

# River City Beemers



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### Membership Meeting

Sat Aug, 2nd 8:00am  
Susie's Country Oaks Cafe  
500-G Cirby Way  
Roseville

### Director's Meeting

Tues Aug 12th, 7:00 pm  
Brookfields Restaurant  
4343 Madison Ave  
Sacramento

### Breakfast - Be There!

Every Saturday 8 am  
Susie's Country Oaks Cafe  
500-G Cirby Way  
Roseville

### 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



If you haven't heard, or checked out the forum or news page on the website yet, the Western Coffee Pot, our Saturday morning home for all these many years, is closing. The last breakfast there for us will be this Saturday the 26th, and after that we will be meeting at Susie's Country Oaks Cafe in Roseville, starting with the monthly meeting on August 2nd. Susie's is just over the freeway from A&S, and it has a large room, ample parking and good food. It looks to be a good fit for us and I hope we can enjoy it for many years to come. We are still passing the hat for a final tip for Julia, our waitress extraordinaire, to be given to her at breakfast on August 2. If you want to contribute please see me or Tom Moe beforehand.

I believe we had 22 RCB members at the BMWMOA national rally last week in Gillette, Wyoming, that's over a 10% turnout! Not a record but a very good showing for a rally almost 1500 miles away. Most of us found each other and camped together in the "North Forty" quiet camping section, which was a good choice as we had water and power, the showers were close and there was a food vendor nearby, even though both were easily overwhelmed at peak times. I'd like to thank Stan and Gloria Davis for getting there early and choosing the perfect spot. It was my first national rally, and it was a great location,

a high quality facility, lots of room, shuttles than ran often, the usual door prizes and vendors, plus tremendous riding and sites to see all around. My only complaint (aside from the four hour thunder, lightning, hail and rain storm Thursday night) was that there were not enough food vendors and the ones that were there were not very good. It made choosing what to do for breakfast or dinner more of a challenge than it should have been, but overall it was a very enjoyable experience. Being able to go to places I've never been to before made it even more of an event, as we went through Sun Valley and Ketchum, Idaho, Jackson Hole, the Grand Teton, Yellowstone, and Cody, Wyoming on the way to Gillette. The Buffalo Bill Museum in Cody was incredible; Stan Paolini and I spent 5 hours there and could have easily spent more, there was that much to see. Yellowstone really requires several days to truly see all that it has to offer, but I got to see Old Faithful and a free-roaming bison, so I was happy. The riding was excellent just about the whole way there with mountain passes, beautiful vistas, fast sweeping turns and tight switchbacks, you name it. The only boring part was droning along I-80 going home. Even though I had fun, I don't think I'll go to next year's rally in Tennessee. Becki says that I don't want to go to another one unless it's in Roseville or Elk Grove, maybe Davis, so it may be a while.

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The ride after the meeting on Aug 2

is our annual trek to Yerington for the Ride 'n' Bowl event. Even if you're not staying there it's a good ride (albeit a long one) so come on along. I don't know if the motel is full yet, but there are often late cancellations, so give them a call if you feel lucky and decide to stay over. It's my first time there and I'm looking forward to it, I've heard many good things about it, and it's a bargain.

Thanks to google I got a lot of correct responses to my challenge of finding the source of last month's

quote. The small but useful prize went to Ted Hudson as he was the first to determine it was Jerry Garcia (a major figure in my life) and that we should ride quietly, not quiet. I'm still working on one for next month, so stay tuned, a small but useful prize may be coming your way.

Remember, we're not bikers, we're motorcyclists. We ride far. We ride often. We ride quiet(ly).

## RCB FOUNDER REMEMBERED

By Rick Blake

“As must come to all men, death came to” Earl Mattingly, 78, founder of the River City Beemers, on May 19, 2008, following a lingering illness.

Earl and Jim Gundros orchestrated a November 1982 meeting in the Carmichael Park to explore interests in starting a local BMW motorcycle club. The turnout was enthusiastic. Earl was selected to lead the project with an initial membership of approximately thirty five. Weekly Saturday morning meetings migrated through Sambo's, Arden Fair Food Circus, Walt's, Baker's Square, etc., to our current location at the Western Coffee Cup. Earl carried the whole load single handedly, (newsletter, finances, membership roles, etc.), for nearly five years. Deniece, his wife provided a great deal of help. Currently, the club administration is conducted by twenty four members (plus numerous services and electronic systems).

