

# River City Beemers



BMW MOA Club #210 & BMWRA Club #104

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### Membership Meeting

Sat Apr. 1st, 8:00am  
Western Coffee Pot  
Auburn near Greenback Ln  
Citrus Heights

### Director's Meeting

Tues Apr. 11th, 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



It's kind of funny. Last month when I was putting the column together we were in the middle of a warm spell and I'd finally been out riding. Now we're back into the cold, wet weather again. Oh well, we'll long for the cool ones after we get into the 100 degree days of summer.

Speaking of weather, the unusual low snow in early March forced cancellation of the Daytona Superbike barbecue at Jim Douglas' Fiddletown home. There was 6 inches of snow on his steep driveway; no power to run the well or the television and the road was blocked by a large downed tree. Rumor has it that Jim is still enjoying the leftovers. Heavy rains have forced us to cancel the Lake Mendocino campout scheduled for May 12-14. A mudslide has closed the access road and the powers that be say they have no money available to make the repairs. Our government in-action! I just finished my taxes this week and I can tell you that they have a lot of MY money.

Don't despair though, plenty of events will still happen this year. The dirt bike school at Prairie City April 23 is a go! Register with Rob Rickert for the MSF school [dirtbikecoach@msn.com](mailto:dirtbikecoach@msn.com) or contact Greg Gibson for the RCB dirt day. [grgibson@mindspring.com](mailto:grgibson@mindspring.com) If enough people commit in advance, we

will have a barbecue lunch at the park. We have plenty of left-over leftovers from the snowed out Superbike event. See details elsewhere in this issue or check the article in last month's newsletter. Change your calendar for the April 30 mystery ride. It will happen the following Sunday, May 7. Marv & Lois are still doing the event, their schedule has just changed. And, unless Larry Morris is playing an April Fool's joke on me, he is going to lead the club ride after the April 1 meeting. Rumor has it that we'll be riding some of my favorite valley roads down toward Sonora for lunch.

Which bring me to the subject of volunteers. All of our club functions and activities happen because of members who volunteer their time and efforts. And we try to plan our yearly activities in November of the preceding year so sometimes the final details are not available until just prior to the event. Likewise, processing of membership dues, ordering badges, etc. occurs through the efforts of volunteers. As you can imagine, sometimes a person's personal activities limit when they are available to work on RCB club business. Please be patient if you're waiting for something to happen. Our main goal is to:

Ride Safe

Ride Often

Got Mufflers?

## A&S Open House April 8th

Our Open house to introduce the R1200GS Adventure is April 8th. We will have Dyno tuning, Suspension seminar, Hot Dogs, Music and give a ways.



## Prairie City Dirt April 23rd

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 dirtbikecoach@msn.com

If you'd just like a little coaching using you own GS, RCB's Greg Gibson will be offering instruction in a different area of the park that day. 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.

The Dirt Bike School is a hands-on rider training that emphasizes safety and skill development. During the 6 hour lesson students learn the techniques for safely riding off-highway motorcycles. Students will learn to bond with the bike, learning control operation, straight-line riding; proper posture for both standing and sitting, turning, shifting, surmounting obstacles, and riding hills. Students are welcome to borrow necessary safety gear (helmet, goggles, boots, pads) and choose from a variety of dirt bikes that Dirt Bike School have to offer for the day.

If more than eight members call then a second class can be organized, but on a different day so call early and join the fun on the 23rd!

## Daytona Bike Week and Snow?

What a day, what a weekend. Everything was ready for the RCB Saturday morning, except the 6 inches of 'slick as \*&%#' snow on the 11% grade driveway and the fact that power went out. PG&E promised power before the 200, but the more they looked, the more problems they found. Power was finally re-

stored in the Hale Rd area at 4:30 PM SUNDAY! Fortunately, I have friends in Sutter Creek that offered a shower and hot meal Sunday Morning. No power at the Douglas house means no lights, water, or heat.

In all, I would say we easily received over a foot of

snow between 5 PM Friday and 8 am Sunday, most early Saturday morning. David and Jenny called from Plymouth asking if it would be worth it to go home and get their 4 WD, but with no power and no snowplow on the roads, and as it turns out, huge downed trees blocking the roads I recommended they watch the race from the warmth of their own home.

I kept busy by shoveling the driveway for 3 hours Saturday, finishing just in time for the sun to come out for 3 hours. Sunday, I went wine tasting after cleaning up at my friends. I arrived home about 5 minutes after the power was restored....

Maybe next year will be a heat wave....

