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Membership Meeting

Sat July 5th 8:00am Western Coffee Cup Auburn near Greenback Ln Citrus Heights

Director's Meeting

Tues July 8th, 7pm Western Coffee Cup Auburn near Greenback Ln. Citrus Heights

Breakfast - Be There!

Every Saturday 8 am Western Coffee Cup 6233 Auburn Blvd Citrus Heights

Weds. Dinner Ride Meet between 5-7pm

Leaves every Wednesday evening at 7 pm from The Coffee Republic in Folsom

The President's Corner by Bryan Wright



Whatever you do, please don't tell me that it is prime riding season right now! Unlike last summer when I seemed to have ample time to ride, this year has been a story of missed opportunities. I popped some new rubber on SKWERL over a week (or was it two?) ago, and it still has all of the little nubbins on it. And for the wisecrackers in the audience, I mean beyond the ones I normally leave on the edges of my tires. Seemingly losing out to all of the other demands on my time, the bike has been a bit neglected in the garage. It's due for new fluids, filters and brake pads—maybe those will go in before the "Ride and Bowl" to Yerington.

This sad state is a big contrast to how the riding season started out—with a trip to the southwestern states at the end of March. Back on March 29, I hopped on the bike and visited a few National Parks and Monuments on my way to Tucson. Temperatures were great (mid 70's), and gas prices were 30-50 cents lower than Sacramento. It was a bit windy, but I can put up with that.

I got to spend a couple of nice days visiting with relatives. I learned that Tucson is nice, but the roads leave a little to be desired. I then continued on to Texas. Did I mention the wind? Anthony, TX has nicest visitor center I've ever seen. Continuing on from there, I went through El Paso on the way to the Guadalupe Mountains and Carlsbad Caverns. That included a very long stretch with no gas stations. I'll just leave it at that!

Continuing on, I stopped in Roswell, NM, which is home to several interesting attractions including a nice Harley dealership.

Now I have another tee shirt to wear to club functions! I believe I also stopped over in White Sands, but couldn't see it due to the winds.

My main destination was the Trinity Site, where the first atomic bomb was detonated. This National Monument is only open two days a year and my last attempt was thwarted due to 9/11. This desolate location attracts thousands of visitors when it is open, yet is a good place to reflect on some of our "accomplishments" as human beings.

On the return leg, I had the opportunity to visit several pueblos. While the riding wasn't very exciting, many of these included fascinating descriptions of some of the lesser-known periods in the history of the Southwest. Some of these sites were very isolated—at one park, when I arrived at 3:30 pm, I was the second visitor of the day. It was definitely not Yosemite Valley!

Other than a brief jaunt up to Seattle during which the bike spent most of the time in a buddy's garage, there haven't been any other big rides. But even though I may have missed a lot of riding opportunities, I haven't missed all of them! As a result of this, SKWERL's odometer finally turned over 60,000 the other day. There are still a few trips on the schedule for this year, so if things go according to plan, I should at least celebrate SKWERL's 70th later this year. According to Acorn, this is a given, because I still have to fulfill my duty to take him to the White Squirrel Festival in Ontario later this summer!

June is a Street Bikers Dream!

The Indian Creek campout finally happened on the second attempt and had 25 riders camp over. The weather was perfect and the food tasted great! All one had to do was arrive, pitch a tent, and eat the clubs food. Camping doesn't get any better than that! Make plans for next year's event.

Thunderhill was a downsized success! This years emphasis was on BMW or street legal bikes instead of Ricky Racer bikes. We had 27% fewer riders, but 72% of them were on BMW bikes and that's a big increase from previous years.

We had such positive feedback on the street riding emphasis that we hope to have more riders next year participate. Mark your calendars for sometime in June of 2004 so you won't miss out on all the great food and riding instruction!

The weather was pleasantly mild for June and made the day very enjoyable. No serious crashes and no injuries. Get out there next year either to ride or help out serving on the lunch crew.



