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Membership Meeting

Sat Feb, 4th 8:00am

Susie's Country Oaks Cafe

500-G Cirby Way

Roseville

Director's Meeting

Tues Feb 14th, 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 Gordy Olson



As I settle into my new role as your "Dear Leader" (a wonderful title that recently became vacant with the passing of the North Korean President/Dictator), I can't help reflecting on how much fun it is being an RCB'er. I think we had a great kick-off to the new riding year at our January meeting. We had a huge turnout, two interesting presentations, and a great ride over to Napa. Alan Cunningham, the guy who did the air bag vest demo, told me afterwards that he was genuinely impressed with the obvious dedication to safety that he sensed in our membership. I agree. We ride hard, but we ride smart! A number of us purchased the vests and one RCB'er was lucky enough to win one in the raffle. We will all wear them proudly, hoping all the while that we never get to find out how quickly those vests really inflate. In this regard, I offer QUOTE #1: "You start the game with a full pot o' luck and an empty pot o' experience...the object is to fill the pot of experience before you empty the pot of luck."

I have already had two members come forward with ideas for new events this year. That is welcome news and I hope others are thinking of ideas, events, riding destinations, seminars, or whatever that we can try out. I would also like to call on everyone to encourage any of their riding buddies (BMW-borne or otherwise) to consider becoming a River City Beemer. I would really like to see our membership top 250 by year's end. If you know someone that rides and is not (yet) a member, please contact him (or her!) and explain the benefits of membership. I would list those benefits here in my column -- if only there were available space! In this regard, I offer QUOTE #2: "No matter what marque you ride, it's all the same wind."

Tech Day is coming up on February 19. Once again, A&S has graciously opened its service

area to us and we should have at least one A&S tech there to help guide the less mechanically inclined. There will be two (yes, TWO!) door prizes given away at the event. I will also be personally offering a one-hour seminar entitled "Adjusting the Carburetors on Your Fuel-Injected Bike" to all interested would-be-mechanics. In this regard, I offer QUOTE #3: "Keep your bike in good repair...motorcycle boots are NOT comfortable for walking."

I hope that all of you have had a chance to check out the greatly improved RCB website. It is easier to navigate, has lots of cool pictures, and is a lot more professional looking than its predecessor. Using The Forum is the most efficient way to get news out to all RCB'ers and to share your thoughts on all things two-wheeled. There are also classified ads in case any of you are looking to buy or sell a bike or some other gear. I got my nearly-new Aerostitch Roadcrafter that way and saved a bundle toward the cost of that new bike that everyone (except my wife) keeps insisting I need/deserve. In this regard, I offer QUOTE #4: "Remember to pay as much attention to your partner as you do to your carburetor."

I really think that 2012 is going to be a special year for the Club. We have a really dedicated Board of Directors and a membership that has literally millions of collective miles of riding experience. We are all very fortunate to be able to do something we really enjoy with people we really enjoy. That's a formula that simply can't be beaten.

One final QUOTE: "It is good to have an end to journey towards; but it is the journey that matters in the end."

Ride often, ride hard, ride safely, and ride with your buddies!

Tech Day at A&S

There will be a Tech Day at A&S on Sunday, February 19th, starting at 9am. Bring yourself if you just

want to watch and learn or bring your BMW with all the consumables necessary to perform the spe-

cific maintenance task you want to do. See you there!

Whale of a tour B&B ride in March



Jim or Ayla will assist you in obtaining lodging close by in town.

As in past events, this will be a very easy going weekend. Activities depend on the weather, size & wishes of the group. The inn is a beautiful place to just chill. Men-

docino is a historic district won-

Check out The Sea Gull INN at: www.seagullbb.com, then call 888-937-5204 to make your Own Reservation. Then, Call Greg Peart 916-870-7841 & leave contact # or email him at:

XFIL911@comcast.net that you are going with us. Cutoff date for reservations will be: 8PM, Thursday, February 23, 2012.

On Friday, March 9, meet at 8 AM (if you want breakfast) or 9 AM wheels up at The EPIES Restaurant (also known as Family Restaurant) West Capitol off ramp & I-80(at the east end of the Yolo causeway). Greg's cell phone: 916-870-7841. This is a rain or shine event.

By Greg Peart

March 9 & 10, 2012

Its time again to make your reservations for the RCB 5th Annual Whale Tour. Greg & Cyndee Peart will again lead a bed & breakfast tour to the lovely Mendocino coast.

As always, we plan to stay with Jim and Ayla Douglas at the Sea Gull Inn of Mendocino. The rooms are blocked off, so reservations must be made by calling: The Sea Gull Inn at: 888-937-5204. Let them know you are with the River City Beemers and you will receive 15% off the standard weekend rate, there is a 2 night minimum stay for this event. Your first night rate will be charged as a deposit when the reservation is made and the balance required at check-in. If we exceed the inn's room limit,

derful small town to just stroll about, watch the migrating whales, shop, or just relax. This tour is designed for couples & is a hit with the ladies. As in past years we will again enjoy a group cocktail party each night prior to departing for dinner.

