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Editors Corner

Unfortunately I missed last years 49er with a dreaded rear drive bearing failure. However, this year more than made up for it with an event, which based on my experience, was the best rally I have attended. Massive thanks to all those who pulled it all together.

The nice thing about the 49er is that there is lots going on so careful planning of ones day is a critical prerequisite. My personal highlights was the poker run ride (even though I didn't win anything), breakfast at the Ahwahnee and a ride out to Glacier Point with spectacular views of the waterfalls, GS Giant and English trial events, as well as the movie nights.

The great news from JV is that the attendance topped 500. Excellent!

I would like to thank all the contributors this month newsletter. I had close to 1000 pictures to choose for this month. It was a really tough job to select the ones actually included.

A big thanks to the following photographers

- Mini McMahon
- Jordan Denham
- Richard Klain

I would also like to thank following people who took the time to write down their 49er experiences and send it to me.

- Fred Montano
- Colt Self
- Jim XXX
- Chris Weld

These are the ones I received before going to press. If anyone out their wants to capture their thoughts on the 49er (or anything else for the matter) I will happily include next in months issue.



June is election month. Please look at the Board of Director positions and think about standing. Several current incumbents are not standing again - check it out.

John Ellis editor

Presidents Report



After what felt like an eternity of planning, the 2016 49er has come and gone. In the weeks leading up to the 49er, I was anxious to say the least. All of that went away once people started coming through the gates.

I'm extremely grateful for

everyone that was involved in making the 49er a reality. Tom, JV, and I didn't have a tremendous depth of experience in organizing a 49er. It was only through the many suggestions and efforts from people before and during that really made it a great event.

The full list of names is far too long to list here, but know that I'm truly appreciative of everyone's efforts. I will single out one person though, Dennis Godwin. Dennis did an incredible amount of work to build BOTH the GS Giants course and the English Trials.

Even with the 49er being so recent, I'm already looking forward next year's 49er. Range of Light is our next major event, and is in the works. I'm sure it will be a great event as well.

During my year as President, I wanted to involve more people in the planning and running of our events. I believe when we all collaborate, new and better ideas become possible. It takes the hard work of many to make our events a reality.

June is our Election Meeting, and of course we need people to fill roles in the Board. If you don't know how to do a particular job on the Board, it's not a deal breaker. You'll have the support of everyone on the Board and in the Club to guide you.

Dan Rowe

Tour Captains Report



This is my last Tour Captain's report before the June election meeting, at which we hope that a new captain arises (or is that descends?) from the ranks. To benefit of anyone interested, I have a primer on the job, along with a list of the fairly robust resources that will be available to the new captain. I had not even a changeover

meeting with my predecessor, so this should be easy.

That election meeting, formally the "Annual Meeting" will be on June 25, 2016 at the Lower Group Camp of Calaveras Big Trees State Park,

near Arnold on Highway 4. Because I will be away riding in Europe on that day, Historian Ed Perry will lead the ride. Details will be available on the web page and Meetup. The meeting will be catered; meals can be purchased on the web page for \$20, meat or vegetable.

I will leave the upcoming schedule of events to the next captain, but we do have reservations in hand for July (Sequoia NP and Stoney Ford), August (Green Creek, near Bridgeport, easy dirt road), September (Hat Creek), October (Rancho Seco) and March 2017 (Death Valley.) Enjoy the ride!

7ed Crum 7our Captain 2014-2016

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Treasurers Report



Wow, what a 49'er Rally! Thanks to everyone who attended, our vendors, the folks at the fairgrounds and all the volunteers. Big thanks to the 49'er Rally Committee and Chairs, Tom Connolly and Dan Rowe. Total paid attendance was over 500 and that's a healthy increase from last year. Tom and Dan will sort through

the data and survey responses and report back to the club the official findings at the election meeting campout on June 25th, at Calaveras Big Trees in Arnold.

