Fairmont Hot Springs where we had dinner at Tony's Greek Restaurant.



We weren't sure that it was truly a Greek place cus' the waitress & waiter were Asian. But "Ah Ha", a second look into the kitchen and we spotted an older Greek looking man & woman preparing the food.

The meal was tasty and genuine. In the morning we headed up Hwy 95 to Canada 1 and over the Rodgers Pass to Revelstoke. It was smoky from all the forest fires in British Columbia. We rode over the Pass but it was difficult to see the huge snow capped mountains.



We stopped at a viewing area to drain our bladders and see the mountains. I could hardly see the outline of these tall Rocky Mountains. Too bad... But when we arrived in Revelstoke we had to stop at another Tim Horton's Restaurant. Go for it John!!! Coffee & donuts - yummy! Then we took a smaller road south and caught a ferry over the Arrow River and then rode down to Nakusp. We were early enough so we were able

to select a good camp site. That evening we ate at a restaurant that served Yorkshire Pudding. John said that this was a very good pudding and was excited about the quality of this English dish. Apparently it is difficult to get Yorkshire Pudding just right. It was a good sign that we were in for a good time. The next day Richard Burton, Mario, David Holliwel, and Roger rolled in. Later that day Mike Morlin and Tim arrived. Another good showing for NorCal. Eight of our members were at the Nakusp Rally.



The Nakusp Rally is a very laid back affair. There were no vendors but they had Paul and Joni Glaves as their featured speakers. Each day

John and I rode to different locations. The first day we went to Stanton. A ghost town with a good museum, with restored buildings, old electric trolley buses from all over Canada, and a working hydro-electric generator. We arrived back at the campsite (the town park) and had a good dinner with old and new friends. The next day we rode to Nelson and Kaslo. There were lakes , beautiful mountains, good roads that wind around through small towns. We had breakfast at the "Frog Peak Cafe". This Cafe was recommended by one of the guys at the rally who lives in the area. I had the best eggs benedict ever. In fact I had to go back the next day for breakfast. After breakfast we motored to Nelson, B.C. This is a very picturesque town. One lady described it as a small San Francisco. It has two bridges leading in and out of town. One of the bridges was painted a dull red color. It is built on a side of a hill. The shops are old but very trendy. I could spend a few days here. However, we kept going on our ride to Kaslo over a beautiful windy road alongside a big tree lined lake. We stopped in Kaslo for a byte. Another terrific small town with good food. We left



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Kaslo and traveled on a road over the mountain back to Nakusp. We arrived in time for the evening closing ceremonies. The food was good and it was time for the awards and door prizes. Mike Morlin was given an award for going to three of the four rally's in the northwest, (Washington, Stanley, & Nakusp). Both Mike and Mario won a Interstate Battery Cap. We hung out together in the evening as we knew we would be traveling home early in the morning. . The next morning we all departed in different directions for viewing the Eclipse on our way home.

John and I decided to ride through Washington on Highway 20 to Winthrop, an old restored mining town. Hwy 20 goes over the Cascade Mountains. It is a spectacular ride up the snow capped jagged peaks and twisting road. John was so impressed with this ride and scenery he said it was one of the best rides of our trip. We continued on Hwy 20 to Whidbey Island where we caught the ferry to Port Townsend. We camped out at the Fairground in Port Townsend. This was a good place to camp and it had good facilities. The next day we headed south. On our way we stopped at a gas station and everyone was viewing the eclipse. A lady let John and I use her glasses to see the eclipse of the sun. Very interesting! John had never ridden the Oregon coast so I wanted him to see the beauty of the area. However, due to all the forest fires the smoke was so thick we could not get a clear view. In fact at some parts of the highway it was like going through thick fog. The traffic coming back from Eugene, where you could see 100% of the eclipse, was bad for miles and no lane splitting. We stayed in Tugman State Park, not far from Reedsport, for the night. We left early in the morning and had breakfast in Brookings. There were many firefighters at the McD's. The smoke was thick and they said the fire was close to town.

We left and headed for our last day of our wonderful trip. It was not long before we were in Eureka, Ukiah, and Santa Rosa. We stopped for gas and refreshments and said good bye as we knew we would be going our separate ways at the split of 680 and Hwy 24 in Walnut Creek. When we reached that point we waved at each other and honked the horn. Many thoughts went through my mind about our wonderful motorcycle trip together. What a beautiful experience and adventure it was!

