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Pictured: A scene from the near future

EXCITING UPCOMING EVENTS

None! It is no surprise that the COVID orders have been the ongoing priority. For now, the upcoming rides and club sponsored activities are on hold.

The club picnic was discussed at the last BOD and General “virtual” Meeting and we remain flexible and non-committal for now until more is known about the lifting of “Safer at Home”. Stay tuned to the club site and Facebook for more details about next steps and dates. Until then, take good care.



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"ya'll be quiet, I have something to say here"

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Brandon Wilson

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Tony Nguyen

Rob Tripp

Ron Zablocki

Hello South Coasters!

Well, here we are on month two (at least for me) maintaining social distancing which started on March 13th. The BOD had a second virtual meeting, this time with Zoom, which was successful, even for those who are known to be slightly more technology challenged (you know who you are). All kidding aside, we also ran the first-ever, virtual General Meeting on Saturday and it was good to see many of you. If you did not attend, shame on you!

A quick reminder, official club communication is via the website. Facebook and other social media avenues are secondary. Always count on the website for the most current information available.

Continue to take good care! Stay safe, stay sane, and stay healthy.

Keep the wind at your back and enjoy the newsletter this month. Please consider content for future issues, and submit all by the 25th of each month to editor@scbmwrc.com

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Cheers, Brandon

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NEWSLETTER: Brandon Wilson

MEMBERSHIP: John Crittenden

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MILEAGE: Rob Tripp

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Greetings South Coasters,

As I sit at my keyboard and reflect on the past month for my President's Message, the title of an old Grateful Dead album pops into my head, "What A Long Strange Trip It's Been."

I am sure I don't need to remind anyone, but this is week eight of isolation. I can't recall ever spending this much uninterrupted time at home .. literally AT HOME, in my 63 years. Good thing Julie and I like it here, enjoy each other's company, and both have hobbies we can enjoy at home. That said, we sure miss routinely spending time with family and friends.

Since the "Stay AT Home" order is still in effect, the May Board of Directors meetings will be our second conference call meeting in a row. Rather than cancel a second General Meeting, we are going to try holding this Saturday's meeting via the cloud-based video and audio conferencing tool that has recently received a lot of press called Zoom. It should be a fun and perhaps challenging way to hold a meeting. What have we got to lose? Maybe us old dogs can learn a few new tricks after all.

Per our By-Laws, June is election month and there is not a provision for postponing or rescheduling the election. Sure, we aren't talking national elections here and could probably move them, but I have done my best to adhere to the governing structure put in place as a Board member, Vice President and President of our club over the last several years. I am not anxious to skirt them now as I get ready to retire from Club Leadership. Therefore, piloting Zoom this month will hopefully prepare us for whatever next month brings, relative to meeting and holding our elections if the Stay At Home order is still in place.

While Club business has appeared quiet, your Officers and Board members have been busy. I am proud to report that the State of the Club is strong. We have a solid slate of proposed new Board Members running for election and experienced members running for the Officer positions. Our Club's future is bright and the current pause we are all living under will pass. I am anxious to twist the throttle with all of you soon. Until then take care of yourselves.

Chris Roady



Smitten by the Airhead Bug!

Contributed by Karl W.

I caught the Airhead bug from others in our club a few years ago. The journey of how I procured mine was written and posted in the MOA magazine in 2018. Everything about Airheads, the bikes, people, parts, is unique.... a bit more character and characters than the new technology attracts.

This past week I received a letter in the mail from Tim Boscacci from Vista CA. Tim wrote me to share the story of his reading my 2018 MOA article and being bitten by the Airhead bug himself, as well as his journey to procure his own Airhead. Hope you enjoy the story;



Hi Karl,

It has been awhile since the August 2018 BMW MOA article came out about your acquisition of your 1975 R75/6 which I truly enjoyed. In addition I really enjoyed the "Riders Response" follow-up by the previous owner Todd Collart, as he took a Last Ride on the R75/6 to Morro Rock as the bike turned 100k miles, not uncommon with these bikes.

I notice the upgraded Browns Side Stand and the Wind Jammer, Panniers and Top Box/Rack are mostly off the bike as you ride it. You must like it stock!

I assume you are a member/subscriber to the Airhead Cub and receive the magazine. It is a good club with 2000 members worldwide and the magazine is a wealth of information.

I must admit after reading your article I began to salivate a little. I had a 1970 R60/5 year earlier and wonder if I could find another one.... I did! A 1977 R75/7 was advertised in Chula Vista CA, 80 miles from my home in Vista, CA. It was in the BMW club of San Diego newsletter and the owner said there were "no takers". So I took \$2,500 and received the bike with 63k miles. It is not a concourse bike, but it purrs!! It is black with gold striping, single disc front brake, with front cowling. The last owner literally dedicated restoration to BMW spec of \$3000 and since I have put a little more into it.