About the June campout, Dan tells me this election meeting will be special and one you don't want to miss! I'm not sure what he has in mind but I'm guessing giveaways, prizes, free beer, free camping for life, who knows! Seriously, this is an important meeting as we will elect the officers of our club for the next 12 months. Serving on the board is fun, you learn a lot and you'll enjoy a sense of satisfaction from giving back to the club, friends and the BMW riding community. Please attend the

meeting, vote early and often and consider running for one of the several offices.

Treasurer, it's time to elect a new one! If you've worked with Quicken, QuickBooks, Money and/or online bill payment and have a nose for details. you'd be perfect for this job! It's a couple of hours a month to pay the bills, balance the accounts and report your findings to the board and membership. Please contact me at treasurer@bmwnorcal.org or give me a call and I'll share the details.

Finally, it's time to renew those memberships for 2017! It's easy to do, go to the website, logon, click on your name in the top line of the page, select renew and pay through PayPal. If you have not yet created a logon, go to the Club Store, click on Membership Renewal and step through the process to activate your account and then click on your name at the top of any page. Please renew prior to the upcoming election meeting so you can vote for your favorite candidate!

Thanks for your continued support and if you have questions shoot me an email at treasurer@bmwnorcal.org.

John Vashon

Norcal Adopt-a-Highway In June 2016 MOA



An article accompanied with photo of Fred, Ed and Steve in front of the Norcal sign made it to the June 2016 MOA magazine.

The piece written and submitted by Richard Klain, and describes how Ed Perry initiated the activity together with the steps involved navigating bureaucracy associated with the Adopt-a-Highway scheme.

Keep an eye out for clean up days that Ed posts on the Norcal web site. He cant do this by himself!

What's on you Pre-Ride Checklist



You do have one right? In aviation we were required to do a "preflight" check every day, every flight, every time. After all we couldn't just pull over to the nearest cloud to fix something! In an auto it's pretty easy to pull

over for a flat, or if the engine starts to sputter, but on a bike it isn't as easy, and could even result in a loss of control.

Here's a few things on my list for your consideration. If it's been a week or more since I've ridden, I air the tires up. It's only a pound or two at most, but I like them spot on. That way I know they will handle exactly like they did on the last ride, and they may just last a wee bit longer too. While I'm down there I check the oil level. I have a sight glass so it only takes a second. Back to the top and take a look at the clutch and front brake reservoirs. Plenty of fluid and no leaks. Now is a good time to give the bars a left/right to make

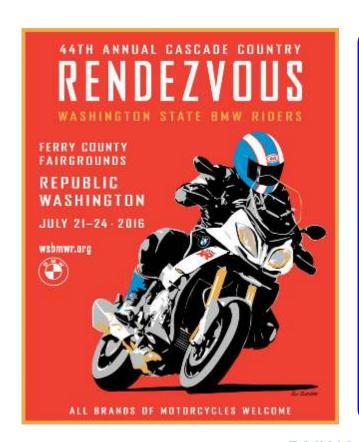
sure nothing is binding, and shake the fluid in the reservoirs if you couldn't see it well enough before.

Now as I fire it up I check the fuel. Do I have enough for today's ride, or will my first stop be the gas station on the corner? Just one more thing before I snick it into gear; I check the view in both mirrors to make sure I didn't knock one out of adjustment in the garage. I hate it when that happens and I discover it at the first major intersection!

All of this only takes a few minutes at most; usually not as long as it takes me to put my riding gear on. But by doing it you've looked the bike over and insured most of the systems will work as designed, and now can enjoy the ride and know you can trust your mount to perform as you expect it to, and bring you back safe as well!

I plan to step aside at the June elections and let someone else share their experiences and opinions here. Ride Safe!

Steven Kesinger Safety/Tech



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Annual Meeting for Board of Directors Election

That election meeting for the BMW Norcal Board of Directors, will take place on June 25, 2016 at the Lower Group Camp of Calaveras Big Trees State Park.



