

SEPTEMBER TOUR, MEETING & CAMPING:

SongDog Tour and Campout. Back to Songdog for the September 27-28 meeting!

If you are planning on going to Songdog, we need an actual head count. Vice President Dan Rowe has created a payment option on our club site: Songdog Payment to facilitate getting money over to the Ranch. The tour breakfast location and route is still being determined. Please check the club website for all specifics relating to the tour and camping location.

After many years in a legal limbo that effectively shut the much loved Songdog Ranch down for almost any sort of camping/dining experience, Jim Revely has agreed to work with NorCAL and host the September meeting in the traditional way!

For those not familiar with Songdog, for many years Jim's family hosted a variety of events at their campground on top of a wonderful mesa just off Highway 33 down by New Cuyuma. Plenty of camping, campfires, sometimes with string quartets or blue grass bands, views over the valley, and lots of good home cooked food and drinks. Ask Don Allison about his first NorCAL club meeing there where he won the chance to ride co-pilot in a hot little Pitt stunt plane belonging to the pilot who lived further up the canyon. Seeing the plane doing hammerheads and barrel rolls over the group was a great show for the club..and Don kept his dinner down.

http://www.songdog.com/ranch/index.html

The weekend includes camping, Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast. The cost is still \$40/person. Jim needs to know how many diners/drinkers to plan for by the September date noted on the club website.





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articles, photos, events, etc. for the newsletter are due on the first day of each month.



RoL Wrap Up, almost:

PRESIDENTIAL RAMBLINGS

by Z Ortiz

Membership Directory & Membership Dues:

The membership Directory will be going to print soon and we need your help. If you have an update to your information or an updated photo you wish top include in the Directory, write "Directory Photo" or "Directory Update" on the subject line and email it to Russ Drake: Twobeemers@aol.com

Due to some work constraints I was unable to complete the RoL wrap-up article in time for it to be included in this month's newsletter. Joyce Sampson wrote her version of the event and it can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. I want to thank the inimitable Richard Burton for finding those obscure motorcycle roads we love. Tuco Harris, Roger Malone and Ted Crum for the pre-ride help. Ted Crum and Tandy Bozeman for their help with the GPS Routes. Dan Row for his help at registration and managing the credit card transactions. Pilot Andy Anderson for driving the SAG wagon and generally appearing anywhere help was needed. Tammy Matthews for suggesting the "Ladies Happy Hour" that was a huge success thanks to Boy-Toy Fred Montaño. Jeffrey Susersky for his help with the beverages. Linda Cicero for her help folding T-shirts. Tuco, Chris and Buddy for the precursory tire inspections. Lee Damico who rode from Redwood City to Oregon on Saturday to bring me Tequila. Igor Zeltzer for helping riders leave the campground in Oregon. Buddy Scauzzo and Joyce Sampson for taking photos of the event. Steve Weaver and Andy Anderson for their help with the prize drawings. Tamara Jankowski and Paul Thompson for their help choosing the winning poems. My deepest heartfelt thanks to Wynne Benti for helping a rider that went down. Ozzie's BMW for the donated Prizes brought to the event by Stan Lerche and the lovely Jennifer. Thanks to Chad and Karsten Olson of Adventure Designs for the great prizes and their support of the club.

And a big hug and a special thanks to all the participants that make this event so special. Thanks for a great time.

RoL Photos and Videos:

I know it's difficult to believe but we can't be everywhere so we need your help. We would like to make a video/Album of the event. If you have some photos or videos you took during the Range of Light that you would like to share please send them along to Dan Row: rowe.dt@gmail.com

In the meantime you can look at some photos in our club album courtesy of Buddy Scauzzo - http://norcalhistorian.smugmug.com/BMW-NORCAL-Events/2014-ROL/

PRESIDENTIAL RAMBLINGS by Z Ortiz

Club Audit

The audit of our club's books is now complete thanks to John Vashon for "jumping in" and setting up the location. Also, thanks to the Auditors: Don Condon, Tom Connolly and former Treasurer, Russ Drake. Buddy Scauzzo was on hand to facilitate lunch and help with setup. A full report of the finding will be presented at the membership meeting.

Range Of Light Poetry:

Thank you all for your submissions. It was a joy to read them ALL and we even have one video. However, we publish these excerpts with extreme apologies to the people whose poems we misplaced. Specifically Heikie Schmitz whose missing submission alerted us to this inexcusable oversight. I am deeply sorry. -- Z Ortiz



1st Place:

I ride beneath a cool green canopy & I know tonight I might pitch my tent besides a guy that snores But for now I ride the twisting Oregon roads And gaze upon the clear blue waters Of the river Rogue

--Lynn Yelland

2nd Place:

Ode to the Rogue River Roads You twist and turn & make me yearn for more Once again this ride provides A fantastic score!

