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Membership Meeting
Sat., May 5th, 8:00am
Western Coffee Pot
Auburn near Greenback Ln
Citrus Heights

Director's Meeting
Tues., May 8th, 7:00 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. 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



Wow! A complete new column for the 2nd month in a row. Things are starting to get busy now so I'll provide a few details regarding upcoming events. For more information on any individual event you may contact the organizer.

First off, we will have a club ride May 5 led by Ken Caruthers after the membership meeting. Family obligations prevent my participation in the ride this month and once again Ken has graciously agreed to step in.

The weekend of May 11-13 is our first camping trip of the year, hosted again by Jack & Lynell Klauschie. This event takes place at Lake Mendocino (near Ukiah) and promises to be another gastronomical extravaganza. Incorporated into this weekend is an off-road ride put together by Jim Cyran. I believe he has a route planned for the trip to the campground as well as a day ride on Saturday. If you need more details on the dirt ride you can E-mail Jim at jimcyran@pacbell.net. There is a modest fee for this event since the group campsite is a little pricey. You can get the details on that from Jack when you RSVP!!! (Please)

Memorial Day weekend, of course, is NOR-CAL BMW's 49er rally at the fairgrounds in Auburn. This is a great opportunity to check out your camping prowess while being close to home in case you forget something—like a tent? RCB put together the Poker Run this year so you are guaranteed to have an interesting ride on lesser traveled roads. Many other events happen there also along with Speedway Bike races on Friday night. Since purchasing the group meal is optional, the cost of the event is still reasonable. I hope to

see a lot of RCBers there.

Don't put off getting your reservation for our annual Track Day at Thunderhill, Sunday June 10. This is an opportunity for you to improve your riding skills in a safe and controlled environment. A&S has offered to assist you in preparing for this event. If you present your proof of payment they will provide tire change service in their shop (not the track) at 50% off the retail for labor. They will also provide a complete safety inspection at the shop free of charge. Additionally, they will be set up at the track to assist with minor repairs and maybe provide some cold water after your hot laps. There is also a rumor that they may provide a discount on Pro-Rider apparel to participants who need to upgrade their riding gear for this event. Phil Challinor is your contact for all things pertaining to track day. Don't miss this opportunity.

Make sure to get your reservation at the Best Western in Lakeview Oregon for June 14. (There's also a Budget Inn next door which is a little cheaper) This will be our overnight stop on our trip to the Chief Joseph rally in John Day. A group will be leaving from Western Coffee Pot for this trip at 8:00 AM Thursday June 14, but the actual route is up in the air as of this date. Weather could be an issue. We try to stay on secondary roads as much as possible and usually do not resign ourselves to US-395 until Alturas. More details later. Also we have our second club campout at Markleville the weekend of June 22-23. There'll be a lot more details about both of these events in next month's newsletter. As you can see, we're planning to make sure that we all:

Ride Safe

Ride Often

Got Mufflers?

Lake Mendocino Campout and GS Ride

You should contact Jack Klaushie, 530-677-6395, for more information about the campout.. The fee for the campout will be \$10 per person .

Jim Cyran will be leading the GS Ride, leaving Friday May 11, at 9:30 am from the Western Coffee Pot. People who are going to the Campout on street bikes on Friday can meet at the Western Coffee Pot for breakfast as well and Jim can give them route suggestions and they can form up groups to ride over to the Bushay campground.

There will be a posting of the GPS track file and its GS route on the RCB web site for people to download if they are interested. Look for the GPS track on the web site around May 1st.

The exit to the campgrounds is on Highway 20 about 3.5 miles east of Highway 101 in Ukiah. The name of the turn off is, Marina Drive. Turn left, south, and continue on Marina Drive which eventually turns into Lake Ridge Drive. Lake Ridge Drive then turns into Lake Mendocino Drive and then look for Bushay Campground. Total mileage from the CA-20 turnoff to the campground is 4.3 miles. See you there!

Bushay Camground
Little Bear Group Camp Site
1160 Lake Mendocino Dr.
Ukiah CA 95482-9404

Kim's Korner

The March 2007 edition of Ride magazine from the UK has an article about buying a used F650. Ride did an owner's survey on models from 1994 to present and found that the overwhelming favorite was the GS series. The F650 has proved to be very reliable and has fantastic gas mileage.

