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### Membership Meeting

Sat. Mar, 7th 8:00am  
Susie's Country Oaks Cafe  
500-G Cirby Way  
Roseville

### Director's Meeting

Tues. Mar, 10th, 7:00 pm  
IHOP  
2525 Iron Point Road  
Folsom

### 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



It's Thursday afternoon, Kim Rydalch is asking me where my column is, and I'm sitting here with a major case of writer's block, trying to come up with a catchy, clever opening paragraph. I know I wanted to talk about the RCB Scavenger Hunt coming up in May, I also wanted to touch on the new forum and how much I like it, I already submitted a short article about the Eureka ride in April that is further down in the newsletter, and I wanted to thank all those who have already volunteered to cook dogs and burgers for the A&S Open House, so after a rather non-clever preamble, I guess I'll just start.

The RCB Scavenger Hunt is coming together, just a few final adjustments to work out, but the basics are: On May 2, after our club meeting, participants will have 6 hours to visit and verify, by photograph, as many of the sites on the list as possible, while following all rules of the road, of course. Each site has a point value, so try to collect as many points as you can. You will not see the list of sites until you arrive for breakfast that day, and there are far more sites than can possibly be visited in 6 hours, so careful planning is required. This being a scavenger hunt, you must find the locations; only a minimum of description will be given. There are plenty of sites in and around town, plus some up to 150 miles away. You must be back to A&S by 3:00; there will be penalties for late arrivals (yet to be determined), and there will be prizes awarded to the top three finishers. A grand prize (after all three events) of a set of tires donated by A&S will be given to the over all winner. The other two contests will be month long events in July and September. I'll be signing people up soon and handing out their RCB "flags", so get ready and don't

forget your camera (and GPS) on May 2nd.

I hope every one has had a chance to check out the new forum on the website. I really like it, it brings our level of communication up to the 21st century. I like having categories to place your threads in; I like being able to check for new threads easily, and it just makes it easier and more enjoyable to communicate with my fellow RCBers. This is from some one who is not far from a Luddite; I prefer the term Neo-Amish, that is, I'll use technology, but only because I have to. I believe Ken and Phil have been working very hard on this and they deserve a lot of credit, Ken has been exceptionally diligent at keeping the spammers away.

The Open House at A&S is on Saturday, March 14, and we will be cooking for them again, and I've already got a great group of volunteers, but there's always room for more, especially to troll for new members. I am hoping we do better in the spring time trying to recruit new people to join our club seeing as it is the onset of the riding season. It's a great club to be in, and the participation of members in events like this proves it.

For those of you who missed it last month my latest jab at the American V-Twin crowd was "Riding a Harley is like going deer hunting with an accordian" and I'll leave it at that.

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

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## EUREKA!

OUR ANNUAL TREK ACROSS ROUTE 36  
APRIL 17-19! (Let's hope it doesn't snow this time,  
maybe we can actually ride it)

It's not too long until our annual trip to Fortuna/  
Eureka across route 36 will be upon us, so start making plans soon. The Super 8 Motel in Fortuna has offered us a small discount (10%) if we get ten rooms or more, and it is a good place to stay both nights, seeing as how the Eel River Brewpub is just across the parking lot. Makes it a lot easier to get back to the motel Friday night after sampling all those specialty beers, no riding involved. The trip is going to be very similar to last year, hopefully without the rain and snow. We'll leave on Friday, April 17 from Suzie's at 9:00 AM and head towards Marysville where we will meet up with those from that area, let's say at the Chevron station on 70 across from the lake, around 10:00ish. After gassing up and collecting everyone we will head to Los Molinos and lunch if that little burger joint is still there, if not then on to Red Bluff and some place there instead. Gas up again because

there is no guarantee of fuel on 36, and if there is, it is usually regular. We'll most likely stop in Wildwood on 36 for a quick rest; this is where gas is usually available. Then it's on to Fortuna and the motel and the brewpub for dinner. Saturday is do whatever you want day: ride the Lost Coast, go to the Oregon Caves, sightsee in Eureka, visit the Mystery Trees tourist trap, etc., and then we can have dinner at the Samoa Island Cookhouse again. For those of you who haven't eaten there it's a must-do when in Eureka. An authentic 1860's era logger's cookhouse, one price, good food served family style on long tables. Head on home on Sunday as you care to; there are many ways to go. We had around 25 of us last year in the rain and I'm hoping we'll have the same participation this year. Remember, this is your chance for a club weekend event **WITHOUT** camping, so all you non-campers come on along. It's always fun and a great ride. I'll be starting a thread in the forum soon to get a head count for the motel and reservations for the Cookhouse, so look for it and sign up! Looking forward to seeing everyone there again.

