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# The South Coaster

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Jake Perko

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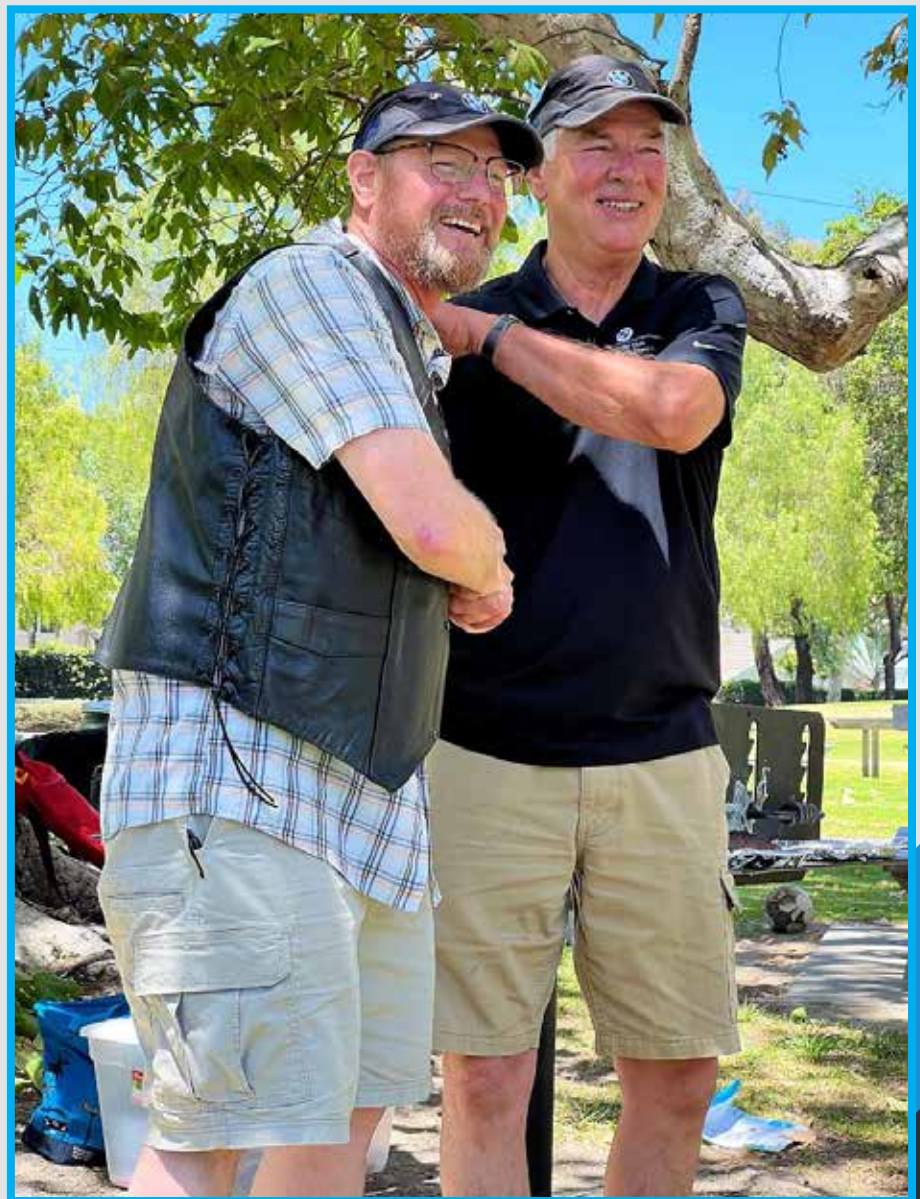
# WE HAVE A NEW PRESIDENT

## Our parting President, John C. shakes the hand of Eric W., as he is sworn in during the South Coaster's Annual Picnic!

John gave closing remarks and sincere gratification to his tenure as club president, as well as, his many years as a club member.

Eric, now wearing the coveted "South Coaster President Leather Jacket" also commented on accepting the position. He shared his wishes to lead the club and its' newly appointed board with the goal of adding new ride destinations, events, and overall navigation according to the recent club survey.

From all of the club members, we thank John for all of his contributions. Additionally, we welcome Eric and wish him a sincere congratulations!





# South Coast BMW Riders 2022/2023 Ride Calendar

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<b>AUG 06</b>		<b>GM &amp; Day Ride at Irv Seaver</b> 907 W. Katella Ave, Orange, CA 92667 (714) 532-3700 <a href="http://www.irmwrc.com">www.irmwrc.com</a>	Warron Bekin (949) 290-6809 <a href="mailto:warronbekin@gmail.com">warronbekin@gmail.com</a>
<b>AUG 13/15</b>		<b>Morro Bay Weekend Getaway</b> Sea Pines Resort, Los Osos, CA (805) 538-5262 <a href="http://seapinesgolfresort.com">seapinesgolfresort.com</a>	Narry McFiean (957) 900-5036 <a href="mailto:narrymcfiean.com">narrymcfiean.com</a>
<b>SEP 10</b>		<b>GM at Ed Taylor's House &amp; Day Ride</b> 17022 Copper Queen Lane, Perris, CA, 92570 Ed's Cell 951-2361757 <a href="http://www.edtaylorbmw.com">www.edtaylorbmw.com</a>	Ed Taylor (951) 256-1757 <a href="mailto:edtaylor@edtmw.com">edtaylor@edtmw.com</a>
<b>SEP 16/18</b>		<b>Cedar City MOA Weekend Getway</b> Courtyard Marriott Cedar City, 435-867-7300 <a href="http://benemoi.org/events">benemoi.org/events</a>	BMW MOA (948) 400-0936 <a href="http://benemoi.org/events">benemoi.org/events</a>
<b>SEP 23/25</b>		<b>Porterville Weekend Getaway</b>	Pion Zablocki (949) 412-4991 <a href="mailto:pionzablocki@gmail.com">pionzablocki@gmail.com</a>
<b>SEP 24/25</b>		<b>Miramar Airshow Day Ride</b>	Palo Rissman (714) 912-7363 <a href="http://ppf@ppfpages.com">ppf@ppfpages.com</a>
<b>OCT 01</b>		<b>GM &amp; Day Ride at Hill Street Cafe</b> 1004 Foothill Blvd, La Canada Flintridge, CA 91011 (818) 952-1019 <a href="http://hillstreetcafeincanada.com">hillstreetcafeincanada.com</a>	Henry Salati (918) 462-0991 <a href="mailto:hsalati@gmail.com">hsalati@gmail.com</a>
<b>OCT 14/16</b>		<b>Welcome to Baja Weekend Getaway</b>	Narry McFiean (949) 900-5036 <a href="mailto:narrymcfiean.com">narrymcfiean.com</a>
<b>OCT 14/16</b>		<b>Santa Maria Airshow Day Ride</b>	Palo Rissman (714) 912-7363 <a href="http://ppf@ppfpages.com">ppf@ppfpages.com</a>
<b>NOV 10/13</b>		<b>Sedona, AZ Weekend Getaway</b>	Gilbert Galvez (808) 7262655 <a href="mailto:McG@ppfpages.com">McG@ppfpages.com</a>
<b>DEC 10</b>		<b>South Coasters' Christmas Party</b>	

