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Membership Meeting

Sat Dec, 3rd 8:00am
Susie's Country Oaks Cafe
500-G Cirby Way
Roseville

Director's Meeting

Tues Dec 13th, 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



Since last month was my penultimate newsletter column, this must be my ultimate one. (See, I got the word penultimate in there again.) It's rather bittersweet to realize that this is the end of my tenure as president; on one hand I truly enjoyed (mostly) everything about being president, and on the other hand I know it's time for me to step aside, relinquish control and let Gordy take the wheel, er, I mean handlebars. Four years seemed to go by in a flash, yet I feel it was just the right amount of time for both me and the club. The last thing I wanted was to become complacent or stale in my presidency, and I felt it could happen had I stayed longer. I am certainly going to remain very active in club affairs in my new position as director, organizing some rides and events and generally helping out where needed.

At last month's meeting we had the chance to vote on a new logo for the club after the board of directors had pared down our choices to three from a slate of about a dozen. The winning design won a close election, and there is more information further down in the newsletter about it. Please realize that this was a difficult and sometimes painful decision making process for us, but I feel that we had a choice of three very good designs that we can be proud to have represent us. The original logo is going to be preserved in our archives exactly as it was drawn, and the design has also been commemorated in a pin for each member to have.

Saturday will be a very busy day, with the meeting, a toy run and our annual Christmas party, one after another. The toy run will leave A&S at 10:30(ish) to get to the Sacramento Children's Receiving Home by 11:00. If you ride there please park in the upper lot, and we will be cooking burgers and dogs for the kids, the staff and of course us. You can drop the gifts in their main lobby and fill out a receipt there if you like. We will be cooking on their back patio and every one can eat in the cafeteria next door. We should be finished easily by 1:00 so that should leave

enough time to get ready for the Christmas party at 6:00. Once again, I would like to thank Randy and the staff at A&S for the use of their show room and all the effort they put in so that we can have a good time. I just don't know of any other dealer doing anything similar for another club.

At this point, I would like to take the time to thank as many of the people as I can who made my tenure as president as enjoyable as it was: Gary Stofer, for giving me lots of good advice over the years. Phil Wood, for getting our books straightened out, and along with Lynn Clark, for being a good buddy to discuss club issues and even more with me. Phil Sweeney, for not only the events he and Mary sponsored over the years, but for all the inspirational input he had in club affairs. Gordy Olson, of course for his outstanding contribution as rafflemeister, and even more for being my successor! I know he'll be an excellent president. All the directors, for helping keep this ship on a steady course. And what would the club be without our people who volunteer to help out when needed? Far too many to mention here, but please realize that whether you volunteered once or a dozen times, I noticed, and I want to thank you. It is the members of this club who made it such a pleasure to for me as president, I have truly found a group with which I am proud to be associated.

One thing I forgot to mention at last month's meeting, and I want to apologize to Stan Paolini for forgetting, but the board had decided to appoint Stan as Director Emeritus and join Rick Blake in that position. Stan has been a faithful member and director for many, many years and we felt he truly deserved the title.

So ride well, ride far, ride often, ride quietly and I'll be seeing you on the road as well as at breakfast. A final trivia question is where did the next line come from?

So long, and thanks for all the fish.

THE RCB TOY RIDE IS BACK FOR DECEMBER 3!

We are going to bring back our own toy run for a charity we have supported in the past, the Sacramento Children's Receiving Home.

It's a very deserving charity that takes care of children suffering the effects of neglect and/or abuse. It is a non denominational charity and has no political agenda, just a very worthy recipient of our generosity.

We will be going to the home after our meeting and it will be the club

ride for the month. We will have plenty of time to hang out at A&S beforehand as we are scheduled to arrive at 11:00 AM, just in time for lunch.

Speaking of lunch, we are going to be providing it for the children and the staff at the home by cooking hot dogs and hamburgers on the grill from A&S that we will bring with us.

A&S is providing the gas and the grill and is going to share the cost of the lunch with us, a wonderful

gesture on their part.

If you haven't seen the children's wish lists we have on the website, I will be bringing some with me to the November meeting. As usual, we will need a few volunteers to assume grill duties, along with some one who would volunteer their pickup truck to transport the grill back and forth.

