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Membership Meeting

Sat Aug 5th 8:00am

Western Coffee Pot

Auburn near Greenback Ln

Citrus Heights

Director's Meeting

Tues Aug., 8th, 7:00 pm

Western Coffee Pot

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Citrus Heights

Breakfast - Be There!

Every Saturday 8 am

Western Coffee Pot

6233 Auburn Blvd

Citrus Heights

Weds. Dinner Ride

Meet between 5-6:30 pm

Leaves every Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm from The Coffee Republic in Folsom

The President's Corner

by Gary Stofer



I have to put the column together a little early this month because our News Letter Editor is leaving town for a vacation on the 20th. In fact, judging from our Board of Directors meeting last night, a lot of the RCB'ers are out riding. That's a good thing. I'd be out there among all of you but a few things came up to prevent the trip to Vermont. But I did get to go to the RA National Rally at Boise last weekend. Although the trip there and back can be a little tiring, the riding around Boise is spectacular. In fact, for a Saturday ride during the rally we had about 11 RCB members enjoying the trip along side of the Payette River. The view is breathtaking as this river offers some world-class rapids for rafters and kayakers. A good time was had by all and Roy Ulfsrud built up some good Karma by rescuing a GS rider who had run out of gas. I didn't stop with the supertanker since a car with a bike trailer was pulling up as I approached. Turns out the driver was just stopping to see if the rider needed some help but did not have any gasoline to offer. Roy rode back to the last station and returned with some gas. His good Karma, my bad.

There are a few events coming up that you want to get on your calendar. First is the Ride N Bowl at Yerington, NV August 5. August's after-meeting group ride will go to Genoa for lunch then on to Yerington. We have sold out our rooms at Casino West but there might be rooms available elsewhere in town if you procrastinated. There's an Ice Cream social August 13 put together by Marv & Lois Lewis. Hopefully there are details elsewhere in this issue. If

not, their phone number is listed on the masthead. The following weekend we have a campout at Doran Beach. This is a minimalist event as you're responsible for your own provisions. The final event of the month, or the 1st event for September, is Norcal's Gypsy Tour. This is the best riding event of the year (emphasis on 'riding') and takes place over the Labor Day weekend. This year the tour starts in Plymouth from the Amador County Fairgrounds. As an added treat, Bob Holleron has offered to set up a barbecue for our members at his home near Fiddletown on the Friday night. He promises shuttle service to the Fairgrounds if requested. Hopefully he'll get some details out as you will need to RSVP. It's a hot month with some cool events planned. (Groan) Make sure to participate if you can.

As you know, the reason RCB can sponsor as many events as we do is that we have volunteers who are willing to step up to the plate and take on the responsibilities. I'd like to thank all of you who help but will not list names lest I absentmindedly leave some out. But I would like to mention that Phil Challinor has offered to take over the coordination of the Thunderhill Track Day next year. This event actually returns a small profit to the club and requires a great deal of organization. Jim Cyran, who has run the event for many years, finally asked for relief and luckily, Phil was there. You, too, can offer to step up and help. It could be for a large event such as Thunderhill, Manchester Beach, Indian Creek, or even to lead a club day ride. All help is appreciated. That way more of us can:

Ride Safe

Ride Often

Got Mufflers??

Ice Cream Social Ride, Aug 13th

How about a nice relaxing ride around the foot-hills followed by an ice cream Sunday. Sound good? Well that's what you can have complements of RCB, Sunday, August 13.

Meet at A & S BMW at 1:00 pm with a full tank of gas. We will depart at 1:30. Contact Marv or Lois (916) 652-0575 or e-mail: mglewis@onemain.com.

Doran Beach Campout, Aug 18-20

There will be drinks, soda, beer, and coffee. Also a group ride starting from the Western Coffee Pot, departing at 9:00 AM sharp Aug. 18th...We are staying at the group site 'K' that is a Group Tent site. Directions; From HWY 101, in Santa Rosa, take Hwy 12 West through Sebastopol until it becomes Bodega Hwy. Follow Bodega Hwy until reaching Coast Hwy

1 Turn right onto Hwy 1 and before reaching the town of Bodega Bay turn left onto Doran Park Rd. into the park

Gypsy Tour Bonus for RCB members

The annual NorCal Gypsy Tour is, as usual, over the Labor Day Weekend. This year the tour will start from the fairgrounds in Plymouth on Saturday morning. Alisa and I volunteered to host a BBQ on Friday night before the Saturday start, and the board approved the activity.

