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Membership Meeting

Sat, Feb. 2nd 8:00am

Western Coffee Pot

Auburn near Greenback Ln

Citrus Heights

Director's Meeting

Tues, Feb 12th, 7:00 pm

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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 Fred Jewell



Could this be the best time ever to be riding motorcycles? And I don't mean the time of year but at this particular era in history. I feel that the increased interest in motorcycling over the past couple of decades has been in all of our best interests as motorcyclists. There is a wider variety of brands and styles of motorcycles that appeal to more people in more different ways than ever before, and I firmly believe that is good for our chosen sport. More people involved in it means (hopefully) more people see us as we are: contributing members of our society that deserve respect both on and off the road, not a fringe "outlaw" segment that is looked upon with scorn or dread (despite what the marketing of a certain American manufacturer implies). This increased interest has brought with it tremendous improvements in safety, reliability, comfort, and competence in our bikes along with a huge choice of clothing and accessories available. I see better tires, brakes, lighting (I remember, and not fondly, riding a '66 Bonneville after dark when I was young), and the aftermarket is amazing in what's out there for us. There is no longer a "one size fits all" motorcycle being your only choice, but more specialized categories are offered that fit whatever you could want in a motorcycle. There are classes available just about anywhere, any

time, to teach riding skills to everyone from racers to experienced riders to raw beginners, anyone looking to improve their techniques. I wish I had these available to me when I started; my instruction consisted of "Here's the clutch, here's the brake, here's the shifter, make sure you lean in the turns". I am still trying to unlearn bad habits developed over the last 36 years. I know there is a faction of riders out there that think that the old days were the best; when a bike was two wheels and an engine and you threw a sleeping bag on it and just rode it, fixed it on the side of the road, etc., but was it really that good? Isn't it better to have tires that last over 10,000 miles, ABS brakes, heated clothing, halogen lights and reliable engines? When was it ever better than right now to be a motorcyclist?

It was brought to my attention that we might want to announce where the monthly club ride will be going ahead of time instead of just at the monthly meeting. Some of our members do not live close by and want to know the ride location in advance in order to make a decision on attending, and I thought it sounded like a good idea; I'm going to try to do that when I can. So therefore, the ride for February is the ride we had planned for January but cancelled due to the storm damage and excessive schmutz on the roads. We will be going by way of Scott Road, Latrobe Road, Buena Vista Road and around Comanche Lake to the Waterloo Inn in Waterloo (near Stockton), all excel-

lent roads and a great place to eat (or so I'm told, I haven't been there yet). So plan accordingly, and I will try to keep up the ride announcements in this column. Check the calendar and notice that some rides will be going to that month's event, i.e. Yerington and Manchester Beach. There may also be several rides that will correspond with the monthly destinations in the Ride to Nowhere Tour that starts on April 1.

The Route 36 ride to Eureka this year has moved and is now going to be March 28 - 30. There will be a jazz festival happening in Eureka that weekend that could provide some evening entertainment for those who enjoy such things. Early reservations at the motel of your choice are recommended. Additional de-

tails will be coming up in next month's newsletter. Plan now to come along and ride the best motorcycle road in California, and I promise it won't be 108 degrees out this time.

Remember, we're not bikers, we're motorcyclists.

We ride far.

We ride often.

We ride quiet.

Pot-Lucks Are Back March 8th!



Ok, so normally Lois and I are busy in the background, however we must now plan our club's first annual "Just because" pot luck and a 50/50 raffle! If all goes well you can

blame me and Lois, if it goes poorly the officers of the club can take the blame!

Randy has again graciously offered up the show room at A&S for the location (thanks again Randy). The date will be Saturday March 8th, 2008 at 6pm. Budget constraints will not allow for renting of tables and chairs, so we ask that if you have portable tables (or camping tables) and chairs to bring them. If you don't that's ok too, I am sure we can accommodate you (just don't forget your dish to share). In trying to not have too much of some things and not enough of others please follow the guide for dishes to bring.

