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### Membership Meeting

Sat Oct, 3rd 8:00am  
Manchester Beach KOA  
See details inside the  
Newsletter

### Director's Meeting

Tues Oct 13th, 7:00 pm  
IHOP  
2525 Iron Point Road  
Folsom

### Breakfast - Be There!

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

### Weds. Dinner Ride

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

## The President's Corner

by Fred Jewell



Our Thunderhill Rider Skills Improvement day just finished up, and it was the best one ever, according to the members who have been volunteering for all these years. We managed to sell out early and didn't have to rely on last-minute attendees to make the event profitable for us. This event is what funds all the other events the club puts on, and the last couple of years have had very lean profits (if any), so it was good to see we did well. We all should thank the tireless volunteers who made it run so smoothly, the ones who successfully got the word out and filled all the available spots, the ones who gave of their time to lead and instruct the riders, and the ones who just pitched in wherever needed. Gary and Linda went over and above the call of duty, Kim Rydalch was busier than a one-armed paperhanger keeping things running, and all the instructors were just outstanding. A huge thank you again for all their efforts.

Manchester Beach is coming up on us rather quickly, so I hope you've all made your plans to attend. I have heard that Gordy has some very special raffle prizes for us Saturday night; might be worth attending just for that, but there is also the food, beer, terrific roads and of course the camaraderie of the RCB members to enjoy. A couple of things to note: you do need to pay for camping (\$9 a night) if you are tenting it, and there will be a \$10 co-pay for the event to help defray the cost of the food and alcohol. Also, if you were planning to eat at Bones BBQ in Gualala sometime over

the weekend, be prepared to be disappointed as it burned down a couple of weeks ago. I am really looking forward to a great weekend, hope you are too. See you there!

If you did have your heart set on BBQ, you might want to consider going along on the 5 passes ride coming up on Sunday, Oct. 11, where the lunch stop is scheduled to be at a BBQ place on route 395. Ken and Phil have checked it out already and pronounced it good enough for the RCB. There will be two groups, aggressive and relaxed, so you should be able to find one that fits your riding style. Details will be on the RCB forum well ahead of the event.

For any one who has a plan for an event, wants to lead a ride somewhere, wants to volunteer for something, the chance to do that is coming up in the planning meeting in November. This is where we set out the calendar for next year, filling in the events we expect the membership to enjoy and participate in. We are always looking for more people to come up with ideas, places, rides, get-togethers or whatever, and the effort to lead, plan, host, run or otherwise be a part of an event. So if you want to make a contribution to the club, come to Steve's Pizza in Elk Grove on November 8 at 4:00 for pizza, beer and planning. Details will be on the forum and in next month's column too.

Last month's trivia question was way too easy (the answer was tuning forks) so I'm going to have to think a while on the next one. In the meantime, I'm going to try out a new signature line:

If it's worth riding, it's worth riding fast.  
And far.

## Manchester Beach is Calling

Manchester Beach, our club's biggest event and the monthly meeting, is coming up on us October 2 - 4, so you better be making plans now. **There will be a \$10 co-pay to help defray costs**

A great location with tremendous roads to ride all around and a wonderful KOA site to camp, relax, and enjoy dinner with 100 or so of your best friends. Call 1 800 562 4188 for reservations if you want one of the cabins. Tent camping is first come, first served, just don't forget to pay the fee when you check in, the club is not subsidizing the camp spots.

This year Becki and I (and several friends) will be your hosts for the Saturday night dinner. Since there's no way we can compete with the excellent dinners provided by the Sweeneys and the Klausch-

ies the past couple of years, we decided to make it simpler (for us) with tacos and fixin's. No Bloody Marys this year, but there will be beer and Margaritas along with soft drinks for Saturday night. We'll have canned chili available Friday night but you will have to provide your own alcohol (they sell it at the store there). Coffee and muffins are provided for Saturday breakfast and if any left over, Sunday too.

Becki is planning to bake a couple of cakes for dessert, but she has asked for volunteers to bring additional desserts (store bought is fine) if possible as dessert always seems to run out quickly. I'm looking forward to a good turnout this year, that is, if it doesn't rain, and I've heard that Gordy has some special raffle prizes picked out already just for this occasion. See you there!

