



# THE BEEMER READER

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## MILEAGECONTEST



Proud sponsor of the BMW MOA Mileage contest

## Club High Milers

Congratulations to Bill Wallace and Rob Chapple, club members who were recognized in the April 2016 issue of BMW Owners News for the number of miles put on in 2015.

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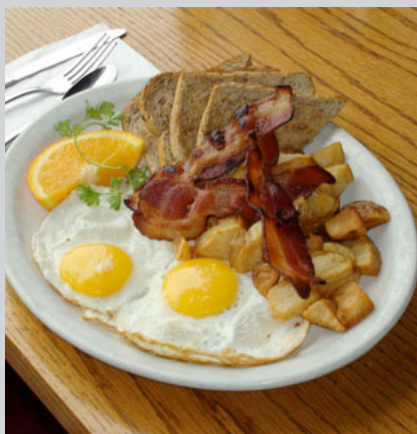
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## Next Breakfast/Brunch

### Saturday, May 7



### WHERE:

Olympic View Golf Course  
643 Latoria Road  
Langford

### WHEN:

9:30 am





# 49er rally looking for volunteers

Be an Adventurer. Come to Mariposa CA for a gathering of like minded riders. Experience talks from renown travelers, great rides, fantastic company, and a rocking Beer Garden with live entertainment.

2016's going to be a great year at the 49er. We've got new speakers, more events, great vendors, and best of all more prizes. The WiFi is free and the camping is grassy.

Pre-Registration is \$10 off gate price

### 2016's Events:

- Featured Speaker Ted Simon author of Jupiter's Travels
- GS Giant's Field Trials
- GS Training by Lance Thomas
- Seminars by many guest speakers including: Richard Battles, Reg Kittrelle, Sam Manicom, Greg Pert, Bill Stermer, and Doc Wong
- BMS Custom Motorcycle Seats - Rocky is making seats on site.
- Vendors: Cycle Specialties, Gregg's A-List, Jesse Luggage Systems, RKA Luggage, and more
- Historic GS Guided

- Ride
- Live Music
- Beer Garden
- Daily events and competitions
- Children's Events

### Volunteers

If you've already signed up, you may have seen and taken advantage of the on-line volunteer option. But even if you plan on registering later, and would like to help with the event, you can volunteer now.

There's a lot of work to do, much it at the Registration, Headquarters (information, sales) and Beer Garden. Each of these will need two volunteers at a time. The standard shift is two hours; this is particularly true in Registration, where it takes a while to get up to speed.

They've posted a chart on line that shows all the times that they need help: <https://goo.gl/SCb6xy>. If a square is gray (light or dark) and nothing is written in it, it is available. The two shades of grey divide the day into 2-hour shifts.

So, please, look at the chart and pick a shift or

two. Taking the full 2 hours would be ideal (and is required in Registration.) Take as many as you want! Then send email with your selections to [tedcrum@berkeley.edu](mailto:tedcrum@berkeley.edu).

### Example:

Your Name

"Registration #2, Friday, 11 AM to 1 PM."

Your mobile phone number

They'll update the chart immediately. First-come on the best times and those little one-hour end slots! If you already have a job at the rally, please let them know and they'll record that.

**BMW NORCAL PRESENTS**  
the **44th Anniversary** of  
CALIFORNIA  
**49er RALLY**

**MEMORIAL DAY 2016**  
May 26-30 **Mariposa CA**  
Gateway to Yosemite National Park

BMW Motorcycle Club of Northern California

**FEATURED SPEAKER:** Ted Simon, author of Jupiter's Travels

Doc Wong Street Riding Clinic • Lance Thomas, GS Giants Field Trials • Guided Rides  
Poker Run • GS Rides • Field Trials • Bier Garten • Vintage Motorcycle Show  
Vendors • Free WiFi • Charging Stations • Bike Wash • AND Prizes

Rally costs \$55 adult / \$25 child under 12 years pre-registered, children under 6 admitted free  
\$65 adult / \$30 child at the gate. Pre-registration ends May 12  
Saturday Dinner with vegetarian option \$18 (pre-registered only).

For information, registration and updates, please email the 49er Rally Chair: Tom Connolly, [4erchair@bmwnorcal.org](mailto:4erchair@bmwnorcal.org)  
[bmwnorcal.org/49er](http://bmwnorcal.org/49er)



## Member goes it on four wheels



**Klaus and Johan mount 2 Porsche 944s for a rally to the frozen north**

*by Klaus Kreye*

Here is a compilation of reports sent out during the course of the Alcan Rally – hence the short and to-the-point style.

To back up for a moment: Johan and myself completed the 2012 Alcan Winter rally in my Honda CR-V. We had a LOT of fun and somewhere in a pub (on the South Island of New Zealand) over a few beers, we hatched a plan to do it again. We would have liked to use older 911's but they are becoming a bit too pricey. So we settled for a pair of 944's as Wendy and Elke wanted to come too.

