

# River City Beemers



BMW MOA Club #210 & BMWRA Club #104

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### Membership Meeting

Sat Feb 7th 8:00am

Western Coffee Cup

Auburn near Greenback Ln

Citrus Heights

### Director's Meeting

Tues Feb 10th, 6:30 pm

Western Coffee Cup

Auburn near Greenback Ln.

Citrus Heights

### Breakfast - Be There!

Every Saturday 8 am

Western Coffee Cup

6233 Auburn Blvd

Citrus Heights

### Weds. Dinner Ride

Meet between 5-7pm

Leaves every Wednesday evening at 6 pm from The Coffee Republic in Folsom

## The President's Corner

by Gary Stofer



By now most of you have received the notice from A&S BMW that they are no longer offering discounts on parts to club members. This was a business decision by A&S and in no way suggests any 'falling out' between RCB and A&S. In fact, Randy Felice has offered advice and assistance to help us recruit and retain active, riding members. We realize that some of our members are only with us for the A&S discount and anticipate that some may choose not to renew their memberships upon expiration. And while we'll miss the income from the phantom members, we're really all about riding anyway and all you need in order to ride is time and gas money.

Those of you who receive the printed version of our newsletter may soon see a different product arriving in your mailbox. Thanks to Randy at A&S we have found a new publishing house for printing, folding, and mailing our newsletter. Now, instead of just breaking even on the membership dues of those 160 of you receiving the hard copy version, we'll actually be able to keep some of that dues money in the club coffers. This will be a significant saving and could easily offset non-renewing phantom member dues. Also, be sure to check out the RCB announcement board now displayed in the customer lounge area at A&S. This is great publicity for our club and provided at no cost to us.

It's time now to start planning for your rid-

ing season. One of our most popular club events, the Ride & Bowl in Yerington, NV, doesn't happen until August 7 but if you want one of the larger rooms, the time to reserve is now. Details are in the calendar section. I've already got mine.

Tend to your tire needs before starting out on any long trip. Better to throw away a few miles of tread life than to worry about an iffy tire for the entire trip. This is the year I promise to take my own advice about new tires too, Jim. There are no great deals on tires to be had at the rallies and trying to get a set mounted will usually tie up your bike for an extended period of time. Terry Caffery reminded me that sometimes it's difficult to buy the tire you prefer in the second half of the year. If you go through more than one set of tires in the summer it might be a good idea to buy the second set and store them away for use later.

Hope your winter is going well. Remember the Tech Session/Super Bowl party at Bryan Wright's home. Call a few days ahead so that he knows how many people to expect. Be sure to join us at the February membership meeting. The club ride leader will be Greg Gibson. He knows a lot of great motorcycle roads and is sure to pick a destination new to most of us. See you there.

Ride Safe Ride Often  
Got Mufflers?

## Death Valley Days

Your RCB President is leaving for Death Valley on Friday 13th at 6:00 AM. Meet him at Denny's on Sunrise and Zinfandel in Rancho Cordova if you want someone to ride with. Probable route is 99 South to Bakersfield, then East past Lake Isabella to Ridgecrest, Trona, Wildrose Canyon?, Stovepipe Wells to arrive at Furnace Creek campground before dark. If we have a warm spell this route is subject to change and we could go East on 50 to 395 South. Remember, this is an Airhead Beemer Club

event and reservations must be made through them. Contact Gary Stofer (966-7910) for any additional information. Be ready to ride at 6:00 AM with a full tank of gas. If you arrive at 6:01 or later, we'll be heading South on Sunrise to Grant Line to 99.

## Spring has Sprung Potluck

### FIRST POTLUCK OF THE YEAR !!!!

WHEN: Saturday, March 27, 2004

TIME: 1PM - 6PM

WHERE: Jim & Debbie Waechter's, 3930 Deer Ridge Ln., Auburn, Ca

WHAT: First one this year. Bring a Potluck dish, RCB will provide the hamburgers and fixins and sodas

DIRECTIONS: From Rt 80 eastbound, exit at Rt 49. Turn left (northbound), go about 5-6 miles to Dry Creek Rd and turn left. Go to Deer Ridge Ln (about 1 mi) and turn left. The house is last on the right.

