

The Southcoaster



The Official Newsletter of the South Coast BMW Riders Club



Inside This Issue

2001-2002 Leadership	2
Treasurers Report	2
Presidents Message	3
Directors Meeting	4
Fiesta Rally 2002 Invitation	4
Hi desert adventure	6
New Member Welcome	8
Alaska	10
Harley Owners Ride BMWs Too	12
Calendar of Events	13
Pink Flamingos Seen at South Coaster Rallys!	17
UnClassified Ads	19

2001-2002 Leadership

Officers

President Ralph Dutra
(949) 597-0745

RalphDutra@earthlink.net

Vice-President Mike Davis
(949) 650-7095

coastrdr@aol.com

Secretary Werner von Hartmann
(949) 642-4970

wernervh@earthlink.net

Treasurer Doug Merker
(949) 249-9552

dmerk@earthlink.net

Board of Directors

Jim Wyatt (714) 778-4151

Jim Bollingmo (949) 495-8886

suejimb@home.com

Ted Taylor (949) 413-4100

ted.taylor@gte.net

Jon Taylor (310) 544-4215

JTaylor@sempra.com

Bill Battle (626) 969-8672

billbattle@earthlink.net

Committee Chairs

Fiesta Rally Co-Chair Keith Barbour

KDB158@aol.com

Fiesta Rally Co-Chair Brett Messinger

Gadgetboy@aol.com

Membership Pete Machachlan

(949) 637-5737

pmaclachlan@yahoo.com

Website Editor Bill Allen

(949) 249-1899

T.W.Allen@home.com

Newsletter Editor ... Michael Moon

(949) 631-8870

mmoon1@mediaone.net

Treasurers Report

MONTH ENDING JANUARY 31, 2002

BEGINNING BALANCE \$ 3527.39

INCOME:

Clothing \$ 134.50

Joshua Tree reimb 34.00

Dues 30.00

50/50 cash 38.00

Total In \$ 236.50

PAID OUT:

Clothing imprinting \$ 408.88

Name badges 65.05

Total Out \$ 473.93

ENDING BALANCE \$ 3289.96

South Coast BMW Riders Club

This newsletter is published by the South Coast BMW Riders Club. Publication date is the week following the board of directors meeting - usually the 2nd week of the month. Contact us at:

SCBMWRC

P.O. Box 11521

Santa Ana, CA 92711

Submissions to the newsletter should be sent via e-mail to: mmoon1@mediaone.net

This newsletter is prepared using with Adobe Pagemaker™. Send submissions in electronic form (preferably a Word document) without a lot of formatting. Pictures should be in .tif, .jpg or .gif format.

Submissions made in hard copy require retyping and cause delay in publication.

Submissions you wish returned must be clearly marked as such and author should include a SASE.

Send hard copy submissions to:

SCBMWRC

c/o Michael Moon

321 Broadway

Costa Mesa, CA 92627

The opinions of the authors are their own and are not necessarily those of the editor or the SCBMWRC. Neither the editor nor the SCBMWRC shall take responsibility for the author's submissions.

Presidents Message

In last's month's message I reminded everyone about the scheduled ride to Holtville to experience the Holtville Carrot Festival. Well, it didn't happen. It was an ambitious plan that was affected by the Super Bowl and other demands on our time. However, you intrepid BOD did meet at the appointed hour of 7:00 AM to conduct business. In fact, Larry Smith, OKU, Dave Doran and Ray Stein joined us. The Dawn Patrol.

By now you may have heard about the Joshua Tree campout. You can visit the web site to see what it was all about. The photos captured the essence of the event and are evidence that there is a fine line between adventure and insanity. The captions are very appropriate. It was kinda like our very on "Donner Party". I could tell that it would be a memorable experience when the pre-event discussion turned to the BIG Question – to cook dinner or eat in a restaurant. E-mails included sharing recipes and a decision "grid" to recap responses to the Big Question. Easy for me. Since there are 7 Vienna Sausages in a can, I'm good for a week.

This adventure was one to remember. It was a good example of a new group working together to plan and enjoy a ride and a new adventure. I almost forgot to mention the temperature. Better to ask me.

I just gotta say a few words about the Fiesta Rally. How about that logo? If that is any indication of how the rally will turn out, it's looks like a smash hit. A great value at a scenic location, local

attractions and 4 meals to spill all over your new t-shirt.

Well, I'm starting to pack for the Solvang Expedition featuring visits to local sites and the little horses. Will I see you there? The popular February Death Valley trip looks like it will be well attended. I won't be able to attend. But, I look forward the stories and photos. The Death Valley trip has special meaning to me.

I have to close now since I must get this off to our Editor. I just want to remind everyone that we can use your help and we value your contribution to a BOD or your help with events.

Thanks for your Support!

Ralph

We ride ... to hell. Or to glory. It depends on your point of view.

George Armstrong Custer

Is fuel efficiency really what we need most desperately? I say what we really need is a car that can be shot when it breaks down.