## Farewell Skip Orr and God Speed

By Jim Douglas

It was with surprise and a lot of sadness that I read of Skip Orr's sudden passing last month. Skip was one of the first people I met in the River City Beemers. I showed up at a Saturday morning breakfast down on Folsom Blvd back in late '91. I had owned my first BMW for nearly a year and was looking for fellow Beemers to ride with. I arrived at the breakfast just in time for officer elections and there were Skip and Jeff Chessher outgoing VP and Pres, respectively, CJ, Larry Campbell, Earl and Earl, Bud, Ken, Matt C. , oh, and of course, Rick Blake. I didn't know it then, but Skip pulled what I would come to know as one of his trade mark "Watch this..." antics and told a joke that got the soon to be predictable "Ohhhh, Don't tell me that..." from Jeff. With laughs all around. Skip had a great sense of humor, often sarcastic, and always playful. And you knew it was coming when the corners of his mouth would pull up, his eyes would get wide (or more closed if it was really 'bad') and his cheeks would flush. He was a blast to be around. Always. And when he shook his head and quietly said.."Nahhhh, you don't want to do that..." you knew he had been there and done that and it was not the thing to do...

The first rally Ayla and I ever went to was the Beemer Bash at the Gold Run campground on 49. Standing around the campfire having a cold one, he

nudges me and says "Watch this...." as our then president was approached by a well known journalist that was unhappy with some things said in print....and he was right, the sparks were flying....But on a more rider friendly note, the first long distance rally I went on was with Skip, Jeff and Steve Smookler. It was the San Diego rally years ago, and what fun we had. Again, Skip kept us all entertained with jokes - bawdy or not - and stories of fellow riders. Skip was riding an R80RT at the time, and would tell us K-bike guys to go ahead since we had more power than he did. But, because of his off-road riding, Skip could easily keep up and certainly could outride me in the corners. And he was always there to enjoy the ride, even the year I used real paint on the Forest highways to mark our poker-run route and the Forest Service got mad. Skip grabbed Jeff and they came and got me....they took a day to ride around with me as I went out and painted black over the blue and white (hey, Skip said he forgot his portable sand blaster...). And after Ayla and I moved to the foothills and began to see less of the RCB group, he and Jeff and the guys would stop buy the house in Fiddletown and try to get me to go along for a ride. And it was Skip, again with Jeff, and Tony Felice, that convinced CJ and me to run for club Pres and Vice-Pres following the Beemer Bash post-Poor Red's fiasco (back when you actually had to run...).

Skip was a great guy, always fun to be around. I will miss him.

# 2006 Calendar of Upcoming Events

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

- Apr 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. All members and guests welcome.**
- Apr 11, 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**

- Apr 23            Dirt bike school @ Prairie City, plus BMW GS dirt ride. Details TBA.
- Apr 15            MOA mileage contest entry documentation Mike Paetzold.
- May 7             Mystery ride and eat, start location TBA, contact Marv & Lois Lewis.
- 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 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](http://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.

## **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. Please format similar to ads below. Limit 75 words*

2004 R1150RT - 15300 mi. Warranty until 9/06 All services have been done, oil changes every 2k miles, bike has received exceptional care. Cee Bailey windshield plus stock windshield, Russell front and rear seat, extra Rick Mayer seat, Pad for rear trunk, Cylinder head protectors, Highway pegs, lowering kit for rear pegs, PIAA 910 driving lights, Aeroflow headlight protector, Bar Backs, accessory shelf, accessory plug in dash, front fender extension, Throttlemeister, BMW tank bag, extra oil filter. The pictures do not show all accessory items that are now on the bike. \$11,900 email rtbmrgrl@yahoo.com, view at <http://my.starstream.net/marktt> Call Mark 916-543-6953 (3/20)

2004 R1150RT Titan Gray, original owner. 34k miles, oil change every 3k. Extras include: Cee Bailey +4 euro shield, Marsee tank bag, top case and back pad, cylinder guards. Driveway tipped, minor scapes. \$10,500. Contact Paul at (707) 453-1912 or [cyclingpj@comcast.net](mailto:cyclingpj@comcast.net) (3/11)

Misc: Bill Mayer Seat for R1100R, R850R Great Shape \$100. Or will trade even up for 2005-6 RT, GT, or GS :-). Call Alan 916-421-4032 or [alanretired@sbcglobal.net](mailto:alanretired@sbcglobal.net) (3/11)

