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Membership Meeting

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

Director's Meeting

Tues Dec. 11th, 7:00 pm
Western Coffee Pot
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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 usual, I'm writing the December column while vacationing in beautiful downtown Crystal, Nevada. This little berg is located 20 miles north of Pahrump, which is 60 northwest of Las Vegas. It's a laid back kind of town (population 150) with 2 bars and 2 brothels surrounded by thousands of acres of BLM land. Years ago this used to be a one day stop on our Thanksgiving motorcycle trip, then turned into a tow-the-quads weeklong stay in my old 1965 Dodge school bus/RV conversion. We've gone way upscale now and tow our Jeep behind our new (to us) luxury motor coach. (Don't call it a motorhome) Things change over time.

Back in March of 1994 I attended a Carrier Chiller factory training class in Los Angeles. I found a fellow motorcyclist in the class and we started talking. At that time I had pretty much stopped riding; having accumulated over 100,000 miles on my '78 Goldwing. As he was one of the founding fathers of the Airhead Beemer Club, he suggested that I might want to take a BMW out for a test ride. (Test rides were unheard of for me) To make a long story short, if it's not too late already, I bought a new R100RT from Tony at A&S in April of '94. It's now almost 2008, and I've got 360,000 BMW miles under my belt along with a lot of great experiences. 240,000 of these miles are on my beloved '96 R1100GS—ROBOBYK. And most of those experi-

ences were shared with all of you folks; the riders in River City Beemers.

I've been President of this club twice for a total of 7 or 8 years and we've changed a lot. We still ride (some a lot) but we now have a great number of organized campouts, parties, and group events. These have developed over the years because I was fortunate enough to have a great group of volunteers willing to take on the work. (I just supplied a pretty face) At our planning meeting this month some new people (and regulars) stepped up to do the heavy lifting on our big events. I want to thank all of the past volunteers and those to come for making things happen. Next year looks great and your new president, Fred Jewell, will have smooth sailing. Thank you.

But all is not over for the year, yet. Although we will not be having our Toy Run to the Children's Receiving Home, we do still have our Christmas Party at A&S BMW, Saturday, December 1. This is our first attempt to have an event catered, so be sure to RSVP to Dennis Allstead so that he can get an accurate count for the caterer. Cost for you is \$10 per person with RCB picking up the remainder. I've sampled the food the caterer will serve and can guarantee that you're in for a real treat. I hope to see a lot of you there. After all, it will be my last event as your President. After that I hope that I can just:

Ride Safe

Ride Often

Got Mufflers?

RCB's Annual Christmas Party!

Saturday, December 1, 2006
 Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
 Dinner at 7:00 p.m.
 Goodnights at 10:00 p.m.

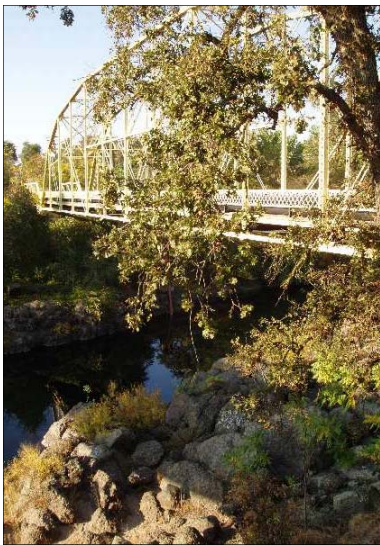
Our gracious host is...
 A & S BMW
 1125 Orlando Ave., Roseville

Our dinner will be catered by
 Vallejo's Restaurant of Sacramento
 \$10.00/person due at the door

R.S.V.P. via email to clcman@sbcglobal.net
 by Friday, November 23, 2007

Five Passes Ride: Sort of!

By John G. Sulpizio



Yeah, it was five passes if you count two times over Monitor and once over Johnson. You say, "Johnson? I never heard of Johnson!" Me neither, but it offers unparalleled views of the Sierras. Go. Luther

Luther Pass to the Country Store north of Marleeville for a potty break. I've gotta stop drinking so damn much coffee.

Blasting through Markleeville, we traveled the twisties on 89 up and over Monitor Pass, where one of our own (who shall go unnamed) got stopped by a Park Ranger. A Park Ranger? Probably was that double yellow when you blew by him, eh? Didn't know they were POST certified, did you! He-who-

and Carson Pass made five.