Russell Baker

Have you ever noticed? Anybody going slower than you is an idiot, and anyone going faster than you is a maniac.

George Carlin

Directors Meeting

2/3/02

Submitted by Werner von Dutra

Short and sweet was this meeting. Even with a 7:00 AM start we had a quorum present. Attendees – Mike Davis, The Taylors – Ted and Jon, Jim Bollingmo, Doug Merker, Bill Allen, Pete MacLachlan, myself and guests – OK Upchurch, Larry Smith, Dave Doran and Ray Stein.

We had to replace the cancelled Holtville Adventure with a meet Me For Breakfast on 2/10. Point man Stein suggested a location and checked back after the meeting to confirm arrangements. Thanks Ray!

The next points of discussion were the web site domain and making the newsletter routinely available at the web site. After firsts, seconds and a discussion the vote was taken.

Domain name ownership for the SCBMWRC site now has Bill Allen as the contact person. The BOD voted not to make the Newsletter routinely available at the web site. It was felt that membership entitles each member to the newsletter. Having it at the site makes it available to non-members. The site provides information to prospective members and allows them to see what we do and what we are about. Interested parties can contact us for a current newsletter. However, links to back issues are available upon request to the Bill Allen.

No old business. We did new business. We have money in the bank. All is well. Next BOD Meeting is 3/3/02.

Fiesta Rally 2002

Invitation

Greetings to all South Coasters. I would like to extend a warm invitation to all members to attend the rally on the weekend of April 12-14, 2002. Early registration is due by April 1st, 2001. No foolin. Don't miss out on the opportunity to win a genuine Kermit Camping Chair.

The Rally Committee has been hard at work planning a great weekend for YOUR enjoyment. Please come out and support all of their efforts. We have been in contact with many vendors and other BMW clubs to be certain that everyone is aware of our event. The event is also being advertised in the BMW ON magazine. With the absence of our rally last year many people are anticipating this years rally more than ever before. I ask you, as a motorcyclist is there any better place to be than in southern California in April attending the Fiesta Rally?

The Fiesta Rally is a great value for your rally dollar and a great opportunity to see fellow club members and meet new friends from other clubs at Lilac Oaks Campground. Lilac Oaks is a great location with many activities going on in the area. There is the San Diego Wild Animal Park and Palomar Observatory which are short drives from the campground. There are an abundance of roads in the area to keep a two-wheeler busy all day. Don't forget the Saturday morning Poker Run.

So, what can you do as a SCMBWRC member? ATTEND YOUR RALLY!! So grab a pen, fill out the registration form, buy a shirt, write the check, and mark your calendar for April 12-14, 2002 and send it to Werner Von Hartmann. We have the coolest logo yet for the tee shirts and the rally pin. You can even pre-order your tee shirt this year. There is the choice between the standard short sleeve shirt or the mock tee long sleeve shirt, which is great for those cool morning, rides and it looks great.

The Fiesta Rally is for BMW riders, their passengers and sponsored Non-BMW riders. If you have a friend who does not ride a beemer, simply sponsor them and have them join in on the fun.

So what if you are not a camper and

you just cannot stay the entire week-end. We are offering a “Fiesta Rally Day Pass” on Saturday for Club members. The cost for the day pass is \$10.00 per person. That entitles you to a full day of fun socializing with friends or just “hanging out”. Also included is a delicious dinner under the stars consisting of smoked beef, pork, turkey, baked beans, and salad. All food will be prepared by the ‘Valley Center Lions Club. So get your registration form and payment in ASAP so we can budget effectively for the correct headcount. Vendors such as Marsee (apparel), and custom ear plugs will be available for purchase on Saturday.

Prizes? Awards? Of course! Thanks to our sponsors items being donated include a custom made riding seat,



The Doran Family out for a Sunday ride with the South Coasters. Day ride to Lake Elsinore.

Hi desert adventure

It started out just like any other trip. The planning was complete. Everyone confirmed, we even decided that this would be a great chance to try out our camp cooking skills. Jon and Dale got to show off their new RT's. Dale made an attempt at alternative packing by forgoing the traditional BMW system cases for the "pack mule" approach of strapping everything to his back in his new backpack claiming "I've had it for 2 years and have never used it, so I thought I'd try it out". We even had Pete join us for his first South Coaster event in 8 years. Things looked good.

Six of us met in San Juan Capistrano to traverse Hwy 74 all the way to Palm Springs. What a great motorcycle road! We met the others in Perris and we were on our way. We traveled through Idyllwild and other scenic venues but the weather seemed to be getting colder and colder. We stopped at a surprising roadside diner that Bob suggested, called the Paradise Café. The uneven gravel parking lot and "log cabin" exterior gave way to a quaint interior complete with linen tablecloths and napkins. Great burgers...questionable slaw. After a nice break, we head off toward Palm Springs and Joshua Tree

We arrive at the south entrance of the park to check in and are told that all 9 campgrounds are completely full. Good thing we have reservations. We ride north through the park. The scenery is absolutely stunning, but very desolate. One can't help but wonder how our pioneer ancestors made it across this barren stretch of our country. The sky

is getting darker, the temperature is dropping and now the Santa Ana winds are starting to blow. Damn it's cold!

