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#### **Membership Meeting**

Sat Aug, 7th 8:00am Susie's Country Oaks Cafe 500-G Cirby Way Roseville

#### **Director's Meeting**

Tues Aug 10th, 7:00 pm Perkos 9647 Micron Ave Sacramento, CA

#### 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



Another MOA national rally has come and gone, and even though I only have one other to compare it to in my experience, this sure seemed like a good one. Half again as many participants than in Gillette two years ago, WAY more food choices, and a really good assortment of vendors.

The venue was everything I had heard it to be from those who were there at the previous MOA rally held there years ago, except for the (ahem) shower problem. Apparently the porta-showers and portapotties that were ordered for the rally got diverted to a forest fire, and we had only the regular facilities on site, which were not quite enough for 6000+ people. Some potties finally showed up Friday afternoon which helped some, albeit a little late.

Mike Robles and George Boyse were indispensable, however, hauling peoples stuff for them, getting a campsite set up (with a pop up tent for shade), and having coffee ready for us in the morning. We had quite a few serious discussions held under that tent each night, particularly the Pico vs. Kermit chair controversy, which was solved (of course) in favor of the Pico.

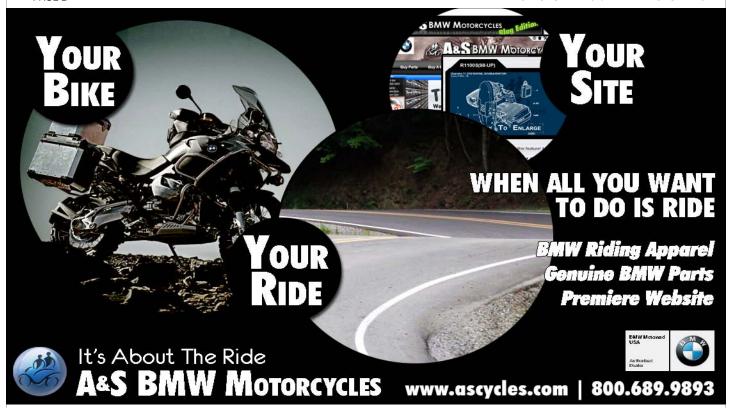
Ask me some time about fried chicken and free pie, another couple of subjects we beat to death. There were a lot of our members who really showed a team spirit at the campsite; bringing in extra ice, waters, beer, sodas, etc. so that the cooler was never empty and we never lacked for anything to drink, or eat for that matter. I counted almost forty of us camping in that spot,

and there were dozens camped elsewhere and in motels, so when we totaled up the membership participation it was over 65, not quite enough for an award but definitely in the top 5.

And congratulations are due to our own director emeritus Rick Blake, who won the award for the oldest rider there, even though they misspelled your name on the screen (Rick Black??). Rick is my hero, and I hope yours too, as he rode to Redmond and camped out with us at 90 years old, and it sure looks like he's not stopping any time soon.

August has a variety of events on the schedule, so I'm sure you'll find something to your liking. The annual Ride 'n' Bowl in Yerington is the bargain of the year, and is our club ride for August. Even if you're not going to bowl you can enjoy a nice ride up to Genoa for lunch with us. The next weekend is the Sierra Nevada Brew Ride, after that it's the Tahoe Chill campout, and finally our big event, track day at Thunderhill. If you can't find one of those to enjoy then you're just too picky. I would love to make them all, but unfortunately I will be riding to Wabasha, Minnesota to bury my Dad's ashes (I'm taking him on the bike with me) so I'll be gone a couple of weeks. I will see you in Yerington and Thunderhill, however.

Remember, We're not bikers, we're motorcyclists. We ride far. We ride often. We ride quiet(ly)



## Kirssi wins inaugural Battle-X aboard his BMW 450 X

Simo Kirssi keeps going from strength to strength. The BMW Husqvarna Motorsport factory rider has claimed victory in the first-ever Battle-X. Following five consecutive wins in Cross Country races across Europe, 30-year-old Kirssi used the new Extreme Enduro competition to determine his abilities in such events and as a preparation for the Roof of Africa in November.

