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Club BBQ held at Chez Conrad's



Club members enjoyed the good weather with a great bbq hosted again by Conrad at his palatial estate. Members reminisced and caught up on the recent exploits of other like minded souls who attended.



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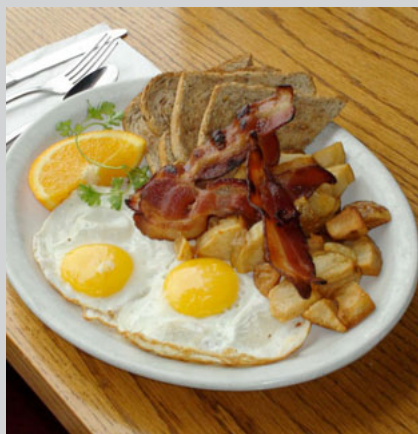
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Next Breakfast/Brunch

Saturday, September 5



WHERE:

Pioneer House
4675 Trans Canada Hwy
Duncan

WHEN:

9:30 at the restaurant



Nakusp Hotsprings Rally 2015

A quick report back on this year's Hotsprings Rally to Nakusp

by Klaus Kreye

I have often said that if there is only one rally that I can attend per year, then it would be Nakusp. And so I think it will be for this year, ok, so there is a mathematical chance to attend the Beaver in Montagu.....

I set out on Thursday, taking the 8am ferry (breakfast buffet of course) to Vancouver, my goal was Greenwood to visit with friends from SA. The weather was great and got warm quick so that I stopped

off along Highway 17 to shed a layer. Highway 1 was its usual busy self: the first section was covered quickly at one hundred and.... in the HOV lane, then traffic all the way to Abbotsford and beyond. So unable to make good use of the increased speed limits.

By Chilliwack things started flowing nicely and after a quick rest stop I was soon in Hope. Just a quick stop for gasoline and a whatsapp; I was on my way again towards Manning Park. On arrival in Princeton the Chevron computers were down. So I claimed

a spot at a pump and had the lunch from my tankbag. Fully fueled up (bike and self) I continued on Highway 3 East.

It started getting mighty hot and I stopped at the visitor's centre in Osoyoos to get some water and ask about the roads/fires. I had seen huge smoke clouds over the mountains beyond Osoyoos.

The friendly chap consulted his computer and said "all ok". A quick top-up at the nearby Husky (no Chevron in Osoyoos) and I headed out. Roads empty, so blasted up the



Fires are everywhere this summer.



Light rain didn't dampen the spirits

hill and beyond..... but that smoke was getting worse..... Soon I saw more cars parked by the road and on the last downhill section to Rock Creek there was fire either side and cars/bikes parked – end of the road/road closed. Some chatting with fellow motorists: a guy in the truck had to make a delivery and said he knew of a bypass road. He checked with the local RCMP (policeman to some of you) and confirmed the route was open.

So a bunch of us followed him.... It was a tight scenic gravel bypass! ... taking us very close past the US border. After 50km of dust we arrived just the other side of Rock Creek and I continued. By now the temps were in the upper 30's ... I think actually 38 and consequently fried my brain on the last section to Greenwood. You know when it's really hot when you can't keep your visor open because of the hot air blasting your face.

Nice evening with friends in a heritage house, but too warm to sleep upstairs, so I spent the night on the couch.

Friday dawned very smoky from the fire that was not contained. It cleared slowly as I headed away east. First stop Castlegar for fill-up (Chevron 94 of course) and turn north on Highway 6 for the last leg to Nakusp. Arrived just in time for a late lunch at the "Woodfire" - the local German eatery.... Checked in at the rally and set up camp. As the



Kevin was a happy camper as he took home the 50/50 draw booty.

evening progressed a considerable amount of ash started falling – you could clearly see it in the beam of the flashlight (torch to some of you!), so we called it a day. During the night some light rain fell.

Saturday was rally day and after a leisurely breakfast/brunch with Ernie at a local eatery and a siesta we got ready for the bike games. This is the second year in a row that our club has assisted at the rally by organizing the bike games. Despite a few sprinkles and the threat of more rain we drew seven intrepid entrants to face the challenge of

the 6 games: Bottle pick-up, slow race, balloon pop, sidestand dance, bucket throw and soccer. Some games were repeats from last year, some new, like the huge ball contestants had to take through a goal post. By all accounts they went down well. Want to know more about the games? Attend next year – I'm sure we'll do them again.

The weather held for dinner and prize giving outside. We scooped up a few prizes including Kevin – he won the 50/50 draw. It was nice to see some of the prizes being targeted to younger riders.... The



Let the games begin at Nakusp

next generation of bikers/rallyists must be nurtured! Later in the night it rained quite hard. During the night I unfortunately tripped on a root whilst hurriedly walking to the washroom (lekker neer-ge-moer to some of you). After a quick clean up I sported a few grazes, but no major issues.....

Sunday morning dawned cool and dry. So we packed up our wet gear and headed out. Notwithstanding the warm weather I had packed



It's good to be called slow in this event.



The keen organizational skills of club members were in evidence as the games commenced.



See you next year

my heated vest and put it to good use – it was only 8 degrees over the pass to Vernon. Scott and myself stopped at the IHOP in Kelowna and then took the run over the connector to Merritt and the Coquihala to Hope. Making good use of the raised speed limits... occasional “liberal” use we made excellent time. After a stop

for fuel and Redbull in Hope we made the 5pm ferry (and dinner buffet) to Victoria.

Once again Nakusp was a good rally, great to see a lot of old friends and have a lot of fun with the games. Nakusp did not disappoint with the usual huge span of temperatures thrown at us. Will we do it again next year? – You betcha!



Soccer skills were needed to maneuver the ball through the goal posts.

Renfrew Loop

Last of the this year's rides is coming up on Sunday, September 20, 2015. We are planning to do the Port Renfrew loop with brunch/lunch in the middle. Meet as usual at Tim Horton's (739 McCallum Road in Langford, by Best Buy) by 9:00 AM to organize for a 9:15 AM departure. Ride via Metchosin, the Rocky Point Road, and Jordan River to Port Renfrew for lunch at the Port Renfrew Hotel and Pub. Return via the new road to Cowichan Lake. Riders can break off as they wish as we return via the Trans Canada.

If you are planning to attend the ride, please let Klaus know by emailing bmwrvi@shaw.ca by noon on Friday, September 18.

Club 2015 Event Schedule

Date	Event	Location
Saturday, September 5	Monthly Gathering	Pioneer House, Duncan
Sunday, September 20	Club Ride	Port Renfrew/Cowichan Loop
Thursday - Sunday, October 1 - 4	BMW RA National Rally	Harrison, Arizona
Sunday, October 4	Monthly Gathering	Crooked Goose Bistro