We stop Von's to pick up some last minute provisions and as much firewood as we can transport. Back at the site, we all scatter, seeking the shelter of any available clump of bushes that can act as a windbreak for our tents. We aren't really surprised to see that the campground is deserted. The one guy I met was packing up his family and going home. He said that last night it got down to 28 and was forecast to drop to 24 tonight. Yikes... The wind is really howling by now! This makes setting up tents a real challenge. Bill chose the perfect outing to try out his new bivy style tent. Sure hope he is wrong about nylon tents having no insulating "R-value". We finally get the campsite set up, so Jerry headed off to Yucca Valley to find a hotel. He cleverly left without telling us where he was staying. Probably a wise move. I'm not sure he had a room big enough for 11 freezing campers. Oh well, time to start dinner

Tough to get a fire started in that much wind so we stacked up the firewood around the fire ring and finally got the charcoal going. For added comfort, we formed a makeshift windbreak by tipping a picnic table over on its side. Works great for those of us lucky enough to grab a seat behind it. I was amazed at the variety in our campground cuisine. It ranged from Bob's cheese/cracker combos and Dave's canned Chunky Campbell's soup to Ralph's hot dogs mixed with pea soup. Bill and Mike proved to be the ultimate

chefs by bringing steaks, potatoes and sweet corn. By that time, most any food tasted good and we were in pretty high spirits. In fact, I can't remember when I laughed so hard at so many of the jokes being made about our adventures of the day. Probably the result of hypothermia rather than the quality of the jokes, but it was fun anyway.

As we huddled around the fire, shivering, we came to the conclusion that the only way to get warm was to retire to our respective sleeping bags. Unfortunately it was only 6pm. How embarrassing! Way too early to go to bed. We made a vow to at least wait until all the wood was burned before turning in. During the brief lull in the wind storm, Jon finally absolved me from my "at least it's not raining" curse which, last year, put several of us in the middle of a rain and snow storm atop Angeles Crest. He uttered the words "looks like the wind finally stopped". Naturally gale force wind gusts began to sandblast us and blow hot ashes all over those standing by the fire trying to get warm. We all got a good laugh at that one too. The wind finally died down, as did the fire, so it's off to Bed by 10pm.

The next morning was beautiful, clear and cold but Bill's hot coffee helped take the edge off. My wife, Nadine had baked some banana nut bread the day before and it was only partially frozen so we all "wolfed" that down pretty fast. That would hold us until we get to Yucca Valley for a hot breakfast. Jon and I headed for town to scout out a great little diner, C & S₇

Café that offered some great egg variations for reasonable prices. Tough to spend over \$5.00 at this place! The food was good, and best of all, it was warm inside.

After breakfast, several guys rode off north through Pioneertown while others headed directly back home. Like any trip, it was considered successful as long as all of us made it back unscathed. Even with the cold weather, the riding was great, as was the camaraderie so in my mind, it was another fun weekend adventure.

The happy South Coast campers were:

Bill Allen- Mike Davis- Dave Doran-
Ralph Dutra- Dale Ledbetter- Doug
Merker- Bob Molt- Jerry Rose- Jon
Taylor- Ted Taylor- Pete Wawro

Editors Note: Doug Merkur, our club treasurer, and Ralph Dutra exchanged notes on their recent 'snow camping without the snow' trip to Joshua Tree. Can frost form inside a sleeping bag?

Doug Merkur: "On the Joshua Tree adventure/stupidity line, I once heard that the definition of "adventure" is ignorance put into motion. Sort of fits our scenario. Looking back, it was still fun...glad we did it."

Ralph Dutra: "I've learned.... That life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes." Andy Rooney.

I have thawed out from Joshua Tree. The photos at the site are proof that there is a fine line between adventure and stupidity.

New Member Welcome

Pete MacLachlan

There’s a time-honored tradition in the club to occasionally jot down a list of the new members that have recently joined, and write a little splurb to say ‘howdy’ and ‘welcome’. This means that, apart from probably the first confirmation that their check was actually cashed by us, it gives those individuals that warm and comfortable feeling that comes from knowing that they are now a valuable member in what is clearly a slick, efficient, and well-run operation.

This is indeed, a good thing...unless the horses are changed in mid-stream and the cart gets left behind...! For a short while our membership ‘department’ was in the middle of a tiny little stream, unable to find a few of your application forms or deposit your checks, well aware of your frustrations, floundering around, wondering if you’re ever going to get a newsletter, or meet anyone at the club. This is not a good thing.

For this, we humbly apologize, and have attempted to contact as many of you as we can. If you are still one of those, well, I doubt you’d be reading this - call us and we’ll make it right.