Our house is about five miles east of Plymouth, one mile west of Fiddletown, it's about a ten minute ride from the fairgrounds. If you are planning to head to Plymouth Friday night, plan on joining us for dinner. If you are just looking for a Friday night dinner ride, that will work too. It does not matter if you are going on the tour. All RCB members are welcome and we hope you will join us.

While "RSVP" is not stored in the database of most RCB members' heads, if you are planning to come,

you will need to contact me ahead of time for instructions on how to get to our house. It's really easy to find. If you have ever ridden up Fiddletown Road you might have noticed a covered wooden bridge on the north side of the road. That's the turn-off to our house. Easy enough, but the road is gated and you will need to contact me to get the code and directions from there.

We hope you can join us, but please let us know if you are coming. There are a few other things you will need to know about getting here.

Bob and Alisa
holleron@amadorca.com
or
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Manchester Beach, Back in time

“Manchester Beach Ride and Campout”

Time: October 6th 7th 8th ...1950.
Start planning!

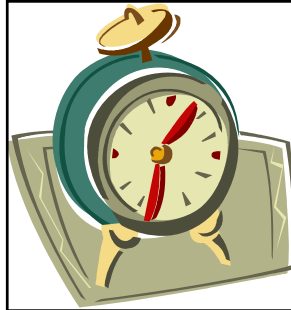
This year's theme is the 1950's.

We are talking Diner food- the stuff you ate at 3:00 in the morning plus comfort food. More to come on the menu for the weekend –

check upcoming newsletters.

50's Dress: Grab your bowling shirts and poodle skirts and your black leather jackets.

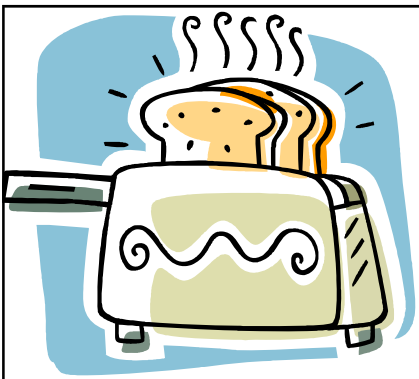
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50's Rock and Rockabilly. If you have any 50's collection on cds a loan would be helpful.

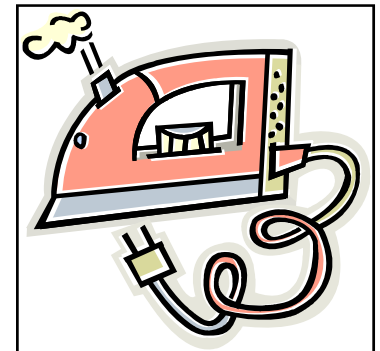
The 50's were the King era for the cocktail so I will be researching them. (Any favorites out there - let me know.)

Looking for volunteers in all areas to help and have fun.



RSVP would be helpful for attendees and volunteers. Send your acceptance and ideas to:

9balljoe@surewest.com



Death Ride Experience

By Bruce Hilger, Shop Doc
Greetings from a wet-to-dry traveler,

Editor's note: RCB has been involved in SAG duties for the past 12 years. Jim Douglas and Terry Caffrey went as spectators many years ago to see what the bicycle death ride was all about. At the time there were only cars as SAG vehicles so they volunteered their services for the next year. It's worked out great ever since and we've helped out many riders and emergency situations ever since. SR 4 is the most critical and experienced riders in slow riding techniques are needed so Jim Douglas, CJ, Greg Gibson, and Cal have been doing an impressive job for many years. Currently Kim Rydalch is the current Captain in name only because he is the only one with the time to attend the pre-planning meetings each year for the upcoming death

ride. Thanks to all the volunteers who have helped for the past 12 years. We've been able to raise \$3000 so far for the Markleeville Fire Dept. because of our service. Bruce's email after the event explains the emotions very well why participating in the death ride is so much fun!

