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Membership Meeting
Sat Jan. 6th 8:00am
Western Coffee Pot
Auburn near Greenback Ln
Citrus Heights

Director's Meeting
Tues Jan. 9th, 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



I hope all of you had a great Christmas and a safe and festive New Year. The January column is always a little difficult to put together since non-motorcycle activities take up a great amount of our time in December. We did have a nice club ride after the December membership meeting down the river road to Rio Vista and back along the deep water channel. It was kind of short but worked out well since we were having the Christmas pot luck later that day. A&S once again provided the facilities for the event and even provided the musical entertainment. This year we planned for 80 attendees and were pleased when about 100 came. There was plenty of food and drink for all and door prizes as well. On the following weekend we had our RCB Toy Run to the Children's Receiving Home. Despite the rain we had about 15 riders as well as a good number of people in cages. This year we had hot dogs and drinks catered for the participants as well as the kids at the home. We fed about 80 people so that gives you an idea of what a great response we had in spite of the elements. And of course, the following weekend a number of us (your President NOT included) went to the motorcycle show at San Mateo. I've vowed to boycott the event until they move it somewhere this side of the bay—maybe Fairfield, Tracy, or Walnut Creek. Somehow, though, I don't think the organizers care whether or not I attend. Oh well.

I don't have much to rant about this month. I've subbed out my occasional Harley dia-

tribe to a new newsletter contributor. But I have a small bone to pick with a new California colloquialism creeping into our dialect. How often, when you say "Thank You" do you get the response: "No problem" or "It's not a problem"? Call me old fashioned but I think the proper response would be "You're welcome". It seems to me that there's a world of difference between those two responses. Do you use the "No problem" phrase? See, I told you that the January column was tough to put together. Back to motorcycle stuff.

Now is the time to be thinking about getting your ride serviced for the upcoming season. Service departments are slow right now so it's easy to schedule what you need. After the first few warm weeks of spring it can sometimes be difficult to get an appointment. Your favorite tires are plentiful right now (consider buying 2 sets) while they can be in short supply in the height of the riding season. Also, be careful about leaving a battery tender hooked up continuously. If the battery is not top notch and won't come up to full charge, event a small battery tender can cook it dry. (Not a great loss since the battery was not top-notch to start with) I use an outlet timer to cycle my tenders on for about 1 hour a day. Of course, I don't have a newer BMW with the CAN Bus so I don't know if this idea will work on those. At any rate, get your motor ready to ride because we could have warm days sneak up on us. You want to be ready to:

Ride Safe
Ride Often
Got Mufflers?

2007 The Fun Begins Again

By Kim Rydalch, editor

As Gary's column pointed out the Christmas pot luck dinner was a raging success. We had more people than chairs and tables. Thanks to Randy and the A&S crew for rounding up extra chairs and tables. The food and socializing with old and new members ended the year on an upbeat note.

Now that the new year is here I've got some tips for you on staying safe on the highways. The December 2006 issue of Bike magazine from the UK says there are six main reasons for Riders accidents.

1. Failed to look properly.
2. Failed to judge others speed.
3. Poor turn or maneuver.
4. Loss of control.

5. Going too fast for the conditions.
6. Inexperienced rider.
7. Exceeding speed limit.

As you can see the speed factor is not the top item one would think. Make sure you don't let #4 get you when the roads are wet and slippery. The club will have a lot of great events this year and we want you there to enjoy them.

