

River City Beemers February 2020



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.



The Crew at the Children's Receiving Home Christmas Spirit



Rest Stop Near Lake Berryessa

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RCB Calendar of Events

(See RCB Web Site / Forum for Details)

February 22	Swap Meet @ A&S
March 7	Monthly Member Meeting / Club Ride
	GPS Class – See Forum
March 13-15	Whale Of A Tour – Mendocino
April 4	Monthly Member Meeting / Club Ride
April 24-26	Coastal Classic – See Forum for Details
May 2	Monthly Member Meeting
May 22-24	49'er Rally – Mariposa
June 6	Monthly Member Meeting / Club Ride
June 12-14	Spring Fling – Lewiston
June 19-21	Chief Joseph Rally, John Day, OR
June 25-28	MOA National Rally
July 4	Monthly Member Meeting - Club Ride
August 1	Monthly Member Meeting - Club Ride
August 14-16	Tahoe Chill – Camp Richardson
Sept. 5	Monthly Member Meeting - Club Ride
Sept. 4-7	Gypsy Tour
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 / TBD

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President's Corner

February 2020

Well, pitchers and catchers will be reporting soon. The 49ers couldn't quite hold on last Sun. and after the Super Bowl, sports are done for me till baseball fires back up! So.....guess I'll go for a ride till then.

The weather last Sat. was outstanding and it looked as tho' the Capt. had a good squad for the club ride around Berryessa to St. Helena following the meeting. Tom Moe posted a couple of pics on the forum. Looks like Berryessa has quite a bit of water in it judging by the pic of the Glory Hole.

Took an informal poll of attending members at the meeting and was happy with the number of riders planning to attend the BMWMOA INT'L in Great Falls, Mt. on June 24th, 25th, 26th. Terry Lee has a coupla routes to event that he will post. He also mentioned when coerced that he may be interested in leading a group northward towards the event. Thx. Terry. Jack K. has volunteered to be the the club point of contact for chartered club camping. Even if you are moteling it at the event we need to know you are there for our list of attending members as it would nice if we could win "Most Members in a Chartered Club attending" as we did in Salt Lake. Because not everyone attends the meetings, we will post soon on the forum so we can keep a running count on attendees. Looking forward to this run! It will be fun!

April 24th, 25th, 26th is the Coastal Classic which is shifting to the North coast town of Fortuna. Terry has or will post a number of routes to and around Fortuna. There is contact info under Rides and Events for the Redwood Riverwalk Motel. Reserve your room now. Should be a fun weekend of riding and camaraderie.

Feb. 22nd there will be a swap meet at A&S. Randy and Co. have asked us to once again to perform our culinary magic on burgers and dogs. Calling all chefs to assist me in this event.

Following March's club meeting we will be holding a Garmin Basecamp GPS class at Jack's office. The class will begin at 10:30. We will go to A&S following the meeting, then head to the site at 10:00. The Capt. will handle us Droid users with Rich and Terry handling the Apple folks. Bring a laptop and charging cable.

Watch for your Air Med Care renewals and keep your coverage current. 65 bucks is a bargain for this insurance.

The RCB store is open. Buy a hat or a shirt. The prices are very reasonable, and the club receives a portion of the sale.



I hope this new year is finding everyone healthy and ready for a busy riding season. We are all members of this club and we all have a voice. Use yours. Have suggestions or concerns or recommendations, talk to me or other club officers and express yourself. The Trinity Spring Classic started as a weekend ride and now it is an event.

Ride Safe, Ride far, and ride often! See ya on the road!

Mike

A&S Swap Meet

A&S BMW aka A&S Powersports is hosting a swap meet on February 22, 2020. RCB will be flipping burgers so plan to stop by. For details and information about selling or trading stuff you no longer need and use, please call A&S.

GPS Class Or How I Learned to Love Basecamp



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Following the club member meeting at Susie's on March 7, 2020, we will be holding a Garmin Basecamp GPS class at Jack Klauschie's office, 3638 American River Drive, Sacramento, Ca. The class will begin at 10:30.

