

# River City Beemers

## May 2021

### RCB Newsletter



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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 when you arrive. Meeting starts 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 permitting there is a member ride after the meeting. Check the web site for details at [rcb.org](http://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.



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### RCB Calendar of Events

(See RCB Web Site / Forum for Details)

**June 5 Member Meeting & Raffle**

**June 24-27 MOA Nat'l Rally  
Great Falls, Montana**

**Sept. 3-6 Gypsy Tour  
See NorCal Club Web Site**

**October 1-3 Fall Classic  
KOA Manchester Beach,  
CA.**

**PLEASE CONSULT THE RCB FORUM  
FOR DETAILS ON UP-COMING EVENTS  
AND SPONTANEOUS RIDES**

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## **President's Corner**

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I know, May 10<sup>th</sup> and here I am with May's Prez Corner. I have waited a bit this month cause times are a changing for the first time in 14 months of pandemic lockdown. YAY, it's about time! So let's get right into some good news for a change!

We will see our first official club meeting this next month with an actual raffle! That's right, a meeting and raffle followed by a club ride. Sounds weird I know but, you are reading this correctly. The light at the end of the end of the tunnel is becoming clearer and I am hoping it continues to do so. We all need it. I am looking forward to seeing you all, and getting this train back on the track. Or, at least closer.

We will also have a BOD meeting this week at the usual venue. We have many things to discuss to include our pretty much non existent events calendar. At this time the only event on the calendar is Manchester Beach. So, we have some work to do. As always, the meeting is open to all members.

The MOA needs a guesstimate as to the number of RCB campers attending the International at Great Falls, Montana. They need this information so they can properly cordon off an area that will be the proper size for our tents. I will create a new post on the forum so we can get a tally on who is attending. Even if you are hoteling it please post that you will be at the event as we would like to compete for the "Most members of a charter club in attendance". So look for that post on the forum.

So, here we are. Easiest Prez Corner in over a year! Great news for a change! It will be nice seeing everyone and, getting the club rolling again!

Mike



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## Coastal Classic - Fortuna

Terry Lee organized a ride over Hwy 36 to Fortuna. As we all know Hwy 36 is epic. On the other end is the Eel River Brewing Co. which is equally good.

We lost a few participants due to forecast rain but a few of us went anyway. Here is the crew sharing a few beers and dinner. Not in the photo are Lynn Malmstrom and Mike Ledbetter who also participated.



On the left front to back are Ray, Terry and Al. On the right front to back are Steve, Maggie, Henry and Jack.

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## Carrizo Plain

### Mike Robles

Here is a short ride report for a 3-day ride to Carrizo Plain down a bit out of San Luis Obispo.

We do club trips to Morro Bay most years but really, we don't spend much time in the So-Cal area. When you think of So-Cal you think traffic. Not where we went.

We started with a circuitous route through the delta to Livermore where we topped off our fuel and headed up Mines Rd. and over Mt. Hamilton. There were still beautiful wildflower blooms all over the Mt. Hamilton area. We were hoping we might see the same thing in Carrizo Plain which is famous for it's wildflower super blooms.

We continued by running along the eastside of San Jose where we cut through to Gilroy to 152 W. Hecker Pass over to the coast.



The only real traffic we dealt with was in the Monterey area where lane splitting made short work of it and we were GONE!



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Happy to report that Highway 1 is indeed fully open through Big Sur where we stopped for fuel as there isn't any for a ways when you clear Big Sur.

We cut over to 101 just north of Atascadero where we jumped on 58 to Santa Margarita to a KOA 7 miles out of town. This is a very nice KOA. The staff was great, and we had a great campsite. WARNING! Bring water as the well water is not great. It had a yellow tint, and we were assured it was ok to drink as it had been treated. We decided NO!!!! The store had gallon jugs so we went that route.

Saturday, we headed down Pozo Rd. which is another great road in this area where we ended up on a half lane, barely paved, rutted road up to the top of Black Mtn. road. There is a radar site at the top and the view is spectacular even though the road gives your suspension a workout. It was an adventure but, this road is off of my bucket list. You only need to do this one once.



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We then worked our way back to 58 and entered Carrizo Plain National Monument



where the road went from paved to dirt to frickin' SAND! Hitting sand at 55 mph when not expecting it is pretty exciting. I'm not a huge fan of sand on a GS but the three of us made it through the stuff with no mishaps. I was happy to see the last section of pavement.

The bad news was that because of lack of rainfall, THERE WERE NO STINKIN' FLOWERS ANYWHERE, I MEAN, ANYWHERE! It was still an experience, but this will be another route off of my Bucket list of must do roads.

