



Toast to the rest of the country 2014



The New Year means the annual TROC - Toast to the Rest Of Canada. A quick photo opportunity at Island View Beach and then off to Sidney to enjoy a bowl of chili at Bob and Janette's home. A bit of rain didn't dampen spirits. After all, this is the island. Andre takes the photo and toasts the crowd.

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Next Breakfast/Brunch

Sunday, February 2



WHERE:

Chequered Falg
2345 Millstream Road
Langford

TIME:

9:30 am



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by Klaus Kreye

Don't worry if you can't make out anything from the headline – all will be revealed!

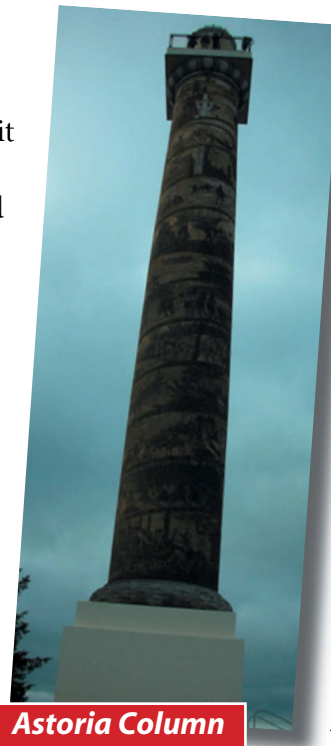
As soon as I heard that the summer 2013 MOA rally was to be held in Salem, Oregon, I contacted my good friend Johan and said: "this is your chance!" Johan had indicated that he wished to attend this event and with Salem being about 2 easy days south of my house it was definitely do-able.

Cut a long story short, Johan arrived and we saddled up on the two R1100S' and headed out. The plan was to attend the MOA rally, then spend a week on the road and end up in Republic, WA the following weekend for the Cascade rally.

A short ride downtown to the ferry terminal and we were off to Port Angeles on the good old Coho. We met up with John - R1100S (of course) and Randy - K75S. Great weather and smooth sailing – the Coho is an old "tub" and can roll a bit..... At Port Angeles we headed west to

take the coastal road around the Olympic peninsula. It's a great way to start a trip and it immediately takes you off the beaten path and the high traffic roads. We further improved by taking Hwy 112 for a spirited twisty ride which takes you close to the water. We pretty much pushed through Washington State the rest of the day, crossing the long bridge into Oregon for stay-over in Astoria.

Unfortunately we arrived a little too late to take a ride on the trolley bus along the docks. They have a nice single-



Astoria Column

carriage historic trolley bus, powered by a little generator which is towed behind on a trailer. So we went on foot, before and after dinner we explored the sights of Astoria. A significant amount of work has taken place to restore buildings, there are boutique hotels, fine dining and a little theatre. We eventually found a cosy little old bar that was open for a few drinks.

After the complimentary motel breakfast we headed up the hill to the Astoria Column, an ornate tower modelled after a Campanile, and climbed up the 164 steps for a panoramic view of Astoria, the Pacific Ocean and the Columbia River. (www.astoriacolumn.org)

From here we took the backroads into the hills and forests, Hwy 202 and 47, and arrived at the rally site in Salem mid-afternoon. Arrangements had been made for space at the Group/Club camping area, so we headed on over there. There was no shade, but the beer and food was close!



Astoria Bridge



MOA rallies... something for everyone



Stop in the forest

So then we spent the next 3 days at the rally, if you've never been to one of these MOA rallies you might consider adding it to your bucket list. It's big! – attendance over the last few years has typically been around 6,000. That means lots of vendors come to set up shop, you can buy just about

with their new expedition sidecar. Seeing they were prepared to make a left-side version and ship to NZ, Johan placed an order. Finally I snagged a set of Austrian Racer gloves. For the rest we practiced restraint and

stuck to edibles – there was a good selection of food right on site, no need to head downtown. (a “fully charged” Mastercard/VISA is a must for successful rally attendance!) As part of the rally entry you receive an 80 page booklet that details all

the rally activities and information. We picked out those of interest to us, the vintage display and talk on vintage bikes. That normally includes a start-up of a pre 1930 BMW and hearing it settle into low idle – can't be much more than 500rpm. Also tech sessions and travel

presentations. Every evening there is a different band playing.