Engine: Nothing major goes wrong, even at high mileages. A few reported water pump failures, but nothing to show a trend. Valve clearances hold much longer than BMW suggests.

Fuel consumption: One can expect 60 mpg as the norm.

Gearbox: Seems to be stout enough with no trend of a particular problem. Clunky shifting, but what BMW doesn't.

Electrics: Keep the battery fully charged because the F650 needs lots of power to turn over the motor.

Corrosion/finish: In the winter UK environment with lots of salt on the roads creates lots of flaking paint on engine casings, peeling fork legs were a common prob-

lem too.

Clutch: The GS version has the best clutch with the least amount of problems.

Brakes: Adequate at best, but can be improved with upgraded brake lines. BMW insists on replacing of brake pistons and seals every 24,000 miles.

Head Bearings: The most common complaint is premature head bearing failure. It seems the GS model has the oil cooler a bit close, which cooks the grease and allows it to run out of the bearing. One owner was about to fit his fourth set of bearings in 35,000 miles.

Tires: No favorite tire among the readers. Any tire that fit seemed to work just fine. Mileage figures weren't stated, but nothing was mentioned about low mileage problems.

Gearing: The standard gearing seems great for high mileage, but a 15 tooth front sprocket helped city riding and without any notable drop in top speed.

Choose your model: The overwhelming favorite among Ride readers was the 2004-to current GS model. More than 5 times more GS owners than Funduro/ST owners.

RIDE TO EUREKA JULY 6 - 8

Ride to Eureka on July 6-8 and experience one of the best motorcycle roads in the State!

By Fred Jewell

This is the chance for those of us (myself included) who prefer to camp at the Motel 6 or the Best Western rather than in a tent to participate in a great club ride and overnight stay in Eureka.

We will be leaving the WCP after breakfast on Saturday, July 7, riding to Red Bluff, stopping for gas and then turning west on route 36 towards Fortuna. If you have never ridden route 36 before, be prepared for a real treat. It is 135 miles to Fortuna and it will take about 4 hours to cover that distance depending on traffic, your abilities and your willingness to lean your motorcycle over. It's that twisty, with a wide variety of hills, mountains, cliffs, beautiful views, sweepers, switchbacks and hairpin turns that even Jim Cyran might find challenging. Once in Fortuna there are a wide variety of choices to stay available, from B & B's to endless motels all the way to Eureka. There is also a KOA campground in Arcata for the traditionalists. You should be aware that this is a holiday period in the summer on the coast so you should make reservations early. In Eureka on Saturday evening I am hoping for a large group of us going to the Samoa Island Cookhouse for dinner (always a lot of fun with a group as the food is served family style) There is a small (but vocal and growing) group led by the Prez that is planning to leave Friday morning to stay in Fortuna and dine at the Eel River Brewing Co., then joining the rest of us at the Cookhouse Saturday. If you are interested in going Friday you should contact Gary for details.

Here is a list of just some of the motels in Eureka; I am planning to stay at the Quality Inn at 1209 4th st. There are motels all along 4th street including Econolodge, Rodeway Inn and Clarion Resort. There are several Best Westerns in Eureka, Fortuna and Arcata,



and a Red Lion Inn in Eureka. There is a Comfort Inn across the street from the Eel River Brewpub in Fortuna. The KOA campground is at 4050 N. Highway 101 in Arcata for those who insist on sleeping on the ground.

For those of us who wish to eat at the Samoa Island Cookhouse Saturday night I suggest we meet somewhere (the Quality Inn maybe, since that's where I'm staying?) around 5:00/5:30 and ride together to Samoa Island. It's only a 5 minute ride across the bridge to the island. The food is good ol' home ookin'served family style, several courses, all at one price. They do serve beer and wine. It's an authentic logging cookhouse from the 1800's and has a historical ambience and lots of artifacts to look at. You really can't go to Eureka without eating there.

The next day I believe it will be every one for him/herself, as usual. You can go back the same way over 36 back to Red Bluff; you could go south on 101 through the Avenue of the Giants, a beautiful ride but be prepared for very dark areas followed by spots of bright sun. I am planning to go north to Arcata and take route 299 back to Redding; an excellent road but a little more traffic than 36.