--Bert Lankins

3rd Place:

When this view you see Remember it, and plant it in your mind Let others say what they will but Think of it as what you find

--Kelly Calley





MORE ROL POEMS:

Road was closed Ride was hosed! (not really)

--Ken Caruthers

Sky, trees, air I'm falling free

--Mario Bajandas

As I toss the bike side to side
I think to myself
How much I enjoy the ride
How at the top
back down this road I must glide
On this BMW Norcal ride

--Andrew Savage

Road up to the view To get a clue Out and back Now to crap

-- Dave Brady

Wheels sliding on gravel Asphalt rushes to meet me Oh shit! Oh shit!

--Rob Kleinschmidt

In my campsite late at night Reviewing the beauty of the Range of Light

--Jacob Galina

Through the twisties we rode Searching for the mighty Rogue!

--Ernie Baragar

Trees are green
The sky is blue
The river is running
And so are you!

--Fred Montaño

Question 3 makes me wonder why Life looks so good from on high! If you think that's a crock, Then go sit at Whiskey Creek Overlook!

-- Jay MacDonald

Get ready to ride The Range of Light Gypsy Tour Leave the chores at home

--John Beaver (haiku)

River water so beautiful – A Please come visit California – A

--Scott's Poem

B.M> Dwo heaven Twisty, Dirty, Great Fun Well done route, Drivers!

--Wendy Shipley (haiku)

High atop the hill Overlooking scenes below Free now on wheels

--Jeffrey Susersky

Up to the overlook, up, up up! Beware the edge the lip is abrupt

--Jey Yelland

From Mt. HWY & Gravely roads From Sunday Mts to Pacific tides I really do like where this group rides. I'm looking forward to next year Perhaps going from Sea to shining Z.

-Russel Sears



MORE ROL POEMS:

When I was young and in my prime I never rode South Oregon any of the time Now that I'm old, gray & feeble I only ride with BMW people

--Mike Ledbetter

The Gypsy Tour on the Range of Light, fills my heart with such delight!
For it takes us on roads that go high and low, until we rest at camp with the sunset aglow!
We went uphill today for a lovely peek, at the breathtaking view of Whiskey Creek!
For the team at Norcal BMW that make our day, Let's all say Hooray, Hooray, Hooray!

--Suresh C

Roses are red Violets are blue From way up here I can almost see you

-- Terry Burnes

At Whiskey Creek Overlook what do I see?
Beauty,
But can't stay long cuz I gotta pee

-- Joyce Sampson

Beaded seat oh beaded seat
How do I love thee
On those hot hot summer days
You cool my hinie
But alas on those chilly Oregon morn
Unprepared for the temps to be icy
You reward me for my foolishness
With two frozen testiclees

--Justin "Buba" Murphy

Norcal hosted the Range of Light We went to Oregon to see the sights We rode twisties galore And even the shore Thank you Richard, as usual The route was a delight (Except for the Freekin' DETOUR)

--Lee Fulton

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--Russel Sears

View of the Rogue So fine a day with such views Calls forth my poetical muse; Then a burger down in Galice Oh my! How very Nice!

--Peter Lizdas

Oh overlook of forest & River Of green & blue. Gravel road But alas, already parked Before I realized I could have Ridden my motorcycle to see you!

--Alice Petty-Hannum

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Awesome, outstanding, memorable
Without a doubt.
Many thanks to Ted (great routes),
Fred (awesome Happy Hour Host)
& of course Z the amazing – Hugs

-- Tammy Mattews

Too high to fly
Too cold for wool
Were I popeye

--Bruce Hilger



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Hail the majesties
Of river and trees
I think that I shall never see
An overlook as fine as thee
But if I do
I know they're few
That vie with you

--Brent Snyder

We try to ride
Faster
We want to brake
Smoother
The gravel takes
Our breath away
But stop and see the
Mountain views?
Well, maybe just today!

--Pat Potter

Roses are red, violets are blue I ride a BMW, and so should you

--Attila Misch

On the road again
I can't wait to ride with the club again
Riding with my friends
I can wait to ride that damn boxer again

-- David Brakebill

Second gear, third gear
Second gear, third gear
As I move the bike from left & right
Should I take the GS ride
Yes or No
This is my 6th RLT so let's go

--Chuck Savage

Roses are red Violets are blue ROL was awesome Thank you Norcal

--Mary Lewis

What a great view to see Man I had to pee Thanks for Norcal and Z!