The attentive riders watch CJ describe a difficult turn.

Thunderhill requires a minimum of a \$6500 deposit to reserve the track and each track day ends up costing around \$11,000 so don't get excited when you hear the treasurers report that we've got \$12 grand in the bank. Believe it when we say the bank account isn't that big!

The Yerington Ride & Bowl has come and gone. Much positive feedback from first timers and returnees! This is a fun event and even if you're not a bowling fan, the club camaraderie makes the bowling fun. We had 27 motorcycles with 35 riders in attendance.

One secret for next year is to book early to stay in the newer

gigantic rooms.
This years event sold out and there were no spare rooms at Casino West so a few had to stay down the

street at the Copper Inn. Even that wasn't a minus because



bers food coupons at no charge so they could eat at the buffet with the rest of us.

How's that for being such a fantastic host. So you have nothing to lose by booking in January 2004 because you

Alpina Bound?

Book Review: Motorcycling in the Alps, by John Hermann -reviewed by David and Jenny Rives

If you have ever considered motorcycling in Europe, YOU consider this book the "Bible" of Alpine Motorcycle travel.

Road signs, speed limits, and driving laws are different in Europe. We recommend that you read the Forward and 'Good Stuff to Know' (the first 30 pages of the book) before you make your trip plans. Hermann includes many important bits of information for the first-time European motorcycle traveler here. You won't find much about the basics of getting there, getting a motorcycle, and organized tours, although these are mentioned in Appendices G and H. This information can easily be found on the Internet and from BMWMOA.

The 'meat' of the book covers what to do and where to go once you are in the Alps whether on your own or on an organized tour. The book is divided into geographical sections centered around Andermatt, Switzerland, the heart of the Alps. Most of the 79 trips described make loops, which start and end in the same location. This works well if you plan to spend a several days in a particular area. With a little creativity, you can Hermann from his numerous trips to the Alps. combine two or more trips to get from one village to the next on your itinerary. The trips range from 100 to 260 kilometers, and include interesting historical markers, restaurants, and other 'must-see' items. This is important if you are carrying a passenger who may not have the endurance for riding as you do.

Motorcycle riding in the Alps is so intense that you cannot expect to travel the 300 miles in one day that you might cover here. Generally, 200 km (120 miles) is a very long day. If you stop for photos, picnics and sight seeing you will go far less distance. However, you will never feel as though you didn't get enough riding!

Hermann has a mountain pass rating system of ★ star and ★★ stars. Your definition of a 2-star pass may be very different than his particularly if you are on an LT, versus a GS. Be aware that some (not all) of his 2-star roads are twisty, narrow, bumpy, one-lane roads with beautiful mountain views. You may suddenly encounter European tour busses on these roads, for an unexpected fright the first time you get plastered against the right shoulder checking your pulse and your saddlebags! Plenty of other scenic sweeper roads will keep the LT riders happy. More than 250 alpine passes are listed by alti-

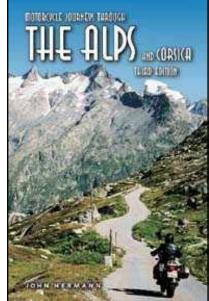
tude in Appendix B where you can make notes or check off the ones you did.

The maps included with the description of each trip give a gen-MUST HAVE THIS BOOK! Having been to the Alps five times, we eral idea of the riding area, but we highly recommend carrying a selection of detailed maps to supplement the book. The best maps we have found only in Europe (Kümmerly-Frey, Euro Cart, and Touring Club Italiano). Because the riding is so intense, we recommend studying your route at breakfast, highlighting or listing key cities or turnoffs in the direction you wish to go. Pay particular attention to any details in Hermann's book on how to find a particular road. This will save you unnecessary side trips, excessive U-turns, and dangerous maneuvers in traffic, not to mention maximizing the time you spend on the good roads.