So sometime towards the end of February two cars were seen leaving Victoria en route to Kirkland:

Car #9 with Elke and myself

Car #10 with Wendy and Johan

Day 1 took us from the start in

Kirkland (just north of Seattle) to Quesnel. Long day including two TSD stages. Weather fine and warm.

Score:

Car 9 - 188 points, 10th overall

Car 10 - 245 points, 13th overall

Day 2 took us from Quesnel to Grimshaw, AB including two TSD stages around Quesnel. Again very little snow/ice on the roads, just wet and muddy, as you can see from the pictures. After the two stages were finished (around 11ish) we ran just about straight through to get to Grimshaw by 7pm. Really long day but we got in to the hotel as one of the first, we didn't "hang around" on the roads!

The Blackwater road claimed some victims: Car 13 (Ford Focus) overtook us and immediately afterwards ran up the embankment

- both occupants ok. The Audi went down the side of the road into the deep snow. So some folks will likely get in very late tonight.... Car 4 took a wrong turn and nearly took out Johan and Wendy.

Cars are running just fine with similar fuel consumption. My car has not used a drop of oil so far and the Nitto tyres (sponsored) are gripping just great. No TSD's tomorrow - just a long drive Yellowknife.

Day 3 We wanted cold.... and cold we got! Today saw us running the long haul from Grimshaw, AB to Yellowknife, NT. A shade under 1,000km!

We hit the road just before 8am, overcast and just below zero. Absolute minimal snow, but it gradually got colder as we took the straight road north. Pretty soon we hit negative double digits and the road started to show dry snow and then some mildly slushy sections. Not enough to cause any traction problems, but more than enough to get the cars real dirty again. We fueled up at High Level and at Fort Providence. There was very little in between. Some good "running" was done on the open sections before we hit the very bumpy last 90 km to Yellowknife. Temperatures kept dropping steadily and by the time we stopped at our hotel it was -25C, so out came the extension leads to plug in for the night. We had a battery blanket and a sump heater, each around 125W or so.





# Cold takes its toll on the older Porsches

Day 4 dawned clear and cold ... as in -34C!

Car 9 started with a HUGE cloud of black smoke. The gearbox oil was so thick the car tried to creep forward whilst cranking. A few “rattly” noises and it soon settled down. Car 10 would not start. The lights came on and then everything went off as Johan turned the key to the start position. It turned out that we both had problems with the contacts in the ignition switch. During a later start up my car ran, but absolutely none of the instruments were working as I drove out to Vee Lake – the scene of the morning’s ice racing activities. All interior switches were super stiff; some did not want to move – like the turn-signal stalk on the steering column.

Unfortunately that meant Johan had to sit out the ice racing. The track was nicely laid out, but quite short. Traction on the two end turns (180 degrees each) was very poor and during my first run I did a nice “360” on exit of the far corner. I played it safe on run 2 and ran conservatively, still beating the time of my first run by near 10 seconds. The four-wheel-drive cars ran in about 1:06, I managed a 1:28 and 1:19. I’ll see when I can lay my hands on some official scores.

During the event Johan chatted to some locals and they graciously offered assistance. Later in the afternoon car 10 started after having placed a hand warmer



## **Things start to seize up as temperatures drop to arctic levels**

heat-pack around the ignition. Cut a long story short – our cars are now parked in a warm garage courtesy of Ulli Notting and John McLean. THANKS GUYS! Day 5 will be a long haul to Nelson, where there will be some kind of local promotion and apparently our cars will be on display. Long miles ... long days...

Day 5 No TSD today – just transit

Our cars started up just fine after the night in the garage, back to the hotel, load up, find the Shell to fill up and head out. We started out at -31 and after some hrs on the road the temps started to steadily climb – by end of day we were at a “balmy” -8C.

Our route took us back down the bumpy road to Fort Providence and over the Mackenzie river bridge. Then we headed west on HWY 1

to travel through some of the most remote country, obviously no cell coverage. A great day, fine weather (as you can see from the blue skies in the pics) and quite decent roads. A mix of tar (asphalt) gravel and snow covered roads. Thankfully little ice or washboard, so we were able to run a reasonable average. After our late afternoon fuel stop in Ft Laird we saw our first bison.

We arrived in Ft Nelson just after dark to hear that the town had voted to remain on Mountain (Alberta) time zone, so we did not gain the hour that we hoped for. I had called ahead and the manager had kindly arranged for us to park the 944’s in the truck workshop right next door.