We left Sunday morning and had a big breakfast in San Miguel then rode Indian Valley road along the San Andreas Fault. Little if no traffic until you hit 25 and get closer to Hollister. We did an excellent job avoiding the traffic in San Jose by riding around Calaveras Res. and on to Livermore to Vasco Rd. where to the rest of the journey was spent riding through a very windy delta area. The wind was blowing HARD over the Antioch Bridge. We rode all those miles and Ricky was damn near t-boned by some old clown in Locke I believe. WOW. WHY ARE YOU DRIVING!? We made it home safe albeit with slightly sore butts and ready for a good night sleep in our own beds.



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This was an incredible riding weekend. The roads around the area we were in were so much fun, some being very race trickish but anyone that knows me, knows, I would never ride above the posted speed limit! We ended up logging 1000 plus miles for the weekend and I think we, as a club, might consider organizing an RCB 3-day weekend there. It can be a long ride, but the epic roads are worth it and as I previously stated, it is surprising how light the traffic was down in So-Cal. I was pleasantly surprised.

WHAT A GREAT RIDE!



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Ride safe everyone!

Mike

## **American River Resort** **Jack Klauschie**

Steve and Jenny Harris and Lynell and I were invited to join a few friends who are members of the Central Cal. Club for their Spring Fling at the American River Resort just off Hwy 49 in Coloma. At first, we thought, Coloma? That is only 30 minutes from where we live. Why would we spend the night there? Well, I am so glad we did. It is like getting away from home without the hassle of a long ride or drive. As the name implies it straddles the south fork of the American River.



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We arrived Friday after work and enjoyed cocktails with friends after cooking dinner.

Jenny and Lynell made coffee and whipped up breakfast Saturday morning which helped clear some self-induced fog from my old noggin.



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After a couple Bloody Mary's following breakfast, we spent Saturday doing mostly nothing - - - which was a treat. We tipped a few more with friends over the course of the day and enjoyed watching river rafters and kayakers negotiate a short set of rapids right next to the CCBR camping area. The resort has spots for RV's, developed toilets and showers, cabins and a pool in addition to tent sites. Below are a few photos taken while we were there.





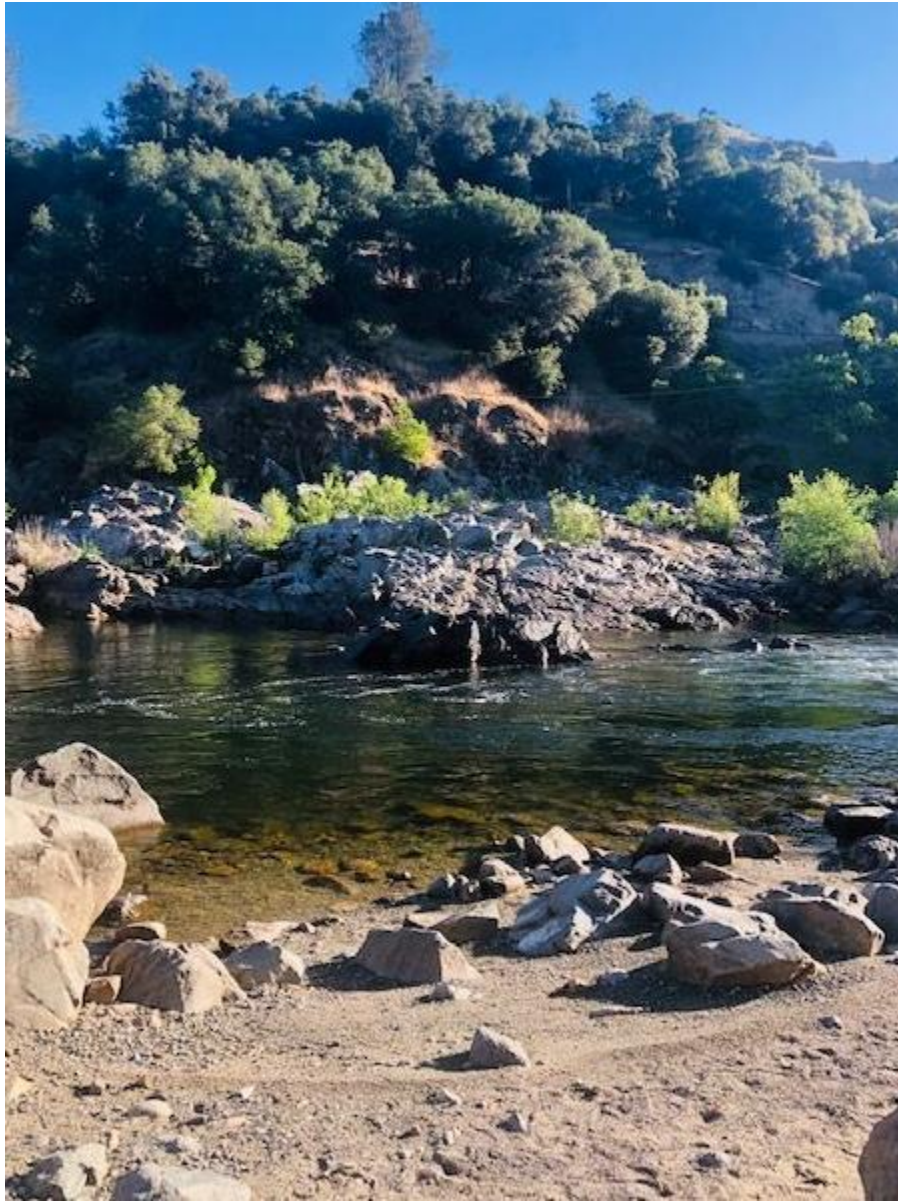
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## **MOA National Rally Reminder**

