

# River City Beemers



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December 2006

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**Membership Meeting**  
Sat. Dec. 2nd, 8:00am  
Western Coffee Pot  
Auburn near Greenback Ln  
Citrus Heights

**Director's Meeting**  
Tues Dec. 12th, 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. Dinner Ride**  
**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 Christmas edition of my monthly missive. There are a few things going on this month that I hope a lot of you will participate in. But to answer the question I know is foremost on your minds; yes, Robobyk lives. When writing the column last month I was awaiting delivery of a used ignition coil to resolve (I hoped) an intermittent electrical problem which had eluded a couple of attempts to diagnose. Well, the coil did the trick. It's not the usual cause of this type of problem on an oilhead motor (more likely suspect is the crankshaft position sensor-- AKA Hall sensor) But, in my case, the ignition coil was the culprit. Beember-boneyard.com came through quickly with the part. Bad news, good news kind of thing. Good news for me because I can continue to ride Robobyk, bad news for A&S since the chance of me buying a new RT is now very slim. However, they say that having a very high mileage bike still in daily use is a very good recommendation for new customers unfamiliar with BMW's longevity. So maybe it's a win-win.

The RCB elections held no surprises. The entire group of officers were returned for another term as well as all the active directors. We added Phil Challinor, and Roy Ulfsrud as new directors. Also, Ray Trujillo will be returning to the board after a few years absence. Thanks to all of you for stepping up. We had our planning meeting last month and there are a few new events planned for next year so be sure to check out the calendar when it's published—probably in the January edition of this newsletter. A hint, though: Think about Eel River Brewing Co., Samoa Cookhouse & an Eastern Sierra

event near Bishop.

Now, on to the December events. Saturday, December 2 is our Annual RCB Christmas party. Details are elsewhere in the issue (I hope) but it will be held at A&S BMW in the main showroom. The club will provide ham & turkey as main dishes as well as beverages, you are to bring either an appetizer, side dish, or dessert. Also, be sure to bring your donation for the toy run to place in the collection box at A&S. This year we will have raffle prizes after dinner as well as live entertainment early in the evening.

Saturday, December 9 is our Children's Receiving Home Toy Run. Gather at A&S after breakfast and we'll make the short ride to the facility on Auburn Blvd near Watt Ave. This year we will have hot dogs and beverages for the riders as well as the kids. It should be a fun event with the opportunity to connect with kids who are separated from their family through no fault of their own. More details are elsewhere in the issue (I hope) or contact Bryan Wright if you need additional information.

I'm closing for now as I'm writing this column in Crystal, NV (about 55 miles from Death Valley) while on vacation. It's the last time I'll be coming here on vacation. In fact, after I use my alarm clock 17 more times, it's going in the trash. After that there will be no more vacations or days off—just retirement. Some in the club suggest that I won't even need a wristwatch any more. Yeeehaaa!

Ride Safe  
Ride Often  
Got Mufflers?

# RCB's Annual Christmas Party!

## Announcing RCB's Annual Christmas Party!

It would be a good time to bring your gift for the Receiving Home when you come to the Christmas party at A&S on Saturday, Dec.2nd.

Saturday, December 2, 2005  
Doors open at 6:30 p.m.  
Dinner at 7:00 p.m.  
Goodnights at 10:00 p.m.

Our gracious host is...

A & S BMW

1125 Orlando Ave., Roseville

Ham, Turkey, and 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 – R Side dishes

S – Z Desserts

## RCB Holiday Gift Run

### Toy Run Update!

The Annual Toy and Gift Run benefiting the Children's Receiving Home is still on for December 9th. We'll be leaving A&S at 10:30 and hope to have a Sacramento Metro Fire Department escort similar to

last year! We will be arriving at the Receiving Home to drop off gifts and to take a tour of the facility. RCB is currently working to make arrangements to provide munchies for riders as well as for the kids and staff at the CRH.

Claire from the CRH will be at our monthly meeting on Dec 2nd to answer your questions. A donation box will be available at A&S as well.