*Follow the further adventures next month in your BMW Riders Vancouver Island newsletter.*



# Nakusp Rally is set for August 18 to 20

Announcing the 2016 Bee Cee Beemers Hotsprings rally! This will be our 15th in Nakusp, BC and our 30th club rally. Reconnect with old friends and ride some of the most scenic twisties in the northwest. Enjoy the hospitality of the nicest small town in BC plus the best rally meals and free coffee on the circuit. Pitch your tent

in the shady Village Campground, book a local motel or B&B, soak in the hot springs, explore miles of scenic pavement, thrash your GS in the dirt or just chill with a cup of coffee on Main Street. There is something for every BMW rider at the Hotsprings Rally. Info and online registration: [www.beecebeemers.com/rally.htm](http://www.beecebeemers.com/rally.htm)

PLEASE NOTE! Meals are limited (250) and available only to PRE REGISTERED guests!

Contact: Marcus Schack at [mschack@shaw.ca](mailto:mschack@shaw.ca) or email [nakusprally2016@beecebeemers.com](mailto:nakusprally2016@beecebeemers.com)

See you there!

## Club 2016 Event Schedule

Date	Event	Location
Thursday, May 5, 2016	Annual BCCOM MLA Ride	Victoria
Thursday, May 5, 2016	Island BMW Demo Ride	North Saanich Firehall
Saturday, May 7, 2016	Monthly Gathering	Olympic View Golf Course
Sunday, May 15, 2016	Monthly Ride	Saltaire Pub, Ladysmith
May 26 to 30, 2016	49er Rally	Mariposa, California
Sunday, May 29, 2016	Ride to Live	Ogden Point
Saturday, June 4, 2016	Monthly Gathering	Shady Rest Pub, Qualicum Beach
June 18 & 19, 2016	Up Island Event	TBD
June 17 to 19, 2016	Chief Joseph Rally	John Day, Oregon
June 18 & 19, 2016	Up Island Event	TBD
Saturday, July 2, 2016	Monthly Gathering	Saltspring Island
July 8 to 10, 2016	Rocky Bow Lunatic Fringe Rally	Cochrane, Alberta
Sunday, July 17, 2016	Ride to Brunch	BW Prestige Oceanfront, Sooke
July 14 to 16, 2016	BMWMOA National Rally	Hamburg, NY
July 28 to 30, 2016 TBC	Cascade Country Rendezvous	Republic, Washington
Saturday, August 6, 2016	Monthly Gathering	Pioneer House, Duncan
August 11 to 14, 2016	43rd Stanley Stomp Rally	Grandjean, ID
August 18 to 21, 2016	Hotsprings Rally	Nakusp, BC
Sunday, August, 28 2016	Club BBQ	Chez Conrad
Saturday, Sept 3, 2016	Monthly Gathering	Oak & Carriage, Duncan
Sunday, Sept 18, 2016	Monthly Ride	Port Renfrew / Cowichan Loop
October, 2016	BMW RA National Rally	
Sunday, October 4, 2016	Monthly Gathering	The Crooked Goose
Saturday, October 22, 2016	Annual Meeting	TBD





# Island BMW Test Ride Day Thursday May 5th 2016

**Location: North Saanich Fire Hall**  
986 Wain Rd, North Saanich, BC

**Test ride times:**  
10am - 11am - 12 noon - 1pm - 2pm - 3pm

**\$35 per test ride:**  
Proceeds: The Canadian Olympic Team and  
The Honour House British Columbia

Honour House is a home away from home and a plac of recovery for Canadian Forces, Emergency Services Personnel, Veterans and their families while they travel to receive medical care and treatment



## Book your ride today! Call 250-474-2088

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# GEARS

GAINING EARLY ADVANCED RIDING SKILLS

Once again, the BMW MOA Foundation is bringing rider training to our youth. Up to 24 students will have the opportunity for free riding instruction at the Hamburg Fairgrounds just preceding the Das Rally in July.

- July 12th and 13th, 2016
- 8AM sharp and throughout the day until 5PM
- Participants: male or female, ages 13 to 17 years old
- No riding experience is necessary – this will be MSF-certified training on a dirt course
- Lunch and snacks will be provided

Participants will need to provide: helmet, eye protection, full-finger gloves, over-the-ankle footwear, long pants, and long-sleeved shirt achieving full coverage of skin

There will be classroom as well as riding-course instruction. Included will be crash-scene management, first aid introduction, along with personal riding instruction from noted riding experts.

To register go to the [www.bmwmoa.org](http://www.bmwmoa.org) click on DAS RALLY! link at top; find Rider Training in the 'More in this Section' drop down, and follow the directions. The BMW ON will also have information as we approach the Rally – but don't wait as space is limited!

Join the **Gaining Early Advanced Riding Skills** experience!



## MISSION STATEMENT

The BMW Motorcycle Owners of America Foundation is dedicated to supporting motorcycling and its rich heritage for BMW MOA members and the motorcycling public by advancing rider safety, education and training.

