

# River City Beemers



BMW MOA Club #210 & BMWRA Club #104

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### Membership Meeting

First Sat of Month at 8:00am  
Susie's Country Oaks Cafe  
500-G Cirby Way  
Roseville CA

### Director's Meeting

Second Tue of Month at  
Cabos Restaurant 7:00 pm  
8570 Auburn-Folsom Road  
Granite Bay, CA  
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### Breakfast - Be There!

Every Saturday 8 am  
Susie's Country Oaks Cafe  
500-G Cirby Way Roseville CA

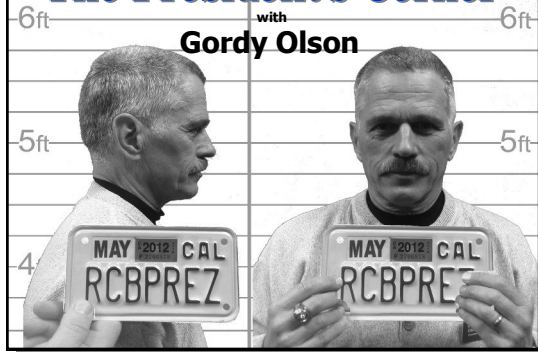
### Weds. Dinner Ride

Meet between 5-6:30 pm  
Leaves every Wednesday  
evening at 6:30 pm from The  
Coffee Republic in Folsom

### Thurs. Breakfast crew

Meet at 8am and ride by 9am  
Brookfield's Restaurant  
11135 Folsom Blvd  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

## The President's Corner



Fall has officially arrived, so it's time to redirect our attention from riding (summer style) to riding (autumn style). Please note that I did not recommend riding in "fall style" as that may have been misinterpreted by some as a PREZidential directive to just "Lay 'er down!" rather than applying the brakes with force, skill, and confidence.

RCB organized the Poker Run at the Beemer Bash up in Quincy and I am glad to report that one of our own – Jeff Conrad-Forrest – rode away with the top prize!! Attendance was down somewhat at the rally itself, perhaps reflecting a sluggish economy or simply a declining interest in rallying among younger riders. RCB was well represented, as always, and those of us who attended had a grand old time. No good deed goes unpunished, so we will be handling the Poker Run again in 2014.

This month marks our return to Manchester Beach for the annual Fall Classic! We can argue/debate/discuss the wisdom of our current plan to alternate annually between the KOA's in Manchester Beach and in Cloverdale after we return from the coast. Many of us like the variety, while others feel loyal to one KOA or the other. Please let me (or one of the other Board members) know your preference so we can "give your opinion all due consideration". (That's the sort of diplomatic language I used for 25 years so I could firmly commit to something without really committing to anything! As we used to say in the diplomacy business: "Sincerity is the key. Once you can fake that, the rest is easy.") Once we have reviewed the opinions of all

our members, I will make a completely unbiased decision on how to proceed in future years, based solely on my personal whims and prejudices.

Amid the ongoing debates about debt ceilings, Obamacare, et al., it is also the height of the political season for the RCB. November 2 is RCB Election Day (as well as our regular monthly meeting and raffle) and we are still looking for members interested in serving on the Board of Directors. All the current officers are standing for re-election, but any one else who is interested in becoming an officer is most welcome to enter the fray. Several Board members have decided to go into semi-retirement, so we definitely need a few of you to step up and run for those spots. Our club cannot function effectively without an active and committed Board of Directors.

The annual RCB Christmas Party/Elf Gathering is scheduled for December 7th at A&S. It's time to polish those pointed shoes, iron your tights, and dust off your red and white striped vests! As Santa says: The more elves, the merrier!

Ride often, ride with a purpose, ride with your friends, and enjoy the experience. Riding in a car is like watching a movie. Riding a motorcycle is like being in the movie!