RSVP: 530.888.6588 and mention what dish you're bringing.

This is on a Saturday and those of you who want to ride from breakfast can end up at Jim and Debbie's house.

Be sure to convince your significant other to meet you there with your potluck dish, otherwise you'll have a ton of chips and dip only, hey-hey. After all who wants to carry a casserole on their bike? It will be soup when you get there.

Bryan Wright will be there to give a talk on how to use a GPS, as apposed to what it does. He will also surprise us with some other gadgets that he only knows how to use.

Enjoy the Waechter's beautiful home and the great one acre "All Natural" back yard and large patio. There will be plenty of parking as they live on a cul-de-sac. Comeonamyhouse and enjoy good friends and good food

## New Hand From a Folded Deck

By Joe Meyers

Hello fellow riders, this is a short Bio of a new RCB member who has been away for a while. If I had my way I would require every new member and all existing members at some point to write a short bio of them selves. We all have some pretty interesting stories to share, but things haven't gone my way in awhile so feel safe on not having to expose your inner child... yet!

I have been riding since I was 12 years old - started on a Honda 50 then on to a Honda 90. Then came the mighty "Hodaka" 100, which meant at the time I had exotic race machinery, so I entered the racing world at the age of 15 at outlaw racetracks (outlaw = no insurance). My riding and racing carried me until

19, when I was sponsored by a local Bultaco shop and had 3 motorcycles: one to ride, one to practice on and one to race - mostly 250cc class. Got to the expert class in motocross, 1/4 and 1/2 mile TT at the end of my racing career. That was my Humboldt County bike racing career in short. I think my best claim to fame "race" was racing at Hangtown in the early years and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> behind Gary Bailey Jr. It was a photo finish at the crest of the hill at the finish line. It was a grand moment- both of us flying over the peak, side by side in the air.

Shortly after that I broke my leg in a parking lot on my motorcycle. The leg was shattered, bad break but definitely savable, the standard plates and screws stories apply here. Oh lets say I had about 10 surgeries for round numbers. (I have had a total of 18 that I know, so the time and places get blurred). I always got

back to riding sooner or later or between surgeries, some dirt but mostly street up to this point in my more mature years... (mature!! what a joke for a Biker).

In the last stint of my last 10 years in biking, I got into it after taking my wife Diane to the "Sacramento Mile" on her Birthday. No, no I said "you will LIKE this". Of course going in there and hearing the roar through the stands just shook me to my bones. It was like someone gave me a shot of morphine - I was in a Harley haze. Yup, the next day we were at the Harley shop looking to buy a bike. You know the story, 3-6 months waiting period (God I thought I was buying a Humvee or something - actually they are pretty close) or I could buy a sportster right now... Ya Right, laughter ensued and I left the shop with Diane in tow and went down to A&S and bought the first of 4 motorcycles from Tony and Adrian. In fact Adrian showed and sold us our first motorcycle. Adrian's screening skills were still being honed back then, lucky for me, I then slipped into the BMW fold.

Well, we will skip some of the blah blah stuff to bring you up to the current moment of the 2003 BMW October Fest. Randy gave me a call early that Saturday morning and asked me if I was coming. I said "sure", fully knowing that I hadn't planned to go, because I had given up riding due to the bone infection in my right leg some years ago. The bone structure was fragile and I knew I would lose it if I ever broke it again so I walked away from biking. Well on 3/03 I lost my leg to that infection after they tried for two years to save it. They amputated it about 5 1/2 inches below the right knee this last March. But enough of that, that's all History now, except for the gratitude I owe to the friends and family for the support they gave me. You know who you are and "Thank You" from the bottom of my heart, now and forever. Oh yes, I test rode a GS with Tony for a 1/2 hour that day and bought a 04 GS the next day from Mike Z.

So this brings me closer yet to becoming a Retreaded RCB member. Yes entering the Squirrel Nation of BMW vs. Slammers and Lap Dancers of the Harley lore. (Hey, all you posers bought in for all that bad boy crap now you have to live with it). Though I'm not opposed to a occasional lap dance...lol. Just not by a Harley momma. Enough trouble making here.