<b>JAN 13/15</b>		<b>El Capitan SB/Buellton Weekend Getaway</b>	Sergio Collazo (949) 243-0020 <a href="mailto:scollazo@scbmwrc.com">scollazo@scbmwrc.com</a>
<b>FEB 17/20</b>		<b>Death Valley Weekend Getaway</b>	Eric Webb (949) 436-4769 <a href="mailto:ericwebb@scbmwrc.com">ericwebb@scbmwrc.com</a>
<b>MAR 10/13</b>		<b>Utah Weekend Getaway</b>	Palo Rissman (714) 912-7363 <a href="http://ppf@ppfpages.com">ppf@ppfpages.com</a>
<b>MAR 17/19</b>		<b>Ensenada Food Festival Weekend Getaway</b>	Henry Salati (918) 462-0992 <a href="mailto:hsalati@gmail.com">hsalati@gmail.com</a>
<b>APR 22/25</b>		<b>North Rim Grand Canyon Getaway</b>	John Cordero (909) 576-4327 <a href="http://www.johnscordero.com">www.johnscordero.com</a>
<b>MAY 25/29</b>		<b>BMW Norcal 49er Rally</b>	Palo Rissman (714) 912-7363 <a href="http://ppf@ppfpages.com">ppf@ppfpages.com</a>
<b>JUN 08/11</b>		<b>BMW MOA National Rally, Virginia</b>	
<b>JUN 15/18</b>		<b>Chief Joseph Rally/Columbia River</b>	

### ★ IMPORTANT NOTICE

On this getaway you will cross international borders and you will require a **VALID PASSPORT** to be able to cross back into the U.S. CHECK YOUR PASSPORT'S EXPIRATION DATE!!!

### LEGEND

- General Meet
- Weekend Getaway
- Day Ride
- Christmas Party

**!!!ALL DATES & LOCATIONS SUBJECT TO CHANGE!!!**

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE JULY 2022



Well, it's done: we have a new board, a new president, and a full riding calendar. First, I want to say that it is an honor to serve as your president for the next two years. Kudos to John C!

He leaves big shoes to fill. Please take time to thank John. Also, seek me out and introduce yourselves; same for the new board members. They are all volunteers (no arm twisting) and are eager to serve you and our club. Thank them.

Harry has put together a fine and full edition including bios on each board member, a write up on the club picnic, and two tales (tall?) from the Seven Passes ride. The Board has pretty much finalized the 22'-23' calendar for weekend rides so check this edition and the website for dates and locations. Pen (not pencil!) these in on your schedule. Why not set yourself a goal of joining your friends on "x" number of rides this year?

Start by coming out to the General Meeting at Irv Seavers BMW on August 6, followed by a day ride to the coast led by Warren B. Harry H. is leading a weekend ride to Los Osos, August 13-15. In September, Ed T. is hosting a breakfast GM followed by a ride to Idyllwild. September also includes MOA's Getaway to Cedar City, a day ride to the Miramar Air Show, and in October we're going to Baja!

This is our club! Let's continue building camaraderie and having fun together.



*Eric W.*

## Newly Elected

# Board of Directors



### *Meet Your Board Members*



I joined the club in 2016 in order to meet riders and find out about this motorcycle touring thing. With a lifetime of day riding and commuting, backpacking and camping, I thought it was time to bring it all together but needed someone to show me the ropes. Since my first club ride to Death Valley, I've trekked to two national rallies, four 49ers, three MOA Weekend Aways, and dozens of South Coaster events. Yes, eventually I've learned a thing or two.

I am in awe of the experience, ethos, and dedication of this club, and as President, I hope to fill the giant shoes left by John C. by carrying on the good work. Specifically, I commit to bringing to life as many of the great recommendations from the member survey as possible.

**Eric Wolf, President**

### *Meet Your Board Members*



So I've done some things I'm not proud of, and did my time for those transgressions. However I am proud to be a member of this awesome South Coast riders club, which I've been a part of since 2017.

I'm aging myself here, but I've been riding off and on for about 45 years on all sorts of bikes, and I've met many great people along the way which eventually led me to this club. I'm looking forward to helping and supporting the club in any way I can, along with the other fellow board members.

I hope that each of you can enjoy your time with us - riding, socializing and exploring these wonderful CA (and beyond) roads.

**Ron Zablocki, Vice President**

## Meet Your Board Members



I started real riding back in the late 70s after surviving a few turns on friend's dirt bikes as a young kid at our family cottage. I've cycled (groan) in and out of the sport over the years moving from Hondas to Harleys, but decided in 2017 that BMW was much more aligned ... I am in the tech industry, I love twisties and I love good engineering. My RT is the best handling bike I've ever ridden and we were really fortunate to tour the South Island of New Zealand on an RT four years ago – yes that photo is the real Burt Munro World's Fastest Indian shell. I became involved with the South Coasters through a work engagement where I met Brandon Wilson. My wife and I ended up joining after meeting a great group of people and discovering a lot of interesting riding & camping opportunities. My favorite ride was probably Death Valley although all the club rides have been full of exploration, adventure, scenic views and fond memories.

As club Secretary, I hope to continue contributing to align the club with membership interests and to use my tech / business background to help streamline our processes and records.

**Warren Belkin, Secretary**

## Meet Your Board Members

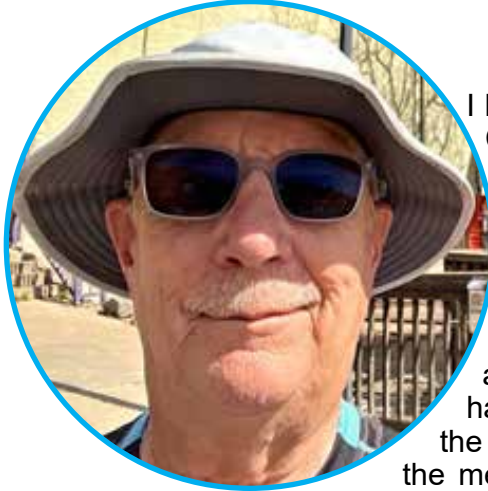


Linda and I moved from Huntington Beach to the IE in the mid 80's. We gave up being close to the beach, mostly so we could afford our interest in horses. At some point along the way my ortho suggested I give up horses, fortunately I didn't tell him about the motorcycle.