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The elected board includes the following positions
President
Vice-president

Secretary

Treasurer Historian

Tour Captain

Safety/Tech Officer

Only fully paid up club members may vote or stand for a position. Make sure your dues for 2016-17 are paid ahead of time.

All Board of Director positions will be balloted.
However, the following incumbents will not
contesting the BoD positions they currently hold.
John Vashon - Treasurer
Ed Perry - Historian
Ted Crum - Tour Captain
Steve Kesinger - Safety/Tech

These guys have done a great job and it is now time for others to take over.

Treasurer

The treasurer position is critical to the successful running of the club. John Vashon over the last year has not only been involved in day to day running of the financial and membership side of the club but has, with the introduction of new 3rd party membership tools, as well changes to the payments systems and processes significantly improved the running of the financial side of the club. The biggest beneficiary of these changes is his successor. Most of the financial transactions are



now fully automated without the need for manual interventions. Payments made on the club web page now flow through to bank account and is recorded in Quicken where consolidation takes place. As a result John says the job only takes a couple of hours a month to pay the bills, balance the accounts and report to the board and membership. If you are interested contact John and he can provide additional information.

Tour Captain

Ted Crum has done a terrific job as tour captain over the last two years. Not only have he lead great rides but he has amassed and rationalized a comprehensive index of campgrounds throughout the West together with the camping history of the club over the last 30 years.

Ted says the key element of any ride planning is selecting and booking the camp site. Camp site selection is largely determined by season; close to home during the rainy season, and staying off the passes until June. To assist his successor Ted, has booked campsites through to

October, as well as the Death Valley camp site for 2017. He has GPS routes. waypoints and written instructions for all the camp out rides over the last two years.

Ted also written a detailed crib to capture the responsibilities of the Tour Captain and the process involved in setting up and leading a ride. Click on the link above. He is available to help during the transition process, and if needed, will be happily to provide ideas for future events.





49er Feedback

49er Par Excellence

The 44th Anniversary 49er Rally is over and what an event it was. My hats off to Tom Connolly and all the Rally Chairs for all their hard work. They made possible a truly fun event for 508 attendees. I was impressed with all the diverse activities from experienced speakers, Off Road Events, Poker Runs, a Historical Ride, Music, Beer Garden, and food venders. The evening show time was a good way to wind down the evening, if you weren't at the bier garden. Throw in the delightful town of Mariposa and the cable shuttle, and you have a unique setting.

This year I decided to really enjoy the rally by volunteering and attending as many events as possible. Ted Crum scheduled me to work at the Registration booth, the Bier Garden, and the Headquarters table. So for seven hours I worked with fellow club members and had the opportunity to meet many new and active club members that I did not know. It was a terrific experience that lasted four days. The speakers were impressive and left me with new ideas of riding, touring, planning, packing, equipment, and quality of life. One speaker stands out in my mind probably because of our age group. Randy Fujishin talked about "What do you want to do in the days remaining"? He used a visual of a string with marks on it representing each decade of time. The total length was 77 years. As I located where my age is on the string I could visualize the distance or time remaining before I reach the average male life span. Wow! The amount of string was pretty short which indicated that I can not afford to waist any time. AND, riding my motorcycle is more important then ever.

The GS Giants Challenge was exciting to watch. The course was tuff and I am surprised how well they managed to ride the course. My hats off to the members that rode the course. The Award Ceremony was fun and thrilling to see who won. Boo Hoo... I didn't win a prize but I did win a door prize the first day. The ROK Straps will be well used - Thanks!

On Monday I did go for a ride into Yosemite. I headed toward Glacier Point. I stopped and hiked to Taft Point, thanks to Lee Fulton. What a beautiful sight of Yosemite Falls and the Valley. On my way back I turned toward the Wawona Hotel, (now Big Tree's Hotel). As I was taking a photo of the hotel I noticed a tall man walking in my direction. As he got close to me I noticed it was Steve Kisinger. He and his wife were celebrating their 36th Wedding Anniversary. What a coincidence. After congratulating them and talking for awhile I was off to

Oakhurst and back to the Fairgrounds. That night I went to the Gold Coin Sports Bar in Mariposa to see the Warriors beat the OKC Thunder. Yippie Everyone stood up and loudly cheered. Tom Connolly joined me. What a great way to end a fantastic Memorial Day Weekend!