--Phil Sweeney

Roses are red Violets are blue If you don't accept this poem Then screw you

--Paul Lenny

Here I sit on my GS But I digress

-- Enzo Magliozzi

One lane ribbon to blue water rapids and Blue Moon

--Tim O'Connell

Enough dirt now Go slow You will get there

--Mike Morlin

As the high mountain wash down
To the surging river below
I feel a sense of one-ness glow
Yet the mountains and streams will
Never meet my existents....that I know

--Reiner Bauer

I sat at the overlook My bowels overtook So I took a dump And then Sat on my rump

--Steve Harris

The Range of Light Tour by Richard the Architect / Designer Back roads, slab and gravel Couldn't have been finer

--Blake Nelson

A Dogwood tree and I stood at the ridge And envision a world largest bridge

-- Trent Putman

2014 ROL POKER RUN WINNERS:

Saturday 1st Place:

Justin "Bubba" Murphy F/H 5/8s

Saturday 2nd Place:

Suresh Chandrasekaran F/H 5/7s

Saturday 3rd Place:

Jim Cyran F/H 5/3s

Sunday 1st Place:

Mario Magliozzi F/H A/Ks

Sunday 2nd Place:

David Brakebill F/H 10/8s

Sunday 3rd Place:

Gary Stoffer F/H 2/8s



CLUB MEMBERSHIP DUES:

by John Vashon

If you've not paid to renewed your membership and would like to do so, please visit the club store and select Membership Renewal to pay dues for 2015. Alternatively, you can mail a check to John Vashon, 200 Brannan #502, San Francisco, CA 94107. Please renew prior to the September meeting to ensure you are included in the 2015 Membership Directory and your membership does not lapse (the reapplication fee is \$10!)



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SUPER FUN – THE SECRE-TARY'S VIEW OF THE 2014 RANGE OF LIGHT:

by Joyce Sampson

The Range of Light is probably the club's most wellknown event, if not, at least from my perspective, the most exciting and—sans riding Death Valley on a GS that I do not yet own—the most challenging. It's always interesting to see a ride come together and whether the resulting riding partnerships work well. It happened that a fast flurry of last minute emails, FB messenger notes, and texts resulted in me riding from Salinas to Santa Clara to meet Jacobo Galina and Bill Lopez at the quintessential ride start point - Starbucks. Sufficiently injected with caffeine and bike fuel, we headed north to meet Buddy Scauzzo, where we cajoled Mini for not joining us. We missed you Mini! From there, we slabbed it up to Gridley, and aside from the semi-parking lot that is Interstate 80, we experienced little difficulty other than that the lack of Fastraks temporarily fragmented the group. Oh and Ahem, perhaps one of my future Newsletter scribblings will be on lane splitting.

In any case, I do want to make two notes to self: 1) Self, buy a Fastrak the next time you're in the Bay Area; 2) Self, don't assume that all the other riders have Fastraks just because they live in the Bay Area. I was riding second in the group. We're rapidly approaching a bridge, traffic is bottlenecking, and I see arrows pointing left with "Fastrak Only" above them and begin frantic waking REM to determine where the "Cash" line is. With Buddy speeding out of view, I checked six and quickly dove right, pulled up to the booth, hastily removed gloves, grabbed cash, paid dude, and shot out of there like an electrified rabbit on steroids. As I'm zooming along, I notice in the distance what I interpret to be my three riding partners pulled over to the side. YEAH! my riding buddies have excellent group riding situational awareness and etiquette! I flash my high beams and whizz by, assuming they're going to jump on the road behind me. That's when I realized there's only two - Buddy and Bill. Sena Bluetooth devices to the rescue - a little visual and vocal comm and we



decided that Jacob probably didn't have a Fastrak either (he didn't), so we pulled over, and pretty soon, we recombined and were on our way.

We made it to Gridley, ate some so-so Mexican food, pitched tents, signed in and commiserated with the gathering clan. Another rider, Scott Maas, joined us, so we loosely planned to do the ROL in two separate smaller groups. Plans rarely survive first contact with the road. Ours didn't and we rode together most of both days, but more on that later. First, I wanted to say I had a great time at the Ladies Happy Hour and "thank you" to Tammy Johnson Matthews for coming up with the idea, to President Z and the club for supporting it, and to those who helped make it happen. In fact, I think it would be a great idea to have some Happy Hours at the 49er, as a way to bring riders together other at the start of the event. Back to the ROL.

Day 1 of the ride had some absolutely gorgeous views. I grabbed the chance to lead the ride, mostly, to be quite honest, because I am the least skilled of our particular group and there's nothing better to help me resist the temptation to ride someone else's ride than to just lead it myself. "Besides," I reasoned, "the others will split off if they get bored or want to do something different." Now one can choose to "cruise ride," going slow to really enjoy

the views, or you can concentrate on your riding skills and sail, lilting right and left with a laser-like focus as roads twist and turn. Sometimes, the road chooses for you. That was the case because there were lots of miles to cover. With no time to dally, we decided at our morning meeting point—you guessed it-Starbucks, at Buddy's suggestion that we might want to eat here and skip the rumored-tobe-awesome breakfast at Bucks Lake Lodge. I was already chewing a rubbery, insta-wave sausage and egg croissant. The group began mumbling a halfhearted agreement, but as I looked over at Jacob, his eyes widened and I heard him think, "Mi Dios! No Desayuno! Tengo que comer horita!" I have no idea what that means, but he jumped up and got a similar, barely-qualifies-as-breakfast morning munchy. Not long after, the group was on its way.