Cheers,  
Gordy  
RCBPREZ



## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Meeting:** River City Beemers Board Meeting

**Location:** Cabos Restaurant, 8570 Auburn Folsom Rd., Granite Bay, CA

**Minutes:** Tom Moe

**Date:** September 10, 2013

**Next Meeting:** October 8, 2013

<i>Officers</i>			
P	Gordy Olson (President)	P	Jack Klauschie (VP)
P	Dave Alexander (Treasurer)	P	Tom Moe (Secretary)
<i>Directors</i>			
	Rick Blake (Director Emeritus)	P	Rand Olson
P	Ken Caruthers (Webmaster)		Stan Paolini (Director Emeritus)
P	Terry Lee	P	Lynn Yelland (Women's Liaison)
P	Marv Lewis		Kim Rydalch
P	Mike Herte	P	Fred Jewell
P	Ray Nuguit - (Membership)		
<i>Guests</i>			
	Greg Gibson		Jeannie Thurston

**Treasurer's Report** – The treasurer presented the treasurers report. As of June 30 the total current assets were \$11,857.91 including \$1,840 carried for fixed assets.

**Events Closed:** Tahoe Chill – Net Expenses: \$103.90 (budget was \$375)

**Membership Report** – Membership Director, Ray Nuguit said that we standing at 189 members.

FIRST_NAME	LAST_NAME	CITY	ST
Dana	Dupar	Granite Bay	CA
Tammy and Kurt	Matthews	Roseville	CA
Randy	Crump	Grass Valley	CA
Mark	Glassen	Orangevale	CA
Rick	Barba	Sacramento	CA
James	Morphis	Auburn	CA

### Old Business

Update on the member retention and A & S Cycle discount. The logistics were discussed on how to get the list of renewals to A & S Cycle for the discount. Dave will send Mike Herte the renewal list as renewals come in or at the end of the month allowing for the members to exercise the discount the month following renewal.

It was reported that Beemer Bash and the poker run was a success with one of our members, Jeff Conrad-Forrest, win-

ning the event. It was reported that there were approximately 280 attendees at the rally, down from previous years. Manchester Beach planning and preparation continues in the very capable hands of Lynn Yeland and Jeannie Thurston. The event was inadvertently priced at \$15.00 for early registrants and will be \$20.00 for late registrants on the website. There seems to be no objection so the price will be maintained and the event may actually turn a small profit. Nineteen early bird registrants have already committed. The raffle will be a 50/50 with some return to the treasury and the poker run may also turn a profit as players are allowed to purchase as many \$5.00 hands as they might choose. The game will be to assemble the word BEACH either on the way to the event or could be accomplished on Saturday locally as well. The firewood will be delivered on Friday. The kitchen was reserved by Gordy with Yolanda. Breakfast will be provided Saturday and Sunday with dinner on Saturday night. Friday night the guests are on their own for nourishment. Fred will prepare his signature Bloody Mary's as well.

Further discussion was held on the possibility of a two day 10 passes ride for the benefit of the members and possibly a way to create a little revenue. More consideration and planning will be required but this was generally accepted by the board as a great idea. The challenge seems to be finding a landing spot for the night with camping and motels available as well.

Nor-Cal has asked us if we would be interested in co-sponsoring the 49er Rally each Memorial Day Weekend. Their early registrations were so low they almost canceled it this year. The rally was held and did break even only after concessions were negotiated with the fairgrounds. Putting on a rally takes a lot of volunteers as well. This topic will take considerably more discussion at the board level and RCB member volunteers. The risk and reward of putting on rallies was discussed at length. It was suggested that a representative of Nor-Cal attend an upcoming RCB board meeting and present the concept to the RCB Board for consideration.

### New Business

Mike Herte reminded the board that the annual A & S Cycle Vintage Show is scheduled for October 19. He asked if RCB would supply some cooks, we agreed we would. One of A & S Cycle's barbecues has ceased to function. RCB does not own a unit so we would not be able to provide one for the event. It was suggested to get long handled spatulas and/or oven-gloves so the cooks don't burn their hands.