I purchased my first BMW, a 700GS in 2013, soon after traded it for a 1200GS. My first ride with the club was 2018, a ride to Sonora. I met some incredible people. I couldn't keep up with them, but I was hooked. Probably because I was influenced by all the RT's on that ride, I traded my GS for an RT. As I recall Tom White was the only GS rider. Now I look around and most everyone has a GS. I appreciate SCBMWR because of the caring people and the detail put into each ride. I stepped up to be treasure for this term so that I can give something back to this club.

**Ed Taylor, Treasurer**

## *Meet Your Board Members*



I bought my R1200RT on 5/29/21 and joined the South Coasters within a couple weeks. My RT is my first BMW and my first touring bike, but I've been riding motorcycles on the street for 56+ years and I've done plenty of touring on less appropriate bikes. My first cross-country trip was from Southern California to Maine and back on a Harley rigid-frame chopper with little more than a change of clothes, a leather jacket, and a blanket. That was 49 years ago and my back hasn't been right since. I joined the South Coasters for the camaraderie and collective experience and wisdom of the members, and I haven't been disappointed. I've made some great new friends and learned a lot about touring and motorcycle camping. My goals as a board member include adding to that collective experience and wisdom however I can.

**Pete Rissman, Board Member**

## *Meet Your Board Members*



I returned to riding last year after a 20 year lay off. Early on, I rode mostly sport bikes. It wasn't till I purchased my 1200GS that I discovered that I could actually ride longer than 1-2 hours without feeling like a stiff pretzel. After a few rides with the club, I realized long hours on saddle could actually be enjoyable. It was then when I got hooked.

I joined the South Coasters in March of 2021. John C. immediately made me feel welcome. I quickly learned that this group really knew how to ride and their knowledge of roads, riding skills, and ability to have fun has inspired me to get more involved. As member of board of directors, I endeavor to collaborate with board members, as well as, fellow south coasters to add more value to the club. There is a lot of great feedback collected from the recent member survey, and with that information, I would like to help the club in any way I can.

**Sergio Collazo, Safety & Training**

## *Meet Your Board Members*



I joined South Coast BMW in October 2019 when I met the club at a motorcycle training course. I've been riding for about 10 years in the U.S. and started off with a Yamaha FJR 1000 then switched to a BMW 1200 RT. For the past two years I have been riding a BMW 1250 GSA. Since joining the club, I have met plenty of club members who are welcoming and accommodating to everyone's needs.

I have learned a lot from everyone's advice and feel more confident when traveling on roads that I wouldn't have done on my own, prior to joining the club. Since being with South Coast BMW, I have gone on several club rides and enjoy my time on the road and with the guys. As much as I have enjoyed being a club member, I look forward to being a board member and assisting in the planning of our future club rides and creating more memories with the club members.

**Gilbert Galvez, Mileage Accountant**

## *Meet Your Board Members*



Like most riders, I started riding on a mini dirt bike as a young teenager. It was a pull start Briggs and Stratton without gears, as I recall. I dropped that thing in the dirt numerous times. I guess habits are hard to break, as I still drop my GSA from time to time. Ha! Jump forward 30 years, my first motorcycle was a 2006, BMW, K1200 LT. A pure touring bike, but way too big for canyons and twisties. I traded that in for a 2013, R1200 RT. then in 2020, I sold that to buy a 2015 R1200 GSA. Since my wife wanted to ride with me, she forced me to buy a 2016 K 1600 GTLE. I sure am glad she decided to become a pillion. That GTLE is a great bike!

I join the club in July 2020, while on a summer solstice ride heading for ice cream in Palm Springs. From the very beginning, there was so much enjoyment riding along side this great a bunch of like-minded riders! Becoming club member was an easy decision, and doing so has lead me to miles of miles of fun, laughter, camaraderie, and adventure! I have traveled countless roads (both on and off-road), and rode through landscapes that I would never have imagined if it wasn't for joining the South Coaster's. It has definitely been a highlighted chapter in my life!! look forward to leading rides and taking advantage of some new destinations this year with the club. Let's have some fun!

**Harry Hoffman, Newsletter Editor**



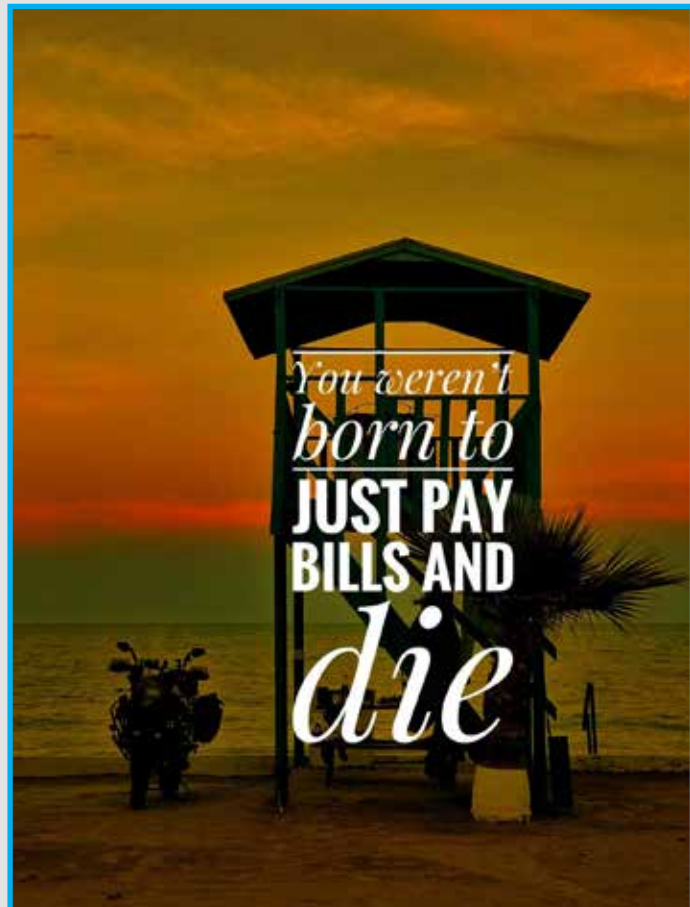
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I rode a moped at the age of 14 in Germany and was instantly fascinated by the sensation of floating through air. After moving to CA I immediately got my M endorsement and went through my crotch rocket years. I rediscovered my love for motorcycles at a track day back in 2010 and went on to enter the club racing world for several years. In 2018 I came across the documentary "Long Way Around" and it was at that moment where I decided I wanted to travel the world on motorcycles. That week I bought my first adventure bike, a triple black GS and embarked on my first long distance moto camping trip to Yellowstone that summer. Prior to that trip I had never camped before or strapped a duffle bags onto a bike. It was the most memorable trip I had ever been on and it cemented my love and passion for traveling on bikes.