## Thunder in the Valley

By Phil Wood



Turns out it's pretty easy to keep 100 motorcyclists happy – Give them a pizza dinner, a campground, some breakfast, a half dozen very skilled instructors, and three miles of the smoothest, cleanest, most nicely banked track – And smiles will abound! OK, there was a little more to it, but you get the gen-

eral idea.

Thunderhill 2009 activity started over nine months ago when RCB requested and received the Sep 20 weekend date. Starting shortly thereafter, volunteers started showing up at BMW dealerships and BMW clubs, and started writing to BMW (and other) publications, to get the word out. The activity was repeated a couple times and paid off handsomely as riders from as far as Texas, Idaho, Oregon and Nevada showed up.

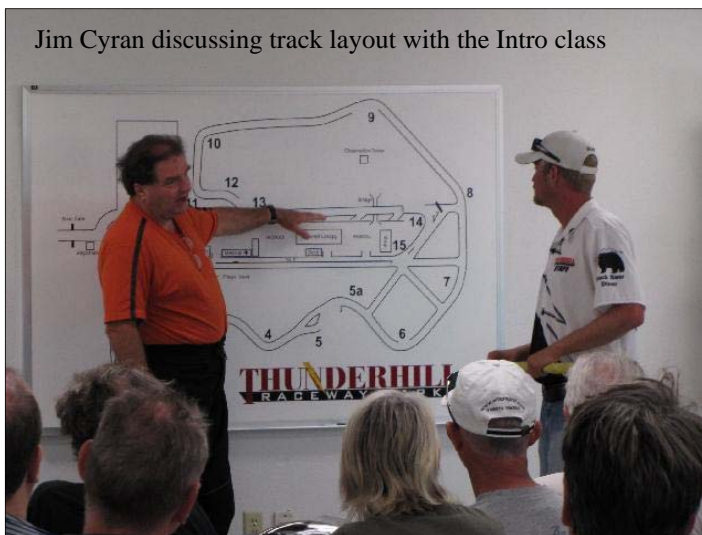
This being the 14th year of Thunderhill, the preparation activity ran smoothly – Registration and bike safety checks were efficient, the Saturday evening track walk was relaxed and uneventful, and before long riders and guests were consuming pizza and beer, telling stories and relaxing before the next day of riding.

Sunday morning began with a buzz of anticipation in the air. The laughter and smiles of Saturday night had evolved into nervous eagerness as engines

started. Minutes later, after lap after lap, the nervousness was being replaced with confidence as riders managed their education, skills and now experience into sharper turns, faster laps, and most important, better skills.

For those unfamiliar with RCB's track day, the format is alternating classroom time and track time, with patient and experienced instructors providing individual guidance and counseling as the day progressed. Early on, the riders had been segregated by skill level but it didn't take too long before some gained enough experience to move up a group. And by the end of the day, all were demonstrating their new abilities and confidence by riding together on the track – Those that still had energy left, that is. No one ever lost their smile or enthusiasm, but it was around lunch time that you were seeing the effort the riders were putting into the process. Riding a motorcycle through turns may look easy, but the constant mental arithmetic to enter the turn properly coupled with the physical effort of leaning and straightening out over and over and over, on a warm September afternoon ... is more than a little tiring.

Thunderhill 2009 is all over now and everyone has



Kim Rydalch & Bruce Hilger discussing final drives



gone home. RCB received a dozen "Thank You" notes from participants – Newbies excitedly related

new skills and abilities, and experienced riders congratulated the organizers for one of the best managed Track Day they've attended. Thunderhill management also congratulated RCB and the participants for being one of the lowest maintenance and easy to manage groups. It's safe to say we're welcome back in 2010.



To the attendees, RCB is glad you attended – We hope you got your money's worth. To the organizers and instructors, it was your expertise and diligence that made the event so successful. Thank you!

What's next? We're requesting another September weekend in 2010 for the 15th Rider Skills Improvement Day. Hopefully we'll have something to report by January of next year!

Oh, and all you Thunderhill graduates should seriously consider participating in our RCB Five Passes ride on Sunday, Oct 11 to exercise your new skills!

