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Sat Feb. 3rd 8:00am  
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### Director's Meeting

Tues Feb. 13th, 7:00 pm  
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### Breakfast - Be There!

Every Saturday 8 am  
Western Coffee Pot  
6233 Auburn Blvd  
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### 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



By the time you read this our winter pot-luck and Roy Stenzel's superbowl party will be history. A good number of us will be chomping at the bit waiting for the Death Valley campout with the Airhead Beemer Club. Days will be getting longer and hopefully warmer and dryer. Which brings me to the subject of this month's ramblings.

As many of you know, I'm a relative newbie to BMWs and still have the enthusiasm of a little kid with a new toy. Hence, just because the weather is cold or wet I do not necessarily forego my Friday 'lunch ride'. Friday is one of my regular days off and a 'lunch ride' usually consists of a 300 to 400 mile ride with a brief stop for food thrown in somewhere. Add to that riding on a week day, with the relatively light traffic and few motor homes. But even a newbie has to be comfortable (warm and dry) to enjoy riding.

Warm seems like a simple thing to accomplish with a heated vest/jacket liner and heated chaps. These things are wonderful -but- it has been my experience that most of them are not too reliable. Although the garments, with a few exceptions, seem to work reasonably well, the power cords are prone to failing and the older R bikes have at best a challenged electrical system. So, if you have these heated garments, as I do, make sure that you have enough clothing to be comfortable without the electrics. The added bonus is that you can be toasty warm if everything works as planned. This is the time of the year to keep your eyes open for clearance sales on ski gear at places like REI. Last year I picked up a pair of insulated ski bib trousers for \$35. These have been wonderful

over the heated chaps or by themselves over my regular riding gear. They're pretty water repellent although not water proof. Clearance sales usually have mostly the odd sizes (large) of apparel which are perfect for wearing over riding gear.

Dry is even easier to accomplish. Almost all of the high dollar riding gear (BMW, Aerostich, Motoport, etc.) is waterproof so if you have one of these you're already dry. But good rain suits are available at A&S. I carry a Fieldsheer two piece that costs about 80 bucks. It folds down small but is a durable garment that will give you many seasons of use. On the trip to the National last summer this suit was used almost every day. It's a large enough size that it's easy to get on and off. And of course, make sure to put it on. One of Karol Patzer's (lady Iron Butt finisher) long distance riding tips is to put on the rain gear before you get wet. It seems simple enough, but few of us do it.

Well, that's about it for this month. It's Thursday night Jan. 16 as I write this so I'm also thinking about lunch tomorrow. It'll probably be cold and maybe wet. Mariposa via Hwy 49 sounds good. Maybe this time I'll stop in at the Hershey Chocolate plant in Oakdale on the way back.

P.S. If you want to ride along some Friday, give me a call. I move at a pretty good pace but manage not to attract too much attention.

P.P.S. If you think you may have read this column before, it's from February 1997.

Ride Safe

Ride Often

Got Mufflers?

# A BIT OF FICTION (OR IS IT?)

BY FRED JEWELL

(UPI) Harley-Davidson announces its newest venture: The H-D Ski Area just outside Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

"It's something that our market research has shown will be a big hit with H-D owners that need something to do during the winter" said Willie G Davidson. "After all, even Harley owners get tired of polishing their bikes each week all year long." The ski area will have two runs and one lift, a rope tow. Davidson explained " We will, however, be putting almost all of our effort in designing and building the base lodge, which will have 11 bars and a huge store specializing in our new line of Harley-Davidson skis, boots, bindings and poles along with licensed logo ski apparel. There will also be a large area outside the lodge for everyone to display their skis, called 'Main Street'. It will have diagonal parking along the curb sides and two diagonal rows down the center."

The ski area, with just two runs and relatively flat, is perfectly suited to the Harley skier. "Our target market really does not want to go fast, turn quickly, do any stunts or stop short, so the grade of the slopes is perfect for them. Most will only take one or two trips down the hill before wiping down and polishing their skis and then placing them in the display racks. We expect they will most likely then spend the rest of the day in one or more of the bars" said Davidson.

Product Development Vice President Ben Dover talked about their new products. "Our skis are American made entirely of oak, and along with the bear-trap bindings and black leather straps they look just like the skis your grandfather had in 1949. The Soft-tail version has counterbalancers attached in order to eliminate the vibration inherent in skis like these, whereas the Dyna model has the bindings rubber mounted. Please be aware that there may be up to a year wait if you wish to pay the suggested retail price. We expect prices to be in the \$2500+ range,

depending on the amount of chrome and leather tassles you add. Our ski accessory catalogue is already packed with a tremendous amount of chromed items you can add to your skis. Boots will be engineer style, of course. What really excites us is our new line of ski apparel, all with the Harley - Davidson logo prominently displayed, in leather with your choice of both colors - flat black or gloss black. Vests and chaps with wool lining should be our hottest items. We are currently negotiating with a German company to develop a ski that is significantly more capable in most conditions (tentatively called the VRSKI) and it will actually have metal edges that will enable it to go faster, turn sharper and stop quicker, but market research says there may be some resistance. It may be too close to those European and Japanese skis made of all those modern materials that go so fast and turn so well "

