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Membership Meeting

Sat. Sept. 1st, 8:00am
Western Coffee Pot
Auburn near Greenback Ln
Citrus Heights

Director's Meeting

Tues. Sept. 11th, 7:00 pm
Western Coffee Pot
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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've put off writing this month's column until the last possible minute. Kim is holding the presses awaiting my missive. It seems like now that I've been retired for 8 months I have less free time than ever. And it's not like I'm out riding the motorcycles. In fact ROBOBYK has only seen 3700 miles so far this year and the Vespa 500 miles. Almost 6000 miles on the Jeep, though. And then there's the new (to us) RV we just purchased. Maybe my recreational interests are changing direction. Perhaps it's time for someone else to take over the reins of RCB—someone who actually rides? This is a good time for you to consider volunteering to serve as a director or officer next year.

There are still some activities ahead of us this year though. Our membership meeting September 1 will be run by your Vice President Dennis Allstead. No, I won't be out riding the Gypsy Tour. We'll be taking the motor coach to visit relatives in Pahrump, probably towing the Jeep behind it. September 14-16 are the dates for Central Cal's Autumn Beemer Bash at Quincy. RCB will once again be hosting the Poker Run. No manned checkpoints this year though,

we'll use the question/answer format which requires fewer volunteers to stage. Linda and I will probably take the RV to that event, too. Hey, it has a built-in icemaker and blender!! You'll probably want to mark Sept 19-23 on your calendar, too. Those are the dates you do NOT want to ride anywhere near Reno, unless you're deaf or want to be. Street Vibrations is the 6th largest motorcycle event in the country. 10,000 Harleys and 3 mufflers. Just thought you should know.

Heads up for October. The general membership meeting will be held Saturday evening, October 6 at the Manchester Beach KOA. This has always been our biggest event of the year with great roads to ride, great food, and great camping. I'll remind you again about this in next month's column as well. If you've been eagerly awaiting the arrival of the F800GS, you might have a bit longer to wait. Last month I reported that a 'usually reliable source' said that it may appear as early as August/September. Now the information is that official pictures may appear by then. I guess we'll all have to wait it out. But while you're doing that, make sure that you:

Ride Safe

Ride Often

Got Mufflers?

22nd Annual Autumn Beemer BASH

September 14-16, 2007

Central Cal BMW Riders Presents 22nd Annual Autumn Beemer BASH at the Plumas-Sierra County Fairgrounds in Quincy, CA.

Saturday Night Dinner, Saturday & Sunday Continental Breakfast (Pre-Registration Only).

Door Prizes! Grand Prize! 50/50 Drawing!

Swap Table

Lots of Vendors

Things to do Saturday:

- o Portola Railroad Museum Ride
- o Poker Run: Hosted by River City Beemers
- o Riding Tours of local area – Self Guided
- o GS Ride & dirt basics pre-class
- o Walking Tour of Quincy

o Safety Clinic with Tony Westlake

Leashed pets okay

Microbrews and wine

Plenty of Hot Showers

Early Birds – Wed./Thurs. Nights camping extra: \$6 per tent / RV's \$20 (pay on site)

Acres of grass for camping and RV hook-ups

BASH 2007 pins for the first 500 registered

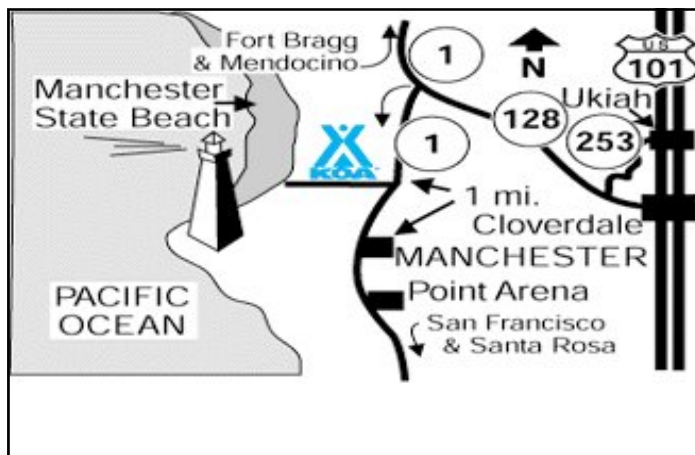
Day Passes - \$15 (no camping/no meals)

Gate fee - \$25 (2 day pass w/camping, no meals)

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Manchester Beach Campout Oct 5-7



Jack and Lynell Klauschie have a great event planned for all of you planning on attending in October.

