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### Membership Meeting

Sat Jun, 5th 8:00am  
Susie's Country Oaks Cafe  
500-G Cirby Way  
Roseville

### Director's Meeting

Tues Jun 8th, 7:00 pm  
Perkos  
9647 Micron Ave  
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### 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



Snow? In May? Again? I was re-living memories of two years ago when I got stuck in the snow in Kirkwood on Memorial Day while I was riding up to the Klauschie Kampout last weekend. Fortunately Rand Olson and I don't have wireless communication with each other else we might have turned around and missed an excellent weekend with friends at the KOA at Mt. Lassen. Just as the snow was sticking to the road I saw the "KOA 1/2 mile" sign so we pressed on. Turns out there were about 20 intrepid souls there enjoying the feast put on by the Klauschies, and since Rand and I had only summer tents with us, we made the wise decision of renting the last cabin they had available, and we had a great time. Since it was 102 degrees last year, and 32 degrees this year, maybe next year it will average out to normal temperatures and we can have an even better time. Thanks again to Jack, Lynell, and their family and friends for such fantastic fare despite the snow. I hope I didn't use up all our good weather karma on the Morro Bay ride and the Poker Run.

Lots of good things coming up on the calendar - 49er Rally, Soldier Meadows, Chief Joseph Rally, and the Eureka ride are all happening in June. Information on these events are on the website or in the forum; there is already a sign up list started for Eureka. I managed to get a pretty good price at the Super 8 motel in Fortuna for us, just call them and let them know you are with the RCB. I will

need a head count for reservations at the Samoa Cookhouse, so as soon as you decide you're going, put your name on the list. You should also check the forum for an overnight ride that will be an alternate to the Soldier Meadows GS ride. All I will say at this time is it is a pre-ride for a possible event for next year - all street, camping over night Saturday at a KOA, and an exhilarating ride before going home Sunday. We will be checking out the campsite, local restaurants or stores, and motels for the camping challenged. Details coming soon to the forum under Rides and Destinations. And don't forget about Thunderhill! It's coming up sooner than you think!

I was pleased to see that many of you watched the progress of Phil and me while on our California Saddlesore 1000 on May 14 by way of Phil's Spot Tracker. Phil and I both got a lot of positive feedback on being able to watch the trip in real time, and I'm sure we'll do something with it again soon, like maybe another SS1000 or Bun-Burner 1500 for those who didn't make it to this one. I'm sure we'll have a huge turnout. Sure. Really, if there is enough interest we will schedule another one, but probably something simpler (and faster) like to Wendover and back on I-80.

Finally, to end this month's column, no trivia or sign off statement. Just that we lost Lois Lewis this month, and if friends are like money, Lois was very wealthy. It was a touching tribute of over 40 people at her favorite restaurant to honor her. We'll miss you Lois. Take care.

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## Soldier Meadows GS Weekend

June 11-13, 2010

*There are still vacancies for this ride. There is plenty of camping space available and a few rooms are still left. Contact Jim Cyran for room updates.*

After a wonderful but wet weekend in 2009 the owners of Soldier Meadows Ranch have promised a great weather weekend for 2010. In spite of the wet weather last year I believe everyone who attended had a terrific time. The food was outstanding, the hospitality unmatched, the location is one of the most unique you will find in the middle of nowhere, the riding opportunities are unlimited and we haven't even mentioned the hot springs yet!. You have the opportunity to ride the same trails the pioneers traveled in the 1850's. For a lot more information on Soldier Meadows see their web site at [www.soldiermeadows.com](http://www.soldiermeadows.com).

Soldier Meadows has a limited number of rooms for rent and they will provide breakfasts and dinners for

guests. You will eat with the ranch staff in the dining room. Anyone who attended last year's campout will attest to the terrific quality and quantity of the meals at Soldier Meadows. In addition to the rooms for rent they also have a great shaded tent camping area. I am working with the owners now to come up with pricing for the 2010 weekend and I anticipate it will be similar to last years rates.

The dual sport riding that is available to you while staying at Soldier Meadows is virtually limitless, going from good dirt and gravel roads that can be enjoyed on a street bike to some gnarly 2 track 4X4 trails, the choice is yours.

What we need to do to secure enough space for the club is get an idea of how many people will be attending, how many would like a room and how many will camp. We need to get back to the owners of the Ranch by the end of March with a head count. The space is limited at Soldier Meadows so we may have to limit the number of attendee's. The room reservations will be allocated on a first come first served



basis based on responses to this request. People attending all 3 days will have preference.

If you plan on attending the Soldier Meadows Weekend please contact Jim Cyran by email at jimcyran@pacbell.net or call and leave a message at 916-863-6014. Indicate that you plan to attend the weekend, for how many days and whether you want

a room or will be camping. We also have a need for a truck to bring gas and adult beverages for the weekend, the truck crew will receive the highest preference!