Below are thoughts and reliving my experiences on the Death Ride. My impression? One of the best outings I have attended. Do it again. BLH

Cal and I were coming off Ebbetts in the sweep with Ebbetts road opening up, about 3:30 pm and found ambulance and police at a downed rider just after the lunch stop. I stayed to direct traffic and midst this the darkening sky let loose like a marching band with drums and flashing lightening letting loose with rain

drops the size of golf balls as they hit and alternating along with good size hail. The downed rider was life-flighted out from The SR 4/89 Junction. My brief thought at this point, my uncovered tent was by now pretty well soaked with everything in it, or, someone put the fly on to cover it. Cal and I unregistered at the Turtle Rock office and as we headed to camp we mutually agreed that if things were dry I could remain for dinner and an overnight sleep but the thought of ongoing rain and mud was not very enticing. The very strong alternative was to pack up very wet bike/gear and head home. I was sure that cresting the Carson Summit would bring me to dry skies and increasing warmth with the approach of Jackson.

Needless to say, by the time I fired up the ST and said goodbye to Cal I left in a serious inch per hour downpour, Death riders were barely visible and SR 89 was a lake. My helmet visor and my glasses were useless but safe speed for visibility was also commensurate with safe road conditions with the several thousand people and cars lining the road.



By the time I had gone the ten miles to Woodfords my bike was sputtering from a wet ignition triggering unit but that settled down by the time I reached Picketts Junction. But a double relief was the clear skies and drying pavement from there on. I was now passing Death Riders who had no clue of what they were headed into at the finish and I sincerely hope the wet passed and everyone dried out and came to easier weather conditions. I saw John briefly out of the corner of my eye half way up the Red Lake grade; to late to signal and pull over. At 6:30 pm in Jackson, an hour later I gassed up (49 mpg with 130 Death Ride Support miles) with pretty dry clothes, even a dry wallet, got a bite and reached home at 9 pm for a beer and well deserved bed. With sixteen hours in the saddle I had a rare headache, one blister on the throttle hand, and some scrapes on my chins from an unknown meeting.

Having worked with fallen riders, talked with totally exhausted finishers and other riders, and my conversa-

tions with the many supporters, I can say that this was uniquely a fulfilling experience for me. This Death Ride is a microcosm of our real lives. Many people wouldn't leave their couches and TV's. Riders like this seriously train for six months. DR isn't a jaunt, but is a very serious endeavor. The rigor of a 15 thousand foot climb effects one's body as much as the dangerous task of negotiating a 50 mph narrow/curvy downhill, a very serious venture. There are the excited and accomplished finishers who return to their regular lives with aches, sores, and that exercise-high that distance exercisers get. There are the Greg's from Seattle, that I transported to Cow Camp with a busted derailleur with

all his long awaited hopes changed to the only thing left was looking forward to a maybe 2007. There was a newbie-couple from San Francisco atop Ebbetts after only one or three passes who were so exhausted they couldn't make the legs push another revolution, and the only option was a shuttle to their cars at Turtle Rock. There were the struggling few the sweeper gang had to

pick up along the route as they struggled in their ever painfully slowing pace probably never to finish. But an exception, a couple fighters shook their weary heads and painfully mounted for another attempt to see how far their bodies would carry them before the next stop at the roadside. Early, at our 4 am breakfast, I talked with several riders, philosophical and realistic; maybe we'll finish but the goal is the journey and this is an important peg in ones life adventures. The personnel history of participants was commendable. An 80 y/o radio support person, here for this event a number of years, was a retired microbiology professor from USC, now living a happy and productive retirement in Gardnerville. Several ladies at Cow Camp rest stop were repeaters doing volunteer work for their community. A cheering group of made-up and costumed people spent the whole day beside one route having a personnel great time making all the passing riders look up from their concentration and tiredness to see pleasant costumes and antics, giving the rider encouragement to

go on. I eventually found myself thanking every rider I came to, so many of them thanked me along the way for my being there with my Beemer. In some way our bikes, motoring between riders, carrying back broken bikes and individuals were a sense of comfort and relief for the unexpected. We on the Beemers were one of the answers to the proverbial unknown, the unknown we all face in our lives. Along the route were the ever available, necessities we often take for granted in our every day existence. Tired individuals with out question bolted down tenderly cut citrus and melons, cookies, bagels and cheese and jam, provided by the checkpoint volunteers dressed in their costumes reflecting the theme of their group. Every stop contained a bike repair table for mechanical problems. Hundreds of five gallon bottles were dispensing water as fast as possible to meet riders fluid needs. Not to mention the two evening meals, the one breakfast, the many police cars, the ambulances, the radio cars, the portapoties, the 15 rest stops all make up 135 miles and 15 thousand feet. This Death Ride is a small city in its complexity, that on Sunday will fold up and disappear, but maybe return in a year for some lucky riders and volunteers.

