

# River City Beemers



BMW MOA Club #210 & BMWRA Club #104

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November 2004

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### Membership Meeting

Sat. Nov. 2nd, 8:00am

Western Coffee Pot

Auburn near Greenback Ln

Citrus Heights

### Director's Meeting

Tues. Nov. 9th, 6:30 pm

Western Coffee Pot

Auburn near Greenback Ln.

Citrus Heights

### Breakfast - Be There!

Every Saturday 8 am

Western Coffee Pot

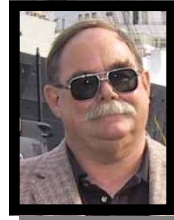
6233 Auburn Blvd

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



October 21 already and I'm almost late getting my column in. There are still a couple of new club activities ahead of us before the end of the year and maybe a couple of club day rides. We've finally had some really wet days and I'm sure many more are ahead of us. Remember to slow up your pace a little bit so that you have a little more reserve traction available for the unpredictable or wet road conditions. You might drop your favorite 60 mph turn down to 55 or maybe 50. Just a suggestion and my riding tip for this month.

We'll have our election at the November meeting and as usual there are no contested positions. All of your officers have agreed to another term. Joining the board will be Mike Paetzold, John Marcurella, and Larry Morris. Thanks for stepping forward and bringing new ideas and enthusiasm to the board. Sunday, November 14 will be the planning meeting for next year's events. The Wright's will again host this at their Newcastle home. Anyone is welcome to attend this meeting but be warned, you may end up volunteering to host an event in the coming year. You don't need to be a board member to put an event together so feel free to present any ideas you may have.

Our membership meeting November 6 is the same weekend as the motorcycle show at San Mateo. Usually I lead the club day ride to the show but have decided not to attend the event this year. However, the day ride will take you as far as Livermore

or Rio Vista if you want to ride along and then head over to the show. Obviously, this is a Delta ride—the first one in a while. We could end up at Jelly Belly for a late lunch. I haven't decided on the destination yet. No more Sierra passes-Boreal opened today.

Look elsewhere in this issue for activities to take place on December 4. First, of course, is our monthly membership meeting. After that we'll group up at A&S and, after devouring any coffee & donuts available, we'll leave for our RCB Toy Run to the Sacramento Children's Receiving Home. This event will probably be wrapped up by noon. Then Saturday evening, we'll gather together again at A&S for a Christmas Party and Pot Luck. RCB will supply the ham, turkey, and beverages. You get to bring your favorite appetizer, side dish, or dessert. A&S was gracious enough to offer the use of their main showroom, emptied of motorcycles, for our use. If you've every tried to rent a hall for this kind of event, you know how much this will save our club. Dennis Allstead is the contact for the Pot Luck and Bryan Wright is the contact for the Toy Run. Be sure to mark your calendar and help all of us get into the Christmas spirit.

Last call for BMW MOA mileage contest finish forms. I'll be mailing them in after the November meeting. There are still about 11 of you who started the contest but have not returned your finish forms. You won't be listed as a participant unless you supply a finish form. Remember when you're putting on those miles to:

Ride Safe

Ride Often

Got Mufflers?



### 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](http://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).

## RCB's Latest Toy Run December 4th

Last month we announced a new toy and gift run to the Children's Receiving Home of Sacramento (CRH). We have finalized the arrangements with the Receiving Home and will be having the run on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> as part of our RCB Holiday festivities!

A&S BMW has graciously agreed to provide the starting location for our event as well as collection box in their showroom. We will meet up at A&S after breakfast on the 4<sup>th</sup> and depart for the CRH at 10:00.

If you're looking for suggestions about potential gifts, there is some excellent information about items and charitable donations at: <http://www.crhkids.org/wishlist.htm> and [http://www.crhkids.org/holiday\\_angel.htm](http://www.crhkids.org/holiday_angel.htm)

As an added incentive, I've confirmed that your contributions to the CRH are tax deductible--so dig deep!!!

If you are interested in seeing the CRH first-hand, we will be having a tour of the facility on Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:00. The tour will last approximately 1 hour. I'll be heading up from A&S at 10:30. Additional information about the Receiving Home is also available at their website: <http://www.crhkids.org>.

