

# River City Beemers



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### Membership Meeting

Sat June, 6th 8:00am  
Susie's Country Oaks Cafe  
500-G Cirby Way  
Roseville

### Director's Meeting

Tues June, 9th, 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



**BLASPHEMY!!** Our Past Prez Gary is now the proud owner of a 2009 Ultra Classic, says he did it to guarantee he'll never be club president again, I don't know, seems kind of extreme to me. I'll know we've lost him for good when he starts wearing a leather vest and assless chaps instead of his Aerostich Roadcraft-er suit and trailering the bike behind his motorcoach. I'm sure he's going to enjoy it no matter what we say, and he still has the 1100GS for when he wants to be able to stop and turn quickly. I told him he ought to take it to the Chief Joseph rally next month, and he just might do it, could be the start of Robo Bike II.

Well, I had every contingency planned for the Scavenger Hunt on May 2 - I had flags, logbooks, pens and pencils, even cameras for those who forgot, I just had no plan B in case of RAIN! So ten intrepid riders went out to collect points, or should I say nine intrepid riders and Ken Caruthers (who was determined to get the fewest points without getting zero) despite the weather. There were several who were very serious about it, and the results will be announced at the monthly meeting. There are still two more month-long events coming up and chances to win prizes, so even if you didn't participate in the first one, you can still play along and have a chance to win the set of tires that A&S is generously donating for the overall winner. Stay tuned for more details coming next month.

Ken and I are starting to put together a ride for mid July, probably at the same time as the MOA rally (7/17 - 19), leaving on Friday and heading south on PCH to Morro Bay for the night, then heading back inland, most likely 58 to 33 to 25 into Hollister on Saturday. This will resemble the Eureka ride as it is up to each of us to reserve a room and meet up for dinner, details on that coming as soon as we have a location. Be aware, there will be July Scavenger Hunt bonus locations along the way, so you can go on a great club ride AND collect points at the same time. We will be putting out the motel/restaurant information on the forum in the Rides And Destinations category. I am going to call it either the Anti Rally Ride or the Beat The Heat Ride, not sure yet.

There's still plenty of time if you plan on attending the Chief Joseph Rally and the Indian Creek campout, check the newsletter from last month for all the info. And don't forget the Yerington Ride 'n' Bowl ride, the earlier you make reservations the better the room.

I have a really easy trivia question(s) this month, so no small but useful prize this time. What was the bike Tom Cruise rode in the movie Top Gun, and what did he ride in the movie Days of Thunder?

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## RCB RIDE TO CHIEF JOSEPH RALLY

Past Prez says...Once again there will be a semi-organized club ride to the Chief Joseph Rally in John Day, Oregon. I'd like to try a little different route this year so it's still in the planning stages. We'll still probably go through Lassen. Plan on leaving (clutch out, gas tank full, bladder empty) at 8:00 AM from Susie's on Thursday, June 18.

Thursday night we will bed down in Lakeview, Oregon at the Best Western (541-947-2194). (Budget Inn [541-947-2201] next door if you're cost conscious) There's a Mexican restaurant nearby where we have a group feed Thursday night. Friday morning we're far less organized and head out whenever to John Day. Your Friday dinner is included in the



registration fee so you want to arrive before 5:00 PM. (It's only about 3 to 4 hours from Lakeview to John Day)

After the rally you're pretty much on your own for the ride home. I tend to leave at O'dark thirty and ride straight through. It's

about 600 miles if you take US-395 to Reno then I-80 to Sacramento. John Day is in the center of some great riding and the rally site features good grass camping, actual HOT showers, and entertainment that is something besides LOUD. Did I mention that your registration fee includes dinner on both Friday and Saturday nights? Hope to see a lot of you there. Questions? Call Gary Stofer 916-966-7910.



## RCB HIGH SIERRA SPAGHETTI FEED

Past Prez says...Mark June 26 & 27 on your calendar for our 11th annual High Sierra Spaghetti Feed at Indian Creek reservoir. The campground itself is located a couple miles north of Markleville off SR-89.

