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Membership Meeting

Sat July 2nd, 8:00am

Western Coffee Pot

Auburn near Greenback Ln

Citrus Heights

Director's Meeting

Tues July 12, 6:30 pm

Western Coffee Pot

Auburn near Greenback Ln.

Citrus Heights

Breakfast - Be There!

Every Saturday 8 am

Western Coffee Pot

6233 Auburn Blvd

Citrus Heights

Weds. Coffee Social Meet between 5-7pm

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

The President's Corner by Gary Stofer



I've really pushed the deadline this month. It's June 23 as I write this column. Too much fun at John Day, Oregon last weekend, I guess. And many of you know what I'm talking about. Making lemonade when you get lemons. The weather was less than promising when 17 RCB BMWs left for John Day on Thursday, June 16. By the time we got to Quincy we realized we would not be able to ride through Lassen as planned since the clouds were getting very dark. We made a detour through Susanville on our way to the overnight in Lakeview. The next day was a quick ride into John Day. Relaxing during the afternoon, we were planning on riding some of the great roads Saturday morning. Rain washed out the 10:00 AM departure time so we took in a seminar on riding 'less than optimal' roads. Great tips learned for when we encounter the construction zones later this summer. At noon, the skies really opened up with thunder, lightning, rain and hail. The pavilion, with seating for 100's, was very popular. Cocktail hour approached along with great entertainment by a local guitarist/vocalist playing at a volume that permitted conversations. At the awards ceremony, mercifully short, only 1 winner was not present. Most

of the record 680 attendees stuck it out and were treated to a great dinner and great riding weather for the trip home Sunday. We had more than 30 RCBer's attending but they no longer have a 'Largest Club' award. No garage candy for me. Linda did win the 'Long Distance Female Rider' though. More respectable than the 'Weenie Bite' award she won at the 49'er rally. All in all, I think most people had a good time in spite of the weather.

July will be a very busy month also. Some of us will be going to the Top O' the Rockies at Paonia July 15-17. Then you have to choose between the MOA National at Lima, Ohio July 21-24 or the RCB Family Picnic July 24 at Fair Oaks Park. (Southwest corner of Fair Oaks Blvd and Madison) There'll be great food and great door prizes at the picnic as usual. The following weekend you have your choice of the Cascade Rendezvous at Menlo, Washington or the RCB Poker Run July 30. (It starts and finishes at A&S) Decisions, decisions. No decision needs to be made for the first weekend in August, though. Everyone is going to the Ride N Bowl at Yerington, right? Well, you will be if you made your reservations.

About the picnic: We have the group area reserved from 10:00 AM til 3:00 PM. Linda is running the event this year so there might be something a little different in the food depart-

ment. Or maybe she won't mess with success. Your board authorized \$400 for door prizes and there is only 1 ticket per adult in attendance so odds are in your favor. If you have any extra photographs of past events, be sure to bring them to share and/or give away. Photos are great conversation starters as

well as memory ticklers. Free food, free drink, free door prizes, and free fun. Where can you get a better deal? See you there!

Ride Safe

Ride Often

Bushay, You Say?



Jack, Lynell cooking with friends.

by John G. Sulpizio

Thirty-five motorcycles, fifty gregarious cyclists, a group camp site at Bushay, good food provided by Jack and Lynell Klaushie, and lots of libation and you've got the recipe for a great weekend Beemer bash. Moto-bull at Bushay, you say? Yep, lots of it at this great campground situated on Lake Mendocino, not far from Ukiah. The lake was built in 1958 in the Coyote Valley when the Corps of Engineers dammed the East Fork of the Russian River. The 3,500 foot Coyote Dam provides flood control, water conservation, hydroelectric power, and recreational opportunities for the people of Mendocino and Sonoma counties..

For the Beemer troop, it provided the perfect camp site for a respite after a long ride through some of California's most beautiful country. In route you

had your choice between asphalt or dirt. Well, it wasn't all dirt, but I'd guess 40% of my 360 miles portal to portal were off-road where only a few will ever see such majestic vistas. With high water a few locations looked like movie locations from "Deliverance". On Friday Jim Cyran led the way, and on Saturday Greg Gibson took point. We grabbed dirt west of Arbuckle, shot north on 16, only to go off-road again and never see the pavement again until just outside of Ukiah. It was the first time the club combined the Spring Campout with the GS ride, and whoever thought of it gets credit for a stroke of genius.