Fred Montano

Lets be clear

This was my second time at y'all's 49er:

- GREAT time -- wonderful venue whether hanging around, riding the beautiful roads & mountain passes, or observing the FUN! GS Giants course/action.
- SUPER blues band (sorry I don't remember their name, I musta been drinking from the bottomless beer taps.
- 500-or-so folks is enough that you're in a Rally/Party atmosphere, but not lost in an elbowbanging crowd.
- Tent camping on the grass, or under the trees, or in the barns -- it's all available. And clean restrooms & showers too.
- I, and my group, stayed for the full four days, and really enjoyed ourselves -- THANK-YOU!
- Really good food available on site, in Mariposa restaurants, and even the grocery store's deli ... and close by!

A couple of suggestions please:

- 1. In the Closing Ceremonies, as much as is possible, special attention should be given to learn how (in advance!) to pronounce winners' names -- that is just good manners, and adds a bit of professionalism (fumbling/mis-pronouncing a person's name, in a crowd, over a microphone, is
- 2. When you announce, "The winner of XXX ..." or whatever, is So-and-so -- also say where they're from and what they're riding (you can bet they're pretty proud of however far they rode to your event, and of whatever bike they're on).

Thanx for listening.

Colt Self

Good help is hard to find

This was my 15th rally and as usual was well planned and executed. I'm having some health problems that slowed me down a bit but since I brought along my girl friend (her first rally and she used a cane) it all worked out ok and she had a good time.

Only complaint would be the training of the volunteers not knowing the price of items or where the cash box was located. However no big problem. As the saying goes "good help is hard to find" should add "especially when it's free".

Once again congratulations on a great rally, looking forward to next year.

Jim

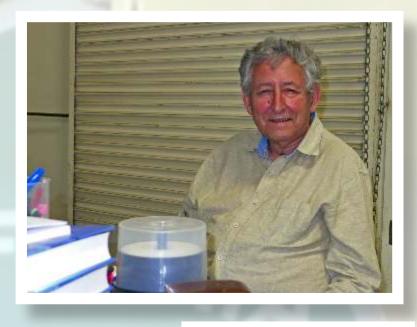
(Ed comment No other name I am afraid)

Great way to meet people

I have been coming to the 49'er Rallies since the first 49'er in '73, I've missed but a few. Years ago, while in Auburn I had occasion to meet Lester (Les) Katz, a CPA riding out of Arroyo Grande. He had an adjoining campsite but our 'group' had the table, an essential ingredient for making friends, offering a cocktail was a minor incentive. Les and I became fast friends and rode together to two BMWMOA national rallies, on in Tennessee, the other, Pennsylvania. We've been meeting and camping together at 49'ers ever since. After that first meeting Les has brought along a couple other riders who melded with the group I usually camped with, this 49'er was the third or forth year we've all camped, toured and dinned together.

This year, quite by chance, we picked-up a rider while en route to the 49'er on Thursday, a Suzuki rider (who owned a BMW)that we met when we were taking a break in Snelling. Pete Echegaray rode up out of Merced where he makes his home. Pete stayed with us to the 49'er and helped us set-up, returning in time to lead us on the Poker Run (a true rally highlight). Pete was a natural, knowing all the involved roads, turns etc., he'll be with us next year for sure. The 49'er's great fun.