Contact me at prez@rcb.org if you are interested.

Celebrate Christmas with RCB

Location: A&S Powersport,
1125 Orlando, Roseville, CA

Time: 6 pm, Dec 03, 2011

Contact Number: 916-642-2221

All RCB members and friends are invited to the annual RCB Christmas Party at A&S. The Club will provide turkey, ham, and beverages and the other fixin's will be pot luck from our members based on their last names:

A-F: Desserts

G-K: Salads

L-S: Main dishes

T-Z: Side dishes

An elf or two might be there to help with the special monthly raffle and there will also be free door prizes (purchased with the surplus generated by the monthly raffles

during the year) for those still too shy/cheap to actually pay for raffle tickets. Hope to see everyone there!!



RCB Has a New Logo

Earlier this year, as part of a world-wide strategy to protect their brand, BMW tightened up brand and logo licensing. The unfortunate side effect of their action was that enthusiast clubs, both car and motorcycle, whose logo infringed upon BMW's brand, were asked to change their logo. Our original River City Beemer logo needed to be revised.

The old logo is just about as old as the club. Sacramento Bee political cartoonist, Jim Babcock, also one of our founding members, had drawn the original logo in his spare time and donated it to the club. For thirty years, it graced our newsletter, website as well as t-shirts, caps and banners.

The board asked interested parties and volunteers to step up and assist. Several did and last month the board received a total of nine submissions. From that, they whittled it down to the three best which were presented to the membership at the November member meeting.



None of the options received 50% of the vote so a run-off was held between the top two. In the end, one with RIVER CITY BEEMERS and SACRAMENTO framing a stylized motorcycle won. A Bavarian themed version of our RCB Sticker came in a very close second.

member badges and our online merchandise store. RCB will continue to remember the old logo with 30-year anniversary pins (Have you picked yours up yet?) and a logo history page on our website.

So ... do you need to destroy all your old logo t-shirts and hats? Of course not! BMW's action extends to corporate entities (dealers, resellers and clubs) but not to individuals. You can wear that old t-shirt until ... well ... your wife throws it out.

The old logo lasted 30 years. Wonder what our logo will look like in 2041, thirty years from now ...



RCB has no formal schedule for phasing in the new logo except that BMW has asked for year-end compliance. So expect to see the new logo by then on this newsletter, the website,

The Voters Have Spoken!

After months of jetting across the country, campaigning, hand shaking and baby kissing, the candidates wrapped up their 2012 campaigns on Nov 5 during the RCB membership meeting. Ballots and pens were circulated and tenseness gripped the room until the results were announced.

Replacing retiring Fred Jewell as Club President for the 2012 term will be **Gordy Olson** who campaigned on a platform of "No new dues!" His acceptance speech was short and to the point "I can still do raffles, right?" Succeeding Gordy as Club Vice-President will be **Phil**

Sweeney and replacing retiring Lynn Clark is **Lynn Yelland** as Club Secretary. Rounding out the officers, **Phil Wood** was reelected Club Treasurer.

For the director positions, **Dave Alexander, Mike Herte, Terry Lee, Greg Smith**, and now former President **Fred Jewell**, were elected to two-year, 2012-2013 terms. They replace Phil Challinor, Tom Moe, Mike Robles, Roy Ulfsrud and Phil Sweeney who moved from director to the previously mentioned Club Vice-President position. The 2011-2012 directors, **Ken Caruthers, Marv**

Lewis, Ray Nuguit, Rand Olson and **Kim Rydalch** will continue as directors for one more year.

Our heartfelt thanks goes out to all the departing directors who oversaw the organization during a period when activities were numerous and event attendance was record. They set the bar high and will be a hard act to follow. And to the incoming officers and directors, good luck!

Let's Get Dirty...Raw Hyde Training Day

By Phil Challinor
Part 1

I've ridden in the dirt, I've gone 50 on multi state Adventure bike rides, and I've picked up a tuning fork along the way. It was time to do more than the normal and really start to explore the "right way" of

doing things dirty with my 2012 Yamaha Super Tenere.