In the meantime, let’s acknowledge those that we do have, by extending a warm welcome to the following:

Richard & Sandra Sandow - San Pedro
R650, K100, K75

Charles Wilmot - Anaheim RT

Robert Byrd - Big Bear RT

Lloyd Askew - Anaheim R80GS

Michael Wehner - Hawthorne RT

Terry Neale -Laguna Niguel

William Miller - Long Beach

David & Gail Wainstein - Cypress RT

David Alfonso - Dana Point

Orville & Linda Grote- Romoland
K100RT

Gerald Schmidt (&Flo) - Cypress RT

Lane Kussman - Aliso Viejo RT,
SV650(lady rider – yipee!)

I would also like to welcome back some of you wayward members, with whom I spoke some time ago. I must say, that I really enjoyed our conversations, and learned some very interesting things. Many reasons were given for not continuing with the club – some were personal, like too busy; not riding much; getting too old – and some were organizational, like the rides are too long; the rides are too short; the breakfast spots are lousy; the breakfast spots are too expensive; the meetings too early; there’re no off-road rides; there’s no airhead group.

This led me to do some thinking about our club, and raise (in myself) some questions about our club and your expectations of it. What are your expectations and how do we know what they are? How do we ensure your satisfaction? Is this task actually expected of us? And then again, who exactly is “we” or “us”? All good questions...

In taking over the membership portfolio, I’ve had the opportunity to read

back over all the application forms, and that little paragraph that starts with “Please tell us about yourself, your family, interests...” is by far the most interesting bit of reading, and provides a wealth of information about our members and where their motorcycling interests lie. Some comments would require bribery not to be published, but what is VERY clear is that a lot of you are really intriguing individuals, all of whom have something to offer by way of your experience and interests. From desert racing to photography, SCUBA to fly-fishing, helicopter flying, law-enforcement and ham radio, (and I’ve only got to ‘L’), all bonded together by the common thread of the enjoyment of some aspect of motorcycling.

How do we get to the position where we’re able to offer our members a monthly buffet of exciting outdoor activities? Well, since the “we” is not a large, full-time organization, with committee members representing each facet of motorcycling, (really?), we therefore have to rely on “you” out there. Each one of you represent exactly your style of riding, and right now, it’s up to you to “make it happen” so to speak. Enjoy camping? Well, plan a ride, book a campsite, put a note out inviting others to join you, and just get on with it! Long rides, off-road GS’ing, Airheading, whatever; ask around and make a plan. The more this happens, the more the club will develop groups of interest that will appeal to you. As these crystallize, take form and grow, we’ll be able to report back in the newsletter on

what they’re doing, as well as be in a better position to organize events that we know will be of interest to the various segments of the club.

We all joined the club for a reason, which usually included the desire to ride with others. A positive by-product of this is getting to know a bunch of interesting people, which in turn leads to further rides and socializing. One of the objectives of our club committee is to inform you who’s in the club and what’s going on. Our challenge is to be able to comprehensively share a profile of all our members, providing a connection between members with similar interests. However, the (volunteer) committee is made up of members just like you, and without your participation we can only “guess” at what you might be interested in.

That’s your challenge – make the club what you want it to be, and thereby meet your own expectations of your club!

And while we have members who are serving out of state in the armed forces, or confined to bed with terminal illness and no chance of ever riding again, let’s make the most of our excellent riding environment.

Ride Safe.

PS: Sandi (R1200C) and I (K12LT) both like long distance touring, weekend campouts, and rally rides, and Sandi would dearly like to meet more lady riders...!

Alaska

By Pat Garrett

On May 27, 1993 Coy Piercey and I started north on our BMW's (1983 R100RT for me) for my brother's house in Hercules, Ca. We stayed the night there and started out the next morning with John T. on his 1991 BMW and his wife, Cathy, on her 1980 R80 BMW. We were on our way to the BMW 49ner rally being held at the fairgrounds in Quincey, Ca. We camped there for three nights; the last morning brought rain in huge down-pours. We broke camp in the rain, and while John and Cathy headed back for Hercules, Coy and I kept heading north. We had a battery problem with Coy's bike, in that it sometimes refused to start. So we just jumped his with the cables we had made up just for that occasion.

We were going to camp on our way north but as the rain kept up with us, we were forced to seek shelter in a motel in Redding, Ca. Then on northwards and a campout at KOA with a dry night and a wet morning. On through Oregon and more rain so another night in a motel and a chance to dry out the tents.

We picked up a new battery for Coy's bike outside of Portland and headed on up route 101 veering inland by Olympia then north to Norland, Washington, where my friend Lory had built his log cabin on an island south of Port Townsend. Now Lory's log cabin was a bit different from most log cabins, as he had built one cabin inside another with about two

feet of space between the logs. This in itself is quite unique. Then you have to realize that Lory has a back problem and can not lift over 40 pounds of weight. He used cables hooked in the tops of tall trees around his cabin and then pulled the logs into place with the winch on his Toyota Land Cruiser wagon.