If you have a gift, but won't be able to make the event, please take advantage of the collection box at A&S. In special cir-

cumstances, we may also be able to arrange for item pickup. And remember, 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!

We're still looking for stores, restaurants, etc. that would be willing to offer discounts for purchases made in conjunction with this event. If you know of one, please let Bryan or Marji Wright know ([bryan@skwerly.com](mailto:bryan@skwerly.com) or [marji@skwerly.com](mailto:marji@skwerly.com))!

This is a great opportunity to do something special to help out some kids who've had some tough breaks in life, so let's show them some great RCB holiday spirit with a big turnout for this event!

RCB's Jim Douglas' new paint job on his K1200RS



## RCB's Christmas Spirit Party

Announcing RCB's Annual Christmas Party! It will be on Saturday, December 4, 2004 at A&S BMW. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Dinner at 7:00 p.m. and goodnights at 10:00 pm

Our gracious host is A & S BMW at 1125 Orlando Ave., Roseville.

DJ music provided by...Bob Caudle

Ham, Turkey, and soft beverages are provided by River City Beemers

The rest of the dinner is potluck. Please see the guidelines for last names below.

A – H Salads  
I – Q Side dishes  
R – Z Desserts

**This is a "no alcohol" event.**

## 2005 Event Planning Meeting November 14th

The annual RCB Planning Meeting will be held at Bryan & Marji Wright's house on Sunday November 14<sup>th</sup>. We will be developing the calendar of events for 2005. All members are welcome! Please come with suggestions for events! If you volunteer to sponsor or lead an event in 2005, rumor has it that the club will feed you pizza, snacks and beverages at the Planning Meeting! Remember, most events take a minimum of planning and effort, so you get quite a deal for your pizza.

The meeting will start at 4:00 PM and continue until we're finished with the calendar or run out of pizza. If you need directions, please contact Bryan Wright (bryan@skwerly.com).

## 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.

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

Please join us for a fantastic Saturday!





## Eddie's Corner



By the Newsletter Editor

### Dropped helmets?

Have you ever wondered what you should do when your helmet falls off your seat while parked? Besides swearing up a storm and crying over the demise of the perfect graphics have you

wondered if the lid is still useable or are you playing Russian roulette by continuing to wear it? Well...good news for the cheap skates. Ride magazine from England wanted to know the answer to the same question so they did some tests. They tested an HJC helmet and dropped it nine feet onto concrete and then re-tested it using the Euro version of the DOT impact test and it passed with flying colors! That info could give you peace of mind and some spare change.

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A big thumbs-up for A&S BMW! The first Sunday in October I was returning from a weekend in Incline Village, NV via I-80 because I was in a hurry to get home. Somewhere between Auburn and Rocklin my BMW Navigator II fell off of its holder. Luckily the power cord and external gps antenna cord saved the unit from destruction in the fast lane. I pulled over as soon as I could and discovered that a very small screw had backed out and fallen which allowed the gps to fall from the holder. Knowing that A&S was open on Sunday's I rode straight to them.

When I approached the parts counter I told Kat what the problem was and as I figured, there were no screws in stock. Randy passed me and I mentioned what had happened so he began a search for the tiny screw replacement. There was none to be found so Randy opened up a box and took one off an existing unit. I was rescued and on my way. Kat ordered me a replacement screw and there was no charge for the lifesaving event. Thank you Randy and Kat at A&S.

## Another GPS Alternative

By Alex Ciurczak, alex@ciurczak.com

*Alex was kind enough to give permission to print this article from the Long Distance riding email list.*

I've been playing with GPS units ever since they got pretty cheap about five years ago, and have had them on a motorcycle at the same time. I've had 4 different types of devices, and 5 total units so far, and loved 'em all as each successive one got more feature-rich and useful. 2 years ago I thought it would be 5-10 years before one could buy a handheld color GPS with auto-routing for a smidge over \$300, since they were well over \$1200 at the time; but just 2 years later we're already there.

Both the 276C and the 2610 appear to be great devices. But if you want one device that's about half the cost, significantly smaller, 1/3 - 1/2 the weight, fits into a bike's cockpit much easier, and can be used as a battery-powered handheld for hiking, using on planes, etc, I'd recommend taking a peek at the Garmin 60C/60CS, or the 76C/76CS.

