

River City Beemers



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Membership Meeting

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

Director's Meeting

Tues Mar 8th, 7:00 pm
Race Place Motorsports
3130 Bradshaw Road
Sacramento, CA

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 must be this time of year, combined with the unseasonably warm weather we had for most of January that has got the travel itch in me. I'm ready to start riding more than just my daily commute or around the valley a couple hundred miles; I want to go places, and the Morro Bay ride is just what I think I need to start the season off right. Unfortunately it's still 6 weeks away, so what to do in the meantime?

It's a perfect time to do annual services on your bike, whether by yourself or the dealer, and I always feel better when I hop back on the bike after it's done. The fluids are changed, valves adjusted, brakes checked, tires inflated (I have heard some people even wash their bikes! Must be a mental defect or something.) After I complete the 24K service on the RT this week I'm going to be doing something I've been putting off for way too long, and that is surgery on my left wrist to relieve the carpal tunnel pressure.

This means that I will be driving to the March meeting instead of riding, something I have rarely done, and I won't be able to go on the club ride. I have been promised by my surgeon that I will have recovered well before the Morro Bay ride so I'm relieved about that. It was now or never, and with my wrists not getting any better as I get older, I decided it was time. This was one of the reasons that I no longer ride a K1200S, even with the bar risers it got painful after several hundred miles.

Riding the RT is a lot more comfortable on long rides than the K12S, and although I did several 700+ mile days on it, I never got to do an Iron Butt ride on the S bike. So, (really obvious segue here) here's your chance to complete one or both of the two we have planned for this year on whatever bike you ride. The group Bun Burner 1500 is on May 14 and the border to border is June 10. Look for sign up lists coming soon to the forum, and take this opportunity to join an association of very special riders. More information and details will be forthcoming in the newsletter and/or forum.

Speaking of the forum (another smooth segue!) look for a new category coming soon I think we're going to call Camping and Touring tips. This will be a place for us to post helpful hints, how to's, favorite places, products/gear we like or dislike, a motel or restaurant we found on the road we enjoyed, etc. I'm hoping we get some good dialogue going as I know there is a wealth of information out there in our members, so if you have something good to pass along to the rest of us, please do so when you see the new category appear.

There is a link on the front page of the website to some very important information regarding Thunderhill and our Rider Skills Improvement day. When (and if) we get a date from the management there our members who want to attend will have to act quickly, so please take the time now to click on the link for the full story.

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

You know the rest.

Thunderhill 2011 News

To all RCB members:

The Board of Directors wants to give everybody a heads up regarding Thunderhill.

Within the next week or two we should have the proposed date for our "Skills Development Day" at Thunderhill. Once we have the date, we will need to get back to the track WITHIN A WEEK with a decision to accept the date. Unless there is considerably greater attendance by RCB members than last year, the Board does not believe that holding the event is justified by the amount of work that is required to stage it or by the potential financial risk to the club if

the event ends up undersubscribed.

Here's the plan ...Please decide NOW if you want to attend an RCB-sponsored track day this year. When we get the proposed date we will immediately get it out on the Forum and through a blast e-mail.

We will need \$100 deposits from RCB members that plan to attend WITHIN THREE DAYS of that announcement. We only had 22 RCB members attend last year. Unless at least twice that number of members make timely deposits we will not have an event this year and will so inform Thunderhill.

RIDE TO MORRO BAY APRIL 15-17

Yes, it's that time of year to plan for our first weekend ride of the riding season, once again going to Morro Bay. We will be leaving at 9:00 AM on Friday, April 15 from the Shari's Restaurant on Florin Road at I-5. We will again be heading over the Pacheco Pass from Santa Nella to Monterey, where lunch will be at that wonderful Wild Thyme Deli we enjoyed last time. After lunch it's straight down the Pacific Coast Highway to Morro Bay and the Morro Crest Inn on Main Street.

Call Dennis at 805 772 7740 if you haven't reserved a room yet. Tell him you are with the RCB to get rates of \$52/\$62 a night, a real bargain for that area. There are many other motels in the area if you miss out or want someplace else, but the main meeting point will be the Morro Crest. I am looking to have a group

meal for dinner that Friday night at the Outrigger restaurant (NOT the same place as last year) but Saturday you will be on your own. There is a huge assortment of restaurants in the Embarcadero so I'm sure you will find something to your liking, and this way you can take your time if you're going somewhere on Saturday like Hearst Castle, Solvang, wine tasting, etc.

Sunday's ride home will be even less organized than our usual, but there will be routes available on line for you to follow. Some of those roads are not to be missed - 58, 198, and 25 to Hollister are all great, plus Ken has found some other obscure roads (shocker!) that you may want to ride too. Looks like a fantastic way to start the new year of riding, hope to see you there!

