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Membership Meeting

Sat Feb. 4th, 8:00am

Western Coffee Pot

Auburn near Greenback Ln

Citrus Heights

Director's Meeting

Tues Feb. 14, 7:00 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 5-6:30 pm

Leaves every Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm from The Coffee Republic in Folsom

The President's Corner

by Gary Stofer



Welcome to the February edition of the RCB newsletter. Ordinarily this is kind of a slow time of the year for motorcycling but, as usual, we have things going on. In addition to the club ride after our membership meeting February 4, we have our annual tech session/Superbowl party at Bryan & Marji Wright's home in Newcastle on February 5. We usually work on the boxer motor bikes but are open for anything. Come on up and get your hands dirty, or kick tires & swap lies, or actually watch the game. Bring your own supplies if you're going to do something to your machine. If it's an oil change, make sure to bring an empty container to take the used oil away in. Contact Bryan & Marji to let them know you're coming. They want to make sure to have enough beverages and snacks for all.

This year the club is coordinating a dirt day event at Prairie City OHV Park on Sunday, April 23. There are actually 2 events. We have reserved that date for an MSF Dirt Bike School coached by Rob Rickert & Cat Bening. This is a 6 hour class geared to the skill level of the participants and the bikes are provided. In fact, you will probably be able to ride 8 different machines during the course of instruction. The cost for this school is \$140 or \$125 for students 6 to 15 yrs of age. Class is limited to 8 students so make your reservation early. Contact Rob at 916-690-2576 or E-mail at

dirtbikeoach@msn.com. If we sell out the Sunday class, he may be able to schedule an additional one on Saturday. But wait, there's more. If you'd just like a little coaching using your own GS, RCB's Greg Gibson will be offering instruction in a different area of the park that day, too. There is no cost for this other than the \$5 admission to Prairie City. Greg is one of RCB's most accomplished and experienced GS riders and we're fortunate to have him volunteer his time for this. More details available later.

I mentioned last month that our scheduling of the RCB picnic conflicted with other riding events. We discussed this at our Board meeting and, as it stands now, the picnic has been cancelled. If you have any ideas regarding continuing this event please bring them to the membership meeting, or contact any of the directors or officers. Participation the past few years has shown a declining interest in the picnic. Maybe you have a better idea.

Safety tip: When you're riding early or late in the day, pay attention to your shadow. Long shadows are telling you something. They are pointing at drivers who cannot see you because they are blinded by the sun. This is just something additional to remember. Of course, you should always ride like you're invisible anyway but there are times you really are. Just my reminder to:

Ride Safe

Ride Often

Got Mufflers?

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 at 11 am until after the game. (Feb 5 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.

Start the Daytona Season Right!

Daytona Super Bikes & BBQ
Saturday, March 11th

Jim & Ayla Douglas are having another AMA SuperBike party at their house in Fiddletown. Lots of food, beer, and sodas. This is the first race of the season, and like NASCAR, this is the biggest race of the year and it's the kickoff for the 2005 season.

A group ride will be leave from the Western Coffee Pot at 9am

so fuel up and be ready. Gary will lead the group to Jim's house. The races are set to begin at 10am if shown live on TV so the races will be taped for our viewing pleasure. We don't want to miss a single lap. The race is about 2 1/2 hours in length. Even if you aren't much of a race fan it's lots of fun.

My K1200S is Awesome!

By Mike Gragg
mgragg@gmail.com

Mike gave his permission to print his article that he wrote for the Long Distance rider email list. Editor.

Last month I had a chance to spend a week with a new BMW K1200S. A few folks have asked me to share my impressions, so here goes...

First - 2 qualifications:

(1) I was riding in the Dolomites and, contrary to what I initially thought, this is not the kind of riding

where a bike like the K1200S excels. Other bikes (BMW R1150RT, various BMW GS's) I have ridden in the same area are actually much more suited to the tight hairpins and constant acceleration / deceleration those hairpins require since they have a ore upright riding position and wider handlebars, and are less tiring to continually transition from tight lefts to tight rights. The K1200S is similar in that respect to bikes like the K1200RS and K1200GT.