We gathered at the Fresh Pond Exit on Route 50 and were rolling by 9:30 AM. With more than thirty riders, we broke up into three groups led by Ken Caruthers, Roy Ulfsrud and Larry Morris. We climbed up Route 50 with a side trip on Johnson Pass Road over Echo Summit, the location of Johnson Pass. Then, we took 89 over





The sky was clear with a few cumulous clouds and the mountains had already been dusted with their first snowfall. This was a day that the Lord had made.

Charging past Caples and Silver Lake, Ham's Station, and Cook's Station, I turned right onto Omo Ranch Road, then Shenandoah and into Plymouth. In no time I was backed up in traffic in Rancho Murietta with enough time to stop at that strange bridge I've passed a million times just off the road. There may have been a time when it carried Route 16, but now it carries nothing heavier than golf carts. Three hundred and thirty miles later I pulled into

shall-go-unnamed was lucky to escape with only a warning and soon he rejoined his Beemer buddies at 395.

the garage asking myself, "Why in the hell would I ever want to go to work in Burns Harbor, Indiana?"

Ride safe!

Eat well!

After a short break, we headed back over Monitor, through Markleeville and stopped at the Country Store, this time for lunch. Hamburger, cheeseburger, chips, pepsi, pepsi. The menu wasn't extensive, but the burgers and fries packed enough carbs for the remainder of the week, and the only diet drink in the fountain machine was out. Felt like a welcomed conspiracy to me!

After lunch the group thinned out, but I suspect most took 88 over Carson Pass to find their way home. As for me, I dropped out at Sorensen's and thereafter moved at my own pace stopping to snap lots of photos. Autumn was in full bloom and the trees appeared aflame in their gold and auburn hues. The sun was warm and glistened on every stream.



Kim's Korner...December 2007

I thought this tidbit found deep in the inner web site of RCB was good enough to repeat. I love history and it is always good to know where one comes from so the club will have a focused future.

BIRTH OF A MOTORCYCLE CLUB

By Founding Member Earl Mattingly.
Written in June 1996

In the late seventies and early eighties, I rode with my son and his friends, all of whom owned a variety of motorcycles, a Honda 750, a Yamaha 1100, a Suzuki 650, a Kawasaki 1000 and myself on a BMW R100/7. We rode mostly on day trips with an occasional overnight campout. I wanted more riding time, therefore, I often rode alone.

An acquaintance told me about a club for riders over 40 and owning any brand of bike. These were the Retreads and their club was a loosely knit organization. I joined them, but it seemed like we lacked a common denominator. I mean, who wants to talk about Harleys and Hondas all the time. I encouraged the Beemer riders to join a BMW club. There was no local club, so I organized one. Ozzie's BMW Center, Joe Sarkee's Motorcycles, And J,& J Precision Cycle Works helped a great deal by giving me the names of BMW owners in this area. I sent postcards to each, informing them of a meeting to be held in Carmichael Park on Halloween 1982 to discuss formation of a club. Thirty-one riders attended and most all liked the idea of a local BMW club.

I tried to get a volunteer to take this group and build a club as recommended by the majority of members. No one volunteered and several persons suggested that I serve as Director, Leader, or whatever, and we would change every six months. After each six months, there was no one that wanted the job. We were a loosely knit group with no officers, no business meetings, and no dues. I published a newsletter and collected \$5.00 a year from those that wanted the newsletter. Everyone subscribed. As we grew in numbers, it was clear that everyone liked the club as it was. We were known as the NO NAME BMW CLUB.

Some thought we should have a more meaningful club name. The January 83 newsletter asked for recommendations for a club name. You won't believe some of those proposed names but here they are: Ace BMW Club; Bavarian Shaft Drivers; Beemers; Beemer Butt Busters; Beemer Cycle Riders; Beemer Gleaners, Beemer Motorcycle Wanderers; Beemers of the North; Beemer Riders; Beemer Steamers; Beemer Riders Around Sutterville Slough; Beemers of Sutterville Slough; BMW Club of Superior California; BMW Cruisers; BMW Love Gods; BMW Owners-Riders-Enthusiasts; BMW Road Runners; Capital BMW Club; Capital BMW Riders; Capital City Cycle Riders; Central Valley Vagabonds; Cruisers; Eager Beemers; Frolic Beemers; Gold Country BMW Riders; Gold Trails BMW Club; Happy Riders; Jugg's' Nomad BMW Riders; Northern California BMW Owners; Northern Lights; Opposed Twin Flyers; PRO Club Riders; Sacramento Beemers; Sierra BMW Association; Sierra BMW Riders; Sierra BMW Wanderers; Super Snails; Tip Top BMW Club; Two Wheel Touring Club and Valley Beemer Riders. River City Beemers was the popular choice. Two names were tied for runner-up. NO NAME BMW CLUB and RIVER CITY BMW CLUB.