Remember RCB will have a dedicated space at the Rally for members to pitch a tent. I will try to get a map with the location for the June Newsletter.

## **MOA Rally Challenge**



The challenge is to locate this place and take a photo of you and your bike. Hint: It is not in California.



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## Riding Tips

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

### March 2007

(Editor: Part of this was a reprint in March 2007 of a column Gary wrote in 1997. It applies today just as it has since 1997 and is a good reminder as we kick start Club rides after being locked down for over a year.)

As the busiest time of the motorcycling year is starting to arrive I find it necessary to ask if you can spare me a couple of seconds. No, I'm not trying to drum up a little 'volunteer' help on club activities or projects. But as more and more people are starting to join in the club rides, I could sure use those two or three seconds. What I'm talking about of course is the two or three seconds I'd like you to leave between us as we're riding. When you're in front of me, I'll be at least two seconds behind. And I'd sure appreciate it if you would return the favor when I'm in front of you. (Of course, if you're getting ready to blast past me I'll understand.)

You see, I sometimes slow or stop abruptly for no apparent reason. Sometimes it's because I think I see a hazard in the road. Sometimes I think I might see something approaching from a side road or a field. Maybe a kamikaze dog trying to beat me to some imaginary finish line. As I am also an Airhead, sometimes it's just a field full of sheep. At any rate I have only three options for avoiding hazards. Speed up, slow down, or swerve. But when I have another motorcycle close on my backside, 1/3 of my options are eliminated. I become reluctant to hit the brakes hard for fear that the rider behind me might not be able to react in time. And if I'm also following the rider in front of me too closely, 2/3 of the options are gone.

When you're riding in a group do you keep track of the bikes behind you? I do. But quite often I find myself checking the mirror for a bike that was behind me last time I looked, only to find it missing. But it's not missing, just tucked into my blind spot. I even have those little convex mirrors to help eliminate the blind spot, but there's still a big enough one to park a motorcycle in.

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Sometimes when I'm leading a ride, I'm not actually too sure where the next turn is. But if I've got a little room behind me I can slow abruptly and make the turn. Have you ever been in a group of riders all making U turns because the leader missed the turn?? It's not pretty. Two or three seconds; it's really not a whole lot to ask.

A few suggestions for group riding: Have a full tank of gas to start with. The ride leader will usually plan for gas stops every 150 miles or so. If you have a longer range than 150 miles it would be a good idea to fuel when everyone else does unless you can run 300 miles. When a departure time has been agreed upon, be on your bike with all your gear on at that time. Some ride leaders will use their GPS time to make sure they engage the clutch at the precise second (Mea Culpa) Lastly, watch for the rider behind you in your mirrors and wait for them to see you make a turn if they have fallen behind. If you don't want the rider ahead to wait for you, make sure to make that known. Don't get discouraged by all these 'rules'. They're really just a few simple things that make a group ride safe and fun for all.

Above all:

Ride Safe

Ride Often

Got Mufflers?

## **An Editor's Request**

MANY THANKS TO THOSE WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED MATERIAL FOR NEWSLETTERS!!

Please take a few minutes to 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? Tell us about it.

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

Now don't be bashful.



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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](mailto:jackklau@comcast.net) and I will add them to  
the newsletter to share with members.