(2) I ride a R1150RT, a HD FXLR, and a KLR 650 so the terms "speed" and "power" are largely theoretical to me :-)

Now for my impressions-

The overriding impression of the bike is of power. It's simply always there and always available. The bike pulls cleanly from ~1500 RPM if you want it to and kicks like a rocket at about 7000 rpm. One day I was playing and took all the hairpins in 4th gear - two up and headed up the mountain. The bike just didn't care. I only got a chance to give it its head once; it accelerated from 0 to 180 kph so fast my brain could barely register it but with no theatrics of any kind - no wheelies, no tire spin, no problems. Fortunately, it stops the same way: smoothly, quickly, and with no drama. Good for someone like me who was probably in over his head :-)

The riding position is much more humane for an old guy like me than it looks and the wind protection was excellent. While we never had a chance to do any real distance, we were on the bike for 11 hours a couple of days (with lots of stops for photos, coffee and leisurely lunches). My wife, riding on the back, pronounced it quite comfortable even though 11 hours is a long day for her. The seat is good for both rider and passenger. (My wife only had two issues with the bike: the passenger footpegs were much higher than she's used to and she didn't feel that the passenger grab rails were placed conveniently for her to use. Consequently, I had to be cautious with both throttle and brake application.)

The new front suspension is a non-issue. I never really noticed it: it's just a responsive motorcycle which seemed to me to give good feedback to the



pilot. The bike I rode didn't have the electrically-adjustable suspension so I can't comment on it. The standard suspension seemed to me to be very competent in all the conditions I encountered. I never even bothered to adjust preload when going from solo to two-up riding.

Three other guys on the trip rode the bike briefly. They all said they liked it a lot, though they didn't get to wring it out much. They ranged in height from 5'10" to 6'4" and were all experienced riders.

On the last day, we rode into Austria and got a chance to ride some sweepers (quite a change from the previous four days when I rode ~200 miles per day, mostly in second gear on the switchbacks). In this environment, the K1200S really came into its own. At ~80 mph the wind protection was still very good and the riding position seemed just about perfect for me. The bike tracked like it was on rails and mid-sweeper bumps and braking didn't upset it. I thought this environment was much more like what we'd find in the states; in the Rockies

or the Smokies or the Texas Hill Country and it made me think that the K1200S is very well suited for the US market. I'm seriously considering one, although I'm not sure I know what to do with it (see note 2 above). I really liked the bike.

2006 Calendar of Upcoming Events

Check often because events are always being added or changed.

Feb 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. All members and guests welcome.

Feb 14, Tue Director's meeting at the Western Coffee Pot, 7:00 pm, 6233 Auburn Blvd (just north of Greenback), Citrus Hts 916-722-0811. All members welcome.

Watch the Calendar monthly for updates and more details of upcoming events

Feb 5 Superbowl Party/Tech session 11:00 AM til ? Bryan & Marji Wright's home.

Feb 17-20 Airheads Beemer Club at Death Valley.

Mar 11 Daytona Superbike party, leaves WCP @ 9:00 AM to Jim Douglas' home.

Apr 23 Dirt bike school @ Prairie City, plus BMW GS dirt ride. Details TBA.

Apr 15 MOA mileage contest entry documentation Mike Paetzold.

Apr 30 Mystery ride and eat, start location TBD, contact Marv & Lois Lewis.

May 12-14 Lake Mendocino campout and GS ride combined, details TBA.

May 26-29 NORCAL BMW 49er Rally at Auburn.

Jun 4 Thunderhill rider skill days, Jim Cyran, details TBA.

Jun 16-18 Chief Joseph Rally

Jun 23-25 Indian Creek Spaghetti Feed/Campout, details TBA.

Jul 9 RCB picnic, details TBA.

Jul 7-8 Death Ride bicycle endurance race with RCB club SAG motorcycle assistance. We are the eyes and ears for the race staff on the closed highways SR 89 and SR 4. We have our core riders for SR 4, but we need up to 4 riders to help cover SR 89 and SR 88. We get assigned camping space, Friday and Saturday meals and a T-shirt. We also get the satisfaction knowing that we helped the Markleeville Fire Department with our designated \$500 donation by the Death Ride race staff. Lots of fun and if you're like me you'll get hooked and want to volunteer for the next years event. For information or to satisfy your curiosity call me, Kim Rydalch at 209-402-7714 or email the newsletter editor. Check out the web site at www.deathride.com.



