

# River City Beemers



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### Membership Meeting

Sat. July 3rd, 8:00am

Western Coffee Pot

Auburn near Greenback Ln

Citrus Heights

### Director's Meeting

## **CANCELLED**

Western Coffee Pot

Auburn near Greenback Ln.

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### Breakfast - Be There!

Every Saturday 8 am

Western Coffee Pot

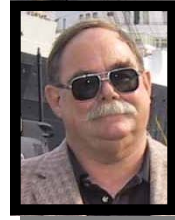
6233 Auburn Blvd

Citrus Heights

### Weds. Coffee Social Meet between 5-7pm

Leaves every Wednesday evening at 6 pm from The Coffee Republic in Folsom

## The President's Corner by Gary Stofer



June is starting off great Thunder Hill turned out better than ever this year as we had about 30 participants who had never been on the track before. Butterflies were in abundance early in the day, only to be replaced by smiles later on. The majority of machines were BMW's and nearly all types were represented: KLT's, KRS's, F650's, R11xx's of every variety and a couple of Cruisers, and of course the new R1200GS's. Big thanks to all who helped out at the track and extra Kudos to Jim Cyran for returning this event to its intended purpose. Great Job!

I know a lot of you were able to attend the 49'er rally at Auburn because I have an award for largest club in attendance gracing my garage wall. Spoils of the office, which you could have if you were President. I'm leaving for the Chief Joseph rally tomorrow morning so this column is a little rushed. There are two rallies in July that I'm attending: Top o'the Rockies at Paonia, Colorado and the BMWMOA National Rally at Spokane, Washington. Hope to see a lot of you at these events. There has been quite a bit of interest in joining part or all of the RCB Assault ride leaving July 7. There's a link on the [rcb.org](http://rcb.org) news page on the web where you can view and download a copy of the route complete with maps, directions, and camping information. If you're an analog member, get someone to print you a copy. (Ted Hudson at A&S

has been known to print a copy now and then.) Or I usually have a couple of copies with me.

RCB is going to have a club Poker Run July 31. We'll run it the way it should be run. You ride a route following easy instructions, and receive a card at on-course manned check points. If you complete the route successfully, you'll have 5 cards, which is your final hand. And, there are cash prizes to be awarded to the best hands, and maybe one for the worst hand. Current plans are to start and end the run at A&S BMW. Riders would leave any time between 10:00 & 11:00 AM.

This month's riding tip: You might think about carrying a few spare parts with you on a long trip. This is just to guarantee you won't need them. Here's a list of the thing I pack when traveling on my R1100GS: Fuel Filter & clamps, O-ring for fuel pump access plate, oil sight glass, oil filler cap assembly, alternator belt, clutch cable, head light and tail light bulbs, and of course sticky string tire plugs. There will be a different list for K bikes. Maybe someone will write a short piece for another issue? If you're lucky, you will never need to use these things but you might be able to save another riders trip. Sometimes they're grateful enough to buy you a lunch or after ride beverage. After all, everyone should be able to:

Ride Safe

Ride Often

Got Mufflers?

# BMWMOA National, July 15-18, Spokane, WA



BMW Motorcycle Owners of America is presenting the 32nd International rally in Spokane. For \$35 you get a fantastic deal. By the time you read this you'll need to register at the rally.

Here's what you get when you go to the Rally

First time at a national rally, or a seasoned rally rat? Either way, you surely would like to know "What does my registration in-

clude?" Here is a partial list.

Your registration fee includes at no additional cost:

Camping on nice soft grass, with your choice of quiet, traditional and "roughing it" locations.

Hot and cold running water in wash rooms and lavatories available for all campers.

Port o' potties for those who prefer same.

Hot (& cold) showers on site.

Many Door prizes: Grand prizes include at least two BMW motorcycles.

Tours: There will be ride sheets and many tours available. The Hospitality group is drawing up day ride sheets for riders that attend the rally. Check at the Hospitality tent for more information.