We rode all twelve western states, British Columbia, four BMWMOA nationals, one BMWRA national and many Chief Joseph, Washington State Riders,



Bee Cee Beamers and 49er rallies. We finished every planned Club trip together, as planned, right down to the wire. One of our fun side trips was up Pike's Peak, 14,310 feet. Then there was the Death Valley trip to 235 feet below sea level. Another trip included the “Earl of Compton” on a ride to Steamboat Springs to watch Larry and Glen Campbell in the vintage races. When the daily races were over, we rode the race course up, down and around on the hilly streets on the eastern edge of town. Earl also made many trips north and to the eastern states with club members

and often continued further on his own.

Earl was a fine gentleman. He never had a harsh word, was faithful to his church in word and deed, and “never met a stranger”. Earl served in the U.S. Navy and participated in the atomic bomb tests in the South Pacific.

Earl ... Thanks for starting us on this Grand Ride!  
RIDE ON.....!

# Lost Coast or Paradise Lost?

By O'Hooligan

“A 4th of July camp-out? That sounds like a good idea” Cristina replied to my suggestion. So off it was, with “she who must be obeyed”. Destination: The Lost Coast (don't know



how it got lost). We headed up I-5 and took Hwy 20 via Clear Lake, which is a really great looking area, just too bad about the decidedly dodgy looking people who loiter with intent. Eventually we reached Hwy 101, after enduring the road construction delays and flying chips of rocks from vehicles ahead. Then it was a drive through the various small towns that were preparing for their holiday celebrations, rodeos, street festivals, etc.

After what seemed an eternity we reached Humboldt State Park, home of the world famous redwoods, we could smell the fragrance in the air. We exited on Mattole Rd and headed towards Honeydew (I thought that was the chores that the missus always seems to conjure up for me). This road is about 25 miles of twisty, mountainous, up & down and all around great motorcycles road, unfortunately, I was driving a camper van with a dual-sport Suzuki on the rear-rack, which made it a slow arduous affair. Upon reaching Honeydew (I just love that name) the road crosses an old single-vehicle rickety looking (in Cristina's eyes) bridge. After the bridge you are faced with a choice either left or right, we choose right towards Petrolia and after about 15 miles of easy driving across meadows and woods, we make a left at Lighthouse Road which will turn to gravel and lead to the Lighthouse beach campground.

The campground is administered by the BLM and has about 14 campsites. Only pit toilets and potable water, no showers available. After setting up camp

(park the van) we detected an odd smell and noticed a few animal bones in our area, but no fleshy meaty bits to give off an odor. We went for a short walk along the beach and noticed a rather large dark blobby looking object, which upon

closer inspection, yep you guessed it.....a dead whale! Ah, that was the smell. It seems old Jonah had washed up in March and had been dissolving there while the authorities and greenies argued about what to do: remove it, bury it or let nature take its course. Apparently the greenies won, but not before the authorities removed the lower jawbone to stop souvenir hunters hacking out teeth. Up close the stench is overwhelming, and too our amazement, not more than 200yds downwind was a family having a picnic. Darwinism hasn't quite reached the lost coast yet!

The next day we took a nice, if somewhat tiring hike to an abandoned lighthouse, lo and behold two dead seals on the way, ah just love that fresh sea air! It is a six and a half mile round trip, made harder by the soft sand. Of course when returning you can see an easier route along the bluffs that is not visible on the way out, but it peters out after awhile and it's back to dreaded soft sand.

After returning to the camp, we noticed some new campers had arrived. This is when it got interesting. Our hero and clan brought with them an ATV, which he then proceeded to ride across the logs that block access to the beach, like they don't want ATVs on the beach? He then gathered up the clan on the ATV and with not a helmet or any type of safety gear in sight, started gathering firewood to burn in his area. This in total disregard to the numerous signs that read “No Campfires Allowed”, assuming

he could read. Then when he and his toothless wife had passed out from their overindulgence of beer, their mutant offspring ages about 2 & 4 decided to bang what was left of their full beer bottles on the rocks. That was the entertainment for the evening; we retired to the van, thank god for laptops and DVD's.

Having maxed out our beach fun-meter, we took a ride back to the redwoods on the Suzuki and hiked some of the numerous excellent trails and checked out the campground there to see what we were missing, and boy were we missing! Showers, even with hot water and flush toilets. We know where we will camp next time.

