

River City Beemers



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Membership Meeting

Sat Oct. 2nd. 8:00am

Western Coffee Pot

Auburn near Greenback Ln

Citrus Heights

Director's Meeting

Tues Oct. 12th, 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



We had some great times last month and some of the best this year are still ahead of us. Many of our club members rode the Gypsy Tour on Labor Day weekend. Yours truly couldn't bring himself to ride 200 miles down 99 on a Friday evening, so this was the first one I've missed in 9 years. Those who did participate had a great time, even though the written instructions were worse than worthless. Maybe next year.

Marv & Lois Lewis put together a great event in the Progressive Meal on Wheels. There were about 30 participants enjoying appetizers at Jim & Debbie Waechter's, main course at the Lewis's, and dessert at Bryan & Marji Wright's. It's not often we get to trash 3 beautiful homes at one time. Thank all of you for your hospitality and hard work.

RCB hosted the Poker Run at the Beemer Bash in Quincy. In spite of iffy weather forecasts, the event sold out and everyone was treated to a great (though cold) ride to Bucks Lake and LaPorte. First place (\$150) was won with a heart flush, all other prizes were claimed by riders holding 2 pairs. Thanks to Jack Klaushie, Stan Davis, Steve Shulkin, Roy Ulfsrud, Steve Jones, and Dennis Allstead for running the checkpoints. Dennis even had a fire going in the warming hut at the LaPorte OHV staging area. That was really appreciated by a lot of people.

October 8/9 is our biggest riding/camping event of the year. It takes place at the

Manchester Beach KOA. Your cost for tent space is \$9 per person per night. Everything else is supplied by RCB. Coffee & munchies Saturday & Sunday morning, a feast Saturday night (Tri tip?) with just about all you can eat and drink, plus never ending tall tales around the campfire. We were trying to rein in the cost this year but A&S BMW came through with a \$250 donation to help fund this event. Give Randy a big 'thank you' when you get the chance.

At the October 2 general membership meeting, we'll be accepting nominations for the RCB board of directors. If you have some time to donate and would like to become more active in the Club, we'd love to have you. A few directors have deserted/abandoned their positions for a variety of reasons so we could really use some new members to take up the slack. Maybe you?

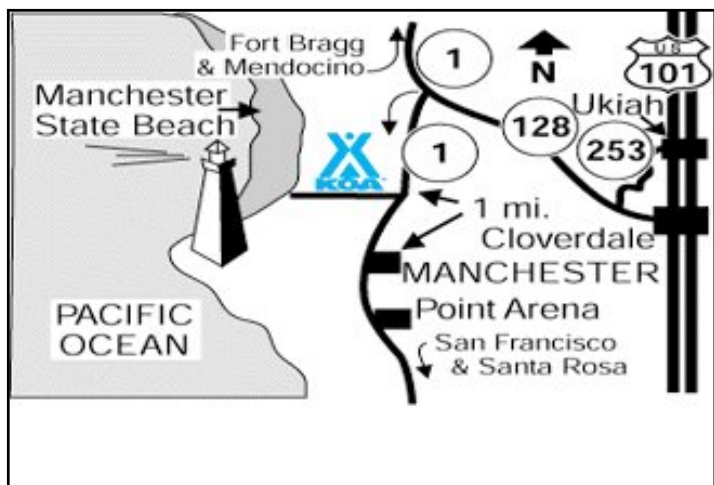
Riding tip this month? Get ready for the wet weather. Avoid riding in the first rain after a long dry spell. The white foamy oil film from the road will make a mess of your bike and is very slick. Make sure you have good tires. And put on your rain gear BEFORE you get wet. That way, in spite of the weather, you'll be able to:

Ride Safe

Ride Often

Got Mufflers?

Beach'n Time in Manchester



If you are planning on attending, Please RSVP to Chris Schattie at (707) 763-7765 or drop me an email at schattie@comcast.net so I can make sure to have enough food.

Manchester KOA is located on Highway 1 at Manchester State Beach. Five miles North Pt Arena; 38 miles South of Fort Bragg. 30 miles South of Mendocino. For more information about the campsite or to reserve a cabin call (707) 882-2375. The fee for the campsites are \$9/night for adults and \$4/night for children.