I can't stress enough how this ride should interest those of us in the club who prefer motels over camping. Here is your chance to experience some of the best motorcycle roads in the state, enjoy some great food and great company, and still sleep in a comfortable bed with air conditioning. I would like to get an idea of how many are planning to go the Cookhouse for dinner so I can reserve some space if possible email me please—frebeck@frontiernet.net. And sorry, no Bloody Marys this time, they will make a bigger and better return only at Manchester Beach. I know we are all motorcyclists in this club and if you want to ride your Harley that's great. We'll wait for you after the twisties. Hope to see you all in Eureka.

Feel Like Some Higher Education?

By Jim Douglas

Editor note: this is an oldie but goodie article from our loyal RCB member Jim Douglas. All members to RCB need to seriously plan on attending RCB's riding skills day. You won't regret it and you'll be amazed at how well your street riding will improve this summer. Mark June 10th on your calendar and budget the track fee into your life.



Skills Improvement Day History: About 11 years or so ago, Jim Cyran, Jeff Chessher, Larry Campbell, Joe Meyers, I, and several other RCBers attended a couple of track days with Reg Pridmore, Dennis Pegalow, etc. We were

all astounded at the motorcycle handling skills we learned that were directly applicable to our everyday street riding. Braking, cornering, counter-steering, 'swerve then brake or brake then swerve - never both at the same time', and general bike set-up, all things that improved a rider's ability to safely respond to the unexpected. We learned that the limits of even our BMW bikes far exceeded our skill level at the time, and thus, if we improved our riding skills, we would be more likely to be able to avoid that errant driver or fallen rock or patch of sand, and escape unscathed. Riding on the track, with everyone going the same direction, no cross traffic, and no cars, we were able to relax and work on our riding skills. We found that the more our skills improved, the more confidence we had to explore our abilities, and the limits of our bikes. As a result of this confidence in both ourselves and our bikes, we were able to enjoy our street riding more, to get more out of them and to stay safely within our limits. We found that, similar to the skills of one proficient in martial arts, if you have the skills, you are able to react appropriately when you need them, but if you have not developed those skills, you are unprepared and unable to otherwise protect yourself. Jim Cyran was so impressed with what this skills improvement could mean to the average rider, he resolved to find a way to bring that education to his fellow River City Beemers, and the RCB Rider Skills

Improvement Day began.

For the past 9 years, RCB has sponsored a Rider Skills Improvement Day with the express emphasis of improving the skills of novice and beginner riders. Following each session, the Board of Directors has assessed the event along with the instructors. Following last year's day, it was determined that the focus had strayed from Jim's original intent. So, this year we are making a concerted effort to return to our original mission of helping novice BMW riders improve their skills. We know that there are plenty of track events out there for the hard-core sportbike crowd, but very few really geared to the first time track rider on a BMW. To that end, we decided to limit this day to street legal licensed/registered/insured motorcycles. And since we are a BMW club, all participants should be either a BMW rider or a member of a BMW club.

We will have a separate class for First time and/or Conservative riders....your own sessions on track with instructors geared to help you improve your STREET riding skills. First time track attendees will ride only with their peers on a separate track. Riders may always move up to the next level if they feel confident enough and their instructor approves it. There will be no pressure, and our instructors will work with you individually and as a group. The day is broken up into alternating 20-30 minute sessions of classroom discussion and on track riding. And you are free to ask any instructor any question at any time.

Most, if not all, of our instructors have been with us for the entire 9 years. Several are recognized racers that teach at the AFM's race licensing school, and several are accomplished off-road competitors. All are committed to safety by assisting you in improving your skills, no matter what level rider you are. It is not about speed, increased speed is the natural by-product of improved riding skills. Our goal is to help you become a better, and thus safer, rider out there on the street.

A day at the track will be an extremely enjoyable experience, one which will leave you with the confidence and skills to be a safer rider. A safer rider is a happier rider! Come join us, I know you will love it!

2007 Calendar of Upcoming Events

Check often because events are always being added or changed.

