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Membership Meeting

Sat Dec, 4th 8:00am

Western Coffee Pot

Auburn near Greenback Ln

Citrus Heights

Director's Meeting

Tues Dec, 14th, 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

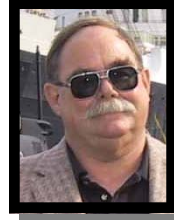
Citrus Heights

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



It's finally here, my last column as your 2004 River City Beemers President. It's been a pretty good year and we've had a lot of fun together, but there are a couple more events on the calendar. I hope a lot of you can find some time December 4 to participate in these.

After the December RCB General Membership meeting, we'll take a ride to A&S to clear out their donuts, and then leave on our first RCB Toy Run. In the past we've joined up with the big one in Sacramento and lately the one-time-small-now-large Nevada City event. This year, Bryan Wright has organized a run to benefit Sacramento Children's Receiving Home. Bryan will have an article elsewhere in this issue with the details but I hope all of you participate in this new event. We have an opportunity to make an impact on an organization that provides services to the most innocent victims of circumstances. I hope you can find the time and generosity.

Later that same day, in A&S's main showroom, we'll have a Christmas Pot Luck. Dennis Allstead has put this event together. RCB is providing the main course and beverages. You get to bring your favorite dish, using the following guideline: Last name A-H salad, I-Q side dish, R-Z desserts. Starts at 7:00, December 4.

This month's riding tip is kind of long, and maybe long overdue. When I started riding BMWs in 1994, I hadn't put many road miles on in the previous 10 years although

I always owned a motorcycle (Honda, if you must know) Anyway, when I hooked up with RCB I tried to find some riding companions that I could hang with and maybe brush up on my street skills. Some of you had skills and experience that I just couldn't keep up with, but I hung as best I could and sharpened up my abilities. After a few years I learned more about a member who has since become my hero. If you were at last month's membership meeting, this guy finally tooted his own horn when he displayed the BMW mileage awards he has accumulated. The medallions have changed over the years but the latest one he received, for 500,000 BMW miles, would make anyone proud. This is the guy I've been calling my hero for the last few years. You see, 500K is a lot of miles and there are other members in our club who probably have also achieved this milestone. However, this gentleman started riding BMWs at the age of 58 (A little over 1 year older than I am now). And that works out to an average of a little over 19,000 miles a year. (You do the math) This is almost exactly the amount of miles he rode last year, in case you think he's slowing down. At any rate, I watch my hero's riding style whenever I get a chance and try to learn from him. Rick Blake does what we all should do: ride within our limits, enjoy every ride, and most importantly:

Ride Safe

Ride Often

Got Mufflers?

RCB's Christmas Party at A & S

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.

RCB's Very Own Children's Toy Run



In mid November, a group of club members and guests attended a tour of the Children's Receiving Home (CRH). Claire from the home gave a wonderful tour, telling a bit about the history of the CRH and its charter. They take in children between the ages of 2 and 17 who have been abused, molested, neglected or abandoned and provide them with emergency temporary shelter and care. As the Sacramento region grows, they are called upon to

assist an ever-increasing number of children that is rapidly approaching 2000 per year. During their stay at the facility, kids are provided with many basic things that we take for granted such as clothing, food, medical care, counseling, education as well as reassurance and comfort. For many of these children it is a rare opportunity to live in a clean and safe environment. The tour was very informative and served to remind many of us of the good fortune we enjoy in our lives.

To start to our RCB Holiday festivities, the inaugural RCB Gift and Toy Run on Saturday, December 4th will benefit this worthy facility. After our monthly meeting and breakfast at the Western Coffee Pot, we will meet up at A&S to pick up additional gifts from the collection box. At 10:00 we'll flip up our side stands and depart for the CRH. The ride down Auburn Boulevard should take less than 30 minutes.

There's still time to collect gifts-gift certificates/cards are very popular with the children! Suggestions for gifts and charitable

donations as well as additional information about the Receiving Home are available at their website:

<http://www.crhkids.org>. Remember that your contributions to the CRH are tax deductible--so dig deep!!!

This is a great opportunity to do something special to help out some kids who've had some tough breaks in life, so remember what the holidays are about and let's show them some great RCB holiday spirit with a big turnout for this event! If you have a gift, but won't be able to make the event, please take advantage of the collection box at A&S.