I enjoy the Airhead magazine with the Air Directory, BMW specialty shops, Tech Days, classified, and more all across the country. The 750 and 800's appear to remain the popular choice over the decades and they say they can go up to 100cc, but I wonder if you throw the baby out with the bathwater!

Also I read that it is not uncommon for the 750 & 800's to reach 500k miles! Look at Matt Parkhouse's "Keep em Flying in the MOA magazine, he had a 1970 R75/5 go 425k! Another local rider on a 77 R100S had 130k miles stock, it had a café fairing like mine.

My first BMW was a 1966 R60/2 then a 1970R60/5, 1994 R110RS (which I still own) and now the 1977 R75/7! I did shave down the seat on the R75/7 which helped! The rest of the bike is basically stock.

I find Bob's BMW, Jessup Maryland to be an excellent parts source. Also, "Stoners Stash" in Murrieta CA, Larry Stonestreet, who recently provided a new tank because mine had a pinhole leak, looks stock again!



The R75/7 is proving to be a very pleasant second ride!! Well maintained, obedient, reliable, conservative, yet over 40 years later she is still very capable! BMW's are very versatile, but must be maintained like any motorcycle, 100k miles are very possible! I will keep mine maintained the best I can, and there is no shortage of parts!

So long Karl, enjoy your R75!

Tim Boscacci

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Kubes!

Contributed by Karl W.

If You Like Legos, You Will Love Kit Kubes!

By: Karl Wagner

I stumbled onto the Kit Kubes in 2018 at the BMW NorCal 49er Rally, remember that rally that used to happen on Memorial Day weekend....., and since then I have found these to be just about the most useful packing item on my bike.



You see the Kit Kubes are designed to package sub groups of items in your travel bag together in kubes that have a clear side and labeling on the ends for easy access while packed in your main pannier bag. No more hunting through your main bag for something at the bottom.



The Kubes are made in modules of the largest square Kube, which we typically use for clothes. The smaller modules, square as a quarter of the largest Kube, or rectangular as half of the largest Kube, are excellent for common items. Tools go in the rectangular one, the kitchen goes in the square one, etc. You decide what distribution work best for you.



Now when you think of square, I know you think of GS. No not because of the riders, but because the panniers are square! And yes, the Kubes are sized to fit in the BMW aluminum panniers perfectly. BUT, the cubes are also very useful in any pannier, perhaps not as efficient, but from an organizational perspective, just as useful!





In fact, the Kubes have been useful packing in our Jeep and RV for all kinds of adventures. The Kubes are useful and versatile, they even carry your refreshments if you like!

So, when we you do get to plan your next trip think about giving yourself an organizational hand up and look into Kit Kubes, from Overland Adventure Products, made in San Luis Obispo CA. <https://overland-adventurer.com/>



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compliments of the Corona Virus



It is that time of year for the 2020/21 Elections for the BOD. Be sure to attend the June meeting in-person or online survey depending on the state of COVID restrictions.

SCBMWRC 2020 / 2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS BALLOT

OFFICERS (Select 1 for each position)

President
John Crittenden

Vice President
Dave Eastly

Treasurer
Danny Wassenaar

Secretary
Bill Allen

DIRECTORS (Select 5)

Warren Belkin

Tony Nyguen

Brandon Wilson

Ron Zablocki

Eric Wolf



New Member Introductions

Welcome Tom Bass!

1. What was the first Motorcycle you rode/owned?
Horex
2. How many years of riding experience do you have? 60 Years on and off
3. Does your significant other ride with you? No
4. How many motorcycles have you owned? 7
5. How many cumulative miles have you amassed on motorcycles? Not sure, six figures easily
6. What has been your favorite Motorcycle to own/ride? BMW Brand
7. What Motorcycle brand/model are you currently riding? 2020 R1250RS
8. What is the most miles you have ridden in a 24 hour time period? 800
9. Do you have a favorite route/trip that you have taken? If so, what is the route? HWY 36
10. What "motorcycle courses" have you taken in the past 5 years? Street Masters California Superbike!
11. What are your expectations from the club as a new club member? Riding!



Welcome Kevin Blake!

After the Sears minibike my brother and I bought...I purchased my first motorcycle with paper route money when I was 12...a 1971 Yamaha 80 Enduro from our neighbor.

Most of my riding experience is off-road when I was younger but have also ridden/owned Suzuki RM125, Yamaha YZ250, KZ400, and the most recent bike I owned 3 years ago a TW200. I have owned and ridden about seven years spread over the last 43. I have owned the five motorcycles mentioned above and now number six..! R1250GS

My road miles are very low, probably not more than 1000..? Most of my riding has been off-road. The significant amount of riding I did was in Adlanto outside of Victorville.

The R1250GS I just purchased is by far the best motorcycle I have ever owned or ridden.

I recently completed the Ride Rite basic course as I had ridden with learner's permits and never bothered to get my M1 license until recently. I'm very much looking forward to gaining knowledge and experience and camaraderie participating in club activities.

Thank you so much for allowing me the opportunity to participate in your club, Sincerely, Kevin Blake