> Although we usually have a general idea of where we want to visit, we have found that not having a definite itinerary before we go gives us flexibility to stay a few extra days where the riding and the weather are exceptionally good. We have not had problems finding accommodations using Hermann's book. The hotels listed in appendix A of the book are 'motorcycle friendly' inns where many of the proprietors remember Mr.

> Anyone who loves to ride twisty roads and can afford the adventure of a lifetime will want to spend a vacation in the Alps. Just don't leave home without Hermann's book in your tank bag!

This book can at: http://



be found

Thunderhill Track Day 2

1384, or sms@gv.net.

Just a note to notify members that CJ and Greg Gibson will be teaching intro riding at the Sierra motor Sports Track Day on July 8 (Tuesday) at Thunderhill raceway in Willows, CA.

Cost is \$180 for the day. All track prepped motorcycles are allowed.

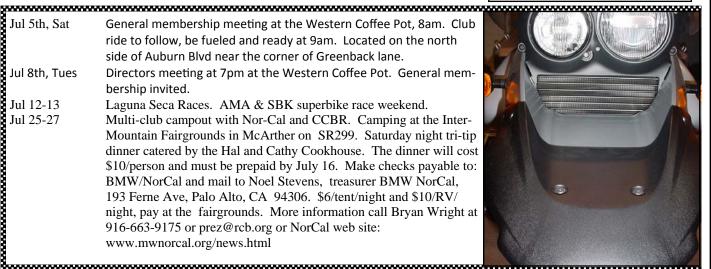
The format will roughly follow the style of our own track day. If anyone missed our track day or would like another day at Thunderhill, they can contact Don Dwire @ SMS, 530-273-

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Check often because events are always being added or changed.

What BMW model is this?

Jul 5th, Sat General membership meeting at the Western Coffee Pot, 8am. Club ride to follow, be fueled and ready at 9am. Located on the north side of Auburn Blvd near the corner of Greenback lane. Jul 8th, Tues Directors meeting at 7pm at the Western Coffee Pot. General membership invited. Jul 12-13 Laguna Seca Races. AMA & SBK superbike race weekend. Jul 25-27 Multi-club campout with Nor-Cal and CCBR. Camping at the Inter-Mountain Fairgrounds in McArther on SR299. Saturday night tri-tip dinner catered by the Hal and Cathy Cookhouse. The dinner will cost \$10/person and must be prepaid by July 16. Make checks payable to: BMW/NorCal and mail to Noel Stevens, treasurer BMW NorCal, 193 Ferne Ave, Palo Alto, CA 94306. \$6/tent/night and \$10/RV/ night, pay at the fairgrounds. More information call Bryan Wright at 916-663-9175 or prez@rcb.org or NorCal web site: www.mwnorcal.org/news.html



Aug 8-10 South Lake Tahoe Campout, Cyndee Peart coordinator, 916-684-6678

Aug 9-10 Stanley Stomp Campout, Idaho.

Aug 11th, Mon Full Sturgeon Moon, Aug 29-Sep 1 NorCal Gypsy Tour. TBA

Sep 19-21 Central Cal BMW Riders Beemer Bash. Quincy fairgrounds, Poker Run organized by RCB.

Sep 26-28 Yosemite Campout, Jim Cyran coordinator

Oct 5th, Sun Multi-Passes Ride, Ray Trujillo coordinator 916-723-3320

Oct 10-12 Manchester Beach Campout, Chris Schattie coordinator. 707-763-7765.

Oct 31st, Fri Webmaster's birthday, send cash only to editor@rcb.org.

Nov 1-2 David's B&B. Eel River area near Fortuna area. David Rives coordinator 916-723-3320. Group ride from

Western Coffee Pot at 9am to coast. Start with a full tank of gas.

Nov 7-8 Cycle World International Motorcycle Show, San Mateo fairgrounds. TBA

Nov 12th, Wed Newsletter Editor's birthday, (1/2 century plus two) send cash via pay pal to editor@rcb.org. Preferably in

large three-digit figures.