If you're coming to the Christmas party on the 2nd, please consider bringing a gift (or two) for the box. The folks at the CRH do a great job and can always use additional gifts for the ever-growing number of kids they support. This is a great cause and it is a great time of year to think about those who are less fortunate than we are.

See you on the 2nd and the 9th!

**Where**

San Mateo County Expo Center  
2495 South Delaware Street  
San Mateo, CA 94403

**When**

Friday, December 15  
4:00pm - 9:00pm  
Saturday, December 16  
9:30am - 8:00pm  
Sunday, December 17  
9:30am - 5:00pm

**Admission**

\$13.00 Adult  
\$5.00 Children 6-11  
Children 5 & under free

Buy your e-tickets online!

Cash only at the ticket booth. Be prepared - the convention center may not have an ATM.

**Discounts**

Check back for a list of dealerships in your area offering Discount Coupons. Also, AMA members who show their membership cards at the onsite box office will receive a \$1.00 coupon redeemable at the AMA booth at the show. (Only one type of discount per attendee will apply. Discount Coupons are only applicable to adult ticket purchases. Hurry into your local dealership - they go quickly!)

**Parking**

Cars: \$7 per day  
Motorcycles: Free

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## **Kim's Korner**

By Kim Rydalch, newsletter editor

The most recent November issue of "Ride" magazine from the UK has their annual reader survey about all things motorcycle. "Ride", calls the survey, Rider Power 2006.

"Ride" ranks 150 favorite motorcycles as compiled by the survey of readers and BMW is well liked in England.

#1 BMW R1200RT  
#5 BMW K1200S  
#7 BMW R1100GS  
#9 BMW K1200RS  
#11 BMW R850R  
#15 BMW R1150R  
#21 BMW R1150GS Adv  
#25 BMW R1100S  
#23 BMW R1150RT  
#27 BMW R1150GS

#29 BMW R1150RS  
#61 BMW R1200GS  
#83 BMW F650GS  
#106 BMW R1100RT  
#131 BMW K1200LT

Just to give you a feel for the top 10 here goes...

1. BMW R1200RT
2. Honda ST1100
3. Triumph Rocket III
4. KTM 950 Adventure
5. BMW K1200S
6. Honda ST1300
7. BMW R1100GS
8. Honda VFR 800 VTEC
9. BMW K1200RS
10. Suzuki 650S Bandit

"Ride" magazine's survey also includes moto clothing and accessories  
Overall Favorite Helmet

1. Shoei X Spirit
2. Arai Quantum II
3. Schuberth S1
4. Shoei Xceed
5. Arai Corsair

Overall Favorite Tire

1. Dunlop Qualifier
2. Metzeler ME 33
3. Bridgestone BT57
4. Bridgestone Trailwing
5. Pirelli Diablo Corsa

Overall Favorite Gloves

1. Held
2. Spidi
3. Arlen Ness
4. Triumph
5. BMW

Overall Favorite Textile Jackets

1. Aerostich
2. Bering
3. Yoko
4. Spada

5. Rukka

Check out your favorite Barnes & Noble book store and find the November issue for yourself.

The December 2006 edition of "Motorcycle Consumer News", shows the sales projections of all the street motorcycles in the USA. Our favorite BMW brand only has a 1.42% of the total market. No wonder there's only one dealer in the entire state of Utah!

Harley-Davidson	265,433	27.7%
Honda	231,669	24.2%
Yamaha	175,303	18.3%
Suzuki	138,850	14.5%
Kawasaki	78,879	8.23%
KTM	22,243	2.32%
BMW	13,575	1.42%
Triumph	9,154	0.95%
Victory	7,444	0.78%
Ducati	6,165	0.64%
Buell	5,013	0.52%
Big Dog	4,565	0.48%

**THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MOTORCYCLISTS AND BIKERS - AN EDITORIAL**

Your Bloody Mary Maestro,  
 Fred Jewell  
 frebec@earthlink.net

I know very few people who must have a motorcycle in order to earn their living, pay the rent and put food on the table. Motor cops, it can be argued, fit that description, yet they have the option of earning a similar amount in a 4 wheeled vehicle. Messengers, who seem to be much more prevalent in London (hmm, maybe Lucas designed their internet and fax machines), seem to require a motorcycle to perform their job duties. Those who teach the rest of us how to ride or race our motorcycles would obviously need a motorcycle in order to do this teaching.

