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The Monterey Bay BMW Riders meet Saturdays at 9am (when a ride is not scheduled) for breakfast and conversation
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President's Message

Another '49er



My first attendance at a NorCal '49er Rally was in 1995 in Quincy. I still have the T-shirt. Donna rode with me on the back of the K75 and Jay and Dale Whyte accompanied us. I don't recall too much specifically about that

particular '49er, though I think the weather was good that year. As I recall we made the obligatory ride up to Buck's Lake.

My attendance at subsequent '49ers has been intermittent, but I decided to go again this year. I was disappointed that NorCal had moved the rally venue back to Auburn, only because I didn't have a chance to attend last year's '49er in Sonora. Several folks had told me it was a good place for the rally, but evidently Sonora tried to squeeze too much money out of the club for use of the fairgrounds this year, so it was moved back to Auburn.

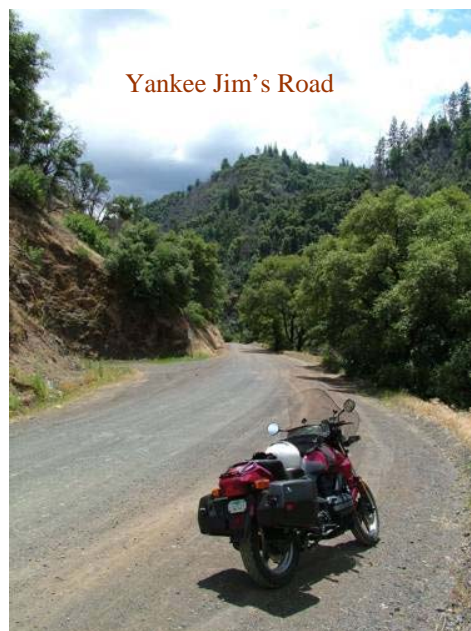
Many things have not changed since my first '49er. There are still wooden nickels for drink tokens, a poker run, the Biergarten, a vendor hall,

tents covering nearly every square inch of the shadiest grassy spots, and – I rode the same K75 to the rally as I did eleven years ago. However, I rode solo, accompanied by David Ow on his R90.

We arrived Friday afternoon, so there were still many good camping spots to choose from. David had chosen his overnight accommodations at a nearby Motel 6. I staked a claim and pitched my tent, then roamed the grounds a bit admiring all the BMW hardware, new and old. David and I met again later for supper at a spaghetti dinner offered at the fairgrounds, the proceeds of which went to support a unit of the local National Guard on a mission in Iraq.

Saturday after breakfast I took advantage of the great weather and took a ride over to Yankee Jim's Road, which runs down to the town of Foresthill and includes about eight miles of dirt road. The dirt portion is easily ridden, even on a street bike such as the K75. There had been a little bit of rain the night before in Auburn, and the sky occasionally threatened. Luck was with me, however. The real downpour of the day occurred when I was having lunch at the Ore Cart Restaurant in Foresthill. A couple of bicyclists were not so lucky. They came into the restaurant in the middle of the deluge, soaked to the skin.

By the time I had finished lunch the rain had stopped and the weather had turned much cooler. I walked around town a little more, including visiting the museum which contained much about Foresthill's Gold Rush days, as well as information about many of the other towns, many now



gone, which had flourished along the Foresthill Divide which separates the North and Middle Forks of the American River.

Speaking of the American River, I took Foresthill Road back to Highway 49 and crossed the Foresthill Bridge which spans the North Fork just above its confluence with the Middle Fork. According to the sign, it is California's highest bridge, 730 feet above the river. I had never crossed the bridge before, though I had seen it several times from Highway 49 below when entering Auburn from the south.

I took another brief ride on Sunday, but spent most of the time at the fairgrounds talking to other MBBR members and other folks I had not seen in some time. I opted to leave before the final ceremonies so as not to have to ride the entire time in the dark on the way home.



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Down the road.....

June 17-18 Russian River – Chuck and Denny Adkins, ride leaders

July or Aug Cambria/Hearst Castle – Ron Aikins, ride leader

September TBD

October Castle Air Museum – Tom Brazier, ride leader

November Solvang M/C Museum – Dick Dodd, ride leader

December Holiday Party! December 2nd at the Hursts

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