The weather has been fantastic the past few years and this year should be no exception. There will be a fee for dinner and camping and will be listed in October's newsletter.

Plan on attending the biggest club camping event of the year and enjoy the coastal temps and twisty asphalt.

Lots of Hot Air! Reno Balloon Race

Sunday Sept. 9th



In the past we have meet at the Shell station next to Costco off hwy 65 on Stanford ranch Rd. in Rocklin, they're open 24hrs. We leave at 4:00am, ride to Boomtown for a comfort stop, then to the races.

The event is held at Rancho San Rafael Park (7750 N.McCarran

Blvd). The address is just a guess but close. We will arrive at about 6:30-6:45, which is the time of the mass ascension. The stopping point is on a hill looking down at the balloons. It is kind of chaotic, but manageable.

You have to park between parked cars, and a lot of

camper and motor homes, it has never been a problem in the past. There were outhouses in the area. Bringing a folding chair, power bar, and water might be useful. There are vendors down in the pit, coffee, food etc.. For anyone who wants you can walk to the balloon area.

We will watch the balloons near where we park until about 8-8:15. Then travel to Virginia City for breakfast, kind of hungry by then. The Bucket Of Blood Salon, I think opens at 9ish, I'll find out for sure. There are a lot of things going on at Virginia City during the day, including camel races, some vendors will be setting up.

I plan on leaving after breakfast, going back via hwy88 and Mormon Emigrant Trail. I'll try to have everyone home early afternoon so you can get the lawn mowed. For those not early getter uppers I am sure there are rooms available and we can meet up at the park or breakfast.

Here is the web site,

5-Passes Ride October 14th

Just a reminder to everyone that the 5 passes ride will be on Sunday, October 14th this year. We will be changing the staging area from Pollock Pines to farther up Rt 50 to the new Chevron at the Fresh Pond exit.

Ken Caruthers does an excellent job of mapping the route and he and I, Larry Morris, will be leading a dual group (or more if needed). As in the past 3 years, Ken will lead the folks who enjoy the exhilaration of a spirited ride through the many fine twisties on the ride. I will escort those who prefer a more leisurely ride with some site seeing along the way. Bring cameras.

In previous years, we were riding a week earlier and we have encountered some fantastic Fall leaf colors.



Although this year has been drier that prior years, we are likely going to be exposed to the great Fall colors of the Sierras.

Ken has agreed to be at the Western Coffee Pot at 7:30 for a 7:45-8:00 AM departure to meet the rest of the riders at the Chevron. We should be able to begin the ride around 9:15 AM. Hope to see a big turn out for this scenic excursion.

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 light traffic, which precedes the weekend rush on Hwy 5 from Friday on. I enjoyed the light 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 remain-

ing 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...

Here's another reason to attend RCB's 2008 Thunderhill Rider Improvement day. The August 2007 edition of UK's Bike magazine had a great article about sport rider incompetence. Andy McManus is a motorcycle cop in the UK and has noticed a rash of fatal motorcycle accidents in his jurisdiction. He began a personal investigation on his own about the "Why's and Wherefores", and came up with some very interesting information that I wanted to pass on to RCB club members.

In 2006, in Andy's jurisdiction, there were 55 fatal motorcycle accidents and 53 of them were on sport-bikes or sport-touring bikes. 9 out 10 were rider error – usually in good weather, open country. Andy spent a year at biker meets getting all kinds of riders to fill in a psychological profile and comment on risk. The sports bike riders had much higher levels of sensation-seeking than average, combined with the least realistic attitude to risk. So Andy came to the conclusion: thrill-seeking, closed minded sports bike riders aren't part of the problem; they ARE the problem.

The cause of most of the accidents was from grabbing the brake in panicky situations. When Andy interviewed the families afterwards he became sure the guys were what's called 'unconscious incompetent'. They thought they were the greatest potential MotoGP riders, but they weren't.