Ski area manager Chuck U. Farley says that the area will try to stay as close to its roots as possible. "We may try to add a new lift in the future, possibly a T-bar, but with so few of our patrons actually doing any skiing, it may be many years before that happens. This is also why we do not plan to have any snow-making equipment. There is, however, a possibility that the government will legislate rope tows out of existence (they say they are too loud) and we may be forced to modernize up to 1960's technology. In the meantime we will strive to keep the slopes as flat and smooth as we can in order to let our customers take the long, slow turns that they enjoy without any bumps. Should any actual moguls, bumps or jumps appear our team of slope graders will immediately remove them and return the trail to its previous billiard table smoothness as quickly as possible. We will be having several rallies throughout the winter and expect a huge turnout, so there will be enough parking for the pick ups and trailers that haul their skis to the area, and we will have an ample supply of rental skis available to be displayed on our "Main Street" for those who choose not to bring their skis this far."

Willie Davidson says "We feel that this will be the perfect way for our customers to get together during the non-riding season and relax after having spent

the summer putting 1800 miles on their bikes. It's definitely the next big thing."

## Fixing Flats on the Road

By Tom Austin

A flat tire that you can't fix along the side of road can ruin an otherwise great ride. You need an effective and reliable plug to repair the puncture and you need a way to fill the tire to an adequate pressure. Since flats more frequently occur in rear tires (because the front tire often makes objects like screws and nails flip up), you are likely to need more than three CO2 cylinders to adequately inflate the tire. A 12 volt pump is the way to go.

I don't automatically trust what I read in Motorcycle Consumer News, but their recent article on 12 volt air pumps is validated by my personal experience with all of the equipment they tested. The article is available on line at: <http://www.mcnews.com/mcn/features/Novpumpstest.pdf>

In addition to the test of four pumps, MCN makes the point that CO2 cartridges just don't cut it; they cost more and take up just as much space as the smallest pumps if you carry enough to fully air up a rear tire.

The pumps they tested, their price, and links to where you can get more information on them are as follows:

The \$100 Cycle Pump:  
<http://bestrestproducts.com/celestia/products/cyclepump/>

The \$35 compact pump from "Slime":

<http://ascycles.com/detail.aspx?ID=44175>

The \$25 AirMan Sparrow: <http://www.adventurersworkshop.com/sparrow.htm>

A \$20 stripped down Campbell Hausfeld pump described at:  
<http://www.mcnews.com/mcn/features/Mini%2012%20Volt%20Compressor.pdf>

The Campbell Hausfeld pump MCN used is no longer in production, but the concept explained in the article can be used for other pumps in plastic housings.

The test of these pumps involved airing up a completely flat rear tire on a Buell Ulysses. The size of the tire wasn't stated in the article, but it should be a 180/55R17. The results were as follows:

Cycle Pump: 30 psi in 3 minutes/44 psi in 5 minutes  
Campbell Hausfeld "chopper": 25.5 psi in 3 minutes/37 psi in 5 minutes

Slime: 26.7 psi in 3 minutes/31.8 in 5 minutes  
Airman Sparrow: 21.8 psi in 3 minutes/31.6 in 5 minutes

The cycle pump was clearly the most powerful but the Slime was their "Best Buy" recommendation because it was about 1/3 the price. It should also be noted that the even less expensive Airman Sparrow had an integral pressure gauge, which the other pumps did not have. There is an integral





gauge option available for the Cycle Pump that adds \$25 to the price. My own measurements of the gauge accuracy on the Airman Sparrow are consistent with what MCN reported; i.e., it is quite accurate.

I've used an Airman Sparrow on numerous occasions and, while it is slow, it will inflate a rear tire to 45 psi. I also

have the Slime Pump and the Cycle Pump with the accessory gauge. Only the Cycle Pump comes with a BMW-compatible 12 volt plug; the others have to be modified. If you can choke down the \$125 price, Cycle Pump with the optional gauge is clearly the best pump. At one-fifth the price, I consider the Airman Sparrow the "Best Buy."

Regarding tire repair kits, I also agree with what's in the MCN article: "...the ubiquitous Camel 'sticky string' plugs available at any auto parts store... ..are the easiest to use and most reliable."

This is the "full" kit that I now carry:

<http://automotive.hardwarestore.com/11-31-tire-tools/tubeless-tire-repair-kit-129734.aspx>

You don't have to use the glue on most punctures. The reamer is sometimes necessary to enlarge the hole enough to insert the sticky string.