For those who remember me, you either loved me or hated me. You loved me when I told a good story and hated me if you were in it. And yes I have been accused of tucking a front tire

under someone, outside passing on a turn and riding a bit too close. Well all that's all over unless your name is O'Callahan. Poor man spent his entire lifetime trying to keep up with me. He ran off the road at least 3 times that I know trying to pass me or keep the pace...

It wasn't always a Squirrel Nation. I kind of remember our old crew more like the "White Tigers" and everyone else was "Roy". But to keep it on the varmints comparison scale, I will say weasels or ferrets. Lets go with weasels because I know I have been called that before and I know Gerry O' has been called that for sure, so weasel it is.

So we had a band of weasels: D. Clark, Cyran, Bradford, A.Porter, Meyers, O' Callahan, C. Harber (one of my favorite people ever, may he rest in peace) and probably 1/2 dozen more but I can't risk losing any more friends on this article...Oh!

And of course Gilzean. He was always a way better rider than anyone else in that crew and probably didn't belong with the weasels except he liked to drink a lot of beer and he was an awful dancer, so he fit right in. And I would be remiss if I didn't mention the "Wise One" Mr. Rick Blake. He always kept a level hand on all our shoulders and was one who could spin a story with the best of them. I could go on with many, many stories, but I'll save them for the fire ring on campouts down



the twisted road.

Now I see a lot of good changes in the club, a lot of new members, and we all have slowed down a bit and learned some valuable lessons. Either we are riding the dirt or enjoying and respecting the road more now. I know for one that I am very happy with a small piece of the pie other than trying to eat the whole dam thing.

So if you see me along side the road somewhere in scuffed up leathers and picking wild flowers, its to give them to the lads down the road at the next rest stop. Give me a beep and a wave and I will catch up.

Later,  
New Member Joe Meyers

P.S. I guess I owe the club 20 Bucks...PPS. The good thing about being out for almost 3 years...NO OLD Tickets...0 points...Ha!

## Windstopper® Balaclava



Designed in Germany, the Windstopper® Balaclava is the perfect take along accessory. Ideal for autumn, winter, and spring, (or even unexpected changes in summer temperatures due to changes in altitude), the Windbreaker® Balaclava keeps you snug from the neck up while still allowing for optimal range of visibility through the eye opening. Easily stored, the Windstopper® Balaclava is something no rider should be without. Material: 3 layers

laminated; smooth outer polyester fabric, Windstopper®, soft inside liner. Is 100% windproof, breathable in neck area. Color scheme allows for combination with other pieces from the BMW Riders' Apparel line. Part Number: 72 60 7 670 445-447, \$34.97.

I've tested this between Modesto and our clubs director's meeting on cold Tuesday nights. The balaclava works and keeps my chin and neck draft free. The sizing seems to be related to your helmet size. I happened to buy a medium, which is a tight fit, so a large would have been better.

In the summer this balaclava should also work very well when

it is soaked in water. My silk balaclava cools for about 30 minutes in the July heat. This should last longer because the lower neck portion should retain a bit more water. Thumbs up!



This \$130, IT Designs, electronic marvel allows me to listen to my Valentine radar detector, XM radio, and my Street Pilot III gps and still has room for one more stereo input. I use my molded earplugs with speakers and everything works as advertised.

I can adjust the volume control as needed and the Mix-It uses either a 9 volt battery which lasts for about 40 hours or it comes with a 12 volt cigarette plug. I use my tank bag electrification kit and I don't hear any motor static while riding. Get more information or order from their web site. [www.mixitproducts.com/](http://www.mixitproducts.com/) or call 269-353-3614.

IT Designs, John A. Brown, Owner 5831 Powderhorn Drive, Kalamazoo MI 49009.

Thumbs up! Another personal use item tested and rated by Kim Rydalch.

