

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
916-797-1996

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



This is the last newsletter of the year and also the last of my current term as President. That said, due to the brilliance of my re-election campaign (coupled with the unwillingness of any other RCB'er to even consider serving as president!), I will be back again in 2014 to lead our merry band! Naturally, I will be assisted by the other officers and board members who were recently elected. The Club simply could not function without their tireless efforts and their combined good humor.

This is an excellent time to reflect on the past year and to look forward to the new one. The Club had a number of very successful events during the year, highlighted by the nearly perfect Fall Classic at Manchester Beach! The combination of ideal weather, great roads, delicious food, plenty of libations, and wonderful fellowship made the Classic a truly remarkable event. Other events worthy of special mention include the Ride 'n' Bowl in Yerington, the Tahoe Chill, the Oyster Ride, the Lois Lewis Memorial Poker Run, and the Railroad Flat Fourth of July picnic. All of those events are expected to return in 2014. We are still looking for volunteers to organize the Fall Classic and I hope somebody (or somebodies) will step up soon so we can finalize the 2014 calendar. We are hoping to add a number of events this year, including a Southwest U.S. tour and a second Tech Day.

Our annual Christmas party will be held on December 7 and I hope that everyone is planning to attend. Details about that shindig are available on the RCB website and we have also sent an e-mail reminder to those members for whom we have e-mail addresses. We are plan-

ning to use these e-mail alerts more frequently in the future (rather than simply to announce the availability of the monthly newsletter). Hopefully, that will improve the lines of communication and solve the problem of folks finding out about the "Day After Thanksgiving Ride" on the day after Christmas! Let me know if you have other ideas about spreading the word to the larger membership.

I want to express my personal gratitude and that of the entire Club to Bruce, Fred, and all the others who helped make the Toy Run to the Sacramento Children's Home such a success. Those kids are in a tough situation and our generosity (and our hamburgers) definitely gave them something to be cheerful about. Hopefully, we will be able to do something similar at least once next year.

I will be exploring additional ways to make your RCB membership pay off. Clearwater Lights will be presenting a demonstration of their products and we are hoping to arrange a discount for Club members on these and other products. My goal is to make sure that everybody gets much more than their money's worth for their annual dues (starting with those who renew on time and get their discounted month at A&S).

With all the new bikes expected, 2014 looks like it will be a very good year to be a Beemer enthusiast. I am fully confident that some new GS Adventures, water-cooled RT's, S1000R's, and maybe even an R NineT or two will be in Club members' futures and proudly on display at Susie's each Saturday.

Ride hard, ride often, ride safely, ride that long and circuitous route from Point A to Point B, and ride with your buddies!

Cheers,
Gordy
RCBPREZ



DRIVING FROM THE PILLION

...POPS

Having just finished my semi-biannual maintenance-lubing the muffler bearings, a double volume exchange of air in the tires, and synching the GPS with the ESA, I set off to do some much needed chicken strip maintenance. After I get over the whizzies, I often like to give the bike its head, if I've got no particular destination in mind. If you've ever had the privilege of corralling a real mustang for the fall roundup, one who's been running free for the whole summer, it's kinda like that. After 10 minutes or so of establishing who's the alpha male, letting the horse just go can lead to one hell of a ride-just hang on & see what happens.

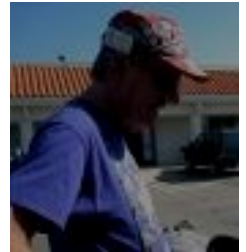
With a few hilly/twisties accomplished, I decided to take back control, get back to the barn, & do some re-synching, as I didn't quite get it right. As I passed a familiar intersection I swear the bike seemed to lurch to the right. This is an intersection I drive through many times a week. I looked up see where the bike tried to go, & realized it's where my Pops permanently pastorally peruses. Hadn't paid my respects in about 10 years-shameful. After a pleasant chat with Pops I swung my leg back over & rather than returning the way I came, I continued on down a shady lane encircling the perimeter of all the green splendor. Not 150 feet down the lane, past the infant section, (wow, that's a tough one), was a fresh, large granite plaque indicating a section reserved for veterans. In a hurry to get home, I nonetheless stopped by the office & found indeed it was a new section & I could repose with a significant other & enjoy all the G.I. bennies. Who'd a thunk?

