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Membership Meeting

Sat Jan., 1st 8:00am

Western Coffee Pot

Auburn near Greenback Ln

Citrus Heights

Director's Meeting

Tues. Jan., 11, 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



Happy New Year! I hope you had a great Christmas holiday and are planning on having a safe and happy New Year's celebration. I'm assuming you're going to get this newsletter prior to January 1. Anything RCB does relies on volunteers, though. They also have holidays, so this issue could be late. More about volunteers and RCB operations later.

Thanks to all of you who participated in RCB's first club toy run. According to the folks at the Children's Receiving Home, we donated almost \$4000 to their operation. This total includes cash, gift certificates and toys. We had some help from outside groups, too, so hopefully Bryan Wright has an article elsewhere in this issue acknowledging them.

The Christmas Pot Luck is back! Thanks to Dennis Allstead's organizational skills, we had a very successful event this year. A&S provided the use of their facility and we had entertainment and flowers donated to us. You may see a couple of new business card size ads running in the newsletter to acknowledge these businesses. More than 90 people made their way through the buffet line. Yours truly advised Dennis to buy the main entrée for 60, so we ran a little short at the end. But there were *plenty* of salads, side dishes, and desserts to make up for it. We'll plan for more next year.

Back to the volunteer issue. Unfortunately, some of our recent new members are *still* waiting for name badges ordered up to 6 months ago. We're working to resolve this problem and hopefully your badges are on the way. RCB maintains a post office box in Fair Oaks. It quickly fills with junk mail, just like your mail box at home. Then a volunteer, Jim Cyran, must retrieve the mail during business hours. To avoid this with membership issues, that correspondence is directed to a re-mailer in

Rancho Cordova. Every 2 weeks or so, the re-mailer sends that mail to our volunteer in charge of membership, Bob Holleron. He updates the membership roster and forwards the application and fees to our volunteer treasurer, Ted Alvarez. It's Ted's job to deposit the funds in our bank and order the badges. (Maybe reversing the order of these steps has merit?) You can see the possibilities for delays are built into the way RCB handles new memberships. And, believe it or not, some volunteers have lives outside of RCB and BMW's, unlike me, so they don't handle Club business every day. But the main problem with the badges involves the only entity that receives money: our vendor, The Sign Man III. We selected this vendor because he has computerized engraving equipment which permits us to use the RCB logo as well as varying sizes and styles of fonts with no additional set-up charges. If you know of someone local with the same equipment, let me know. We're not contractually obligated to our current vendor.

On to the newsletter. If you get this column in time, it will be thanks to volunteers. Kim Rydalch, who lives in Modesto, puts the newsletter together and sends it along to Jim Cyran. Jim posts the newsletter on the web site and notifies all of us who take the electronic version (High quality color photos only available in the on-line version). Jim also sends the newsletter on to Alpha Graphics. They print and mail the snail-mail version to our analog members.

What, you may ask, does the President do? Besides writing this little column every month I just ride my BMW. See? Being President is the easiest job. The real work is done by others. I hope you read this far in the column because you should know two things. First: There will be a Membership Meeting January 1, the first Saturday of the month/year. And most importantly, there will be a club ride after the meeting. After all, what we really do is:

Ride Safe... Ride Often... Got Mufflers?

2004 RCB Toy Run



On December 4th, a group of RCB members as well as some other riders took part in the first RCB Toy and Gift Drive benefiting the Children's Receiving Home of Sacramento. We had 36 bikes and approximately 50 people (including several cars that carried a large amount of the gifts).

Claire Spear, the CRH Development Officer, wrote: "The River City Beemer's toy run was such a huge success raising over \$900 [cash] for the kids, and so many great toys, clothing, craft supplies and over \$1200 in gift certificates. Because of your generosity and all of your hard work, all of the children at the Home will enjoy a wonderful Christmas! Please know you have truly made a difference so many children's lives."

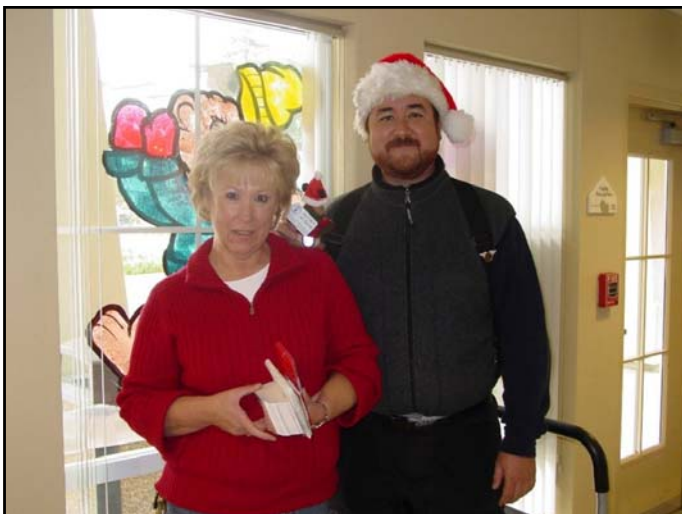
Given the large number of gift packages, we estimate that between \$3000 and \$4000 was raised.