Then, in 2019, while on a moto trip in Europe, zig zagging between Austria and Germany, I decided that I wanted to guide motorcycle rides until the day I die and upon returning home, I registered the company GOAT Moto Tours and in March 2022 took my first group of riders on an international Moto trip to the Ensenada Beer Fest. This is the one thing I am willing to do until the day I die and have a smile on my face while doing it.

Henry Salari, Webmaster



# PAST PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's been a privilege to be on the Board these last few years, as well as, Prez for a few. The SCers are a great bunch, and I will be around as long as I can! Eric will do a great job and I am glad the reins went to him.

Thank you for all of the good times with my friends and the great members of the South Coaster's Riding Club!  
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*John C.*





# South Coasters'

# June 2022 Club Rides

7 Passes Ride,  
June 9-12, 2022

Article by Steve L.  
Photos by everyone attended



## Unbelievable scenery, the greatest group of riders.....this was typical SCBMWRC!!!!



How do you begin an epic saga that started out as a fiasco???

Leading up to the 7 Passes Ride was a new experience for me as I had never been on a 5 day ride, had a brand new Garmin Zumo XT that I had no idea how to use and I was still recuperating from hand surgery. I was excited about the 5-day ride but also apprehensive as it looked like there were going to be some very long days in the saddle and I had never done multiple days in the high 300 and low 400 miles.

## 7 PASSES RIDE CONTINUED...

As for the Garmin, I think I called half the club trying to find someone to help me figure it out. I got the basics down and offered to help our fearless ride leader, Eric Wolf, plan the routes. I figured it was good practice and would help me learn the GPS before the ride. As it turned out it was a very good thing that I had that practice because a few days before the ride Eric called me and told me I was now the ride leader as he had not recovered from COVID 19 sufficiently to go on the ride. Now what am I supposed to do????



The only time I had ever led a ride was 5 or 6 years ago for a simple overnight ride to Buellton. The only good thing about this was that I had assisted Eric with the accommodations and the routes, so I had them all worked out. Come meet-up time at Panera Bread on Thursday I showed up still not sure how things were going to go. When I got to the meet-up site I checked my text and emails and found out that we had lost 3 of our riders who either came down with COVID the day before or were sent out of town on business. Now I had to figure out what to do about the room situation as we had some people who had lost their roommate. I figured we would figure it out as we went and got to our accommodations.



## 7 PASSES RIDE CONTINUED...

To top off the meet-up, Leon showed up and decided he wanted to go on the ride but did not have anything he needed for the ride like clothes or a toothbrush.

He was going to run home and get his stuff but as it turned out he did not have time to get home and back again to join us for the full ride, so he just tagged along until Palmdale and then headed home.

The first day of riding was a nice cruiser over Angeles Crest, Angeles Forest and up the 14 to Rosamond in an invigorating 102 degrees. Quick stop in Rosamond to climb into our cooling vests and then up thru the wind turbines to the 58 and on to Caliente Bodfish Road. We took a vote, and everyone decided to go Caliente Creek Road through the valley and on up to Kernville. Great ride along the creek and dodged a few cattle on the way. Everyone checked in to the Kernville Inn and we figured out the rooms to everyone's agreement and no one had to sleep on the floor. After check-in you know what came next!!!!.....move the Adirondack chairs out onto the lawn and open up the wine and scotch!



Great ride along the creek and dodged a few cattle on the way. Everyone checked in to the Kernville Inn and we figured out the rooms to everyone's agreement and no one had to sleep on the floor. After check-in you know what came next!!!!.....move the Adirondack chairs out onto the lawn and open up the wine and scotch!

A fun time and lots of stories went around the circle so much so we were a little late for our dinner reservation at That's Italian. Dinner was great and everyone seemed to have had a great time except our guest!!!! Poor Matt was the target for the evening as Matt rides an Aprilla. He was invited along on the trip by Paul Kirch and then Paul came down with COVID the day before the ride and left poor Matt to fend for himself with a bunch of BMW riders he had never met. I have to hand it to Matt as he handled himself very well and ended up making some good friends along the way.



We just have to convince him that he needs a BMW so he can go on more rides with us.

## 7 PASSES RIDE CONTINUED...



Friday morning everyone made it to Cheryl's for an early breakfast and the 8:00am KSU.

Up along the Kern River we went and made the hairpin onto Sherman Pass Road. It was in surprisingly good shape and we had no mishaps. Made a quick pottie break at the great lookout about halfway up the mountain and then did a non-stopper up over the top, thru Kennedy Meadows and down 9 Mile Road which, as usual, made us feel like we were on the moon.

After a quick stop to put on our cooling vests we headed up the 395 for

the long haul up to the turnoff for Tioga Pass. A quick gas stop at the Mobil Station got gas before heading up Hwy 120. Fortunately, when we got to the top there were only 3 cars in front of us to get into Yosemite Park. I then had a golden tongue moment and talked the Ranger into letting all 9 bike go through without having to show their Park Passes and Reservation form. He waved us all through but a few get left behind as they had started removing gloves, etc figuring it was going to be a slow process getting past the Rangers. They caught up quickly and off we went down into Yosemite on a gorgeous afternoon with great views until we hit a construction zone!!!! Yukkkk!!

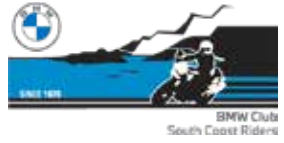
They had the road torn up for about 10 miles and we had to wait about 20-30 minutes for the one-way traffic to turn our way. It was not a fun 10 miles of mud, gravel, dust and more mud, gravel and dust. We finally made it through with no mishaps and headed on to Sonora which was not far from the exit from the park.