With fond reflections of Pops fresh in my mind, I headed the bike for the barn. (I don't name my bikes, I think that's stupid and childlike, and I'm certainly not childlike, and I detest anthropomorphization). Almost home I espied a fellow traveler, and indeed fellow club member, on the side of the road, ensnared in a tangle of wires, tears ebbing down his cheeks. Let's just call him "Dart". We've all ridden with this guy-once! The name I assume evolves from his penchant for driving exclusively in the left lane-most preferably the HOV lane-regardless of his speed relative to the flow of traffic. (See earlier epistle re the theory of relativity). He waits for the last possible moment, and then darts for the exit. Heaven help you or anyone else to his right. Of course, he rides a GS, so narrowly missing the exit proper isn't a problem -he just skids, slides, & near get-offs as he pummels through the embankments or ditches as the case may be. Anyway, back to Dart's near electrocution. I

hate electric clothing-I gots it. I don't even like earplugs & after 48+ years of marriage, I've long since lost any fear of hearing impairment. Seems poor Dart had put on the electric jacket, then his overcoat & gloves & realized he hadn't unzipped the pluggy thingies out of the sleeves of the electric coat. He undressed roadside, fetched the pluggy thingies, put everything back on & couldn't plug the gloves in with the gloves on. I caught him at or about his fourth? disrobement, whenst he was trying to preassemble the whole caboodle prior to donment. Thus the optic secretions. So again picture the two of us roadside, me performing the duties of electric valet as I buttoned, snapped & zipped him up. As he fired up the beast I cautioned him to start his remote Bluetooth dual controller on low, lest he precipitate another crisis-fried Dart. Of course, I gave him a good five minute headstart. Ah the perils of travel, & all I wanted to think about was my Pops...

The above may translate better by being read aloud in a small group setting availing proper tonal inflection when required.)

bmrbjack is a retired bouncer who is refining his literary skills as a part-time classified ad proof reader for the local daily rag. He rides a GS & the first K, not always at the same time.



RETRACTIONS

The article on Manchester Beach last month mentioned that "the donation of the collapsible table was made by Terry Lee." The correction is: The table was built and donated by Terry Dilley. Woops, Thank you Terry.

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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

RCB CHRISTMAS PARTY 2013

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, BEGINNING AT 6:30PM

The annual RCB Christmas/Holiday Party 2013 will be at A&S Motor-sports. We will start setting up at 5pm when A&S closes for the day and would welcome any elf volunteers to help with the tables, etc.



The Club will provide turkey, ham, and a variety of beverages (both alcoholic and non-alcoholic). Members are asked to bring a pot-luck item based on the distribution below:

Last names starting with A-D: Salads
Last names starting with E-K: Side Dishes (vegetables, casseroles, etc.)
Last names starting with L-Z: Desserts.



As always, if you have a genuine specialty dish then by all means ignore the alphabet and just make your favorite! There have been recent reports of elf sightings in the greater Roseville area and some may well be at the party.

We will hold our regular monthly raffle at the party. In addition to the regular raffle tickets, everyone (even the "thrifty" members) will get a free door prize ticket for a chance at a \$350 A&S gift certificate.

Hope to see everyone there!!

BLACK FRIDAY

DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING RIDE

RCB's annual Day After Thanksgiving ride had picture perfect weather, very little traffic and a bonus stop at Lockeford Meat and Sausage Market. Led by Mike Robles, the small but enthusiastic group followed a somewhat circuitous (the best kind) but scenic route to the Waterloo Inn for lunch. Not a shopping bag, black Friday sale flyer or football game to be seen anywhere!



2014 BMW MOA International Rally

BMW MOA Rally

July 24 - 27, 2014



We would like to invite you all to start making plans for the 2014 BMW MOA Rally, at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds July 24 - 27 next year.

Karol Patzer is Chair of the 2014 Rally, and Deb Lower is serving as her Co-Chair.



Minnesota offers a lot of riding, and around 10,000 lakes. Combine that with a town like St. Paul and you're looking at a great location and event!

Start planning your trip at www.visitsaintpaul.com and also at www.visitroseville.com for more details and area information.

Learn more about the State Fairgrounds at www.mnstatefair.org



Mark your calendars and we'll see you in Minnesota!