**Please Check the Forum often to stay  
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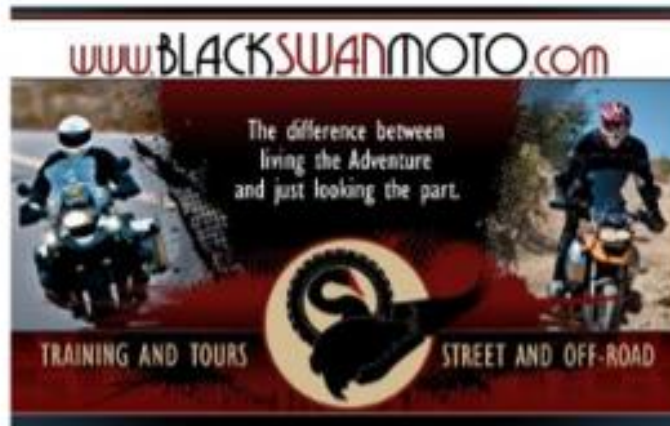
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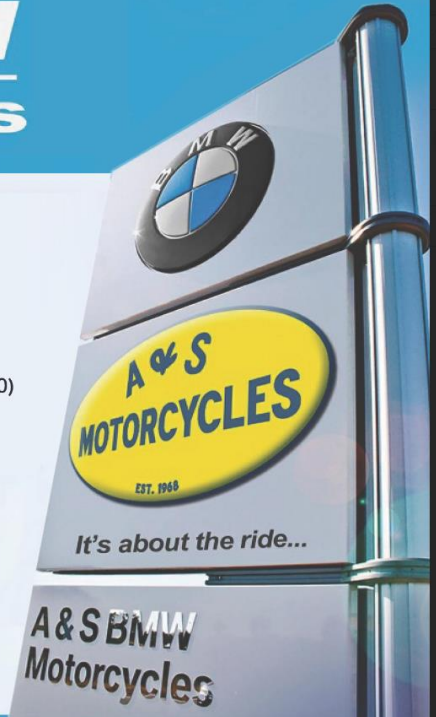
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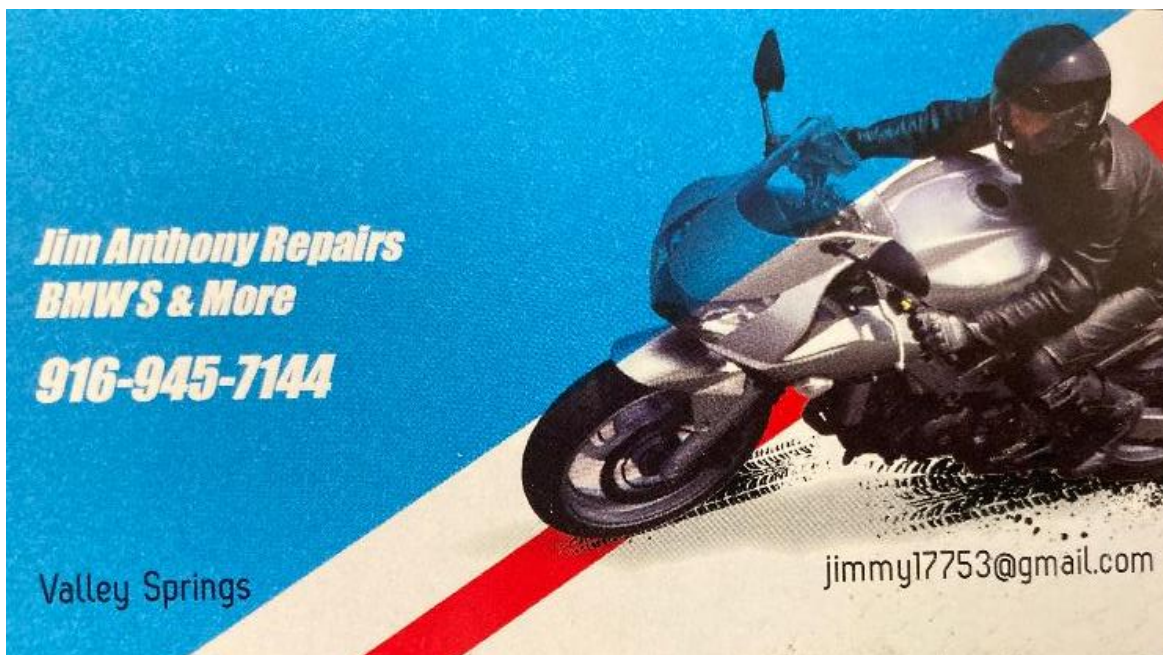
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