



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 more or less at 8:00 A.M. and runs until 9:00 A.M. or so, 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. Locations are chosen the previous week by the participants. 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. Consideration is given to member interest and cost, and the meeting is open to all. While the meeting begins at 7:00 P.M., most of the directors gather earlier to have dinner.



Beartooth Highway.



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RCB Calendar of Events

(See RCB Web Site / Forum for Details)

ALL RCB EVENTS ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE TO COMPLY WITH COVID-19 ORDERS

PLEASE CONSULT THE RCB FORUM FOR DETAILS ON UP-COMING EVENTS

August 14-16	Tahoe Chill – Camp Richardson CANCELLED
Sept. 5	Monthly Member Meeting - Club Ride CANCELLED
Sept. 4-7	Gypsy Tour CANCELLED
Sept. 11-13	Mt. Lassen / Lost Creek Group Campground, Mt. Lassen National Park
Sept. 25-27	Nevada Outback – Off Road
October 2-4	Monthly Member Meeting / Manchester Beach
November 7	Monthly Member Meeting - Club Ride
December 5	Monthly Member Meeting - Club Ride
December 5	Holiday Party

River City Beemers August 2020



President's Corner August 2020

Wow! Here it is August already and the pandemic just rolls on. I don't think any of us saw this long running train wreck going on and on like it has. But, it has, and unfortunately we have to live with it as a hopefully temporary new normal. I am ready for the return of the old normal. Until then, we just have to do this and wait for the pandemic to settle down. Sooner than later WE hope.

The good news you ask? We own motorcycles! We can't meet as a large group but we can still ride. I have managed to ride the better part of 5,000 miles in the last month and through all those miles things felt normal. Until we stopped. You know, masks, social distancing etc... We as riders enjoy that freedom and in this difficult time we should embrace it and wear out some tires and burn some fuel! Several riders can still enjoy great days of riding and it is possible to get a good lunch, as many establishments are serving outside these days. Coupla weeks ago we rode 162/Buck's Lake road to Graeagle for an outstanding burger and on to 49/Downieville to home. 324 miles and home by 4:30. Currently, many camp sites are open. I personally have stayed at a number of KOAs throughout the western states. This can be done while observing pandemic protocol. Often you hear people refer to motorcycle riding as freedom. There you go, and it is true. The daily grind disappears when I am riding and if it doesn't for you then, YOU ARE DOING IT WRONG!

I hope this column finds our members healthy and, I haven't heard anyone is ill, so I'll go with no news is good news. I posted months ago that ALL club activities were indefinitely suspended until further notice and nothing has changed in that regard. Until we are cleared to meet in large groups I am seeing the year 2020 as cancelled. Pretty sure none of us like it, but it is today's reality and until the situation improves we will have to roll with it.

Major League Baseball just started their truncated season with no fans in the stands and now we hear, because of Covid positive tests of players that the season may end before it really gets going. Strange times folks, strange times! My advice would be, go ride your bike. Now. And a lot. Everything is better during a ride.

Until we meet, take care and be safe!

Mike



CV 19 Response

Jeanie Thurston sent this:

It has indeed and continues to be a whacky year. Even riding has its challenges but when you're on the bike that's the greatest feeling still. No masks, physical distancing or hand sanitizer needed! This is a group shot of a recent girls trip that Maggy, Lynn Yelland and I went on. We did a "loop" Sacramento- Cambria- Three Rivers- Bishop- Chester- Yreka- Eureka- Fort Bragg. From left to right: Lynn, Molly Korb, Dee Dee Gray, Sue Childress, Maggy, Jeanie, Janet Davidson.





This from Patrick Kaestner:

Last weekend July 11. & 12th, Dave Detmer, Jerry, Art and I rode up from Auburn past Lake Oroville to Bucks Lake. We stopped off to swim and do some boating thanks to Art's very generous and kind family friends. We were encouraged to race a very competitive five-year old boy on electric scooters which was a bit more fun and smiles then we all were expecting. Then rode to the Quntopia brewery in Quincy for a few quart cans of IPA's to take to Lake Antelope for an over-nighter campout. Got the last campsite at Lone Pine. Woke up to Dave's Birthday breakfast celebration with dehydrated bacon and eggs. The lake water was so warm, clean and beautiful! Rode out a dirt roads to the north west away from the lake ending up in Indian Valley. We stopped in Taylorsville market, had a burger and milkshakes for lunch. Excellent service and will go back. Rode out a dirt road starting in Genese to Davis Lake stopped to swim and stay cool and on to Portola. Continued to Graeagle for gas and air up tires. Another swim at Gold Lake then down 49 home to the heat in Auburn. The best rides are a mix of good friends and slowing down to realize what a blessing it is to ride with people who also think about everyone's safety.