The KOA has offered to have a Pancake breakfast for us on Sunday morning.. It would be \$2.99 for all you can eat pancakes and for an additional \$1.50 you can get 2 sausage patties.

Mark your calendars for October 8th - 10th, so you can attend the RCB Manchester Beach Camp out. This year's theme is come as you are. Which in some cases might be worse than a couple guys in cow suits!!) The club will be providing a Tri-tip dinner Saturday night as well as snacks and muffins for Sat./Sun. morning. We have ample camping space available and for those of you who prefer four walls and a mattress there a camping cabins available through KOA.

Dave & Jenny's Bed & Brew

Come and join us for the Bed and Brew Weekend this October 23-24. This overnighiter leaves from the Western Coffee Pot promptly at 9:00am for a full day of scenic, twisty roads to the coast.

Re-hash the day with friends, tasty microbrewery beer, and good food in beautiful downtown Eureka. Make your own hotel reservations. Hotels within walking distance of the brewery: Super 8: 800-235-3232 or Quality Inn: 800-772-1622.

Let David know if you plan to go 487-0233h or 397-9563cell.



Jim Cyran says..."I don't need no stinkin' torque wrench. Just hand me that crow bar and get out of the way!"

A&S' "Can't Wait Until Christmas" Open House

Our we can't wait for Christmas open house will be Saturday, November 13th. We will be having our first annual Vintage and Antique motorcycle display.

and plenty of liquid refreshment. Music will be provided by our favorite D.J.

Please join us for a fantastic Saturday!

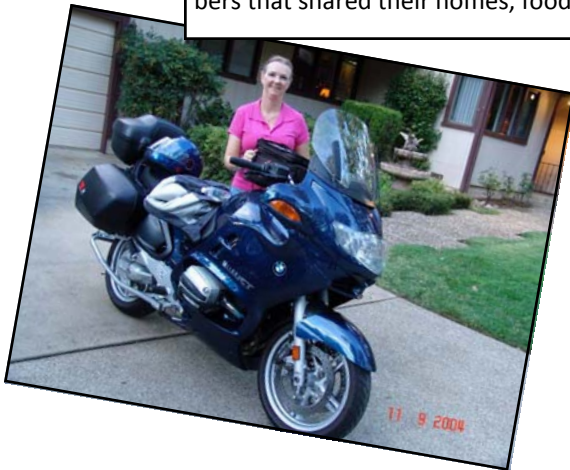
All clean pre-1980 motorcycles are invited to show at this event. Register your bike with the our staff Saturday morning. We also want to encourage any RCB member to bring their vast private collections to the open house. "Old Bikes Rule!"

We'll have a catered holiday style lunch with all the trimmings

Eat & Run Progressive Dinner



Marv and Lois did a bang –up job of organizing RCB's first progressive dinner ride. Lost of food and riders and no one left hungry. Thanks to all the members that shared their homes, food, and labor.



Christmas Toy News

In past Decembers, a group of RCB members has taken a ride up highway 49 to participate in the Nevada City Toy Run. While this continues to be a rewarding experience, it has become a very large event. This has led some of us to investigate options for a smaller local event. Several members identified the Sacramento Children's Receiving Home as a very worthy organization.

This facility takes in children between the ages of 2 and 17 who have been abused, molested, neglected or abandoned and provides them with emergency temporary shelter and care. They help several hundred children each month--and the number is growing.

After a couple of discussions with staff at the facility, we have decided to set up a small toy and gift run to the Receiving Home as part of our holiday festivities on December 4th. Additional details will be posted here as well as on the RCB Forum and website as we finalize them.

We realize everyone is very busy during the holidays and that there are numerous good causes that can use your contributions. If you are interested in learning more about the receiving home, take a look at their website: <http://www.crhkids.org>. There are some items about charitable donations at: <http://www.crhkids.org/wishlist.htm> and http://www.crhkids.org/holiday_angel.htm. We are also working out details of a tour/visit of the facility for folks interested in seeing what they do first hand.