I had a good feeling that committing to this community service that RCB does for nothing would be a different view of my three Death Ride events in the 80's. I enjoy volunteering and helping. I have always found anything involving Kim R is worthwhile and if he is organizing it then I am assured a good motorcycle

event. Meeting Kim and the six others was the usual comfortable and enjoyable BMW conversation that comes with our machines. We had an evening tech session about our duties before sacking out in the provided campsite. We all were given reasonable tasks by our organizer, some of us new to this type of thing. Waking at 4 am to the Death Ride loud speakers blaring mood music would be impossible to sleep to. Breakfast was a gearing up for our long day which contrasted to some of the volunteers who had been up almost all night cooking and readying for this busy day. Coffee, pancakes, sausage, eggs and oatmeal were perfect. We left on a cold 5 am heading west on 89, then left turn and up the Monitor Pass grade as two thousand riders formed a narrow, colorful ribbon of jerseys to make the 10 mile 3300 foot summit. The rest of the day was each support-biker responding to radio directions from the home/control site as we reached each of the radio positions. We hauled, we were a communication medium of eyes and ears for what happened on the road, we helped make tactical decisions in running of the ride, being the first on an accident scene we were the care monitors. We were thanked more times than I could guess, our meals, and snacks were free from the event and the camp sites were gratis.

It was a day spent well, a giving, a meeting of other generous people, and even the Death riders in their own way were giving. This, to me, is how life should be.

2006 Calendar of Upcoming Events

Check often because events are always being added or changed.

- Aug 5, 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. All members and guests welcome.**
- Aug 8, Tue** **Director's meeting at the Western Coffee Pot, 7:00 pm, 6233 Auburn Blvd (just north of Greenback), Citrus Hts 916-722-0811. All members welcome.**
- Watch the Calendar monthly for updates and more details of upcoming events***
- Aug 5-6** **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 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 six 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 either Kelly or Priscilla at 800-227-4661 and mention River City Beemers for your room reservation. The earlier you reserve the bigger and better your room will be. 24 hour notice for room cancellation. Kim Rydalch, coordinator 209-521-8425.

- Aug 13 Ice Cream Social, details see newsletter article
 Aug 18-20 Campout @ Doran beach, details see newsletter, Roy Ulfsrud, phone 209-245-6773
- Sep 1-4 NORCAL BMW Gypsy Tour, details TBA.
 Sep 15-17 Central Cal BMW Beemer Bash, Quincy.
- Oct 1 RCB Five Passes Ride, details TBA.
 Oct 6-8 Manchester Beach Campout, details TBA.
 Oct 15 MOA mileage contest ending documentation Mike Paetzold.

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, and it will be included in the web site and also in the newsletter. Please format similar to ads below. Limit 75 words.

2004 R1150R silver 2,891 mi, ABS, throttlemeister, heated grips, system cases. bar setbacks, lowered pegs, myers custom seats, sargent backrest, new expandable tank bag. large BMW windshield, recent dealer service. \$12,500 with Garmin Street Pilot 2620 Jim jpsmith@infostations.com 530-478-0688 (6/30)

2003 F650CS Titan Gray. Must sell! 50 actual miles, always garaged, heated handlebars, battery charger and plug, 2 soft bags, helmet lock. \$9,500. BMW financing available. Call Vickie 916-454-1284 (6/26)

Highway pegs for R11xxRT. Kuryakin chrome and rubber pegs bolt on to cylinder heads of most R bikes \$85 obo. Call Fred at 916-683-3047 (6/26)

1997 F650 + 1973 motorhome: 1973 Dodge Winnebago 19.5' with '97F650 motorcycle rack. In the last 6 years rebuilt or replaced (on MH): motor, hoses, belts, carburetor, tires, shocks, muffler, brake: master cylinder; power booster; hoses; calipers; pads; pistons; shoes. Everything a motorhome can, including: oven, thermostatic heater, microwave, generator, A/C, water heater, propane/110v fridge, real mattress, dinette on passenger side (see the view!). Sleeps 4 comfortably or 5-6 squished. Tour/Dual black F650. \$10,000 both \$5000 MH only. Call Brian 916-698-1030 or brianbennett2000@yahoo.com (5/28)

2003 K1200RS, Blue/White, 14,800 mi. Excellent Condition, ABS, Heated Grips, Adjustable bars, windshield, seat, Cruise Control, Hard Bags and luggage rack with BMW soft case. 2 cycle covers, Extra windshield. Garaged and covered. Meticulously maintained. MUST sell \$9,500. Call Mike at 916-408-2692 or mjgoulet@starstream.net (5/11)