# My Summer Adventure

By Bruce Coon

On Saturday my friend and I rode up to Willows, CA, taking a "fun" route recommended by a poster on pashnit.com. I was riding my '09 R1200RT, my friend was riding a new-to-him VFR400. The roads were great. If any of you are in or near northern California, I highly recommend every part of our route between Hwy 80 and Hwy 5, especially Hwy 20 near Clear Lake. This route added about 30 miles to the 200 mile direct trip, which ended up being roughly 1.5 hours more travel time. It was well worth it.

We got a later-than-desired start, because I had some family obligations in the morning, so we didn't get on the road until almost 2pm. We arrived at Willows at 7pm, which was 15 minutes too late for the track walk. Alas.

Unfortunately for my friend, by the time we reached Willows his front brake wasn't working reliably anymore. Seems the master cylinder was binding, presumably due to some internal corrosion. On top of that, he noticed that the "nearly new" racing compound tires that had come with the bike had worn dramatically, and were now close to the wear bars.

Early Sunday morning, we arrived at the track. The VFR's brakes were beyond repair, so he got his track fee refunded and spent his day taking pictures instead. Luckily for both of us, he had brought along a nice DSLR and a telephoto lens.

My friend and I had both signed up for the novice group. I've ridden a track once before on a motorcycle, and I drove Thunderhill in my car, so I

was arguably a bit too experienced for the novices, but it was good to get the intro material again. For the morning track session, the full track was split into halves, with novice and more experienced groups alternating time slots and sides of the track. After lunch they opened the full track, had a couple of novice/advanced alternate sessions, and then around 2pm let everyone ride the whole track together.

I was feeling really fast until about 2:01pm, when I went from passer to passee. Still, with only one or two exceptions, the faster riders were good about honoring the day's rule of only passing on the

outside, and giving enough space so they didn't scare us 2-wheeled roadblocks.

I had been sufficiently frustrated earlier in the day by slower riders who wandered all over the corners at a snail's pace, then rocketed through the straights so I couldn't pass, so I made it a point of leaving the outsides of the corners

open and taking it easy in the straights to let anyone who wanted to pass get by.

I rode over 150 miles on the track. My RT did great, even in the 102F temperatures, and I was highly impressed with the Michelin Pilot Road 2's I put on it last month. I will never doubt their grip again. By the end of the day the sides of the tires were a bit feathered, but overall they held up well. I did have a few seat pucker moments on the track, but no actual close calls or off-road excitement. It really is a great way to work on cornering skill and bike control.

One new thing I tried was an evaporative cooling vest. You soak it in water, then wear it inside your (vented) gear. It worked quite well, keeping me pretty comfortable even in the heat. A bit heavy and



bulky, but I'll definitely be using it again the next time I do some hot-weather riding.

At 5pm the track closed and we packed up and headed home. It was a long 200 mile freeway ride, especially for my friend with the flaky brakes and cruel VFR400 seat, but we made it OK. I was really glad to have cruise control, a big fairing, and a trunk

for my stuff.

If anyone's curious, my friend posted his pictures here: [http://nicholaswang.smugmug.com/Motorcycles/Thunderhill-RCB-Track-Day/9716742\\_s8pyr#657232989\\_ztp3Z](http://nicholaswang.smugmug.com/Motorcycles/Thunderhill-RCB-Track-Day/9716742_s8pyr#657232989_ztp3Z)  
That link takes you to his gallery, with a picture of me on the RT for starters.

## **Member's Classified Ads**

*Classified ads are free to members, and usually will run for 3 months give or take a bit, unless you email back and tell us to pull it. Send the text of your email to Classified, and it will be included in the web site and also in the newsletter. Please format similar to ads below. Limit 75 words.*

Dual Sport bike sale. 2006 KTM 640 Adventure 13.5k miles, excellent condition, loaded with extras and upgrades \$7,500 or 2007 BMW XChallenge 7.6k miles very good condition, also loaded with extras \$5,000. If interested call Jim at 916-863-6014 for more information.