In addition to the generosity of RCB club members, special thanks go out to members of the Napa chapter of the Blue Knights and the staff at Mercy General Hospital in Sacramento. Other club members solicited donations at work and one other care facility in Sacramento was especially generous.

A&S BMW decorated and hosted the main collection box and served as the starting point (and donut fueling location) for our ride. The collection box was a huge success and was filled several times over with a variety of gifts!

We'll be doing it again next year, and our plans are to make it a little bigger and a whole lot better, so mark it on your calendars (December 3, 2005)





Super bowl Party and Tech Session



In keeping with a recent RCB tradition, we'll be having a SuperBowl party and tech session at Bryan and Marji's Wright's house in Newcastle on Superbowl Sunday (Feb 6 2005).

If you are interested in any particular subjects for the Tech Session drop Bryan a line (bryan@skwerly.com). Extra points will be awarded if it is a subject of more general interest and you can help line up someone with the expertise to help with the work!

Several folks have asked for a GPS tutorial and the ever-popular R-bike oil change and valve adjustment is always a possibility.

River City Beemer Road Miles for 2004

As compiled by Terry Caffery from January through December

Miguel Mondonca	36000
Bob Brand	33500
Rick Blake	29000
Greg Peart	27500
Pete Wilbert	21300
Jim Douglas	21000
Terry Caffery	20600
Gary Stofer	16000
Tom Austin	14500
Mike Paetzold	11700
John Marcurella	11500

Brian Wright	10800
Edwin Neal	10200
Stan Pauloni	12100
Randy Vidmar	9900
Cyndee, Peart	9000
Larry Morris	8500
Pamela Parker Dungan	8500
Jeff Dungan	8500
Ken Caruthers	8000
Mark Scott	8000
Kim Rydalch	6700
Linda Stofer	6200
John Baker	5900
Bruce Webster	4000
Hennie Cloete	3300
Jim Cyran	1870

WHY THE TRACK?

By John G. Sulpizio



Not so long ago I was on a group ride. During that weekend ride, I often found myself unable to keep up with the pack. As I looked out front, my fellow riders seemed to have no problems gliding into corners and accelerating out, leaving me behind. I felt uncomfortable with the pace, like I was going into corners "too hot". My automatic response was to back off the throttle and apply the brakes, which stood the bike up in the corners. Without knowing exactly why I was making my problems worse. When I got home I confided in my wife.

My wife, the lovely lady she is, put the solution under our Christmas tree...cornering school at Laguna Seca with Keith Code. Track school? My apprehension grew. My feet were now held to the fire. I was headed to the track and had no

idea what to expect. The date arrived, the bike was prepped, riding gear packed, and my wife and I made a weekend date of it.

Upon arrival at the track, I quickly learned that my sense of apprehension was shared by others. It was quickly dissipated as we went through equipment and safety checks, removed the mirrors, taped the speedos, tachs, lights, and learned the first rules of cornering school. Be a student, do the drills, and obey track etiquette: No aggressive passing and no racing, because crashing ends your day. We started with a simple steering drill, navigating back and forth through cones so that our instructor could see how we each "related" to our machines. The drill also allowed me to "loosen up" and relax a little.

There were five basic drills, each building on the other, and between each riding session, there was "chalk talk" with Keith Code, former racer and now international riding coach. The



first drill emphasized throttle control. In fact, throttle control turned out to be the foundation of the training. We picked one gear (4th for me) and used no brakes. In doing so, we were compelled to judge our speed going into the corner, stay smooth on the throttle, and come out of the corner with acceleration. Proper throttle control actually stabilizes the bike, whereas an abrupt roll-off or braking throws weight forward and destabilizes the machine and stands it up.

Drill 2 taught “point of entry”. Each turn was marked with an “X” to help us. No brakes, one gear, hit the “X” with the start of the turn. Stay smooth on the throttle and roll it on as you exit the turn. There are technical reasons for the roll-on, not the least of which is that the bike will naturally slow as the turn forces the bike onto the side of the tire, which is smaller in diameter. For me, getting comfortable with that lean was also imperative to my improvement.