I used to use Stop & Go kits, but I've found that the plugs in those kits will sometimes fail when they get cut by the steel cords in radial tires. In addition, the Stop & Go systems are much bulkier,



especially the one with the "gun":  
<http://www.ascycles.com/detail.aspx?ID=2082>

Another problem with this kit is that it does not come with a reamer, which is sometimes necessary to enlarge a small hole enough to insert a plug.

A more compact version of the Stop & Go kit is this one:

<http://www.ascycles.com/detail.aspx?ID=39000>

Unlike the "gun" kit, this kit does come with a reamer. I've used it too, but I'm now sold on the "Monkey Grip" or "Camel" sticky strings (manufactured by Victor) as the best solution.



There is one other important tool for tire repair that is lacking in all of the commercially available kits: needle nose pliers. It is not uncommon to pick up a screw or a nail that is almost impossible to remove without pliers. Adding a good pair of needle nose pliers to your tire repair kit is well worth it.

# Kim's Korner

By Kim Rydalch, editor

From the January 2007 edition of *Bike* magazine from the UK mentions the 2006 sales numbers of the Five best selling bikes in each of six categories.

## Sports bike

#1 is the Honda CBR1000RR Fireblade with 1964 units sold.

No BMW's were in the top 5 in this category

## Custom

#1 Harley-Davidson Dynas with 771 units sold.

No BMW's were in the top 5 in this category.

## Adventure Sport

#1 BMW R1200GS with 1287 units sold.

#2 BMW R1200GS Adventure with 723 units sold.

The next closest that is also sold in the USA was the Suzuki DL 650 V-Strom with 350 units sold and the Triumph Tiger 955i was 311 units sold. Clearly BMW is the 800 pound gorilla in this group!

## Naked

Suzuki 650 Bandit with 762 unit sales.

No BMW's were in the top 5 in this category.

## Sports Tourer

#1 Triumph Spring ST with 900 unit sales

#3 BMW F800ST with 221 units sold.

#4 BMW R1200ST with 78 units sold.

## Touring

#1 Honda 700 Deauville with 713 units sold. The Deauville is a V-twin modern version of the former Pacific Coast that was last sold in the USA in 1996.

#2 BMW R1200RT with 532 units sold.

#3 Honda ST1300 with 521 units sold.

#4 Yamaha FJR1300 with 351 units sold.

In the UK the BMW 1200GS series is the 5th top selling motorcycle in the entire UK. That's incredible!

I'm reading good reviews about the new Shoei Mul-

titec flip helmet. It weighs less than a Nolan flip face which is good news for me. After I rode my R1150RT 939 miles to Dillon, MT the pain between my shoulder blades was excruciating because of the 4 pound weight of my Nolan flip face. I'll stick with my lighter Arai helmets next time. The new Multitec is around 3.8 pounds. *Rider* magazine loved the new features and fit much better than the previous Shoei Synchrotec flip face, but felt the ventilation was still weak like the original model. It was also quieter than the Synchrotec, but if you ride a touring bike the noisier flip face helmets aren't an issue.

*Web Bike World* did a review of the new Multitec and they loved the ventilation and felt it was much improved. Go Figure!

The helmet retails for \$483 and can be bought on Ebay for \$432 plus \$20 for shipping so try and make your best deal at A&S and good riding.

I just bought a Navigator III for my new R1200RT and guess what? The Navigator III fits my existing Navigator II docking device on my R1200GS and all the buttons work. That means I don't have to re-wire anything. Just remove the old gps and put in the new one! You will need the new remote. Isn't tech grand!



## 2007 Calendar of Upcoming Events

Check often because events are always being added or changed.

Feb 3, 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 13, 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 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](http://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 per son/ 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 Shirley 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
Oct 14	RCB Five Passes Ride, Larry Morris / Ken Caruthers, details TBA.
Oct 15	MOA mileage contest ending documentation Mike Paetzold.
Oct 20	A&S Vintage Days
Nov 11	2006 Planning Meeting, location to be announced.
Dec 1	RCB Christmas Pot Luck @ A&S BMW, Dennis Allstead
Dec 8	RCB Toy Run to Children's Receiving leaves A&S @ 10:30 AM.

## 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.*

**2006 Suzuki DR650** 1300 miles, IMS 5 Gal Tank, Corbin Seat, Dual Star Skid Plate, Heated Gel Grips, Pro Moto Billet Luggage Rack, Baja Design Endurance Computer, Renthal Bars, Fold Away Enduro Mirrors, Acerbis Bark Busters, other extras, \$5200  
Bob 530-273-5384 W 530-272-6904 H (1/19)

**Misc: Shoei RF 900** full face helmet, Black, XXS. Hardly used, like new. \$100 OBO. email Bob at bob2cycho@aol.com (01/08)

**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)

**1982 R100RS** 82k miles, great shape, recent major service at Ozzie's, has tank protector & bag, saddle-bags, 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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