The point I am trying to make is that motorcycles, to

the great majority of us, are toys. Expensive toys. Really fun toys that we enjoy from our youth to our senior years. Practical toys we can take to work or to the corner store (when was the last time you took your boat to the 7-11?) and still have a wonderful weekend of carving canyons or traveling to distant destinations with our significant other. It is how we enjoy these toys that brings me to the subject of this dissertation: motorcyclists vs. bikers.

My feeling has always been, and reinforced even more since joining the BMW crowd, is that motorcycling is a sport, and those of us who take the sport seriously are motorcyclists. It is a sport that should be enjoyed as much as a skier enjoys deep powder or a fisherman (fisherperson?) enjoys landing a steelhead on light tackle. How one goes about enjoying this sport of motorcycling that separates motorcyclists from bikers.

At the risk of sounding too much like Jeff Foxworthy, I offer up the following: If you look at the weather channel to determine what you should wear on your ride, you are a motorcyclist. If you look at the weather channel to determine IF you are going to ride or not, you are a biker. If you look at a custom seat for your bike and your first question is "how is it after 12 - 14 hours of riding?" you are a motorcyclist. If your first question "does it come with leather tassels and chrome conchos?" you are a biker. If you consider the ride itself to be the destination, you are a motorcyclist. If the destination is more important than the ride, then you are a biker. If your bike has more miles on a trailer than the odometer, you are definitely a biker. If you even own a trailer for bikes other than dirt bikes, you are probably a biker.

A motorcyclist buys riding gear with safety and comfort in mind first. A biker buys riding gear with logos. If you decorate your dog or your infant with licensed logo apparel, you are a biker. You are a biker if your pick up truck has more logos for your motorcycle than your motorcycle does. If you are a member, thinking about becoming a member, or even know about the Iron Butt Association, you are a

motorcyclist. If the "Big Ride" of the year is going up to Reno for Street Vibrations, you are most definitely a biker. If you call the accessories on your motorcycle "farkles", you are a motorcyclist. If you call your accessories "chrome" you are a biker. If you go into your dealership looking for tires because you wore out another set this year, you are a motorcyclist. If you go to look at the latest chromed wheels and wonder if your wide whitewalls will fit on them, you are most likely a biker.

And finally, if you think that \$24,000 and 1800 miles per year makes you a motorcyclist, you are a biker. I hope I didn't step on too many toes with this editorial, but I believe that most of us in the River City Beemers are motorcyclists, and that they would agree with much of what I said. If you find yourself in complete disagreement with me, then you should probably stop spending your weekends polishing and decorating your Harley and go ride it for a change. You might just like it, and then maybe you too can be a motorcyclist. (Any references to the Harley lifestyle, whether implied or inferred, are purely intentional)

## Multi-Pass Ride, Oct 1st

By Larry Morris

Thanks to everyone who turned out for the Passes Ride today. It appeared to be close to a record participation. Lots of familiar faces and many new ones

Thanks, also to the ride leaders, Jack Klauschie and Jim Cyran. We had enough folks to break into 3 groups. Some last minute route changes worked out very well as we added Monitor Pass. Beautiful scenery. And finally, thanks to The Prez, Gary Stofer and



Rick Blake for bringing up the rear and being sure we didn't leave anyone behind. Overall, a Great Day to ride the passes.



**WOW!!!**

Phil Challinor

What an unbelievable day! I have to say that I am absolutely exhausted in the best of ways!!!!



Imagine four 6 foot sandwiches from Togo's, provided free of charge by A&S BMW Motorcycles with all the extras; onion, pepperoni, chips, soda, coffee, water.

Imagine a goofy fire/medic from the San Diego area showing us how to use Maxi pads!! Look at that photo!!!!!!



Just wanted to get this post rolling to let people know that they REALLY missed out on an awesome class.

We had 48 people show up. No that should be said that we had 48 people GIVE up an absolutely gorgeous day



to learn some valuable information that could make a big difference some day!!!