The two-day Battle-X was held at the amusement park Waffenrod (Thuringia) under conditions hotter than hell. The participants, among them some recognised German pro riders, not only had to deal with the brutal heat, but also with four gruelling qualifying heats. Kirssi kept a low profile during the first three of them. The

Scandinavian finished second in the "Torture Test", the "Sudden Death" and Sunday morning's "Rising Sun", before making short work of his rivals in the "Final Destination", where Kirssi scored seven straight start-finish victories to take the event overall in dominating fashion.

The inaugural Battle-X was characterised by a combination of eight large and five smaller artificial obstacles. "Races like the Battle-X do certainly have a future. They're good for the riders to display their talent and good for the fans who are close to the action. I believe the difficulty level could be somewhat higher, though," said the Finn, who's regularly training with a trial motorcycle since two years.



### Thunderhill – One more time!



Probably the greatest misperception regarding our annual Rider Skills Improvement Day (RSID) is that it's all about speed and racing. Well, if that's what you want, we do have an "A" group who receive no instruction and essentially are turned loose to see how fast they can circumnavigate the track.

But the vast majority of our attendees come to learn and practice safe, street riding skills – The fact that this learning is conducted on a clean, unfettered track 7714.

is key. Oncoming traffic, obtrusive cars and trucks, and other distractions are eliminated, providing the participant with a perfect en-

vironment to acquire skills.

Intermediate and Beginner skilled attendees at this year's (our 15th) RSID will be paired with riders of similar skills, and alternate between classroom and track time – Classroom time to review the course, the turns and techniques, and to relax; and track time to put all those newly acquired skills into practice.

Praise of last year's event was universal – Everything from the venue to the instructors to the curriculum to the volunteers was appreciated. Even the food and facilities! If

RCB were to turn RSID into a business, it would probably be pretty successful – Except for one minor issue – Getting enough RCB participants.

Last year's attendance was barely 30% RCB members. The balance of our attendees came from as far as Boise, Houston, Reno and Monterey. This year the RCB member ratio is starting out even lower than 30%. Speaking as a volunteer, recruiting distant riders makes the job more difficult, and seeing so few RCB participants is somewhat disheartening.

If you're considering joining us, please get your application in before all the outsiders do. And if you aren't considering

joining, ask yourself why not? There's not a better deal (cost-wise nor fun-wise) to perfect those riding skills.

RCB's 15th Rider Skills Improvement Day is Sunday, Aug 29 at Thunderhill Raceway Park. More information can be found at http://www.rcbthunderhill.org/or call Kim at 209/402-7714



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If you're tired of hunting through Motorcycle Consumer News or Rider to find those isolated bits of BMW Motorcycle news, then this new magazine is for you. *BMW Motorcycle Magazine*.

Ever stroll by the magazine rack at a German airport? The number of motorcycle magazines is staggering. But even more surprising is the large number dedicated to just BMW Motorcycles – Compare that to the situation here in the States where beyond the ones published by MOA and RA, I can't think of any.

Stepping up to fill that void is a collaboration of the German publisher of three BMW Motorcycle magazines and Sandy Cohen, former editor of BMW Owners News, to produce the new, English-language *BMW Motorcycle Magazine*.

BMW Motorcycle Magazine will now



## Sierra Nevada Brewery Tour Saturday, Aug. 14, 2010

And now for something completely different – Breaking the cycle of eat-ride-eat again, we're going to try eat-ride-education-eat again. How's that for variety?

The **education** portion of the event will be provided by the nice folks at Sierra Nevada Brewery in nearby Chico. They've agreed to give us a guided tour of their facilities, demonstrate the finer points of beer brewing, educate us about the specific tastes and differences of their beers, and finally host a Tavern lunch with beer pairings.

But you can't get to the **education** portion of the event until you've completed the **ride** portion of the event. And that part will be hosted by our own Ray Trujillo, who normally toils in servitude to great Government leaders, but for this day, will be leading our group up to Chico and back.

**Schedule:** Aug. 14, 2010, 8AM departure from Susie's Country Oaks Café. (Yes, that's earlier than normal but we need to leave early to arrive in time for our 10AM brewery tour.)

**Lunch:** Sierra Nevada has an attached taproom where their beers (and wine) can be paired with selections from their banquet menu including a burger, chicken, Portobello mush-



room and pasta dish. Lunch includes free coffee, tea or water.