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This from Rand Olson

Just returned from a NW Ca. ride and took in some of SW Oregon. Happy Camp and Ft. Jones. Certainly, miss the group of guys but hopefully we'll all get together soon. Wish I had taken pics of the "back country of NW Ca." I just never think about pictures when I'm riding. Been to Oregon (central) once and just got back Monday from riding over Yosemite. They've closed the park. Had to get a pass to just go through. Really crowded up there. Someone mentioned that 36 was closed! True. When coming down from Crescent City was going to come over 36 but it's certainly closed. Will be great when they get it open as they have straightened all the good parts out of it. I'm sure it cost a mint to do that and ruined the road.



This from Chuck Talley:

What were you doing on October 10, 1994?

Funny the things you run across when moving.

I was packing some items and came across a picture and certificate dated October 10, 1994 from Class, Reg Pridmore's Motorcycle Safety School. The Safety School was on a Monday so I headed to Ozzie's the previous Saturday to get new tires mounted on my K75S. Monday morning headed to Vacaville to the Campbell family home and hooked up with Larry and Glenn, then off to Sears Point Raceway we went. At the time Larry was also riding a K75S, Glenn loaded up both his R90/6 and race bike as he planned on riding both during the day.

They banned the race bike after a few laps as it was too loud.

We arrive at the Raceway, went through tech inspection and had our rider's meeting. As I recall the emphasis was on being smooth on the inputs: throttle, brakes and shifting. Keeping a light touch on the handlebars and loading the chassis during cornering was taught as well. Another comment that stuck with me was that modern motorcycles are more competent than the typical rider's skill set. So, if you get into corner a bit too fast, or a decreasing radius, don't panic and lock up, just ride through it. This all came together for me when I had a chance to ride two up with Jason Pridmore for three laps. I swear you never felt a gearshift and the transition from throttle to brakes then back to throttle was like a rheostat. At that time BMW sponsored the school and the main instructors like Reg and Jason rode K100RS. During the ride with Jason we ran in the A group and he was passing students on Sports Bikes. Guess that happens when your racing is in your DNA.

Outside of getting married and having children, one of the best days of my life!



Editor's Note: I also went to a track day at Sears Point with Class - Reg Pridmore. I agree with everything Chuck wrote. I was riding my red R1100RS probably a year or so after I started riding again after being away from motorcycles for 25 years. As I was going from turn 1 to turn 2, I was concerned I might lose the front 'cause I was doin' the business. As I was about to tip into turn 2, an off-camber turn where many racers have lost it, an instructor blew by me on a full dress Goldwing like I was standing still. It took about a lap to fully process what happened. What I learned that day, among other things, is I never will be able to exceed the capability of the motorcycle and tires. The weakest link and what will cause a crash is me. That lesson alone was worth the costs of the Class and new tires.

Chuck's observation is correct and worth repeating. If you get into corner a bit too fast, or a decreasing radius, don't panic and lock up, [look at the exit, relax, push on the bar] just ride through it. [The motorcycle and tires will get you through it.]



We had several RCB members there that day. In the photo is Larry and Glenn Campbell, Jim Douglas, Jeff Chesser (sic), someone I don't recognize and myself. Maybe someone in the Club can identify everyone.

Pretty sure Jim Cyran was there that day. [Editor: Is Jim the guy at the far left?]

Editor: If you haven't taken a track class before I highly recommend doing so. I try to take a class in the spring every 2-3 years as I always can learn something, to help break bad habits, what happens at sane speeds on the street feels like slow motion after a day at the track, and it's really fun (once I shake butterflies).



This from Tod Bradford:



The inside of an XR engine. Thankfully this did not result in a crash and the engine could be repaired.

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Participants will stay nameless to protect the guilty, but my guess is you can figure it out from the bikes, eh?



The No Rally Covid Not Tour

As I mentioned last month, I spent about 10 days on a ride with Steve Harris, Jim Cyran, Steve Bechtold, Roger Edwards (Montana) and Frank Keepers (Utah). We were able to share a few beers with Roy Urfsrud in Hamilton, Montana.

Like many of you we don't stop much while we are riding. The riding experience, beauty of the landscape, and places of interest instead are embedded in our memories. Fodder for campfire stories. Once across Nevada, we meandered the breadth and length of Idaho and most of western Montana with a dip into Jackson, Wyoming and Smithfield, Utah. Below are a few photos I did manage to take.



Top of Yaak Falls



Lower Yaak Falls

The best part of which was more of a hike to photograph I was willing to take as my riding Buddies are moving away from me at about 65 MPH.

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If I didn't have the sense to take this photo, I would have no idea where Yaak Falls are.