# Finally a Flatbed for the R1200RT

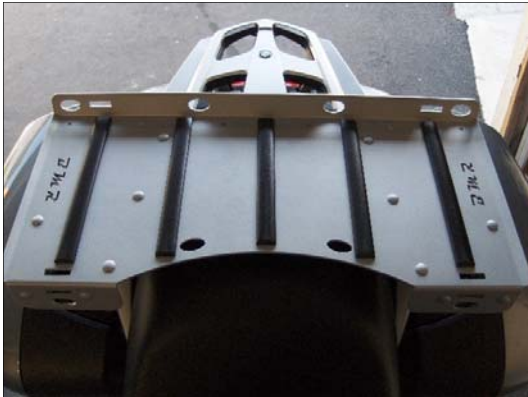
By Mark England

*This article will appear in an upcoming BMW ON issue, but we get it first! editor*

After completing another IBA event in the summer of 2007, I contacted Brett at BMR Products and expressed the desire for a shelf of some type that could solve the problem of hauling my bags on my BMW R1200RT. I wanted the shelf to provide quick and easy access to my stuff, be secure, allow the ability to quickly load and unload and not take away from the overall clean lines of the RT. BMR Products answered the call with a new product called the FlatBed for the R1200RT.

Often when I stop, I need something from one of my bags. The chore of untying most of my load to get

into a bag was just plain frustrating forcing me to stuff as many things into my tank bag as I could. Adding to the frustration was the amount of time in the morning and evening tying my bags down. The new FlatBed solves these problems.



If you are like me, and a single RT rider and looking for a better way to safely and quickly secure your bags, auxiliary tank or other stuff on you RT, your life just got better thanks to BMR Products new FlatBed. Even if you only ride solo some of the time, the FlatBed is a great product due to its quick and easy mounting system.

Being a solo rider and preferring long distance and IBA events, the on-going challenge I, like others face is how to pack and unpack the RT without the task itself becoming a frustrating and time sucking event. The stock RT does not provide any place to securely attach tie-down straps, webbing or whatever method we all use to secure our loads on the RT. I personally do not like running straps all around my bike, under my seat and then reaching back every 30 miles to see if everything is still there. The FlatBed solves these problems.

## Installation

The FlatBed arrived with everything required to mount the

FlatBed including an Allen wrench to remove the factory screws, printed color instructions with pictures and four replacement screws to attach the

mounting system. I would have liked to see the four new mounting screws come in black. It only took 10 minutes to fully install the Flatbed. The mounting system is strong, mounts cleanly and looks like it was a factory option.

The mounts hide themselves under the rear handholds and are unnoticeable even when the FlatBed is not mounted. The FlatBed is secured to the mounting system with two thumbscrews on each side. With the



mounting system installed, I can easily install the FlatBed in just a few minutes and remove the FlatBed in less than one minute.

Using the thumbscrews, quickly raised concerns during my first installation, as I felt I should be using

Allen screws to mount the FlatBed to the mounting system. However, my concern proved to be simple



paranoia as after an all day ride loaded with stuff, proved the thumbscrews were more than sufficient. During my first two rides, I stopped every hour or so to check the thumbscrews and my load to only find nothing moved or came loose. At the end of the day, the thumbscrews were just as secure as when I left in the morning.

### Design

As figure two shows, the FlatBed sits on top of the rear seat (not touching the seat) and extends over the side cases. Not touching the rear seat is important to me since I do not want anything rubbing or chaffing my leather seats. The FlatBed stops just short of where each side case is split allowing the side cases to still function as before. The FlatBed comes with rubber strips that help the load from sliding. The FlatBed fits perfectly with my stock seat and my custom seat. The FlatBed sits about one inch above the seat ensuring that the seat is not being rubbed by the FlatBed.

The FlatBed comes with plenty of places to connect tie down straps. Mounted under the FlatBed are two red reflectors for added visibility. The reflectors are cleanly mounted out of the way under the far left and right edges providing a wide reflective range. The FlatBed includes a rubber-padded handhold on the left side that can be used to raise the RT onto its center stand. A nice design benefit and testimonial to the

design and engineering of the FlatBed mounts.

The FlatBed is made of 1/8 inch

3003 aluminum alloy and the mounting brackets are made of 14 Gauge Galvanized steel. The FlatBed comes in black and silver and powder coated with a very durable finish. The attention to detail in the design and manufacturing is evident.

### Future Enhancement:

The FlatBed is designed to receive an additional rack that will attach to the rear of the Flatbed. This will extend the FlatBed all the way to the rear of the RT providing a 25"X25" surface for those who choose to carry a lot of cargo. The additional rack will include an additional bracket that will attach to the existing factory rear cargo rack. I can foresee many uses for this additional rack including supporting an auxiliary fuel cell for IBA events.