Ken noticed that the annual 5 passes ride was not on the calendar and proposed October 13 which was accepted by the board. Tongue firmly planted in cheek, Gordy asked Ken if he knew someone who could map out such a ride. Ken said he would look around and try to find someone. Hopefully he will find someone. If not he (Ken) will just have to do it himself. Gordy volunteered to lead the more leisurely group and Marv volunteered to ride sweep for that group. Gordy suggested that perhaps Ken could lead a GPS class so we all could figure out how to operate those new fangled

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES** *CONTINUED*

contraptions. Ken said he would do that. Gordy said he had been contacted by several vendors who would like to attend the monthly meetings, provide a lovely raffle gift and give a short presentation. One is Clear Water Lights and the other Big Ear. The board saw no harm in this and agreed that such tasteful and appropriate presentations would be a benefit to the group especially if they were safety and comfort related.

The November elections are coming soon. The standing President, VP, Secretary and Treasurer are willing to stand for another term. Several board members will not stand for election so new board members will be recruited.

We have all noticed that Stan Paolini appeared to be in declining health of late, Fred confirmed he has prostate cancer and is not doing well. Fred moved and Gordy seconded doing something for him for about \$100.00. The motion carried. Fred will take care of getting something from the club to assist him in his hour of need and showing him that the club really values his long contribution to the club. We wish him the very best and hopefully a full recovery.

**IRON BUTT EVENT**

September's club meeting was a little light on attendance due to the number of RCBers at the Beemer Bash, but it was well attended by those who finished the RCB "Feel the Heat" California Saddlesore 1000. We were able to award eight of the nine



intrepid riders with their Iron Butt Association certificates, license plate frames and pins at the meeting (which, by the way, was very well run by Gordy's stand in, our esteemed treasurer Dave Alexander).

These riders endured not only riding 1000 miles in less than 24 hours, but had to endure temperatures ranging from the mid



50's all the way to well over 110 in several areas, no minor feat. All the riders started at the same time on Saturday, June 8, rode south to Kettleman City, west to Paso Robles, north through S.F. and across the Golden Gate Bridge, continu-

ing north to Eureka, east to Redding and back south to Sacramento. They quickly broke up into smaller groups riding together, but were all able to finish within 40 minutes of each other, taking 18 hours to 18 hours 40 minutes total, an average of 54 - 55 mph. Congratulations to all of you, and welcome to a small (but growing) exclusive group!

**THE ADVENTURE COLUMN****JEFF & RAND'S USA TOUR**

I met Jeff at Colfax and we headed out hoping to make Rock Springs sometime later in the day. Our thought was to blow out as many miles as possible the first day and get into some country we were not as familiar with as quickly as possible. Jeff and I have made several long distance rides together and are pretty familiar with each other's quirks and habits. I caution taking on 23 days on the road with someone you are not familiar with. There are a lot of small things that become big things when you spend virtually 24 hours a day with someone for many days on end. I suggest that a sense of humor is essential. We both got along well together, ride about the same way, are about the same age, go to bed about the same time. Both of us are early morning people so we'd get started fairly early and be on the road by 6:30 or 7 in the morning. The first couple of days are a little tiring until one's body becomes accustomed to 12 hours of moving on a bike. I recommend standing up on the pegs every so often. Jeff and I'd kid each other about fighting "deep vein thrombosis" and I stand up from time to time.

We didn't make our goal the first day. We stopped at Park City, Ut. for the night. Early the next morning it was up through Wyoming and to Sturgis, S.D. I always like to stop at Sturgis BMW because they are really cool people. We talked to a guy in Deadwood, SD who lived north in ND and was told not to go straight up to the Canadian Border. Bismark and Wilton, ND was overrun with Energy Exploration equipment, big trucks and road construction. We decided to swing east and then up through Minnesota and Wisconsin. Crossed the border of Canada at Sault Ste Marie, Canada then across Canada on route 17. After the initial shock of not being in the US and the cost of traveling in Canada wore off we settled into our routine.

Several things that I noticed while traveling. The first is that there are some mysterious forces inside my panniers. Once I closed them and had to reopen them they didn't like to be closed again. The longer we ran after a couple of weeks these forces gave up and the lids were much easier to close. I think the things in them just gave up the fight and decided to travel well. The second thing I noticed is that the more you run a BMW engine the better it likes to run. I've been across the country on my LT with Fred and then this time with Jeff and both bikes just like to run and run.