## 2004 Calendar of Upcoming Events

*Check often because events are always being added or changed.*

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| <b>Feb 7th, Sat</b>              | <b>General membership meeting at the Western Coffee Pot, 8 am, 6233 Auburn Blvd (just north of Greenback), Citrus Hts 916-722-0811. There will be a day ride afterwards so have a full tank of gas before starting.</b>  |
| <b>Feb 10th, Tue</b>             | <b>Director's meeting at the Western Coffee Pot, 6:30 pm, 6233 Auburn Blvd (just north of Greenback), Citrus Hts 916-722-0811. All members welcome.</b>  |
| <b>Feb, 1<sup>st</sup>, Sun</b>  | <b>Superbowl party at Bryan &amp; Marji Wright's house, Newcastle, 916-663-9175 for directions.</b>  |
| <b>Feb 12-16</b>                 | <b>Death Valley campout, an Airhead event. This is an Airhead event so you must co-ordinate with them. Gary Stofer is leading a ride to Death Valley.</b>  |
| <b>Mar 6<sup>th</sup>, Sat</b>   | Daytona Race week party at Jim & Ayla Douglas' house in Fiddletown. If enough riders show up at the Western Coffee Pot at 9 am. Gary Stofer will lead a street ride to Jim's for those who think asphalt.  |
| <b>Mar, 17<sup>th</sup>, Wed</b> | St. Patty's dinner ride from the Coffee Republic with Marv & Lois Lewis leading.   |
| <b>Mar 27<sup>th</sup>, Sat</b>  | Spring has Sprung pot luck at the Waechter house in Auburn. Details and directions TBA.  |
| <b>Apr 3<sup>rd</sup>, Sat</b>   | Sign up for the BMW MOA mileage contest. Bring your bike to the monthly club meeting and we'll provide the forms so you can record your mileage. We want to beat those Wisconsin BMW scum riders who only have a mileage contest to look forward to in life and win every year. We want to beat them! You must be a MOA member to enter. |
| <b>Apr 24-25</b>                 | David Rives Brew & Breakfast ride. Location TBA 916-487-0233   |
| <b>May 1-2</b>                   | Sears Point AMA superbike races.   |
| <b>May 8<sup>th</sup>, Sat</b>   | GS ride, Greg Gibson ride leader, more details TBA   |
| <b>May 14-15</b>                 | Mystery Campout. Jack Klushie coordinator, 530-676-4666.   |