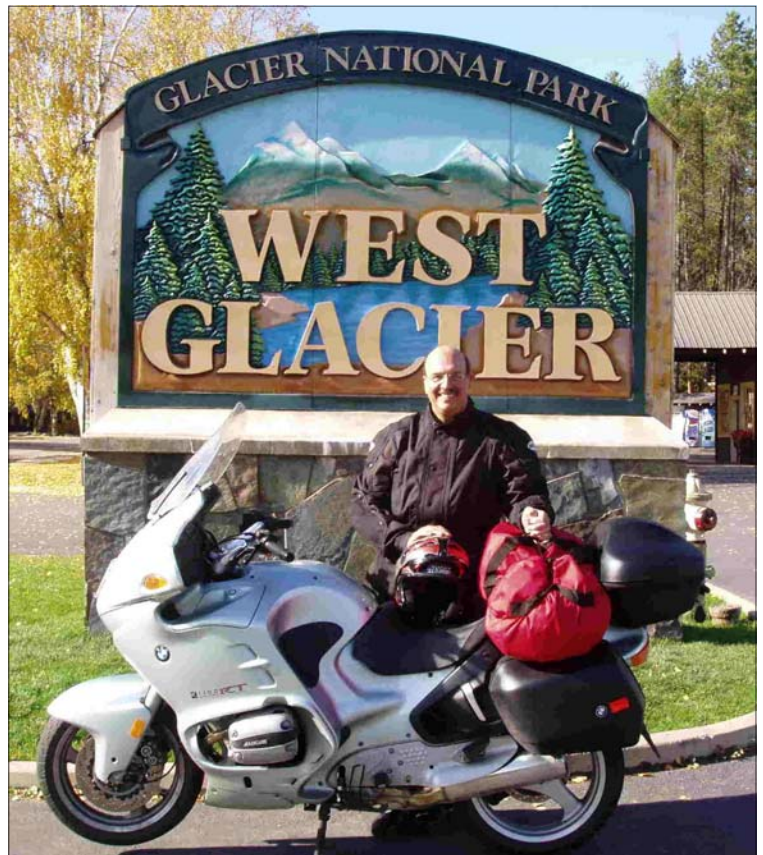
Plan on signing up for the June track day at Thunderhill so you can change #7 from an inexperienced rider to a more experienced rider. The huge smile inside your helmet will make it all worth it!

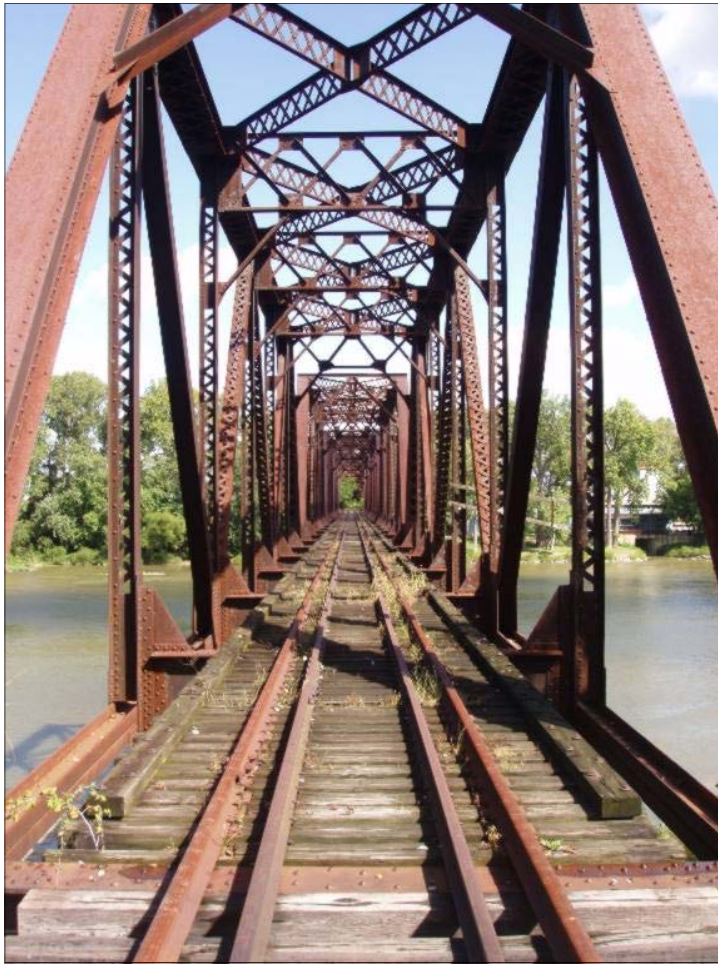
See you at the next club breakfast!

Riding Cross Country with my Strange Thoughts

By John G. Sulpizio

Recently, I had the good fortune of visiting family in the Midwest. My brother suggested that while there I should use his motorcycle rather than spending the money to rent a car to visit my scattered family. That sounded like a good plan to me. Why not have some fun, right? When I landed in Detroit, he picked me up at the airport and, like all good motorcyclists, the first thing we did was go to lunch. While eating, Brother Brett turns to me and says, "Hey, John, why don't you ride my bike back to California." I was a little surprised. He continued, "Then, I can fly to California next year and ride it back." The whole scheme sounded like an even better plan. So, airplane tickets got scrapped, my stay got extended, and the debate over routing commenced.