It was amazing to see the perfect precision with which he had fitted the logs together. No chinking was required at all, a very cozy place indeed. Lory also has a very nice workshop with a welding machine and a machine lathe, plus hydraulic press equipment. These were necessary, as we needed to make some repairs to pieces of equipment on our bikes.

My side stand, which my brother had made for me out of stainless steel, had not held up to the load. It had bent forward and up, making it look very scary. Lory repaired it with a piece of iron scavenged from a wrecked steam locomotive. While we were there we took a day's ride to check out the ferry to Whidbey Island, where we were both stationed many years ago. I got a kick out of remembering my around after more than 30 years. We bought a few supplies at the exchange and motored back to Lory's for a night or two more as we had laundry to do and the persistent drizzle and wetness was still upon us.

We said our good-byes and thank yous and motored off to catch the ferry again to Whidbey Island, as we were to travel across the island and cross the Deception Pass bridge back to the

mainland and continue on north. Our destination was Bellingham, Washington, which is departure point for the Alaskan Ferry system to the north. On arrival at the ferry port, being on a motorcycle, I was sent to the head of the line of vehicles waiting to board the ferry. While Coy went to meet Glenna who had flown up from Fallbrook, I tied my motorcycle to another bike (it was a Harley) and the deck of the ferry. I grabbed my camping gear and rushed topside to get a spot on the fantail on which to pitch the tent. I got it up just in time to meet Coy and Glenna boarding the ferry. Coy took off south back to Grand Prairie, Texas via various fun roads, some of which were covered with snow and hail. Meantime, Glenna and I unpacked our sleeping bags and made the tent comfortable.

The first night Glenna and I ate in the main dining room on the ferry. Not bad (it was edible!) but it was a bit on the expensive side, so for the rest of the time, we ate in the Snack bar/Deli which had good food at reasonable (?) prices. There was a bar on board, complete with piano and lots of cold beer. We met the fellow who owned the Harley my BMW was tied to and had some memorable hours talking to him. The passage through the inland waterways was wonderful. The ride is smooth, hardly any motion at all. The only time we felt any rolling at all was when we passed from behind some islands and were subject to some ocean swells. That lasted an hour, if that long.

The shipboard personnel were trying

to keep passengers informed of sightings of whales, eagles and other things as the ferry made its way north. It makes the time seem to fly by. Our first stop was the island of Ketchikan. There was a going to be a long enough of a stop that we could go ashore and take a short tour of the main features on the island. Glenna and I, not being ones to rush about, strolled off in time to catch the last bus in line that was offering tours. Besides this guy was only 5 dollars and the others were ten bucks a head. The driver said he had been doing these tours for many years and knew the best spots to see bald eagles and such. It was an old school bus but quite ample for the job as we only had about two hours of shore time.

Well, we saw all of downtown, the place where the ships and boats come in to dump off their loads of fish for canning and such, then moseyed on down the road to the park where all of the totem poles were. At this point we were about seven miles from the ferry. We all got off the bus as the driver parked it and went out among the totem poles. We took the required amount of pictures and were asked to re-board the bus for the return trip. Now all this moseying about had taken the better part of an hour and a half of our two hours. The driver hit the switch but nothing happened. The battery was as dead as a doornail.

To be Continued - Part 1 of 3

Harley Owners Ride BMW's Too

A note from Tim Swindell

Hello,

Let me first introduce myself. I am Tim Swindell from Alabama—all my friends call me TimBob.I and my wife just moved here at the end of October past.I am not a member as of yet, but I have just purchased a new R1150RT from Irv Seaver in Orange.I enquired about local clubs and Dale Johnson gave me a copy of the South- Coaster to read. I was very impressed with the crew at Irv Seavers'—very friendly and knowledgeable.

I read Gabe Zolna's account of “Harley Loses 1 to BMW “ and I would like equal time. Please take no offense, but I have bought two new BMW's and both have quit running the very next day.On the other hand, I have never had one single problem with the five new Harley's I purchased.I admit that Harley has had problems with there fuel injected systems, but I think all is ironed out now. I have ridden my Harleys' all over the lower fifty, and yes I had problems on some journeys,but it was an easy fix and something simple that I could do myself. I have never been stranded while riding a Harley! Unfortunately, I can't say the same for BMW. My brand new R1150RT shut down while I was riding on the Pacific Coast highway the day after I bought it. So too with my 85K100RT. The 85K just had a dead cell in the battery. as for the new bike, it is still at the

shop.I don't know yet what the problem is with it, but they assured me they would take care of it and have me on the road in no time—I hope so.So, for the first time in thirty two years, I have no bike in my garage.

In closing, let me say that the R1150RT was a joy to ride (when it was running) and I hope to meet you guys in the future. In the meantime, I told Dale not to sell my Road King.

