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Membership Meeting

Sat July, 7th 8:00am

Susie's Country Oaks Cafe

500-G Cirby Way

Roseville

Director's Meeting

Tues July 10th, 7:00 pm

Race Place Motorsports

3130 Bradshaw Road

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Breakfast - Be There!

Every Saturday 8 am

Susie's Country Oaks Cafe

500-G Cirby Way

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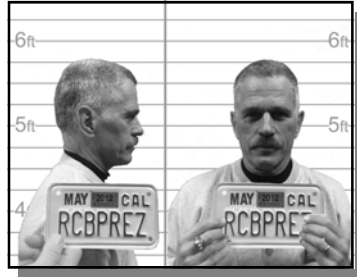
Weds. Dinner Ride

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

Welcome to prime riding season!!

Almost a dozen RCB'ers showed up at the BMW RA rally in Copper Mountain, Colorado. I think we all would agree that the riding to and from the event was better than the event itself – proving once again that “It’s not the destination, it’s the journey!”. Several of us were fortunate enough to ride through the Rocky Mountain National Park and see a herd of elk at over 12,000 feet above sea level. The scenery was marvelous throughout the trip and that helped to offset the low-30’s nighttime temperatures. If nothing else, those temperatures did serve to remind us of why we choose to live in Sacramento.

On the way back, ex-Prez Fred and I tackled the switchbacks on the Million Dollar Highway between Ouray and Durango and found them to be every bit as spectacular as advertised. In fact, we were so impressed with the MDH that we are thinking of using it for next year’s riders’ skills improvement day (in place of the Sutter-Ione Road). Since the Million Dollar Highway is almost 100 miles long we will probably only get to traverse it twice rather than the 5-6 runs we usually make between Ione and Sutter. Just to keep it interesting, we may hold our 2013 class on the Bear-tooth Highway and the 2014 class on the Tail of the Dragon!!

The big BMW MOA Sweepstakes drawing is coming up in mid-July and I will be disappointed if at least one RCB'er doesn't get his/her ticket selected for a brand new bike. Rumor has it that next year's MOA National

Rally will be in Salem, Oregon and it certainly would be nice to be able to ride up there on a MOA raffle-provided machine, wouldn't it??? Even if none of us gets lucky, we should try to have a large RCB contingent for next year's MOA Rally since it will only be an easy two-day ride away. (I'm sure Ken can also come up with a four- or five-day route for those who aren't pressed for time!)

We have one of our signature events coming up next month – the Yerington Ride ‘n’ Bowl. I rode through Yerington on the way back from Colorado and you could already sense the excitement as the townspeople anticipate our arrival. The newly renovated Yerington Inn looks surprisingly like its predecessor. That said, I am confident that the interior spaces have probably been upgraded so extensively that they will be unrecognizable to those of us familiar with the old rooms. The River City Beemer Bowlers always look sharp in their custom “RCB Squared” bowling shirts. Maybe this will finally be the year when their bowling skills match their sartorial splendor!

The Board of Directors is developing a survey questionnaire to get members' views on events, policies, and any other Club issues. We hope to have the questionnaire ready for distribution at the Fall Classic (which will be in Cloverdale this year) for those attending and then make it available electronically to get additional input from the wider Club membership. If anyone has a question/topic you would like to see included, please let me know. Once we get the final results of the survey, we will share them with the total membership – probably at the December monthly meeting.

That's it for now. Remember: Ride hard, ride safely, ride often, and keep your vests UNinflated!

Cheers,
Gordy
RCBPREZ

XMAS IN AUGUST FOR THE CHILDREN'S RECEIVING HOME!

On Saturday, August 11, we are going to once again help out the Sacramento Children's Receiving Home with a toy run and barbecue lunch, only this time we are going to stress necessities in lieu of toys.