Drill 3 encouraged “quick turning”. Pick the point of entry, turn into it quickly and hold it. Do not be a lazy rider. Make the bike do what you want. Quickly and smoothly turn your bike with counter steering. I remained in 4th gear, no brakes, and my speed picked up. In fact, as the skills came together, my speed gradually rose, my lean angle got more severe, and I was steadily becoming more comfortable with a more aggressive riding style.



Drill 4 emphasized understanding and concentrating on rider inputs. The riding format was multiple gears, light braking, picking the proper entry point, and throttle control in and out of turns. The lesson to be learned: “less is better”. Don’t be too busy. Do all your braking before you enter the corner, then focus on the throttle and steering. Know what’s needed, then concentrate on it. Making the bike do what you want is a matter of knowledge and technique.

Drill 5 emphasized visual skills. Look out ahead of you. See the entry point of the turn. Look through the turn. Physically turn your head. Hit the entry with a quick steering input. Apply a smooth throttle and roll-it-on as you hit the apex and exit the turn. After enough laps you begin to see how these few fundamental skills make the difference in the art of cornering.

The motorcycle is a magnificent machine. To better understand how rider inputs make it work in cornering, I would recommend reading one of numerous books on the subject. Keith Code has published two. Of course, neither reading those books nor this article will solve your apprehension in corners, but knowing the fundamental skills and practicing the art of cornering will, whether on the street or the track.

Why the track? First, everyone is going in the same direction. Second, the corners never change. So, as you repeatedly lap the course, you can concentrate on improving your technique

2005 Calendar of Upcoming Events

Check often because events are always being added or changed.

Jan 1, 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.
Jan 11, 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.
Feb 6	Superbowl Party/Tech session 11:00 AM til ? Bryan & Marji Wright’s home
Feb 18-21	Airheads Beemer Club at Death Valley
Mar 12	Daytona Superbike party, leaves WCP @ 9:00 AM to Jim Douglas’ home, Dennis Allstead
Apr 14-15	Bed & Brew to San Luis Obispo Dave Rives
Apr 16	MOA mileage contest entry documentation Mike Paetzold
Apr 24	Mystery Brunch Tour start location TBD, contact Marv & Lois Lewis

May 13-15	Mystery campout, location TBD Jack Klaushie
May 21-22	GS Campout, location TBD Jim Cyran
May 27-30	NORCAL BMW 49er Rally at Sonora
Jun 5	Thunderhill Jim Cyran
Jun 17-19	Chief Joseph Rally
Jun 24-26	Indian Creek Spaghetti Feed/Campout Stan Davis
Jul 7-10	Moto GP at Laguna Seca
Jul 15-17	Top O'the Rockies Rally
Jul 21-24	BMWMOA National Rally, Lima Ohio
Jul 24	RCB Picnic Linda Stofer
Jul 30	RCB Poker Run starts from A&S 10:00 AM Jim Cyran
Aug 6-7	Ride and Bowl, Yerington Nevada, ride leaves from WCP at 9:00 AM or 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 five 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 19-21	Dornan Beach Campout Jim Cyran
Sep 2-5	NORCAL BMW Gypsy Tour
Sep 16-18	Central Cal BMW Beemer Bash, Quincy
Oct 2	RCB Five Passes Ride Larry Morris
Oct 7-9	Manchester Beach Campout Joe Meyers
Oct 15	MOA mileage contest ending documentation Mike Paetzold
Nov 13	2006 Planning Meeting, Bryan & Marji Wright
Dec 3	RCB Toy Run to Children's Receiving leaves A&S @ 10:30 AM RCB Christmas Pot Luck Time/location TBD Dennis Allstead

Unscheduled Event ideas:

- GS Day ride and/or Prairie city
- Progressive Dinner Ride
- Afternoon Ice Cream Social
- Geocaching Contest

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 R1150 GS. Black 13K miles. All services current. This is the dual plug, servo-assist ABS brake model. Includes BMW system cases. \$10800. prez@rcb.org 916-966-7910

1984 R65 - Metallic Blue, windscreen, new exhaust and speedo,

hand guards, new battery, excellent condition, too many bikes, must sell, 70K mi, \$2100 obo, Call Brian 916-939-4350 or bbt95762@yahoo.com for pics. (12/7)

Bibler Juniper Tent - 3 person, 3 season tent, single wall, 2 doors and 2 vestibules, like new condition, one of the best tents you can buy, sold new for \$600, yours for \$275. Call Jim 916-863-6014 or jimcyran@pacbell.net (11/22)

2004 R1150RS - Blue 9300 mi, heated grips, 6 yr warranty until 3/09, ABS, system cases, dealer serviced \$12,500. Call Todd 916-834-9846. (11/20)

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 reasons..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 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, or call 530-333-4871 (9/25)

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

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)

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/Metzezers, 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 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)

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)



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