

# River City Beemers



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**Membership Meeting**  
Sat. April 7th, 8:00am  
Western Coffee Pot  
Auburn near Greenback Ln  
Citrus Heights

**Director's Meeting**  
Tues. Apr. 10th, 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



As a special treat this month I've written an all new column. Enjoy! As some of you may know by now, I recently retired and have a little more time to enjoy the pleasures life offers. This includes our 2 new black Labrador Retriever puppies-- Bonnie and Clyde. Last weekend, Linda and I were at the dog park at Phoenix Field. This is a great facility where dogs can interact with other dogs (and people) in a controlled area without leashes. It's great socializing for both the dogs and their owners. On this particular day, however, we were treated to a bunch of doctors and lawyers dressed up in their leather Halloween costumes trying to see how much noise they could make with their look-alike chrome plated 2-wheeled objects-de-torture. Seems there was a ??? run with a stop at the VFW next door to the dog park. The non-stop racket scared the hell out of the puppies and just pissed off people trying to enjoy their day. Fortunately, no one there knows I ride motorcycles so I didn't have to personally endure their wrath.

But the problem is John Q Public lumps all motorcyclists together. So why can't the law enforcement agencies deal with the loud-pipes-save-lives crowd? I'm not sure but I believe it's because measuring noise levels is an exact science done under controlled conditions and the courts just throw out citations for excessive noise because road-side measurements or officer's opinions just do not meet the rules of evidence. (Recently in Santa Cruz a judge threw out a helmet citation for a rider wearing only a ski cap since "DOT" was embroidered on the thing) But the worm is turning. California Air Resources Board (known as CARB) has recently been levying huge fines (\$10,000 per bike)

on motorcycle dealers that make modifications which could effect emissions. Harley Davidson no longer sells 'off road use only' exhaust systems. Custom chopper builder Jesse James was fined \$250,000 for manufacturing motorcycles that do not meet emissions standards.

So why should we care? Like John Q, CARB just lumps all motorcycles together. We can all look forward to having smog checks on our motorcycles, probably every other year like our cars. Maybe the requirement will only apply after the bikes are 5 years old, maybe not. Remember, when Lake Tahoe residents got tired of the Jet Ski noise? They found a willing agency to ban them based upon pollution—not noise. The same with 2 stroke dirt bikes. At any rate, consider yourself warned. Don't throw away any carbon canisters, cat converters, cat code plugs, etc., which may have been removed from your machine over the years.

There, now I've gotten that Bee out of my bonnet. For those of you who procrastinated about getting reservations for the Ride N Bowl at Casino West, you can relax. No more rooms are available. However, elsewhere in this issue Kim Rydalch has listed the other motels in town in case you still want to go. Don't forget our first camp-out, food-fest, and optional dirt bike ride the 2nd weekend in May. RSVP to Jack Klauschie if you are going to attend that event. There's a small charge for the weekend due to the cost of the group campsite but I guarantee you'll get more than your money's worth. Oh, and in case you made the last payment on your house when you retired, don't forget to send off the 2nd installment of your property taxes April 1. Life is good.

Ride Safe  
Ride Often  
Got Mufflers?

## 2007 '49'er

### 2007 '49er Pre-registration

Pre-registration for the 2007 edition of the '49er Rally is now open. Pre-registration fees are \$30 for adults (\$45 with Saturday BBQ dinner), \$35 at the gate (BBQ only available for pre-reg attendees). Children under 12 years \$15 pre-reg (\$35 with Sat. BBQ.), \$20 at the gate. Children 6 and under admitted free. Day passes will be \$20 and available at the gate.

Your registration fee entitles you to three nights of camping, two drink tokens, a rally pin, door prize entry and access to a multitude of '49er Rally activities. An all-u-can-eat BBQ dinner will be hosted Saturday . You must pre-register for this dinner, as tickets will not be sold at the Rally.

Real, honest to gosh paper registration forms are available by sending a stamped, self addressed envelope to Z Ortiz at the address below.

Contact:  
BMW Club of Northern California  
2540 Maywood Dr.  
San Bruno, CA 94066

Email: [registration49er@yahoo.com](mailto:registration49er@yahoo.com)

However you get your forms, please print clearly and use a separate form for each motorcycle (make as many copies as you need!). Please write one check for everything. Stuff it all in an envelope and mail it to Z Ortiz at the address above.

Pre-Registrations must be post marked by May 14, 2007, so don't delay!

Gate Registration is available at the Auburn Site! Gate Registration is \$35 for Adults, \$20 for Children under 12, children under 6 admitted free and includes a rally pin (while supplies last), door prize drawing entry, camping for the duration of the Rally, and two drink tokens. With very limited exceptions, you must be riding a BMW motorcycle to be admitted via gate registration. Day passes are available for \$20, and are valid until midnight of the day purchased. Day pass registrations include a rally pin (while supplies last) and two drink tokens. Day Pass riders will be required to leave their motorcycles at the gate.