## Pleasures of the BUTT

It's not that stock BMW seats are bad, but they could be better – At least on my RT, the seat could be higher, offer more support, perhaps breath better and I wouldn't complain if it were more comfortable. Fortunately, a little over two hours north of Sacramento, in the sleepy town of Anderson, is a small motorcycle seat remanufacturer who can remedy my concerns.

A detailed map or GPS helps locate Rick Mayer's shop, but once there, the garage door opens and you drive your bike right into his shop. It's clean, with hundreds of spare seat pans along the back wall, and a large table for cutting and reassembling leather/vinyl into a new, personalized butt support. Off to the right is Rick's grinding room, where he custom forms your new seat, and a comfortable waiting room.

Seth, the leather/vinyl expert, pulled my seat and was



removing staples before my riding gear was off. It wasn't much later that a color and material decision had to be made. Rick has a huge selection of colors – All the standard motorcycle black, blue, tan, etc. colors, but also pinks and fuchsias if you want to make a statement. Not wanting to redefine my persona, I settled on black and leather. Boring. Yeah, I know.

After sizing up my riding position and posture, Rick went to work grinding a new seat. He's done a couple so it didn't take long to find the perfect fit. Seth applied the new seat cover, the seats remounted, one last fitting, the bill paid and we were done. Less than two hours after entering the building! The new seat is better in a number of ways. For starters, it's wider, offers more support, and as it turned out on the ride home, was significantly less fatiguing. Rick also raised it to address my seat height complaint. Finally he tapered the front so



and with the ability to get custom-fitted right on the spot, the short jaunt to Anderson and back is highly recommended.

Rick, who just coincidentally happens to be an RCB member, is at 5778 Heavenly Valley Lane in Anderson and can be reached at 530/357-BUTT (357-2888). Call him and schedule an

that when stopped, by sliding forward on the seat, I appointment!  
can comfortably reach the ground with my feet.

It takes a little mental and physical adjustment to riding in a slightly different (higher) position, but compared to the overall comfort, that was a small price to pay. Besides, the adjustment period was probably less than five minutes and five turns.

The ride home also removed my concern that the seat heater effectiveness would be reduced by the thicker padding – Not to worry, it was toasty warm on the rainy ride home.

Even though drive-ins receive a discount, Rick says that drive-ins are the minority – Most order their seat by mail. And his huge pan inventory gives most customers the ability to receive their new seat before they send in their old one – But as close as we are,



## Dicks Racing and A&S BMW Team Up

Dicks Racing and A&S BMW Team Up To Sponsor Jordan Brandt for 2010

Dicks Racing Team Rider Jordan Brandt will be racing the new BMW G450X for 2010. We are excited about the new sponsor for Jordan Brandt's racing efforts, A&S BMW. They are a welcome addition to our team and have stepped up big to help us expand our program for



Jordan. The schedule will include:

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Jordan has been testing the bike and is pumped about the



performance of his new ride. BMW is serious about off-road racing and will be a player with Jordan Brandt at the controls. This should be a big year for all involved and we are really excited about the possibilities. Thanks to Jeff, the general manager at

A&S BMW in Roseville for all of his efforts in helping to put this race program together. Check out the new G 450 X and the whole lineup of BMW motorcycles. Go to [ascycles.com](http://ascycles.com) for more info.

## 2010 RCB Poker Run

Long lines at A&S are really nothing new. At the Fall

Open House, the BBQ line ran the length of the building, and at the Spring Open House the BBQ line ran the length of the building, and the BBQ line at some Ducati event ran the length of the building ...

But this was 9AM and there was no BBQ pit in sight! The end of this line had two or three RCB members, offering route sheets, raffle tickets, and last minute words of advice for 70-plus Poker Run participants. Some had GPS, some had navigators (wives, significant others, etc.) and some would try to navigate and steer the 50-plus turn course on their own.

Manning stop number four, it was almost two hours before the first rider showed up. Then a couple more. Descriptions of the ride to and from Peterson's Corner left me envious. Stories of missed turns and embarrassing moments and unintended visits to Beale AFB left all of us in laughter.

But the best stories always concerned my counterpart at stop number three – Seems he parked his posterior at a bar and was using his down time between riders to perform Bloody Mary comparison tests. Stories of his behavior became weirder and weirder as the day wore on. What was really going on at stop

number three?

As the morning turned to afternoon, some riders arrived in bunches of ten to 12. It wasn't clear if they preferred each other's company or if they had gotten

lost and were seeking the sanctuary of more experienced riders. There was a bit of a back-up but within minutes they had drawn their card and were off to the last stop at a Roseville park.

Eventually the sweep rider would arrive and we all rode together to the park. Seems just about all riders were still their re-counting stories

(lies?) and enjoying the company, the sun and of course the food. There were winners for best and worst hands, a 50/50 raffle and a couple other prizes – I didn't catch the specifics but the smiling faces in the crowd told the story.