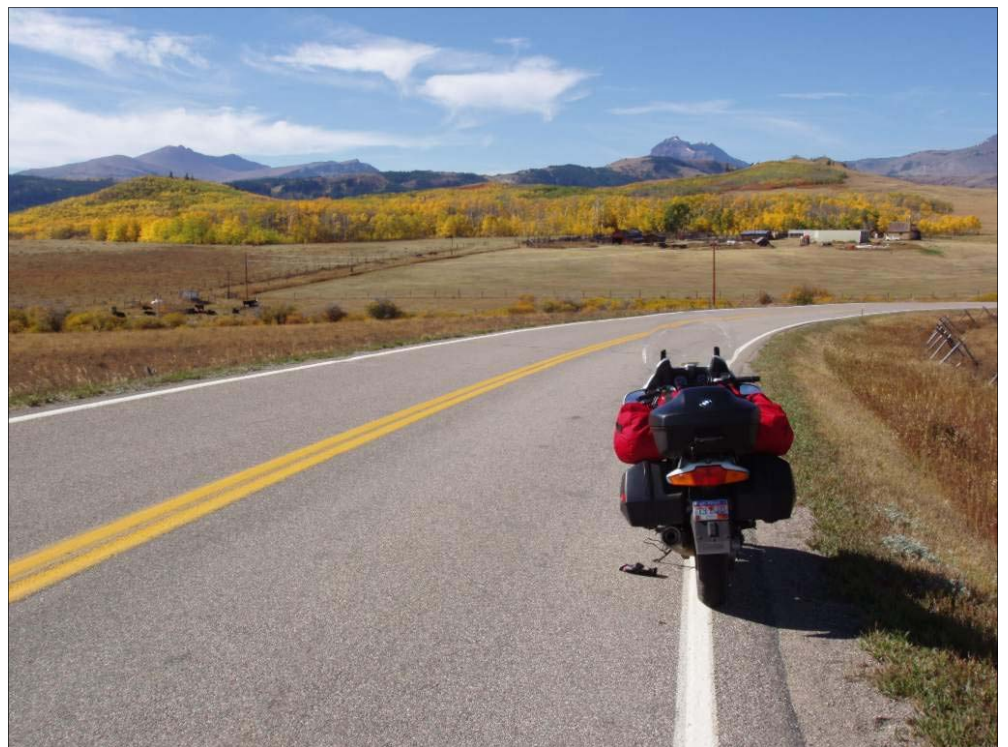


Washington, motored south through the desert of eastern Oregon, and came in the back door of Sacramento via Susanville and the Feather River Canyon.

Making the trip in late September, the northern United States were afire in the glorious gold and auburn of Fall. Of course, I could write pages on the fertile farmlands of Michigan, the astonishing size of the Great Lakes, the wide open spaces of North Dakota, the rolling hills and big skies of Montana that went on forever, and the impressive hues of Glacier National Park. But, I'll let you soak up that beauty with a picture or two. Rather, I'd like to share a few strange thoughts that penetrate the feeble brain of a motorcyclist as he rides for seven straight days and logs 3,500 miles.

First, it's amazing how many places bear the same name. Elmira here, Elmira there. Marion, Ohio. Marion, Michigan. Lewiston, Maine. Lewiston, Idaho. Moscow, Idaho. Grand Rapids, Ohio. Grand Rapids, Michigan. Michigan, North Dakota. Glasgow, Montana. What unique names we do have are often the contribution of Native Americans. Sure, there's the Kootenai River, Kootenai Falls, and the Kootenai Swing Bridge, but they're

Despite the threat of winter, I decided to do my transcontinental ride on scenic Route 2, which runs across the northern tier of the United States. But first, I had to get there. After riding a thousand miles in Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan visiting family, I departed South Bend and headed north through central Michigan. I crossed the Mackinaw Bridge, skipped west through the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, slashed through Wisconsin and Minnesota, and droned through North Dakota and Montana. I got a taste of Idaho in Coeur d'Alene and a taste of Idaho's ice cream in Moscow. I saw southeastern





me what to do. He said, oo, ee, oo, ah, ah, ting, tang, walla walla, bing, bang! Oo, ee, oo, ah, ah, ting, tang walla walla, bing, bang." Now, if you read that, heard the song in your head, and fell into the proper rhythm, you're probably as old as I am. Who would have thought that the simple sight of a water tank could prompt such a silly melody?