I've had the 60C for a few months now, used it very successful-



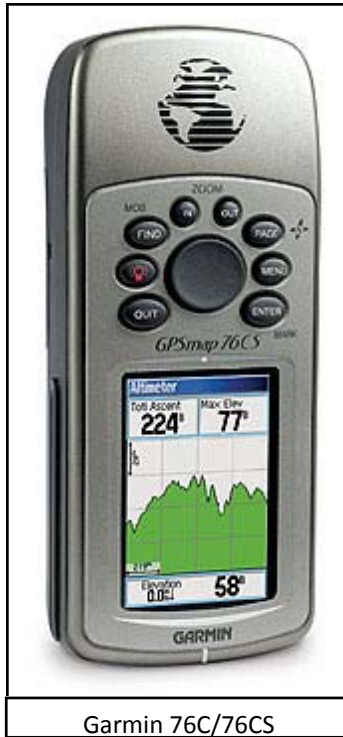
Garmin 60C/60CS

ly on one 24-hour rally, along with it working flawlessly on every other ride before and since. It is rubberized all over the bottom, sides, and antenna, and I've dropped it onto pavement from a couple feet up and it survives just fine. The processors are plenty fast, the screens are stellar (with backlight on), and the buttons are solid. We liked it so much I bought another one so my wife and I have twin 60C's when we ride separately (and it's always good to have a spare if someone is traveling). I use it on commercial aircraft all the time; it's incredibly neat (to me) to know as much as the pilot about how fast you're traveling, what elevation, where you are, and when the plane is expected to land.

The potentially fatal flaw for these units is the lack of memory expandability. The 60C series comes with 56 megs, and the 76C series has 115 megs. Keep in mind that all of these units come with a full USA base map that can route you to any town there is, without using any of that memory, but for detailed routing around back roads, you do have to load up the data from either the newer CitySelect data or the older Metroguide (version 4). The routing is spot-on, and we've had fun comparing it to the directions provided by our in-car Nav systems. 99% of the time, they mirror each other, with the only

issues being in very tight cities, or under long bridges, the inc-car system can start to rely on its inertial navigation when the GPS signals get too weak temporarily. Here in CA, I can have the maps loaded from LA to Eureka in the unit, going as far east as Las Vegas, so the detailed area you can fit in 56 megs is reasonably generous. If it is a base requirement to be able to load up half the US at one time to route to specific addresses and not just towns, the more expensive units (+ some pricey memory cards) would be a better choice.

The 60C goes for \$355 at gpsnow.com, the autonav kit CitySelect software, cigarette power adapter, auto mount, portable non-stick mount) goes for \$160. \$25 for a bare wire power cable to hook up directly to the bike's electrics (60C, like all the others, runs just fine on 12V). The RAM plastic mount goes for \$40, the Touratech aluminum mount (very trick) goes for \$90. So with the unit, the autonav kit, the power cable, and the mount, the whole package is \$580. And it's immensely useful off the bike, whether in another car, or as a handheld. The 76C/CS go for very similar prices, and are almost identical units in a slightly different form factor. The buttons are on top of the screen, the case is a



Garmin 76C/76CS

smidge larger, and the whole unit floats. The screen, the processor, and the software is identical.

As far as I can tell, a similar setup on a 276C would run about \$980 (\$600 for unit, \$250 for auto kit, \$40 for mount, \$90 for 128 meg Garmin card), and a 2610 would go for \$815 (\$750 for unit, which includes CitySelect & 128 meg card, comes with auto kit, another \$25 for a bare-wire cable, another \$40 for a ram mount or \$100 for Touratech).

A good friend of mine ordered both the 2610 & the 60CS for his bikes (CBR XX & 1150GS), thinking that the screen on the 60CS would not meet his needs. After a few weeks, he returned the 2610 and is ecstatically happy with the 60CS. YMMV.



Some random images of the 2004 Central Cal Beemer Bash.

Our own RCB organized the poker run and it was the usual success that it always is thanks to the clubs intimate knowledge of all known



## 2004 Calendar of Upcoming Events

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

Nov 6th, 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.

Nov 9th, 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.