- May 23, Sun Mystery Ride, Marv & Lois Lewis ride coordinators. More details TBA
- May 28-31 NorCal 49er rally, Auburn fairgrounds.
- June 6<sup>th</sup>, Sun Thunderhill track and street rider improvement day. Kyra Geuting/Jim Cyran, Benevolent Dictators, Track rates will be \$175 for early registration and \$195 for late registration. Riding group information to be determined soon. To camp at the track make sure you arrive after 5pm on Saturday. Early information call 916-863-6014
- Jun 13th, Sun RCB Summer Picnic. 10:00am to 3:00pm at Fair Oaks Park Behind the Library at Madison Ave and Fair Oaks Blvd in Fair Oaks. Come join us for our annual family picnic. Lot's of food fun and prizes. RCB will provide the food, soft drinks and munchies for everyone. Bring the entire family. Fair Oaks Park is a lovely shaded park with a great group picnic site, and a nice play area for the kids Linda & Gary Stofer, coordinators, 916-863-6014
- June 18-20 Chief Joseph Rally, John Day, OR; <http://www.bmwro.org/CJ2003-Info.html> , Contact Dennis/Jean Nolder, 503-266-2108. Gary Stofer is leading a ride to the rally.
- June 25-27 Indian Creek campout, off SR 89 north of Markleeville. Jim Cyran 916-863-6014
- Jul 9-11 Laguna Seca Races. AMA & SBK SuperBike race weekend.
- Jul 7-11 RCB assault on Paonia & MOA National rally's Gary Stofer is your ride leader.
- Jul 15-18 BMWMOA National Rally in Spokane, WA. RCB's 2<sup>nd</sup> assault ride to just the national with Jack Klaushie as your ride leader.
- Jul 31<sup>st</sup>, Sat RCB poker run. Jim Cyran, coordinator, Details TBA
- Aug 7-8 Yerington Ride & Bowl, Yerington, NV. Meet in Genoa, NV at the corner of NV206 and NV58, (across from the Mormon Station Historic Monument) for a deli lunch and then ride to Yerington. Gary Stofer will lead a ride from the Western Coffee Pot at 9am to Genoa. Lots of fun and interesting roads between Sacramento and Yerington for you to ride. Don't miss the bargain of the century! Same prices for the past four years, \$30 for two-people/two dinner buffet tickets/two breakfast buffet tickets. \$20 for one person/ one dinner buffet ticket/ one breakfast buffet ticket. The Saturday night bowling extravaganza begins at 5-7pm. The Saturday dinner buffet is Baron of Beef and the Sunday breakfast buffet are the traditional favorites, eggs, biscuits, bacon, sausage, fruit and fresh carved Virginia ham. Call Sue Collins at 800-227-4661 ext 112 and mention River City Beemers for your room reservation. The earlier you reserve the bigger your room will be. 24 hour notice for room cancellation. Kim Rydalch, coordinator 209-521-8425.
- Aug 13-14 Mystery Campout, someplace new. Jim Cyran coordinator.
- Aug 12-14 Stanley Stomp Campout, Idaho, Details TBA [www.idahobmwriders.com](http://www.idahobmwriders.com)
- Aug 20-22 Beartooth rally, Details TBA, [www.treasurestate.com](http://www.treasurestate.com)
- Sep 3-5 NorCal Gypsy Tour. For additional information contact Russ Drake at (510) 278-9342 or [twobeemers@aol.com](mailto:twobeemers@aol.com) or [www.bmwnorcal.org/rol/](http://www.bmwnorcal.org/rol/)
- Sep 11<sup>th</sup>, Sat Progressive meal on wheels, Marv & Lois Lewis, Details TBA
- Sep 17-19 Central Cal BMW Riders Beemer Bash. Quincy fairgrounds, Poker Run organized by RCB [www.cabr.org](http://www.cabr.org)
- Sep 26<sup>th</sup>, Sun RCB multi-pass ride, details TBA
- Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>, Sat BMWMOA final mileage checks. RCB will send in the finishing forms and do our part to beat those wannabees from Wisconsin.
- Oct 8-10 Manchester Beach Campout, Chris Schattie coordinator. 707-763-7765.
- Oct 22-23 David's Bed and Brew ride, Eel River area near Fortuna area. David Rives coordinator 916-487-0233. Group ride from Western Coffee Pot at 9am to coast. Start with a full tank of gas.
- Oct 31<sup>st</sup> Webmaster's B-day, Please only large unmarked bills only.
- Nov 6-8 Cycle World International Motorcycle Show, San Mateo fairgrounds.
- Nov 14<sup>th</sup>, Sun 2005 Calendar planning meeting. 6pm, Lots of pizza, beer, sodas, and friendship. Location at Bryan Wright's house.
- Dec 5<sup>th</sup>, Sun RCB Christmas party,
- Dec 11<sup>th</sup>, Sat Nevada City Toy Run, location is at the Nevada County Fairgrounds in Nevada City, CA.
- Dec 25<sup>th</sup>, Sat Christmas

**Just a reminder, if you see your name listed as ride coordinator please email or send activity information to the newsletter editor. We want your activity to be a success and the earlier you send the information the better your odds. You can send the details to me, Kim Rydalch, via email at [krystalch@comcast.net](mailto:krystalch@comcast.net) or call my home at 209-521-8425. With your help your event will be advertised in both the newsletter and the web calendar and you only have to send one email! RCB wants you to be a raging success!**

## Member's Classified Ads

*Classified ads are free to members, and usually will run for 3 months give or take a bit, unless you email back and tell us to pull it. Send the text of your email to [classified@rcb.org](mailto:classified@rcb.org) and it will be included in the web site and also in the newsletter.*

**1970 R60/5** Silver, 30988 original miles, mechanically in good condition, but needs paint. \$2250 obo. Call Tim 209-938-0254 days (1/13)

**Miscellaneous** - Geza stretch bike cover, like new condition, will fit a R11GS, \$70, Quest freestanding 2 man tent, \$100, Wenger 3 man dome tent, used once, \$40, call Gerry 916-395-7856 or email [gerryo@onemain.com](mailto:gerryo@onemain.com) (1/13)

**1997 F650** Red, 33k miles, new tires and chain, hand guards, tall shield, BMW saddlebag mounts, BMW Service Manual, Russell Day Long seat with removeable backrest. Excellent condition, no accidents. Email [mtnhigh@oro.net](mailto:mtnhigh@oro.net) or call 530-477-9043 (1/11)