The administrator was ecstatic to hear what we've planned, and as she said, "We can't run this place on Tickle Me Elmos and Thomas the Tank Engines". She has provided me a list of things they really

need, including: larger sized clothes (they have kids up to and over 18 years old), shampoo and conditioner, hair ties, bandaids, brushes and combs, office supplies, wet wipes, Tylenol 325 mg, Ibuprofen 200 mg, pool towels, bathing suits of all sizes, school uniforms, shoes (mostly teen boys sizes 8 - 13), chap stick.

This is a preliminary list, I'll get more details and post them when I

get them. We will also be cooking hot dogs and hamburgers for them (and us!) which was a huge hit with the kids and the staff last time, so we'll need volunteer cooks again.

I'm confident we'll once again show them how generous our members are, and it should be a good time for all.

Yerington 2012 is Fast Approaching!

Come to the 14th Yerington Ride and Bowl. Many first marriages haven't lasted 14 years! I'm surprised that many people enjoy Yerington as much as I do. The ride over the Sierras to eat lunch in Genoa and enjoy the fantastic deli sandwiches at the Genoa Deli is always good. Even if you don't plan on staying in Yerington you should join in the club ride to Genoa and then return home via Lake Tahoe and enjoy the ride and

view.

The ride into Yerington which is surrounded by Alfalfa fields always smells so good especially when the Alfalfa fields are freshly cut. Riding through Wilson Canyon is a fun short twisty ride with the Walker river flowing next to the highway.



The bowling will be at 5 pm so join us for bowling or be part of the cheering section for the next two hours.

The hotel portion of Casino West has been sold and it's now called the Yerington Inn. To make reservations call 775-463-

5310 and tell them you're with the River City Beemers. You will then get the discounted rate of \$57.24 which includes all taxes. This is a per room rate regardless of one or two people.

This year Casino West has a food coupon for \$10 and it includes the Saturday buffet and the Sunday



ment is that you must inform Casino West one week prior that you would like the coupon. The easiest way is to inform me, Kim Rydalch that you'd like the coupon and I will inform the Casino one week prior. I will pick up all of the cou-

pons and then after payment pass them out to the individuals. If that is to much hassle then just order from the menu and pay the restaurant.

My phone is 209-402-7714 or send an email at kcrydalch@comcast.net

I hope many of you decide to ride out to Genoa and Yerington and celebrate the 14th event. Bring your bowling shirt!

breakfast buffet. The only require-

Tahoe Chill is Warming Up 8/17-19

Tahoe Chill is on again! RCB members will be camping at Camp Richardson (South Lake Tahoe) on Saturday night.

There will be a group ride up on Friday morning, but folks are welcome to ride up on their own and just meet at the campground.

Dinner Friday and Saturday will be at a restaurant (or restaurants) to be named later (Dutch treat) and breakfast will be supplied on Saturday and Sunday morning.

It is really just a good excuse to ride the twisties on the way to Tahoe and chill out in the mountains!

Look for a sign up list on the forum later in August.

See more at www.rcb.org And click on Event Calendar.

June 2012 Club Ride



The day started out with a good and familiar look - breakfast at Susie's, followed by a ride through the farms and orchards of Davis, in to the back roads of Winters to the winding road of route 128.

From there we wound our way alongside Putah Creek, and Lake Berryessa. From there, it was on to Petaluma for a well-received break and stop for refreshments. Ken was amazing in his route-finding, again. Who knew there was a route through historical, Victorian Petaluma, on to the rural Marshall-Davis, in to the back roads of Winters to the winding road of route 128.

no other vehicular company.

This brought us out to the Coast Highway, and a stop at The Marshall Store for lunch. Some of us didn't miss a chance to partake in the ultra-fresh and icy-cold raw oysters, while others cared for them barbecued. Still others weren't quite brave enough to down the slimy beasts, opting instead for some clam chowder or a nice sandwich. At least a pair of our travelers continued a few miles south in to Point Reyes Station, enjoying the fare at the Pine Cone Diner.