Nov 5-7 Cycle World International Motor cycle Show, San Mateo fair grounds.

Nov 14<sup>th</sup>, Sun 2005 Calendar planning meeting. 4pm, Lots of pizza, beer, sodas, and friendship. Location is at Bryan Wright's house, 916-663-9175.

Nov 14th, Sun If you are interested in seeing the CRH first-hand, we will be having a tour of the facility on Sunday,

November 14th at 11:00 am. The tour will last approximately 1 hour. I'll be heading up from A&S at 10:30. Additional information about the Receiving Home is also available at their website: <http://www.crhkids.org>.

Dec 4<sup>th</sup>, Sat RCB Christmas party, 7 pm at A&S BMW after hours inside the showroom.

Dec 4th, Sat RCB Toy Run, We will meet up at A&S after breakfast on the 4th and depart for the CRH at 10:00 am.

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



Peruvian 'Go Juice'

**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](mailto: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](mailto:classified@rcb.org) and it will be included in the web site and also in the newsletter.*

**1993 K1100 LT** Good Condition, 54K miles, electric Blue color, black Corbin saddle, three pieces of color matched hard BMW luggage. Heated grips, adjustable wind shield, stereo radio/ cassette player. Includes BMW tank bag (\$350.00 value, new condition), touring bike cover. Professionally maintained

at A&S. \$4800 obo. Jim @ 916-564-1498 or [warndoggy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:warndoggy@sbcglobal.net) (10/7)

**2002 Adventure** excellent shape, 18k miles, 3 seats, Jesse side bags and top case, Touratech tankbag, PIAA 910's, motolights, garmin 176c plus software, plus 2 complete sets of wheels--rims tires rotors and abs rings, Take over payments or \$12000 cash. Email Chris @ [chris@sacbeemail.com](mailto:chris@sacbeemail.com), or call 530-333-4871 (9/25)

**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 concours 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)

**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/Metzelers, 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 Schubert 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)

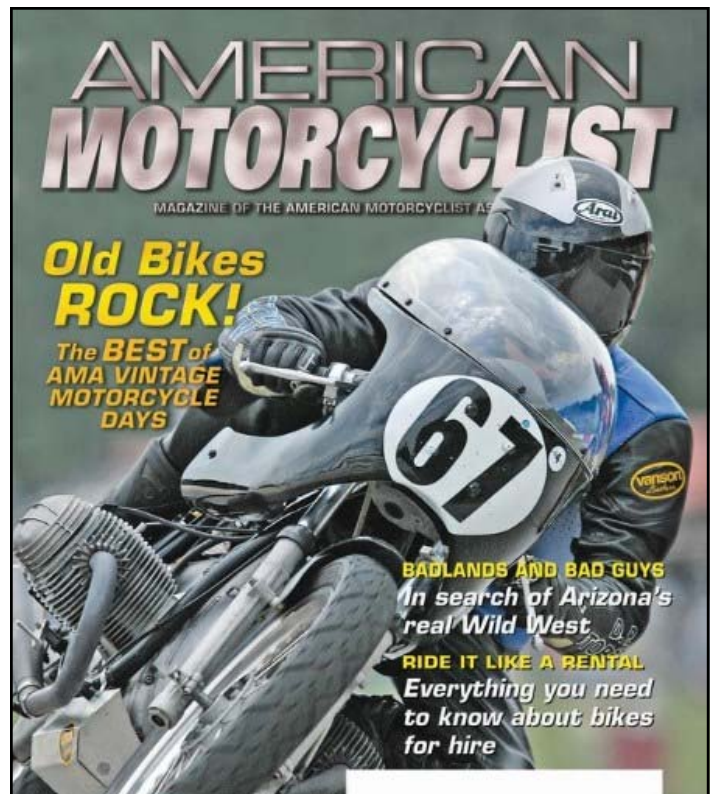
**1998 R1100GS** - \$5800 OBO. Heated grips, Russell seat, Givi windscreen, side bags, cylinder guards, 96k commuter miles; Call 916-782-3258 or email to m1100@email.com (7/29)

**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 mml100@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)



Glenn Campbell is the son of members Larry and Helen Campbell and he and his vintage BMW made the cover of American Motorcyclist magazine. Congratulations Glenn!.



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