We have the group campsite reserved as usual. There is limited space available so bring your small tent and try to make room for another one on the pad. All tents must be on the pads provided and most of the pads are large enough to accommodate more than one tent. Also, the BLM does not permit RV use in the parking area so this is a tent only event.

The club will provide liquid refreshments for the weekend—as long as it's packaged in plastic or cans. Friday night there will be a modest dinner—probably

something like hot dogs and chili. Saturday morning we will have something to munch along with plenty of coffee. The big deal is the feed Saturday night. Treat yourself to the Original RCB Spaghetti recipe with salad and bread. Sunday morning we'll have plenty of coffee and whatever is left over to eat.

This year there is a modest fee of \$5 per person to help defray the costs. However, as an added bonus, the United Side Car Association is having it's annual rally at Camp Richardson (South Lake Tahoe) the same weekend as our event. It could be interesting to ride over and check these folks out. See you there. Questions? Call Gary Stofer 916-966-7910

## Ride to Volcano

The date is June 13th and 14th.

Meet at Brookfield's at Sunrise and Folsom at 10:00 a.m. for breakfast. After breakfast, we ride to Volcano and check in at the St. George Hotel.

For reservations call Elsa Seeger at 209-296-458.

For Theater tickets call Mr. Wolf at 209-223-9076.

Reserve your tickets early for Saturday evening. Make sure to reserve your room as early as possible.

Brunch at St. George Hotel will be on Sunday, June 14th. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 916-601-9141.



# Where Has Greg Been?

By Greg Peart

He's been really quiet on the computer lately. For good reasons. A lap top would not have been very happy in my Jessie bags and Mexico just does not have very many wi fi coffee shops. For a little over 2 years I have been planning a Baja motorcycle trip with fellow ex-work mate Ehren Dreisbach. Ehren & I along with 2 other CHP motor Officers Mark Slater and Rick Murry finally made the extraordinary trip. On 1-1-09 at 1830 hours the already loaded suburban & trailer picked me up for our trek. Everyone but me had installed knobby tires. This



made the trailer a necessary evil down to Ricks Aunt & Uncle's house in Riverside. We had also planned to drive in shifts all night to save time. When we got back to Riverside on the 14th, those knobbies were all bald. We experienced over 3,000 miles of the best roads and back dirt roads Baja Mexico has to offer.

To avoid the banditos we crossed the border at Tecate, a lesser used crossing. Once to Ensenada, we took Hwy. 1 most of the way down to our Grand Mayan time share in San Jose Del Cabo. It took 4 days with a minor deviation. First two days it rained. Below the Bay of Concepcion & Mulege (Moo le hey) we turned due west. This dirt/rock/cinder/sand/gravel (all of the above), approx. 40 mile road took us to San Isidro (Is-he-dro). A beautiful oasis in the middle of nowhere. Stunning views, canyons, mountain vistas, water ways, palm trees, cattle and horses crossing suddenly from concealed brush were the norm. Three times the road turned to river rocks. One

section the rocks were the size of helmets. Hang on dude this could be a bumpy ride. You could see where the punctures of car oil pans had occurred. We passed stripped/burned out rusting car hulks on the roadside. I saw no abandoned BMW motorcycles. This was a good sign for me.

While at the San Jose Del Cabo condo we went on day excursions of the lower tip of Baja. Cabo San Lucas ( 25 miles south) has a BMW dealer. Very little English is spoken and I have stories to tell! On the way back we did the Gonzaga Bay dirt road loop that takes you in at Chapala Junction from be-

low San Felipe. Had to check out Coco,s Corner. Just friendly, lonely cats occupy the sparse sheds and abandoned campers that sit on the ground now. Mr. Coco is gone to the hospital. A very sick diabetic, most likely not to return. It had been 31 years since I had been to the Punta Final/Gonzaga Bay area. Alfonso's Hotel was still there, unchanged. The atmosphere, beach and fresh out of the bay sea food was simply outstanding. Accommodations are not for the weak of heart. But neither is the road in. There is an 8 mile straight as an arrow stretch of sand just south of the Pemex station. The guys let me go first so they could stop to pick me back up. I took off in 3rd gear, kept it at 30 to 35 mph and was later told that no one could keep up with me. I never looked back, believe me I didn't have the time too!!! I was glad to have that behind me. Would I do it again? Ask me in person sometime.