Editors Note: Now here's a potential new member for our club. I see an opportunity at the upcoming 'tech session' - some campouts - and all the other things we can share with Tim. One of the best features found on a BMW is the club that comes with it. Tim will look good in a SCBMWRC shirt - even if he's on his Road King.



Hot Shoes? Filet of Sole? Toasting Tootsies? Big Time Camping Fun!

Calendar of Events

March

3rd – (Sun.) Board of Directors and General Meeting:

9:00 am in Banning at the Farmhouse. 6261 W. 5th St., Banning, CA 92220, (909) 845-2027. All members are welcome. After the general meeting Jim Rasmussen has mapped out a ride.

16th – 17th – (Fri - Sat.) Solvang Sortie – We've figured out we'd like to ride north to Solvang. Maybe look at miniature horses or visit a (gasp!) pub. We're staying at the Motel 6 in Buellton, US 101 at SR 246
333 McMurray Road - Buellton, CA 93427. Call 'em at: (805) 688-7797 or fax 'em at (805) 686-0297. Everyone is on their own to book a reservation. There are several things to see in the area including the motorcycle museum in Solvang and the Quicksilver Ranch..

23rd – (Sat.) Tech Session at Mel Vaughn's - 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. R.S.V.P. to Jay Rasmussen. Let Jay know if you are available to either set up, clean up or put on a demo. Give Jay a call at (714) 970-7814 to let him know you're plannin' over comin' – and to get directions. Hint: It's in Homeland (Highway 74 – east of Lake Elsinore). Mel has a three bay garage with motorcycle lifts. Plus – he puts out great food and good beer! See you there. It's a lot more than a 'tech' session.

April

6th – (Sat.) Day Ride to the Poppy Reserves - Meet at 10:00 am at: Higley's Coffee House, 714 Foothill Blvd. La Cañada, CA 91011; (818) 952-3137. Ride organized and led by [Ralph Dutra](#). Contact Ralph if you've got any questions.

12th – 14th – (Fri. – Sun.) Fiesta Rally: Lilac Oaks Campground in Northern San Diego County. Lilac Oaks is at 30821 Lilac Road, Valley Center, CA 92082. To reach Lilac Oaks Campground from Riverside, CA take I-15 South to Old Castle Road. Go East on Old Castle Road to Champagne Blvd. Turn right on Champagne Blvd. Turn left on Old Castle Road and go 6 miles to Lilac Road. Turn left on Lilac Road and go 1.2 miles to the entrance of Lilac Oaks Campgrounds. The Fiesta Rally includes dinner on Friday and Saturday evening and our famous all you can eat pancake, sausage and egg breakfasts on Saturday *and* Sunday morning. A Poker Run (including an optional GS section), door prizes, a campfire each night and other surprises will be part of the fun. Contact Registration Chairman Werner von Hartmann (his email address and phone can be found on page 2). Pre-registration is only \$34.00 or \$39.00 at

the gate. Early registration is encouraged so that you can be entered in the drawing for a genuine Kermit Chair. Deadline for early registration is April 1, 2002.

21st (Sun.) - Board of Directors Meeting and General Meeting - Paradise Corner Café. 61721 Hwy 74, Mountain Center, CA; (909) 659-0730. The board meeting starts at 8a.m. the general meeting at 10 a.m. Jerry Rose has volunteered to lead us on a ride – that promises to be entertaining and meandering. You could use a good meander in April – and Jerry is just the fellow to take you on one!

May

2nd (Thu.) Board of Directors Meeting - 7:00 pm at Ted Taylor's office. All members are welcome to attend and observe the inner workings of the SouthCoasters. Contact Ted Taylor for directions. His phone number and email address can be found on page 2.

4th(Sat.) General Meeting- 10:00 am at Marie Calendar's in Oxnard: 1600 Ives Ave, Oxnard, CA 93050; (805) 487-7437. If you'd like to take a ride out to the lake with Jon Taylor – and join in the campout at Lake Cachuma – read the next line!

4th-5th - (Sat.-Sun.) - Campout at Cachuma Lake. Right after the meeting in Oxnard (see above) you can, if you like, head on up to the lake. Jon Taylor is the point of contact. If you want a campsite, R.S.V.P. to Jon. You'll find his email and phone number on page 2.

11th- (Sat.) Dual Sport Ride. Joint event with the BMW Club of Southern California. Jim Bollingmo is organizing this one. This ride was written up in several publications last year, including 'Free2Wheel'. Get dirty.

17th-19th - (Fri.-Mon.) -Roadrunner Rally. Sponsored by the Phoenix International Touring Society (P.I.T.S.). Heber, Arizona Exceptional campsite!! (55 Acres).Hot Showers, Good Food, and lots of Fun. Dorms available for \$10.00 per night. Motels nearby. Some of the best Touring and Dual-Sport roads in the state. Demo Rides, Friday and Saturday night Dinner with registration. Live Music Saturday Night. Pins for the first 250. Embroidered Rally Shirts available. AND the 2nd Annual DirtyBird Ride \$30 entry fee before May 15th 2002, \$45 at the gate. Send an email to www.azbeemers@yahoo.com if you want to know more about the rally.