Next, why is it that every dirty word that you've ever heard and that you would never utter in our civil society, not even with your revolting buddies in the worst beer joint, fills your head and spills from your mouth? Not only does your mind conjure up every dirty word that you've heard in your life,

all in the same place in northwestern Montana. I doubt if you'll find a Kootenai River in Alabama. There are a few unusual names, such as "Likely, California". But, what is so "likely" about this town? Is it likely to grow? Likely to flood? Likely to what? Who knows? Maybe, it was settled by Ira Likely, eh? Not even Google could tell me.

but your cranial ganglia strings the ugly words together to make a nonsensical litany of grammatically incorrect filth. Of course, no one is there to hear these utterances or react in shock, but somehow you can just imagine God sitting up there, looking down with a frown on His face, thinking, "What a jerk!" But, wow, the experience is really cathartic! Afterwards,

Second, and I just cannot figure out why this happens, but cities and sites just seem to make a lone motorcyclist break out into song. Of course, you sound really good in the confines of a full face helmet at seventy miles per hour. All of a sudden, a song that you haven't heard since you were in grade school pops into mind and you start singing at the top of your lungs. For instance, as you're cutting through southeastern Washington, mysteriously you start singing, "My friend, the witch doctor, he told





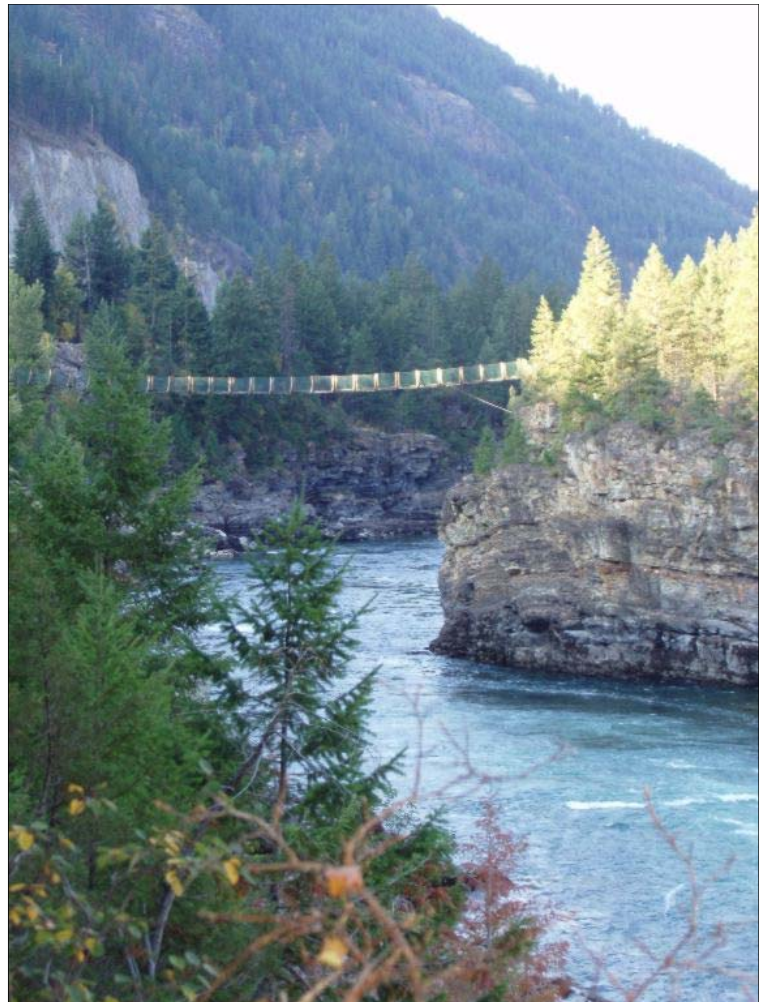
must pay for riding into a private maintenance area to take a picture of this monstrous bridge. Go figure!

There's a lot of wide open space in this great country, and as you travel from one end to the other having your own strange thoughts, always remember to.....

Ride safe and eat well!

your mind goes back into its proper zone and you again start to remember the lyrics to those stupid old songs, or repeating the few words of each song that you can remember. And, so it goes, over and over.

You see, a cross country trip can have other dimensions, some of which can sometimes feel other-worldly. And along the way, you meet the nicest people, like the young man in Moscow who worked on the salmon fishing boat in Alaska. He was earning money to go to college. Or the Native American who was making a tobacco sacrifice to the Sleeping Buffalo Rock in Saco, Montana, a commemorative act to that great American beast that fed and clothed his ancestors. Then there's the absurd, like being pulled over by the Michigan State Police for allegedly skirting the toll booths on the Mackinaw Bridge. Before it's over, there are four squad cars and even more people, all spending a half hour, making sure that the motorcyclist with the red duffle bag over the rear seat didn't skip out on paying a \$2.50 fee. In the end, the toll booth video camera wouldn't replay and verify compliance, so they just let me go. I guess that's the price you



2007 Calendar of Upcoming Events

Check often because events are always being added or changed.