I haven't figured out yet whether I eat to ride, or ride to eat. Whatever, I can tell you that Jack and Lynell with group support threw the most wonderful wilderness dinner party imaginable. Rumor has it that there was smoked turkey for the early arrivals on Friday. On Saturday the menu included appetiz-



John Sulpizio, riding through one of the

ers, tossed salad, barbecued chicken and sautéed mushrooms, couscous, vegetables, and mozzarella salad. Of course, there was an ample choice of liquids to sate your thirst, including some of Rick's now (in)famous brand of "firewater", which this old bartender knew instantly as a bottle of "Stingers". Good folks, good food, good talk, good times. Thank you, Jack and Lynell!

Sleep came easy Saturday night, and we woke to a misty Sunday. Again, Jack and Lynell were the consummate scouts, always prepared, with brewed coffee and ham and cheese croissants. That fresh air can really make a soul hungry. We packed up, suited up, and headed out before nine o'clock, over the back roads where the redwoods meet the vineyards. Coming out of Lower Lake, we took to crossing streams and meandering the "lesser traveled way" to find our way to Lake Beryessa. The "hard riders" pushed on home, but this hungry hunter found still another restaurant at the lake, the Cucina Italiano, to do some additional research.

Bushay? Bu-Shay? BuShay? However you say Bushay, it has now become one of the critical ingredients in the recipe for a perfect rider's weekend. Add camaraderie on two wheels, food by the master party meisters Jack and Lynell, an array of libations, some off-road dirt, and there ya' go. Ten bucks? Geez, a bargain at twice the price. Thanks, RCB, for a great weekend. Thanks, Honey, for



Lots of Beemer Buddies

The Case of the Disappearing Pick

By Donald Beech

I had just received my copy of "Bob's BMW catalog" in the mail, and within minutes had found stuff for my "K" bike I couldn't do without. These things being a foot peg lowering kit, and a set of bar backs. Both priced at \$99 bucks each (set). Soon afterward, I was happily changing them out in my garage. The foot peg gig went without a hitch, the bar backs not so good. As the instructions said; the brake line may have to be replaced with a longer unit. I could live with that. Sure enough, the stopper hose was too short. Not a problem. Don't move the controls back until our friends at A&S do their thing. The other control cables were a little strained when the bars were turned hard left and right so I figured to liberate them a skosh and cut off the cable ties. Well, with

my trusty nippers, I liberated the ABS electrical circuit along with the cable ties. Oops! Now my brake servos don't serve. I called A&S, talked to Jeff Happs, admitted my sins and had the bike trailered to the shop. To get the free towing, I had the bike serviced along with the brakeline lengthening and fixing my screw-up with the ABS circuit. When I claimed my ride, Jeff told me they found some other problems, covered under the warranty (whew). This turned out to be a leaking gasket. Not so much the gasket being expensive, but the fairing had to be removed to do the work. Thank god this was covered by the warranty as taking the plastic apart is mucho labor intensive. This is where the story begins.

Now, I wanted to try out my new toys. A buddy of mine and I went to Wrights Beach, north of Bodega

Bay to camp for the night to check out our gear for a longer trip later on this summer. He, on his new R1200GS and me on my K bike. Other than being cold and windy, everything went OK. On our return to the valley we opted to go the scenic way, via Sebastapol. After blowing through my turn off onto Hwy 12 in Sebastapol, I pulled over to check my directions on the map. Looking down, between the forks, I spied what looked at first like a dental probe. About 3 inches sticking out in front of the tank. Sharp point on the end. Upon giving it a tug, it would not budge. Probably the handle keeping it from freeing up. Evidently when the work was performed at A&S, the mechanic left his tool somewhere on the frame and forgot it. I kept an eye on that pointed end thinking if this thing comes loose, my tire could become a pin cushion. Not a real pleasant thought. Somewhere along Putah Creek, I glanced down where the errant tool was, and it wasn't. It disappeared. I'm thinking it dislodged and fell on the highway. Not so. Leaving Davis, it shows its pointy head again, only to disappear before I have a chance to grab it. I really don't know what I would have done, as this is a two handed agreement you have with the motorcycle controls.

