

RCB Newsletter



BMW MOA Club #210 & BMWRA Club #104

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Recurring Events:

Member Meeting: 1st Saturday of Every Month

Location: Susie's Country Oaks Cafe,
1000 Melody Lane,
Roseville, CA 95678

Breakfast or such whenever you arrive. Meeting starts about 8:00 A.M. and runs until 9:00 A.M., depending on what the Rafflemeister has in his goodie bag. Weather and other factors permitting there is a member ride after the meeting. Check the web site for details at rcb.org.

Wednesday Night Dinner Ride

Location: Coffee Republic
6610 Folsom-Auburn Road,
Folsom, CA 95630

Riders meet at the Folsom Coffee Republic before heading out to a local dining establishment 30-45 minutes away. After dinner, the riders return home on their own. Yes, we ride in rain and during holiday periods. Each week's destination is usually posted in the forum on the previous Monday or Tuesday.

Board of Directors Meeting

Location: Kathrin's Biergarten
4810 Granite Dr.
Rocklin, Ca.

The RCB board of directors meets monthly to review past activities and plan future events, taking into consideration member interest and cost. The meeting is open to all. While the meeting begins at 7:00 P.M., most directors gather earlier to have dinner.



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RCB Calendar of Events

(See RCB Web Site / Forum for Details)

August 16-18 Tahoe Chill – Camp Richardson

Aug. 30 Sept. 2 Gypsy Tour / To Be Announced

September 7 Monthly Member Meeting - Club Ride

Sept. 6-8 Mt. Lassen / Lost Creek Group Campground, Mt. Lassen National Park

October 4-6 Monthly Member Meeting / Manchester Beach

November 2 Monthly Member Meeting - Club Ride

November 17 2020 Planning Meeting

December 7 Monthly Member Meeting - Club Ride

December Holiday Party / TBD

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President's Corner August 2019

Happy August folks! So far, this summer has been very mild for the Sacto. Area. Last weekend was an exception as a group I rode with experienced temps to 106. Hottest temps we've seen this year but all in all it has been mild. Get to 5k ft. of elevation or higher and you'll enjoy reasonable temps and beautiful green vistas. It's August but still springtime in the high country!

Speaking of which, this month's Club ride will take us on a great route where we will dine at the Coyote Bar and Grill in Graeagle. Great grub in a nice little town. Hope you join the ride. Bout 140 miles but you can turn the day into a 300 miler if you go towards Quincy and catch La Porte Rd. Great road!

Thanks for the pics and representing RCB at Paonia this year Scott. 8 members are in the pic with the RCB banner. Maybe more in attendance? Beautiful country. Think I'll go next year.

Next weekend (Aug. 10) is Lady rider's weekend at A&S where RCB will flip burgers and dogs for the event. This should be a great event for the lady riders. And, we have some great lady riders in RCB. We will cook from about 11 to 1. Come on down and give us a hand!

Following this event will be the Sacramento Mile at Cal Expo. The one that got rained out in May! This is flat tracking at its best. Lotta fun but bring cash cause it is an all cash event. Large grandstand area so I suspect tickets are still available.

Aug. 16th is the annual Tahoe Chill hosted as usual by Jack and Lynell Klauschie with Jenny and Steve Harris. This is always fun and the food is always excellent. There are 27 registrants so far with room for about 7 more. Maybe we'll even see Hello Bear!

Friday Aug. 30th is the beginning of the Range of Light Gypsy Tour which begins in Grass Valley this year. The route is not known till the mornings of Sat. and Sun. Sounds like a lotta fun. Grassy camping, showers, dinner and entertainment. This will be my first time but I hear it is a great weekend. NorCal BMW site has all the info for this event.

The Lost Creek campout in Lassen Nat'l Park is Sep. 6-8 with 9 signed up so far. Please sign up soon so we know how many to feed Sat. night.

The Gary Stofer Memorial Weekend at Manchester Beach sign-ups are open now with 25 signed up to date. We usually have 60 to 70 in attendance so sign up early as the

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KOA needs numbers for the Tri tip and chicken feed Sat. night. Time has a way of slipping by quickly.

Thanks to Jack Klauschie for the fine work on the newsletter. Well done Jack! Please submit your ride reports and any articles/pics to Jack for the newsletter.

And finally, I had an experience a couple of weeks ago I would not like to relive. A very dear friend of mine whom has had health issues and owns an '06 RT rode the bike down from Oregon to commute to work locally here. Bike arrives Thurs. with no problems. Friend calls Sun. with a dead battery and almost NO tools! Come to find out he keeps his bike on a tender at home. Always! The battery was probably 6 years old or better. He couldn't remember. The tender gave him a reason to believe his battery was healthy. In reality, the tender kept the battery charged enough to run the bike before being put back on the tender. After arriving in Roseville and sitting a coupla days the battery showed its age and gave up the ghost! GONE! We bought a battery at A&S then I got a roadside lesson in disassembling the Tupperware on an '06 RT in the blazing sun and laying on the pavement. Probably 20 plus screws to remove the panels then lift the fuel tank for battery access. This would have been easier in my garage. Moral to the story? Watch your battery. Do a pre-emptive strike and change it at home. You'll be glad you did!