From here it was a short jaunt through Olema (don't blink), in to Samuel P Taylor State Park, where all the campsites enjoyed a canopy of mature redwoods, and a small stream beside us. A 'friendly' turkey vulture has taken up residence on a limb above the stream, keep-

ing an eye out for us...just in case. Dinner was easy - a trip into Fairfax led us to the Iron Springs Brewery and Pub. The food was adequate, the beer cold and flavorful. The after dinner entertainment

was provided by the campfire back at Samuel P.

Morning was time for a light breakfast of pastries and coffee, more conversation, and a light campsite cleanup. Easy way to spend a short weekend at the Coast.

There is more to investigate on another trip - looking forward to next year.



Badboys, Fatboys, & Knuckleheads-Laughlin River Run

By Warren HarHay

Warren has granted permission to reprint his article which was posted in both the LD rider and IBMWR email lists. Warren has competed in the 11 day Iron Butt rally and now volunteers in many IBA functions and relaxes near Las Vegas, NV

The Laughlin River Run is an amalgam of moto get-together, casino/AMA/Harley Davidson cross promotion, poker runs, babes, booze, boobs, bravado, gambol and gamble. All lightly frosted with a coating of law enforcement activity then baked under the springtime desert sun in the very warm oven of the south-eastern ?Mohave. The venue: the gambling boomtown of Laughlin located at the southernmost tip of Nevada bordering Arizona (Bullhead City) and California (Needles). A river runs through it (The Colorado).

Here almost fifty years ago, just south and in sight of the Davis Dam, the proprietor of a riverside bait and beer shack named Don Laughlin convinced the U.S. Post Office to collocate a branch bearing his name. Later, with some additional convincing of more than a few others, the small worm, minnow and Bud shop was to transform itself into the Riverside Hotel and Casino. It now establishes the northernmost terminus of a strip of gambling halls and hotels all dedicated to the pursuit, so delicately phrased by the gaming industry, as "Nevada Style Fun". Fish bait is no longer sold at

the Riverside (although other forms may be available) but beer continues to flow just as swiftly as the bordering Colorado streams down river into Lake Havasu.

Each April Badboys, Fatboys and Knuckleheads converge for an annual celebration. There are lots of motorcycles too.

Local newspapers report that upwards of 40,000 participants attend this motorcycle event. Twenty-dollar hotel rooms sell out at elevated one hundred dollar plus a night(2 night minimum) rate months in advance. Promoters bill this rally as the largest motorcycle gathering in the West.

Bandannas were unbanded. Exhibitionists groomed to exhibit. Chaps were unfurled from winter storage. Bikers polished, shined, and prepped their mounts. Some also checked their ammo, then locked and loaded. Riders inspected their suspensions, tires and unworn rain gear. Pristine rides were carefully loaded onto trailers and into pick-



ups.

Rider wear was carefully chosen for its conformity to agreed upon non-conformity.

Costumes set, attitudes were then finely adjusted to a simmering level of contemptuous arrogance.

The Casino managers anxiously awaited the approaching hordes, salivating at the prospect of this annual influx, the return of the rolling rubes.

One year the first wave of Laughlin invaders proved not to be two wheeled but two winged. Millions of grasshoppers hatched as the convergence of El Nino stimulated rains and springtime heat triggered a simultaneous birthing coating

the gambling town in places a foot deep with these jumping writhing, wriggling insects.

They were not welcome. They had no money.

All round Laughlin the roar of decibel enhanced motorcycles rang through the thin desert air. These sonic evangelists proclaiming saved lives trumpeted through their (overly) loud pipes. This thunderous anthem signaled the commencement of the sound track for another celebration of the "biker lifestyle".

These "events" share a similar ambience of outrageousness, seemingly arrested adolescence swathed in black leather and be-speckled with chrome. Here along the "Laughlin Strip" the goal for some is demonstrating one-upmanship in boorishness with more than a flash of banality. Hand made "Show Your Tits" signs abound and frequently flashed at passing female passengers by slack jawed young men seated along the roadside as if held suspended in mid-puberty. Outrageous? I don't think so. Inside any one of the adjacent betting parlors? showrooms you get world-class views of blemish free perfection for a two-drink minimum. No signs, no shouting necessary.

