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Membership Meeting

Sat Aug 7th 8:00am

Western Coffee Pot

Auburn near Greenback Ln

Citrus Heights

Director's Meeting

Tues Aug 10th, 6:30 pm

Western Coffee Pot

Auburn near Greenback Ln.

Citrus Heights

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



Almost August and I'm just back from Paonia & Spokane. Our semi-organized ride had a few participants, some moteling it and some camping. I was in the latter group and we had a pretty nice trip. Only needed the rain fly on the tents during a brief thunderstorm at Whitefish. We had a good number of RCBers at both events. The weather in Colorado was just about perfect for a change—it's usually bloody hot. But Spokane made up for it as it was over 100 degrees nearly every day. I'm glad I scored one of the air conditioned motel rooms within walking distance of the fairgrounds. Almost every vendor you can think of was at the MOA National except the BMW test fleet and Bob's BMW. They opted for the Mid-Ohio races instead. Maybe I've been to too many rallies. The only thing I could find to buy was anti-fog eyeglass cleaner.

RCB's first Poker Run in a long time will be Saturday July 31. It starts and ends at A&S BMW. You'll draw your first card there and follow written instructions to the on-course checkpoints where you will draw an additional card at each checkpoint. When you return to A&S you'll get your 5th and final card—that's your hand. No card playing skill involved. No entry fee either. And, we'll have some nice prizes and refreshments at the finish.

After the August membership meeting, I'll be leading the day ride to Genoa, Nevada for lunch. There's a great Deli there as well as Nevada's oldest watering hole. From there a lot of us will be traveling on to Yerington, Nevada for our 6th annual Ride N Bowl. This is quickly getting to be my favorite event of the year, and I'm a lousy bowler.

Imagine how much fun you could have if you are able to knock down some of the pins. Hope you have your reservations already as the rooms at Casino West sell out quickly.

The RCB calendar shows a mystery campout on the weekend of August 21/22. The mystery is how it ended up on the calendar in the first place as we do NOT have anything planned that weekend. Sorry. And speaking of sorry, those of you receiving the hard copy newsletter may wonder what happened to your June issue. We do too. A snafu at our new printer is to blame. Hopefully, this will not happen again.

This month's riding tip. When you're riding with a group, let the rider with the shortest range dictate the fuel stops for everyone. Top your tank off unless you have twice the range of Mike's cruiser. Bob Holleron has a new 10 gallon tank on his R1150GS, so he's able to pull this off. So could I had I been on ROBOBYK with it's 11 gallon capacity but ROBO II has just the standard 6 gallon capacity, so I fueled every 150 miles. (Bob took great delight in rubbing this in).

Hope your summer has been going well. I just found out tonight that NorCal's Gypsy tour is starting 30 miles south of Fresno. That's quite a ride to take Friday after working all day. And at the start of a 3 day weekend. I wonder where it will end up on Sunday? We have a link to the ROL site on our calendar page, if you're going to participate. This is a true riders event as daily routes are about 350 miles. I'll just have to think about the trip to Fresno. Maybe I can get that Friday off. See you soon. Until then:

Ride Safe Ride Often
Got Mufflers?

Austin's & Peart's Great Adventure

The Spring Bed & Breakfast Ride took place on the last two days of Spring, June 19th 20th. On Saturday, 13 motorcycles, ranging from F650GSs to a K1200LT, carried 17 people from Granzella's Deli in Williams, CA to the historic Fall River Hotel in Fall River Mills, CA. The town of population 600 is located 70 miles east of Redding, at an elevation of 3500 feet.

In perfect riding weather, the group traveled SR70 up the Feather River Canyon to an extended stop at the Sierra Sunrise coffee house in Greenville. From Greenville, the ride progressed along the east shore of Lake Almanor, up County Road A21, west on SR44, and then north on SR89 to Cassel/Fall River Road, the scenic and winding back way into Fall River Mills.

A group dinner in the hotel dining room followed a wine tasting on Saturday evening. Several members of the group took an evening stroll through the quiet old town while others smoked cigars and told lies on the veranda until the bar closed.



Spring B&B Riders: Standing from left: Mark Ford, Connie and Bob Troutt, Cyndee Peart, Tom Austin, Steve and Sharon Jones, Wes and Carole Williams, John and Sandy Beaver, Robyn Beer and Joe Denton. Kneeling from left: Greg Peart, Helen Austin, Jeremy and Jon Wolfson.