Chris Weld



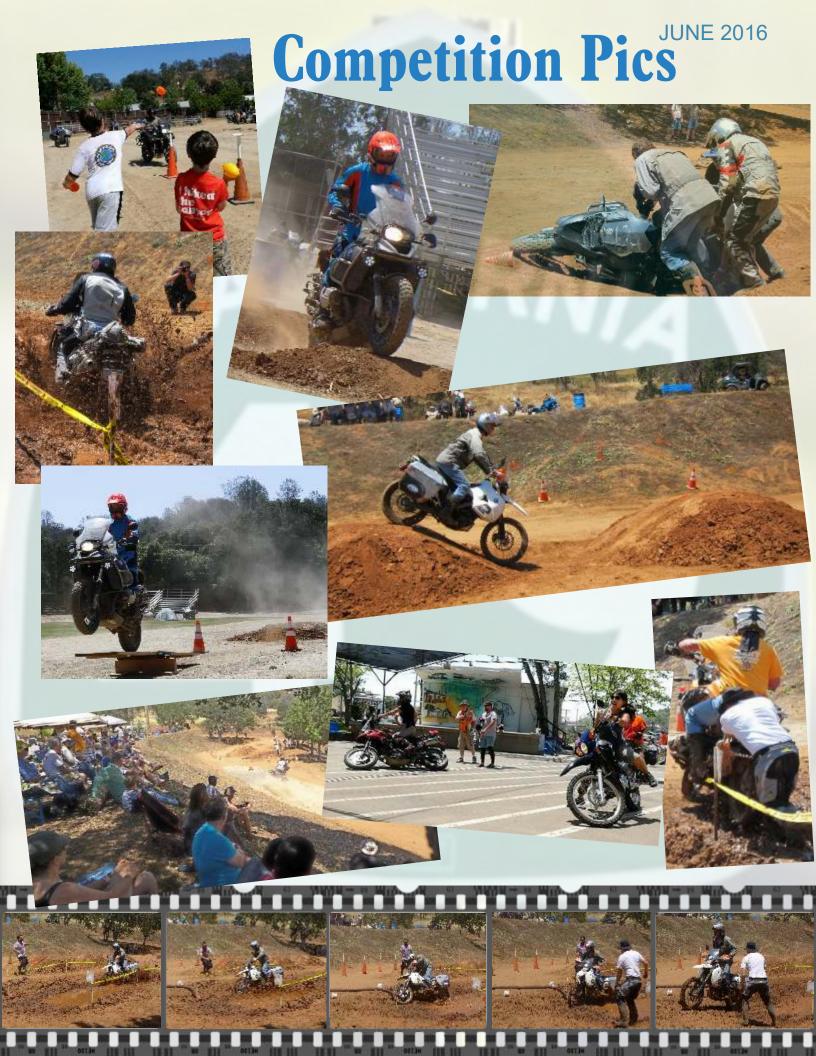




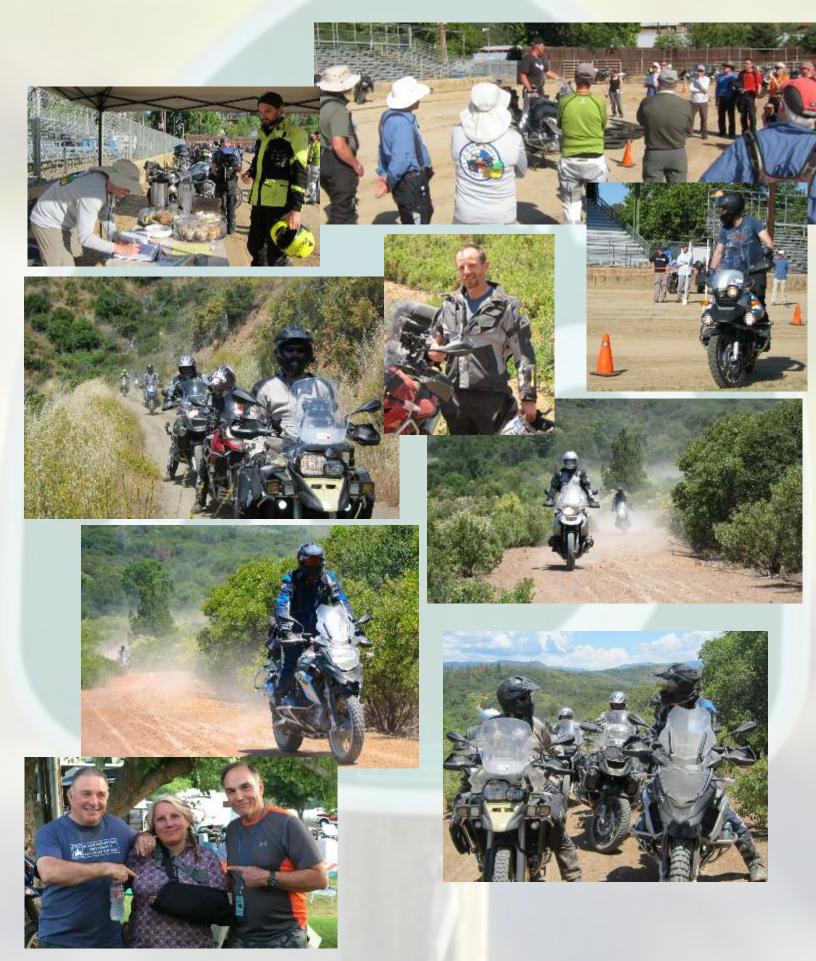








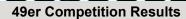
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Prize Winners









Larger than 1000cc - **Tyler Godwin** 1200GSA Less than 1000cc - **Mike Bloed** F650GS

Asphalt Challenge-

Larger than 1000cc - Chris Johns R1200GS Less than 1000cc - Steve Burns F650GS

English Trials-

Larger than 1000cc - Randy Owens R1200GSA Less than 1000cc - Landon Norman F800GS

GS Giants Comp-

Larger than 1000cc - Tyler Godwin - R1200GSA <1000cc - Landon Norman F800GS Landon also won a \$200 GC from Jesse Bags for his overall win (regardless of bike size)