The parking lots fronting the Casino castles were filled with all forms of two wheeled transport. Harley Davidson clearly the dominant brand. The panniers on these bikes, when fitted, were small yet carry tremendous baggage. Although Harleys were the ride of choice a scattering of BMWs,

Goldwings and rice rockets sprinkled throughout the continuum of bikes present. Definitely not the cool kids these.

From cordoned off areas, vendors shaded under canvas canopies offered the essentials: beer, trailers and knives. Bargain leathers of all forms, yet all black, were available as well as the unfathomable but fashionable "un-helmet" beanie. Good fashion and style is of course timeless. That being the case, you could purchase a NAZI replica Wehrmacht helmet to make that statement that has long been pent up, perhaps trapped deep within your psyche. Little black and white stickers of varying profanity and vulgarity were optional accoutrements for the style and values challenged. Additions to the available garb were tee shirts boldly emblazoned with an SS insignia. I half expected to see replica Zyclon B gas canisters offered as beer can koozies, but alas, no one has gone this far...Yet.

In the dubious reach to achieve even more bizarre headgear, riders were observed with helmets representative of the spiked combat helmets worn by the Kaiser's forces during World War I, the Pickelhaube. True retro! An interesting touch carrying the Germanic military influence back one more generation prior to the NAZI era. I am sure these helmets lack DOT or Snell approval as an unplanned dismount could cause the same kind of brain damage demonstrated in secondary school biology classes known as "pithing" a frog. If that did in fact happen, these guys would surely be pithed.

In a past Laughlin related incident, two helmetless riders heading in opposite directions had a meeting of the minds as the result of a high speed head-on collision in the nearby ghost-town/watering hole of Oatman Arizona. Martyred while entangled in the twisted wreckage of their devastated machines, it is unknown if their lives could have been spared if only their pipes could have been louder. Authorities did, however, speculate that helmets may have saved them both, as Arizona has no helmet law. A pity pity.

A dubious observed skill was cigar smoking astride a motorcycle whilst in motion. It clearly must be highly desirable to simultaneously experience motorcycling and a stogie. It is unknown whether the fallen still smoldering detritus of the smoked cigar creates ashholes. From the evidence, however, I think it does.

Yamaha defied brand myopia with the Star. The Yamaha three tuning fork trademark shouts that these folks really know something about sound. It was obvious to all present that Yamaha had attained parity in achieving that illusive coolness of being. A number of Royal Star customs were outfitted with road pipes as loud as their paint schemes. Yamaha exhibited no shame in knocking off the Royal Star name from a prior Brit marque, nor the obvious cloning of the Road King look, but now they had attained an overarching achievement with four, not just two, straight pipes to blast life back into the dead. These pipes won't just save lives, they would resurrect it! Child-like smiles and approving

nods greeted each blast and throttle twist. I thought I saw a Corbin alligator skin seat actually attempt to slither off the bike!

On the strip the roar of bikes coming and going created a chorus of cacophony that seemed to resonate among the gathered throng of observers. But I began to notice that the rider's faces astride these bikes generally wore nothing but a scowl or grimace. If this is such joy, where were the signs of enjoyment? I could understand the gal's frowns. They had little upon which to sit themselves and furthermore they had much to concentrate on looking pretty and suave while their SO had only to concentrate on being cool and not falling over. I was amazed at the show of skin, not for it's sex appeal but for the almost taunting attitude to the harsh, hot unforgiving pavement below. Calamine lotion would not easily soothe a road rash, but then again bare skin IS just way TOO cool.

Occasionally a BMW rider or a

sports bike would pass by, as if they had been sucked by some errant navigational vortex into this cavalcade of cretins. Out of place to be sure, their presence generated a familiar resonance of being within me. I wished then that I had my bike, that I was in that street riding not just standing there conjuring these curmudgeonly comments.

