

# River City Beemers



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### Membership Meeting

Sat Mar., 3rd 8:00am  
Western Coffee Pot  
Auburn near Greenback Ln  
Citrus Heights

### Director's Meeting

Tues Mar. 13th, 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



*(The following is a re-run of my May 1997 column--it still applies today)*

As the busiest time of the motorcycling year is starting to arrive I find it necessary to ask if you can spare me a couple of seconds. No, I'm not trying to drum up a little 'volunteer' help on club activities or projects. But as more and more people are starting to join in the club rides, I could sure use those two or three seconds. What I'm talking about of course is the two or three seconds I'd like you to leave between us as we're riding. When you're in front of me, I'll be at least two seconds behind. And I'd sure appreciate it if you would return the favor when I'm in front of you. (Of course, if you're getting ready to blast past me I'll understand.)

You see, I sometimes slow or stop abruptly for no apparent reason. Sometimes it's because I think I see a hazard in the road. Sometimes I think I might see something approaching from a side road or a field. Maybe a kamikaze dog trying to beat me to some imaginary finish line. As I am also an Air-head, sometimes it's just a field full of sheep. At any rate I have only three options for avoiding hazards. Speed up, slow down, or swerve. But when I have another motorcycle close on my backside, 1/3 of my options are eliminated. I become reluctant to hit the brakes hard for fear that the rider behind me might not be able to react in time. And if I'm also following the rider in front of me too closely, 2/3 of the options are gone.

When you're riding in a group do you keep track of the bikes behind you? I do. But quite often I find myself checking the mirror for a bike that was behind me last time I looked, only to find it missing. But it's not

missing, just tucked into my blind spot. I even have those little convex mirrors to help eliminate the blind spot, but there's still a big enough one to park a motorcycle in.

Sometimes when I'm leading a ride, I'm not actually too sure where the next turn is. But if I've got a little room behind me I can slow abruptly and make the turn. Have you ever been in a group of riders all making U turn because the leader missed the turn?? It's not pretty. Kind of like going to dinner at a Real Estate office. (Ask Tony) I used to say that if I didn't know you well enough to share your sleeping bag with you that I didn't want you within 2 seconds of me while we're riding. And then my wife started riding regularly so that axiom doesn't work any more. Two or three seconds; it's really not a whole lot to ask. *(OK, now for some new material)*

A few suggestions for group riding: Have a full tank of gas to start with. The ride leader will usually plan for gas stops every 150 miles or so. If you have a longer range than 150 miles it would be a good idea to fuel when everyone else does unless you can run 300 miles. When a departure time has been agreed upon, be on your bike with all your gear on at that time. Some ride leaders will use their GPS time to make sure they engage the clutch at the precise second (Mea Culpa) Lastly, watch for the rider behind you in your mirrors and wait for them to see you make a turn if they have fallen behind. If you don't want the rider ahead to wait for you, make sure to make that known. Don't get discouraged by all these 'rules'. They're really just a few simple things that make a group ride safe and fun for all. Above all:

Ride Safe

Ride Often

Got Mufflers?



A tricked out R1150GS Adv seen at the February RCB monthly meeting. I like the license plate, CU THERE. It has the great PIAA 910 flame throwers that put out a lot of light. Touratech Oil cooler guard and a vintage



Garmin GPS III plus.

If you have a farkle that makes your moto more trick then send me a photo via email at [kcrydalch@comcast.net](mailto:kcrydalch@comcast.net)

## Kim's Korner

By Kim Rydalch, editor

Don't forget to look on the last page of the newsletter. You'll find an application for the upcoming track day at Thunderhill. I applied to the Amazing Race 12 with my oldest daughter, Anaka, and if we don't get picked I will be at the track day. It will be my seventh and I learn every year and have a blast. It improves my motorcycle riding and it also makes me a better cage driver too. If you've never attended a track day make this the year to do so. You won't regret it and you will be amazed at how much your confidence in your street riding will increase. It's a no brainer so do it!

Here's a tip from my mechanic friend, Justin at Cycle Specialties, about the BMW's CanBus system. Anyone who has the BMW



Nav II or III system installed will appreciate this tidbit. If you turn off the ignition with your Nav system off, then the bike will shut down all accessories after two minutes. If however, you have the Nav system turned on when you switch the ignition off then the accessories will remain on for 20 minutes. Just a heads up if you want to give your battery a break.