55gallon COLLAPSIBLE water storage drums. NOS. Ex Military. Collapses to 4" h. Great for M/C

weekends, camping, EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, etc. Email for details and pics. Matt at mjc@directcon.net (5/10)

Wanted: Pair of BMW Savana 2 Pants to go with my Jacket. I need Grey/Black in US 52R/EUR 62. Email K75Sport@wmconnect.com (04/12)

1994 K75 Red 49k mi. Great condition, ABS, heated grips, adjustable windshield, engine guards, center stand, hard bags with liners, tank bag, flashing rear brake light. Always garaged. \$4000. If interested, email sierra6@calweb.com (3/27)

2004 R1150RT Titan Gray, original owner. 34k miles, oil change every 3k. Extras include: Cee Bailey +4 euro shield, Marsee tank bag, top case and back pad, cylinder guards. Driveway tipped, minor scapes. \$10,500. Contact Paul at (707) 453-1912 or cyclingpj@comcast.net (3/11)

1998 R1200C. Black. Original owner, this bike is perfect. 8342 actual miles. Lots of extras that include :Euro driving light kit, Chrome engine cover with matching horn kit, chrome engine guard kit, rear wheel chrome hub cap. Factory wind shield, saddle bags. New gel battery, tires, etc. \$8500 Pictures available upon request. Call Randy at (530) 822-0297 or rstoker408@aol.com (3/02)

2004 R1150RT. Blue. Original owner. 4650 miles. Perfect. Extras include: CHP rear brake light kit, oil cooler grill cover, K+N filter, signal & light minder kits. Top case with back rest pad. \$14,950 Pictures available upon request. Call Randy (5300 822-0297 or rstoker408@aol.com (3/02)

2000 R1100RT – Stock windshield, excellent condition. Make offer. Call Wes, 916-206-8693 (2/16)

K12LT Specialty Items- Champagne Console mount for 2610 Garmin \$50, Flatbed luggage rack, covers passenger seat for lots of balanced carrying capacity. A bonus is no passenger room! \$175. Email for pictures. Email alanretired@sbcglobal.net or call 916-203-4032 (2/16)

2003 KTM 625 SXC, Supermoto setup - never of-

froad, 48MM SX racing supermoto forks, KTM supermoto SX racing shock, Akropovic Ti exhaust, Boehringer/KTM supermoto brake rotor and caliper, KTM 17" wheels (black), Keihen flat slide 41mm carb, Sommer airbox lid, high-flow head (no smog like SMC), CA lic., street legal, never raced, low-hours, estimate under 2,000 miles, runs perfectly, owner maintained, VERY FAST. Will not part out. \$6,200 OBO. Call Steve 916-217-2231 or slrosa@sbcglobal.net (2/5)

Wanted: Left side 38mm exhaust header pipe for an airhead. Looks don't matter as long as it doesn't have any dents. Call Larry 707-446-1859 e-mail Delinesoup@aol.com (1/16)

Misc: Lady's Corbin boots, size 9M, pristine, \$50. Arai open-faced wine-colored helmet, size M (7-7 1/8), never worn, \$90. Wayne and Ilene at 916-443-0123 or mullerwc@comcast.net (1/12)

Misc: J.C. Whitney tire bead breaker \$20, Ladies BMW Cold weather riding suit. Black with silver reflective piping. Jacket & bib overalls medium, VGC. \$75, Men's 2 piece Harro "Starlight" leathers. Black & gray size 52. Fit's someone about 5'9" & 160lbs VGC \$200 SWAP. My Shoei RF1000 Size Large with "Voltage" Black/silver/white graphics, VGC, worn only a few times for a Black Shoei RF1000 Size Large. Call Larry 707-446-1859 e-mail delinesoup@aol.com (1/12)

1999 R1100R ABS, Ohlins Shocks, 36K mi, 36K service done, Light guard, Laminar Lip, PIAA yellows with Euro Switch, Hardwired for Garmin GPSIII+ and Passport/Export with permanent mounts, Throttlemeister, Remus Stainless Exhaust, Low Pipe with full size cases, 3 covers, New Battery with Battery Tender, BMW Factory Service Manual First \$7500 takes it all, Some clothing available call Dan 916-989-4330 (1/12)



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