Safe, long distance riding

By Phil Wood

Most of us have spent \$20,000 and more on our bikes

– If we limit our riding to the coast and Sierra Nevada, we're short-changing ourselves. We're not extracting the value we put in our bikes. California cer-



tainly has its share of beautiful sights and roads, but beyond our state lines lie the Grand Canyon and Southern Utah. The Rockies aren't that much further away. And a little north, Wyoming, Montana and Idaho lure us to their pristine remoteness – Anyone up for Lolo Pass?

A key to exploring each of these destinations is getting there, which typically entails a long motorcycle ride from our base in Central California. And that's where an Iron Butt completion comes in. Iron Butts are more than bragging rights, a plaque on your wall or a badge for your riding gear – Iron Butts are about the skills and knowledge to navigate long distances and arrive safely at remote destinations. Once that first one is behind you, the thought of making Denver or Seattle in a day is merely challenging, not impossible.

Completing that first Iron Butt establishes a planning process – Bike and Rider need to be in top condition. Completing that first Iron Butt trains mental discipline – Keeping boredom and lack of attention suppressed. And completing that first Iron Butt instills confidence – The Million Dollar Highway isn't really that far away.

The simplest Iron Butt is the SaddleSore – 1,000 miles in less than 24 hours – Most do a straight 16-20 hour stint, but

the easiest Iron Butt is the 1,500 mile, 36 hour Bun Burner. It's easier because instead of grinding out 1,000 miles at once, most riders do 800 miles the first day, 700 the second and get a good night's sleep in between.

Intrigued? Then check the RCB event calendar for the May 14/15 weekend. The plan is to depart Sacramento at 6AM, make a left turn at Barstow and arrive in Beaver, UT around 6PM. After a light dinner and a good night's sleep, everyone will continue north to Salina, UT, make another left turn and head home, probably with two or more hours to spare.

Like our 2010 UBS Iron Butt, RCB will handle all the route planning and paperwork. You'll need to be well-rested, own a bike in good condition, and have a ~\$200 budget (fuel, meals, motel, Iron Butt fee).

The following month, RCB has a slightly shorter (1,485 mile), but much more exotic Iron Butt ride planned. The route passes through three countries, Mexico, the United States and Canada and finishers are rewarded with an Iron Butt Border-to-Border recognition. If you're even thinking about this ride, make sure now that your Passport is current. At last count, over thirty RCB members have one or more Iron Butts under their belt. If Utah or Wyoming seem like great destinations to explore the limits of your bike, consider one of our rides this summer!



To See Whales Go To Mexico...For Excellent Mexican Food Stay in California!



A magnificent Grey Whale

By Kim Rydalch

I never travel in January because of my farm business, but I had a window the first 10 days of January so I took it! I traveled with my friend Blair Jeppson and his wife Barbara and we headed for Guerrero Negro in Baja Sur, Mexico.

I took my 2005 R1200GS and Blair took his 2008 R1200GS Adventure. I also carried 2 1/2 gallons of extra gasoline for the 250 mile section where no Pemex gas stations exist.

I read in a San Diego newspaper that the city of Tijuana was ecstatic that their 2010 murder rate had decreased to 800! Oakland, CA which I consider to be pretty dangerous, had less than 100 murders for 2010. We decided to cross the border at Tecate, MX which is a nice quiet border town about 50 miles to the east of Tijuana. Tecate also has a McDonalds that has better McFlurrys than in the USA because of the Kit Kat topping!

The exchange rate was 12 pesos to the dollar. gas was \$2.75/gallon for regular and \$3 for premium, cash only for gasoline. I paid \$110 for full coverage moto insurance with a \$10,000 value and a

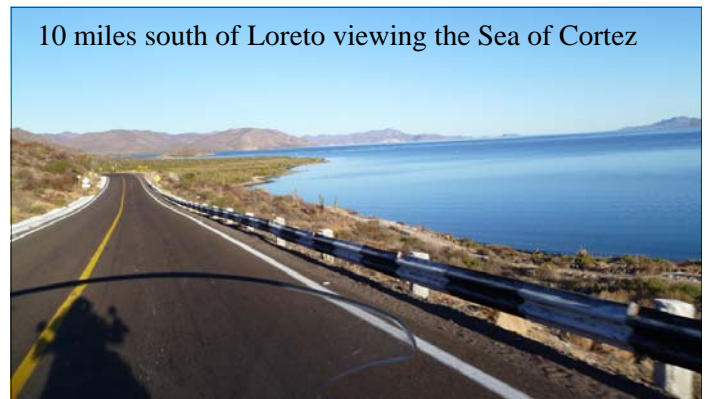
\$500 deductible for 10 days.