Some may go to A&S following the member meeting, then head to Jack's office about 10:00.

Capt. Ken will handle Droid users with Rich and Terry handling the Apple folks.

Bring a laptop and charging cable and your GPS. The goal is to make this a hands-on class.

2020 Whale Of A Tour B&B Ride

March 13, 14 & 15, Friday/Saturday/Sunday, 2020

Greg & Cyndee Peart have hosted this first big RCB ride of the year now since 2007. The destination has always been the beautiful Seagull Inn Bed & Breakfast in Mendocino. New owners Ian & Kim Roth have graciously extended the same 15% off standard weekend rates with a 2-night minimum stay RCB has enjoyed for many years. All 9 rooms are blocked off.

Reservations must be made by calling The Sea Gull Inn at: 707-937-5204, or by calling Ian directly on his cell at 415-847-1661. Let Ian or the Inn's staff know you are with the River City Beemers and you will receive 15% off the standard weekend rate. Remember, there is a 2-night minimum stay for this event. Your first night rate will be charged as a deposit when the reservation is made, and the balance required at check-in.

Cutoff date for reservations will be 8 PM, Thursday, February 14, 2020.

Check out The Seagull Inn at: www.seagullbb.com

Please call Greg Peart 916-870-7841 & leave a contact # or email him at XFIL911@comcast.net that you are going with us.

This is a rain or shine event. Cars are welcome if needed for any reason.



An Answer to the Winter Request From Greg Gibson



Here is a picture loading up bikes in Meadow Valley between Buck's Lake and Quincy. I was Gypsy Tour Chairman that year (2000) with Lars Swartz. I was driving the sweep truck and also had my R100PD on the trailer in case I got a chance to ride. Pictured is Russ Drake's R1100RT on the trailer as his bike's alternator belt broke right there. I got a call from Russ while on my way up Feather River Cyn after checking in the riders at the Grass Valley ride start point that morning.

Right after hanging up from Russ, I got a weak garbled call from CJ Gilzean whose KTM spun a rear sprocket near Berry Creek on the way over to Quincy from Oroville. I tried to ask CJ to see how far he could get towed towards Bucks Lake, in order to save me some part of the drive back over to pick him up. The call dropped, so I had no idea if he heard any of that suggestion.

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I continued up Feather River Canyon and back to Quincy towards Bucks Lake. I found Russ alongside the road waiting. I had to unload my PD to send Russ on my bike (pictured behind the trailer with a much younger Chris Clark) in order to have room for CJ's bike. While finishing up tying Russ' bike down, I heard the sound of a few bikes coming down the hill from Bucks Lake and was flabbergasted to see CJ at the end of a rope with Gerry O'Callahan as tow pilot. They had come across the entire Buck's Lake Road in tow during a rainstorm in about the time I drove the same distance at highway speeds on 70. Gerry's subsequent RCB write up is one of the all-time best ever printed. This is the backstory, which only those that participated in one of the great Gypsy Tours ever are aware of. (Editor's Note: I was part of that group at the beginning of my return to riding – which is code for tentative and slow especially given the weather. The weather was horrible – it rained hard all day. I could not keep up with O'Callahan towing CJ's KTM. If anyone has a copy of Gerry's account of the day, please send me a copy.)

The picture below is CJ at Cedarville Fairgrounds that night.



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Russ was able to scrounge up an alternator belt, so CJ rode the rest of the Gypsy Tour on my PD. Pretty much everybody was tenting on the floor of the main barn due to rain and snow. The snow would continue the following day through Tionesta and around the backside of Mt Shasta on our way to Hayfork.

(Editor's Note: I was going to bail on this Gypsy Tour due to the weather forecast for the weekend. I was shamed into going most likely by Jim Cyran, but I really do not remember who the tormentor was.

The volunteer firemen in Cedarville had a bar set up for us and rustled up a fantastic BBQ dinner. The firemen pours made many tough men cry the next morning.