In discussion with other riders we were vague about our riding plans

after the rally, so we collected all sorts of advice – one common theme was the recommendation of a visit to Crater



At the MOA rally

Lake. So on the Sunday morning we did a leisurely pack up and headed out. A short distance north of town we found a museum of sorts, containing cars, bikes, trains, farm equipment etc spread over a huge area. Somehow that did not appeal to us, but we did manage to pick up a brochure on the Western Antique Aeroplane & Automobile Museum in Hood River. That sounded a lot more interesting to us, so over breakfast in the nearby diner we decided to ride on and work the Hood River museum into our route back north. So our next destination was Crater Lake in southern Oregon.

Reluctantly we took a short stretch of the interstate to get past Salem, but on a Sunday morning that was not so bad. Then onto the back



Camping at MOA

anything. The Bing carburetor agency is always there and I purchased some float bowl needles for my 1960 R50/2 and for my '81 RS. DMC sidecars had a stand



Crater Lake one stop



Unrestored mid-20s BMW

roads for a scenic route along Hwy 20 to the National Forest regions, travelling south on Hwy 128, through the volcanic regions and finally via Hwy 58 ending up in a place called Chemult. Very small village, houses, shops, a few motels and gas station strung along the road. We picked the rundown hotel at the end. The price was right and so was the young lady trimming the trees. A young couple had bought the place and was busy doing it



Crater Lake

up. There is seasonal tourism as well as a berry picking season when many foreign workers come into town and “camp” on their site in a variety of



Cool BMW cafe racer



Well appointed old sidecar

shelters. For the rest, there is nothing happening in Chemult.....

Next morning we headed out early on a cool 100 km ride up to Crater Lake

(the deepest lake in the USA – near

2,000ft deep), took the circular drive once around and stopped off at the many vistas and parking spots. At this stage we were at about 6,000ft elevation, so it was not so hot. As we left we saw the string of tourists (in their cars) coming into the park and were happy we endured the cool



John Day was another

stopped off at Prineville for an ice-cream lunch. From here the route gets more interesting as it winds east through Mitchell and then the fossil regions. The municipal campsite at

John Day (location of the rally) was just about empty so we set up camp in the back under the trees and walked into town for dinner. After dinner we found ourselves in the bar looking for something to settle the stomach, we asked for a brandy. Amongst their limited selection we

were shown a bottle of E&J brandy – we looked at each other and said “Ek & Jy”, we’ll take that! In Afrikaans that means “Me & you”. So that gave the story its title: “Ek & jy gaan ry” – translated “Me & you go riding”. Of course it rhymes nicely in Afrikaans and hence the poetic licence to say “me & you” rather than the more grammatically correct “you and me”.

Watch for the end of Klaus and Johan’s Excellent Adventure in next month’s club newsletter!

morning for an unencumbered ride (no Winnebago mobile chicanes!). Dropping in altitude and heading north east we made out for John Day. I wanted to show Johan the area around the Chief Joseph Rally. It became progressively warmer/hotter and we

Club 2014 Event Schedule

Date	Event	Location
Sunday, February 2, 2014	Monthly Gathering	Chequered Flag
February 14 – 16, 2014	Seattle Motorcycle Show	Washington State Convention Center
Saturday, February 15, 2014	Pot Luck – Chez Lucy’s	620 Toronto St. Victoria
Sunday, February 23, 2014	MSF Rider Training - Share the Adventure: Group Riding	TBD
Saturday, March 1, 2014	Monthly Gathering	Log House Pub
Sunday, March 16, 2014	MSF Rider Training – StreetSmart: Rider Perception	TBD
Sunday, April 6, 2013	Monthly Gathering	Mary’s Blue Moon
Saturday, April 26, 2013	Cow Bay Run	Cow Café in Cow Bay
TBD May	Annual BCCOM MLA Ride	Victoria
Saturday, 03 May, 2014	Monthly Gathering	Olympic View Golf Course
TBD May	BMW Demo Ride	Island BMW
Sunday, 18 May, 2014	Monthly Ride	Saltaire Pub / Ladysmith
May 23 - 26, 2014	49er Rally	Mariposa, California