As we proceeded across eastern Canada we decided we didn't want any more of the slow roads and high prices and at Ottawa headed south to the boarder and crossed back into the US at Ogdensburg, NY. I was born in NY but had never been across the northern part. Everything was clean and neat and prosperous looking whereas in Canada things seemed a lot less prosperous and more run down.

## THE ADVENTURE COLUMN *CONTINUED*

We proceeded across NY, Vermont and New Hampshire to Maine. I had no idea of what to expect in Maine. From Google Maps it looks like a swamp. Riding through it it's a "green tunnel" meaning that with all the trees on each side of the road you can't see a thing. We decided to take small side trips to the coast and took the 10-12 mile side roads to the coast. In doing so, you find quaint little fishing villages such as Eastport



The Atlantic Ocean

and Jonesport, Maine. Neat little towns with working people trying to make a living. We had a opportunity to meet a sea captain in Bar Harbor, Maine. Spent some time talking to him about what he does and how he does it. Fascinating stuff! I didn't know that sea captains licenses are issued by the weight of the ship they run. This fellow ran a big motor launch up and down the Atlantic Coast for some wealthy owners. In the



Bar Harbor Maine

The town of Bar Harbor was founded on the north-east shore of Mount Desert Island, which the Wabanaki Indians knew as Pemetic, meaning "range of mountains" or "mountains seen at a distance."

South through Eastern Maine. We had been out to the coast and were heading back to the main road. Jeff was about 100 yards ahead of me and the road was a two lane road with no shoulder. About a quarter of a mile ahead was a sweeping, gentle right hand dog leg turn. A grey Ford Focus passed me and I assumed because it was going so slow that it would slide in between our bikes. Much to my amazement the car kept going in the oncoming lane and was going to try and pass Jeff. Much to my horror I saw an oncoming car. They were trying to move as far to their right but the road was narrow. I saw an oncoming wreck! The car that was passing didn't seem to hurry at all, the oncoming car was trying to evade but had no place to go. At that point it was either a head on collision or the grey Ford was going to wipe Jeff out. At the very last minute the grey Ford whipped in front of Jeff, missing him by just feet. Jeff never saw it coming as it was all behind him until the very last minute. I was very much shaken. I passed Jeff and got the license number of the grey Ford

in the winter he catches rides on big ships headed for South America. He hires on as a "deck hand" gets paid \$100 a day and goes all over the So. Atlantic and South America for free.

One morning Jeff and I were returning to Highway 1, the main road running North and

and a description of the driver and turned it in to the Sheriff's office at the next town we came to.

One thing I noticed on the East Coast is that no matter what shape the house or how far back in the trees it is there is always a big, green and always mowed lawn!! They like their lawns and I don't recall seeing one that wasn't mowed even though the house on the property maybe about to fall down.

I found an amazing device on eastern roads! It's called a toll road! They use them a lot. Most of the ones that we

used were on a rainy day. Here's the drill... Pull up to the toll booth and that is where all the cars stop so it has a lot of grease and engine oil around it so one needs to be careful to keep things upright. Bike in neutral, take off wet gloves (ignore the cars behind you honking their horns) go underneath your one piece and find your wallet, get it out and find the proper toll and then reverse the process to get going keeping your concentration always on keeping the bike upright and not upon the people shouting bad things at you. I wasn't used to toll roads and have only been on a couple of them but they keep you on your toes and give you that warm feeling knowing that you're doing "your share" in keeping the roads maintained in whatever state you're in. I don't know what they use the toll for because the highways are no better

than any of the others we were on across the country!! It certainly wasn't for road improvement!



The New Croton Dam, part of the New York City water supply system, stretches across the Croton River near Croton-on-Hudson, New York, about 22 miles (35 km) north of New York City. Construction began in 1892 and was completed in 1906

Of the 23 days we were gone, we spent 1 day in Fishkill, N.Y. with some of my relatives, down at Avon, N.C. on the Outer Banks we spent another day with some of Jeff's

in-laws. Hatteras is definitely a different sort of place. Most of the houses are rented by the week where people come to party and vacation. We stayed with a permanent resident.