We crossed the border and then had to ask a lot of questions to find the tourist card office. I speak Spanish so that was a big help. Once you get your tourist card you have to walk three blocks to pay a bank about \$24 and they stamp the card for proof that you paid. Then you get to walk back to the border office for the official card that says you can stay 6 months in Mexico. You can use this same card for multiple entries too.

After almost two hours devoted to the tourist card we were off toward Ensenada and then south on Mex 1. There was lots of road construction and it was raining cats and dogs. It was a good thing we both had knobbies on the GS bikes because there was miles of mud mixed with sand. For me it was amazing how stable the GS was when I stood up and rode the bike in the dirt!

We made it to Ensenada where the sun finally popped out, but it was cold. I used my Warm & Safe, generation 4, electric vest 9 days out of 10 for this trip.

I love riding in Mexico! The last time I was in Baja was 1989 and other than much better roads not much else has changed. I love making all stop signs into yield signs and red light signals mean to look both ways before continuing onward. I love the maniacal Latin driving style!



10 miles south of Loreto viewing the Sea of Cortez



Me with my head firmly attached in the La Pinta parking lot in Catavina, Baja, MX

We stopped for the night in San Quintin at the former La Pinta Inn on the beach. It has since been sold and is called The Mission. The price was \$48 for a very large room with two king size beds and a huge balcony overlooking the bay. The three of us shared the room to save money. Ear plugs were required since all three of us snore. WiFi was in the lobby so we could email our families back home and not spend the money to call by cell phone. I have AT&T and the Mexican rates are \$1 per minute or 56 cents per minute with an International plan...not worth it.

We rode to Guerrero Negro the next day excited about our whale tour. We stayed overnight at the Malarrimo motel complex. It's a great place with WiFi, but the rooms have no heat, but at least they have hot water for showers. We booked our tour for the next day at 8 am. Check out is at 1pm so you can do a whale tour and then ride out like we did to Santa Rosalia where we stayed the next night.

www.malarrimo.com is where you can get all kinds of info about the whale tours. We paid \$49 USD for a two hour tour. Ours lasted 3 hours because we spent more time looking for whales. We found them,

but here is my whale tip for you. The season is from January through April for the whales. In early January there are less than 100 whales in the bay, but by the end of February there will be up to 2300 whales in the bay. Do the math...go in February. Also in February the whales are used to the tourist boats and will let you pet them. In January the whales are a bit shy of the boats and just cruise along the side. 50 feet was the closest one whale came to us.

Our turn around point was Loreto, MX and our total Baja riding mileage was 2000 miles. If you love fishing or serious off road riding with a real dirt bike then Baja is worth multiple trips for years to come.

It was a great adventure on my 1200 GS, but I think I'll concentrate in the Western USA for the foreseeable future.

Classified Adds

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. Go to the Contact Us section and send your classifieds information 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.

Wanted: Black removeable passenger backrest for a Corbin seat. Bruce Manley kymbam(at)yahoo.com (2/17/2011)

2005 Blue BMW K1200S with 40,033 miles for sale. This motorcycle is fully equipped with ABS, ESA, heated grips, anti-theft alarm, top case. I exchange the original exhaust pipe with a REMUS pipe. The bike is up to date on all servies and is in excellent condition. I recently moved from Antioch, CA to Moyie Springs, ID. If interested email bcis64(at)yahoo.com and I can email you some pictures. (2/13/2011)

RAM mount fits on top of clutch reservoir cover mount. Should fit most RTs. \$20.00 Email Dave Swift (in Grass Valley) at beemerdave(at)att.net or call 530-320-4478(2/4/2011)

2005 BMW 1200 RT w/ only 6,500 miles. Asking \$11,900. BMW equipment includes: ABS, ESA, AM/FM radio w/ CD, CB radio w/ intercom, battery charger, shop manual, tank bag, and large top case. I can email copy of invoice and pics on request. New bike invoice was \$18,935, which does not include much of the above equipment. Wguckeen (at)gmail.com 916-686-7625 Elk Grove CA 95624 (02/2011)

09 KLX250S dual sport with a Kustom Kraft big bore 330 kit (<http://kustom-kraft.com/klx250bb.html>), a FMF header and FMF Power bomb header. A 2" lowering links included, not installed. It has 1800 miles on it. The big bore has been on there for 500 miles. Easy hwy bike as well as great dirt bike. Able to climb steep hills in second gear without down shifting or even revving up. The big bore kit, pipe and header, and jetting was done at Thin Air Motorsports in Truckee CA. This bike still has the pollution devices in place and working. All the OEM parts to return it to stock are included. The bike cost new \$5400 for the bike, and \$2000+ for the mods. I

am willing to sell it for \$3895. Make an offer. Street legal, have title, enduro dual sport. Excellent condition. Call Alan 916-421-4032 or email alanretired (at)sbcglobal.net.