- May 5th, 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.
- May 8th, 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

- May 11-13 Lake Mendocino campout and GS ride combined, Jim Cyran/Jack & Lynell Klaushie.
- May 25-28 NORCAL BMW 49er Rally at Auburn County Fairgrounds.
- Jun 10 Thunderhill rider skill days, Phil Challinor, details TBA.
- Jun 15-17 Chief Joseph Rally
- Jun 22-24 Indian Creek Spaghetti Feed/Campout, Stan Davis.
- Jul 6-8 Fortuna-Eel River Brewing / Eureka-Samoa Cook House, Fred Jewell.
- Jul 12-15 BMW MOA National
- Jul 14-15 We have enough SAG riders for this years event. Thanks to all who have volunteered. If you were thinking about it and haven't participated before then try again for the 2008 Death Ride bicycle endurance race with RCB club SAG motorcycle assistance. We are the eyes and ears for the race staff on the closed highways SR 89 and SR 4. For information or to satisfy your curiosity call me, Kim Rydalch at 209-402-7714 or email the newsletter editor. Check out the web site at www.deathride.com.
- Jul 13-15 Brown's Campground, Bishop, jack Klaushie
- Jul 19-22 Top O'the Rockies Rally, Paonia, CO.
- Jul 20-22 Moto GP @ Laguna Seca raceway, Monterey, CA.
- Aug 4-5 Rooms are sold out! It's a busy weekend and the entire Casino West is booked! Never fear you can still participate and bowl with us. Call the Copper Inn @ 1-775-463-2135 for a room. I've personally stayed there and they are great and about two blocks away. Victoria Rose @ 775-463-2164 is another choice that is close by. I don't know what the rates are so good luck. 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. The Saturday night bowling extravaganza begins at 5-7pm. Kim Rydalch, coordinator 209-521-8425.
- Aug 24-26 Campout @ Doran beach, Roy Ulfsrud, details TBA.
- Aug 31-Sep-3 NORCAL BMW Gypsy Tour, details TBA.
- Sep 14-16 Central Cal BMW Beemer Bash, Quincy.
- Oct 5-7 Manchester Beach Campout, KOA, Jack & Lynell Klaushie
- Oct 14 RCB Five Passes Ride, Larry Morris / Ken Caruthers, details TBA.
- Oct 15 MOA mileage contest ending documentation Mike Paetzold.
- Oct 20 A&S Vintage Days
- Nov 11 2006 Planning Meeting, location to be announced.
- Dec 1 RCB Christmas Pot Luck @ A&S BMW, Dennis Allstead
- Dec 8 RCB Toy Run to Children's Receiving leaves A&S @ 10:30 AM.

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.

Misc: Custom 3 small bike or 1 larger "BMW RT size" trailer. Middle ramp is customized with wheel clamp and wide channel. great condition. \$600; 1985 Honda XL350R dualsport 7000+ miles, \$2395 obo. 2006 V-STROM, Under 800 miles. Not dropped, great condition, just broken in. Need cash \$\$\$. Special tint windscreen + original. Tank cover and handguards brand new never installed, not shown. Givi "type" topcase and backrest. Call Alan 916-203-4032, 916-421-4032 e-mail alanretired@sbcglobal.net (4/20)

1974 R90/6 Approx. 37k miles. Dual disc front brakes with stainless brake lines. San Jose fork brace & upper triple clamp. R90S fairing with clock & voltmeter & taller Gustaffson tinted windshield. Recent new valves, guides & rings. Wheels recently re laced with stainless spokes. Hard bags & tank bag included. LED tail light. Odyssey battery. Later model swing arm with cushioned drive shaft (smoother shifting) e-mail pictures avail. \$3700. Call Larry 707-446-1859 or email delinesoup@aol.com (4/16)

Misc: Eureka Assault 3 season 2 person tent plus footprint. Has 2 doors & 2 vestibules \$60. Sierra Designs 3 Season 2 Person back packing tent. Packs reasonably small & goes up fast \$40. Womans black Hein Gericke leather jacket with snap out liner. Size 42 VGC \$75. Mens Marsee leather bib overalls Size 32 with a 29" inseam (Were worn by my wife) VGC \$75. Womans black leather BMW motorcycling boots VGC Metric size 39 about US size 9, \$50. Call Larry 707-446-1859 or email delinesoup@aol.com (4/16)

R1200GS custom seat: From Rich's, like Cost over \$600 asking \$450. Pictures on request. Call Duc or Michele : 916-635-9840 or email: duc.ngo@comcast.net (3/25).