While I have only used the FlatBed on two rides, the FlatBed shows great promise. The ease of install and flexibility of the FlatBed should provide a solid solution to the ongoing challenge of how to transport all our stuff. The price for the FlatBed is \$265.00 (plus shipping). More information can be found on BMR's website at [BMRProducts.com](http://BMRProducts.com) and my installation, pictures and video can be found on my website at [kc6tew.com](http://kc6tew.com). BMR Products can be contacted at [sales@BMRProducts.com](mailto:sales@BMRProducts.com) or call 714-402-5842.



## Bruce Down Under



By Bruce Webster

My long time biking buddy called from Boston and said he had figured out a way to get out of the New England cold – a motorcycle tour of Australia in November. It would be late Spring down under and the exchange rate and Qantas fares were cooperating.

I jumped at the chance and plans were quickly made. We chose an Australian tour company, Bike Round Oz, to help us. They arranged a BMW R1200GS for each of us, suggested a route and then got accommodations for us along the way. They called this a “self guided” tour as it was just us and some maps. The company also has bike rentals and fully guided tours.

After a few days spent in Sydney including a harbor tour, we picked up the bikes and headed west to the Blue Mountains. Our B&B stay that night overlooked the winding Hawkesbury River. The proprietors greeted us with a smile and cold beers. A great beginning.

From there we traveled north on the biker heaven of Putty Road, stopping at the Halfway Roadhouse, swapping stories with



some Aussie sport bike riders. After riding through Australia’s beautiful wine country of the Hunter Valley, we stopped in Pokolbin and visited the famous “Smelly Cheese Shop”.

The next day provided more great two lane roads such as Bucketts Way and Thunderbolts Way. The latter was named for a famous bushranger who was called Captain Thunderbolt. That night we stayed at another B&B which was in a private home in Armidale. This time we were greeted with a loaf of fresh homemade bread. Our host gave us a tour of this university town and made some wine recommendations for us.

The following day it was back toward the coast and the town of Bellingen via the spectacular Waterfall Way. That night we enjoyed dinner at another friendly pub.

Then it was further north crossing from New South Wales into southern Queensland and the town of Lismore. We arrived just in time for tea, a civilized and refreshing break we enjoyed almost every day in Australia.

Finally, we stopped in Brisbane where I dropped my bike off and headed home.

The best part of the trip? It was meeting the Australians along the way. Friendly, outgoing, always willing to help a traveler.

The next best part was our tour company, Bike

Round Oz, a very professional organization. The entire trip went off without a hitch. The bikes were well maintained, the routes made for great riding and the accommodations were terrific. If you are considering touring down under (and you should), contact [Mark@bikeroundoz.com](mailto:Mark@bikeroundoz.com) or just visit their website: [bikeroundoz.com](http://bikeroundoz.com).

No worries, mate!

## Member's Classified Ads

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'95 R1100R SWMBO wants to sell her '95 R1100R so that she can buy something smaller. It's equipped with Jesse Luggage, Parabellum Sport shield, a Gel seat insert and factory tank bag. The bike is silver with a red seat. 120K miles. \$2500 Past Prez @ 916-966-7910(2/7)

1983 R100RT 60th Anniversary Pearl White, 72K, BMW options, Euro fold out running lights by Bosh in the fairing, 4 way flashers, muffler shields, front louvered grill, rear mud flap, 2 power outlets. Additional aftermarket options include: Brown side stand, Luftmeister trunk and bar vibration dampeners (internal), Reynolds bag mounts and folding luggage rack plus optional adapter to remove the luggage rack, upper and lower fork braces, stainless steel brake lines, LED tail and running lights, Corbin leather gunfighter seat. Valve job by Oak at 40K. Work done at 62K, fork seals and springs, Hagon rear shocks, Parabellum windshield, steering head bearings, brake pads, timing chain, WestCo battery, ThunderChild diode board & grounding kit, complete throttle assembly and grips, Bing Alcohol float bowl kits, head gaskets and push rod seals, oil and neutral switches, starter, new tires and tubes, new BMW tool kit. The lowers and grill have just been repainted, small dent in left side of tank under the fairing pack- et. \$6000. Dennis 530-391-5754, e-mail clcman(at) sbcglobal.net(2/7)

Misc: Blue eclipse tank bag, old but in pretty good shape, strap mount, for an Airhead \$25. Can send e-mail pictures. Larry Campbell (707) 446-1859(1/28)

1993 Ducati Superlight one owner \$8000.00 firm. 40,000 miles. Bike has been well cared for. If interested call, 916-408-7754, or e-mail, quack947@aol.com for pictures. Michael Miller (1/22)

2007 K1200GT \$16,900 Dark Metallic Blue with

matching side cases. 11,000 mi. Garaged and well cared for. Never down or damaged and never any problems with bike. Clean title in hand. Includes Integrated Antilock Brakes (ABS) and Electronic Suspension Adjustment (ESA), On-Board Computer, Electronic Cruise Control, Heated Grips and Heated Seats. Extras include Cee Bailey oversize wind- screen, Bill Mayer All day Seats, 300mi on New MICHELIN Pilot Road 2 tires, and Heli-bar backs. John 530-798-3173 (11/11)