Any last minute questions, please contact Bryan Wright (bryan@skwerly.com)!



Escaping Into The Delta

By John G Sulpizio



There aren't many places I would spread my ashes, but the Delta is one of them. A ride in the Delta is my way of curing any thoughts that life is anything but wonderful. There is nothing like a hundred miles over winding levee

roads, a quiet moment at my favorite church in Clarksburg, a free excursion on the ferry into Rio Vista, and a visit to Al the Wop's

for refreshments. By the time I get home, my heart, soul and body feel rejuvenated.

The Delta is gorgeous place late in the day, especially on a Fall Sunday, when a few of those twisting elevated levee roads are so lonely that they feel like they were built just for me. The sun hangs low, shimmers on the sloughs, and throws its amber light across fields, bridges, and buildings.

My regular sorties into the Delta customarily start by dropping south on South River Road on the Yolo side of the Sacramento River. Quickly out of West Sacramento, I soon find myself in Clarksburg, where I often take Netherlands Road which speeds me past tomato fields and vineyards. I grab a road along Elk Slough, so obscure that the map show it only as "Road on Levee". It pops me out onto Courtland Road, which winds its way to a swing bridge over Miner Slough onto Ryer Island. The levee road along Miner Slough feels like a track day practice with each coming turn, each turn I've tak-



en many times before, but this time I hope to do it better with more motorcycling precision. You feel the pucker as the road turns sharply and the sun flashes from behind the trees and sparkles out of the west into my face shield.

Before you know it, the Rio Vista Ferry called the "Real McCoy" looms ahead, a throwback in time, an old-fashioned diesel-powered cable ferryboat appearing untouched by the rapidly developing world around it. With increasing congestion on our roads, it strikes me that we may see more ferries in our future. In just a few short minutes, the McCoy glides across Cache Slough, also the watery route for the Sacramento Deep Water Channel, a man-made waterway over which a million tons of international cargo in deep sea vessels transit each year.

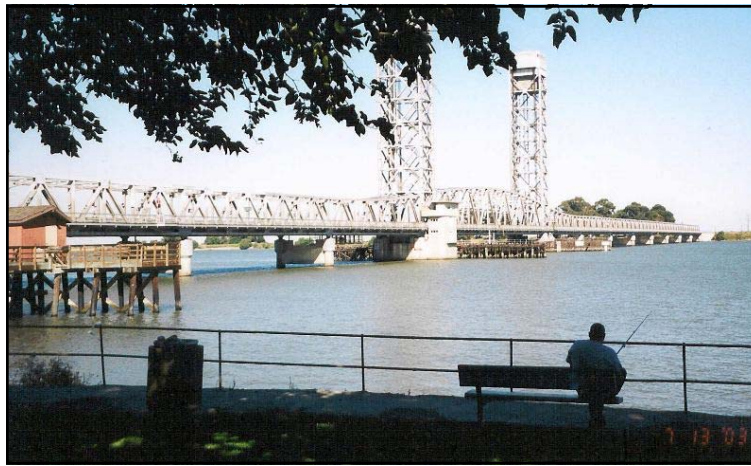
The ramp on the ferry drops to the ground. The attendant waves me on, and with a twist of the throttle I'm on my way to Rio Vista. A quick flip over the Rio Vista Bridge, and a hard left turn points me north again on the Sacramento side of the river. On many a former occasion, I've diverted from this intersection around the Delta Loop, a scenic roadway reminiscent of the old Delta with its marinas and casual waterfront lifestyle. Accelerating north on Route 160, Isleton lies ahead. If you're hungry, there's the Hotel del Rio with its prime rib buffet offered each weekend or Rogelio's with its unique menu of Mexican and Chinese.

Further north is Walnut Grove. If you've not had dessert, Mel's offers Gunther's Ice Cream with an overlook of the river that folks ride miles to see. Albeit, my favorite place is up the road a little further in Locke. Historically, a Chinese farming community, it now feels like a movie set relatively unchanged with time. In the middle of its unnamed main street is Al

the Wop's, a restaurant with a name that appears politically incorrect in this day and age. Nonetheless, it is printed proudly on the sign out front. Its interior is as eclectic as any place I've ever been, its walls adorned with years of accumulated paraphernalia. After a few libations, a favorite pastime at Al's is trying to hook your ball cap on the antlers of the deer which hangs over the bar. For the more coordinated, they try to stick a dollar bill into the ceiling with a thumb tack. Not so easy, if you bear in mind the ceiling is eighteen feet high and you can't reach it.