On November 3rd I had a very unique and wonderful opportunity to not only learn from the pros at how to ride my big bike off road properly but to do it in one of the

best settings on Cody Allen's, err, I mean ranch up here in Cool, CA.

Many may or may not know Perry from his history in television and movie but most certainly know him for his contributions to motorcycling through his avid love of all things motorcycle and his position as a member on the Board of Directors with the AMA.

Let me let you all in on a bit of a secret.....that guy can ride!!!

That's him on the right with the cheesy, 13 year old, I'm gonna go ride all day on my beautiful R100GS look. He never lost that look all day!!





I have never been a person who cared about movie stars, famous people, etc. and I have met several. Many times they are stuffy, elitist, and pompous. Not Perry!! He has to be one of the most humble, down to earth, real, genuine and transparent people around. He is a true ambassador of our sport and is genuinely interested in you as an individual.

But, this isn't about Perry other than his opening up the gates to his beautiful 500 acre ranch to a bunch of wannabe big bike adventure riders so some true pros could teach us how to ride these things the way they were meant to be ridden.

Well, there may be more about Perry but we'll see him at

the end of the story for that.

So, on with the show.....

We all met at the local BMW dealer, A&S Cycles, for the morning brief and ground school. You see, RawHyde and BMW have teamed up to bring these free, one day riding clinics to your local BMW dealer. The idea here is to

get those who own GS style bikes to put them in their element, dirt! 90% of GS's never see the dirt because of intimidation, fear, a lack of friends to do it with, and/or a lack of knowing how to do it.

Check with your local BMW dealer to see when RawHyde will be there. You really don't want to miss this event. It's free, you will learn something,

lunch was provided for us, and, heck, we got to ride with some amazing people, amazing bikes (see, it's not BMW specific at all), and on an amazing location.

I don't have any pictures from the ground school portion but we had a pretty thorough discussion





with some static examples of what we would be doing throughout the day.

We started off with body positioning and an understanding of controlling the bike from the waist down by using your knees, your feet, and your balance. This was an area I knew I needed improvement in! The tendency to tense up, to start to control the bike with your arms and shoulders, and balance from up high were all dis-

cussed and examples given of how this is not what you want to do as it causes the bike to unsettle, it goes where you don't want it to go, and you, the rider, become fatigued in a short amount of time.

We then went in to a more thorough discussion of balance. Not so much in the straight line but in the climb, descent, and in the turn while off road. All exercises we were assured we would practice and use throughout the day.

We explored concepts of control as they related to tires, contact patch, throttle, brakes, and the friction zone and its use in two distinct phases - friction zone as the clutch engages and friction zone as the clutch disengages.

Our two instructors, Shawn and Lance, were very thorough and covered all these topics and more in a very simple, easy to understand way and kept us engaged and worked to assure all of us, nearly 30 people by the way, that we should not be intimidated or worried as we will build up to the skills discussed throughout our exercises once we got to Perry's place.

After this, Shawn and Lance gave us instructions as to how to set up our bikes in a hybrid fashion. This means how to set them up where you could be riding along and suddenly see something off the road, in dirt, that we wanted to explore and you could just do it. You wouldn't need to change the bars,





adjust the controls, etc. as they were already there where they needed to be.

I have to say, this was one area I was very glad to see covered. So many times, riders fit themselves to the bike as opposed to fitting the bike to them. Adjusting a lever up or down, moving the bars in or out, etc. to make the bike work for them. So many of us could become better riders just for understanding and practicing this concept, let alone adding in suspension adjustment to the mix.

Another important element that was covered was the area of doing things to your bike, farking, shall we say, to both enhance the ride and protect the bike. Things such as bar risers to get your body position better while standing, a skid plate to protect the bike from the trail, engine guards, etc.

Once this was covered, Shawn and Lance grabbed tools and went around to all of us to have us get on our bikes and go about adjusting anything we wanted adjusting or taking the recommendations they had to make the bike work for us. No changes were needed to my bike. I had previously installed bar risers, engine guards, a skid plate, etc. and had the controls already set to my needs.