Misc: BMW tank bag for airhead GS., like new. \$110.00. Hippo mitts, leather, and lined. \$40.00. Ex- haust wrench, the steel one, \$35.00. If interested call 916-408-7754. Mike Miller. (10/1)

2005 BMW R1200RT with 21k miles. \$14,000 Gar- aged kept and maintained by A&S BMW in Rose- ville. Lots of extras included. You can see more on Cycletrader online or Craig's List. Thanks for look- ing. E.J. (916) 515-0156

Misc: RKA (2) Side Case Bags, (1) Trunk Bag for an 2008 K1200LT. The bags are for non-CD cases. They are used but in very good condition. \$100.00 for the set. Contact Frank @ (916) 366-9591. (9/5)

Front tire, 110/80 - 19 for 1150GS TKC 80. Re- ceived new 9/4/08. I fat fingered the online order and SWMoto sent me 2 of them. I paid only \$108.95. You can have for what I paid. No tax. Ken 916-768- 1675 (8/7)

Wanted: stock windshield for a R1150GS not adven- ture. 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)

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)

# 2009 Calendar of Upcoming Events

Check often because events are always being added or changed.

- Mar. 7th, 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.
- Mar. 10th, Tue Director's meeting at IHOP Restaurant, 7:00 pm, 2525 Iron Point Road, Folsom. All members welcome.
- 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!
- Mar 7 Past President's 61th birthday
- Mar 13-14 Sea Gull Inn Weekend, Mendocino, CA, Greg Peart, 916-870-7841 or call the Inn at 707-937-5204
- April 10 RPM Motorsports go cart competition, Phil Challinor organizing
- April 11 First Responder Class at A&S, Phil Challinor organizing
- April 12 Tech daze, Phil Challinor organizing
- April 17-19 Hwy 36 to Eureka, Fred Jewell organizing
- April 18-18 First Responder class, A&S BMW, Phil Challinor organizing/instructing
- April 24-25 GS Ride, Greg Gibson organizing
- May 15-17 Jack and Lynell's Campout
- May 21-24 NORCAL BMW Club 49er rally
- June 5-8 Soldier Meadows GS Campout, Jim Cyran organizing
- June 13-14 Bed & Breakfast, Ray Trujillo organizing
- June 18-21 Chief Joseph Rally, John Day, Oregon. RCB semi-organized ride leaving Thursday AM from Susie's Country Oaks Cafe, Gary Stofer organizing
- June 26-28 Indian Creek Reservoir, RCB High Sierra Spaghetti Feed, Gary Stofer organizing
- July 16-19 BMWMOA National Rally
- July 23-26 Top O' the Rockies Rally, Paonia, Colorado
- August 1-2 Ride N Bowl, Yerington, Nevada, Kim Rydalch organizing Yerington Ride & Bowl, Yerington, NV. Call Kelly 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. Prices will be posted in April's newsletter Kim Rydalch, coordinator, 209-521-8425.
- Aug 14-16 Doran Beach campout with Dutch Oven Feast, Roy Ulfsrud organizing
- Sep 1-4 Curve Cowboy Reunion, <http://www.curvecowboyreunion.com/>
- Sep 4-7 NORCAL BMW's Gypsy tour
- Sep 11-13 Central Cal BMW club's Beemer Bash in Quincy, CA
- Sep 20 Thunderhill Skills Improvement Day, Kim Rydalch, Ken Caruthers organizing
- Sep 26 Vintage Motorcycle Show at A&S
- Sep 27 Ice Cream Social
- Oct 2-4 Manchester Beach extravaganza, KOA, Fred Jewell organizing



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### **Welcome to New Members**

**Brian & Renna Hall, Shingle Springs**  
**John Waddell, Placerville**  
**Jey & Lynn Yelland, Granite Bay**

**A&S Spring Open House Sat, March 14, 10am – 3pm**

**Kick off the riding season with A&S Powersports Annual March Open House. We'll have some local law enforcement out demonstrating their riding skills and showing us how 'easy' it is to ride. We'll also have demonstrations from the Motorcycle Safety Foundation reminding us of some skills we all need to polish up on after our winter hiatus. And as always we'll have our yummy BBQ cooked by the River City Beemers. See you then!**

John Sulpizio was last month's recipient for a gift certificate from A&S for submitting a newsletter article.

You too can be a hero and gain fame and fortune. Send me your stuff...equipment or clothing reviews or moto farkles that work for you and why other's might be interested. How about the meaning of life based on your BMW?  
kcrydalch@comcast.net