BMW Mens Suit Jacket with matching BMW pants for sale. Good condition. Jacket size: US 40R/EURO 50; grey on black with zip out liner. \$165.00. (Jacket predecessor to BMW Mens Trailguard Suit Jacket. New cost: \$639.00). Pants size: waist: 35; inseam: 33. Color: matching black. \$110.00. (Pants predecessor to BMW Mens Streetguard 3. New cost: \$659.00). Suit Jacket and pants purchase price: \$240.00. Call Bruce Parrish @ 916-989-9224 or e-mail to: [samparrish\(at\)sbcglobal.net](mailto:samparrish(at)sbcglobal.net). (8/25)

Nitro Mesh Racing Jackets Brand New. One in Grey and One in Red. Med size. This Jacket (not the ones for sale) has been personally crash tested on two occasions and it works well. See here <http://www.cbxmanmotorcycles.com/Vega-Nitro-Mesh-Motorcycle-Jacket.aspx>. Cost \$89 sell \$59 each. Alan Westfall 916-203-4032 or 916-421-4032 (7/31)

2008 Can-Am Spyder, 997.60 cc, 2,633 miles, heated grips, custom tail lights. Show room cond. -- A real attention grabber! Paid \$19,458 -- Sell for \$15,500.

2002 Hannigan BMW K1200 LT TRIKE 29,167 miles, perfect cond. GPS, CD player, heated grips, trailer hitch -- All the "bells & whistles"! Tour in

luxury and comfort. Nearly 40K invested -- Sell for \$22,500

2006 Suzuki 650 Burgman Scooter 12,345 miles, perfect cond., heated grips, custom tail lights, GIVI rear storage case. \$5,000

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2001 Kawasaki Voyager 1200cc, 34,000 miles, excellent cond., heated grips, extra new tire for rear, Sirius radio, custom tail lights, lots of storage space. \$4,800

2008 Toyota Yaris Automatic, 2-door hatch-back, 44,000 miles. Gets 38 MPG. \$9,500

2000 Winnebago motorhome Class C "Minnie" 31' with slide-out. Only 19,684 miles! Excellent cond. Ford 450 V10 gas engine. Solar roof panels, rear hitch, queen walk-around bed, plus many other features. Everything in good working order! \$29,000  
2003 Kubota BX1500 Tractor 15 HP diesel Kubota engine. 4WD, front loader, 48" rear scraper, Woods 45" rotary mower (attaches to PTO), 3 point hitch, 540 RPM PTO, Hydrostatic, power steering. Completely serviced in June. \$9,850

Rachel Simas 209-794-2773 [gardengalrae\(at\)juno.com](mailto:gardengalrae(at)juno.com) (7/30)

1985 R80 RT Selling it because I don't ride it enough. Motorcycling just wasn't for me. Asking \$3500 or best offer. The speedo say 70,000 I have owned it about a year and half so can't say if it is accurate. Everything runs well has new windshield (clearview), new battery, and newish tires. Great bike, very comfortable, matching keys, hard luggage cases. Can include helmets and jackets too. The bike is in Davis.

Thanks, Bill Williams [davisbiker\(at\)yahoo.com](mailto:davisbiker(at)yahoo.com) (7/28)

Misc: 2004 Rallye 2 Jacket grey with yellow piping. Also matching original fanny pack. Men's size 54 with matching pants. Perfect. Includes Gore rain liners. \$600.

2004 BMW Heated Vest with plug. Grey/black. Size XL. Never worn. \$125.

2006 Schubert Flip Face Helmet. Size 57M, 7 1/8. Color Grey. Perfect. Includes soft TourMaster bag - black. \$150.

2006 BMW BoxerCup Gloves. Size 9 to 9 1/2 Perfect. \$40.

2006 BMW GoreTex Gloves. Size 8 to 8 1/2. Black. Perfect. \$50.

All these items purchased by me from A&S. Sold my K1200s over two years ago. Not riding anymore.