The first membership roster in the January 1983 newsletter listed 53 members. Charter members that are still with us are Rick Blake, Rocky Calvello, Richard Dean, Ken Gerard, Earl Mattingly, Bruce Parrish, Bud Phelps, Bill Riviere, Kirk Stubbs, and Pete Wilbert. Earl Compton was also a charter member and he passed away last week (June 1996). I want to give credit to Matt Smith, who contributed many tech articles, and my wife Deniece, who did the typing, stamping and mailing of the newsletter (Deniece passed away in July of 1997)

I received an email from the older Larry Campbell thanking RCB for letting them try out their sidecar rig...here's what Larry said...

...I would like to thank the club & especially Jim Cyran for allowing my sons Glenn & Larry & myself to try out our newly acquired racing sidecar at Thunderhill on Sunday. I also would like to thank the members for allowing to us to share the track

with them. Hopefully we weren't in your way. This was our first outing with the rig so it was a big learning curve. The drivers position to say the least is interesting with your butt sort of up in the air (Jerry O'Callahan had some interesting comments to say about that) & your forearms on panels located above both cylinders. The handle bars come out of the upper triple clamp & then turn straight down like an old board racer. I am a little stiff today because I used muscles riding it that I didn't know I had. I was quite pleased & impressed with the interest that some of the members expressed in the rig. There were lots of questions & a lot of them got to try out the riding position.

The frame was built in England & is a replica of the type used in sidecar racing around 1965. The engine is an R75/5 with extensive head work but appears to have stock needle type rocker arms & valve springs. The heads are also dual plugged with an electronic ignition fired off of the crankshaft. The pistons are high compression & it has a race cam. The oil sump has been enlarged & holds 3 quarts. The carburetors are 32mm Dellorto's & an electric fuel pump with a pressure regulator is used to get the fuel up to the carburetors as the tank is located slightly below the level of the carbs. The tires on the bike side are standard Dunlop 100/80 x 16 street tires. The one on the sidecar is a Dunlop 5" wide 10" racing tire mounted in a Mini Cooper rim. The aluminum fuel tank was built at the Lotus factory. The electrical

system is "Total Loss" just a battery used to operate the ignition system & fuel pump & recharged after races.

We were able to learn a lot about riding this new toy with the track time we were given. For one it has a lot of get up & go. It is a little loud but I think it sounds awesome but that's vintage for you. No noise restrictions. The handling is actually pretty good & predictable & with just a little practice you can slide & drift it thru the corners. You just have to stay on it. I imagine if you were to roll off the power if you went into the corner a little hot that you might find yourself out in the weeds. I will need to pull the transmission out & open it up because its hard to get in & out of gears but everything else seems to be working fine.

Thanks again to all.



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.

Honda enduro style dirtbikes (2), both like new, used only a few hours, one 2006 CRF150F - \$2600, one 2006 CRF230F - \$3100. Will sell both for \$5400 Call Jim 530-432-1664 (11/22)

Misc: Two Thermarest brand, self inflating sleeping

mats 70"x 20"x 2" thick w/stuff bags & repair kit, \$ 35.00 each; Areostich Darien Unobtainium Polartec heated vest, reversible, purple/blk, BMW plug coiled power cord, size XL, \$ 75.00; Modern Concepts BMW riding jacket w/zip out waterproof liner, blk/gray,hard pads, size 10R(ladies), \$ 45.00; BMW Comfort Temp liner, blk/gray, Size L, \$ 25.00; all items are in very good to perfect condition, call Greg, 916-870-7841 or email xfil911@comcast.com (11/17)

R1200GS stuff: BMW Motorad Repair CD ROM for R1200GS \$55, Adventure seat, black and gray,