Sunday morning there was a family style breakfast at 8:00 a.m. before the start of the ride back. The route back went along the north shore of Lake Almanor to a coffee stop in the town of Chester. From Chester, the group headed west on SR36 and

turned south on SR32 for a twisty downhill ride along Deer Creek. Reaching the valley floor in Chico, riders were greeted by temperatures approaching 90F. After taking Highway 99 south to Gridley, riders cooled off during a lunch stop at the Casa Lupe Mexican restaurant before heading for home.

It was a weekend of great roads, beautiful weather, and good food enjoyed by a diverse group that rode very well together, seldom got separated, and enjoyed socializing.

This was the 4th Spring B&B to Fall River Mills organized by the Peart's and the Austin's in the last five years. Each has been a bit different. Tentative plans are in the works for a 2005 event that will include an outdoor barbecue in the Hotel's new courtyard.



Gypsy Tour 2004, New Location, Same 'ole Fun

Mark your calendars for September 3-6 for the latest Range of Light Gypsy tour. This year there will be all new campgrounds and this time no fair-grounds!

For the latest Internet news and forms go to www.bmwncal.org/rol You will find everything you need to sign up and get early registration discounts. All others can call Greg at 415.205.7829 or Patrick at 510.795.8522. Before 8/15 advance registration is \$59/per person. \$69 per/person at the door.



The ROL will start at the Riverland resort which is located just a few miles south of Kingsburg on SR 99, just across the river. There is lots of grass and shade for camping.

This Gypsy tour is considered a "Must Do" by our President for life, Gary Stofer, and many others in the club who should know. You get to have your luggage hauled around by a truck so you can ride more comfortably. You get three nights camping at three different areas. Showers available each night and Saturday and Sunday dinners included.

There are poker runs with cash rewards and there is an optional GS section.

So get your forms over the Internet or at A&S BMW and plan for a great weekend!

August means Yerington Ride & Bowl



If you haven't reserved a room in Yerington on August 7th yet you might still have a chance. Call the 800 number right now and reserve your "Deal of the Century".

You'll find all the information you need in the Calendar section. What? You don't like to bowl? Then come anyway and sit in the cheap seats at the bowling alley and cheer for the rest of us. Either way you will have a lot of fun and meet new friends or visit with old ones.

On Saturday after the meeting you can ride up with Gary and meander through the Sierras on the way to Genoa, the oldest town in Nevada. The deli stop in Genoa is great and more maps will be handed out for those who want them. Besides the fun you'll also receive a famous, ready for framing, 6th

annual Ride & Bowl certificate of achievement. These will be a valuable investment when sold on ebay sometime in the future!

See there



you or be



If you have the BMW Navigator GPS that is made by Garmin then you'll want to check out this web site. <http://www.bmw-motorrad.com/com/en/index.html>

Lots of great pics and travel stories and official download upgrades for your gps. The regular Garmin upgrades may mess up the programming of your BMW Navigator so only download from this web site. I bought a BMW Navigator II (2610 equivalent) and downloaded the upgrades from the Garmin web site and my gps wouldn't route correctly. I then followed directions and went to the motorrad web site and re-downloaded from BMW and now it works properly.

Paying Less Road Taxes

By Greg Todd

I received my copy of River City Beemers July 2004 newsletter a few weeks back. I enjoyed the article on page 4 by Mark Bateson, 64,486 Ticket free miles and then...

I too remember the good old days when I could ride my motorcycles up in the Sierra's. I enjoy 88 to 89 with a brief stop in Markleeville. I then proceed over Monitor Pass to Topaz Lake, eat lunch at the Casino and return home to Galt. A great days run that totals 297 fun filled miles. I ride a 2000, R1100S, a Hayabusa, and a 2003 GSXR 1000, all great bikes, all great fun, I don't enjoy golf, so the money goes into the bikes.



My answer to the state of California is found at www.escortradar.com. I've installed a BMW Radar mount on all three of my motorcycles and use the Passport 8500 hard wired into my license plate light. It receives CHP radar up to three miles away, it receives from the side, the rear, and around corners. In most cases if they hit you with instant on, you still have time to break before they can get a lock on you.

I've been riding and building bikes now for 41 years, so I can't be referred to as a crazy teenager. A couple of years ago maybe I would see one or maybe two CHP cars my entire day. Now 4 to 8 are common all equipped with radar. The information I've

I wish I felt some guilt, but I don't. It's all about the money, and I'm going to keep mine as long as I can, thank you. I love to ride and if anyone has any questions, or would like to ride contact me at toddsimmonsdj@aol.com.

