

River City Beemers



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Membership Meeting

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

Director's Meeting

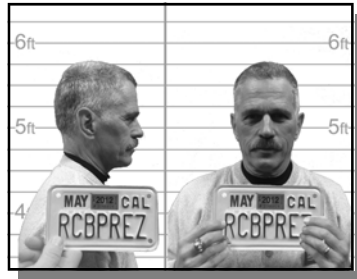
Tues May 8th, 7:00 pm
Race Place Motorsports
3130 Bradshaw Road
Sacramento, CA

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 Gordy Olson

Well, the riding season is here in all its glory and it's time to take full advantage of the incredible range of riding options we enjoy here in NorCal. We are incredibly fortunate to live in an area where we have the mountains one hour to the east and the ocean one hour to the west (they are only a half an hour in either direction if you are lucky and skillful enough to be following Ken!). Get out there and ride – and dutifully report your mileage to the BMW MOA so we can improve on RCB's already impressive showing in the Annual Mileage Contest.

Speaking of the BMW MOA (that's called a "segue" for those of you keeping score), be sure to enter the BMW MOA Sweepstakes this year. Although the \$100 ticket price is admittedly a bit steep, the prize list is truly amazing with a dozen new BMW motorcycles and 50 other prizes each worth at least \$1,000. With only 10,000 tickets being sold, the odds – while not as good as the odds of finding a great road to ride within two miles of your house – are still several orders of magnitude better than those of the Super Lotto! As an added bonus, if you are planning to go to Sedalia for the MOA Rally your Sweepstakes entry includes a rally entrance ticket.

I was disappointed when bad weather forced the cancellation of the Morro Bay ride. I wasn't personally planning to go – family commitment that weekend – but I knew that it was one the Club's most popular events. Fortunately, a lot of the members of the River City Beemers are either too stubborn or too stupid to let a little thing like a "cancellation" affect their

riding plans! Despite the "cancellation" of the event, it was still very well-attended and a good time was had by all! That is true riding dedication.

Speaking of "riding dedication" (Wow, that's two "segues" already!!), I would urge every RCB'er to dedicate him- or herself to attending the upcoming River City Beemer Spring RideFest at the end of the month. The three-day event at the Gold Country Fairground in Auburn over the Memorial Day weekend will be the RCB's inaugural effort at a full-fledged, club-sponsored rally. The RideFest Committee has arranged great rides (both on- and off-road), great food, and great entertainment. All you need to provide is great fellowship. Go to the RCB website for details on the event and sign up as soon as you finish reading this Newsletter. That's a PREZidential order!

We have added a number of new members in the past several months and I am confident that our existing members will welcome them with open arms and fully lubricated final drives. Remember, although exciting riding is the core objective of our Club, the camaraderie (maybe that should be "camar-RIDE-erie"?) we all share each week, each month, and each event is what makes our Club unique and special.

Let's all decide to ride farther, faster, more often, safer and smarter this year. And remember, keep those airbag vests UNinflated.....

Cheers,
Gordy
RCBPREZ

(The California DMV has issued a special commemorative license plate to confirm my exalted PREZidential status. Now if the Governor would just authorize the funding for that new "RCB ONE" official bike.....)

2nd Annual Lois Lewis Poker Run

2nd Annual Lois Lewis Poker Run place....2nd place....and low hand.

DATE: Saturday, May 5th, 2012

LOCATION: A & S Powersports, Roseville, CA

This year we will depart from A&S Powersports at approximately 9am after the RCB membership breakfast at Susie's Cafe.

Prizes will be awarded for 1st

As with last year, there will be a BBQ at the end for all the participants. The best part about this event is that it is FREE to all RCB Members! Non member fee will once again be \$5.00.

We have a great route planned that everyone should find fun and scenic.

also for those that are interested, we will again have a 50/50 drawing! The previous 2 winners have each walked away with over \$100.00 dollars in cash.

Please sign up in the RCB forum at www.rcb.org/forum/viewtopic.php?f=2&t=1887

2012 RCB Spring Ridefest

Edelweiss Tours is famous for its "Touring Center" tours where one stays in the same place during the entire tour. This way the riders can enjoy the twisty roads yet leave the heavy luggage behind! That is the concept of River City Beemers "2012 Spring Ridefest".

The Auburn area is perfect because it's so close to the Sierra Nevada range and the historic Sierra foothills. Tight and twisty or long sweeping curves are available in abundance and then each evening return to your touring center and enjoy the company of other riders and retell your riding story to your friends.