## Lake Mendocino Campout and GS Ride

GS ride to Lake Mendocino Campout, Lots of off pavement riding through the Mendocino National Forest. The Friday, May 11 ride will leave from the Western Coffee Pot at 9:30am and the Saturday ride will leave after breakfast at the Western Coffee Pot.

There will be a fee for the campout, but will be determined by the next newsletter. Jack Klauschie will have more details soon. If you are anxious and can't wait for the May newsletter then give Jack a call at 530-677-6395. Just look for Jim Cyran's tricked out HP2 and follow it to the coast.



# Adventurer

Adventurer (A play on words. BMW Adventurer is on/off road motorcycle that is multipurpose, adapts to varying conditions.)

By Shopdoc-Bruce Hilger

I was expecting the pleasure of an airhead ride on my R80ST (named Guppy 'cause it looks like one) to Death Valley after a long winter hiatus from touring. This was not quite spring, though Almond blossoms were just beginning to show in the valley, with freezing conditions on the route through Nevada. Because I had to leave from work at midday, to have an enjoyable stay and tour/explore parts of Death Valley meant riding into the night. I figured to stay over in Mojave, arriving there around 9 pm. I left on the fully packed ST in a good time of 12:30. Getting through Sacramento, Tracy and Stockton showed surprisingly lite traffic, which precedes the weekend rush on Hwy 5 from Friday on. I enjoyed the lite traffic, humming along at 75 and with a 9 gallon, long distance tank; followed along the greening of the costal hill range, freshly plowed farm land, and stacks of newly placed bee hives anticipated blossom time. On my second stop I noticed a dollar size oil spot under the bike transmission, and remembered a smaller spot the prior stop but had disregarded it as someone else's where I had parked. But now it seemed, I was leaking oil, which wasn't there before this day. I continued, and near Bakersfield at a fill up there was no question of my leak. Most probable source was either oil pump or rear main seal but either way the oil flows past the spinning clutch assembly and that means clutch slip, spin and loss of torque. Under ideal conditions one would immediately fix the problem-leak with a five-hour repair to save the clutch. I felt my best option was to return home now and not continue to DV. I risk a larger leak the longer I rode, that I couldn't keep up with and then you have problems from an oily rear tire. So at 6:30 with almost 300 miles, I headed back. I got to Yuba City short of midnight. Near Stockton I could feel the 50 hp motor spin the clutch with heavy throttle. Albeit I still kept the 75 mph with an easy throttle hand.

The next morning, because I had replaced the main

seal at 13 and 25 thousand miles before, I figured it was time to let the expert do the job because the problem was something causing the seal to leak. Calling Ozzie's BMW for an OK meant trucking Gypsy. Another reason this was not a good day became embarrassingly evident when I tipped the bike over and broke a mirror and bruised my side. I got it into the truck on the second attempt. As this was an early Friday none of my neighbors witnessed my go-down, and I nursed my pride as I lifted the bike back up. The Chico trip was sunny and a warm spring day that you loved just being out, and indicated that Death Valley was equally as nice. It's always great to see Ozzie again and I feel I come away from his BMW shop with more than I bring there. Ozzie is convivial, and has many interesting stories that are helpful for the particular problem that I am there for. Plus I never just leave, as I'm there an hour or more talking with Mike about mechanics and Emmy about Ozzie and her management of the business.

Driving back to Yuba my thoughts returned to riding. DV and back on the 2 remaining days would only be for a marathon trip and this was my vacation. Years ago I had found a book in Mendocino, written by a hippie poet of the 60's with a VW Van and a picture of him with a very young daughter. Sometime ago I had lost or loaned his book and the repercussions of his many stories still struck close to my heart. Stories of ocean shores and shells, lost and found people, free living, a past love, rested vaguely and I had to search for his meaningful book. So, my next two days of the DV Vacation were to ride my R1200ST to Ft Bragg and see if I could find about the poet.

On my third day I rose early, ran with some friends, and since I had packed already just transferred everything into the new bike. Going from a 50 hp to a 110 hp machine makes my riding options significantly different. The first 70 miles were to Clear Lake and I tailed 2 sports cars because of high prevalence of CHPs and keep my ticket potential down. We made good time safely. The second part around Clear Lake was 45 mph of motor home traffic. But after Willits was ST Riding and the steep, narrow, curves through

Redwood forests was a delight. Traffic was moderate and while most did the pull-over lane which was 2 seconds to pass with the ST, the remaining cars I feigned and faked over the double lines. This was a third gear road to die for and I got to Bragg with smiles.