Attendance: Attendance must be confirmed. Sierra Nevada Brewery has established a limit of thirty (30) participants. You know the drill – Sign up at our forum at <a href="http://">http://</a>

www.rcbforum.org/

**Cost:** Participant cost is \$5/person plus whatever beer and wine is consumed at the brewery.

Any questions? Contact Ray Trujillo at 916/601-9141.





#### <u>Late breaking news! Five RCBers</u> <u>complete Iron Butt SS 1000!</u>

The following five RCB members, on Jul 24, did ride their respective motorcycles 1,034 miles From Roseville, CA to Wendover, UT and back in less than 24 hours through freezing mountain cold, searing desert

heat and Sierra thunderstorms and are to be installed as full members of the Iron Butt Association. Congratulations!

Bob Brown 2005 R1200RT; Bruce Azzarito, 2002 BMW K1200LTC; Gary Hollinger, 2009 BMW F800ST; Lynn Yelland, 1997 BMW R850R; Phil Challinor, 2009 BMW K1300GT.

#### **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.

2000 K1200LTC 57,000 K - Canyon red - Piaa lights - Moto lights - Aero headlight protector - Chrome Bushtek trailer hitch - and other add ons 7,500 obo Call John 530 677 1931

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Nolan N103 XL Silver Helmet for sale, Purchased June 29th and it does not fit my head as well as I had hoped... Worn once for 3 hours. \$349 plus tax new will sell for \$300 Bob 916 208 6641

1983 R100RT 60th Anniversary model Pearl White, 72K in great shape and with BMW and aftermarket options. \$4,500. Dennis 530-391-5754, e-

mail:clcman(at)sbcglobal.net (6/11)

2006 1200 GS Adventure 7700 miles black and silver new tires very clean \$9500 or best offer. Call Bryan at 916-847-2001(5/17)

Backpacking Tent Sierra Designs Light Year 1 3-Season. Packed size, 19" x 5" and a feather-light trail weight of 2 lb. 11 oz. A great 1-person tent. \$85. 3/4" Therm-a-Rest. \$25.

Whisperlite Internationale 600 stove. Burns a variety of fuels and packs small. \$45. Dennis 530-391-5754 (5/17)

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)

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 (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-Tex rain liners. \$600.

2004 BMW Heated Vest with plug. Grey/black. Size

XL. Never worn, \$125.

2006 Schuberth 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)

## **2010 Calendar of Upcoming Events**

Check often because events are always being added or changed.

Aug 7th, Sat General membership meeting at Susie's Country Oaks Cafe, 8 am, 500-G Cirby Way, Roseville, CA 916-786-0274. There will be a day ride afterwards so have a full tank of gas before starting. All members and guests welcome.

Aug 10th, Tue Director's meeting at Perkos Restaurant, 7:00 pm, 9647 Micron Ave, Sacramento. 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!

Aug 7-8 Ride 'N' Bowl, Yerington, NV, Kim Rydalch, 800-227-4661, ask for Kelly, \$30 for 2 and 2 free dinners, \$20 for one and free dinner. Call early for the largest rooms. See you there!

Aug 14-15 Sierra Nevada Brew Ride, Chico, Ray Trujillo

Aug 21-22 Tahoe Chill South Lake Tahoe, Challinor, Olson, Sweeney

Aug 29 Thunderhill RCB Motorcycle Skills Improvement Day, more news to follow

Aug 31-Sep 3 Curve Cowboy Reunion, Killington, VT, Curve Cowboys

Sep 3-5 Gold Wing Rally, open to all brands of bikes, Mammoth Mountain Resort

http://www.gwrra-ca.org/dist\_rally/dist\_rally.html
Sep 3-6
NorCal BMW Club, Range of Light Tour

Sep 11 Vintage Bike Show, A&S BMW, 1-5 pm Sep 17-19 Beemer Bash, Quincy, Central Cal BMW

Oct 1-3 Northern Coast II, Manchester Beach
Oct 2 Membership Meeting Manchester Beach

Oct 10 Five Passes Ride, Sierras, Ken Caruthers•

Nov 7 2010 Planning Meeting, Fred Jewell Dec 5 Christmas Party, A&S, Dennis Allstead



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