1998 R1200C. Black. Original owner, this bike is perfect. 8342 actual miles. Lots of extras that include :Euro driving light kit, Chrome engine cover with matching horn kit, chrome engine guard kit, rear wheel chrome hub cap. Factory wind shield, saddle bags. New gel battery, tires, etc. \$8500 Pictures available upon request. Call Randy at (530) 822-0297 or [rstoker408@aol.com](mailto:rstoker408@aol.com) (3/02)

2004 R1150RT. Blue. Original owner. 4650 miles. Perfect. Extras include: CHP rear brake light kit, oil cooler grill cover, K+N filter, signal & light minder kits. Top case with back rest pad. \$14,950 Pictures available upon request. Call Randy (5300 822-0297

or [rstoker408@aol.com](mailto:rstoker408@aol.com) (3/02)

2000 R1100RT – Stock windshield, excellent condition. Make offer. Call Wes, 916-206-8693 (2/16)

K12LT Specialty Items- Champagne Console mount for 2610 Garmin \$50, Flatbed luggage rack, covers passenger seat for lots of balanced carrying capacity. A bonus is no passenger room! \$175. E-mail for pictures. Email [alanretired@sbcglobal.net](mailto:alanretired@sbcglobal.net) or call 916-203-4032 (2/16)

2003 KTM 625 SXC, Supermoto setup - never offroad, 48MM SX racing supermoto forks, KTM supermoto SX racing shock, Akropovic Ti exhaust, Boehringer/KTM supermoto brake rotor and caliper, KTM 17" wheels (black), Keihen flat slide 41mm carb, Sommer airbox lid, high-flow head (no smog like SMC), CA lic., street legal, never raced, low-hours, estimate under 2,000 miles, runs perfectly, owner maintained, VERY FAST. Will not part out. \$6,200 OBO. Call Steve 916-217-2231 or [slrosa@sbcglobal.net](mailto:slrosa@sbcglobal.net) (2/5)

1985 Honda XL350 Dual Sport, great condition other than a couple of dents in the tank. \$2399 or offer. Need the room. Alan Westfall 916-421-4032 [alanretired@sbcglobal.net](mailto:alanretired@sbcglobal.net) (2/5)

Misc: 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, \$30. Email Bob at [Bob2Cycho@aol.com](mailto:Bob2Cycho@aol.com) (2/6)

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](mailto: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](mailto:mullerwc@comcast.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 ththeadows@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 R1150RT, 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)

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)

**River City Beemers  
10<sup>th</sup> Annual Rider Skills Improvement Day  
Thunderhill Race Park, Sunday June 4th, 2006**

Participation is limited to riders of BMW Motorcycles or members of MOA chartered BMW motorcycle clubs riding street legal, licensed, insured and quiet motorcycles. No Race Bikes

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Your fee covers: lunch, beverages, a full day of track access. Saturday night track walk and camping at the race track. Come join us for our 9th year of educating riders in the skills that count. This is without a doubt one of the best track day values you will find anywhere.

**Registration is limited. Don't wait, register now. This event has sold out the last 6 years, don't miss it!**

**Registration Fee - \$200 before May 5th, \$220 after May 5th, 2006**

Complete the pre-registration form below and mail with full registration fees payable to:

River City Beemers

Attn: **Thunderhill**

PO Box 2356

Fair Oaks, CA 95628



**Questions:** contact Jim Cyran, (e-mail preferred): jimcyran@pacbell.net or call 916-863-6014 eve

or check the RCB website at <http://www.rcb.org> for more information

**Terms and Conditions:** River City Beemer's Rider Skills Improvement day is open to members of BMW motorcycle clubs with street legal, licensed and insured motorcycles or riders of BMW's. Rider is subject to all RCB Rider Skills Improvement Day terms and conditions. Enrollment is subject to space availability. Should you not appear on your scheduled school date, fail technical inspection, or should you be unable to complete your day due to mechanical failure or any other reason, all money will be forfeited. RCB reserves the right to refuse admission to anyone at any time for any reason. **Bike must be street legal, licensed and insured.**

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Rider Skills Improvement Day - Fee of \$195 required with this form. (\$215 after 5/1) make checks payable to River City Beemers.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, St, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ BMW Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Bike: (year, brand, model, cc) \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Track experience (Mark one)

- I've never been on a track. I am a *Novice / Experienced* (Circle one) street rider.
- I am a conservative rider and would like to ride with the Intro class.
- I'm an experience rider. I've attended RCB or other Track day instruction \_\_\_\_\_ number of times
- I'm an advanced street and track rider. I've attended over 4 track days.



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