The Plan:



Morro Bay is Almost Here!



By Fred Jewell

START OUT THE RIDING SEASON WITH A TRIP TO MORRO BAY!

Once again we will be going to Morro Bay in April to kick off the riding season with a weekend trip down the coast. We will be leaving on Friday, April 13th (I sure hope you don't suffer from Triskaidekaphobia), stopping in Monterey for lunch at that wonderful Wild Thyme Deli, continuing down US 1 and staying two nights

at the Morro Crest Inn. Dennis at the Morro Crest says prices are the same as last year - \$52 & \$62 per night, call him at 805 550 6960 to reserve your room and mention the RCB to get the rates. Friday night we will have dinner together at the Outrigger restaurant just as we did last year. I will be asking for a head count on the forum so I can reserve enough space, so don't forget to add your name(s) to that list. With such a variety of things to do on Saturday you will be on your own for dinner that night, this way you aren't rushed to arrive some-

where at a particular time. This is a really fun weekend - great riding, ocean views, seafood, wine tasting, more seafood, Hearst Castle, and even more great roads to ride home on. If you haven't gone on this ride before I would encourage you strongly to do so this year, it's such an enjoyable way to start the year. See you there!



Thirty Years of Presidents

By Phil Wood

It's a thankless job - The hours are long, the benefits poor, no health coverage and no retirement plan - But for some reason (temporary mental incapacitation?), some of our members step forward and accept the mantle for a year or more.

And the rest of us are eternally grateful!

It's probably inadequate, but hanging in the RCB Corner of A&S is a plaque honoring the twelve individuals who have served our organization as President at



one time or another. Check it out next time you're at A&S.

(Historical Factoid - The first two Presidents (Earl and Randy/Trish) were really the club's newsletter editors. The club was smaller and less structured, and didn't have a board of directors. Instead the newsletter editor served as a focus for the club by publishing the club's rides and activities. Since we didn't want to omit their important contribution during the formative years, we're listing them as "President" here. Sorry about the historical inaccuracy.)

Thanking Two of our Favorites

By Phil Wood

Walk into Susie's any Saturday



morning and you'll be greeted by two smiles, a hot pot of coffee and a "What can I get ya?" Those two smiles belong to Sonia and Miguel, who have looked after the RCB membership ever since we moved from the Western Coffee Pot, three or four years ago.

I'm not going to even try to calculate 50 mem-

bers times 52 weeks times three years times three eggs or two cups of coffee, but I'll bet it's huge numbers of food and drink that have been served. And for all that service we're very grateful! As a small token of our appreciation, this morning, President Gordy presented Sonia and Miguel with a couple of small gifts.

Sonia and Miguel are two of our most important members and we're glad to have them!

Inflatable Vest Discount

By Gordy Olson

As those of you at January's monthly meeting witnessed firsthand, SaferMoto.com (out of Reno, NV) offers some very cool air bag vests and jackets from Hit-Air. Alan Cunningham from SaferMoto demonstrated a vest and then selected the lucky raffle winner to claim it. Several other RCB'ers (including yours truly!) subsequently purchased vests and I understand others plan to do so in the future.

Alan has offered a discount for



RCB members on both vests and jackets. When you place your order, include the code "Bmwsac" to get the reduced club price. You can

contact Alan by e-mail at "admin@safermoto.com" or by phone at 1-877-250-6686.

For those of you that missed January's meeting (and the SaferMoto demo), you can go online at "SaferMoto.com" to see the products in action. If you just want to see the vests and jackets being fashionably displayed, come to breakfast at Suzie's where some of your clubmates will be wearing theirs.

Ride hard, safely, and (hopefully) UNinflated!

Most Popular Sales Model...R1200GS

BMW Motorrad sales results just released indicate a 6.4% growth from 98,047 motorcycles in 2010 to 104,286 motorcycles in 2011. I'll bet there are smiling faces in Berlin. Germany remained BMW Motorrad's biggest market at 20,002 vehicles, while the United States came in third at 10,203. Italy was second and France was fourth. Settling the "2011 most popular worldwide bike" argument again was the R1200GS followed by ...

R1200GS; 18,413

R1200GSA; 10,451

GS & GSA together total 28,864

F800GS; 9,829

R1200RT; 9,540

S1000RR; 9,044, Really? Everyone says it's #1

K1600GT/GTL; 8,019, Not bad considering mid-year launch

F800R; 7,986

R1200R; 7,310

F650GS; 6,145



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

By Phil Challinor part 3

We had done most everything we came to do at this point. This was a lot of information and it was also only one day. Everyone was feeling the work they had done. There were tired clutch hands, throttle hands, a couple falls (all minor with no injury), and some very happy people.