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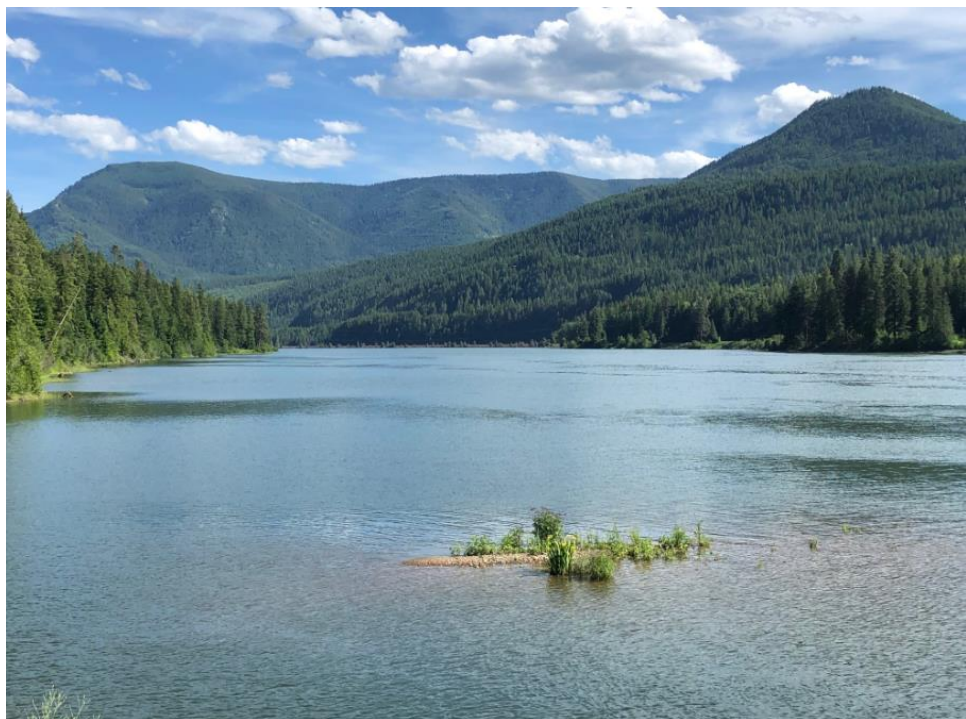


Just a place off the road.

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Different places along the Clark River



Near Bonners Ferry, Idaho

Editor: As I was going through old Newsletters for remembrances from time past, I kept landing on and reading thoroughly Gary's riding tips. As they are timeless, I have decided to start republishing them in the Newsletter.



Riding Tips

By Former RCB President and All-Around Good Guy - Gary Stofer (RIP)

February 2004

Tend to your tire needs before starting out on any long trip. Better to throw away a few miles of tread life than to worry about an iffy tire for the entire trip. This is the year I promise to take my own advice about new tires too, Jim. There are no great deals on tires to be had at the rallies and trying to get a set mounted will usually tie up your bike for an extended period of time. Terry Caffery reminded me that sometimes it's difficult to buy the tire you prefer in the second half of the year. If you go through more than one set of tires in the summer it might be a good idea to buy the second set and store them away for use later.

A COVID-19 Request

MANY THANKS TO THOSE WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED!!

As you are sitting at home to comply with the COVID-19 Orders, take a few minutes or a few hours and dig out some pictures of you at your riding best, worst or when you were young, foolish and invincible. Have a memorable ride, or epiphany while riding?

Send me photos and a short story to go with the photos for the Newsletter.

Answer the Call.

Now don't be bashful.

Your pictures and story will help us all get through this viral mess.



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.

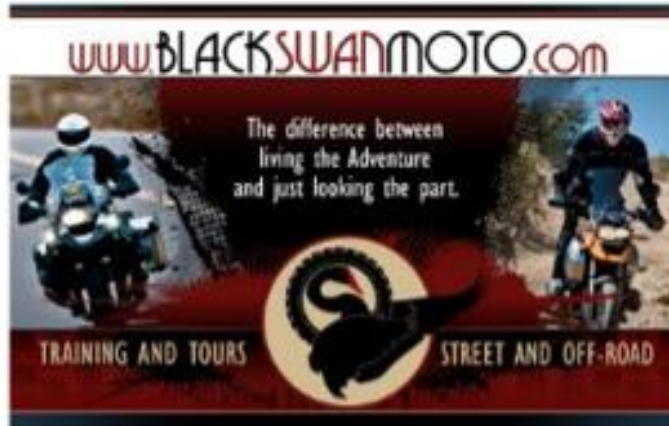


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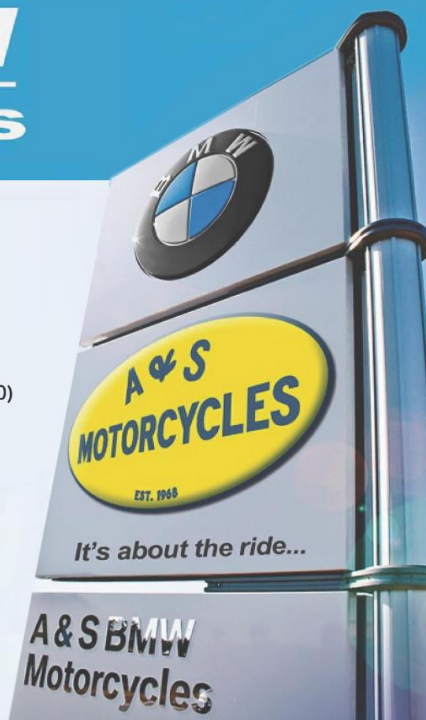
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