- Jul 14-16 Top O' the Rockies Rally.
 Jul 20-23 BMWMOA National Rally, Essex Junction, VT.
 Jul 20-23 Moto GP @ Laguna Seca raceway, Monterey, CA.
- Aug 5-6 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 six 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 13 Ice Cream Social, details TBA.
 Aug 18-20 Campout @ Doran beach, details TBA.
- Sep 1-4 NORCAL BMW Gypsy Tour, details TBA.
 Sep 15-17 Central Cal BMW Beemer Bash, Quincy.
- Oct 1 RCB Five Passes Ride, details TBA.
 Oct 6-8 Manchester Beach Campout, details TBA.
 Oct 15 MOA mileage contest ending documentation Mike Paetzold.
- Nov 12 2006 Planning Meeting, Bryan & Marji Wright.
- Dec 2 RCB Toy Run to Children's Receiving leaves A&S @ 10:30 AM.
 RCB Christmas Pot Luck @ A&S BMW, details TBA.



These pics will get you psyched up for the planned April RCB dirt bike school where you can rent or ride your own!

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, and it will be included in the web site and also in the newsletter.

Mexico Adventure: I'm planning a spring ride down the Baja, perhaps to return via the mainland. Details such as dates, special places to visit (e.g., Copper Canyon), accommodations (camping and/or motels), and other particulars to be determined. If interested in this trip, please call me (Steve) at (916) 961-5839 or send E mail to: TOHI@softcom.net. It should be great fun. This is one of the rides I've been thinking about. Perhaps you have some other ideas, and would like some company.

Misc: Widder electric vest, size 40 (Medium men's size), no collar so packs small, with new battery cord and switch cord, looks and works like new and makes a cold ride comfortable beyond belief, \$50. BIGDO MotoFx motorcycle built-in garage door opener, opens garage door by toggling your high beam or turn signals, works with standard openers or with rolling code openers with a universal receiver, \$35. Email Bob at Bob2Cycho@aol.com (1/19)

Wanted: Nice 1150 RT. No dropped bikes or salvage title. Have CASH in hand for quick, easy sale. Price and condition must be right. shercoridere-no@yahoo.com (1/16)

Wanted: Left side 38mm exhaust header pipe for an airhead. Looks don't matter as long as it doesn't have any dents. Call Larry 707-446-1859 e-mail Delinesoup@aol.com (1/16)

Misc: Lady's Corbin boots, size 9M, pristine, \$50. Arai open-faced wine-colored helmet, size M (7-7 1/8), never worn, \$90. Wayne and Ilene at 916-443-0123 or mullerwc@comcast.net (1/12)

2004 R1150RT, Illusion Blue 12000mi 12000 mile service done, excellent condition. Sacramento area, ABS, extended warranty, 6 more years. will consider partial trade for 1998-99 GSCASH only \$11899, email and I will send pictures. Email alanretired@sbcglobal.net (1/12)

Misc: J.C. Whitney tire bead breaker \$20, Ladies BMW Cold weather riding suit. Black with silver reflective piping. Jacket & bib overalls medium, VGC. \$75, Men's 2 piece Harro "Starlight" leathers. Black & gray size 52. Fit's someone about 5'9" & 160lbs VGC \$200 SWAP. My Shoei RF1000 Size Large with "Voltage" Black/silver/white graphics, VGC, worn only a few times for a Black Shoei RF1000 Size Large. Call Larry 707-446-1859 e-mail delinesoup@aol.com (1/12)

1999 R1100R ABS, Ohlins Shocks, 36K mi, 36K service done, Light guard, Laminar Lip, PIAA yellows with Euro Switch, Hardwired for Garmin GPSIII+ and Passport/Export with permanent mounts, Throttlemeister, Remus Stainless Exhaust, Low Pipe with full size cases, 3 covers, New Battery with Battery Tender, BMW Factory Service Manual First \$7500 takes it all, Some clothing available call Dan 916-989-4330 (1/12)

2004 R1150RS Pacific Blue, 38k mi., system cases, GS hand protectors, RAM mount. \$9,500 OBO. 530 -677-1067 kencaruthers at comcast dot net (1/3)

2002 R1150R front and rear suspension units - excellent condition - approximately 15,000 miles left on units. \$200 contact Teri at thmeadows@comcast.net or 415-457-6507 (12/15)

