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President's Message Neil Talbert writes:



Everyone's heard about our trip! Well this is a small story about the trip when we were heading home from Colorado to California. Dennis Chase and I decided go up and over Sonora Pass. It was so beautiful, the temp was in the 80's, and there was no traffic to speak of. The road condition was



also exultant, so we went back over the next day. Along the way I saw United States Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center, So I asked Dennis if I could get lodging on Base, would he mind staying there. He said go



for it. They put us up at the Marine Corps Transient Quarters. A Major we met spent that evening telling us about the Base.



The Monterey Bay BMW Riders meet Saturdays at 9am (when a ride is not scheduled) for breakfast and conversation. See website for current location.



The next morning I told Dennis I needed a haircut, and did he want one. He said no, so I said I'd pay for it. He then replied, he thinks he would be honoring the Troops. Later the next day we headed north on Hwy 395 to Hwy 4 West to Angel's Camp, then home.



PS, Haircuts were \$6.

October Club Ride

Full Bladder & Empty Tank Ride

October 15th

Leave from Shell station at 68 & Blanco (Salinas)

At 9 am

Lunch at 1pm at the Apple Farm

Ride Leader: Dick Dodd

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THOUGHTS FROM THE NURSING HOME

Slimey Crud

By James Martin

I think I have figured out why the people at Laguna Seca route traffic out and around so far from the “entrance” to get in the place. In the past, I have entertained many theories regarding this—to reduce traffic on the already overburdened highway 68, political conspiracy involving the Masons and so forth, but I believe I have finally gotten it.



If you waste a lot of your time and gasoline getting into the place, you are far less likely to turn around and leave when you find out what the outrageous ticket price is. That is exactly how I found myself paying ninety fricken' dollars to walk around for a few hours and look at some neat old cars, I vowed on that day never to return.

Imagine my pleasure to find out that Cherries Jubilee (another neat old car event) is being held elsewhere, which is my non-linear way of making the announcement that September is going to be a good month. Now, at my age and physical condition (okay, my mental condition is not so good either – more evidence of that later) having a good day is rare enough, but a whole month – hoo –boy!

For the lucky MBBWR (um-bum-whirr) members, there is the Bonneville trip. These guys are still at Miller Motorsports Raceway watching monkeys climbing all over their backs as I write this. I'm pretty jealous. Speaking of hacks, I'm wondering how Hans Schultz (Neil and I met him at bike night on Cannery Row in July) did at Bonneville. I'm hoping one of those guys can fill me in when they get back.

After breakfast on September 2nd, there was a club ride to Parkfield scheduled to be led by James Kmetovic that I went on. James didn't actually lead the ride and we didn't actually go to Parkfield, but the ride was exception, consisting of myself, Dick Dodd, James and Diedre (I'd rather not print out their last name again for fear of running out of consonants before I finish this), a couple of members whose names escape me and basically, the “Slimey Crud Motorcycle Gang of Aromas” (with apologies to Peter Egan).

I do much better with the names of motorcycles: Harley, Moto Guzzi, a very good looking and sound Ducati retro 1000S and a bunch of Beemers (an older K100RS, an R1200GS, Morgan's K1200R, Dick's R1100RT, my R100S Boxer Cup, and James and Diedre's V-Strom (at least the name sounds German). An eclectic group if there ever was one.

The weather was perfect, the roads suitably swervy and devoid of traffic, even the bugs seemed to be taking a holiday. We (some of us) ended up with a very tasty lunch at Flap Jack's in Tres Pinos. Such a nice day, I didn't even mind lane splitting all the way down 101 from highway 156 to North Salinas and home.

My old neighbor and friend, David Marshal, bought a brand new R1200RT while I was riding around in the boonies with the Slimey Crud crew, so I'm expecting him to join us on the combined club ride (um-bum-whirr and Norcal) next Sunday and maybe the Beemer Bash in Quincy later this month.

Also, this month: school has restarted and that means that I can get a little work now and then as a substitute teacher again (which helps my finances) and (it's important to met at least) I was brought into this worth in September sixty-four years ago.

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**Saturdays when a ride or club event is not planned, the club meets for breakfast at 9:00am
– please see web site (mbr.org) for current location.**

Down the road..... 2011

Note: Check out the change of address for Ted Porter's Beemer Shop!

Saturday, Oct 15, 2011 Lunch at the Apple Farm, SLO Ride Leader, Dick Dodd see inside for details.

December 3, 2011 Club Event -- Holiday Party at the Braziers – Thanks Tom and Venita!

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