These are just a few of the great riding roads within a hundred mile radius of Auburn. 88, 4, 108, 120, 89, 50, 70, 49, 395, 32, 20, 128, 175, 121, 124 and countless county roads. Just some of the close mountain passes are Carson,

Ebbetts, Sonora, Tioga, Luther, Kingsbury Grade and a host of others.

The event will run over the Memorial Day holiday weekend (May 25-27) with all non-riding events centered at the Gold Country Fairgrounds in Auburn.

This is the event that you must attend! The River City Beemers Motorcycle Club is kicking off the 2012 riding season with an event that is sure to please!

- Like to ride the Sierra back roads?
- Do you like Poker Runs that are fun, scenic and have a nice \$\$ prizes?
- Do you ride a dual-sport bike (we have dirt routes also)?
- Want to eat well and be entertained at the end of the day?
- How about the chance to win great door prizes?

If you answered YES to the above questions, then this is the event for you!

Riders will arrive at the Gold Country Fairgrounds starting Friday afternoon. They can set up their tents and then walk to the Auburn Race Track and watch all the action of flat track motorcycle racing.

The next morning it is up and at 'em for the start of the 1st Poker Run. We will have a route all set for your enjoyment. That evening when you return, dinner will be ready to go at about 6:00 pm. Yum!

After dinner, we have a little surprise entertainment planned. The fun never stops!

Sunday morning has another ride all ready to go ... YEP ... Poker Run # 2. Study your route sheet,

this ride will have a few twists and turns! When you get back to the Fairgrounds that afternoon, dinner will be ready, and it will be something special!

After dinner, it's the Spring Ridefest award show! Sit back, enjoy a beverage, and win a prize or two. This is also where the winners of the daily Poker Runs will receive their prizes.

<http://rcb.org/ridefest/>

Click on the above link and check out more of the details. It will be the best \$84 you spend this spring.

Your participation in Spring Ridefest includes two nights camping at the Gold Country

Fairgrounds with plenty of space to pitch a tent. Those with RVs will also find adequate parking space. Camping space in the fairgrounds will be available anytime after 3pm on Friday the 25th.

During Saturday and Sunday breakfast, riders will be presented with maps and directions to a series of Northern Sierra locations. Similar to a scavenger hunt, the riders will have to find the answers to questions that can only be answered by visiting the specific locations.

Upon return to the fairground, riders will be allowed to draw cards based on the number of correct answers. Awards and prizes will

be presented to highest five card hand, lowest five card hand, and other combinations to be determined.

Dual-Sport riders will not be left out. Special courses testing their navigational and rider skills have been developed.

The street riders will average 200+ miles per day and could complete each course in five to six hours. Realistically, we expect breaks and lunch stops to extend your rides to between six and eight hours. Don't worry, we will save dinner for you!

Rider Skills Improvement Day



join us for a full day of track and classroom time with experienced instructors who understand and convey the specifics of motorcycle handling, cornering and safe operation.

Why RCB and Zoom Zoom? Unlike standard "Track Days," our Rider Skills Improvement Day (RSID) is geared toward the street rider desiring riding and cornering skills improvement, not land speed records attempts. We don't have special tire and coolant requirements, our prices are extremely competitive, and well ... We're street riders, just like you. Some changes from previous years include:

All registrations and payment must

For our 17th consecutive year, the River City Beemers of Sacra-

mento, in cooperation with Zoom Zoom Track Days, invite you to

be made at the Zoom Zoom web site: <http://z2trackdays.comSpecial> price for RCB members: For this event only, enter the code RCB (all caps) at checkout and receive a \$10 discount (\$175 price) for either Novice, Intermediate or Advanced Rider categories. For this event only, Zoom Zoom will waive their "No Glycol" and "Leather Gear" policies. However, participants must bring a one-piece suit or a two-piece that can be securely zippered together. Camping is available Saturday

night but no meals are provided. There's a small deli at Thunderhill or you can bring your own food/drink.

Sign up now. The discount code expires June 9! Your credit card will not be billed until 14 days prior to the event so make your reservation now to guarantee availability! The event is subject to sell-out. Questions? Contact Zoom Zoom Track Days at service@z2trackdays.com or 888-929-9666. RCB is pleased to be able to offer another Rider Skills Im-

provement Day to our members. We look forward to seeing you there!

Note to previous RSID participants: This event is managed by Zoom Zoom Track Days and participants need to familiarize themselves with Zoom Zoom rules and procedures.

That information can be found at <http://z2trackdays.com/ti/z2/content/info.html>

Mexico vs USA

In Search of the Ultimate Fish Taco!

An oldie but goody from 2003. XM radio only had one million subscribers at the time. My son is now married with two children and lives in Charleston, SC and I still live on the farm. I rode my 2002 R1150 GSA, but now I have a 2005 R1200GS and less hair and blubber.