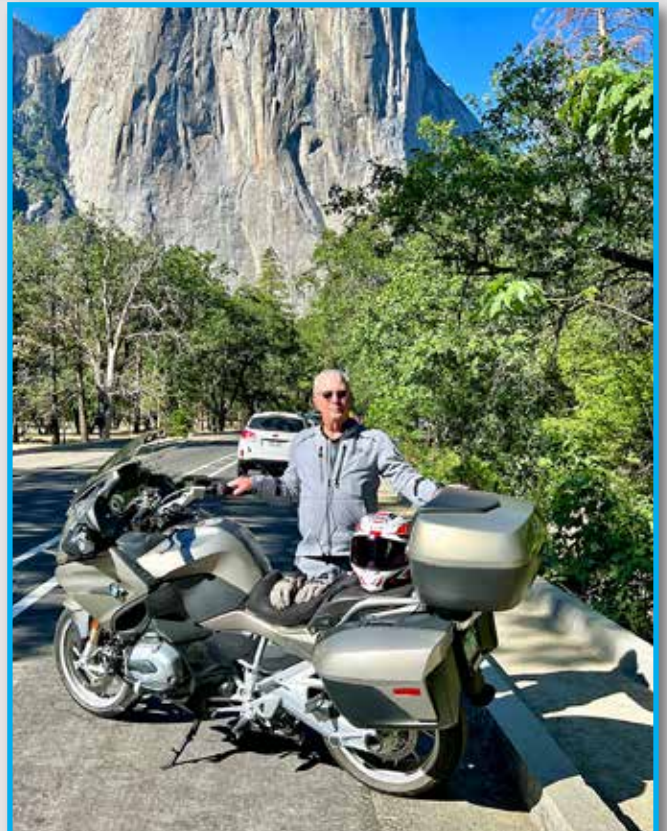
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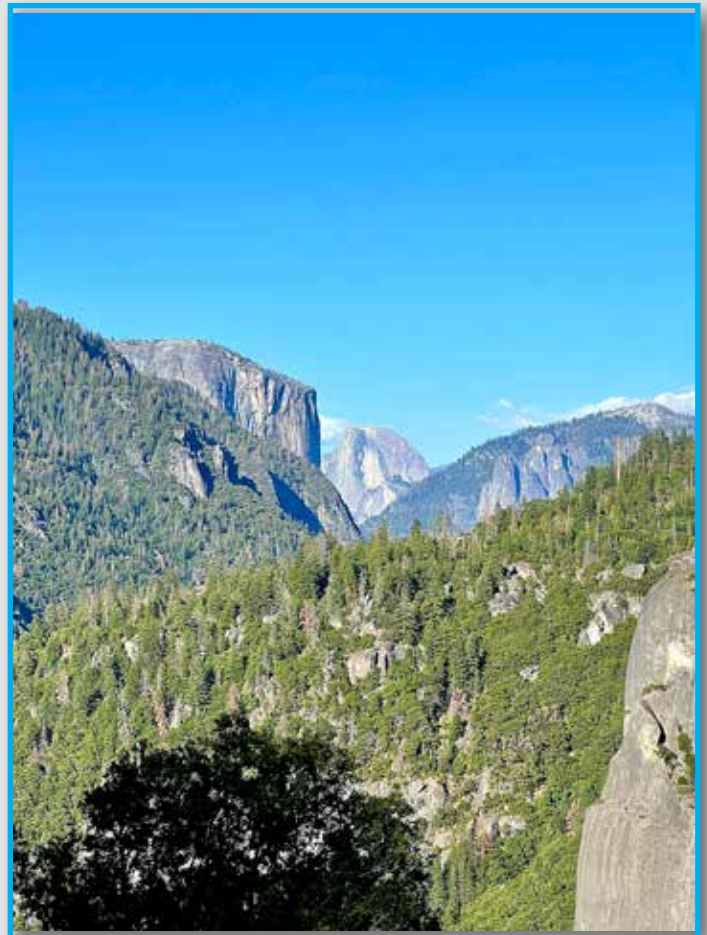
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### 7 PASSES RIDE CONTINUED...

We found the Gunn House and its very steep driveway to the parking lot which was navigated by all in a safe manner. Some of us hit the swimming pool for a cool down and then off to dinner at El Arroyo Cantina and Mexican Kitchen for Margueritas (thank you Ed Taylor for the 2 very large pitchers) and some very good Mexican food. Rob Tripp joined us for dinner as he now lives about 20 minutes from Sonora. The only problem was that he did not bring Kellie with him but we put up with him anyway. After dinner it was back to the Gunn House and a well needed night's sleep.



Another early morning breakfast at the hotel and an 8:00am KSU after filling up our tanks. Rob Tripp joined us so I made him Honorary Ride Leader for the day which turned out great as he knows all the roads in the area and did a fantastic job taking us up over Sonora Pass with a stop at the summit. Sonora Pass was exquisite with the most amazing scenery you will see anywhere. Majestic vistas, running rivers, huge pines, gorgeous lakes and a never-ending series of sweepers. After a short ride up 395 to Topaz Lake we headed up Monitor Pass. Monitor starts out very desolate but once over the pass and heading to Ebbetts Pass it turned back into the beauty of the Sierras we expected. More beautiful lakes, streams and never-ending pines. Ebbetts is very unique as the road is very narrow and there is no center line. There are also many very tight twisties but also some beautiful scenery. Lots of sports car were heading up while we were heading down so it was a time to do a casual careful cruise.

## 7 PASSES RIDE CONTINUED...



Rob took us to a great place for lunch just before Arnold, The Lube Room Saloon. Enjoyed a good meal, took a needed rest, said goodbye to Rob and headed back down into the heat of the valley. We skirted Angels Camp, through San Andreas and Mokelumne Hill and finally to the 88 which would take us up over Caron Pass.

It was very hot and we were thankful we had donned our Cooling Vests before leaving The Lube Room Saloon. We took a couple of cooling

breaks and finally made it up the 88 back into the mountains. Cool air, cruising sweepers but a fair amount of traffic. Once we got up to the higher elevations the traffic disappeared and the scenery re-appeared with beautiful lakes and vistas around every turn. Once over Carson Pass it was a short downhill to the turnoff for Luther Pass which took us into South Lake Tahoe.



7 PASSES RIDE CONTINUED...



## 7 PASSES RIDE CONTINUED...

We had reached our goal of going over 7 of the Sierra Passes and we did it in 2 days: Sherman, Tioga, Sonora, Monitor, Ebbetts, Carson and Luther Passes. Epic riding, unbelievable scenery and a fantastic group of guys to ride with, drink with and dine with.

Thanks you Dan Burt, Erasmo Brenes, Pete Rissman, Ed Taylor, Gilbert Galves, Rob Tripp, Sergio Collazo, Carl Tung, Tony Nguyen and our guest Matt Salaben!. You made my job easy. A group of talented and extremely safe riders on an epic journey that I will remember for a long time.



7 PASSES RIDE CONTINUED...



But just because we reach our goal did not mean the riding was over. At this point, the main group broke up into smaller groups to make the long 475 mile trek home. Pete Rissman headed off to Reno and parts north on his way to John Day Oregon for the Chief Joseph Rally, 5 of the group got up at 6:00am Sunday morning and Iron Butt it all the way home down the 395.

## 7 PASSES RIDE CONTINUED...

Three of us decided to take our time and smell the roses as they say. Erasmo, Ed and I headed out around 8:00am with plans to go up to Echo Summit and add another pass to our list.

Problem.....it turned very cold and the pass was covered by an ugly cloud. We decided to play it safe and head for the 395.