ATTENTION RT OWNERS! Are you tired of paying high air filter prices? Install a reusable K&N AIR FILTER! ONLY \$10.00! Call Bruce Parrish at: 916-989-9224(11/24)

2004 R1150RT just 60K miles, silver, ABS, BMW side and top cases, Heated grips, BMW Nav II GPS with Glare Buster hood (inc. maps and codes), Wunderlich crash bars with highway pegs and fog lights, Throttlemeister "cruise control", Pilot running lights w/Ezy-mount bracket, Centech AP-1 aux fuse panel, BMW engine guards, BMW comfort seat, Stebel air horns, Lots of other farkles and supplies. Runs like a new bike. Bike has always been garaged, well cared for. \$7,500 ORO. Email Dave Swift (in Grass Valley) at beemerdave(at)att.net or call 530-320-4478.(10/8)

Bushtec trailer, with hitch for a BMW LT. Has spare tire and wheel, garment bag, carpet lined. \$2400.00. Call Mike Miller at 916-408-7754. Located in Lincoln, CA. I also have a shop manual for a 2002 BMW LT, \$50.00 (9/1)

2002 BMW LT1200LTC, \$8,600, photos here, 28K Mi. Silver, new rear and extra brand new front tires. KBB \$8,500 + \$300 in options based on 42,850 Mi. - This bike has only 28K Mi... BMW battery tender, BMW cover, shop manual, detailed service records, factory CD, new registration and much, much more. Excel cond. Russ @ abme(at)cwnet.com call me at 530-268-3815 Grass Valley(8/30)

1983 R100RT 60th Anniversary model Pearl White, 72K in great shape and with BMW and aftermarket options. \$4,500. Dennis 530-391-5754, e-mail:clcman(at)sbcglobal.net (6/11)

2006 1200 GS Adventure 7700 miles black and silver new tires very clean \$9500 or best offer. Call Bryan at 916-847-2001(5/17)

2011 Calendar of Upcoming Events

Check often because events are always being added or changed.

- Feb 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.
- Feb 8th, Tue Director's meeting at Race Place Motorsports, 7:00 pm, 3130 Bradshaw Road, 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!
- Mar 11-13 Location: Sea Gull Inn, Mendocino, CA; check www.rcb.org/calendar for details
- Apr 15-17 Location: Morro Crest Hotel, Morro Bay, CA; see newsletter for details or web site.
- Apr 30 Location: TBA, Riding Clinic, details to follow
- May 7 Lois Lewis Memorial Poker Run, details to follow, 9am-3pm
- May 14-15 Location: Out on those great roads; check newsletter for details
- May 27-29 49'er Rally, Mariposa, CA; details to follow
- May 29 Marv's Mystery Ride, 9am-3pm, details to follow
- Jun 10-14 Border-Border Ride (Iron Butt), Location: Along IH-15, details to follow
- Jun 10-12 Soldier Meadows, Location: 52 miles north of Gerlach, NV details to follow
- Jun 17-19 2011 Chief Joseph Rally, Location: Grant County Fairgrounds, John Day Oregon
- Jun 24-26 Sequoia and King National Parks, details to follow
- Jul 1-3 BMW RA Rally, Location: Chippewa Falls, WI
- Jul 9 Death Ride, Location: Markleeville, CA, Sat, 4:00am-8:00pm
For over 20 years, members of RCB have ridden in SAG support of the annual bicycle Markleeville Death Ride, For more information or to participate, please contact Kim Rydalch at 209/521-8425
- Jul 22-24 BMW MOA Rally, Location: Bloomsburg, PA details to follow
- Jul 29-31 Top O' The Rockies Rally, Location: Paonia, CO More information at <http://www.coloradobeemers.org/>
- Aug 6-7 Yerington, NV, Casino West, Location: Yerington, NV; reservations 1-800-227-4661, ask for Kelly
- Aug 19-21 Tahoe Chill, Location: South Lake Tahoe, CA details to follow
- Aug 30-Sep 2 Curve Cowboy Reunion, Location: Boise, ID, details on the RCB website
- Sep 2-5 Range of Light Gypsy Tour, Location: Northern California, BMW NorCal club
- Sep 16-18 Beemer Bash, Location: Quincy, CA, Central Cal BMW club
- Sep 30-Oct 2 Manchester Beach Weekend, Location: Manchester Beach KOA, details on RCB website
- Dec 3 Christmas Party, Location: A&S Powersports, 1125 Orlando, Roseville, CA, details to follow



I am a sucker for bimbos and I was on a mission to find my Mexican bimbo. Blair and I found it! Bimbo is a brand of bread and cupcakes and are very Bimbolicious.

I rode 10 miles off road to the Marmol ruins. It's an abandoned Onyx mine. These were abandoned gravesites so I took the opportunity to practice for my own final resting position!



March 2011

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Welcome to New Members

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Lorin and Sue Wittorff, Sacramento

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