If you have a gift, but won't be able to make the event, we will arrange for a dropoff location (or perhaps even pickup in special circumstances). Also, if you would like to contribute a gift but don't have the time to shop, we'll have a group of club volunteers who will shop for you!

Finally, if any of you work for a store, restaurant, etc. that would offer a discount in conjunction with this event, please let Bryan and Marji Wright know (bryan@skwerly.com or marji@skwerly.com)!



Show Facts

Where:

San Mateo County Expo Center
Expo & Fiesta Halls
2495 S. Delaware St.
San Mateo, CA 94403
(650) 574-3247
www.sanmateoexpo.org

When:

Friday, November 5, 4:00pm - 9:00pm
Saturday, November 6, 10:00am - 9:00pm
Sunday, November 7, 10:00am - 5:00pm

Admission:

\$12.00 Adult, \$5.00 Children 6 to 11 years old Children 5 & under free

Avoid the lines - Buy your tickets in advance!

Cash only at the ticket booth.

Discounts:

AMA members who show their membership cards at the on-site box office will receive a \$1.00 coupon redeemable at the AMA booth at the show.

Parking: Public: \$7.00, Motorcycle: Free (in designated lots, while spaces last).

Show Office: Phone: 650-341-9744

Comparing The Garmin 2610, Street Pilot III, and the GPSMAP 276C

By Allan Pratt, apratt@bestbits.org, used with permission from Allan who posted this on the LDriders email list.

It might have been hashed out before, but I'll try to do it here

anyway. I didn't follow the old threads because I didn't need one, but then my SPIII died. I'll give away the ending first: I replaced my dead SPIII with the GPSMAP 276C.

The processors in the 2610 and 276C are WAY faster than the SPIII. If you already have a SPIII then you know you can spend time waiting for it: as you scroll the map, zoom in or out, or



approach a turn on a route. Sometimes the SPIII will try to show the close-up of the next turn, but it takes so long you're into the turn before the display shows anything. That doesn't happen with the new generation of processor speed. You can also use the "track up" display mode without seeing a blank screen 20% of the time.

The 2610 has a touch screen. There's some argument about whether this is useful with MC gloves on. When you want to spell something that you want to find (a street name, a city name, a business name), you can pop up a keyboard. This is much less tedious than the letter-by-letter scroll you have to do on the SPIII and 276C. The 2610 has a remote control so you can do stuff from a distance, but it seems like that would be generally useless on a bike.

The 2610 has sliders for your relative preference for certain road types. The 276C lets you tell it to "avoid" certain road types, but isn't as fine-grain. The 2610 and 276C both have configurable data displays, so each page can show the data you want to see, instead of the data Garmin thought you'd want to see.

For me, the 2610 was killed by two Garmin design decisions: First, it has no batteries so you can't take it off the bike and do route planning in your tent or restaurant. The SPIII takes six AA batteries, and the 276C has an internal battery pack which recharges any time the unit is powered.

Editor note. You can buy a rechargeable battery pack from BMW, p/n 72 60 7 679 224, for \$150 that clicks onto the back of the 2610 and lasts for 6 hours before needing a four-hour recharge. You can also plug the battery pack into AC current while you're viewing the gps. The battery pack will work with either the BMW or Garmin version of the 2610. The battery pack has two socket adapters for all of Europe and Great Britain.

Second, Garmin didn't include zoom in/out buttons on the 2610. This means you have to touch the thing three times to zoom in: once to pop up the zoom buttons, once to zoom in, and again to dismiss the buttons. And I don't know if you can do it by feel, without taking your eyes off the road, like you can with raised buttons on the SPIII and 276C.

I've read of people mounting the 2610's remote control next to the unit so they get the zoom in/out buttons and other features. And BMW makes a mounting bracket with buttons on it, including zoom. This still doesn't get you batteries.

The 2610 uses standard Compact Flash memory cards, so they're cheaper than the custom cards used by the SPIII and 276C. You can even use a very large card in the 2610, which will hold full data for the whole country. I doubt I'll need more than the 256MB I got: I found I could put



data for everything west of the Rockies in there, and I don't travel wider than that. That same 256MB would have been cheaper for the 2610. (By the way, 128MB is not enough for all of CA and NV plus southern OR, my "local" stomping grounds.)