By Kim Rydalch

If you're really hungry I'll save you the trouble of reading this article and tell you to go directly to Baja Fresh in Sacramento!

I just spent four days in mid August riding with my son Troy, who's a student at San Diego State, motoring 300 miles down Baja, Mexico.

If you're an XM radio fan I had good reception the entire trip. The roads are also newly paved and very smooth by Mexican standards with only four shallow pot holes near Catavina.

We stopped overnight in Ensenada, San Quintin, and Catavina. For Ensenada the fish taco was rated at 3. San Quintin's fish taco rating was 4 and Catavina's rating was 2. Baja Fresh in Sacramento was rated 10 and Rubio's in Sacramento was rated a very close 9.

Premium gas was \$2.50 per gallon. 10.4 pesos to the dollar. You could buy everything with dollars and the stores and gas stations were giving the same 10.4 exchange rate.

I needed no tourist cards and my return across the Tecate border was very simple. I just raised my tinted face shield and stated my citizenship was USA. My wait to cross the border was 15 minutes on a Sunday at 11:45am.

If you want to ride like a Hooligan then Mexico is for you. I never locked my bike and I parked in the motel parking lot with the bike



covered. I left my tank bag and GPS and detector on the bike. No problems whatsoever!

Our Catavina La Pinta hotel's generator for the air conditioners was broken so no A/C or hot water. Our room temperature was 98F so it was difficult to sleep. The pool felt great.

Take a chance and head for Mexico, it's fun!

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Every year the UK Rider magazine polls its readers and ranks the top 100 motorcycles. Rider magazine also ranks the brands based on reader surveys and for the second year in a row BMW ranks number one. The best brand is reached by combining every vote for the reliability, dealer and overall satisfaction ratings. The rankings were as follows...

- 1. BMW 86.12%
- 2. Triumph 84.98%
- 3. Harley Davidson 83.16%
- 4. Ducati 82.55%
- 5. Honda 81.34%
- 6. Suzuki 79.11%

- 7. KTM 79.03%
- 8. Aprillia 78.74%
- 9. Suzuki 78.66%
- 10. Kawasaki 78.51%

For the individual motorcycle models, BMW did very well. The motorcycles were graded using various criteria. Some of the 15 criteria were brakes, build quality, maintenance, running costs, wind protection, comfort and handling/suspension. Starting from number one to 100 are the top BMWs.

- 1. R1200RT 88.49%
- 2. K1300S 88.31%
- 3. K1300GT 87.84%
- 5. K1200S 85.27%
- 7. R1200GS Adv 85.14%
- 12. S1000RR 84.60%

- 16. K1200GT 84.06%
- 22. R1200GS 83.61%
- 27. F800S 83.00%
- 35. F800ST 82.02%
- 38. R1100RS 81.91%
- 41. R1150RS 81.79%
- 52. R1150GS 81.11%
- 53. K1200GT 81.00%
- 62. R1150GS Adv 80.51%
- 74. R1150R 79.95%
- 83. K1200R 79.46%

Winners by Class
 Best Sport Tourer: K1300S
 Best Tourer: R1200RT
 Best Half-Faired Middleweight: F800S
 Best Trailie: R1200GS Adventure



Photos of last year's Lois Lewis Poker Run...



Classified Ads

K1200S Sargent Seat \$400.00, K1200S Sargent non-heated one piece seat with pillion backrest in excellent shape. Paid almost \$700.00 new. Also have Hot Laser exhaust and BMW factory cover. Rick, eldiablo2072@yahoo.com, 04/09/2012

1999 K1200LT Custom, Approx 29,000 miles. \$7,500. Moto lights, Parabellum windshield, backrest. Almost new tire. Soft luggage liners. New battery. All service since 2004 is current and performed at A&S. Ready to travel. Great bike! Randy Steffen, (530) 748-8884, randywsteffen@gmail.com, 03/13/2012

2005 R1200GS, Approx 16,000 mi. \$11,000 Moto lights, Piai 520 lights. Both Aero Flow and stock w/s. Factory side & top luggage w/ BMW soft liner luggage, Sergeant low rider seat, factory

rear seat & Cycle Pumps backrest & rack. Engine guard bars, cylinder guards, almost new tires. Services are current and A&S performed. Randy Steffen, (530) 748-8884, randywsteffen@gmail.com, 03/13/2012

R1200RT, I have a 2009 BMW R1200RT for sale. It is lowered and has 6700 miles on it. I am asking \$13,500. If you or if you know anyone who is interested please contact me. Lula Capuchino, (916) 337-3000, lulacapuchino@gmail.com, 02/19/2012

2007 K1200GT, Low Miles, Blue, 7300 miles, 491 top case painted to match, Baehr intercom, Marsee tank bag. New Pilot Road 3 tires, never dropped or down, clean title in hand. Ryan, (916) 718-5991 Pedalboy2001@yahoo.com, 02/07/2012

Aerostich Roadcrafter jacket- size 42 S, Great 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, jhollis@winfirst.com, 01/14/2012

RAM mount, RAM mount fits on top of clutch reservoir cover mount. Should fit most RTs. \$20.00.