On the way home we stayed with Terry Cafferty and his wife Ruby, one of the original River City Beemers members. At the MOA Rally in Salem this past July I had an opportunity to visit



## THE ADVENTURE COLUMN *CONTINUED*

with Terry. He had ridden out from North Carolina. Many of the old timers knew him and I thought that he lived around Roseville. Then I looked at his bike and the license plates were from NC. We had a great time at Terry and Ruby's. Stopped one night at Jeff's daughter, Tiffany and her husband Kelly and the 3 granddaughter's. Lovely family!!

As we started home we ran into some really nasty truckers on eastern Hwy. 40. They would get side by side and go for miles and not let us by. Then when we did pass them they would waive and smile at our inconvenience. This went on for several hundred miles and then all of a sudden there were very few trucks on the road. Jeff told me that they turn south and head for Dallas, Tx.

One of the more beautiful parts of the trip is through Northern New Mexico. Raton, Cimarron and Red River. It's just gorgeous up there. I had been through there several years ago with Fred Jewell, and Chuck Carney but never up to Red River and Raton. I highly recommend anyone in that area to ride that road. Coming through the Capital Reef State Park in Utah early in the morning is one of the most breath taking experiences any biker could wish for. It is magnificent by any standard! As we rode along through Utah I asked myself if there were any mail routes open in that area. I would like to apply and run that road daily!!

As I mentioned we were gone for 23 days. When I got home people would ask me if I was glad to be home. I was for about 3 hours. Then if I had the opportunity I would have headed out in a hot second! It's not that I don't like my home or the work that I do it's just the fact that for me, riding up the road is irresistible. To have the bike running under you and the wind blowing by and the sights and smells of the road are incredible. The last night we were out we stayed at the "Jailhouse" motel in Ely, NV. It rained that night and the next day the smell of the damp sagebrush on Highway 50 was simply magnificent. The trips I've been so privileged to travel on with Fred Jewell, Jeff Chessher, and Mike Harvey are etched in my memory for ever and will always be a big part of me.

## YOUR SMARTPHONE AS A CAMERA

It's easy and making them look good doesn't take much. These days it's relatively easy to point a camera phone at something memorable or interesting, push the button and then upload the results to a social media website or the RCB newsletter editor. People of all ages are doing it, to the point where more photos are being taken with smart phones than with any other kind of camera.



## BATTERY TECHNOLOGY

### BEST ELECTRIC MOTORCYCLE OF 2013



## 2013 Zero S

The electric motorcycle race is marching on at a rapid pace, and the [2013 Zero S](#) is the latest example of how far the performance gap to gas bikes is closing. Last year, the [Zero S/DS](#) duo was the first legitimate entries we could even remotely compare to a gas counterpart in terms of performance. For 2013, however, there's no question a Zero's performance is on par with 250cc gas bikes, and perhaps even better.

A bigger motor coupled with a larger battery give it more power and longer range, while advancement in charging systems means the new bikes fill up 25% faster when using a standard wall outlet. For even quicker charging, the Zero can be filled to 95% capacity in under an hour at a CHAdeMO station which, granted, are few and far between.

While still not as quick as what's possible, this battery technology is enabling many riders to shed their range anxiety while performing their usual daily routine. Don't be surprised to see real-world mileage figures near 80 under normal operating conditions. Take advantage of Zero's ingenious smartphone app, and the performance of the machine can be custom tailored to your needs. Each year the e-bike manufacturers make massive improvements from the year before, and Zero has thoroughly impressed in 2013. We can't wait to see what's still to come.





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2. DAVIDE GUIGLIANO (APRILIA)
3. MARCO MELANDRI (BMW)
4. TOM SYKES (KAWASAKI)
5. SYLVAIN GUINTOLI (APRILIA)
6. JULES CLUZEL (SUZUKI)
7. TONI ELIAS (APRILIA)
8. ROGER LEE HAYDEN (SUZUKI)
9. DAVID SALOM (KAWASAKI)
10. MICHEL FABRIZIO (HONDA)
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