I hit half a dozen bookstores, asking, browsing hundreds and searching to no avail for the volume. Thirty-five years is too long of a history even for a hippie poet, many authors come and go, some are good, a few are exceptional, but eventually, practically all vanish, and are not even on dusty bookshelves of second hand book stores. But such is life. New authors replace what was popular; our evanescent minds constantly go on to new ideas. At the Ft Bragg museum I saw the 1943, cut log of a redwood that is two thousand years old and I wonder, why, but it was so special. Destroyed for forgotten reasons. I see life that way where so much work is spent in keeping up. Rather that we should just live life, live it to the hilt and not consider our self of any importance more than the immediate and present US as we know ourselves. I did find prices for motels hadn't changed too much but would have been happier in a Death Valley tent and sleeping bag. But interestingly, in my ramblings I found another book, another poet, that was 30 years younger than my hippie poet and who was, I found, quite excellent, definitely different and to my liking. The bike and I found that night, a reasonable seafood dinner, an excellent Red Seal

Ale, and a satisfying page to sleep by.

The poet makes a likeable production that appeals to us like fish bait. A small piece to attract but we are not given the whole. Because, it our natural job to fill in the open areas with some of our conscious or unconscious selves. This is the bridging. The poet makes something of substance on one side and we are on the other side with interest, life experiences and preferences. There is something common in both the poet and ourselves. The bridge is our wish for something superficial and tangible or something internal and gut sensitive but more meaningful that we want to explore and improve our understanding. I see this in the ST that it is defined in my terms. It's my appreciation. And so there is a connection that impresses in a meaningful way. Both motorcycle and poem have depth, meaning and education for me. Both exhibit to me something of myself that I can use to connect with the world around me. I had to make the DV trip, had to find my hippie poet because the spirit in me had once been moved. My attitude on the positive side was to make do with the situation I was in and so I didn't let the fall off the truck ramp with the bike leave anything more than sore ribs and scraped shin as residual because I learned, am excited for the lesson and that is pulling me into anticipation of tomorrow.

Kim's Korner  
Newsletter editor

The Honda VFR is dead...Long live the BMW F800ST!

So says the March 2007 edition of Bike magazine. They loved it! Because of import taxes the VFR costs 8599 British Pounds (US\$ 16,672) and the F800ST costs 6495 British Pounds (US\$ 12,594). Bike states that the VFR has been wrecked by the variable valve timing, surging throttle and irritating brakes.

The ST800 gets 200 miles per tank. It swaps power for flexibility, revs for fuel economy. Bike loves the lazy, fast-



revving feel and the ST grows on you the more you ride it. The new VFR is the BMW F800ST!

Motorcycle Sport & Leisure another UK motorcycle magazine reports that the number one seller in the UK in 2006 with 2277 units was the R1200GS & GS Adventure. The next best seller at 2067 units was the Honda CBR 1000.

Thanks to all the riders that showed an interest in volunteering for the Death Ride in July. We are now full and won't need anymore volunteers for this year's event. See you in Markleeville!

## 2007 Calendar of Upcoming Events

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

Apr 7, 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 10, 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, 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 We have enough SAG riders for this years event. Thanks to all who have volunteered. If you were thinking about it and haven't participated before then try again for the 2008 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. 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 Rooms are sold out! It's a busy weekend and the entire Casino West is booked! Never fear you can still participate and bowl with us. Call the Copper Inn @ 1-775-463-2135 for a room. I've personally stayed there and they are great and about two blocks away. Victoria Rose @ 775-463-2164 is another choice that is close by. I don't know what the rates are so good luck. 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. The Saturday night bowling extravaganza begins at 5-7pm. 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.

## **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.*

**R1200GS custom seat:** From Rich's, like new, black leather, front and rear. Cost over \$600 asking \$450. Pictures on request. Call Duc or Michele : 916-635-9840 or email: duc.ngo@comcast.net (3/25).

**Wanted:** I bought a 1975 R90/6 that came with a Luftmeister fairing and Krauser luggage. I would like to sell or trade the aftermarket stuff for original equipment. (headlight, turn signals, etc). Call Mark work: 916-255-4378, home: 530-644-6942 (3/25)

**2004 Road King Harley-Davidson FLHR:** Carburetors (not injected), 3,000mi, black, tour-pack, w/ backrest (detachable), screaming eagle pipes, extra chrome. Standard features include Hard bags, windshield, floorboards, etc. Asking \$14,900. Extended warranty, to 2011 is available for \$950 extra. Bike is like new. Call Don 916-983-0628, or E-Mail: bogey-beech@sbcglobal.net (2/27)

**Womens XS BMW Riding Gear:** This Cordura Jacket and Pants set is like new. Will Sacrifice for \$495 or best offer. Please call for more info. Tod 916-296-1507 or Evelia 916-834-5816 (02/23)

**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)

**Helmet: Arai Signet GT White,** Large used 1-2 times MSRP \$428, will sell for \$150. Picture on request. 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:** Stock BMW right side saddle bag, excellent condition \$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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