The 276C has some technical features that they left off the "driver-friendly" 2610. For example, it has a longer track log (2000 points), and you can save 15 tracks. Also, you can configure the track log system to drop a breadcrumb every X minutes, or X miles, or to maintain a resolution of X feet. This lets you save tracks for long trips, which the SPIII and 2610 can't do. When you get home you can download them to a computer for analysis and/or just for fun.

Garmin considers the 276C to be a "marine" unit, and it has a lot of boat-related features. Some are fun to play with in automotive mode, like the alarms for entering or leaving the proximity of selected waypoints. For off-road use there is the "highway" page which draws a virtual highway from one waypoint to the next.

The SPIII with batteries is the largest and heaviest. The 276C with batteries probably comes next, and the 2610 (having no batteries) is probably the lightest. I think the 276C's screen might be larger and have higher resolution than the others, but I don't know if it makes a big difference. The algorithms for displaying roads and road names seem to be about the same.

All three units can speak instructions for upcoming turns. I know what the SPIII sounds like, but not the others. I wouldn't use this on a bike.

You can download and read the user's manuals for all Garmin units, which lets you do much more detailed feature comparisons than you can for most products.

That's all I can think of right now. I hope this rundown of differences has been helpful. So far I'm happy with the 276C and after fiddling with a 2610 recently I don't regret my decision. Good luck and good shopping.

Clockwise from top left: Garmin 2610 with remote, Street Pilot III, GPSPMAP 276C, and the BMW Navigator II 2610 made by Garmin for BMW.

Check out www.gpsdiscount.com for great Garmin gps prices and check with A&S or other BMW dealer for the Navigator II prices.



2004 Calendar of Upcoming Events

Check often because events are always being added or changed.

- Oct 2nd, 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.**
- Oct 13th, 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.**
- 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, Sun 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 This overnighiter leaves from the Western Coffee Pot promptly at 9:00am for a full day of scenic, twisty roads to the coast. Re-hash the day with friends, tasty microbrewery beer, and good food in beautiful downtown Eureka. Make your own hotel reservations. Hotels within walking distance of the brewery: Super 8: 800-235-3232 or Quality Inn: 800-772-1622. Let David know if you plan to go 487-0233h or 397-9563c.
- Oct 31st Webmaster's B-day, Please only large unmarked bills only.
- Nov 5-7 Cycle World International Motorcycle Show, San Mateo fairgrounds.
- Nov 13th, Sat **A&S "Can't wait until Christmas" open house. Lots of food, and test rides.**
- 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

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.

2004 R1150RT, Blue 4,800 mi, \$14,900 OBO Stored inside as new condition, dealer serviced, Works performance shocks, Corbin saddle & trunk back rest, BMW system cases & trunk, BMW tank bag, Aeroflow windscreen, Aeroflow Head light cover, big foot stand foot, PIA driving lights. Call Greg 916-984-6345 (9/7)

Misc: RT stock windshield like new, \$50; THH full face helmet, XS, black, used once, like new, great for child or spare, \$50. Helmet Guardian helmet locks, modified to fit RT license

plate holder, will keep 2 helmets secure, \$30. email Bob at BOB2CYCHO@aol.com (9/7)

2002 K1200RS, extended warranty, extras, no worries. 94K miles, \$5500. Ken (925) 423-8097 days, or (209) 747-8594 cell (8/27)

1993 BMW K75, Deep Red Metallic, 33K miles, excellent condition (won concourse d'elegance twice for best in its class). Extras. \$2500/obo. Call Earl at 209-223-1244. Bike is located in Pine Grove, CA (8/24)

1999 Honda VFR 800 12Kmi, Red, Cobin seat, seat cowl, Givi dark wind screen, Vance & Hines exhaust, look & runs great \$5,595 Call Jim 530-432-1664 (8/19)

2002 BMW K1200LTE, all the extras including Garmin GPS and CB radio. Silver color, 37,000 miles. 36,000 service com-

pleted July 21st. Good rubber w/ new front tire. Includes bag liners and extra windshield. Asking \$11,000. Call or email Merle Schneblin 530-274-3705, gvmerle@usamedia.tv (8/16)