See you on the road. Not with a dead battery, I hope.

As always, ride safe, ride often and maintain your ride! Most of all, HAVE FUN!

Mike

Cocoon **By Fred Jewell**

HOW TO GET YOURSELF OUT OF YOUR 150 MILE "COCOON"

When I joined the RCB in 2004 I knew that I wanted to learn more about riding, not only around the local area, but of going longer distances, something I had done little of in 30+ years of riding. Basically, I had kept myself within a "cocoon" of 100 or so miles where I felt safe and secure, but I knew there were people out there going great distances on their motorcycles, and that these people generally preferred BMWs. So, I bought a 2001 R1100RT and joined the club. I found people to ride with and places to go I had never been to and became an accomplished long-distance touring rider. These

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are my suggestions for those who haven't experienced the wonderful world of motorcycle touring and travelling.

If you are new to motorcycling or haven't really gone travelling on your bike yet as I had, then the first suggestion would be to come along on our club rides after the monthly meeting. Most of them are around 100 to 125 miles each way, which can make for a full day when you include lunch. (The other benefit, thanks to ride leader Ken, is riding roads that you probably haven't heard of, let alone ridden).

The second suggestion is to practice, practice, practice! Ride a little further each time you go out on your bike. After doing 250-mile days try for 300, then 350, etc. This should get you into ride planning and following through on those plans, a very important facet of touring. Get yourself used to sitting on your bike for extended periods, settling into a comfortable riding position.

The next thought is to go attend a rally! The Chief Joseph rally in John Day OR is an excellent first rally. Two days of riding to get there, ride the roads around the area, enjoy the people and atmosphere around the rally, and maybe try to ride all the way home in one day, about 600 miles. Once you think you have mastered that trip you should then look at the Top of the Rockies rally in Paonia, CO, another wonderful destination with excellent roads all around it. Many of our RCB members have attended that rally for years so one can always find a group to ride with there and back.

The BMW MOA national rally changes locations every year, this year it's in Tennessee, but in 2020 it will be in Montana. I believe the RCB will have a significant number of members attending, so now that you are a seasoned traveler and rallyer, you should plan on going with them.

Here's what you should have before you set out on any multi day trip (and I'm not going to include camping gear, that's another subject, but be aware that most of these rallies involve camping):

Good tires! Don't leave with tires about to expire or ones you think just might make it, it may be difficult and expensive to replace tires while on the road. You should also make sure that all the other service is up to date on your bike. Another thing - don't install extra farkles on your bike just before leaving; put them on well ahead of time to make sure they are on correctly and are not going to cause problems later.

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Quality riding apparel - jacket, pants, boots, gloves and helmet go without saying, but plan for all kinds of weather, hot, wet and/or cold. Bring rain gear and don't store it at the bottom of your saddlebags! You don't want to be by the side of the road taking all your clothes out of your bag to find them in the rain.

A tire repair kit and mini air pump are essential, but other tools such as torx and metric socket sets can come in handy. You may find there's a need for gorilla tape, WD 40, zip ties and matches at times too. Spare Rok Straps are nice to have when you have to tie something down you didn't expect to tie down. If you don't know what Rok Straps are then go home, throw out your bungee cords and go buy some from A&S.

Water. Don't leave home without it.

Something to clean your helmet visor. Wee Willy and Clear Shot are excellent products that don't take up too much room.

If you take medications daily, bring at least 3 extra days' worth in case you do have to stay on the road longer than originally planned.

LD Comfort or Under Armour underpants and shirts are very good at what they do. You'll be surprised at how much better they make you feel while riding compared to your every-day under garments, and you can wash them in the sink at the motel, wring them out, hang them up and they're dry in the morning. This can cut way down on the number of garments you need to pack, and on a motorcycle, the fewer the better.

I'm hoping this will help someone go out and start exploring the rest of the country on their motorcycle. Go see Yellowstone, visit the national parks in Utah and ride highway 12 when you are there, ride across Nevada on highway 50 (the loneliest road in America) and visit Wheeler Peak and the Lehman Caves, ride highway 36 from Red Bluff to Fortuna CA and ride up the coast into Oregon, explore Colorado and its beautiful scenic passes and elevations, go see Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse and Devil's Tower. Check out the Corn Palace in Mitchell SD and see the giant pheasant sculptures in Winner and Gregory SD. The point is there is a lot to see in this beautiful country, and there is no better way to do it than on a motorcycle.

If anyone has more suggestions, please let us know!