Nov 16th, Sun 2004 Calendar planning meeting. Lots of pizza, beer, sodas, and friendship. Location at Bryan Wrights house.

Dec 7th, Sun RCB Christmas party, Ray Trujillo coordinator. 916-723-3320

Dec 13th, Sat Nevada CityToy Run, location TBA.

Dec 25th, Thur Christmas

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@rcb.org and it will be included in the web site and also in the newsletter.

96 R850R, red, 56k, excellent, extras, \$4200. '93 R100PD (2-one green/white and one purple/white, both about 63k), \$4000 to \$6000 depending on extras. Touring seats, Jesse Bags, Fox shocks and more-you decide on the outfitting. '00 R1150GS, 30k, excellent, mandarin, \$7900 w stock tank or \$8900 with matching Adventure tank. Greg Gibson, 530-271-7103, grgibson@sbcglobal.net 6/23

Mono convertible flip-up with 3/4 conversion kit. MCM rated best buy. XL in black \$125 New Dyna III ignition D35-1 1970 to 1978 with coils for dual spark engine will also work on single plug new \$200. Complete BMW steering dampener kit 74-84 \$75. Luftmeister machined aluminum upper triple clamp black \$100. Dennis at clcman@sbcglobal.net call 530-306-9070 (6/12)

1996 R1100RS ABS, Ohlins, Tank Bag, Hard Cases with Scuff Protectors and Hind Sight Reflective Stickers, Luggage Rack, Heated Grips, Cylinder Head Protectors, GS Intake Tubes (gives it more low end and mid-range power), Ohlin Shocks Front and Rear, Aeroflow Tinted Windshield (and stock), Headlight Protector, Fiamm Horns, Front Run-N-Lites. This bike just had a major service, has a brand new rear tire, recently replaced battery and brake pads... all you need to do is just turn the key on and go. Meticulously Maintained and Serviced with Records. \$7500. or best offer. Can e-mail photos upon request. Call Al 650-588-1394 Eve or ahom@rcn.com (6/10)

Garmin GPS III+, with PC and cigar lighter cables, and manual. Includes Mapsource CD. \$250 OBO. Send email to kencaruthers@hotmail.com or call Ken at 916-712-1014 (6/10)

2002 R1150 RT Silver. 8,500 miles. Comfort seat, oversize windshield. Perfect. Original owner. Serviced every 3 K miles at A&S. \$12,500. Call Jim at 530-626-3943 or copeland@innercite.com (6/10)

1977 Kawasaki KZ1000, original custom seat, half faring, trailer hitch. luggage rack, hard bags, 34,000 miles in great condition. Call Bob 916-371-7026 (6/10)

2001 R1150GS Silver 1700 mi. Bike is loaded with accessories, to many to list. Also have M/F Savanna riding suits, boots, gloves, Arai helmets w/tinted face shields, and various other items. All w/same mileage as the bike, All services by A&S BMW. Please call and we can discuss. \$12,000 for bike and accessories. The bike is PERFECT!! Selling due to health reasons. Call Glen 916-624-9124 E-mail gsanders@onemain.com (5/26)

2001 R1150GS Silver/Grey 26K Mi excellent condition

\$9750.00 Call Wayne 530-885-0802 (5/26)

2002 R1150R Black, 2500 miles system cases, tail rack and touring windshield. She's a beauty, barely broken in. Medical condition forces sale. Asking \$9,500. Call Mike at (916) 353-4838 or e-mail MDBowers@sbcglobal.net (5/20)

Misc: Givi topbox, holds full face helmet, includes all hardware \$125, AXO motocross boots size 10/11 \$65. Shoei RF200 helmet Med., great condition \$50. Call Gerry 916-395-7856 or email gerryo@onemain.com (5/12)

2002 R1150RT, Dark Blue, 12,000 mi. Excellent condition. Always Garaged. Comfort seat, Top case, Parabellum Windshield, Hardbags, Under Warranty. \$13200 or obo. Call Dave at 530-268-3466 or davidedwardpage@hotmail.com (5/7)