On the way we went back over Luther and Monitor Passes to the 395. It was really windy and very cold. Poor Erasmo did not bring anything warm to wear as the forecast was for very hot temps for the whole ride. Luckily Ed had a spare jacket so Erasmo did not end up with pneumonia.



## 7 PASSES RIDE CONTINUED...

The whole trip Erasmo kept telling us we have to go to Bodie on the way home.....so we went to Bodie. It is a very interesting old mining Ghost Town. If you have never been there put it on your bucket list but remember that the last 3 miles of the road into Bodie is dirt but an easy riding dirt!

We then headed south with a few side trips on the way to Bishop – June Lake Loop, the back road into Mammoth and the twisty road through Paradise. Dinner, a bottle of good wine thanks to Erasmo and a good night's sleep followed. An early morning departure from Bishop and we were all home around noon.

*Steve L.*





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7 PASSES RIDE CONTINUED...

June 2022  
**South Coasters' Club Rides**

**7 Passes Ride,  
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 Article by Matthew S.



Hi Steve,

Thanks again for leading the ride. I did enjoy myself, and like any long motorcycle ride there is adventure. I would be happy to write a paragraph or two on my experience: the good, bad, and the ugly (nothing terrible, just stuff I was not expecting). I'm not sure where your newsletter is, etc., but here is an attorney/smart ass's review of the trip.

My 7 Passes ride around and through Yosemite this June with your BMW club was an adventure, and quite memorable at that; thanks for including me it, the lunch/dinner/hotel plannings, as well as the afterdinner libations. My "sponsor" for this ride, Paul Kirch, called me early Thursday morning alleging he had Covid, and of course couldn't go. I got his text and picture of a test strip, and wasn't sure whether to congratulate him on getting pregnant past the age of 70 or to have real concerns. BTW, Paul has made a miraculous recovery and is about to set off from Southern California up and through a large loop of Eastern Canada).

The initial plan was that Paul and I would travel half days or so with the pack, and then break off on our own to meet up later in the evening. Paul jokingly advised me "Matt, whatever you do, don't be yourself on this trip." I knew the adventure had begun before I even got on my bike. As a non-BMW rider, I also knew I was the "new" kid on the block; the good natured ribbing was expected, and it started as soon as I arrived at the Panera Bread parking in La Canada and took off my helmet. The jokes about my Italian motorcycle, and it's EFI warning light turning on and off (for the first time ever) on my ride there gave me assurances that I was with the right group.



## 7 PASSES RIDE CONTINUED...

When your club says, “KSU” at X:00 hours, you mean it; and actual members aren’t immune to being left behind if they don’t arrive on time. As a reminder, many non-BMWS’ don’t have gigantic panniers, tail cases, built in navigation and phone chargers, and endless glove boxes. In the future, if you ever do let a non-BMWers join your trips, or even have a new club rider, you might consider having a “5 minute leniency rule” for an acceptable delay time for KSU so that no riders, even your own club members, aren’t rushed to the point of not properly checking their bikes, farkles, make shift luggage, jacket pockets, connectors, etc. This is especially true on quick lunch breaks when the riders in the back finally get their food only after the lead riders, and first in line, have calmly completed their meals.

An unnamed rider (no names given to protect the guilty) dropped his bike while leaving the very first parking lot in La Canada, and I got the chance to help pick it up. The beauty of your BMWs’ is that slow spills are not ride ending as it would be on my Aprilia being all unprotected plastic. I happily fell near the back of the pack on our way to Kernville while trying to figure out the general rules and pace of the convoy and enjoying some great roads. I admit that I was a little lazy in my riding style because of the whole sciatica thing, and not placing the balls of my feet on my pegs caused the tread of my left boot to come loose from scraping on some twisties. The pace did pick up some times, but nothing insane. I fixed the boot problem with buying some super glue (and a bottle of white wine for another club member) and used the weight of the bed post to seal the deal.

I’m technically “geographically challenged,” so unless I hear the Google or Siri directions through my Sena, or Paul telling me in advance the route and/or actually following another rider, I would constantly get lost on longer rides. Riding with your BMW club solved that whole “directions” problem for me, allowed me to enjoy the ride, and I thank you profusely. I don’t usually pay attention to the names of the roads and highways I’m on while motorcycling, and unless I looked at the email itinerary, I couldn’t tell you more than 1 or 2 of the names of the passes we even went over.



That’s another bonus for Beemers, the Garmins and whatever navigation system on your bikes definitely help show you where you have been. Oh, and turning on Air Drop on my phone before the last day of our trip would have helped me get some of the group pics too: thank you Carl for your assistance and for sharing the ride up. It didn’t matter that I was on an analog bike: the roads were varied from fast and flat highways, gravel, sweepers, and hair pins in some of the most beautiful country in the world.

## 7 PASSES RIDE CONTINUED...

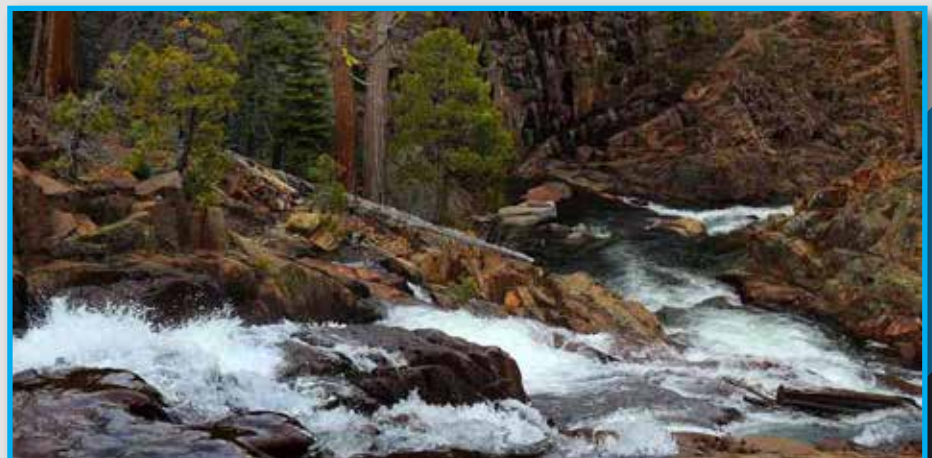
Because my back was an issue, and I didn't realize this was a non-stop marathon for the main group, I admit that I was a little slow sometimes to the bike, and didn't join the meals because I was laying flat trying to ice it. Eventually, I rode up towards the front a few times in later days to get a little faster, and to see some great riding from a club member when he avoided an oncoming two up blue sport touring motorcycle cross the double yellows into his lane on a blind curve. I initially said it was a blue Ducati that got wide, but I have I now profess that it was the exact same make/model of Aprilia Futura that I was riding, only in blue instead of grey.