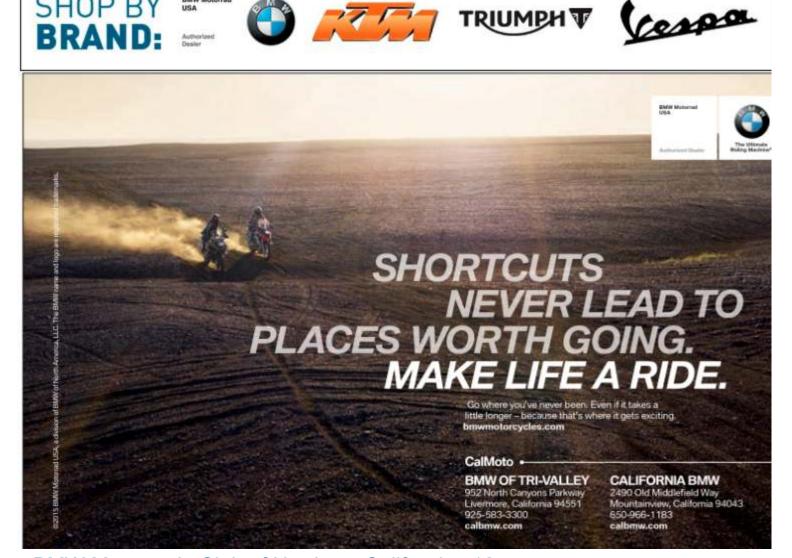












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16-19 June 2016 Chief Joseph Rally in John Day, Oregon

16-19 June 2016 Red Rock Rendezvous, Panguitch, UT

25 Jun 2016 8:00 AM Calaveras Big Trees, Election Meeting & Campout Calaveras Big Trees, 1170 E Hwy 4, Arnold, CA 95223

08 July 2016 Board Of Directors Meeting
The Old Spaghetti Factory 2107 Broadway Redwood City, CA, 94063

21 Jul 2016 Cascade County Rendezvous, July 21 - 24, Republic, Washington Ferry County Fairgrounds, Republic, Washington



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