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Membership Meeting

Sat May, 3rd 8:00am

Western Coffee Pot

Auburn near Greenback Ln

Citrus Heights

Director's Meeting

Tues May 13th, 7:00 pm

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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 Fred Jewell



I'm ready for my close-up, Mr. DeMille! Actually, I had a couple of close-ups being interviewed for the El Dorado County TV production that Phil Challinor had set up for us to be in. On Sunday, April 13, a group of us RCBers along with some BMWSTers and a sport bike group called the Sacramento Crotch Rockets met at the Cool Deli in Cool to be filmed for a promotional TV show featuring El Dorado County, and specifically how motorcycle friendly it is. Of course it had to be the hottest day of the year so far, and there was a lot of waiting around, then a little riding, then more waiting. I had to leave after 1/2 the day, and my hat's off to those who stayed all day, especially Jamie Challinor who stood in for her husband who ended up having to work instead. I have to admit though, when that camera was in my face, I got tongue-tied and uttered many sentences that sounded to me more like an out-board motor idling than anything coherent. I spent the ride home muttering to myself "Why did I say THAT? Why didn't I say THIS?" and other such self-effacing diatribes. I also used the editorial "we" often in many answers, meaning the RCB in general, not anyone specific, so forgive me if you hear me saying "we" about something I may not be involved in (Wednesday night dinner rides come to mind). All in all, it was interesting, although somewhat

slow, and I'm glad Phil got us involved. Hopefully the DVD will be out for us soon so we all can enjoy it.

The Eureka ride this time was another success, even with a bit (well, a lot) of rain on the way up. It didn't stop us from collecting some Road to Nowhere points at the Chandelier Tree, but THE SNOW stopped most of us from getting the Oregon Caves bonus the next day. Marv and Lois made it up there and back down again, but John Flowers needed to call for a flat bed tow to get back down; it was that slick. My group quit after two miles uphill in the snow, especially after Marv and Lois warned us on their way down that we would not make it any further. So after an abysmal hour and a half lunch at a less than stellar Italian restaurant in Cave Junction, we headed to Pelican Bay State Prison for the only points of the day. We saw no one in the guard shack so we went right in. We were getting ready to take the picture when the guards appeared, and WOW! Were they ever happy to see us! (NOT!) Apparently we were the third group of RCBers they had to chase out that day, and they were not at all pleased about being one of the RTN bonus locations. We immediately gave up John's name as the one responsible. Oh well, it's an adventure, right? We did have another great dinner at the Samoa Cookhouse afterwards, about 24 diners in all. Looking forward to doing it again next year, hopefully with better weather. *Continued next page...*

The Lake Mendocino campout is coming up soon, and I believe Dennis Alstead is looking for feedback as to how many are going to attend. He will be providing the meal Saturday night, and it won't be Mexican food. (Sorry, Dennis. Joe made me do it.) This will be my first time at this event, and I'm looking forward to trying out my camping gear before I head to the national rally in Gillette, a wise choice finding out in advance if it will work or not. Anyway, I have heard nothing but good things about this event; great camping location, great roads all around, and a dirt ride organized by Jim Cyran. What more could anyone want?

Scan further down for an article about the location of the May ride; we will be going to another bonus loca-

tion(s) for the Road to Nowhere Tour. Even if you are not participating in the Tour you should plan to come along, it should be a really good ride.

Someone mentioned I have been remiss in my pokes of fun at the V-twin culture, so here goes: What do you say to a guy riding his Harley to Daytona?.....What's the matter, your trailer break down?

Remember, we're not bikers, we're motorcyclists.

We ride far.

We ride often.

We ride quiet.

RTNW May Updates

It's May and time for some warm weather riding. In the last two months we've had quite a few pictures turned in with snow on the roads. In fact in one case a snow storm came in on a Friday and blocked the path to get to the Oregon Caves for most of the Eureka weekend riders.

