



Club Newsletter



Gift shop sign letting you know you can come on in for the bar...



Yes, it's in a Business Park! Just business that's all honey....



Where is Waldo, downtown Virginia City after dinner group shot.

Our Summer Trip

"Sure, that would be fun" I said, but then I started to think about it...

Phyllis tells me that about 700 riders signed up for the annual **AMA International Woman & Motorcycling Conference** in Nevada. Quick what's the Capitol of Nevada? Yes that's correct, it's Carson City, which was known for silver mining in its heyday. This was the 6th Women's conference and the first out West.

We went in our truck and Toyhauler trailer so we could take along **Nick**, our Lab, and bikes, P's 650GS BMW and my KLR. We stayed at the Gold Dust West Casino campground which was also the headquarters for the conference. It was a nice campground that we would stay in again if in the area clean showers, restrooms and some landscape.

This trip took place at the end of July during a Heat Wave that gave me a sunburn just by being outside for a bit during the day! I tried to stay indoors during the middle of the day for the rest of our time there. (It was in the mid 90's, buck up! P)

It was quite interesting walking around the hotel parking lot and looking over all the different bikes. Name it and it was there along with several trikes. You should have seen some of the women from the Bay Area... One club was hardcore sport bike riders with the whole outfit in form-fitting leathers, boots, etc. Now, I'd readily admit that P is a good rider but these women would put a lot of us men to shame... There was also a large contingent of Motor Maids in their matching white vests and a Harley HOG women's group. Some women came from the mid-west as well as many western States.

P rode in the motorcycle parade to the Capitol for the kick-off. It was escorted by the police, no signal lamps or speed limits to contend with. At the Cap, dignitaries came out including the City Mayor, a rep on behalf of Senator Reid, the President and CEO of AMA, Rob Dingman and also an AMA Vice-president of the Women Riders (name unk oops). A contingent from a local Indian tribe attended and did some chanting and dancing.

P bought me a ticket to the Friday night dinner buffet held in downtown Virginia City. A very pleasant 14 mile one way ride from Carson City up the cooling foothills to dinner. We met Donya Carlson there, Rider Magazine contributor/staff. On the way home P said I could stop at the Bunny Ranch to take a look and in the parking lot they have bike parking! Imagine that, bike parking in the lot by the front door! (Looking but not touching! P) Would you believe it's in a Business Park? P also met Amy Holland from Friction Zone who gave a seminar.



There were many seminars about matters that concern women riders, available clothing, bike tours, how to pick up a bike, etc. There was a large vendor area selling clothing, books, etc. Bike manufacturer demo trailers were there all weekend, Harley, Kawasaki, Yamaha and Kymco scooters. There were plenty of bikes to ride. There was no waiting; you could walk up and ride any bike you wanted and if one wasn't available you could wait for the next ride or ride another that wasn't currently signed for. The heat probably had something to do with low attendance for the demos, but P spent most of Saturday there.

Saturday evening P went to the wrap-up awards dinner at a local pavilion. Sunday morning everyone headed home. One reason why I went to the Rallye, we decided to make a trip out of it and headed up to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho and visited a spell with some friends who live up there.

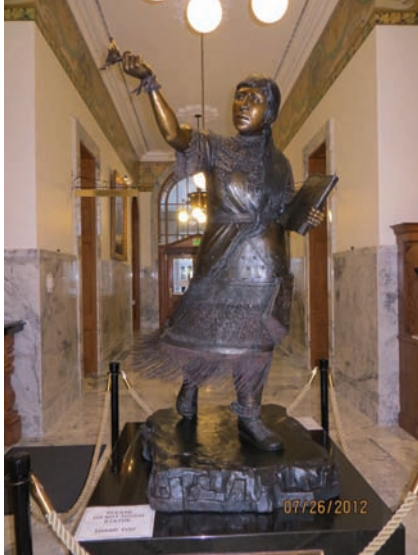
(For more info on the women's conference: http://www.americanmotorcyclist.com/events/womenandmotorcycling/IWMCNews/12-08-07/Riders_celebrate_at_AMA_International_Women_Motorcycling_Conference.aspx)



Just Indians and Dignitaries



Riders meeting at the Casino



Indian woman inside of Capitol



John posing, OUTSIDE the Ranch



P at the Gold Mine



Our travelin' rig



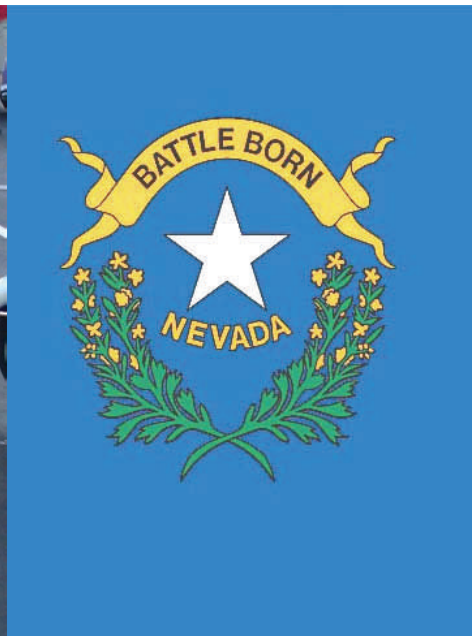
Rob Dingman



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Somehow this license plate attracted me.



What a School House for Virginia City!



What a bike.



Editorial Last month, I was looking forward to a weekend ride to Santa Fe, NM. I ended up taking the Transalp for a two-up 350 mile each way trip. Could this have been a ploy all along? On the way down, I sweated on fuel mileage. I held the group up several times by stopping for gas. On the way back, Liza's true feeling came out. We stopped for dinner in Raton, NM and she blurted out "Let me off this devil bike!" So, I went shopping for another bike more suited for the long haul and I came home with an FJR1300. My trick worked but don't tell anyone. I thought I was done with sport touring. Maybe not... It was part of a celebration too.



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In case you didn't know...

- The club meeting is Monday, November 19th at Cody's Café.
- The Formula One circus returns to the US this weekend in Austin, TX.
- Jorge Lorenzo clinched the MotoGP championship while Dani Pedrosa wins the last race of the season. Casey Stoner retires from the series with a third place finish.
- Sebastien Loeb won his ninth WRC championship and retires after winning the Catalonia Rally in his Citroen.
- The annual Big Sur ride is in the books.

Jim Rowley, Editor.

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