Vendors: We expect a good variety of vendors on site with products that motorcyclists will find worthy.

Field Events: Competition for all interested in signing up... a little different every year.

Pin & Patch: You get an official rally pin and patch.

Technical Sessions & Seminars: Watch the Owners News for details. Sessions start Thursday morning and run until Saturday afternoon. Some are repeated. At this year's rally there will be

some unique presentations never before shown at an International gathering. Watch the Rally Program for notices.

Demo Rides: BMW Motorrad will be present with new bikes for demo rides.

Beer Garden: cold beer and hot music.

Cyber Cafe: Need email? Available on site.

County Store: Avoid shipping costs. The BMW MOA Country Store will be open for business.

Shipping: A packaging/shipping firm will have a booth to help you avoid hauling more acquisitions home than your motorcycle can carry safely.

Entertainment: Live music throughout the rally.

Oil Change: Facilities available (do it yourself)

Bike Wash: Do it yourself. Plenty of water available.

Awards: For the longest riders, high mileage bikes, best looking bikes, etc. Be sure to enter at the Rally Registration area.

Flea Market: For your selling and buying pleasure.

Foot Race: 8k foot race will be held.

GS Tours: There will be several guided GS rides through a country and off road setting. Maps will be available for self guided tours.

BMW MOA Membership Office: Will be open on site.

Rally Program: With pictures.

Bike Rescue: For those who have mechanical problems within an hour of the rally site.

Nondenominational Worship: Sunday morning, there may also be services throughout the rally. Watch for notices in the Rally program

Town Meeting of the MOA Board of Directors: Open to all members, held on Thursday.

Meeting: Chartered Club Presidents.

Meeting: Friends of Bill W

Meeting: BMWMOA Ambassadors

Meeting: Club Newsletters Editors

Security: 24 hours daily by volunteers.

EMS: 1st Aid team on site.

Youth Events: A place for teens to hang out with each other.

Children's Events: Variety of activities for those 5-12 years of age while their parent(s) attend tech sessions and seminars.

Opportunities: To meet riders with similar interests from all over North America and several foreign nations.

## Get Down & Dirty At the National

### GS Rides at the BMWMOA National Rally

There will definitely be GS type rides at the MOA National in July. The Rally Site (Spokane, WA Fair Grounds) is less than 50 miles from 4 National Forests:

Colville – NW, Kaniksu – NE, Coeur D'Alene – E, and St. Joe – SE. Plus, there are private lands that may be available to us. If you would like to "scout" these areas in advance, you can obtain maps from the USFS at 928 443 8285.

Nothing is firm yet, but the GS Ride Committee is planning 2 – 6 rides; some escorted, others with just maps and route sheets. GPS might be part of one of these. Rides of ½ and full days



are envisioned. These will be relatively easy GS rides, as most of the rally attendees will have come long distances on street tires. If you want to be challenged (knobbies, single tracks, etc), this is very doable in the NFs on your own, but we strongly recommend that you get the FS maps before hand.

We will need volunteers during the rally to: hand out maps, act as sweep riders, provide first aid on the rides, etc. If any of your members would like to be involved, contact GS Chair - Tim Kastning at 208 687-6000 or [arborist@gracetreesevice.com](mailto:arborist@gracetreesevice.com).

## RCB Poker Run



## 64,486 Ticket free miles and then...

By Mark Bateson

I have enjoyed 64,486 ticket free miles on my 1998 BMW K1200RS and then in a period of seven weeks, two speeding tickets. And so I wonder is it fate, is it a symptom of the "empty nest" with our youngest off to college, is it my employers unrelenting layoffs at Hewlett-Packard or am I doing something wrong?

### Ticket Number One:

My first ticket was issued on Forest Hill road headed west back towards Auburn. I was stuck behind a car going slow through a nice curvy section but not too worry, I ride the road often and knew there would be a nice passing lane in just a mile or two.