Wanted: I bought a 1975 R90/6 that came with a Luftmeister fairing and Krauser luggage. I would like

to sell or trade the aftermarket stuff for original equipment. (headlight, turn signals, etc). Call Mark work: 916-255-4378, home: 530-644-6942 (3/25)

2004 Road King Harley-Davidson FLHR: Carburetors (not injected), 3,000mi, black, tour-pack, w/ backrest (detachable), screaming eagle pipes, extra chrome. Standard features include Hard bags, windshield, floorboards, etc. Asking \$14,900. Extended warranty, to 2011 is available for \$950 extra. Bike is like new. Call Don 916-983-0628, or E-Mail: bogey-beech@sbcglobal.net (2/27)

Womens XS BMW Riding Gear: This Cordura Jacket and Pants set is like new. Will Sacrifice for \$495 or best offer. Please call for more info. Tod 916-296-1507 or Evelia 916-834-5816 (02/23)

2005 R1200GS: \$15,000 firm. Ohlins shocks front and rear, Jesse bags, Remus full exhaust system, bar backs, gps mount, 12K mile service done, shop manual on CD. Yellow and grey. Call Mike 916-408-7754. (02/09)

Helmet: Arai Signet GT White, Large used 1-2 times MSRP \$428, will sell for \$150. Picture on request. Call Mark 916-444-5696 or msetzer@setzerforest.com (02/09)

Misc: Shoei RF 900 full face helmet, Black, XXS. Hardly used, like new. \$100 OBO. email Bob at bob2cycho@aol.com (01/08)

Misc: Clean Arai Corsair RX-7 helmet w/cover & 2 new clear lenses. Silver color, size small, dated 10-02. \$150. BMW Airflow II suit. Green/Blue size large top/36-32 bottom. \$250. Heavy, warm, black leather, First Gear 3/4 length coat w/liner, stone mint \$125. BMW Street Guard pants black/size 46R. I'm a 36, it was a bit big form but it still worked o.k. for me over my clothes. The tag size may be miss-marked. \$125. Jesse Barnes-916-408-4017 or jb2512lb@starstream.net (12/10)

River City Beemers
12th Annual Rider Skills Improvement Day
Thunderhill Race Park, Sunday June 10th, 2007

Participation is limited to riders of BMW Motorcycles or members of MOA chartered BMW motorcycle clubs riding street legal, licensed, insured and quiet motorcycles. **No Race Bikes**

Intro Class for First Time and Conservative Track Riders – Your own classes and separate sessions

Lots of instruction, ride only with your peers for most of the day

Experienced Class– Experienced Riders seeking to improve their skills

Advanced Class – Skilled Sport Riders and Repeat Track Attendees – No instruction

Your fee covers: lunch, beverages, a full day of track access. Saturday night track walk with camping at the race track. Come join us for our 12th year of educating riders in the skills that count. This is without a doubt one of the best track day values you will find anywhere.

Registration is limited. Don't wait, register now. This event usually sells out, don't miss it!

***** **Registration Fee \$195 until May 20, \$210 after May 20, 2007** *****

Complete the pre-registration form below and mail with full registration fees payable to:

River City Beemers
 Attn: **Thunderhill**
 PO Box 2356
 Fair Oaks, CA 95628

Questions: contact Phil Challinor at ntshw@sbcglobal.net or Jim Cyran at jimcyran@pacbell.net or call Jim at 916-863-6014 eve. Also check the RCB website at <http://www.rcb.org> for latest information

Terms and Conditions: River City Beemer's Rider Skills Improvement day is open to members of BMW motorcycle clubs with street legal, licensed and insured motorcycles or riders of BMW Motorcycles. Rider is subject to all RCB Rider Skills Day terms and conditions. Enrollment is subject to space availability. Should you not appear on your scheduled school date, fail technical inspection, or should you be unable to complete your day due to mechanical failure or any other reason, all money will be forfeited. RCB reserves the right to refuse admission to anyone at any time for any reason.

Bike must be street legal, licensed and insured.

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Rider Skills Improvement Day - Fee of \$195 required with this form. (\$210 after 5/20) make checks payable to River City Beemers.

Name _____ Phone: _____

Address _____ Email: _____

City, St, Zip _____

BMW Club You Belong to: _____

Bike You will Ride: (year, brand, model,cc) _____

Previous Track experience (Mark one)

I've never been on a track. I am a *Novice / Experienced* (Circle one) street rider.

I am a conservative rider and would like to ride with the Intro class.

I'm an experienced rider. I've attended an RCB or other Track day instruction _____ (number of days)

I'm an advanced street and track rider. I've attended over 4 track days.



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