If your last name begins with:

A thru D...please bring a salad type dish

E thru H...please bring breads / snacks

I thru L...please bring main dish or meat dish

M thru Q...please bring appetizers / snacks

R thru T...please bring meat dish or main dish

U thru Z...please bring desserts

If you have a favorite recipe that's not in your alphabetical assignment, please feel free to bring that special "pot luck"

We ask that you rsvp to either Lois at mglewis@onemain.com or me at l_stofer@yahoo.com . to let us know if you are coming and if you will be bringing table and chairs.

This way we can be sure to have plenty of beverages (sodas, water, and beer) to go around. And of course the very fine china (paper plates and plastic utensils).

Superbowl Party (and tech session???)

The Superbowl Party is still a go! Bryan's job is trying to do its best to pull him out of town, but so far he has been successful in keeping that day free for fun!!! The festivities will begin at 1:00 (or thereabouts) on Superbowl Sunday (February 3rd). As usual it will be held at the Wright's house in Newcastle.

Bryan's still trying to figure out if an informal tech and wrenching session will be part of the festivities, so please contact him



in advance. The deciding factor will likely be if he is able to clean out the shop before the 3rd!

If the wrenching session comes off, remember to

bring your own consumables (oil, filters, crush washers, brake fluid, etc) as well as a way of carting fluids away. Also be prepared to get your hands dirty since everyone will be required to invest at least a little "sweat equity" in the work. There probably won't be a formal agenda (this is an RCB event after all), but we should have a lot of fun! If you have any questions or suggestions please drop Bryan a line (bryan@skwerly.com) and let him know.

2 Ride the World



the world on BMW Motorcycles!

Saturday, February 2nd @ 6:30 pm at Cycle Specialties in Modesto will host Simon and Lisa Thomas. They are a husband and wife team on their way around

They have found their way through 58 countries and 4 continents before reaching us here in Modesto. They plan on seeing 122 countries before they are done! This Dynamic Duo will be at our shop to entertain us all with tales of adventure as they show-

case their "Dusty Days of Freedom" multi-media presentation detailing their travels around the world. You can find out more about this exciting couple at www.2ridetheworld.com.

Simon and Lisa are funding the remainder of their trip by talking to enthusiasts just like us! Tickets are \$6.00 and available now. We will be serving snacks and sodas too. It is going to be a fun evening that we expect to sell out quickly. So don't wait. Get your tickets today!

Cycle Specialties BMW and Vespa
209-524-2955
307 Maze Blvd.
Modesto, Ca. 95351
www.cyclespecialties.com

Sea Gull Inn B & B Tour March 14 & 15, 2008

Greg & Cyndee Peart will be leading a bed & breakfast tour to the lovely Mendocino coast. We plan to stay at the Sea Gull inn of Mendocino. Those of you who remember past RCB president Jim Douglas and his wife Ayla, they now own and operate the 9 room Inn.

If you wish to stay at the Inn, call and make your reservations right away. RCB members will receive a 10% discount at the Inn. If we exceed the Inn's room limit, Jim and Ayla will assist you in obtaining lodging close by in town.

This will be a very easy going weekend. Activities depend on the size & wishes of the group. The Inn is a beautiful place to just chill out. Mendocino is a wonderful small town to just stroll about and relax. The Plan: Make your Own Reservation, Then Call

Greg Peart 916-689-7999 or email at XFIL911@comcast.net that you are going and leave a contact phone number. Meet at 8 AM (if you want breakfast) or 9 AM Wheels up at The EPPIES Restaurant (also known as Family Restaurant) West Capitol off ramp & I-80(at the east end of the causeway). Greg's cell phone: 916-870-7841. This will be a rain or shine event.