We rode up the Ave of the Giants and Hwy 101 to Scotia and found a great road I highly recommend. It's Monument Rd to Bear River Ridge Rd. It is paved at first, but turns to gravel that any street bike could handle. It climbs from sea level thru the forests to above the tree line and gives terrific views of the whole area. I dare anyone to ride it and not start singing "The Sound of Music". Eventually after several choruses' it leads to Mattole Rd and will loop you back along the Lost Coast.

So where are we camping next 4th of July....stay tuned.

## DORAN BEACH CAMPOUT AUGUST 15 - 17

Roy Ulfsrud is once again putting on his campout event at Doran Beach (near Bodega Bay, for those who haven't been there before) and it promises to be just as good as it has always been, that is to say great camping, gourmet cooking and excellent riding. I believe there will be both a dirt ride and a road ride scheduled for Saturday. There will also be some libations for after the rides, although Roy says to bring your own beer due to space limitations. Roy has amazed the campers in the past with his one pot dinner and breakfast creations that everyone raves about, so get out of the heat and head to the coast and

enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow RCB'ers camping out. There will be a small co-pay to help cover expenses (a bargain at any price!).

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

### **RCB's Road to Nowhere Tour 2008 – August Monthly Bonus**

It's August and many have already completed enough points to finish the tour and some have already reached the top tier! There are quite a few that just need to get a couple of Goals or Passes to get enough points to finish. I hope everyone is enjoying the riding season.

Goal: Rio Vista CA

Picture – Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial

Location – The Memorial is at the end of Main St at the River.

Points: 2260

With the heart of the busy riding season upon us, we

have scheduled just an easy day ride to pick up your month goal. Hope the Delta is nice and cool during you ride this month. Also you can get lunch at Fosters Big Horn on Main St, a very unique dining experience if you've never been.

The monthly goal is only good during the Month of August and must be turned in at or before the September monthly meeting. You may email the picture to amarider@concours.org or in person at any breakfast, dinner or ride you see Tom or John.

Thanks – Your Tour Masters

Tom Lashbrook & John Flowers

# A Very Quick Father's Day



On June 15th RCB had their 13th "Rider Improvement Day" track day and it was a great success. Thunderhill worked with us at the end of the day so financially we didn't end up in the negative. Next year we won't have the track day on Father's Day, regardless all those who were able to attend learned a great deal and had a blast!

We had After Shocks, the suspension people, who offered to set up anyone's moto for free. It was a great service and many riders took advantage of the service. They are in Palo Alto and can be reached at 650-494-8849.

Here are some comments about the day and we encourage you to plan on next year!

Jim Douglas wrote...*"I have to chime in with Jim Cyran on a big Thank You to the support we received from Phil and his staff at Traxion Dynamics (hope I spelled it correctly), to A&S for providing them (I didn't even know how bad my suspension had gotten and now it is perfect again!!!) To Pirrelli for being there to support and to 4theRiders for the great pictures. As a C Group instructor, it is so gratifying to see riders come out on the track for the very first time and watch how they improve throughout the day, and to see that big grin they have. It is also very good to see the increased participation by the ladies out there. As always, but by no means does that lessen my thanks....Thank You to Kim, and Gary and Linda. Most importantly, my special*

*Thank You to Jim Cyran for having the follow through so many years ago and for the stick to it-iveness to keep this going."*

Steve Finsterbusch wrote... *"A great big Thank You to all who were part of putting together Rider Skills Day at Thunderhill, Kim, Jack, Jim, Jim, CJ, Ray, Cal, Gary & Linda for keeping the chilled bottled water flowing, The Prez 2.1 and any others that were involved. I've been riding for about 30 years, I've taken the experienced riders course, read the books by David Hough and Keith Code, I've practiced counter steering, braking and late apexing on the street and I've had a feel for them but nothing like doing it on the track in a safe environment with experienced instructors."*

*"I found a lot out about my riding skills (I have room for improvement), about my motorcycle (R1150RT) and what a fantastic machine BMW built. The RT didn't miss a beat despite the up & down in it's rpm range all day."*

*"Early in my riding career (Read: Young & Stupid) I had two crashes. One because I didn't know how or what counter steering was, and one because I didn't know how to panic brake. I've improved a lot since then and Skills Day has opened up a new chapter in my riding career."*