**Women's motorcycle gloves**, never used. BMW airflow size 6-6.5 paid \$ 80.00/ sell\$40.00. Olympian kevlar gloves size 5-6 paid \$70.00 sell \$35.00. \$ 70.00 for both. Call Dave 530-878-6460 (1/4)

**2002 F650 GSA**, lady owned, 3700 mi, warranty, serviced / maintained, recent filters, front brake pads, switchable ABS, heated grips, hand guards, tall windshield, low seat, workstand and kickstand combo. rare titan blue metallic, send email for photos. no accidents blue book is \$6900 with the options, asking \$5900, can deliver in No. or Central CA, and Reno area. Email [mserpe@yahoo.com](mailto:mserpe@yahoo.com) Call 415-609-2467 (12/29)

**1996 R1100RS** ABS, Red with color matched BMW saddle bags; RT top case; 30K mi; Corbin gunfighter seat with back rest; new Works Performance shocks front & rear; new PIAA lights in front; BMW cover; REAMUS slip-on, K & N Filter, and larger windscreen, but not on bike; still have stock seats & shocks; bar backs & handlebar risers; BMW throttle lock; cylinder guards; purchased new in Spring 1997; \$7000.00 OBO ; Call Jack 530-677-6395 home; 916-978-3420 x 175 work ; [jackklau@pacbell.net](mailto:jackklau@pacbell.net) (12/15)

**1987 R65** Silver with white and blue pinstripes. 25k since complete engine reconditioning, 85k miles total. Perfect mechanical and near-new cosmetic condition. This is the 650 motor in the R80/R100 monoshock frame, a great combination for smooth ride and outstanding gas mileage (upper 50s !). Fitted with touring bars / bar backs and Corbin gunfighter seat for a 5'4" rider. Original bars available. Comes with heated grips, BMW bags, removable Plexifairing windshield, new maint free battery and a personal guarantee you will love it. \$3200 delivered (ridden) to anywhere in the US for return bus fare - it's that dependable! Additional specific photos taken on request, see <http://www.sanfransysco.com/R65forsale.html>. Call Sam, San Francisco, 415-885-2676, email [lepore@sanfransysco.com](mailto:lepore@sanfransysco.com) (12/7)

**1995 R1100GS** Factory Fairing, Headlight Guard, Heated Grips, Hand Guards. Ohlin shocks/springs front and rear, backrest, PIAA Deer Lights with Euro switch. New rear Metzler, recent service, front and rear brake pads. Red with Hi-miles but well taken care. \$4150 obo Call David at 916-729-1177 (12/3)

**1985 K100RS** silver blue? lots of extras. Lower engine cover. Corbin Seat and original seat, backrest and luggage rack, Koni Shock rear, Standyne exhaust, factory hard bags, first year production with factory hot cams, new battery, 68k \$2,150 obo. Call Dave 916-729-1177 (11/29)

**Winter Special! 1998 K1200RS**. Red with custom checkered board paint, black powder coated wheels, heated grips, throttle lock, wide wheel and saddle bags. This bike has 74k miles but is still under the extended warranty. Can send pics. Contact me at [k12tod@att.net](mailto:k12tod@att.net) or 916-455-5858. Make Offer! (11/24)

**BMW GEAR** AirFlow Jacket, Black with Grey, Size US52, AirTex inserts, CE protectors, reflective front and back, pockets for hip protectors \$275, BMW Contur Plus Boots, Black, Size 46 leather with GORE-TEX membrane, Lace fasteners, Gear shift protection, Anatomic footbed & removable sole Reflective material \$275. Pics [http://photos.yahoo.com/g\\_servis](http://photos.yahoo.com/g_servis) Email: [g\\_servis@yahoo.com](mailto:g_servis@yahoo.com) (11/24)

**1975 R75/6** Luftmeister fairing, bmw hard bags, looks good and runs well. I need to move SOON and dont want to put it in storage. First \$800 takes it. Call Dave 530-613-2594 [Si-gnartist@jps.net](mailto:Si-gnartist@jps.net) (11/24)