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Sunday, June 1, 2014	Monthly Gathering	Qualicum Beach Memorial Golf Club
Sunday, June 1, 2014	Motorcycle Ride to Live	Steve Drane's HD
June 12 - 15, 2014	Chief Joseph Rally	John Day, Oregon
Saturday, June 14, 2014	Ride & Camp	Duffy Loop / Lillooet
July 4 - 6, 2014	Rocky Bow Lunatic Fringe Rally	Cochrane, Alberta
Saturday, July 5, 2014	Monthly Gathering	Saltspring Island
Sunday, July 20, 2014	Ride to Brunch	TBD
July 24 - 27, 2014	BMWMOA National Rally	St. Paul, Minnesota
July 24 - 27, 2014	Cascade Country Rendezvous	Republic, Washington
August 1 - 2, 2014	Blues Festival	Port Townsend
August 1 - 4, 2014	Up Island Event	Port MacNeill
August 7 - 10, 2014	38th Stanley Stomp Rally	Grandjean, ID
August 14- 17, 2014	Hotsprings Rally	Nakusp, BC
Sunday, August 24, 2014	Club BBQ	Chez Conrad's
Saturday, September 6, 2014	Monthly Gathering	Pioneer House Duncan
Sunday, September 21, 2014	Monthly Ride	Port Renfrew / Cowichan loop
Sunday, September 28, 2014	33rd Annual "Oyster Run" Motorcycle Rally	Anacortes, WA
Sunday, October 5, 2014	Monthly Gathering	Chequered Flag
October	Annual Meeting	TBD
Saturday, November 1, 2014	Monthly Gathering	Log House Pub
Sunday, December 7, 2014	Monthly Gathering	Chequered Flag
Thursday, January 1, 2015	TROC	Island View Beach
Saturday, January 3, 2015	Monthly Gathering	Log House Pub

A Reminder to All...

If you haven't already paid your 2014 BMW RVI membership dues please complete a membership renewal form and forward it with your payment to Peter Juergensen. Alternatively you can hand it to Peter at the next breakfast meeting.

Please click [HERE](#) to download a copy of the Membership form from our website.

Newsletter Submissions:

Have something to share? Send your photographs and write-ups to victoriarides@gmail.com and we will let everyone enjoy your adventures



Proposed Port McNeill weekend

Following discussions at the AGM, Glenn Smith has put together a proposed ride to Port McNeill. We have picked the August long weekend for the ride to allow riders to explore the area around Port McNeill. The chart below provides an outline of the weekend. There are plenty of opportunities to create your own rides and adventures in the area so talk with your buddies and see what you can come up

devise. Those who would like to make a real long weekend of it could also wind their way part way up island on Friday then join the group en route on Saturday. We will also designate meeting places along the route to rendezvous with riders from above the Malahat.

We are looking for comments on the plan and a rough idea of how many think they would do the ride.

Comments should be sent to Bob Leitch with a cc to Glenn (emails below). Also, please let Bob and Glenn know if you think you would include this in your summer riding plans as soon as possible.

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Saturday		
08:00	Depart Victoria (Log House Pub???)	
09:45 – 10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gas / pit stop Nanoose Petro Can • Detour through Parksville and take the Old Island Highway to Campbell River 	134 kms
12:30 – 14:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gas up at Campbell River • Lunch at Tim Hortons / Wendy's 	130 kms
15:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gas / pit stop Woss • Possible photo op(s) along the way 	130 kms
16:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive Port McNeill • Take care of accommodation arrangements • Meals on your own • Spend some time on your own eg walk down to harbor and see the sights, etc • Those that are camping will need time to set up 	70 kms
19:00	• Gather at one of the 2 pubs – might be possible to get our own reserved room at one of the pubs (BYOB if possible)	
Sunday		2 OPTIONS
	1st Option - Explore on your own (eg – lots of gravel roads and sites to explore // island hopping with the ferries to Sointula and/or Alert Bay // etc). Maps and info will be provided	Kms = your choice
08:00	2nd Option - 3 hr Whale Watching tour (\$99 ea) plus walking tour around Telegraph Cove, followed by twisty ride to Port Alice then to Port Hardy	
17:00	BBQ at Storey's Beach near Port Hardy (**NOTE** need confirmation of at least 20 people to make this worth while to be catered). If BBQ does not happen, we restaurant it at Port Hardy	
19:00	Port McNeill – pub // gather // etc	
Monday		2 OPTIONS
	1) Head back south basically in reverse of the trip on Saturday. During the trip home, Glenn can take those interested in a short off road trip and short hike to see Little Hustan Caves by Woss	
	2) Explore on your own // maybe ferry ride to Prince Rupert and explore the BC North West	