The following day, I called A&S, spoke to Jeff, told him my tale and he dispatched a tow for my bike to the shop to perform surgery. That afternoon Jeff calls me and says they had no luck finding anything looking like a tool I described. I assured him I wasn't nuts and had my friend witness the pointed bugger in Sebastapol. Jeff says: "I guess we will have to dig deeper". Well duh! Now, I'm thinking maybe it actually came loose and fell out. Either way, I look stupid. Since the shop is closed for service Sunday and Monday, I called Jeff Tuesday to see what else he had discovered, if anything. Nothing found. "Rats" I thought (although something stronger did creep into by brain). Jeff then said they would button it up and ship it home to me, but first giving it a test ride. Later in the day, Jeff calls me up and tells me that when the bike was having its test run, the tool appeared. Seems the migrating pick shuffled between the throttle body and the fuel tank on the engine. Jeff affirms that I'm not nuts, they are. Soon, I will have my ride back, minus the tool I gave a 400 mile tour. I'm not faulting A&S. Things happen. They handled the problem very professionally, and resolved the dilemma. I only wish they could have left a tool I needed.

Track Day + Education = Post Grad Fun!



Thunderhill recap: 82 signed up, 77 riders participated. 55 rode BMW's and more than 40 were first time participants. The track did a great job on the lunch, every one had plenty to eat. The event netted \$3700 profit. We've had great feedback from many attendees. Great job, Jim. Cyran.

Here are some of the comments from participants via the RCB web forum:

"I want to say thanks again to Jim Cyran and everybody involved in keeping Thunderhill skills day going for another year. I am sure everyone's experience

were positive. And Jim, next year order the same weather. Thanks." Mark Scott

"Absolutely! My first time, and it was an amazing experience. I learned a lot, and had a total blast doing it. Thanks to all who contributed to this great event!" Ken Carruthers

"Me too, I had a great time and, as always learned new tips and remembered some old things I had forgotten. I may not ever be faster in the Twisties but I will be more confident and I will have more fun and

less white knuckling. Jim, you Greg and CJ and all of the other instructors were awesome. Thanks to all who made it a great experience." Larry Morris

To Mark, Larry, Ken and all the others who participated, Thank You! It is your continued support that makes this the great day that it is. I will have to admit that this was probably the best Skills Day we've ever had. The combination weather, green surroundings, great food, willing and enthusiastic riders and great support from Thunderhill made it a day to remember. We had over 50 BMW's and over 40 first

2005 Calendar of Upcoming Events

Check often because events are always being added or changed.

July 2, Sat 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.

July 12, Tue 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.

Jul 7-10 Moto GP at Laguna Seca

Jul 15-17 Top O'the Rockies Rally
Jul 21-24 BMWMOA National Rally,
Lima Ohio

Jul 24 RCB Picnic Linda Stofer
Jul 30 RCB Poker Run starts from
A&S 10:00 AM Jim Cyran

Aug 6-7 Ride and Bowl, Yerington
Nevada, ride leaves from
WCP at 9:00 AM or 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

Get ready for the Yerington
Ride & Bowl!



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 five 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 19-21 Dornan Beach Campout Jim Cyran
- Sep 2-5 NORCAL BMW Gypsy Tour
- Sep 16-18 Central Cal BMW Beemer Bash, Quincy
- Oct 2 RCB Five Passes Ride Larry Morris
- Oct 7-9 Manchester Beach Campout Joe Meyers
- Oct 15 MOA mileage contest ending documentation Mike Paetzold
- Nov 13 2006 Planning Meeting, Bryan & Marji Wright
- Dec 3 RCB Toy Run to Children's Receiving leaves A&S @ 10:30 AM
RCB Christmas Pot Luck Time/location TBD Dennis Allstead

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 and it will be included in the web site and also in the newsletter

2004 R1150GS, 2898 miles, LIKE NEW! (Always garaged and never down). BMW System cases, top box, extras, Pacific Blue/White - \$12,500. Please call Roger at 916-408-5350 (eve) (6/15)

DUNLOP 205 OE REPLACEMENT RADIAL TIRES. 120/70ZR17 and 170/60ZR17. Near new (total miles 65). "Metzler man" wanted to try something new. My being picky, your gain. \$165.00 for both! Call Bruce at 916-989-9224 (6/3)

2003 F650 GS, 2900 miles, Black with factory silver

side cases and black top case, mint condition \$7,000. Call Pete at 530-477-8067 (5/26)

2004 R1150RT Silver 7200 miles Excellent Condition (Always garaged and never down) GIVI top trunk, w/brake light, rack & pad. Registration through Feb 2006! Asking \$12,750. Call Greg 916-267-4387 or email g_servis@yahoo.com (5/24)

F650 Stock Seat, Absolutely perfect F650 seat. Fits 1997-2000 carbureted models. \$75 Please contact Teri at 415-457-6507. (5/22)