As we entered the passing section the car moved to the right and predictably sped up. Funny how that works... Harleys and slow cars always seem to speed up when the road straightens out. But not a problem, I zipped on past up the hill, making a gap and getting setup for a nice right hand turn as I crested the hill. But, and there is always a "but" in a story like this... as I approached the top of the hill there was a CHP car off to the left side of the road facing east. As I backed off the throttle the lights and siren were on.

I found a nice place where we could both easily stop. Even though I'm a 49 year young adult my heart was racing... I've never had a ticket in my life so I was nervous. The officer was very pleasant and no question, this was going to be my first ticket. The officer wrote me up for 66 in a 55.

Afterwards I was pretty angry with myself because I knew the CHP had increased patrols in the area but I thought to myself, "I was passing... that must count for something."

The next day I was out riding on one of my favorite routes out 193 between Sierra College and New Castle. In the past I've been known to pick up the pace along this road but after getting the ticket, I was determined to never get a ticket again. That day I made a deliberate effort to simply slow down and practice riding a perfect line through the curves.

I've ridden 193 for years and never had a problem but on this day, I rounded a blind curve headed east, there in front of me

was car stopped in the road. No brake lights, no turn signal and traffic coming at me in the other lane. Because I was riding slower, I was able to a stop. Had I been going my normal pace I most certainly would have experienced an accident.

This incident was "so close" I dropped CHP a note and thanked them for the speeding ticket the previous day. Might sound crazy but there's no question in my mind that their increased level of enforcement may very well have saved my life. A CHP Captain promptly wrote me a very nice reply and commented, "we don't often get thank you letters for speeding tickets". And went on to mention he was pleased I wasn't involved in an accident and have slowed down.

Two weeks later riding the same road I came upon a fatal motorcycle accident on 193 in approximately the same place. The next day I stopped at the crash site in an effort to figure out what went wrong. No skid marks and from what I could determine, he must have been going too fast and just missed judged the turn. This rider wasn't so lucky.

### Ticket Number Two:

Fast forward several weeks. I just returned from a business trip to Asia and as fate would have it my wife was at a four day medical conference in Reno. When the

weekend arrived I headed up to see her and decided to ride out highway 49 to 88 and up 89 through South Lake Tahoe and into Reno. The weather was perfect and I planned to stop along the way and photograph the great fall colors in the area.

I had been on the bike for a couple hours and came upon two vehicles loaded to the rim with firewood. I sat behind them for a while and although they were going close to the speed limit, I just kept watching the wood shift as they went over bumps in the road. I came to the quick conclusion I didn't want to be anywhere near these guys but it was a double yellow line. I don't ride 88 very often and I'm not too familiar with the road so I just sat back there and waited for a good opportunity to pass.

About three or four cars and a motorcycle queued up behind me with the two fire wood vehicles ahead and then came my chance... a broken yellow on my side. I was in 4<sup>th</sup> gear, checked my mirrors and zipped past the two of them. I intentionally opened up a gap so others could easily pass and just as I crossed back into my lane then clicked up two gears to coast... and who is coming the other way but an SUV type CHP. I didn't realize it was a CHP vehicle until the lights and



siren were on. Yikes – I don't believe it!

I pulled over in a safe place, had the bike on the center stand and helmet off by the time he could turn around and get back to me. Once again the officer was very nice and said, "how fast do you think you were going?" I just told the truth – I didn't know... I just passed two vehicles loaded with fire wood. The officer didn't really care about the vehicles because he had me at 83 in a 55 on the radar. Ouch.

I hadn't even been to traffic school for my first ticket and now another.

I wrote to the CHP Captain I had communicated with earlier and basically said "here are the two situations... what am I doing wrong?" Unfortunately I received an auto-reply message indicating he was away that week. The goofy thing is that in both cases, I did everything I did intentionally and believed I was doing the right thing.