Andy came up with a typical rider profile: typically 36 years old, intelligent, self-employed, two kids, money and rides a GSX-R type motorcycle. This same rider wouldn't dream of enrolling in any form

of rider education program.

Aren't you glad that you ride a BMW with ABS brakes that are partially linked and Telelever front-end? Now add in a successful RCB track day next June with lots of instructor input and you have a recipe for a long life of motorcycle riding and enjoyment.

November 16-18 is the date for the upcoming International Motorcycle Show at the San Mateo Fairgrounds. Adult tickets will be \$13, kids 6-11 will be \$6. Buy your tickets on line and save time by eliminating one line to stand in. Friday, 4pm-9pm; Sat, 9:30 am-8pm; Sun, 9:30 am-5 pm. Free motorcycle parking and \$7 cage parking. See you there.

100,000th BMW R1200GS

The most successful BMW of all time. On July 27, 2007 the BMW R1200GS, together with the model variant Adventure, celebrated an impressive record: In Berlin, the 100,000th 1200 GS rolled off the conveyor belt. 84,373 units were allotted to the classical GS, and 15,627 units were allotted to the Adventure

model. No other BMW motorcycle has ever been built so often within such a short space of time. Hence, the BMW R1200GS is the most successful BMW motorcycle of all time.

From 1999 until 2003, the predecessor model R1150GS had a total of 58,023 units built. In addition to this, 17,828 units were the Adventure model. Since 1994, a total of 219,468 GS models of the boxer engine generation with four valves per cylinder have been built.

If you look at any RCB club activity you'll find in the parking lot the various GS models make up the majority of bikes. Long live the GS!

I am loving the show, "Feasting on Asphalt" on the Food Network! It's on Saturday's at 6 pm so check it out. All the riders are on R1200 GS' and they look great in their Rally-2 jackets.

www.altonbrown.com/adventure/tarmac

2007 Calendar of Upcoming Events

Check often because events are always being added or changed.

Sept. 1, 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.

Sept. 11, 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

Aug 31-Sep-3 NORCAL BMW Gypsy Tour.

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

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

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.

1973 R60/5, 42K miles, runs great, well maintained. Small dent in top of tank. Includes R90-type fairing. \$2,500 OBO. Email Dave at dswoodwrights@pacbell.net. For pictures, go to <http://www.kodakgallery.com/I.jsp?c=8q1j96t3.a3j0ymrb&x=0&y=18j4em> (6/5)

Tour Master Cortech Lite Jacket, Mens small, includes: shoulder, elbow and back armor Good condition \$50 Call Mark 916-834-7190 or email rtbmr@yahoo.com Pictures at <http://home.comcast.net/%7E055kscott/For%20sale%203.htm> (5/30)

Misc: Custom 3 small bike or 1 larger "BMW RT size" trailer. Middle ramp is customized with wheel clamp and wide channel. great condition. \$600; 1985 Honda XL350R dualsport 7000+ miles, \$2395 obo. Call Alan 916-203-4032, 916-421-4032 e-mail alanretired@sbcglobal.net (4/20)

1974 R90/6 Approx. 37k miles. Dual disc front brakes with stainless brake lines. San Jose fork brace & upper triple clamp. R90S fairing with clock & voltmeter & taller Gustaffson tinted windshield. Recent new valves, guides & rings. Wheels recently re laced with stainless spokes. Hard bags & tank bag included. LED tail light. Odyssey battery. Later model swing arm with cushioned drive shaft (smoother shifting) e-mail pictures avail. \$3700. Call Larry 707-446-1859 or email delinesoup@aol.com (4/16)

Misc: Eureka Assault 3 season 2 person tent plus footprint. Has 2 doors & 2 vestibules \$60. Sierra Designs 3 Season 2 Person back packing tent. Packs reasonably small & goes up fast \$40. Womens black Hein Gericke leather jacket with snap out liner. Size 42 VGC \$75. Mens Marsee leather bib overalls Size 32 with a 29" inseam (Were worn by my wife) VGC \$75. Womens black leather BMW motorcycling boots VGC Metric size 39 about US size 9, \$50. Call Larry 707-446-1859 or email delinesoup@aol.com (4/16)

R1200GS custom seat: From Rich's, 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)

Custom BMW side car rig seen at Thunder Hill during the 2007 track day .





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