At this point, tires and pressures should be addressed. Another very nice element was that all attendees were asked to arrive with the stock type tire is possible. Better than 50% tread and do not install knob-bies for this course. Shawn indicated that for training in this setting it was better to have the stock Battlewing, Tourance, etc. as knob-bies can mask bad technique and they wanted to instill in all of us that it is the rider where the difference comes in to play, not the

bike and it's knobbie tire. I loved this. Just as my mentors had preached to me when I first got in to racing sport bikes where they harped on me - If you want to go faster, change the rider. Well, here in the dirt, it goes more like - If you want to enjoy yourself and take your bike to places most people don't, change the rider.

As for pressures, Shawn asked us to all have our tires aired down once we got to the ranch. He offered the idea of tires conforming to the rough surfaces off road which would gain traction as well as using the tire to absorb some impact and not transmit all the forces to the rim, suspension, bike, rider combo. We all aired down to Shawn recommended 25 psi front and rear.

OK, more to follow next month in Part 2.

Don't forget that being a member of RCB has some actual perks!

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

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, (530) 268-3815 abme@cwnet.com

Corbin seat for 2004 R1150RT. Burgundy leather with black piping. Comfy! Free to good home. Too much life left in it to toss, but too well broken in to sell. Traded in the RT for a GSA. Dave Delgado, (916) 580-8858

Sargent Seat for BMW F800GS, 650GS TWIN. Less than 1,000 miles and I sold the bike! This seat is in brand new condition. Fits BMW F800GS also 650GS twin. New cost is \$495. This seat is VERY comfortable for long or short trips. Has storage built into the underside of the seat for docu-

ment and tool storage. Best offer. See pictures at <http://sacramento.craigslist.org/mcy/2553846440.html>, Sam, (916) 802-5829

Kendon stand up trailer, 2 rails, very good condition. Can add third rail if it's for dirt bikes. \$1000. Joe, wforider10@gmail.com

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. Perfect. 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. Jeff (530) 401-7468

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 bat-

tery, and newish tires. Great bike, very comfortable, matching keys, hard luggage cases. Can include helmets and jackets too. The bike is in Davis.

Bill Davis, davisbiker@yahoo.com

Wanted: Stock radio for 2003 R1150RT to fit factory wiring in fairing. Bruce Manley kymbam@yahoo.com

1986 BMW R80 G/S. About 100K. All original European model in excellent running condition. \$3800. Gary, (916) 638-3457 stonegary@att.net

2004 BMW R1150GS, yellow; 20K miles; excellent condition; a must see \$8,800.00 OBO, Guest c.zabala@comcast.net

2005 BMW R1200ST For Sale \$8,000. Very Clean, Powerful Sport Tourer, Heated Grips, ABS, Bags, Hyperlites, Good Tires, Power Outlet, Adj Seat, 18K miles, Red/Black. Bruce (530) 671-9376

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

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2004 BMW K1200LT. \$10,000
obo. Approx 42,00 miles. I'm 2nd
owner; bought the bike June '07
from A&S, only added 6,000
miles. Black, ABS, cruise control,
heated grips and seats, saddle bags
and trunk, 7 CD changer. Added
items are custom leather seat,
PIAA driving lights, saddlebag
lights, lowered driver pegs, battery
tender, wireless Bluetooth helmet
intercom. Wonderful bike that runs
great, just no time to ride. Pictures
available. John Kramer, (916) 718-
9937, sactocacpa@yahoo.com

2005 Blue BMW K1200S with
40,033 miles for sale. This motor-
cycle 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 services
and is in excellent condition. I re-
cently moved from Antioch, CA to

Moyie Springs, ID. I can email you
some pictures. Guest
bcis64@yahoo.com

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 in-
voice and pics on request. New
bike invoice was \$18,935, which
does not include much of the above
equipment. Elk Grove CA 95624
Bill Guckeen, (916) 686-7625
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RAM mount fits on top of clutch
reservoir cover mount. Should fit
most RTs. \$20.00. Dave Swift,
(530) 320-4478
beemerdave@att.net

2011 Calendar of Upcoming Events

Check often because events are always being added or changed.

- Dec 3rd, 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.
- Dec 13th, 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!
- Dec 3, Sat Christmas Party, Location: A&S Powersports, 1125 Orlando, Roseville, CA, 6-9 pm, details to in the newsletter.

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