*"Once again everyone, Thank You, Thank You."*



## Member's Classified Ads

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2004 R1150R, Silver 8.3K, heated grips, ABS, dual ignition, Throttlemeister, BMW bags, BMW touring windshield, Rick Mayer seat, lowered pegs, bar backs, never down, dealer maintained, always garaged, like new. \$8,400 Jim 530-478-0688 or jpsmithcs(at)sbcglobal.net (7/9)

1999 BMW K1200 RS, Silver & Blue, Color Matched Saddle Bags, Heated Grips, Standard & Tall BMW Windshields, Corbin Seat & Stock Seat, Ohlins Rear Shock & Stock Rear Shock, Remus Titanium Exhaust System, 5 1/2" Rear Wheel, Very Nice Condition, 28K Miles, \$8000. jta101(at)surewest.net or 916-457-7619 (6/30)

Wanted: stock windshield for a R1150GS not adventure. Perfect condition doesn't matter as long as it's half way decent condition. Call Mark @ 916-834-7190 or email rtbmr (at) yahoo.com (6/23)

Riding Gear: Oxtar Sunray GTX boots, ladies, in box new condition, size 9 EUR 41, \$100. SHOEI RF-1000 R.Blue sz XL 7.5/8-7.3/4 inch 61-62 cm, in box, in micro fiber bag, clear shield. Helmet is in mint condition, used for 1K, \$200. ICON Denim Blk Pants, mens size 36w 33L, \$30. JOE ROCKET BALLISTIC TEXTILE MOTORCYCLE PANTS Tall/Med Ballistic 5.0 w/ knee protectors, mens Size 36, \$80. Call Dennis 530-391-5754

Misc: I have nine shims and the two tools needed to change them on the early flying bricks and the 750 three flat BMW engines. \$100.00 for all. I also have an exhaust wrench - the STEEL one for the BMW airheads for \$35.00. Please call Mike Miller at 916-408-7754. (3/31)

Women's Riding Gear: First gear Mesh Tex II Jacket, Size W-L, First gear HT Air Over Pants with liner, Size W-14, wore 5x, cost \$345, sell for \$200. BMW Summer Suit Overall Size L-XL \$100. BMW

Boots Size 8½-9 sell for \$25. Chippenwa Motorcycle Boots 9½D \$100. Call 916-543-3265.

Misc: J-Pegs for Twin Spark, Helmets, tents, therma rests, tank bag, RevPak U bag, Cool Vest. Call 916-543-3265.

2001 R1100RT, ABS, 44K, blk sargent seat, piala lights, new Z6's, k&n air filter, gel battery, engine guards, tools, top & side cases, bike cover, some dings, new brake pads & alternator belt, 40k service, with valve adj & fresh filter & oil in engine trans & final drive, always covered or garaged, very clean, runs great \$6,750 (916) 730-3253 or bdkerr@comcast.net(2/08)

Misc: BMW Rear alloy wheel, 18", 3 spoke, fits R850,R1100R/RT/RS,K1000RS - \$175. Brand new throttle cable set (3) for R1100RT - \$60. email daveswift at pacbell.net (2/15)

Honda enduro style dirtbikes (2), both like new, used only a few hours, one 2006 CRF150F - \$2600, one 2006 CRF230F - \$3100. Will sell both for \$5400 Call Jim 530-432-1664 (11/22)

Misc: Sargent seat for a R1100 GS, great condition with carbon fiber seat pan and super cell atomic foam \$150 obo please contact Paul email: mediaht at sbcglobal.net (10/22)

Misc: Signal Dynamics headlight modulator. New cost \$69. New in box yours \$50. Works on all lighting systems. Legal everywhere. Call Alan 916-203-4032, 916-421-4032 e-mail alanretired@sbcglobal.net (9/9)

1985 Honda XL350R dualsport 7000+ miles, \$1895. Call Alan 916-203-4032, 916-421-4032 e-mail alanretired@sbcglobal.net (4/20)

# 2008 Calendar of Upcoming Events

Check often because events are always being added or changed.

- Aug, 2nd, Sat General membership meeting at Susie's Country Oaks Cafe, 8 am, 500-G Cirby Way, Roseville, CA 916-786-0274. There will be a day ride afterwards so have a full tank of gas before starting. All members and guests welcome.
- Aug, 12th, Tue Director's meeting at Brookfields Restaurant, 7:00 pm, 4343 Madison (Madison & I-80). 1-916-332-0108. All members welcome.
- Aug, 21st, 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!

- 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 6-7 B&B at Volcano, Ray Trujillo organizing, see web for details.
- 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



Father and Son during some bonding time



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