If you buy all of it, I will make a better deal. Call Jeff at 530 401-7468 (7/28)

Wanted: R100RS Seat, Krause bags w/racks, K75RS handle bars and stack header pipes. Let me know what you have. Call Steve Hartshorn, 530-277-6630 (6/14)

1998 R1200C. Cream paint, blue leather, factory bags and screen, new tires and battery, K&N air filter, all services, and only 11,120 miles. It's beautiful and I need it to go to someone who appreciates it and will take care of it. \$5500.00 or best offer. Please call me if your interested 209-918-1093 Anthony Peters. (5/19)

2002 BMW K1200LTC, located in Yuba City. This is a very smooth running, great sounding and good looking sport/touring bike. It's like riding a sport bike with all the comfort of a touring bike. Average gas mileage is 45 mpg. Bike has been well maintained. Mileage is about 53,000. New Clutch, brake lines, brake pads, and rear brake reservoir. Ohlins shock suspension system front & rear - stock shocks available. Remus aluminum Revo exhaust system w/ header - stock exhaust available. Tires in good condition - spare front tire (rear tire replaced about 1000 miles ago). Chrome luggage rack w/ 3rd brake light. Electrically adjustable windshield. New Ztechnik windshield - BMW windshield available. Lots of extras - will send on request. Asking \$9,500 / OBO. Paul 530-674-0726 paulandjanie(at)comcast.net

(4/27)

1999 K1200RS 22k miles, Silver and Blue, all maintenance up to date, Corbin Seat with back rest for passenger, hard bags with mounting rack, other extras , call for details. Asking \$5900. Call Fred at 530-273-8057 after 5 p.m. or on cell at 530-263-2942.

(4/16)

2002 R1150GS ABS 37,000 miles, \$7500. Blue/white custom paint. Original Owner. Always garaged. Adventure Tank, Bill Mayer saddle, Sta-In-Tune collector box, full size oem bags (lowered muffler), Motolights, Wunderlich tall screen, handguards, Throttlemeister, extra power outlet, new battery, Metzeler Tourance tires, Geza Bike Cover. Call Joe @ 916-638-2044 (4/13)

Free to good RCB home. Shoei Face Shields. Four CX-1 face shields: Light smoke, dark smoke , clear and clear with Fog City insert. See Bruce W. at a Saturday breakfast.(3/8)

1983 R100RT 60th Anniversary Pearl White, 72K, BMW options, Euro fold out running lights by Bosch in the fairing, 4 way flashers, muffler shields, front louvered grill, rear mud flap, 2 power outlets. Additional aftermarket options include: Brown side stand, Luftmeister trunk and bar vibration dampeners (internal), Reynolds bag mounts and folding luggage rack plus optional adapter to remove the luggage rack, upper and lower fork braces, stainless steel brake lines, LED tail and running lights, Corbin leather gunfighter seat. Valve job by Oak at 40K. Work done at 62K, fork seals and springs, Hagon rear shocks, Parabellum windshield, steering head bearings, brake pads, timing chain, WestCo battery, ThunderChild diode board & grounding kit, complete throttle assembly and grips, Bing Alcohol float bowl kits, head gaskets and push rod seals, oil and neutral switches, starter, new tires and tubes, new BMW tool kit. The lowers and grill have just been repainted, small dent in left side of tank under the fairing packet. \$6000. Dennis 530-391-5754, e-mail clcman (at)sbcglobal.net(2/7)

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## 2009 Calendar of Upcoming Events

Check often because events are always being added or changed.

- Oct 3rd, Sat General membership meeting. This month's membership meeting will be at Manchester Beach KOA campground. You'll find the details inside the newsletter. See you there.
- Oct 13th, Tue Director's meeting at IHOP Restaurant, 7:00 pm, 2525 Iron Point Road, Folsom. All members welcome.
- Wed. Ride Weds. Dinner Ride, Meet between 5-6:30 pm, Leaves every Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm from the Coffee Republic in Folsom.
- Thur. Ride Meet up for a weekly Thursday day ride, "Because We Can Ride". Meet at Brookfield's at Sunrise and Folsom, eat at 8am and ride at 9am. For all retired, independently wealthy or just plain sick of work!
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- Oct 2-4 Manchester Beach extravaganza, KOA, Fred Jewell organizing
- Oct 3 Membership meeting at 5pm at Manchester Beach
- Oct 11 5 Passes ride, Ken Caruthers/Phil Wood, 8am Cameron Park departure
- Nov 8 2009 Planning Meeting 5 pm, location to be determined
- Nov 20-22 Cycle World International Motorcycle Show at San Mateo County Event Center
- Dec 5 RCB Christmas Party, details to follow



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