1997 F650ST: Blue, 5600 miles, BMW lowering kit, Funduro bars windshield, handguards, Throttlemeisters, engine bars, PIAA 1400's, heated grips, BMW tankbag, accessory plug, tail bag, two sets of luggage (large BMW panniers, Moto-sport soft panniers). \$4100/offer. Email bryan@skwerly.com or call 916-663-9175 (5/22)

2000 R1100RT Graphite Grey with matching bags. 61,500 – easy touring miles - mostly from ironbutt rides. This bike is really set-up for touring with side-bags and topcase, BMW bag-liners, Corbin with backrest, BMW tankbag, accessory shelf for either GPS or Radar, hidden Dual Air Horns, extra windshield, stock seat, nifty Hiway Pegs!, Throttlemeister cruise control, runnin' lights, very well maintained, needs no work. Only 2500 miles on Metzler Z6 tires. Very nice looking RT. \$7800 or BO. Email kight-boy@aol.com for photos or appt to see or call Chris 916-813-8008 (5/22)

2002 R1150GS: Yellow, ABS, Only 9,800 miles, BMW System cases keyed to bike plus BMW travel trunk and rack, heated grips, PIAA 540 lights, Metzler Tourance front and back with less than 1,500 miles. Bike is like new. \$10,500 neg. Call Rick at (916) 826-3790 (5/09)

MISC: Russell Seat R1150GS Adv. Blk/Drk Gray, Leather, Like New \$150, Knobby Tires for Adv, less than 1500 miles \$25 for both. Luggage Locker Tank Bag Perfect Cond. extra keys, \$75, Nelson Riggs Tank Bag Magnetic, like new \$20, Stock GS Adv windscreen \$20 Bob at 530 273-5384 or email mailbox@gv.net (5/09)

Misc: Aerostich Roadcrafter 2 pc, like new, red with black patches, 46R, \$500. Schuberth Sytem helmet, Black, fits same as Shoei/Arai XL. Worn 10x \$250. Multivario Tank Bag for R100PD (special PD mount) and complete bag and plate to fit older k bikes, \$125 ea. OEM BMW gray/black/red bag liners for older K bikes, as new, \$75/set . National Cycle full windshield with lowers, will fit UJMs and some beemers. \$40. Attn restorers: Set of Heinrich bolt-on lowers (knee protection) for older R bikes (/6,/7) as new \$250. Complete 3-pc set Ken Craven luggage with luggage rack, white with stainless steel accents,

removed from R90/6 in 1977 and in storage since. Perfect condition



\$1000. Greg at 530-271-7103 or grgibson@mindspring.com (4/12)

Garmin Bare Wire Power/Data Cable for 60, 72, 76 series. Never used. Use this to hook up GPS unit to DC power source (the bike). New \$20-30 + S&H, asking \$15 pick up only or at RCB club meeting. email Daniel at danielzuhlke@hotmail.com or 916-983-0610 (4/12)

Metz Karoo front tire, 110/80/19 Karoo, new, ready for adventure. Price: \$45 plus \$5 for FedEx ground Contact Kim, Home 209-521-8425, Cel 209-402-7714, email kcrydalch@comcast.net (3/30)

2000 R1150GS - Black, System cases, Two Brothers Full Exhaust, Ricky Bars /mounts, Heated grips, ABS, Centerstand skid plate, Micatech light bar w/ Hella 500's. 31,000 miles. Redline oil/Tranny fluid, New fork seals (Nov.04). Bike runs and looks good \$8500 obo. Pics at <http://dino2000.smugmug.com>. See R1150GS gallery. Call Deano 916-595-1908 (2/20)

1991 K75S, 55,000 miles. Maintenance records, new Corbin seat, new cases. Rare purple color. \$3500 obo. Enjoy! Call Felicity 916-739-0642 or 916-718-1373 or felicitywood@yahoo.com (2/20)

Z-Technique SS Exhuast system for a 2004-R1150RT, Like new, only 500 miles on system. Purchased at A&S. Gary 707-448-4700 Vacaville, CA (2/6)

1996 1100RT Pearl White, 28,000 miles excellent condition, new metzlers front and rear, new BMW gel battery, 24,000 maint done, AM/FM cassette, Electric windshield, hand grip warmers, locking side bags. Must see. \$5,800 OBO. Ask for Tom 916-825-6079 or e-mail to twilbert@pacbell.net (12/28)

The new R1200S should be in the US in late 2005





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