The usual barkeep, John, who is a teacher in his other life, now knows me well enough to holler in his gravelly voice, "Coffee or Diet Coke?" Most of the time, it will depend on the time of

year. I've made the ride in the sweltering heat of summer, the cool of Spring and Autumn, and the rains of Winter. For me



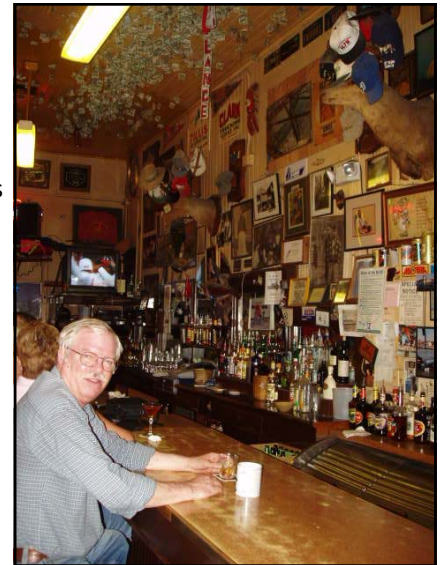
there's no bad time to ride the Delta!

With the bugs cleaned from my face shield, fluids replaced and flushed, I'm on my way north again, only 30 miles from home. Often dark by now, the road takes on a magical feel as the headlights dance on the road markers and the moon shines brightly over the landscape. There is neither picture nor

paragraph that can capture the smell of the air or the incredible view from inside my helmet. It's one of those rare personal moments that only a rider experiences. The cool of the Delta night makes me glad I zipped my liner into my coat before I left Al's.

At the Painterville Bridge, I slip back across to the Yolo side of the river and continue north. Sliding through the night, sometimes a little too fast, I try to remind myself about critters of various species, large and small, that dot the Delta. Goats often graze on the levees, and dogs have a way of appearing out of nowhere. Those red lights off to the right...are they a parked fisherman or the CHP?

Back through Clarksburg and up into West Sacramento I ride. Before long I'm pulling up my driveway into the garage, my family's humble place in the



Eddie's Corner

December 2004
From the newsletter
editor's desk

Our own RCB genius Tom Austin wrote in the Long Distance rider email list why you should use premium gas if your motorcycle needs it...and why it's a waste of money if it doesn't.

Ethanol contains only 2/3 of the energy content of the average gasoline. Therefore, a 10% ethanol gasoline blend ("Gasohol") has only 96.7% of the energy content of straight gasoline. Any modern automobile and any motorcycle with an exhaust oxygen sensor (e.g., all new BMWs, many new Hondas) will get about

3% lower fuel economy using a 10% ethanol gasoline blend. (In California, the ethanol content is 5.7% and the fuel economy hit is about 2%.) For motorcycles that don't use oxygen sensors, there is less of a fuel economy penalty; however, the engine runs a little leaner, which adversely affects drivability and performance.

An engine designed to run on premium fuel will usually (see exception described below) exhibit spark knock on regular grade. Spark knock leads to overheating and engine damage. To run on regular, it is necessary to use a lower compression ratio or retarded spark timing. This reduces performance and fuel economy. However, if the engine uses a lower compression ratio to enable operation on regular grade fuel, there is no advantage to using premium. On average, premium fuel has slightly lower energy content than regular fuel. So if you have a motorcycle that is designed to run on regular grade gasoline, it is a waste of money to use premium.

Note that some of the higher tech motorcycles (e.g., the new R1200GS) are equipped with knock sensors that automatically retard spark timing as necessary to tolerate lower octane fuel. They will run on regular grade gasoline without knocking but get better fuel economy and performance on premium.

The November issue of Bike from England has a monthly Q & A column. This month's Question concerned aquaplaning with a motorcycle.

Motorcycle tires are much narrower than auto tires so we have much less a chance for aquaplaning. Bike says, "Bikes will aquaplane if you hit a 1mm flood at 200 mph. Conversely, you can ride through a river at 1 mph and you'll be fine."