Hot Time at the MOA in Spokane

Phil and Erica James had a great time at the MOA rally. Thousands of their closest Beemer friends packed in a small area. The best moto show around was in the parking lot. Not sure how to mount that GPS or XM radio? Just walk around long enough in the parking lot and the solution to your problem will be found. Phil took this photo on SR 97 near Mt. Shasta.

These seven guys were using the Nat'l Rally as a gathering point to start the Great Divide Ride some-



where near Canada for a 10 day dirt ride to Durango, CO. on the Divide trail. From the left is: 1-Chuck Brown, 2-?, 3-Dave Reves, 4-Rich Alves, 5-Jim Cyren, 5-Allen Mueller, 6-?

There's a new message forum in town ...

If you've been to the news page at the River City Beemer web page (<http://www.rcb.org/news.htm>) recently, you may have seen a new link to the River City Beemer Forum (Fig. 1). Click on it and you'll find yourself at the new River City Beemer message forum.

Several members have already started sharing biking tips, ride reports and the general bike-related conversations. Heck, it's even saved me a couple bucks because I've started using the commuter lane on the Benicia Bridge now.

This forum software is fairly simple to use. Most people are reading and posting messages in no time. The lone problem with this forum, and most forums in general, is you need to check in regularly if you want to know what's going on ... unless ... you subscribe ...

This forum has a subscription option – Which means once you sign up, the forum software will automatically deliver a copy of every message right to your mailbox. Subscription is easy – Near the top of your screen is a gray menu bar (Fig. 2). The second menu option is “(Un)Subscribe.” Click on it and you'll be whisked to the subscribe/unsubscribe menu.

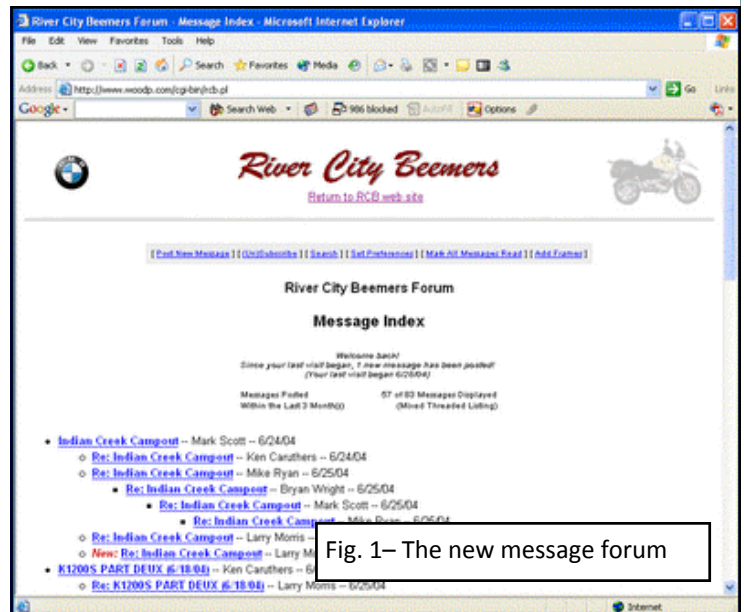


Fig. 1– The new message forum

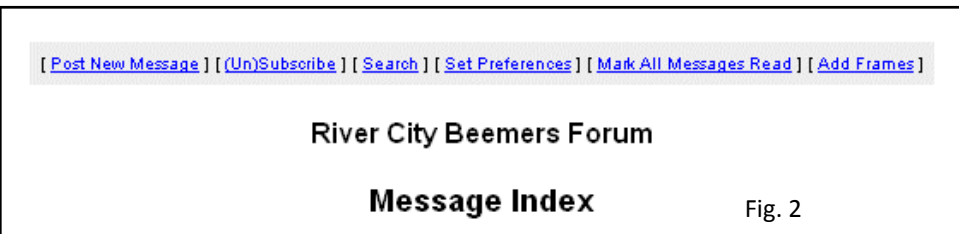


Fig. 2

The subscribe/ unsubscribe menu (Fig. 3) is pretty straightforward as well. Enter your email address, make certain the “Add Address to List” button is checked, and click on the “Send Address” button. Voila!

You'll be returned to the main forum page and from that point on, all subsequent messages will be delivered to your mailbox. Make a note that if you ever want to unsubscribe, you would do it the same way except that you would want to press the “Delete Address from List” button.