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P.O. Box 317
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Mendocino, CA 95460-0317
(707) 937-5204 or toll free (888) 937-5204
Web: <http://www.seagullbb.com>

Kim's Korner

By Kim Rydalch
Newsletter editor

I wanted to pass on the good news for anyone who's altitude challenged that BMW is offering an inexpensive lowering option on several models. It should be less than \$400 from the factory, but could easily cost over \$1500 if you did it on your own. Check it out at A&S BMW for more details..

BMW announces lowered suspension options on six models

BMW Motorrad has announced great news for motorcyclists who would prefer a lower seat height but do not want to compromise on model choice. In 2008, BMW Motorrad will again be leading the industry by offering almost a third of its range of motorcycles with optional lowered suspension.

BMW Motorrad has listened to the requests of novices, and shorter riders, who may otherwise struggle with higher seat heights when riding at slow speeds or in stop-start conditions. In these circumstances most motorcyclists prefer to be able to place both feet



firmly on the ground and the new lower seat versions will ensure that more riders are able to reach the floor more comfortably.

The move will also appeal to a number of female riders, some of whom will appreciate this opportunity to own a high performance BMW motorcycle that previously, because of its 'standard' seat height, may not have been a realistic option.

With lowered suspension options offered on six models, including motorcycles in BMW Motorrad's Sport, Urban, Enduro, and Touring ranges, it is the variety of models offering lower seat options that sets BMW Motorrad ahead of the competition.

While a lower seat option is already an existing choice for most BMW motorcycles, six models will also be available with lowered suspension, as a factory-fitted option, to offer seat heights that are in some cases over 3 inches (or 80 mm) lower than the standard model. For example, the lowered suspension option, which is already available for the F 800 S and ST, lowers the seat height from the standard 840 mm to 760 mm.

From spring 2008 the following models will also be available to order with lowered suspension, in addition to their lower seat option: the naked R 1200 R, the best selling tourer R 1200 RT and the brand new F 650 GS and R 1200 GS Enduros.

Rider magazine from the UK has a yearly reader survey and BMW did rather well in several categories. World of BMW explains...

The BMW Motorrad R1200 RT has been crowned the UK's number one motorcycle by readers of RiDE magazine in its annual RiDER POWER Survey - the fourth time a BMW motorcycle has won this coveted title in the survey's eight year history.

The R1200 RT was awarded the accolade after RiDE readers were invited to nominate and assess their favourite bike according to a number of rating categories. These included build quality, engine performance, rider comfort, reliability, handling and overall impressions. The RT - which also won the 2005 MCN Best Tourer Award in its first year of production - received an overall score of 85.14 per cent, beating 149 other motorcycles to the number one spot.

Over 10,000 readers voted in the survey and each was asked to justify their choice of bike. "Overall this is a brilliant bike - I haven't had so much fun in ages" said one RT owner. A second writes: "I've had no faults, build quality or reliability issues. I'm extremely impressed with my BMW." Another claims that his RT is "the best bike I've ever owned".

The R1200 RT is not the only BMW model to appear in the countdown. The top ten alone features four BMWs, including the 2005 MCN Award-Winning K1200 S, which comes in at number five with an overall score of 82.05 per cent. BMW's sportiest-ever bike receives ample praise for its "excellent handling", "fantastic performance" and "total reliability". Eleven other BMW models were featured in the countdown.

BMW Motorrad did not only excel in the Best Motorcycle section. When asked the question "if money was no object, what bike would you buy?" a large

number of those surveyed chose the BMW R1200 GS as the motorcycle they lust after, making the 2005 award-winning all-rounder the second most popular "dream bike".

In the 'Your Favorite Dealer' section, BMW Motorrad scored a triple victory. Ocean BMW in Plymouth, CW Motorcycles in Dorchester and Rainbow Motorcycles in Rotherham being placed in first, second and third position respectively in the Best Dealer in the UK section. Ocean and CW also came top of their regional categories. Readers cite the courteous and friendly staff, excellent service and a wide range of BMW accessories as reasons for voting these BMW Motorrad Dealerships as the best in the country.