Meanwhile I attended traffic school for the first ticket. So what

did I learn in traffic school? ... **you can't speed while passing.**

Upon his return, the CHP Captain quickly responded to my e-mail and echoed what I learned in traffic school. It's against the law to exceed the speed limit while passing... plain and simple.

In closing - are the tickets related to the empty nest syndrome, the unrelenting lay-offs and re-organization pressures of work, fate catching up with me or am I doing something wrong? Clearly according to the law I was doing something wrong but more than likely, a combination of all the above.

And so a word of caution... slow down, take a deep breath and just enjoy the scenery because there's no question CHP have increased their patrols on some of our most favorite roads.

PS – save your money too...  
total ticket costs plus traffic school = \$488.00

## **2004 Calendar of Upcoming Events**

*Check often because events are always being added or changed.*

- July 3rd, Sat**    **General membership meeting at the Western Coffee Pot, 8 am, 6233 Auburn Blvd (just north of Greenback), Citrus Hts 916-722-0811. There will be a day ride afterwards so have a full tank of gas before starting.**
- July 13th, Tue**    **Board of Directos meeting CANCELLED.** Everyone is riding to Spokane in July so we'll get busy in August and make up for any lost time. See ya in Spokane!
- Jul 7-11**        **RCB assault on Paonia & MOA National rally's Gary Stofer is your ride leader.**
- Jul 15-18**       **BMWMOA National Rally in Spokane, WA. RCB's 2<sup>nd</sup> assault ride to just the national with Jack Klaushie as your ride leader.**
- Jul 31<sup>st</sup>, Sat**    **RCB poker run. Jim Cyran, coordinator, Details TBA**
- Aug 7-8**        Yerington Ride & Bowl, Yerington, NV. Meet in Genoa, NV at the corner of NV206 and NV58, (across from the Mormon Station Historic Monument) for a deli lunch and then ride to Yerington. Gary Stofer will lead a ride from the Western Coffee Pot at 9am to Genoa. Lots of fun and interesting roads between Sacramento and Yerington for you to ride. Don't miss the bargain of the century! Same prices for the past four years, \$30 for two-people/two dinner buffet tickets/two breakfast buffet tickets. \$20 for one person/ one dinner buffet ticket/ one breakfast buffet ticket. The Saturday night bowling extravaganza begins at 5-7pm. The Saturday dinner buffet is Baron of Beef and the Sunday breakfast buffet are the traditional favorites, eggs, biscuits, bacon, sausage, fruit and fresh carved Virginia ham. Call Sue Collins at 800-227-4661 ext 112 and mention River City Beemers for your room reservation. The earlier you reserve the bigger your room will be. 24 hour notice for room cancellation. Kim Rydalch, coordinator 209-521-8425.
- Aug 12-14**       Stanley Stomp Campout, Idaho, Details TBA [www.idahobmwriders.com](http://www.idahobmwriders.com)
- Aug 20-22**       Beartooth rally, Details TBA, [www.treasurestate.com](http://www.treasurestate.com)
- Aug 21-22**       Mystery Campout, someplace new. Jim Cyran coordinator.



Sep 3-5	NorCal Gypsy Tour. For additional information contact Russ Drake at (510) 278-9342 or twobeemers@aol.com or www.bmwnorcal.org/rol/
Sep 11 <sup>th</sup> , Sat	Progressive meal on wheels, Marv & Lois Lewis, Details TBA
Sep 17-19	Central Cal BMW Riders Beemer Bash. Quincy fairgrounds, Poker Run organized by RCB www.ccb.org
Sep 26 <sup>th</sup> , Sun	RCB multi-pass ride, details TBA
Oct 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Sat	BMWMOA final mileage checks. RCB will send in the finishing forms and do our part to beat those wannabees from Wisconsin.
Oct 8-10	Manchester Beach Campout, Chris Schattie coordinator. 707-763-7765.
Oct 22-23	David's Bed and Brew ride, Location to be announced, call David Rives for details, 916-487-0233.
Oct 31 <sup>st</sup>	Webmaster's B-day, Please only large unmarked bills only.
Nov 6-8	Cycle World International Motorcycle Show, San Mateo fairgrounds.
Nov 14 <sup>th</sup> , Sun	2005 Calendar planning meeting. 6pm, Lots of pizza, beer, sodas, and friendship. Location at Bryan Wright's house.
Dec 5 <sup>th</sup> , Sun	RCB Christmas party,
Dec 11 <sup>th</sup> , Sat	Nevada City Toy Run, location is at the Nevada County Fairgrounds in Nevada City, CA.
Dec 25 <sup>th</sup> , Sat	Christmas