1977 R100S Good Condition, ?? Miles, Red, New Clutch, Hard Bags, Runs Well. All Original. \$3500 Tim (530)887-9282 or Email redhouse5oak@sbcglobal.net (8/16)

FIRSTGEAR Mesh-Tex Jacket and Pants, Jacket XL, blue with black trim \$75, Pants black, size 40 \$75. Great condition, only used for 3 months. Call Louise at 530-258-2356 or e-mail at louisej@digitalpath.net. (8/16)

2002 F650GSAL, lowered (Kaboalink 1"), barbacks, Wunderlich lowered seat, large shield, two sets of plastic (blue and black). 1200 miles, \$7400 obo, call Rob 916-690-2576 (8/16)

2002 K1200LT Silver, Excellent Condition 12K miles, BMW V.O.I.C.E. ComSystem, BMW CB radio system and CB radio antenna kit, mounting for navigator kit/GPS, radar and cord for Garmin GPS, backrest for driver, wired for trailer, brand new tires/Metezellers, new struts. \$14,999 located in Missoula, MT. Please call or email if you have questions or would like pictures, Mara 406-745-4500 or mara@travelearning.com (8/16)

Misc Two silver Schuberth concept full helmets, a matching set equipped with helmet headsets (\$450 addition) for KLT integrated ComSystem, silver 2001 Uni-go one wheel tow trailer with two tops (pulls great!), reflector bra, K1200LT hitch, hard luggage with all three K12LT BMW black bag liners, Garmin eTrex Vista personal navigator/GPS, BMW motorcycle advanced battery charging system, Motorola cell phone, Motorcycle clothes, BMW and leathers Call for info and prices, located in Missoula, MT Contact L R Knapp at mara@travelearning.com or 406-745-4500/4800 (8/16)

1975 R750/5 frame, swing arm and engine block with title. \$60. Pick up only in Sacramento area. **1977 R100RS wire wheels** with blue stripe. Front and rear with Avon Road Runner tires. \$120 each. **1978 R100/7 Single disk front end** complete but with out brake. \$50. Call Dennis Allstead 916-732-5050 days or clcman@sbcglobal.net (8/3)

2003 Boxercup replica, 4700 miles, excellent shape, titanium exhaust, tankbag, cover, always garaged. \$11,000 obo. call Mike at 916-343-1041 (7/29)

1998 R1100GS - \$5800 OBO. Heated grips, Russell seat, Givi windscreen, side bags, cylinder guards, 96k commuter miles; Call 916-782-3258 or email to m1100@email.com (7/29)

1100S Performance Enhancement: Sound, Power and Looks! Laser Twin Oval exhaust w/chip. Still in box, never opened; \$1000. Call 916-782-3258 or email to mm1100@email.com (7/29)

1999 R1100S ABS, Mandarin Yellow, second owner. Remus exhaust, many extras. 28K miles wired-in tank bag. \$8000

OBO Call Ken 916-922-3017 and leave message (7/29)

2000 R1100RT 27K miles with ABS, heated grips, bags, tank bag, larger windshield, engine guards. Needs nothing, A&S Serviced, Meticulously maintained, New tires, Red, Perfect. \$8700. Call Rob 916-791-4675 (7/29)

2003 DRZ400S bought new about 3 months ago, 350 miles, set for trails with radiator, case, and skid guards. 12 front and 51 rear sprocket, Will climb a tree. Also extra chain, sprockets and tires for road bike or motocross. Close to \$6k invested, sell for around \$4500. Also 1983 Honda Magna V45 Cruiser 11500mi good condition, new tires faring, runs great \$1500 offer. Call Alan 916-421-4032 or alanretired@sbcglobal.net (7/29)

1999 DUNES TOYHAULER, 24 ft. box, 27 ft. bumper to ball hitch. Room for bikes, ATVs, whatever. Your own bed, bath, kitchen at the track or base camp. Good condition. Bluebook is \$10K (209) 223-2882, (209) 256-1675 or carpender@earthlink.net (7/29)

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)



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