RIDING IN THE EAST

I would speculate many a RCB rider has spent time riding their bike on the eastern side of our continental stately hood. For myself the eastern motorcycle experience has been a first. My previous experiences in the east were limited to a year in New York on Governors Island during my hitch in the Coast Guard for Electronics training in the late 70s. Two weeks in Raleigh North Carolina for some Novell training in the 90s and a few vacations to Disney World with the wife and kids.

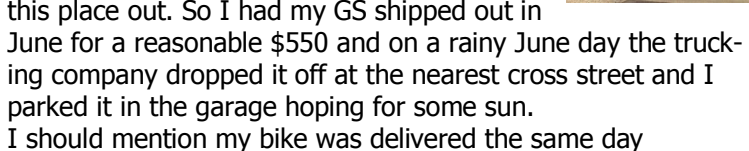
This past February I made the move to Washington DC the Rome of Government and found a room in Bethesda MD with a distant relative. Now that the kids are grown and on their own it seemed right to move up the chain and pump up the retirement. Now many would say and have actually said, What the hell are you doing? Moving across country leaving the wife to manage the homestead on her own! Well she's a tough gal and has stepped up to the task so far. Plus we are fortunate to have an amazing group of neighbors that have become such wonderful friends. So back to the east... Feb through May were fairly cold even though they report it was a mild winter.



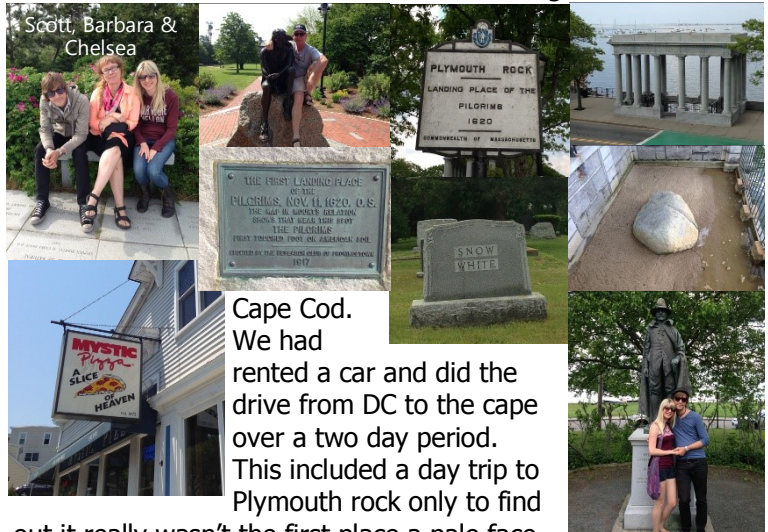
I picked up a nice Marin comfort bike in May as DC is a pretty bike friendly city. I started trekking around the area on two wheels under my own power if nothing else to try and keep the winter fat off, unfortunately that did not work out so well... I still have that 10 lbs even after summer!



Four months of subway and bus excursions exploring all the free museums has taken its toll on my waistline. So once it started warming up in May and started raining at least once a day I thought I need to get out into the country and check this place out. So I had my GS shipped out in June for a reasonable \$550 and on a rainy June day the trucking company dropped it off at the nearest cross street and I parked it in the garage hoping for some sun. I should mention my bike was delivered the same day



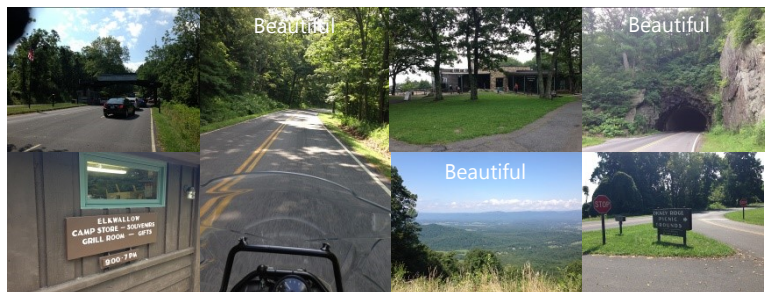
Barbara, Scott my son and his girlfriend Chelsea showed up for a first time visit to the east for a week long vacation to



Cape Cod. We had rented a car and did the drive from DC to the cape over a two day period. This included a day trip to Plymouth rock only to find out it really wasn't the first place a pale face dropped anchor... Did you know Snow White is buried in Cape Cod? I didn't. Had to stop in Mystic for an amazing mystic pizza... See the movie Mystic Pizza if you haven't.