Our 2010 Poker Run is in the books – A big thanks and congratulations to the Sweeneys who conceived and organized this very successful event. Don't worry if you missed this one as there are plenty more RCB activities coming – Soldier Meadows, Yerington, Thunderhill, Sierra Chill, Manchester are the first that come to mind. Best place to check? <http://www.rcb.org/calendar.htm> See you on our next ride!





## 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.*

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Whisperlite Internationale 600 stove. Burns a variety of fuels and packs small. \$45. Dennis 530-391-5754 (5/17)

HEINRICH LOWERS for early airheads, left and right, which are made for a /6 or /7. These mount to the frame downtubes and follow the contours of the

tank down across the top of the cylinders. They came off of my 83 R100S. These essentially turn an S into an RS for the winter. These are a very rare german-made accessory. \$250/pr, in excellent condition. Greg Gibson 530-575-0592. (2/24)

Nitro Mesh Racing Jackets Brand New. One in Grey and One in Red. Med size. This Jacket ( not the ones for sale) has been personally crash tested on two occasions and it works well. See here <http://www.cbxmanmotorcycles.com/Vega-Nitro-Mesh-Motorcycle-Jacket.aspx>. Cost \$89 sell \$59 each. Alan Westfall 916-203-4032 or 916-421-4032 (7/31)

1985 R80 RT Selling it because I don't ride it enough. Motorcycling just wasn't for me. Asking \$3500 or best offer. The speedo say 70,000 I have owned it about a year and half so can't say if it is accurate. Everything runs well has new windshield (clearview), new battery, and newish tires. Great bike, very comfortable, matching keys, hard luggage cases. Can include helmets and jackets too. The bike is in Davis. Thanks, Bill Williams [davisbiker\(at\)yahoo.com](mailto:davisbiker(at)yahoo.com) (7/28)

Misc: 2004 Rallye 2 Jacket grey with yellow piping. Also matching original fanny pack. Men's size 54 with matching pants. Perfect. Includes Gore rain liners. \$600. 2004 BMW Heated Vest with plug. Grey/black. Size XL. Never worn. \$125. 2006 Schuberth Flip Face Helmet. Size 57M, 7 1/8. Color Grey. Per-

fect. Includes soft TourMaster bag - black. \$150.  
2006 BMW BoxerCup Gloves. Size 9 to 9 1/2 Perfect. \$40. 2006 BMW GoreTex Gloves. Size 8 to 8 1/2. Black. Perfect. \$50. All these items purchased by me from A&S. Sold my K1200s over two years ago. Not riding anymore. If you buy all of it, I will

make a better deal. Call Jeff at 530 401-7468 (7/28)

Wanted: R100RS Seat, Krause bags w/racks, K75RS handle bars and stack header pipes. Let me know what you have. Call Steve Hartshorn, 530-277-6630 (6/14)

## 2010 Calendar of Upcoming Events

Check often because events are always being added or changed.

- Jun 5th, 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.
- Jun 8th, Tue Director's meeting at Perkos Restaurant, 7:00 pm, 9647 Micron Ave, Sacramento. 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!
- Jun 11-13 GS Ride, Soldier Meadows, NV, Jim Cyran
- Jun 17-20 Chief Joseph Rally, John Day, OR, BMW Riders of Oregon, [www.bmwor.org](http://www.bmwor.org)
- Jun 25-27 Northern Coast I, Eureka, Fred Jewell
- Jul 10 Death Ride, RCB provides moto support, call 209-521-8425 for information
- Jul 15-18 BMW MOA Rally, Redmond, OR, BMW MOA
- Jul 22-25 Top O' The Rockies, Paonia, CO, BMW of Colorado
- Aug 7-8 Ride 'N' Bowl, Yerington, NV, Kim Rydalch, 800-227-4661, ask for Kelly, \$30 for 2 and 2 free dinners, \$20 for one and free dinner. Call early for the largest rooms. See you there!
- Aug 14-15 Sierra Nevada Brew Ride, Chico, Ray Trujillo
- Aug 21-22 Tahoe Chill South Lake Tahoe, Challinor, Olson, Sweeney
- Aug 29 Thunderhill RCB Motorcycle Skills Improvement Day**, more news to follow
- Aug 31-Sep 3 Curve Cowboy Reunion, Killington, VT, Curve Cowboys
- Sep 3-5 Gold Wing Rally, open to all brands of bikes, Mammoth Mountain Resort  
[http://www.gwrra-ca.org/dist\\_rally/dist\\_rally.html](http://www.gwrra-ca.org/dist_rally/dist_rally.html)
- Sep 3-6 NorCal BMW Club, Range of Light Tour
- Sep 11 Vintage Bike Show, A&S BMW, 1-5 pm
- Sep 17-19 Beemer Bash, Quincy, Central Cal BMW
- Oct 1-3 Northern Coast II, Manchester Beach
- Oct 2 Membership Meeting Manchester Beach
- Oct 10 Five Passes Ride, Sierras, Ken Caruthers•
- Nov 7 2010 Planning Meeting, Fred Jewell
- Dec 5 Christmas Party, A&S, Dennis Allstead



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