This Month we're going to visit a bit of Mark Twain History and the Gem of the Sierra's for our Monthly Bonus Goals. "Your road is everything that a road ought to be . . . and yet you will not stay in it half a mile, for the reason that little, seductive, mysterious roads are always branching out from it on either hand, and as these curve sharply also and hide what is beyond, you cannot resist the temptation to desert your own chosen road and explore them." - Mark Twain

The first part of the May Monthly Goal is the Mark Twain Cabin on Jack Ass Hill Road off of Hwy 49 about 1 mile North of Tuttletown CA. The Picture required is of the Cabin itself at the end of Jack Ass Hill road, don't forget you must have your Motorcycle and flag in the picture (passenger also if applicable). This part of the Bonus is worth 2700 points.

Part two of the bonus is the Gem of the Sierras, Yo-

semiter. The picture required is that of Half Dome in the background of your Motorcycle and flag (passenger also if applicable). The closest view (as far as mileage from Sacramento) of Halfdome is a parking area about 6 miles past Crane Flat and just past Foresta Rd on Big Oak Flat rd (the hwy 120 entrance rd going into the valley floor). This Extra Bonus is worth 1000 points which includes the 250 for the National Park.

Remember, this monthly goal is only good during the Month of May and must be turning in before or at the June monthly meeting. You may email your Pictures to amarider@concours.org - 400K or less in size please. You may also turn them in anytime you see John or Tom. I hope everyone is enjoying the tour!

Attention Riders: It has been reported that we have a thief, someone has stolen the Southern ET Hwy sign! I think it's one of the contestants trying to be the only one to get points for that goal. Or maybe it's one of the Tour Masters just trying to drive you crazy, but of course it's just another part the adventure. In a case like this just take a couple of pictures of the area like, the two poles the sign was on and the road signs at that intersection 318 and 375. For this goal there is a

Nevada Historical Marker (Crystal Springs) that is at that intersection you can also use. Please pass this

information on to all that you know who are participating.

Mystery Ride May 4th

The Sunday ride for May is billed as a "Mystery Ride" so we'll try to keep it that way except this year it may have some connection with the Road to Nowhere Tour. The date is May 4 and we meet at Starbucks, Sierra College Blvd. & Douglas Blvd. in Roseville at 9:00 AM. Depart at 9:30 AM. Ride length is

usually about 200-250 miles with a lunch stop somewhere along the way. If you are participating in the Road to Nowhere Tour be sure to bring your camera and flag. Please contact Marv or Lois (916) 652-0575 or e-mail: mglewis630@yahoo.com if you plan to ride.

Lake Mendicino Campout and GS Ride May 16th-18th

You should contact Dennis Allstead, 530-391-5754 for more information about the campout. The fee for the campout will be \$10 per person.

they can form up groups to ride over to the Bushay campground.

We will have my world famous caned chili on Friday night, hot dogs and hamburgers on Saturday for dinner. All drinks will also be included. Jim Cyran will be leading the GS Ride, leaving Friday May 16, 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

The entrance to the campgrounds is on Highway 20 about 3.4 miles east of Highway 101 in Ukiah. Look for the signs for Bushay Campground. Check in at the ranger station and tell them you are with the River City Beemers staying in the Little Bear Group Camp Site. See you there!

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

GREAT WHALE OF A TOUR

By Greg & Cyndee Peart

The Sea Gull Inn B & B Tour got off to a great start on Friday March 14 from West Sacramento. Cyndee and Greg Peart had breakfast with Lois and Marv Lewis at the old Eppies Restaurant located at the east end of the Yolo Causeway. Ray Trujillo and his girl friend Nancy got a late start and called during breakfast to find out where the lunch stop would be. Cheryl and Lynn Clark spent the night prior visiting rela-

tives in the Bay Area and did the same to meet up with us at the lunch stop. Under cool, light cloud dotted skies the 3 vanguard bikes left toward the Pacific Coast. The day would progress into occasional short light showers, sun and more light showers. You know it was not serious rain if Greg never had to put on his rain pants. The first section of this tour included a secret route only known by CHP Motor Officers and special NASA rocket science engineers, from Mid-

way Rd. over to Hwy. 128. Then the RCB favorite route around Lake Berryessa, up to Deer Park and Silverado Trail to the Lunch stop: Jim Town Store. Cheryl and Lynn were already there having hot soup. The rest of us ordered sandwiches and then Ray and Nancy showed up. Hwy. 128 served the bill for a quick scenic ride past countless blooming Red Bud and tiny wild flowers over to Hwy. 1 and the Mendocino Coast.