You may glean from my admittedly downbeat description a disapproving dissonance. Perhaps I'm sore that I didn't fully participate. Just a wayside wannabe, an old obsolete observer. And I claim no naked objectivity in my nattering narration. We all perceive our environment through unique filters and I admit mine may be tuned to a much too finely limited spectrum. Yet I do find comfort in these folks' freedom of expression even if that which is expressed is more base than my preference. My scorn is tempered with the realization that I am really in no position to judge. In their eyes I'm just a crazy old long distance rider

obsessed with big mile days and the affinity for the solitude of the ride.

However, if this costume party, surly attitude, and possession of the "one true brand of bike" is all these folks claim from their adoption of motorcycling as a lifestyle, they are truly to be pitied more than scorned. Sure they may be having fun and enjoying themselves and good for them. Yet I think they may be missing something essential to being a truly fulfilled motorcyclist. It is less about "look at me" and more about the view within. This holy grail of motorcycling is achieved by the communion of man and machine in pursuit of The Ride.

The Laughlin River Run once again runs its course. Now I've got to go ride mine.

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2005 bmw R1200RT. Red
ESA electronic suspension adjustment, 52,000 miles, Michelin Pilot 2 tires, new front, near new rear, Cee Bailey windshield, BMW engine guards, Bar Backs and accessory mount, BMW tank bag, Cover, Aftermarket trunk, Rick Meyer style seat, Battery tender, manual, recent service, just registered for next year. \$9,500
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1999 BMW F650 w/Givi luggage - \$3,250, Well, I hate to do it, because I love this bike, but between the tax man calling, and the fact that I'm not riding it enough to justify keeping it, it's time for some-

one else to enjoy this awesome bike. 1999 BMW F650 Classic / Funduro. 11,763 miles. It features: A Bags Connection tank bag with SW-Motech quick detach mount Givi E21 side cases Givi V46 Top Case Rick Meyer Custom Saddle Engine guards (unsure of brand) Grip warmers The bike is in perfect condition - needs nothing. Ready to be ridden cross country and back. This bike has been very well taken care of during it's life. It's in pristine condition - especially considering it's a 13 year old bike. My loss is your gain. It's located in the Sacramento, CA, USA area. PM me if for more info or if you would like to take a look at it. \$3,250 OBO.

Mike Long, longmd@gmail.com

1150 GS Mandarin, 6500 miles, recent top to bottom service at A&S; many extras, accessories and riding apparel. Jerry Cooper (530) 878-2858 jcoopster160@gmail.com

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

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Randy Steffen, (530) 748-8884
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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
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Jeremy Hollis , (916) 718-9553
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2012 Calendar of Upcoming Events

Check often because events are always being added or changed.

- July 7th, 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.
- July 10th, 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!

- 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.
 Aug 4, Sat. 100,000 Foot Colorado Pass Ride, Lakewood, CO, 6:00am , BMW Motorcycle Club of Colorado.
 Aug 4-5 14th annual Yerington ride & bowl at the Casino West. The motel part is now called the Yerington Inn, call 775-463-5310, for room reservations mention River City Beemers for your discount. Room price will be \$57.24 including tax regardless if it's for one bed or two . Bowling will be at 17:00 hours on Saturday. New management, new rates. It will still be lots of fun and great riding over the Sierras! Book ahead for your \$10 dinner and breakfast Buffet Coupon with Kim Rydalch, email: kcrydalch@comcast.net
 Aug 11 RCB Toy Run, see newsletter for details
 Aug 17-19 Tahoe Chill 2012, Location: Camp Richardson, South Lake Tahoe, see newsletter for details
 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.
 Oct 14 Sun 5 passes 2012, start time and location TBA. Check future newsletters
 Nov 18 Sun 2013 Planning meeting 5 pm, location TBA
 Dec 8 Sat 2012 Christmas Party at A&S Powersports, 6:30 pm

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Phil Wood took a photo of his 111F BMW display while riding to St. George, UT in May 2012



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