**Just a reminder, if you see your name listed as ride coordinator please email or send activity information to the newsletter editor. We want your activity to be a success and the earlier you send the information the better your odds. You can send the details to me, Kim Rydalch, via email at krydalch@comcast.net or call my home at 209-521-8425. With your help your event will be advertised in both the newsletter and the web calendar and you only have to send one email! RCB wants you to be a raging success!**

## 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.*

**BMW RT bike cover** with very low mileage and no flaws for \$75. Will fit 1100-1150 RT. Contact Bob at BOB 2 CY-CHO@aol.com (5/27)

**2004 R1150 RT:** Red Twin Spark 7k, warranty To August 2006 Extras Call Ray 916-723-3320 or cell 916-601-9141 (5/24)

**2002 R1100S Boxer Cup** Prep. Silver, new tires, 15k miles, heated grips, accessory plug; \$8500 OBO. Call Mark 916-782-3258 or email mm1100@email.com (5/24)

**RT, GS, LT items:** (Stock windshield for a 1100RT-1150RT \$50), (K1200LT BMW cover \$60, Highway pegs \$35), (R1150GS Rear rack \$40, catalytic converter and muffler for a 1150GS \$500). All items are in almost new condition. Call Mark at 919-834-7190, 632-3474 email marktt@starstream.net, View items at <http://my.starstream.net/marktt> (5/24)

**Misc GS:** P1000 lights (retail for \$249.00) and GS bracket for lights (retail for \$175.00) Will sell together for \$250.00 or separate. No switch! Call David 916- 729-1177 (5/24)

**1983 R65LS** Red, new tires, new battery, bags, 57K mi. \$2,250. Call Jerry 916-532-6151 (5/03)

**Tilt-A-Rack - M/C carrier:** Includes a built-in ramp and one person can easily load a M/C up to 400 lbs. Fits in 2" hitch receiver. Excellent condition. \$299 Call Dick (Davis, CA) 530-758-2707 or dfordwashguy@mac.com (4/25)

**Clothing:** Medium men's Firstgear kilimanjaro jacket that is a few years old, but hardly out of the closet. Excellent condition with liner also. Black with a bit of grey trim. \$125. Firstgear insulated M/C pants, men's size 34. As new \$100. Call Dick (Davis, CA) 530-758-2707 or dfordwashguy@mac.com (4/25)

**Wanted:** Exhaust system for 03 K1200RS, preferably Staintune or Remus. Must be in pristine condition. Call Don at (916) 983-0628 (4/25)

**Laser Twin Oval exhaust for R1100S** w/chip still in box, never opened; \$1000 - sells new for \$1249. Call Mark 916-782-3258 (4/22)

**1998 R1100GS** - Heated grips, Russell seat, Givi windscreen, side bags, cyclinder guards, 96k commuter miles; \$5800 OBO. Call Mark 916-782-3258 or email to mm1100@email.com. (4/22)

**1989 GS 1000** low speed crash in 1996 stored indoors since.



13K miles, stock bumble bee tank stored exc cond. and dented PD metal tank with custom built Corbin dual seat to fit and stock seat. Frame and forks checked and minor adjustment by Frame Man. fancy gas shock. Needs instrumentation, bars, turn signals, headlight, etc. \$2650 Call JB Jones 916-685-5378 or egww@aol.com (4/16)