The weather had held off too. We were expecting a rain storm that day and the clouds were building but not one rain drop. The temps were perfect and the light made for some fantastic views along the way.

It was now time to put in to practice what we had learned. Perry's turn to lead us around his ranch in a follow the leader rider.

A bunch of happy people about to

go ride.

One of Perry's personal friends. He could ride that thing running through some rocky sections like it was a trials bike. Oh, and several jumps for fun.

We rode all over. There aren't a ton of pics from this but we had a blast riding with Perry and with new friends and with new skills.

There were a couple incidents on our way to Perry's favorite area to go to just sit and contemplate things.

We needed to come up this grassy hill after transitioning off the trail and this caught a couple people out when they found the grade and the terrain changed the traction and really put a premium on throttle control.



Coming up the trail then going up the hill. You can see there has already been carnage.

Eventually, we all made it up to the top of one of the vistas on the ranch and were greeted with some of the most amazing views that these pictures will never be able to capture.

After hanging out for a while it was time to continue on. Hey, anyone ever heard the line that goes something like, what goes up, must come down? Yep, the hill climb is now a descent. Balance, brake control and modulation, body positioning, and loose bars.....or not.

Once down off the vista we continued to ride around and see and do things on our bikes that many probably never thought they ever could or would. I think everyone



came away with a bunch of information, a lot of skills, and a huge boost in their confidence. Another road opened.



Maybe a bit anti-climactic in the finish but there really is no way to capture here

how much fun I had, we all had, with the last hour of just riding.

One nice thing to note, at least for

me, was getting up the next day and having fatigued legs but no pain in my arms, neck, or shoulders. Something I had happen many times from my off road forays in the past. This is a good thing and made it all worth it to me!!

I can't finish without thanking A&S Cycles, RawHyde and that 13 year old who opened up his ranch for a bunch of 12 year olds to come play!!



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for year round riding - in cold or hot weather. Excellent protection - Aerostich Roadcrafter Jacket for sale; very good condition. New from Aerostich sells for \$527, asking only \$275 ! Size 42 S - Should fit male or female approx. 5'7, 150-190 lbs (according to manufacturer's sizing chart). Excellent construction and features. One of the best motorcycle jackets available. Sent to me from an old friend but alas, too small for me. Cash only. Jeremy Hollis
Jeremy Hollis, (916) 718-9553
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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
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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 document and tool storage. Best offer.
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 battery, 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

2012 Calendar of Upcoming Events

Check often because events are always being added or changed.

- Feb 4th, 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 14th, 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!
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- Feb 19, Sun Tech Day, coordinator is Gordy Olson, 916-642-2221. Details to follow.
- Mar 9-10 Sea Gull Inn B&B Ride, coordinator is Greg Peart, details are in the newsletter.
- Apr 13-15 Morro Bay Ride, coordinator is Fred Jewell, 916-230-0951, Morro Crest Hotel, Morro Bay, details are in the newsletter.
- Apr 28, Sat Riding Clinic, coordinator is Ray Nuguit, 916-539-0611, Sacramento Roads, details to follow.
- May 05, Sat Lois Lewis Memorial, Starts at A&S, 1125 Orlando, Roseville, CA
 Time: 9:00am, coordinator is Phil Sweeney, 916-337-2673 details to follow.
- May 18-20 Mt. Lassen Ride, coordinator is Jack Klauschie, Shingletown KOA, details to follow.
- May 25-28 RCB Spring Ridefest, coordinator is Phil Sweeney, details to follow.
- Jun 22-24 Soldier Meadows, coordinator is Jack Klauschie, 52 miles north of Gerlach, Nevada, details to follow
- Aug 4-5 Yerington ride & bowl, Casino West, 800-227-4661, ask for Vicky for room reservation.



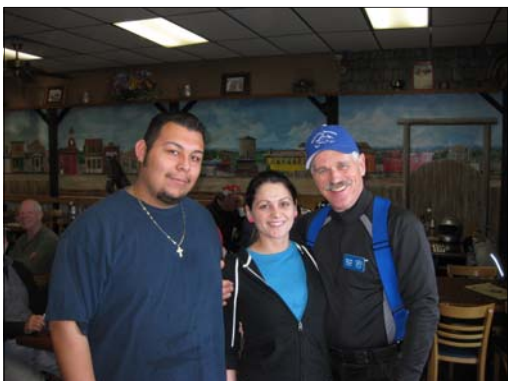
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Our own Phil Challinor descending a steep hill on Perry King's ranch.

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Sonia and Miguel showing respect to their elders with Gordy.

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