Dave Swift, (530) 320-4478, beemerdave@att.net, 11/30/2011

2012 Calendar of Upcoming Events

Check often because events are always being added or changed.

- May 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.
- May 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!

- May 5, Sat Lois Lewis Memorial, Starts at A&S, 1125 Orlando, Roseville, CA 9:00am, coordinator is Phil Sweeney, 916-337-2673 details to follow.
- May 25-28 RCB Spring Ridefest, coordinator is Phil Sweeney, details to follow.
- June 2-3 Bodega Bay Ride, This ride will be the June Club Ride. The ride will be to Samuel S.P. Taylor State Park in Marin County (near Bodega Bay) with an oyster lunch stop at a local eatery. Ken will plan a circuitous, three-hour route to get us there. Folks who want to spend the night Saturday would camp at the park. RCB is reserving three campsites which accommodate 6-8 people. Those who don't want to spend the evening can return to Sacramento after lunch.
- Jun 14-17 Chief Joseph Rally, Grant County Fairgrounds, John Day, OR, BMW Riders of Oregon.
- Jun 14-17 BMW RA Rally, Copper Mountain, CO, BMW Riders Association
- Jul 12-15 Top O' The Rockies Rally, Paonia, CO, BMW Motorcycle Club of Colorado.
- Jul 19-22 BMW MOA Rally, Sedalia, MO, BMW Motorcycle Owners of America.
- June 17, Sun. Rider Skills Improvement Day, Thunderhill Track Day, Organizer: Zoom Zoom Track Days, Contact Number: 888-929-9666.
- Aug 4, Sat. 100,000 Foot Colorado Pass Ride, Lakewood, CO, 6:00am , BMW Motorcycle Club of Colorado.
- Aug 4-5 Yerington ride & bowl, Casino West, 800-227-4661, for room reservations mention River City Beemers for your discount. Rooms will be \$40 with Saturday night buffet dinner and Sunday morning buffet breakfast included. Bowling will be at 17:00 hours on Saturday.
- Aug 28-Sep Curve Cowboy Reunion, Duluth, MN, Curve Cowboys.
- Aug 31-Sep Range of Light Gypsy Tour, BMW Club of Northern California.
- Sep 14--16 Beemer Bash, Quincy, CA, Central California BMW Riders.

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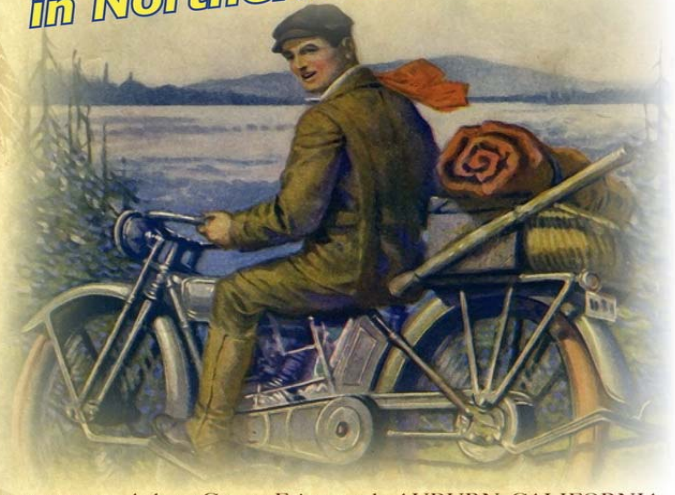
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May 25, 26, 27, 2012
Come join us in Auburn, CA and



2012 SPRING RIDEFEST

**Ride the BEST ROADS
in Northern California!**



LOCATION: Auburn County Fairgrounds AUBURN, CALIFORNIA

- DAILY POKER RUN
- DOOR PRIZES
- 50/50 DRAWING
- DAILY DUAL SPORTS ROUTES
- CAMPING
- FOOD & BEVERAGES
- NIGHTLY ENTERTAINMENT
- EVENT PIN

For additional information and to register go to:
www.rcb.org/ridefest

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