\$200, GPS mounting kit, \$175. Call Mike 916-408-7754 (10/29)

Misc: Sargent seat for a R1100 GS, great condition with carbon fiber seat pan and super cell atomic foam \$150 obo please contact Paul email: mediaht@sbcglobal.net (10/22)

Misc: Passenger sportboard and riser, for R1200RT, R1100RT, R1200RTP, Part #11-150 New price \$386. See at [http://www.iliuworks.com/Page.cfm?Category3=POWDER%20COAT&InfoID=5919&Search=Your price \\$60](http://www.iliuworks.com/Page.cfm?Category3=POWDER%20COAT&InfoID=5919&Search=Your%20price%20$60) Brand new condition!! Call Alan 916-203-4032, 916-421-4032 E-mail alanretired@sbcglobal.net (9/3)

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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=l8j4em> (6/5)

2007 Calendar of Upcoming Events

Check often because events are always being added or changed.

- Dec. 1st, 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.
- Dec. 11th, 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.
- Dec. 20th Thur Every 3rd Thursday at A&S BMW you're invited to their Garage Party @ 6:30 pm. Interesting activities and eats. Check it out.
- Thur. Ride Meet up for a weekly Thursday day ride. Meet at Brookfield's at Sunrise and Folsom, eat at 8am and ride at 9am. For all retired, independently wealthy or just plain sick of work!
- Dec 1 RCB Christmas Pot Luck @ A&S BMW, see article for details

2008 Calendar of Upcoming Events

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- Jan. 5th, 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. 8th, 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.
- Jan. 17th, Thur Every 3rd Thursday at A&S BMW you're invited to their Garage Party @ 6:30 pm. Interesting activities and eats. Check it out.
- Thur. Ride Meet up for a weekly Thursday day ride, "Because We Can Ride". Meet at Brookfield's at Sunrise and Folsom, eat at 8am and ride at 9am. For all retired, independently wealthy or just plain sick of work!
- Jan 25-27 Village Idiots at Death Valley
- Feb 3 Superbowl party, maybe Tech Session, Bryan & Marji Wright's home
- Feb 15-18 Airheads Death Valley Rendezvous
- Mar 7 Past President's 60th birthday
- Apr 1 – Oct 31 Ride to nowhere, John Flowers organizing
- April 18 RCB/BMW Sporttouring.com grand prix, RPM Motorsports, Phil Challinor organizing
- April 19 Tech Daze at the Challinors (Diamond Springs)
- April 20 First Responder class, A&S BMW, Phil Challinor organizing/instructing
- May 4 Mystery Ride, probably ending at an eatery, Marv & Lois Lewis organizing
- May 16-18 Lake Mendocino campout and dirt ride. Dennis Allstead doing the food, Jim Cyran doing the ride.
- May 23-26 NORCAL BMW 49er rally
- June 14-15 Thunderhill rider improvement weekend, arrive after 5:00 PM Saturday. Kim Rydalch and Jack Klauschie organizing
- June 19 – 22 Chief Joseph Rally, John Day, Oregon. RCB semi-organized ride leaving Thursday AM from Western Coffee Pot, Gary Stofer organizing
- June 27 – 29 Indian Creek Reservoir, RCB High Sierra Spaghetti Feed, Gary Stofer organizing
- July 17 – 20 BMWMOA National Rally, Gillette, Wyoming
- July 25 – 27 Top O' the Rockies Rally, Paonia, Colorado
- August 2-3 Ride N Bowl, Yerington, Nevada, Kim Rydalch organizing
- August 15-17 Doran Beach campout with Dutch Oven Feast, Roy Ulfsrud organizing
- Aug 26 – 29 Curve Cowboy Reunion, Midway, Utah <http://www.curvecowboyreunion.com/>
- Aug 29-Sep 1 NORCAL BMW's Gypsy tour
- Sep 20-21 B&B at Volcano, Ray Trujillo organizing
- Sept 28 5 Passes ride, Ken Caruthers organizing
- Oct 3 – 5 Manchester Beach extravaganza, KOA, Phil Sweeny organizing
- Nov 9 2009 Planning Meeting, location to be determined
- Dec 6 RCB Christmas Party, details to follow

Events not scheduled yet:

- North Coast / Samoa Cookhouse overnight ride (Fred Jewell)
- Old fashion RCB Pot Luck. Looking for an organizer



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