2019 Paonia, CO Rally By Scott Moseman

Seven RCB club members made the trek eastward to attend the Top of the Rockies rally held July 18 – 20 in the small mountain valley town of Paonia, CO. Some members partook in day rides to such places as Grand Mesa, Kebler Pass, Hwy 50/ SR92 loop, Taylor Reservoir, and Telluride. Colorado has some excellent riding and those that attended had a good time sharing stories and meeting new people from across North America. Here are photo highlights



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La Casa de Moseman



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News Flash from Central Cal Redux YOYO Non-Rally fka Beemer Bash

It is official. There will be no Autumn Beemer Bash in 2019.

Not to worry. The powers to be...? have declared 2019 (would have been the 34th Annual Beemer Bash) to be the year of the YOYO (You're On Your Own) Rally. So, if you don't have anything to do on the weekend of September 13 - 15, put your camping gear on the back of your bike and head to Quincy for a non-sponsored campout, not affiliated with CCBR or any of its members. You're on your own.

If you decide to attend this non-event campout at the Quincy Fairgrounds. Camping is

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\$10 per tent per night and RV's are \$20 per vehicle per night. Please pay the fairgrounds office. No Reservations are needed.

The YOYO Rally Provides: Great roads to ride on, dirt and pavement. Acres of grass for camping, showers, restaurants, quiet starry nights to gaze at.

The YOYO Rally does not provide: Registration, Bash pins, door prizes, microbrews, wine, coffee, vendors, poker run, GS ride.

YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN. Come and camp out and see what happens. If you have any questions, don't call or write CCBR, call the fairgrounds. If you don't know how to get to Quincy, Google it. You're on your own, remember.

See you in Quincy.

Disclaimer: The Central Cal BMW Riders (CCBR) is not sponsoring a YOYO Rally or any event at the Quincy Fairgrounds. Camping at the Quincy Fairgrounds is at your own risk.

Please take photos and write notes.

Better yet write an article or ride report.

If you read an interesting article send me a copy.

Please send them to me at jackklau@comcast.net and I will add them to the newsletter to share with members.

Please Check the Forum often to stay updated on club functions and events.



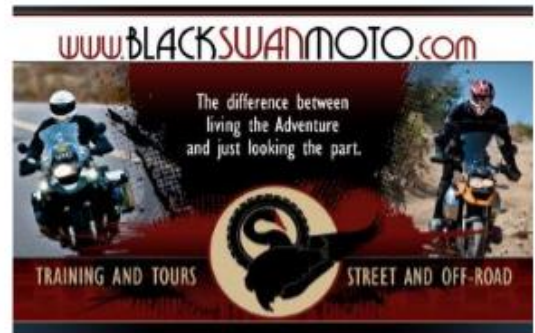


DISCOUNT FOR RCB MEMBERS AT CLEARWATER LIGHTS!!

RCB members can get the brand new "Billie" tail and brake light package from Clearwater Lights for only \$125. The package normally sells for \$149. So buy a set and then use your \$24 savings to cover next year's RCB dues!! The discount is available for April, May, and June only.

The PREZ himself has already availed himself of this opportunity and is happy to show off his new lights to anyone who wants to follow his bike around. The "Billie's" are specially designed for the newer BMW's (GT's, RT's, and GS's) with the "Wonder Wheel" multifunction switch. If you have already gotten a "Can Opener 3" with your Clearwater auxiliary lights then you are all set. If you still have one of the earlier Can Openers (or don't have one at all) you will need to upgrade to the Can Opener 3.

To get your discount, just tell Glen that you're an RCB'er and that "Gordy sent ya!!!!".



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Call Trujillo Tow & Transport! This new towing business, launched by club member Ray Trujillo, specializes in transporting motorcycles using a hydraulic lift system that ensures no stress or strain is ever placed on your bike as it is lifted gently into the truck bed.



Ray's business covers many facets of transporting motorcycles, including:

Roadside Rescue: If your motorcycle breaks down on the highway, Trujillo Tow & Transport (TTT) will cheerfully rescue both you and your motorcycle. Ray also carries gas, air, and can give you a jump-start, if that's what you need.

Motorcycle Transport for Dealers: If you are a dealer who needs to deliver a new motorcycle to a customer, give TTT a call. And rest assured that the bike or bikes will be transported safely and cheerfully.

Rally Transport: If you've always wanted to attend a rally maybe even Sturgis give Ray a call. He will safely transport your bike so it will be waiting when you arrive.

Routine Service & Maintenance Transport: Professionals are you just too busy to have your bike serviced? Give TTT a call and your bike will be picked up and delivered to your preferred service dealer and delivered safely back home again after service.



Trujillo Tow & Transport can carry up to six bikes at a time – two in the bed of a heavy-duty truck, and four in an enclosed trailer specifically outfitted with equipment to ensure safe transportation.

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