The last Rally of the summer was the Range of Light - Gypsy Tour. The Labor weekend came all too soon. I barely had time to unload and clean my camping gear. The weather was hot, like one-hundred degrees plus. The starting campground was located in Angels Camp Fairground. I left my house in Oakland about noon on Friday after Nick, Samantha, & Claire picked up an ice chest.. I arrived in Angel's Camp Fairground about 4PM. There was already many of the NorCal members there. Tents up, trailers & RV's parked, and ready to begin the party. It was fun to visit with old friends and riding buddy's. Ed Perry

was there to register but he was staying at his cabin in Sugar Pine. John Ellis decided it was too hot to camp out so he stayed home. Ed and I had dinner at a local Mexican Restaurant. I went back to the campground and settled in for the night. The next morning I rode up Hwy 108 to meet Ed and have breakfast in Sugar Pine. The ride over Sonora Pass was as beautiful as ever. Snow capped mountains, trees lining the curvy tight windy roads that pitch quickly up, down, and around. Always a challenge to my riding skills, especially when I ride with Ed. We turned off 395 to the Off-Road course. It was a good backcountry gravel road. We encountered one or two other vehicles. The road had a few challenges as it turned quickly up and down and past the scrub brush forest. There was a bit of haze due to the forest fires. The road to Markleeville was closed due to fire, so we continued to Gardnerville where we caught Hwy 88. We turned off at Emigrant Gap and ended up at a fire lookout station. This was very cool since the attendant let us climb up to the tower. The view of the mountains, forest, and reservoir was spectacular. On our way to the Auburn Fairgrounds we were passed by Russ Drake & Lee Fulton. Ed and I soon caught them and the race was on. We quickly motored over and down the hills to Georgetown. What fun! We stopped at the store for refreshments and left to Auburn. Another good day of riding, seeing beautiful scenery, and ride with good friends. Now it was time to enjoy the evening meal, sit with old and new friends, and go to bed. Oh yes - we played our cards and received the map for the next day. Susanville is the destination tomorrow.

Ted Crum joined Ed and me on the ride to Susanville. We took all the Off-Road GS routes. One of the roads was a good challenge for me. It was gravel, with ruts, that twisted around with decreasing radius' and drop offs. I was glad to have K-60 tires and a solid skid plate on my bike. It was a challenge but I enjoyed it. Off-Road is a new style of riding for me and I enjoy the challenge and adventure. The rest of the ride was interesting and enjoyable over many of the roads we have been on before. We reached Susanville in good time and set up our tents and stuff.

Most of the other members of NorCal arrived later in the afternoon. It wasn't long before we were answering the route questions and playing our poker hands. I was dealt the best hand ever. Then the dinner bell rang and I quickly got in line. Great, I was hungry. My riding buddies sat around and we had another good jaw session. The closing ceremonies started and we all thanked the board and organizers of this fun Rally. Now the Poker winners were announced. Hard to believe, but I won 3rd place on the second day poker hand with another person. Hey- I won \$50... This was a first and a great way to end my summer riding.

Ed Perry and I got up early on Labor Day and headed

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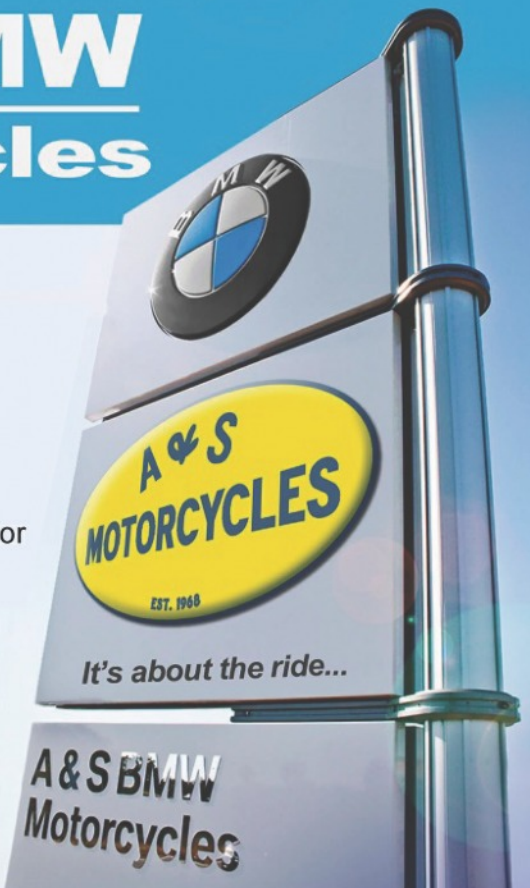
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8:00 AM Country Waffles, 1803 Holmes St.
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18 Nov 2017 BMW NorCal Member Only Clinic
9:00 AM - 1:30 PM MOTO GUILD, 849 13th St.,
San Francisco (Treasure Island)

02-03 Dec 2017 November Meeting and Campout
- Plaskett Creek!
8:00 AM Black Bear Diner, Fremont, 5035 Mowry
Ave. 94538

10 Dec 2017 December SSBR tbd

16 Dec 2017 BMW NorCal's End of Year Member
Party 2017
5:00 PM Skates on the Bay, 100 Seawall Dr.
Berkeley, CA 94710

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