2003 F650GS 1,700 mi, yellow, heated grips, electric vest hook-up, throttlemeister, tinted larger windshield, ABS, super trapp exhaust, two sets of wheels, A&S Bike. Stock wheels have MCE Karoo knob-bies, the other set are Sun black rims with stainless spokes, both 17" with Bridgestone tires (Motard setup). Have all original parts including tires with less than 700 mi. A great bike both on and off road! Put all this stuff on a new bike and end up paying over \$10,000. Bike is in storage and ready to go in Sacto. \$5,500 firm, call Mark 916-444-5696 or 800-824-8506 or msetzer@setzerforest.com (12/14)

1997 BMW R850R, Excellent condition, 38k maintained at Ozzies BMW, lowered to 29" saddle height, works rear shock. New Metzeler Z6 tires, all services completed on schedule, cylinder guards,

windshield, second stock seat that will raise the saddle height about 3". Email or call for pictures. \$4,200 obo located in Chico. Call John at 530-345-4942 or 530-518-4245 or email john@resourceful.com (12/12)

2002 R 1150 RT, Silver, Dealer maintained, 29,500 miles. This is a nice RT with heated grips, heated vest, all stock, beautiful machine. \$9,400 or best offer. Call Jim at (916) 781-8142 or james_macegan@hotmail.com (12/10)

1990 K1, a collectors bike, completely stock, Red and Yellow with yellow wheels. Dealer serviced. Includes accessories, \$7500. Call Randy 916-624-3145 (11/9)

1988 BMW R100RS, 65K Excellent Condition White/Blue Stripes, New K-type Bags plus color matched city bags, Luftmeister side stand, Reynolds Ride Off center stand, Reynolds rear luggage rack w/top plate, Progressive fork springs, Works Performance rear shock, custom solo seat plus original, smoked RS shield plus Original, powder coated and polished valve covers, gel battery, 3 different covers, Stored in Garage, Serious buyers only \$5850, Call Brad 916-316-4168 or email BMWHegel@yahoo.com (11/8)

2003 K1200RS, Blue/White, 14,455 mi. Excellent Condition, ABS, Heated Grips, Adjustable bars, windshield, seat, Cruise Control, Hard Bags and luggage rack with BMW soft case. 2 cycle covers, Extra windshield. Garaged and covered. Meticulously maintained. MUST sell \$11,500. Call Mike at 916-408-2692 or mjgoulet@starstream.net (11/01)

K12LT Stuff: Adjustable passenger footboard \$250, Champagne Console mount for 2610 Garmin \$75, Flatbed luggage rack \$200. E-mail for pictures. Email alanretired@sbcglobal.net or call 916-203-4032 (10/27)

2003 K1200RS, Blue/White, 6,800 miles with recent 6K service. Excellent Condition, ABS, Heated Grips, Adjustable bars, windshield, & seat, Cruise Control, Hard Bags, and luggage rack with removable Stealth passenger backrest. Under warranty

through 5/07. \$13,000. Call Mike at 916.521.8259 or mmaris@starstream.net (9/22)

Aerostich Roadcrafter 2 pc, like new, red with black patches, 46R, \$450. Greg at 530-271-7103 or grgibson@mindspring.com (9/16)

2002 1150 RT, Silver, 46k miles, Corbin seat, Remus exhaust, Techlusion fuel mapping, Side bags and Top case, 500 miles on Metzler Z6s, Moto Lights, LED brake lights, one year left on extended warranty, Cycle cover, Highway pegs, very well maintained and cared for. \$9,300 Call Dave 530-878-6460 or email markstrom@sbcglobal.net (9/16)
Sargent Seat for 1150GS, Rider & Passenger, New \$225. Call Roger evenings 916-408-5350. (9/13)

2004 Yamaha V-Star 650, Black, low miles, with helmet, like new. \$6,000 new asking \$5,000. Call Melanie 530-676-5217 (9/13)

2004 R1100S, Silver/Yellow, 13K Miles, Sports Edition, Fully Serviced, and Remainder of Factory Warranty (14 months). Call Dorne at 916-717-7190. \$8950 (8/12)



The latest Arai Profile helmet. It replaces the old Signet GT, but now uses the same face shield as the Quantum and Corsair Rx-7 models. That means that all new Arai street helmets use the same shield!



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