As my daughter would say: Makin' Memories.)

A Winter Request

As you are sitting at home in the rain pining away for Spring and the start of another riding season, 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 winter.



Mapping - For Those of Us Who Grew Up in the Carbon Paper Age

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By Jack

A new member, Vicky Jo Moran, sent me an e-mail after reading my article about using Google Maps and a Garmin GPS. Thanks for the note Vicki!

Vicki wrote:

"I sometimes use google maps to create a gpx file and download it to my Garmin Nav VI or Zumo device. It has always worked fine. I use file converter to convert .kml files to .gpx files and vice versa. See this link for amazing things you can do to files and it is free: https://www.gpsvisualizer.com/map_input?form=googleearth They have always worked. It amazes me. There are some tricks to learn in how to find the file and to display it on your device. But it has always worked."

I have not had a chance to experiment with this program. Its use may make the process easier. If you give it a try let me know how it worked.

Greg wrote:

"I followed your newsletter instructions and was able to create a route on My Maps. I then converted it using 20 points and had to drag the file from the download folder to a folder on basecamp. However, I have not been able to load the route on to the GPS as it lays out on the basecamp map. Part of the problem may be that I used my home address as the start/finish point, and the GPS does not see that as a route. (Garmin 680t)."

I'm not sure what may have happened, but I wrote Greg yesterday:

If the Google Map route was converted to a Garmin file in Basecamp it likely was a .gpx file. These files work in the Nav type GPS's that BMW sells with the newer bikes.

Older Garmin GPS's may not "read" a .gpx file. The route needs to be converted to a Garmin .gdb file. I have not found a way to do that in Basecamp (although that may be my lack of knowledge). (We used to be able to right click on a selected route in Map

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Source and the properties of the route was an option. Once in a route's properties we had options to modify the route. I have not found a similar feature in Basecamp.)

I create a file / folder on my desktop. I click on / highlight the route I want, click on File - Export - Export selection. You then get to a dialogue box where you pick the file folder where you want to move / export the route. Pick the folder you made on your desktop.

DON'T SAVE IT YET.

At the bottom of the box you have two lines. One says file name. You can give the route whatever name you want by typing it in there. (It defaults to what you named the route in Basecamp.)

The line below identifies the file type. This is the key. Click on the down arrow on the far right. A menu of file types drops down. Click on file type .gdb. Once that file type is identified as the file type in that line you can click save.

You now have a .gdb type route in the folder that can be downloaded to your GPS via Basecamp (by moving it into a Basecamp list), or using MapSource if it will work on your GPS.

Part of what I wrote Greg yesterday was wrong. I wrote today:

I spent about an hour on the phone with two Garmin technical support guys today. I was advised most of the newer GPS units will accept and work with a .gpx route file. They specifically said Zumo, Montana, and 64's should work with a .gpx route file. I will try using my Montana when I have a chance.

The bottom line with Basecamp is it only will create a .gpx route file.

To create a .gdb route file you will have to go through what I wrote last night.

If you try to import a .gdb route file into Basecamp (to download it to a GPS for example), Basecamp will automatically convert it to a .gpx file.

If you have an older Garmin GPS that only will work with a .gdb route file you must use Map Source, assuming you still have it and it still works.

If you have experimented or have used this process, please send me a note about your experience and share what you learned.

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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 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.



RCB Newsletter



BMW MOA Club #210 & BMWRA Club #104

Catch us on the Web at WWW.RCB.ORG

DISCOUNT FOR RCB MEMBERS AT CLEARWATER LIGHTS!!

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The PREZ himself has already availed himself of this opportunity and is happy to show off his new lights to anyone who wants to follow his bike around. The "Billie's" are specially designed for the newer BMW's (GT's, RT's, and GS's) with the "Wonder Wheel" multifunction switch. If you have already gotten a "Can Opener 3" with your Clearwater auxiliary lights then you are all set. If you still have one of the earlier Can Openers (or don't have one at all) you will need to upgrade to the Can Opener 3.

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