**1995 R1100R**, ABS, Red, 42,700 miles, BMW Hard Bags, BMW Tank Bag, Corbin Seat, heated grips. Haynes service manual, bar backs, windshield, and cover. \$4900. Call Don (916) 663-2353 (11/10)

**2000 R1150 GS**, Mandarin Yellow with bags and matching 8 gal Adventure fuel tank (stock tank included), 34k, \$8500. Also **1996 R850R**, 56k, red, excellent condition, \$3900. Call Greg 530-271-7103 or [grgibson@mindspring.com](mailto:grgibson@mindspring.com) (11/10)

**2002 K1200LTC** Tuscany Green . 11K mi Serviced by A&S BMW. New rear tire. BMW comm system, adjustable chrome passenger floorboards, running lights, helmet holder license plate frame, top rack bag and removable luggage bags. 14,500 or best offer. 530-676-8525 after 5 pm or email at [jerry-pare@comcast.net](mailto:jerry-pare@comcast.net) (11/7)

**1991 K75SA**, 26k miles. Needs new upper fairing including headlight. Topaz. ABS. Heated grips. 3 spoke rims. Set of BMW bags included, but bike does not have the Z mounts. Has all original maintenance records and manuals. Inspection by A&S BMW verified that all damage is cosmetic, no mechanical problems. List of parts needed to restore came to \$1000. Inspection and parts list available. Price: \$2500 obo. Photos at [www.brendenshepard.com/k75/](http://www.brendenshepard.com/k75/) : email Brenden at

## Jim's take on the new R1200GS

By Jim Cyran

Interesting facts taken from the manufacturers specifications. The Multistrada and KTM are generally regarded as the best handling, most fun to ride standard type bikes you can buy, the VFR arguably the best sport tourer.

-----	R12GS...	KTM950...	MultiStrada..	VFR 800
Horsepower BHP...	100.....	95.....	84.....	107
Torque Ft-Lbs.....	85.....	70.....	62.....	58
Dry weight lbs.....	438.....	436.....	441.....	472
Seat Height in.....	33.1.....	34.6.....	33.5.....	31.7
Susp Trav -F in.....	7.1.....	9.0.....	6.5.....	4.7
Susp Trav -R in.....	7.9.....	9.0.....	5.6.....	4.7
Fuel Cap Gals.....	5.3.....	5.8.....	5.3.....	5.8
Wheel Base in.....	59.8.....	61.8.....	57.6.....	57.4

It appears to me that BMW has hit its competition with a swift kick in the gut. The specs on the new GS are stunning. I have owned 1100, 1150 and Adventure Model Oilheads (all first year models) and loved every one of them. I sold my Adventure about a month ago in anticipation of the announcement of the R1200GS. (I have a KTM 950 to ride while I wait!) Since I owned my first R1100GS I have dreamed about a GS that was 70 lbs lighter and 100hp. Well it's here, and it looks like an incredible motorcycle. Anyone who thought BMW was going to give up their "Best of the Big Dual Sport" title without a fight was mistaken.



Reading the comments on the this site about the new GS make me laugh. People actually think the new GS is ugly and the old GS is beautiful. For the first 5 years of its model life Oilhead owners were constantly saying "It may be weird looking but what a great ride!" Now it's beautiful? As a mater of fact the comments about the new 1200 sound exactly, and I mean exactly like the comments about the R1100GS when it was first introduced. Ugly, to high tech, to many new things to break, no carburetors, you won't catch me riding this in the boonies, no diode board, etc., etc.

Well here's my take, if you don't like the new bike don't buy it. As a matter of fact you will be able to buy some very clean, low mileage R1100 and R1150GS's very soon at very, very low prices. Better yet if you want some of the simple, tried and proven BMW technology you can probably buy used R80GS's for a tiny fraction of what a new 1200 will cost. If that is what you are looking for you will be happy with your purchase. The R11GS is a great motorcycle, the R12GS looks like giant leap forward in every aspect of the bike. I will be shocked if it is not one of the best new motorcycles introduced in 2004, in any category. I plan on getting mine as soon as possible and enjoying every minute I ride it. Life is too short, ride more, work less!





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