For all you Garmin fans here are some tidbits from the January 22, 2007 article from U.S. News and World Reports. Garmin is located in Olathe, KS and happens to be the largest GPS device maker in the world! Garmin was founded in 1989 by Gary Burrell and Min Kao who were two engineers who quit their jobs at Allied Signal. Combining their first two names of Gary and Min formed Garmin and their first civilian GPS, the gps100, rolled off the lines in 1991. The rest as they say is history!

Last year (2006) Garmin sold around 5 million units capturing 60% of the market. Since 2000, Garmin's stock has gained 40% a year. The latest Garmin for BMW is the Navigator III which is a derivative of the Garmin 2820 unit. The latest for autos is the Nuvi

660 with all of North America preloaded. You can also buy the Nuvi 670 which has both North America and all of Europe preloaded in a package that is



about the same size as the Valentine1 radar detector! The Zumo 550 is the latest for motorcycles and it is waterproof.

For me, Garmin is the GPS of choice and with all of the software updates and timely Mapsource updating with new roads and points of interest it should be yours too.



## EuroSunday

*I received this email so this information could be passed to all of our RCB members. This organization wants to invite all RCB members to bring their BMW motorcycles for display or any Euro cars. Check out their web site and event times. It sounds like fun. editor*

EuroSunday has become the #1 monthly car and bike event for the greater Sacramento area. With big help early on from Colby Sandman, and later help from Adam Cook and Mike Ritenour, we now have an event that has developed its own unique and sought-after character. Having ample space with espresso nearby seemed the key early ingredients to attract the european versions of vehicles not often seen out and about. Organized (but still informal) drives were later added as a beginning and finishing touch to our Sundays.

So what can people expect in attending a EuroSunday? While all vehicles (**including motorcycles**) are welcome - vintage, classic, exotic, and supercars always rule the day! Showcasing / attention goes straight to the cars not often seen on the roads - Ferrari, Lamborghini, Jaguar, Fiat, Alfa Romeo, Austin Healy, Triumph, Citroen, MG, Lotus, Porsche, etc are current common examples of what you will find as key attractions. Rare views of Lancia, Daimler, Renault, De Lorean, Aston Martin, Lister, Rolls Royce always capture a crowd. You will spot BMWs, but more attention will go to the M Technic, a true M5, or an M3 modified to a rare CSL rather

than a plethora of 3-series cars. Rare 8s, new and vintage 6s, 2002s, CSLs, and any clean convertible are always fun to check out. Mercedes' consistent presence is spread across classic, vintage, modified, and/or exotic. These tend to be the owners who are over-the-top in love with their cars. Any vehicle you could look left and/or right on the freeway/parking lot and be able to spot a different one every few minutes makes it more a common vehicle than unique. We have had some classic sedans, coupes and some newer modified and exotic Mercedes present the past few months which are a great feast for the eyes - their uniqueness is what makes them attractive for this event and being showcased for all to see. Viper, Pantera, Bricklin, vintage Camaro, vintage Vette, Cobra, and Ford GT make some appearances and are always welcomed with open arms. While not Euro...they are truly exotic and/or a supercar status...folks just love to see them. They are always thrown in the mix with the other showcase cars and gather a crowd each time. 90's to current Euro cars don't tend to have a great deal of focus thrown their direction unless they are a rarely-seen vehicle. We have noticed that these owners still enjoy attending, but tend to park off to the side so others can showcase their cars that truly epitomize EuroSunday. And while I have mentioned "showcasing" a number of times, quite a few of these cars are daily drivers...mine included. It is their uniqueness in the Sacramento area that sets them apart and so very ap-

propriate for EuroSunday and its participants.

Having no format or agenda was the final brushstroke to this piece of art. Coffee and browsing on a Sunday morning with others as passionate about unique cars as yourself is definitely the start of a good day. It is not that often that those of us that love cars and the uniqueness of our vehicles can share the stories and vehicles with others. This venue is just for that! Business owners, professionals, mechanics, retirees, engineers, students, and salespeople are just a sampling of the people that attend. Everyone mixing in the same parking lot with a topic of none other than cars or motorcycles.

We have had a recent outpouring by our participants in helping bring EuroSunday to the next level. Logos are being developed, and a website will be up in 2007 (nothing more than the schedule, maps, drives, contacts, and pics of past events) Please contact Larry Stiver (larrystiver@asginc.com) should you want to throw your hat in as well for 2007.