**Aeorstich Roadcrafter Jacket** 46 Long, Grey w/Black Ballistics, Brand new condition with tags. List price \$417 asking \$250. Aerostich Backpad, Brand new condition. List price \$60, asking \$25 or free with Jacket purchase. Daniel at 916-983-0610 or danielzuhlke@hotmail.com (4/13)

**K1200RS Stuff:** Radar detector/GPS tray \$45, Soft Top Pack for rear rack of K1200RS. Like new, with rack adapter & lockable push button release &, rain cover. Paid \$300, will sell for \$175 Call Dale 530-367-3661 (4/13)

**1985 K100RS** silver blue? lots of extras. Lower engine cover. Corbin Seat and original seat, backrest and luggage rack, Koni Shock rear, Standyne exhaust, factory hard bags, first year production with factory hot cams, new battery, 68k \$1,600 obo. Call Dave 916-729-1177 (3/30)

**1999 R1100R** w/ ABS, metallic graphite, 24K, heated grips, meticulously maintained, recent tires, extended warranty, email pics on request, \$6400, call Mark at 916-797-0603 (3/20)

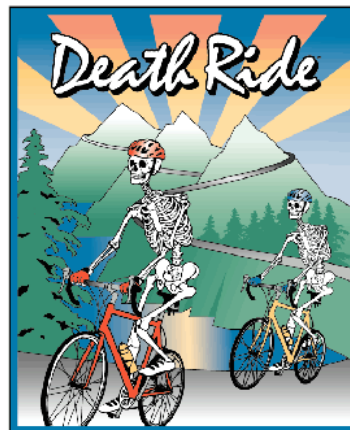
**1996 R1100RTL**, Glacier Green, 70K, heated grips, bar backs, throttlemeister, BMW top box, full and half covers, multivario tankbag, Kathy's bag liners, AM/FM cassette, fairing shelf. Well cared for, great condition, good tires, \$5900 OBO. Call Sandy 530-269-3249 (3/18)

**2001 F650 GSA** - Mandarin, 11K mi, loaded including BMW expandable cases, BMW tank bag, engine guard, heated grip, acc. plug, tall windscreen, hand guards and more. New chain and sprocket and recent oil change. FACTORY WARRANTY THROUGH 10/05. Mint condition. Asking \$6500. Email/call for questions or pictures ssliff@ucdavis.edu. Steve 530-867-2037 (3/10)

**1150GS/R Accessories** Mag's bag for camping, holds tent 2 sleeping bags and pads, cooking supplies and rain gear like new \$150, Tank Bag \$75, Ohlins shocks like new \$950, Remus exhaust \$250. Call Wayne or Marianne 530-885-0802 (3/10)

**1984 R65** metallic blue, wind screen, new exhaust and speedo, head guards, new battery, excellent condition, too many bikes, must sell, 70k \$2,200 obo. Call Brian at 916-939-4350, or bbt95762@yahoo.com for pics (3/10)

## Terry's "Rider of the Year"



### Death Ride SAG riders needed for July 10th!

The Death Ride is a 129 mile bicycle endurance ride with 2500 of your closest friends. RCB provides SAG duties for the event. The course covers Monitor Pass, Ebbetts Pass, and Carson Pass. The ride is based out of Markleeville, CA.

We have a campsite reserved at Turtle Rock by the DR organization. The volunteer duties start at 4:30 am and end around 5 pm.

### Visit [www.deathride.com](http://www.deathride.com) for more info.

If Interested call Kim Rydalch at 209.521.8425 or email [kcrydalch@comcast.net](mailto:kcrydalch@comcast.net) for information. The key to success is to ride invisible while helping the bicyclists survive the Death Ride.



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