The strongest memories I have are not the roads we traveled, beautiful parks, my peg spinning loose to the smooth underside from standing and stretching so often or some suspect hotels, but of the group of riders, their histories, and their help (thanks Rob for helping me pull my bike up vertical after you honked behind me at a rest stop, and I almost dropped it: oops, I said I was going to protect the guilty.)

In the small number of your club that I rode with I learned you have a flat track racer that also valets bikes in his off time, including mine down a steep incline with a 90 degree turn, one time world speed world record holder for multiple motorcycle classes; daredevils that raced and flipped speed boats at over 100 mph and even skied behind them some times, jet ski national champion contenders; a business owner willing to play "Uber Eats" for me and deliver me a dinner while I was laid up icing my back; a tech guy that is an incredible rider especially given only 3 years riding experience; former tennis contenders; an Antonio Banderas imitator in Vegas; a practical neighbor of mine whose kids' attended the same high schools as mine, and likes to take naps (thanks again for traveling the windy and hot 395 back with me; I will set up the dinner soon); and someone willing to accept a 4/5 filled bottle of scotch as a gift in their trunk cooler when I didn't have space for it in my limited size panniers (what a giver ;)

Happy trails, keep the shiny side up, and until we meet again.

Matthew Salaben





# June 2022 South Coasters' Club Rides

## Chief Joseph Rally June 16-19, 2022

Article by Pete R.  
Photo by Pete R.



Chief Joseph Rally 2022  
BMW RIDERS OF OREGON



The first 3 days of my ride were spent riding with the club on the 7-Passes route, but with two minor exceptions: During the Tioga Pass portion I split off from the group on a 34-mile detour up to Yosemite Valley and rejoined the group in Sonora at the Gunn House. Then, while the group stopped for the night at South Lake Tahoe, I continued on to Reno to visit a friend. Otherwise, it was the same route through the Sherman, Tioga, Sonora, Monitor, Ebbetts, Carson, and Luther Passes that everyone else rode.

## CHIEF JOSEPH RIDE CONTINUED...

From Reno my plan was to ride straight to Eagle Idaho, but the Boise area was getting hammered by the same storm that did all the damage in Yellowstone.

I wasn't real keen on riding in heavy rain and hail, so I got a room in Winnemucca for the night. The next day I rode up US-95 to Eagle. The rain had moved east, but it was cloudy and cold. Then I spent the next 3 nights at my sister & brother-in-law's home. The days were warm and clear and the nights were just a little on the chilly side.

On Thursday (Day 8 of my trip) I rode from Eagle to the Grant County Fairgrounds in John Day Oregon via US-26 (the John Day Highway). This was the first leg of the trip that I had my camping gear and tent on the bike (I shipped it to my sister's house) and I arrived at the Fairgrounds with 1,651 miles on the trip odometer.



CHIEF JOSEPH RIDE CONTINUED...



The Fairgrounds was the venue for the Chief Joseph Rally and that's where I spent the remainder of Thursday through Sunday morning.

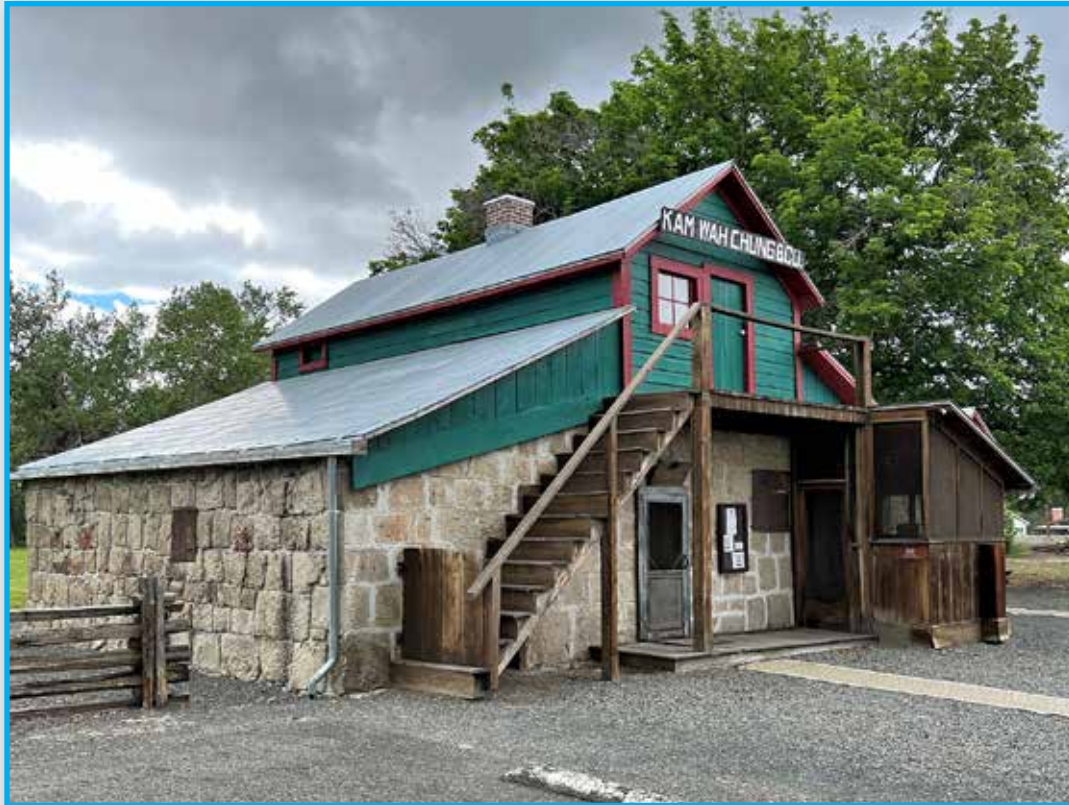
On Thursday afternoon I explored the fairgrounds and downtown John Day on foot. On Friday I participated in the Team Oregon Cornering Clinic which involved about an hour of classroom instructions followed by another hour or so of roadwork. I was also signed up for the Team Oregon Braking Clinic, but it was cancelled, possibly due to the wet roads.

On Saturday I went on the Cowboy Ride and Lunch which was a delightful ride through the high prairie land in the Strawberry Mountains south of John Day. Lunch was at Prairie City Schools (K-12 on the same campus) and was hosted by the Future Farmers of America students. What a great group of kids! After lunch they introduced us to FFA curriculum and took us on a tour of the campus. I also toured the Kam Wah Chung Museum on Saturday afternoon.