24th-27th- (Fri.-Mon.) - 49'er Rally. Sponsored by the BMW Club of Northern California. Gold country Fairgrounds in Auburn, CA, 30 mi east of Sacra-

mento in the heart of 49er Gold Rush Country. Includes 3 nights first class camping, hot on-site showers, world travel & tech seminars, 49er gold poker run, area tours, GS ride, English trials, Fri nite moves, Concours, live entertainment, vendors, microbrew biergarten & much more! \$28 pre-reg., \$32 at gate, kids under 12:\$20. Awesome Backforty BBQ Sat. night is \$14 pre-reg only. Info at the website or: 2000 '49er Rally Reg., P.O. Box 2472, Santa Clara, CA 95055. You can also contact Pat Potter at (650) 593-6009

June

2nd - (Sun.)- General Meeting + Board of Directors Elections. Board meeting at 8:00 am in Tustin at Cookies Cafe 1481 Edinger (at the corner of Redhill). Tustin, CA. (714) 258-2404. All members. General Meeting follows at 10:00a.m. Elections will be held at this meeting so you don't want to miss this one.

8th-9th - (Sat.-Sun.) - Overnighter in Cambria/San Simeon. Two campsites have been reserved at San Simeon State Park. This campsite, a SouthCoaster favorite, is just north of Cambria on the right hand side of PCH. The site features nice campsites, showers and is within walking distance of the ocean. Contact Pete MacLachlan to reserve your spot.

29th- (Sat.) - In and Out Dinner. 6:00 pm. The old board is put out to pasture and the new board arrives. More details as we get 'em.

30th – (Sun) – Joint Board of Directors Meeting followed by **General Meeting** – Board(s) meet at 8:00 am in San Pedro (we'll have to wait and see). General Meeting follows at 10:00a.m. This is the Joint Board Of Directors meeting including incoming and outgoing Board members. Come and meet the new board.

July

11th – 14th (Thu - Sun.)- BMWMOA 1st International Rally. Come explore the beauty and diversity of Canada and be a part of history! The first International Rally in North America. The rally site is located on the shores of Lake Ontario in the City of Trenton, just 100 miles east of Toronto in the Province of Ontario Rally Chairman will be the one and only Kiltmeister (aka Don Faichney) who can be reached at donf@nhb.com or 905-885-7354. If you wanted to ride from 'around here' to 'around there' – it'd be a mere 5,200 mile trip.

12th – 14th (Fri – Sun) Honda International Superbike Classic. SBK Superbike World Championship and AMA U.S. Superbike Championship. Monterey Peninsula, Cannery Row, Carmel-by-the-Sea, and big bore race bikes. Wanna Go?

18th-21st (Thu.-Sun.) - Top of the Rockies Rally - Paonia, Colorado. Sponsored by the BMW Club of Colorado. 70 Miles southwest of Glenwood Springs on Highway 133. Altitude is 5,645 Feet. 38:52:06 N - 107:35:29 W . Preregistration (until 6/25) is \$30, at the gate \$35. Kids 8-15 are \$15. Under 8, free. Camping at Paonia City Park Thurs-Sun . Special Door Prize New BMW F650GS Dakar Must be present to win. Motels available, but limited! Field events; Rally pin guaranteed only to ; Saturday Evening dinner ; Music (Fri. and Sat. nights) ; BMW of Denver on Site ;Off-site (but close) RV parking ; Marvelous Rally T-Shirts ; Quiet camping available

26th-28th (Fri.-Sun.) - SCBMWRC Campout at Kings Canyon. Two campsites have been reserved at the Stony Creek campsite within King's Canyon National Park, located off Highway 180. Come and enjoy the tour through one of the most beautiful parks in the the country. Contact Mike Davis to reserve your spot. His number is listed along with the other club officers – on page 2.

August

9th-11th (Fri.-Sun.) - SCBMWRC Sierra Loop Camp at Bass Lake on Friday night, ride the Tioga Pass on Saturday, camp at McGee Creek (near Crowley Lake) Saturday night and ride home via Hwy 395 on Sunday. Stay tuned for details. Ralph Dutra to organize. If you plan on going you've really got to let Ralph know you're interested and serious. His number is listed along with the other club officers – on page 2 Commitment. It's all about commitment.