One cautionary note: Although all future messages will be emailed to you, you CAN NOT press “reply” from your email program (Outlook Express, Eudora, etc.) to post a response. You must return to the forum and respond to the message online.

Finally, if you're like me and want to bookmark the forum, the full URL is <http://www.woodp.com/cgi-bin/rcb.pl>

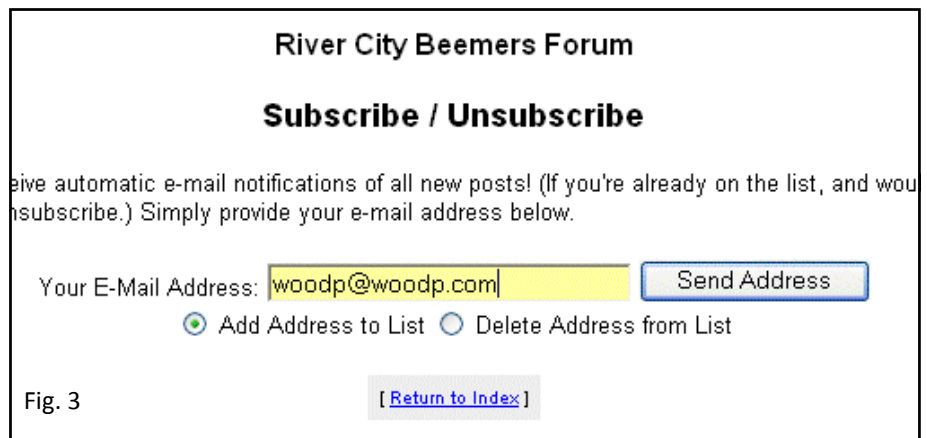


Fig. 3

2004 Calendar of Upcoming Events

Check often because events are always being added or changed.

- Aug 7th, 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.
- Aug 10th, Tue Director's meeting at the Western Coffee Pot, 6:30 pm, 6233 Auburn Blvd (just north of Greenback), Citrus Hts 916-722-0811. All members welcome.
- 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.idahobmriders.com
- Aug 20-22 Beartooth rally, Details TBA, www.treasurestate.com
- Aug 21-22 Mystery Campout, someplace new. It's still a mystery so maybe next year.
- 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 11th, 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 26th, Sun RCB multi-pass ride, details TBA
- Oct 2nd, Sat BMWMOA final mileage checks. RCB will send in the finishing forms and do our part to beat those wannabees from Wisconsin.
- Oct 3rd, Sat Ride for Kids, benefiting the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. NEW LOCATION: Yolo County Fairgrounds, 1125 East St., Woodland (enter on E. Gum Ave.) Sign in from 7:30 to 9:30. Ride leaves at 10 a.m. sharp. Entry fee: \$35, includes ride pin, continental breakfast and lunch. Volunteers and escorts are always needed. Contact Bill Neander at 707-447-0860.
- 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 31st Webmaster's B-day, Please only large unmarked bills only.
- Nov 6-8 Cycle World International Motorcycle Show, San Mateo fairgrounds.
- Nov 14th, Sun 2005 Calendar planning meeting. 6pm, Lots of pizza, beer, sodas, and friendship. Location at Bryan Wright's house.
- Dec 5th, Sun RCB Christmas party,
- Dec 11th, Sat Nevada City Toy Run, location is at the Nevada County Fairgrounds in Nevada City, CA.
- Dec 25th, Sat Christmas



Maybe a potential Poker Run stop?

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 kcrydalch@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.

RT, GS, LT items: Stock windshield for a 1100RT-1150RT \$50, R1150GS Rear rack \$40, catalytic converter and muffler for a 1150GS \$350. R1150RT-Rick Mayer seat, leather \$290. 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/> (7/13)

New Corbin seat for BMW 650 GS. Wife did not fit seat. Seat is black with black piping. Asking \$280.00/ Retail for \$300.00+tax. Willing to ship to you upon receipt of sales price. Call Jeff 916-989-8556 or dungij@comcast.net (7/9)

Ohlins shocks 2003 K1200RS/GT, both shocks, matched set for sale. Set up by Jim Lindemann, 220 pound rider, can be changed NIB, never been on bike, sold bike, taking reasonable offers, want to sell. Call Gary 707-448-4700 (7/9)

2004 R1150R - saddle bags small windshield new tires 6000 miles, \$10,000, also Ohlins shocks for 1150GS. Health forces sale. Call Wayne 530-885-0802 (6/23)

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)

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)

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 sscliff@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)



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