When it comes to protective clothing, BMW Rider Equipment came top in the both the Best Leather Jacket and Best leather Jeans categories - receiving votes for comfort, protection, style and waterproofing. The BMW SportIntegral helmet was awarded first place in the Best for Silence category and came 12th out of 66 products in the Best Helmet category. BMW Motorrad also scored a number five rating in the Best Glove section.

Thunderhill Rider Improvement Track Day presented by River City Beemers of Sacramento, CA.

- Three rider class categories.
- Lots of rider instruction for beginner and intermediate riders.
- Sat. track side camping with Sat. night dinner and lots of food and liquids and lunch during the Sunday track event.
- Any registered, licensed and insured BMW motorcycle qualifies.
- Thunderhill track is located in Willows, CA on SR162 a few miles west of I-5.
- For the most fun with your clothes on and the fastest way to improve your street riding and safety join us.
- June 15, 2008, 8 am to 5 pm
- Contact, Kim Rydalch or Jack Klauschie at editor@rcb.org for your information pack with application.
- Club members \$200
- Non members \$210
- After May 15th \$225

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.

Misc: Modern Concepts BMW riding jacket w/zip out waterproof liner, blk/gray, hard pads, size 10R (ladies) \$45; BMW Comfort Temp Liner, blk/gray, Large, this is the liner that keeps your body the same temp. when traveling through warm/cool/warm \$25; all items are in very good to perfect condition, call Greg 916-870-7841 or email xfil911@comcast.net (12/7)

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

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

Misc: Signal Dynamics headlight modulator. New cost \$69. New in box yours \$50. Works on all lighting systems. Legal everywhere. Call Alan 916-203-4032, 916-421-4032 e-mail alanretired@sbcglobal.net (9/9)

1985 Honda XL350R dualsport 7000+ miles, \$1895. Call Alan 916-203-4032, 916-421-4032 e-mail alanretired@sbcglobal.net (4/20)

2008 Calendar of Upcoming Events

Check often because events are always being added or changed.

- Feb. 2nd, 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. 12th, 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.
- Feb. 21st, 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.
- Wed. Ride Weds. Dinner Ride, Meet between 5-6:30 pm, Leaves every Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm from the Coffee Republic in Folsom.
- 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!

- 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
- Mar 8 Pot luck dinner @ A&S BMW, doors open at 6 pm with dinner starting at 6:30 pm
- Mar 14-15 Sea Gull Inn B&B moto tour. Greg Peart coordinator. See newsletter article for info.
- Apr 1 – Oct 31 Road to nowhere, John Flowers organizing, more info soon with lots of exciting details.
- April 18 RCB/BMW Sporttouring.com grand prix, RPM Motorsports, Phil Challinor organizing
- April 19 First Responder class 9 am - 4 pm, A&S BMW, Phil Challinor organizing/instructing. Call Phil for more info about this event. There is a planned go-cart racing event Friday night at RPM go-carts, a tech day on Saturday at Phil's house and then the first responder class on Sunday.
- April 20 Tech Daze at A&S BMW, be there from 10 am-4 pm
- 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. Before May 15, members \$200, non-members \$210 and after May 15, \$225 for all. Camping and all food included.
- 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 Yerington Ride & Bowl, Yerington, NV. 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 or someone 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! \$35 for two-people/two dinner buffet tickets/two breakfast buffet tickets. \$25 for one person/ 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 Vicky at 800-227-4661 Ext. 112 and mention River City Beemers for your room reservation. The earlier you reserve the bigger your room will be. 24 hour notice for room cancellation. Kim Rydalch, coordinator 209-521-8425.
- 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
- Sept 20-21 B&B at Volcano, Ray Trujillo organizing
- Sept 27 Vintage motorcycle show @ A&S BMW, more info later
- 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



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