Since we have to lean the bike to corner we are much less aggressive when riding in the rain versus the auto driver who hasn't a clue and drives as if the weather is dry and clear. The consequence of sliding a bike are far more serious than sliding a car, therefore we are much more likely to slow down to a reasonable speed in the wet. The odds of aquaplaning are very small so be smooth and enjoy your rain gear!

Have you been tempted to join in on a Saturday club ride, but just haven't actually attended? Here's a short write up by Larry Morris who attended the November club ride to the jelly belly factory. Larry split off from the official club ride after Rio Vista to attend the San Francisco moto show, but still had a lot of fun.

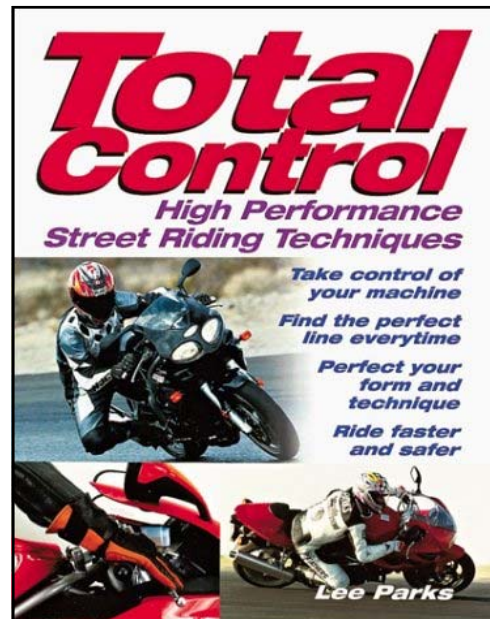
What a great day. First the elections at breakfast. Thanks to all who voted "for" the new directors. It was a tough campaign.... oh wait, that was earlier this week, sorry for the confusion.

Our Prez lead another enjoyable ride, this time to the Delta and Rio Vista. Beautiful day for a ride and great scenery at the waterfront in Rio Vista. I understand the rest of the group went on to Jelly Belly. This was hard for me to pass up since it is one of my favorite places.

However, Ken Caruthers had a plan that I just could not miss. He was on his way to Alice's Restaurant with a stop at the San Mateo Bike Show. I have never been to either so off I went with Ken.

If you have never been to Alice's, I highly recommend the experience. Incredible view, scenery and people, Wall-to-Wall bikes and people. It took a little while for the cook to catch up but there are so many folks to watch and talk with, it didn't really matter.

I know most of you have been to the Bike Show but for those who have missed it, you should really consider it for next year. A Long day at 321 miles and I arrived home at 8:15 PM but entirely enjoyable and worth it. Thanks Mr. Prez and Mr. Caruthers.



Here's the perfect Christmas gift for the person that is a novice to intermediate motorcycle rider.

Lee Parks explains simply and logically how to set up your bikes suspension, rider set up with suggestions on fitness, riding gear, and the benefit of attending a track day... Note to Santa, You need

a kitchen pass for attending RCB's next Track Day in June. After all, post graduate education leads to long life and happiness.

I see lots of competent riders, but when some riders start to enter a parking lot at slow speed and try and make a U-turn they look downright amateurish! This book will help! Lee Parks detailed explanation of how to make a U-turn and where your body position should be and which foot peg you should have your weight on will make you the terror of the parking lot and the envy of all who watch! Thumbs up rating! \$24.95 You can order from A&S BMW or from www.leeparksdesign.com, or call 800-943-5638

2004 Calendar of Upcoming Events

Check often because events are always being added or changed.

- Dec 4, 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.
- Dec 14, 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.
- Dec 4th, Sat RCB Christmas party, 7 pm at A&S BMW after hours inside the show-room.
- 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 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.

Center Stand Skid Plate for 11XX GS. Its from the Mica Co. still in the bag. I thought it replaced the original plate . Cost of original is \$90. I will sell for what I paid for it which was a close out from the Micatech company for \$30. Nice set up but I don't go off road and I was looking at it for cosmetics rea-

sons...slave to fashion. Call Joe @ 916-729-3319 (10/25)

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 warndog-gy@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, or call 530-333-4871 (9/25)

Misc: THH full face helmet, XS, black, used once, like new, great for child or spare, \$45. email Bob at BOB2CY-CHO@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)

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/Metezelers, 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)

New Corbin seat for BMW 650 GS. Wife did not fit seat. Seat is black with black piping. Asking \$280.00/ Retails 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)

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)



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