Arrival at the Sea Gull Inn was pretty much picture perfect, blue sky with puffy white clouds. Jim Douglas was on hand to meet us and issued out the room keys. Jim helped us make a decision for dinner and then made us a reservation at a wonderful restaurant, 955 Ukiah, which was easy walking distance, just around the corner of the Inn. Then the guys took off on foot to the store for some pre dinner wine and snacks run. Mendocino is so small it is a perfect walking distance for everyone. Jim provided us with the brightest, most lime green umbrellas you ever saw in your life. These proved handy for the weekend as we did need them to protect us from the occasional rain shower. The Clarks volunteered their room for that night's horsd'oeuvre party and then off to a great dinner at 955 Ukiah Restaurant.

Saturday found everyone off in different directions after a lovely breakfast brought to your room. Jim and Ayla really out do themselves with the superb attention to detail they provide from the quaintness of the rooms, lush bedding and towels to the extraordinary breakfast tray each morning. Lois & Marv rode off to Legget for a picture at the drive through tree. Cheryl & Lynn drove to Fort Bragg to wander the Botanical Gardens. Nancy, Ray, Cyndee & Greg, leisurely strolled around town until noontime. At 1:30 PM the entire tour regrouped at the North West Coast Brewing Company in Fort Bragg for lunch. The food here is great. Try the Kobe beef hamburger. After lunch everyone split off to enjoy the downtown Fort Bragg area. The hors d'oeuvre party was again held in Cheryl & Lynn's room. Jim & Ayla had wine with us but Ayla was not feeling well so they were not able to join us for dinner that night as was planned. Jim & Ayla were instrumental in helping us select a special place for our dinner that night, the Ledford House in Albion. The Ledford House sits up on a hill with its

bar and entire dinning rooms overlooking the Pacific Ocean. It's only about 11 miles south of Mendocino and had a 2 piece string Jazz band playing for dinner. Everyone agreed the food was as spectacular as the view.

Sunday found a clear sky and healthy tail wind for the ride home. After everyone enjoyed a most scrumptious breakfast, it was parting photos time. I want to thank Jim and Ayla Douglas again for being such wonderful hosts. Whoever knows where being a past president of RCB will lead you? Cheryl & Lynn, who were in their car decided to drive home on Hwy. 128. Being well acquainted with the many ways to get home from the Coast, I had a quick discussion with the remaining group of quality road ready beemerphites. Marv had heard about it and wanted to experience the famous Stewarts Point/Skaggs Springs Road. So with a cool breeze at our backs and a full tank of gas we set out with very light traffic down Hwy. 1, making the awesome trek through the back woods to the Lake Sonoma Dam Visitor Center. The rolling hills were all so green and lush with new growth. Every rambling creek we passed was full of springtime run off and beckons us to return with a fishing pole in hand. This time of year is just the best time to ride Northern California. Completing a quick stop at the Dam we then rode to the Dry Creek Store for a delicious deli lunch. With a hop (south down Hwy. 101), skip (Mark West Springs Road to Calistoga) and a jump, (Silverado Trail back over to Hwy. 128), we were at our last stop of the tour, Markley Cove Store at Lake Berryessa.

This tour will be back next year on the 2nd weekend of March, 13, 14, 2009. The Great Whale of a Tour will be the perfect time to whale watch right at the Mendocino Headlands. Maybe next year mates, we bring the telescopes and search the ocean blue for the spouting of the whale pods. Ye be likely to spot many a River City Beemer a riding the rollin' hill sides in search of Mendocino Gold.

Pictures next month!

2008 Calendar of Upcoming Events

Check often because events are always being added or changed.