We moved on to Lancaster PA to see our Amish brethren, I liked the washing machine with the Briggs and Stratton engine, its not OK to use electricity but fossil fuels rock apparently. So all in all the family really enjoyed to trip and now I was left alone once again to start exploring the east... So on with the riding narratives...



My first adventure was a day trip west to the Shenandoah valley and mountain range, A westerner would call them hills but they are actually referred to as mountains here. Sky-line drive is the northern first 130 miles that is connected to the Blue Ridge Parkway. A beautiful ride with stunning outlooks with only two bailouts. I rode the first 90 miles and turned east on the second bailout, I can only take so much beautiful... I plugged in shortest route with no tolls or highways and let the general (my GPS) find our way back to the barn. This method seems to work fairly well for me as I always seem to stumble on the best back roads, thank you General Zumo... *Shenandoah check.*



EASTERN ADVENTURES *CONTINUED*


My next few weeks were local adventures in the Maryland area, once you're out of the city proper the country really opens up into beautiful lush green rolling hills and roads. The towns are small and most have a lot of old historical landmarks to see. I came across a very cool coffee shop in Brunswick MD called "Beans in the belfry" an original 1800 era church converted into a very eclectic coffee house with entertainment. A new favorite.



As July ushered its way in the weather was warming up but no sign of the humid weather that I had been warned about. I returned to California in July, and on a lovely 104 degree day our oldest son Max wed our new daughter in law Amanda, Our first born and first wed. Absolutely one of my best days ever, seeing my son wed a wonderful women who you know will bring him joy and pain beyond his current comprehension is a wonderful thing for a father. I returned to Maryland to hear how hot and humid the previous week was...

My next adventure was my first eastern BMW rally up in Watkins Glenn New York at the base of the finger lakes. I stayed Thu & Fri



but I wanted to see more of Pennsylvania so I ventured off for a destination south west that I have always wanted to see ever sense the movie Groundhog day came out with Bill Murray. Punxsutawney PA, the home of Punxsutawney Phil the weather groundhog. *Punxsutawney Check* 



TO BE CONTINUED

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting: River City Beemers Board Meeting
Location: Cabos Restaurant, 8570 Auburn Folsom Rd., Granite Bay, CA
Minutes: Lynn Yelland
Date: November 12th, 2013
Next Meeting: December 10th, 2013

Officers		
P	Gordy Olson (President)	Jack Klauschie (VP)
P	Dave Alexander (Treasurer)	Tom Moe (Secretary)
Directors		
	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	Bob Lawrence (Newsletter)
P	Mike Herte	Fred Jewell
	Ray Nuguit – (Membership)	
Guests		
	Mike	

'P' indicates member was present at the meeting

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Treasurer's Report – Year to date continues to improve as we cut another \$241 from the loss. More details can be found in treasurer's report.

Membership Report – Membership is at 187 paid members. This does not include spouses.

Old Business

Club Meeting Guests – Gordy has asked Clearwater Lights to join our club meeting in January.

Women's Liaison – Jeanie and Dave will work on verbiage to add to Bylaws.

Planning Meeting - will be 11-17-13 at the Round Table on Greenback at Madison Avenue. Meeting starts at 7:00 PM.

Toy Run – On track for November 23rd. Plenty of cooks have volunteered. A&S will have a box at dealership where folks can place donations. Fred will post donations list on Forum.

New Business

Christmas party is December 7th this year. Jack is the planner and Marv will help. They will post details on forum.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:27 PM.



What will you put under the tree for that special motorcyclist in the family??

A Christmas list for the moto head in the family...



Beer is always a safe bet ... Mr. Beer offers many flavors for the novice to have some fun brewing his/her own .

http://www.mrbeer.com/category-exec/category_id/181?utm_source=verticalsearchworks&utm_medium=ppc&utm_campaign=verticalsearchworks&vswfp=AI5wxwQsCVCGB90J5PrhuRIunVQKG_1ZKQEBynzqV9n_1bzCLDgprDGLyIenk_2JXIUXYi7bvz8DRSihwSgLSvegtk

A new Motorcycle is always a safe bet, you can even participate in the joy by taking them to pick out that chrome laden beauty. your loved one will revel in your essence through the new year. Remember to take him/her to one of our clubs gracious supporters to pick out that two wheeled freedom machine.

Finally if you are left puzzled Christmas eve cash always says Merry Christmas honey... I love ya.

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