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After the National Rally Johan and Klaus were on the road for a week touring Oregon and Washington. On recommendation they went to Crater Lake, OR and took this photo.

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Next Breakfast/Brunch

Saturday, November 2



WHERE:

Loghouse Pub
2323 Millstream Road
Langford

TIME:

9:30 am



Annual General Meeting discussions



Some of the attendees at the Annual General Meeting held in October

Around 20 members attended the Annual General Meeting, held at the SVI Rangers rifle range in Metchosin, Saturday, October 19.

Klaus began the meeting, announcing that we had been sanctioned by the BMW Clubs Association of Canada. This will mean a change to the club logo, and Klaus hopes to get things firmed up with a bit more correspondence.

An interest in better serving our North Island members, as well as attracting more members from the north and south, was brought forward. It was suggested the club prepare a pamphlet that outlines what the club can provide to a prospective member, as well as provide information on contacting the club. Any suggestions as to what should be included in the pamphlet should be sent to the editor of the newsletter at victoriarides@gmail.com.

Members from north of the Duncan also suggested including a

destination ride to enjoy the natural beauty and features of that part of the island. New member Glenn Smith will look at setting up a route for the ride.

Rides that were geared towards the schedules of retirees were also discussed. These could be mid week, multi-day to places further out. If you would be interested in volunteering to coordinate retiree adventures, please contact Klaus at bmwrvi@shaw.ca.

It was suggested at last year's AGM that the club donate monies to worthy causes, especially motorcycle based groups. Although it was suggested that different possibilities be explored, nothing concrete has happened up to this point so the assembled members voted to donate \$250 to the BCCOM (BC Coalition of Motorcyclists) to be used in their efforts to improve the lot of motorcyclists in the province. Further possible recipients

are being solicited, and any suggestions can be sent to Klaus at bmwrvi@shaw.ca.

Discussion about the rider education provided by the club focused around the courses given by Bob, as well as the club library. A list of the library's materials is on the website, and any suggestions as to other materials which should be purchased, or other possible courses, should be forwarded to Bob at bleitch@telus.net.



Interest was expressed about possible mechanical maintenance seminars provided by the club. Island BMW has been approached and has expressed interest in possibly hosting evening seminars. Topics of interest to members, such perhaps as preparing your bike for its long winter nap, a ladies mechanic night, or what to do until the ambulance gets here, would be appreciated, and could be forwarded to Bill Wellbourn at bill.wellbourn@islandbmw.ca. A small fee, similar to club courses, may be charged to offset expenses and provide coffee etc., should these seminars go forward



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BMW RA 2014 Rally • May 29 – June 1, 2014

The next BMW Riders Association rally will be held at the moto fantasy land called Barber Motorsports Park, outside of lovely Birmingham, Alabama.

Make no mistake, this is a very hip and entertaining city, with all the benefits of the old south, and much, much more. Barber is a true world class motorcycle experience: vintage museum, racetrack, landscaped and glorious outdoor art gallery and has no peer in the USA, and probably not in the entire world.

The Barber Vintage Museum has been called the Louvre of Motorcycling, in certain hip moto mags. So, the BMW Riders Association 2014 National Rally will be held at a race track/museum/national park/open air large scale art gallery/moto destination like none other.

You've gotta be there! Get ready for a close encounter with every little thing you love about our sport: grand scale riding, great weather, good food and drink, grassy and comfortable camping, luxury rooms available close by, and thousands of your moto brothers and sisters and friends, new and old. Barber is the perfect rally site, so come and join us.

Chances are good Keith Code's California Superbike School will be at Barber the same weekend as our rally. As soon as we know for sure, we'll let you know on the

RA website and in the pages of OTL. Assuming CSS will coincide with the RA rally, it's an incredible opportunity to ride BMW's superbike, the S1000RR, on one of the most beautiful racetracks on the planet, with personal instruction from none other than cornering guru Keith Code and his expert staff.

You'll need to sign up and pay for the school separately, as the RA has no affiliation with CSS. You don't have to be a fast rider or aspiring racer to take the school. It's for anyone who wants to learn the fine art of cornering in the controlled environment of the racetrack. You don't even need a bike or leathers, as CSS offers both for rent. Spots will be limited, so if you have any interest in exploring the safest superbike ever made around Barber's great race facility, you'll want to check the CSS and RA websites often and book a spot as soon as the dates are confirmed and CSS registration opens.

And there's the incomparable, world famous Barber Vintage Motorcycle Museum! Here's where you'll finally see, up close and personal, virtually all the motorcycles you've ever lusted after, neither behind ropes nor plexiglass, but displayed as if in God's own garage. Steam to board track to the rarest single track machinery ever made by man, displayed in all their emotionally-stirring beauty, and even a rare Vincent

outboard motor! Mein Gott! What a museum. You'll visit daily, most probably, and if you take photos, Barber is the most stunning facility imaginable, so bring your camera!

Barber is a 740 acre bit of heaven, green year round, and the racetrack is a modern 16 turn, 2.38 mile road course on diamond-ground asphalt! The track has hosted numerous motorsport racing events including the Vintage Racing Series and AMA Superbike. It's the home to the "Porsche Driving Experience" and the Kevin Schwantz Suzuki School, and Keith Code California Superbike School, featuring the BMW S1000RR! Your rally admission includes unlimited access to the Barber Vintage Museum along with behind the scene tours of the museum, and exclusive parade laps on the track, on your bike. In addition, we have off road maestro Ian Schmeisser returning as our GS event coordinator. In Ian's words "Plan on lush natural terrain and a lot of fun riding in the woods. "Given that this is the perfect venue for everything vintage, feel free to bring your vintage bike. John Landstrom and company will host another spectacular Vintage Display and competition. Mark your calendars and join us for what will be a momentous rally. Also, like us on facebook at 2014 BMW RA Barber Rally.

Hope to see you there!



Watch next month for the start of a two part article on club member Lucy's adventures in Europe

Gerbing heated jacket recall issued

Gerbing's has issued a recall on heated jackets. If your interior tag shows "PO #3796" you may have a

crimped connector in the rear that is subject to over-heating (aka "the Gerbing BBQ" effect).

See the Gerbing website www.gerbing.com for recall information.

Club Event Schedule

Date	Event	Location	Comments
Sun, Dec 1	Monthly Gathering	Chequered Flag	Breakfast
Wed, Jan 1, 2014	TROC	Island View Beach, Bob's House	Party
Sun, Jan 4, 2014	Monthly Gathering	Log House Pub	Breakfast