- May, 3rd, 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, 13th, 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.
- May, 15th, Thur Every 3rd Thursday at A&S BMW you're invited to their Garage Party @ 6:30 pm. Interesting activities and eats. Check it out.
- Wed. Ride Weds. Dinner Ride, Meet between 5-6:30 pm, Leaves every Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm from the Coffee Republic in Folsom.
- Thur. Ride Meet up for a weekly Thursday day ride, "Because We Can Ride". Meet at Brookfield's at Sunrise and Folsom, eat at 8am and ride at 9am. For all retired, independently wealthy or just plain sick of work!
- May 4 Mystery Ride, probably ending at an eatery, Marv & Lois Lewis organizing
- May 16-18 Lake Mendocino campout and dirt ride. Dennis Allstead doing the food, Jim Cyran doing the ride.
- May 23-26 NORCAL BMW 49er rally
- June 14-15 Thunderhill rider improvement weekend, arrive after 5:00 PM Saturday. Kim Rydalch and Jack Klauschie organizing. Before May 15, members \$200, non-members \$210 and after May 15, \$225 for all. Camping and all food included.
- June 19 – 22 Chief Joseph Rally, John Day, Oregon. RCB semi-organized ride leaving Thursday AM from Western Coffee Pot, Gary Stofer organizing
- June 27 – 29 Indian Creek Reservoir, RCB High Sierra Spaghetti Feed, Gary Stofer organizing
- July 17 – 20 BMWMOA National Rally, Gillette, Wyoming
- July 25 – 27 Top O' the Rockies Rally, Paonia, Colorado
- August 2-3 Yerington Ride & Bowl, Yerington, NV. Call Vicky 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.
- August 15-17 Doran Beach campout with Dutch Oven Feast, Roy Ulfsrud organizing
- Aug 26 – 29 Curve Cowboy Reunion, Midway, Utah <http://www.curvecowboyreunion.com/>
- Aug 29-Sep 1 NORCAL BMW's Gypsy tour
- Sep 20-21 B&B at Volcano, Ray Trujillo organizing
- Sept 27 Vintage motorcycle show @ A&S BMW, more info later
- Sept 28 5 Passes ride, Ken Caruthers organizing
- Oct 3 – 5 Manchester Beach extravaganza, KOA, Phil Sweeny organizing
- Nov 9 2009 Planning Meeting, location to be determined
- Dec 6 RCB Christmas Party, details to follow



2008 RCB Road to Nowhere Tour Entry Form

THIS IS A RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT –
READ IT BEFORE SIGNING

Tour Master's use only
Entry #

I hereby give up all my rights to sue or make any claim for damages due to negligence or any other reason whatsoever against the River City Beemers and its Parent organization (BMWMOA), the promoters, sponsors, and all other persons, participants or organizations conducting or connected with this event for injury to property or person I may suffer, including crippling injury or death, while participating in the event.

I know the risks of danger to myself and my property while preparing for and participating in the event and while upon the event premises and, relying upon my own judgment and ability, assume all such risks of loss and hereby agree to reimburse all costs to those persons or organizations connected with this event for damages incurred as a result of my negligence.

THIS IS A RELEASE

Rider Name _____

Passenger Name (if applicable) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Rider BMWMOA# (if applicable) _____

Passenger BMWMOA# (if applicable) _____

List Motorcycles _____

Best contact information – Your points may depend on it!

Phone # _____ E-mail: _____

SIGNED RIDER _____

Date _____

PASSENGER (if applicable) _____

Date _____

Note: You must be an RCB member to participate. IF not you may turn in a RCB membership application and membership fees with this form to enter the event.

River City Beemers

13th Annual Rider Skills Improvement Day

Thunderhill Race Park, Sunday June 15th, 2008

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 13th 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: members \$200; non-members \$210 until May 15, \$225 after May 15, 2008 for everyone *******

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 Kim Rydalch or Jack Klauschie at editor@rcb.org or call Kim at 209-521-8425 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 -Member Fee of \$200 required with this form (\$225 after 5/15); Non-member fee of \$210 with this form. (\$225 after 5/15). 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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Kim & Valerie Jorgensen, Carmichael

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Garagenpartei.... 6:30 pm—8:30 pm

Every 3rd Thursday of the month