The trip up to San Felipe took all day and not just

because the dirt road seems to go on forever. Its wash board, sand, gravel and rock all at once. The views of the ocean are worth the back pain that I still have from that road. With no gas at the Pemex in Gonzaga Bay, two bikes ran out of fuel. My tank was too low to get a hose into the gas. An attempt to remove gas from Ehrens GS using the cross over connection failed big time. The connector broke and would not refasten. An old generator fuel line tube used as decoration at Cowpatty (hot dog stand) was borrowed to replace the connector. It worked, but Ehren lost about 2 gallons of gas during the operation. Within a few miles everyone but the big Adventure bike came to a grinding halt. Rick's KTM started out toward San Felipe with me but disappeared shortly. He has a wild story of how he walked to a farm house to buy some gas. I continued the 35 miles into San Felipe and came back with the new bike name of "Supertanker GS". 8.5 gallons can be handy on a motorad in Mexico.

We rode over 3,000 miles, experiencing a large range of surface variations on and off road. We had high gusty winds, slick mud from rain, sand, gravel and rocks. We encountered extreme roadway conditions, wide trucks and trailers on the 9 foot wide lanes, livestock anytime, anyplace and just plain bad drivers. Most of them had California plates. It is a real credit to the CHP motor training program that our bikes kept the rubber side down and shinny side up. Oh, I guess some of it could also be attributed to riding skill. What's next for the Adventure bike. Lance Armstrong and the 2009 Amgen Tour of California bike race in February. Supertanker GS is in the shop for new tires, a full service and a new rear shock. The bike is simply an amazing piece of machinery. This retirement stuff is rough. That's my story and I'm stickin' to it!

## **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.*

1998 R1200C. Cream paint, blue leather, factory bags and screen, new tires and battery, K&N air filter, all services, and only 11,120 miles. It's beautiful and I need it to go to someone who appreciates it and will take care of it. \$5500.00 or best offer. Please call me if your interested 209-918-1093 Anthony Peters. (5/19)

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1999 K1200RS 22k miles, Silver and Blue, all maintenance up to date, Corbin Seat with back rest for passenger, hard bags with mounting rack, other extras, call for details. Asking \$5900. Call Fred at 530-273-8057 after 5 p.m. or on cell at 530-263-2942. (4/16)

2002 R1150GS ABS 37,000 miles, \$7500. Blue/white custom paint. Original Owner. Always garaged. Adventure Tank, Bill Mayer saddle, Sta-In-Tune collector box, full size oem bags (lowered muffler), Motolights, Wunderlich tall screen, handguards, Throttlemeister, extra power outlet, new battery, Metzeler Tourance tires, Geza Bike Cover. Call Joe @ 916-638-2044 (4/13)



# **2009 Calendar of Upcoming Events**

Check often because events are always being added or changed.

- June 6th, 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.
- June 9th, 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!

- 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. Single room, \$20 with dinner buffet coupon, Dbl room, \$30 with two dinner buffet coupons, \$2 off Sunday breakfast. 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
- Oct 3              Membership meeting at 5pm at Manchester Beach
- Oct 11             5 Passes ride, Ken Caruthers/Larry Morris organizing
- Oct 24             A&S BMW Motorcycles Fall open house
- Nov 8              2009 Planning Meeting 5 pm, location to be determined
- Dec 5              RCB Christmas Party, details to follow



## River City Beemers 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Rider Skills Improvement Day Thunderhill Race Park, Sunday, September 20th, 2009

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

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**\*\*\*\*\* Registration Fee: members \$195; non-members \$220 until August 31,  
\$220 after August 31, 2009 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 Ken Caruthers at [editor@rcb.org](mailto:editor@rcb.org) or call Kim at 209-521-8425 eve. Or Ken at [webmaster@rcb.org](mailto:webmaster@rcb.org)  
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 \$195 required with this form (\$220 after 8/31); Non-member fee of \$220 with this form. (\$220 after 8/31). Make checks payable to River City Beemers.

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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.
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