The road up to the lodge was outstanding and as we dismounted, we began to chat, put away gloves, stretch, etc. Buddy and Jacob were already inside. I enter a few minutes later to find Jacob feeding the jukebox, choosing "Detroit Rock City," an old Kiss rock anthem of stadium proportions. Buddy sat at

a table talking to VP Dan and first time ROL-er, Lance. I go back outside, chat to Bill and Scott, and we begin to wonder what's taking Jacob and Buddy so long, so I go back in to do the inevitable "cat herding" exercise that every BMW rider is familiar with. By now, Jacob is over toward the wall rocking his head to the beat of a different groove. And why shouldn't he be? The next sight I encounter means we're not leaving any time soon. I turn my head in the direction of the table and spy a flailing of elbows, arms, hands and a few flashes of silver as Buddy is shoveling in a beautiful Bucks Lake Lodge breakfast. I approached the table, and as I got closer, was grazed by a small chunk of flying bacon. "Harrumph," I thought to myself, "so much for my earlier, apparently misplaced confidence in my co-riders' "Etta-kettie." Ah, but revenge will be sweet and stealthy.

With the appropriate amount of ribbing done, we headed on and had an excellent ride, although as the day neared its end, I missed a number of turns, which I either figured out quite quickly, or was pointed in the correct direction by my patient partners, who actually knew where we were supposed to



have turned! Arrived in camp, had some beer, great food, and conversation, and I tried to bribe Tuco into dealing me five aces to no avail. Apparently, I was playing a different kind of poker than everyone else, because there's only 3 cards in the basic game, but hey, aren't 5 Aces better than 3?

The second day's roads, albeit shorter, were equally beautiful and challenging. The latter is especially true for as all 2014 ROL-ers now know, the optional 17-milish- "GS Loop" was rendered option-less by the state's decision to close the hard road for a week. It was essentially a fire road, but had some spots that were more gravel-ly and pitted than others, not to mention a passel of cage drivers who were under the impression their last names were Earnhardt or The language I spewed at one guy who was coming toward us hugging the mountain-side (my side) of the road in a white Cruck (car-trucklooking, gnat-sized, auto produced a few years ago), probably shattered Scott's Sena device, because it surely would have reddened the faces of the most colorful sailors and battle-hardened Marines. hit the hard road again and after gassing up in the next town, ate at an excellent little chowder house. The ride into camp was about an hour or so, and we had good time to get our tents set up before getting showers, and enjoying the food and closing ceremonies. The club had lots of excellent raffle prizes, and I'm very happy to have won a set of torque wrenches with pivoting heads. All in all, I had a great time, and I think our riding group worked pretty well together. Finally, I wanted to thank all of the ride's organizers, planners, and volunteers for putting together a great ride. So thanks to President Z Ortiz and VP Dan Rowe for putting on a great event, handling registration, Andy Anderson for driving the SAG Wagon and beverage sales, and to numerous volunteers whose names I do not know who stepped up to help throughout the event and the cleanup crew in Crescent City. Is the event T-shirt awesome or what? Finally, a special "Thank you and Outstanding Job!" to the 2014 ROL Route Team: Ted Crum, Tandy Bozeman, Tom "Tuco" Harris, Roger Malone, and Richard Burton. Great job everyone it was SUPERFUN! -- Joyce Sampson

2014 ROL PRIZE WINNERS:

by Z Ortiz

Battery Cables - Scott Wade

ROK Strap - Mike Bowling

ROK Strap – Mike Tibbet

Helmet Lock - Laurie Bowling

Grip Buddies - Chris Gauting and - Steve Harris

(2) Accu-Gage right angle tire Gauges – Fred Neeli and – Walt Farnlacher

Joey Chair – Mary Kraly

Star Pro Torx Wrench set – Joyce Sampson

Star Pro Torx Wrench set – Marcus Fromherts

FILLO Compact Camp pillow –David Halliwell

FILLO Compact Camp pillow –Russ Sears

Inversion Pro Gloves by Klim – Blake Nelson

Camp Dome 2 – Kelly Calley

Half Dome 2 – Lee Fulton

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September 27 Meeting & Camping -- SongDog Ranch

September 25-28 Horizon Unlimited California Meeting -- Mariposa, CA www.horizonsun

limited.com/events/california

October 18 Meeting & Camping -- Sly Park Octoberfest

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