Misc: BOB's Wrist rest for 17.5mm bars plus L&R Bar weights \$80 new \$40, BMW multivario city Tank Bag for R airhead plus bag liners \$110, VDO Clock & BMW Voltmeter with External housings and harness \$100, 1975 to 84 BMW Front Snow Flake wheel, .\$200, Reynolds back Rest for /5,6,7 \$40. Call Dennis 916-732-5050 or clcman@sbcglobal.net (5/7)

Wanted: Front wheel/rim, for 1996 R1100RT. Mine's bent. Please call Dale at 530-367-3661 or e-mail me @ dalem@foothill.net (5/7)

1993 K1100RS, ABS, Mystic Red, 84K miles, BMW hard bags, Kathy's bag liners, Corbin seat, Works shock, Staintune exhaust system and performance chip, Throttlemeister throttle lock, heated grips, dual Fiamm horns, polished wheels, Clymer shop manual. Nice condition. Well maintained. Digital photos available. \$5500.00 Call Ted 209-745-1529(h) or 916-732-6791 (w) or jta@softcom.net (4/29)

1994 K1100RSA, Mystic Red, Parabellum Windshield, 28K mi, Corbin, K75C Bars, Good Cond, BMW Hard Bags & Liners, \$5000 firm. Call Dennis 916-653-5917 (day) or 683-7077 (eve) email: jakevmi80@earthlink.net (4/28)

Aerostitch Roadcrafter Jacket, Size 46L, Grey with Black trim, absolutely brand new condition, \$350 OBO. Also available Aerostitch Back Pad fits Roadcrafter or Darien jacket with velcro or any jacket with the included belt, \$25 OBO. Contact Daniel at 916-983-0610 (4/27)

1983 R80ST, 40K, Gray, New Corbin seat, brakes, piaa lite, coil, throttle, starter. No dents or paint scratches. P-38 Eclipse soft bags, small Fox tank bag & leather tank cover. Metzler tires w/approx 3K miles. Modified exhaust w/two straight pipes. Runs better than new. \$2,600 Call Jim 530-274-2936 or jpsmith@infostations.com (4/2)

Bar Backs for R1100RT, Cost \$69 new, sell for \$30. Call Pete 916-723-1890 (3/26)

1999 BMW R1100S ABS, Yellow, Heated grips,19000 mi. Remus Stainless exhaust, BMW steering damper, 5.5 rear wheel & new 180 Metzler tire. Low bars, tinted windshield.

Soft rear bag, BMW tank bag.Excellent condition, \$10900. Call Terry 209-295-6755 or Email jakeleda@cdepot.net (03/09) **Wanted a second-hand K75S seat**. If you are that seat (or the owner) please call Felicity at 916-362-1661 or e-mail at felicitywood@yahoo.com (3/3)

Wanted Full Size Left BMW System Case for 2001 GS at reasonable price. Call Ken or email Ken.Fritz@attbi.com (2/18) BMW Atlantis 2 Leather Jacket Washable leather, worn once. Size 42R. Retails for \$650, sell for \$375 obo. E-mail hs326@hotmail.com or call Hayden 916-786-2531 Thurs thru Monday (2/17)

1998 Yamaha V-Star Classic 650cc, 9200 miles, black, all extras, like new \$4250. Call sterling at 916-427-5219 or Sterdaddys@aol.com (2/17)

RT Comfort Seat - orig seat on my RT11 rode like a fence rail. This seat was a marked improvement and served me well until I found a used Corbin. It's a couple of years old and is without a scratch. Fits RT's from 1996 on. New \$179.00 want \$100. Email Rob at rdedling@surewest.net (2/15)

1989 K100RS - Runs great but needs some electrical TLC. Turn signals and speedo are intermittent. Red with white wheels. Great road bike or excellent for parts. \$2000 obo. Call Maury 530-272-8222 or mauryhorn@yahoo.com (2/15)