I do want to make sure that there are some quick thank yous.

Jamie (KMG\_365) for coming up without his beautiful bride to hang out with a bunch of us Northern California types to teach us all a lesson. Charlie Proctor (Cheechoo) for providing all the custom printed name tags. Jamie (2bmwfan) for all the admin support running the registration table. River City Beemers ride club for providing the chair rental and all the printed material costs. A&S for the above referenced yummys and the use of their facilities...and all of you for being there and giving up your day.

## 2006 Calendar of Upcoming Events

Check often because events are always being added or changed.

Dec 2, 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.

Dec 12, 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

Dec 2 RCB Christmas Pot Luck @ A&S BMW, details in this issue.

Dec 9 RCB Toy Run to Children's Receiving leaves A&S @ 10:30 AM.

Dec 15-17 Cycle World Moto Show @ San Mateo Fairgrounds

## 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.*

1998 K1200RS Parts should fit most model year K12's, Corbin seat, recovered by Vince Delgado in all black leather, no piping \$175/obo; clip on rear rack mounting bracket, locking \$75/obo; never used soft trunk bag to fit rear bracket \$100/obo; extra high windshield \$75/obo; stock BMW right side saddle bag \$150/obo; stock exhaust system \$50. Call Mark 916-444-5696 or email [msetzer@setzerforest.com](mailto:msetzer@setzerforest.com) (11/14)

Wanted: Toyota Truck. Model: Tacoma, 2WD XTRA CAB, 2000-2003 with 50K miles or less in good condition. Please contact Bruce Parrish at 916-989-9224 or [LAPSBP@sbcglobal.net](mailto:LAPSBP@sbcglobal.net) (11/07)

2002 Aprilia Capo Nord, Remus exhaust, Factory hardbags, Hepco becker fairing guards, new tires, oil cooler guard, 2 windscreen, center stand, 13k miles, \$6300 obo. call Gerry 916-261-0994 or [g\\_oconnor@yahoo.com](mailto:g_oconnor@yahoo.com) (10/24)

2004 R1150GS Adventure excellent condition, ZTechnik tall shield, Jesse saddlebags, Tail rack, Chicane H2O tank bag, Chicane Dune tail bag, and Chicane waterproof soft bag. Mileage is 24K and warranty ends in Feb 2007 or 36000 miles whichever comes first. Extended warranty is available through A&S BMW, \$11,500 email [y2kltc@yahoo.com](mailto:y2kltc@yahoo.com) (10/23)

2003 R1150RT Dark Blue. Very clean and only 3,718 miles. Serviced yearly at A&S. Sergeant Seat, Cee Bailey oversized windshield, factory radio and cylinder guards. Garaged every night of it's life. Never Down. \$10,000. Call Jesse 916-408-4017 (10/08)

1982 R100RS 82k miles, great shape, recent major service at Ozzie's, has tank protector & bag, saddlebags, needs nothing, email Steve for pics \$3350 [k12rc51@sbcglobal.net](mailto:k12rc51@sbcglobal.net) (9/27)



1998 BMW F650, 37,918 mi, new tires, some cosmetic damage, runs great, must sell \$2500 obo. Call Zak 530-644-2382 or 530-277-5699 (cell) (9/13)

2000 K1200LT-I blue/silver 29630 miles. Great condition with service records, rider backrest, highway J pegs, headlight modulator etc. \$9,250 call Wayne 916-773-3812 (8/8)

2003 F650CS Titan Gray. Must sell! 50 actual miles, always garaged, heated handlebars, battery charger and plug, 2 soft bags, helmet lock. \$7,500. BMW financing available. Call Vickie 916-454-1284 (8/06)

2004 R1150R silver 2,891 mi, ABS, throttlemeister, heated grips, system cases. bar setbacks, lowered pegs, myers custom seats, sargent backrst, new expandable tank bag. large BMW windshield, recent dealer service. \$12,500 with Garmin Street Pilot 2620 Jim [jpsmith@infostations.com](mailto:jpsmith@infostations.com) 530-478-0688 (6/30)



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