Following is the 2007 schedule with times from 8:00am until 10:30am;

March 25, 2007 - Pavillions 501 Pavillion Lane Sacramento, CA 95825

April 22, 2007 - Pavillions

May 27, 2007 - Towe Auto Museum 2200 Front Street Sacramento, CA 95818 Tel 916.442.6802 (has not been confirmed) <http://toweautomuseum.org/index.html>

June 24, 2007 - Pavillions

July 22, 2007 - Pavillions

August 26, 2007 - Pavillions

September 23, 2007 - El Dorado Hills (location to be decided and announced)

October 28, 2007 - Pavillions

November 25, 2007 - Pavillions

December 2007 - Charity event (2007 will be donations again, but we are looking into a Sacramento police escorted drive, radio stations, and food for this event!)

December 23, 2007 - Holiday schedule / no event  
Larry Stiver - 916.835.3067

Have a few things to get out to our participants;

Our website is up!!! [www.eurosunday.net](http://www.eurosunday.net) We have a small handful of volunteers working on this from the four corners of Sacramento. All of our necessary content is there, but we need to refine and do some additional add-ons. Please feel free to rib Adam about the spelling (i.e. Austin does not equal Aston and Vintage vs. Vitage!)

In an effort to refine our mailing list and have a good grasp of our participants...we would like you to email [events@eurosunday.net](mailto:events@eurosunday.net) with your first name, last name, car(s), and your preferred meeting area to date.

PICS, PICS, PICS....Check out the EuroSunday site for Mark Gold's pics and also [www.timzpix.com](http://www.timzpix.com) for Tim's latest as well.

Recent suggestion for an additional area as a possible meet was "Chubbys" in Roseville. When you are updating our mailing list please let us know what you think about adding a Roseville site.

Pass our site address around asking others to be part of our email list as well. We will also have flyers that can be downloaded and printed from our site to hand out / place on windshields of cars that may not be aware of our monthly event. Encourage members on your forums and/or car club to attend this event. We still want more... even with over 100 vehicles present in January, 8 folks for the breakfast run, and about two dozen for the "spirited drive" in the afternoon. Lets continue to grow!

Larry Stiver (916) 835-3067

## 2007 Calendar of Upcoming Events

Check often because events are always being added or changed.

Mar 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.

Mar 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

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, see application and send it in!

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 at extension 112 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

## **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.*

**Digital Camera:** Canon A95, 5 megapixel, 3x zoom, with 512mb compact flash card, uses AA batteries for power, all original manuals, software and packaging included, excellent condition. \$150 Call Jim 916-863-6014 (02/22)

**2005 R1200GS:** \$15,000 firm. Ohlins shocks front and rear, Jesse bags, Remus full exhaust system, bar backs, gps mount, 12K mile service done, shop manual on CD. Yellow and grey. Call Mike 916-408-7754. (02/09)

**Helmets for Sale :** Nolan N102 White, Large with fog shield (pins) used once. MSRP \$284 will sell for \$150. Arai Signet GT White, Large used 1-2 times MSRP \$428, will sell for \$200. Pictures on request. Both helmets are clean and in mint condition: call Mark 916-444-5696 or msetzer@setzerforest.com (02/09)

**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, 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)

**River City Beemers**  
**12<sup>th</sup> Annual Rider Skills Improvement Day**  
**Thunderhill Race Park, Sunday June 10th, 2007**

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**

**Intro Class for First Time and Conservative Track Riders – Your own classes and separate sessions**

Lots of instruction, ride only with your peers for most of the day

**Experienced Class**– Experienced Riders seeking to improve their skills

**Advanced Class** – Skilled Sport Riders and Repeat Track Attendees – No instruction

Your fee covers: lunch, beverages, a full day of track access. Saturday night track walk with camping at the race track. Come join us for our 12th 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 usually sells out, don't miss it!**

**\*\*\*\*\* Registration Fee \$195 until May 20, \$210 after May 20, 2007 \*\*\*\*\***

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 Phil Challinor at [nthshw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nthshw@sbcglobal.net) or Jim Cyran at [jimcyran@pacbell.net](mailto:jimcyran@pacbell.net) or call Jim at 916-863-6014 eve. Also check the RCB website at <http://www.rcb.org> for latest 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 Motorcycles. Rider is subject to all RCB Rider Skills 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. (\$210 after 5/20) make checks payable to River City Beemers.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City, St, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

BMW Club You Belong to: \_\_\_\_\_

Bike You will Ride: (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 experienced rider. I've attended an RCB or other Track day instruction \_\_\_\_\_ (number of days)

I'm an advanced street and track rider. I've attended over 4 track days.



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