Misc. - Belstaff wax cotton overpants. Never worn. 88cm (approx 35 inch) waist \$65. Bates leather & nylon offroad/MX pants. Excellent cond. 36 inch waist. \$125 obo. Contact hawk@rcb.org (2/15)

1976 R75/6, 55k miles, silver, Dyna dual plug ignition, new valves, new sealed battery, EZ Berg & orig. seat, Windjammer & Reynolds rack. Great shape. \$3000. Call Rich (530) 756-2292 (2/04)

1984 R65 70k miles blue, windscreen runs great, fun bike \$2500 call Brian 916-939-4350 email for pics bbt95762@yahoo.com (1/29)

2000 K1200LTC Canyon Red, 20K miles, all the bells and whistles, two helmets wired for intercom and stereo. Good condition. \$10,000/OBO Call Kurt 916-922-5607 or kurt sunderbruch@hotmail.com (1/23)

2001 R1150GS, Mandarin Yellow, ABS, Heated grips, 24k mi. throttlemeister, clear headlight protector, PIAA 910 driving lights, Run-n-lites on front blinkers, kickstand foot enlargement plate, Wunderlich crash bars, larger foot brake pedal, hand-guards, Tourmaster tank and tail bags, Lite-Buddy LED brake lights in rear blinkers, E-max tall windshield, color matched side body panels and spark plug covers, BMW hard bags, 2 extra accessory outlets below dash, and lots of more extras! Bought K1200RS. Must sell. \$12500 obo. Call Pablo @ 916-501-0748 or skygod2672@yahoo.com for pics (1/9)

R1100R Parts - Remus Titanium high-mount muffler and

stainless steel collector box \$200, Stock front and rear spring/damper assemblies, \$150 for both. All Excellent Condition Call Teri at 415-457-6507 or teri meadows@hotmail.com (1/9)

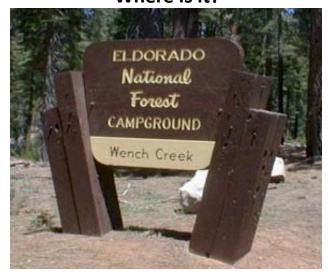
Misc Parts - F650 Stock 1997-2000 F650 muffler. Exclnt Cond \$150, R1150R Windshield Mounting Kit, Never used \$30, R1150R Stock Passenger Grab Rail, Never used \$20, K-Bike left side BMW Saddlebag VGC \$100. Call Teri at 415-457-6507 or teri meadows@hotmail.com (1/9)

1999 BMW R1100S, ABS ,Black, Heated grips, 8800 mi. Corbin seat, Remus stainless exhaust, carbon rear fender, 5.5" rear wheel and new tire, throttlemeister, high & low bars, adjustable windshield, BMW hard bags, Acc. outlet, transferable 6yr./100k warranty and more. Lots of \$ invested. Bought LT. \$11000 obo. Call Ron 209-477-4904 or rbart2@aol.com for pics (1/06)

1983 Honda VT500 Ascot. Liquid cooled V-twin, six-speed, shaft drive, 36k miles. Have good condition original bodywork (midnight blue, flat-track style), plus custom cafe-style seat, tank, fairing, rear-sets and under-seat exhaust. Spare engine, and lots of other spares. New tires. \$1,500/offer. Call Marc at 530-367-4480 (12/28)

2001 BMW R1100S, ABS, Yel/blk, S.African LE, 9k, htd grps, acc outlet, cruise, Two Bros exh, lower pegs, recent tires, warr 04/04. This edition (1 of 200) comes with higher bars, taller w/s, c-stand, cancel signals, nice bike, 18k invested. First \$12k. Cafe Mike (530)527-5159, mrh@tco.net (12/10)

Where is it?



Question: After a beautiful ride in the mountains to this place, what does the sign to the left of this sign say? 10 pts.

The next newsletter will have the points totals of the competitors. Email your answer to Terry Caffrey at:caffery@lanset.com or call 916-652-3353





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