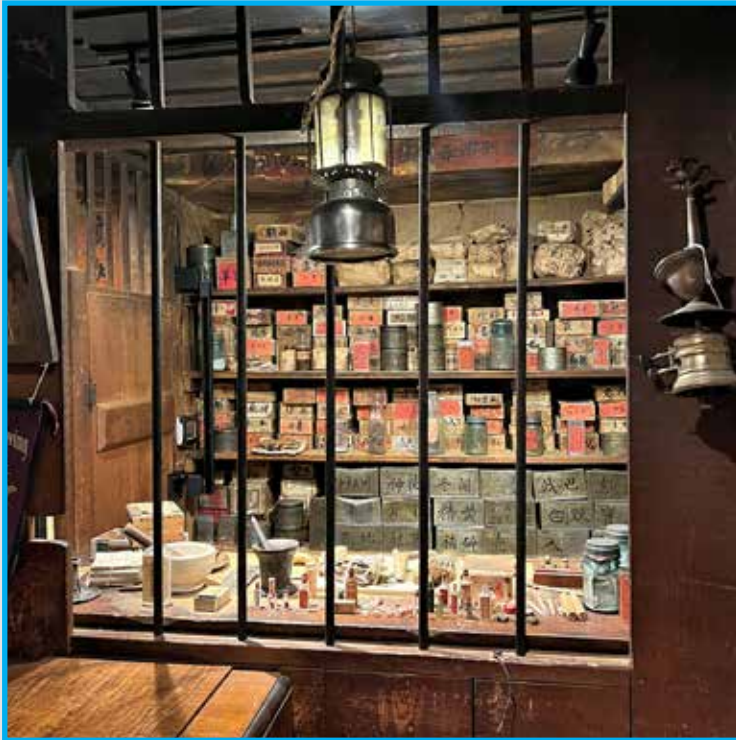
What a fascinating time capsule of Chinese life during the Gold Rush era. Among other things, it contains the most complete collection of Chinese Herbal Medicine in the Western Hemisphere. I should mention that it rained some on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, but we rode anyway. About the only time the rain really bothered me was while I took down and pack up a wet tent on Sunday morning.



CHIEF JOSEPH RIDE CONTINUED...

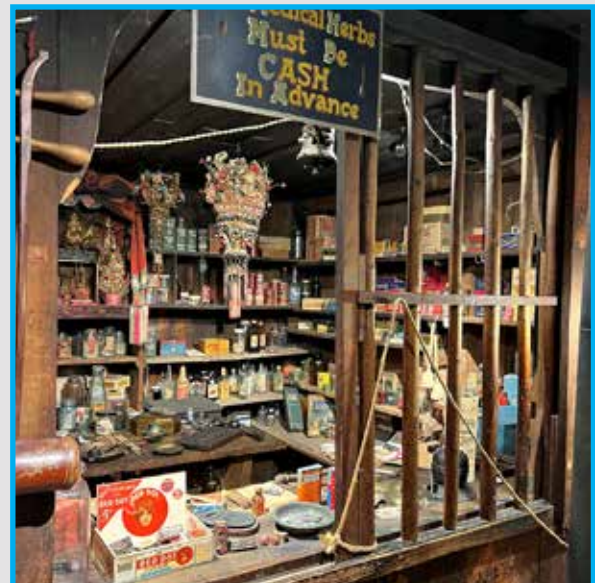


CHIEF JOSEPH RIDE CONTINUED...



My plan was to leave John Day early on Sunday morning and ride to another sister's home in Penryn CA, but it didn't work that way. Going south on US-395 I rode through rain squall after rain squall and after 4 hours of that I'd had enough.

So I spent the night in Alturas and rode the rest of the way to Penryn the next day via SR-299 to Redding and then south via some smaller highways.



**NOTE: NO CREDIT CARDS  
ACCEPTED! HA!**



CHIEF JOSEPH RIDE CONTINUED...



And after an overnight visit with that sister and brother-in-law, I headed out on Tuesday morning on the final leg down the I-5 and arrived home around 6pm.

Totals from home to home were 2,797 miles and 13 days.

*Pete R.*



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**01** First motorcycle?  
"1982 Honda MB5 (50cc, 5 speed, 2 stroke)"

**02** How many years of riding experience?  
"16 years"

**03** Significant other ride with you?  
"Yes, Lisa Perkio"

**04** How many miles amassed?  
"110,000 miles"

**05** Favorite bike to own or ride?  
"BMW R1250 GS Adventure"

**06** Current motorcycle?  
"2019 BMW R1250 GS Adventure"

**07** Most miles ridden in 24 hours?  
"600 miles"

**08** Favorite route/trip?  
"Sonora to Cherry Valley Campground"

**09** Motorcycle courses last 5 years?  
"Ride to Live Hawthorne PD"

**10** Expectations from the club?  
"I would like to meet other riders in the area and go on rides together"



Please give thanks to the contributors for this month's newsletter!

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# EDITOR'S COMMENTS

JUNE 2022

July is here and so is Summer in Southern California! No warm-weather riding gear. Cooling vests, Sea to Summit bag with cold water is ready. I suggest a LD Comfort or Klim's Aggressor Cool -1.0 shirt, if you are so inclined. Don't forget to hydrate! Bring plenty of water and drink often. The #1 cause of dehydration and mental fog is loss of water from the heat and riding! Yes, even riding. Read on —

*When temperatures are in the 70-80°'s, you are loosing overall hydration through movement of airflow (riding) AND perspiration. Raise the temperatures to 90-100°'s degrees and you HAVE TO DRINK WATER / ELECTROLYTES to stay hydrated and ahead of your fluid loses. If you get behind and start to feel tired/ drained, then STOP. Cool off! Drink water now and continue to drink OFTEN when you ride again.*

*If you have coffee in the morning, keep it to just the morning. Follow it with water to hydrate BEFORE you ride out. Caffeine only will work against you.*



Pictures and a story: When you on a club ride, or even your own adventure. Be sure to share your stories and photos here for all to enjoy. We'd love to see them! Going forward, you can send your commentary and photos to [editor@scbmwrc.com](mailto:editor@scbmwrc.com). Additionally, you can send photos only to [NoWheeliesHarry@gmail.com](mailto:NoWheeliesHarry@gmail.com) Thank you kindly.



Has everyone checked out the 2022-2023 South Coaster Club Ride Calendar??!! It looks amazing, and I know I personally want to ride every one of them! A round-of-applause to Henry S, for his time and energy updating the look and flow of the calendar and website. Check it out, and be sure to sign up for those rides!



I wanted to personally give an heartfelt *Thank You!* to everyone who has commented on the recent newsletters. I really appreciate the smiles and positive feedback I receive.!

I truly hope everyone has enjoyed this month's edition and I want to give a big thanks to everyone who contributed. See you at our next General Meeting, club weekend ride, or Baja, Mexico!

*Harry H.*  
South Coaster Editor

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