- Jan 6, 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.
- Jan 9, 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

- Jan 26-28 Village idiots at Death Valley.
- Feb 16-19 Airheads Beemer Club at Death Valley.
- May 11-13 Lake Mendocino campout and GS ride combined, Jim Cyran/Jack & Lynell Klaushie.
- May 25-28 NORCAL BMW 49er Rally at Auburn.

- Jun 10 Thunderhill rider skill days, Phil Challinor, details TBA.
- Jun 15-17 Chief Joseph Rally
- Jun 22-24 Indian Creek Spaghetti Feed/Campout, Stan Davis.

Jul 6-8 Fortuna-Eel River Brewing / Eureka-Samoa Cook House, Fred Jewell.

Jul 12-15 BMW MOA National

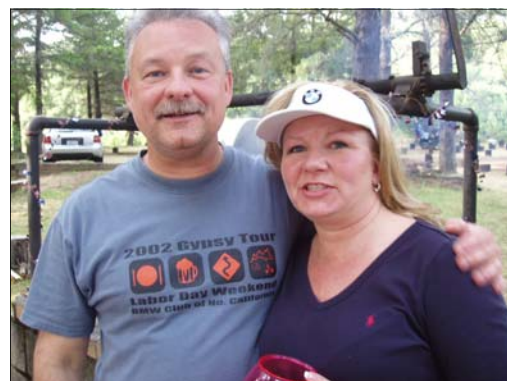
Jul 14-15 Death Ride bicycle endurance race with RCB club SAG motorcycle assistance. We are the eyes and ears for the race staff on the closed highways SR 89 and SR 4. We have our core riders for SR 4, but we need up to 4 riders to help cover SR 89 and SR 88. We get assigned camping space, Friday and 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 13-15 Brown's Campground, Bishop, jack Klaushie

Jul 19-22 Top O'the Rockies Rally, Paonia, CO.

Jul 20-22 Moto GP @ Laguna Seca raceway, Monterey, CA.

Aug 4-5 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



Jack & Lynell Klaushie

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 either Kelly or Priscilla at 800-227-4661 and mention River City Beemers for your room reservation. The earlier you reserve the bigger and better your room will be. 24 hour notice for room cancellation. Kim Rydalch, coordinator 209-521-8425.

Aug 24-26 Campout @ Doran beach, Roy Ulfsrud, details TBA.

Aug 31-Sep-3 NORCAL BMW Gypsy Tour, details TBA.

Sep 14-16 Central Cal BMW Beemer Bash, Quincy.

Oct 5-7 Manchester Beach Campout, KOA, Jack & Lynell Klaushie

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.

Misc: Clean Arai Corsair RX-7 helmet w/cover & 2 new clear lenses. Silver color, size small, dated 10-02. \$150. BMW Airflow II suit. Green/Blue size large top/36-32 bottom. \$250. Heavy, warm, black leather, First Gear 3/4 length coat w/liner, stone mint \$125. BMW Street Guard pants black/size 46R. I'm a 36, it was a bit big form but it still worked o.k. for me over my clothes. The tag size may be miss-marked. \$125. Jesse Barnes-916-408-4017 or jb2512lb@starstream.net (12/10)

R1150R Ohlins Shocks - Used front and rear Ohlins shocks. Shocks are in excellent condition and have 7,000 miles on them. Front is part number 36DRL. Rear is part number 46DRS. \$700. Call Teri 415-608-1444 or email thmeadows@comcast.net (12/07)

Misc: Custom 3 small bike or 1 larger "BMW RT size" trailer. Middle ramp is customized with wheel clamp and wide channel. Great condition. \$650; LT passenger seat luggage flat rack, like new cost \$200+ asking \$60; 1985 Honda XL350R dualsport 7000+ miles, \$2395 obo. Call Alan 916-203-4032, 916-421-4032 e-mail alanretired@sbcglobal.net (12/01)

1998 K1200RS Parts Corbin seat, recovered by Vince Delgado in all black leather, no piping \$175/obo; stock BMW right side saddle bag \$150; stock

exhaust system \$150. Call Mark 916-444-5696 or email msetzer@setzerforest.com (12/01)

2004 R1150R THIS BIKE IS STILL PERFECTLY NEW! Bought (\$16,000) and serviced at A&S. silver, only 2,891 mi, with ABS, throttlemeister, heated grips, system cases. bar setbacks and lowered pegs for a more upright position, myers custom seats, sargent backrest, new expandable tank bag, large BMW windshield and wired for GPS. \$10,500 OBO. Call Jim 530-478-0688 or email jpsmith@infostations.com (11/16)

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 (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)



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