15th-18th (Thu.-Sun.) - Red River Rally Sponsored by the BMW RA. Join the RA for the BMW Riders Association Rally in 2002 with scenic curvy roads, great weather at 8000+ feet and a small town atmosphere in Red River, New Mexico. First national BMW Rally to be held in New Mexico. Ride the Enchanted Circle. Scenic roads abound in northern NM. Plus great GS riding everywhere. Old mining town turned ski resort. High altitude keeps it cool even in August. BMW NA demo fleet, BMW dealers, vendors and more. Travel light and leave the tent at home, Red River has over 5000 quality motel rooms. The river runs right through town & campground (fishermen note: the Red River is full of trout). Close to Taos (35 mi) and Santa Fe (110 mi). Fly into Phoenix - motorcycle rentals are available. Here's the internet site where you can get registration form(s), hotel info, and more: http://www.bmwra.org/rally_2002.htm

24th-25th (Sat.-Sun.) SCBMWRC Campout - El Capitan This is a popular campout so get your reservations in early. Ted Taylor to organize. If you want to go, you've got to contact Ted Taylor before hand – and let him know. His number is listed along with the other club officers – on page 2. This is one of the best ocean front state parks in California. Just north of Santa Barbara.

Pink Flamingos Seen at South Coaster Rallys!

Editors Note: I sent Greg Ruggles, long time member of the club this question:

“What is the story on pink flamingos? Should the Fiesta Rally symbol really be a pink flamingo? I’ve seen rally sites pictures where there where flocks of ink flamingos? Is that the reason Ralph wears a pink hat at rallies?”

Greg Responds - from Flamingoville

“There is absolutely, no way, uh-uh any connection between the Flamingo people and the Fiesta rally. No more so than the Dinky Dozen or the like. He bailed out saying he will be right back. Now you might be able to hike seven miles in half an hour and then maybe you might not. Think about it,

BIKES, PARTS, ACCESSORIES BOUGHT, SOLD, OR CONSIGNED.

We are an exclusive, very sick group of people who invade a normal rally and pervert it. We own no allegiance and will disrespectfully insinuate ourselves upon an unknowing or willing host. We will eat your food, drink your alcohol, ogle your motorcycles and leave a clean camp spot. We may even share a Flamingo-rita with you if you wear the silly hat. We also ride really wide motorcycles sometimes.”

Greg R. minister of irrelevant thought



562-426-3558 Phone - 562-426-3528 FAX,
2700 Rose Ave. #J, Signal Hill, CA 90806.

Bikes, Parts, Accessories for BMW Motorcycles



BALLISTIC GEAR



luggage systems



cruiser gear



rack & seat bags

MARSEE



800.293.2400
www.marseeproducts.com



tankbags

cooling systems



GS 1100/1150 pack



ADVENTURE GEAR



unclassified Ads



First Gear Kilimanjaro Jacket and Overpant – XXL. Jacket is Black w/Red trim. It will keep you warm and dry in torrential rain. with full snap in polartec type liner jacket. The compartments and pockets in this jacket would entertain a small child (or me) for hours. There's enough Velcro to keep the space shuttle operational in an emergency. If you wear a 'mans size' and could use some better riding gear contact Mike Moon (949) 631-8870 or moon1@mediaone.net. Figure \$235-\$199.99! obo for the jacket and the overpants.

95 BMW K1100LT - Only 7,800 miles. Like new. Hard bags w/liners. ABS, heated grips. AM/FM/tapedeck w/four custom speakers. Large trunk, elec. power windshield, Works Performance Shock. PIAA fog lights, throttle lock, radar detector mount, RKA tank bag. New front tire. Perfect shape. Red. \$8,800. Terry (818) 345-5044 or beemerduc@AOL.com

3 Transmissions & 1 motor An R65 5speed in good working condition \$450.00; An R80RT '83 5 speed freshly rebuilt w/new seals and bearings \$500; A slash 5 4 speed in good working condition \$400.00. An R60/6 motor – A full motor minus electrical accessories \$400. Contact Larry Stonestreet at (909) 677-4291.

1992 K75S – \$3000. Blue. 2 windshields (stock and parabellum), 2 exhausts (stock and Luftmeister), BMW system cases, ABS, service records, tires in good condition, brakes good. 60,000 miles. Contact Al Sudarth at (949) 362-8465.

1991 BMW K75S - ABS, Corbin seat, BMW hard bags, new tires, battery charger and cover. Only 18,000 miles. \$5200. Dave at (661) 254-5345 or sunker@scv.net

1958 BMW R50/5 with a side car. new battery, new tires, new pipes, Recent tune-up at BMW dealer in Riverside. Runs well, no leaks, all original, paint is good but old. NO SPACE, toys must GO. Bike is in Palm Springs. have owned this bike since 1979. Good BMW Home Only!! (760) 774-3285. Bob McKee

1975 R90S - \$8000. Daytona Orange. 23,000 original miles. Perfect. **1988 K75s** - \$5000. Red. 21,000 miles. City Bags. Showroom condition. Ping me at ellisdb@ix.netcom.com for photos. I love and have all service records for both these bikes, but need room (and cash) for a new pickup. Duane Behrens, Rancho Palos Verdes. Daytime phone (310) 544 1837, ext. 106

About the UnClassified Ads

If you are private owner and have something motorcycle related you want to advertise in the newsletter contact Mike Moon by Email at Mmoon1@mediaone.net or call at (949) 631-

South Coast BMW Riders Club

P.O. Box 11521

Santa Ana, CA 92711