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Membership Meeting

Sat Jun, 7th 8:00am

Western Coffee Pot

Auburn near Greenback Ln

Citrus Heights

Director's Meeting

Tues Jun 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 Fred Jewell



Even more adventures with the Road To Nowhere Tour! There were five of us out collecting the May bonuses of the Mark Twain House and Yosemite on a beautiful day, gorgeous weather and relatively light traffic, when we had a slight disagreement with Mr. Ranger in Yosemite as to how fast we should be traveling on our way out of the park. He was rather PO'ed at us (a major understatement!), but I think he calmed down a bit when he saw we were not teenagers, but were as old (or older) than he, so we ended up with a stern lecture and a warning instead of maximum enforcement. I noticed the group of Harleys across the way just entering the park were trying to get away from us as stealthily as their open pipes would allow, a wise choice seeing Mr. Ranger's attitude towards us. I wonder... do you think Mr. Ranger is related to the guards we met at Pelican Bay? There seems to be a common thread of hostility shared between them. Hopefully it's just mere coincidence. Couldn't have been anything we did, could it?

For those of you who missed the campout at Lake Mendocino May 16-18 I can sum it up with one word - HOT! It would have to be the first weekend of triple digit temperatures this year, but Dennis Allstead did a great job of providing those of us braving the weather with a sumptuous feast of chili and hot dogs Friday night, hamburgers, baked beans and more chili and hot dogs the next, with Costco muffins and coffee for breakfast. Despite the heat it was a fun weekend with tremendous riding both dirt and asphalt just about anywhere you pointed your bike. Thanks Dennis for another fantastic event.

Plenty of things happening in June; just check the calendar section of the website - there's the Chief Joseph rally in Oregon with all kinds of Road To Nowhere points available in the

area around John Day, and the Indian Creek campout the next weekend (many mountain passes nearby for more RTN points). Both have Past Prez Gary involved so you know it will be well organized. And don't forget Thunderhill track day! The best bargain in motorcycling anywhere, and for the Dads out there - tell your family that THIS is what you want for Father's Day (and not another tie). It will be a Father's Day you'll remember far longer than that tie will be in style.

The BMWMOA International Rally is in mid July in Gillette, Wyoming this year, relatively nearby compared to recent years of locations in Wisconsin and Vermont. I am finding there are several groups of RCBers riding out there, so if you're planning to attend and are looking for partners with whom to ride, I suggest using the RCB forum section of the website to hook up with one of them. Hopefully you have motel reservations along the way as there is a very high demand for them around any tourist attractions. And speaking of the forum, it appears to me that it is being under-utilized by the RCB membership. I realize it is not the most sophisticated chat room in the cyber world, but it can be highly effective in communicating with other members about pretty much anything, whether it's Wednesday night's dinner ride, technical questions, or maybe personal accomplishments in motorcycling you'd like to share. It's there for all of us to use at any time, so try it and you might be amazed at the responses you get, and from whom.

And finally, any one who can guess from whom I stole this one may win a small but useful prize - "Life is a series of problem-solving opportunities."

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

We ride far.

We ride often.

We ride quiet.

RCB's Road to Nowhere Tour 2008 – June Monthly Bonus

June is here and the mountain roads are clear! It's time to do a little two lane mountain road curve carving.

Goal: Hell Hole Reservoir

Picture – Hell Hole Launching Facility Sign with the reservoir in the back ground.

Location – The sign at the boat launch at the end of the paved road. Points: 3030 + (250 each for the “Extra Bonuses”) That's 3530 points for an easy day ride!

“Extra Bonuses” – French Meadows Reservoir (Sign at Dam) at the end of Mosquito Ridge Rd. Stumpy Meadows Reservoir on Wentworth Spring Road. Both worth 250 points each.

The monthly goal is only good during the Month of

June and must be turned in at or before the July monthly meeting. You may email the picture to amarider@concours.org or in person at any breakfast, dinner or ride you see Tom or John. If you join in on the July ride after the monthly meeting, we'll make it real easy to get your monthly bonus pictures. (Note I'm not sure if there is another monthly ride planned but I'll lead a ride to the monthly bonus anyhow)

Applications will be available at all meetings and on the web site, you can start anytime throughout the contest so it's never too late. Applications can be turned in at any meeting, Saturday Breakfast or anytime you see Tom or John at all.

Thanks – Your Tour Masters
Tom Lashbrook & John Flowers

RCB RIDE TO CHIEF JOSEPH RALLY

By Past Prez

Once again there will be a semi-organized club ride to the Chief Joseph Rally in John Day, Oregon. Usually it is difficult to determine our route due to unpredictable weather, but thanks to Al Gore I don't think there is any inclement weather in our immediate future. So, our plan will be similar to previous years. We will be leaving (clutch out) at 8:00 AM from Western Coffee Pot on Thursday, June 19. We'll travel east on I-80 then SR-49 north at Auburn. For those of you who don't want to come down the hill, we will stop briefly at the In-N-Out in Auburn to pick up riders in that area.

Our route will be basically SR-49 to SR-89 then north through Lassen Park to pick up SR-299 to Alturas. From there it's US-395 north to Lakeview, Oregon where we will overnight at the Best Western (541-947-2194). (Budget Inn [541-947-2201] next

door if you're cost conscious) There's a Mexican restaurant nearby where we have a group feed Thursday night. Friday morning we're far less organized and head out whenever to John Day. Your Friday dinner is included in the registration fee so you want to arrive before 5:00 PM. (It's only about 3 to 4 hours from Lakeview to John Day)

After the rally you're pretty much on your own for the ride home. I tend to leave at O'dark thirty and ride straight through. It's about 600 miles if you take US-395 to Reno then I-80 to Sacramento. John Day is in the center of some great riding and the rally site features good grass camping, actual HOT showers, and entertainment that is something besides LOUD. Did I mention that your registration fee includes dinner on both Friday and Saturday nights? Hope to see a lot of you there. .

RCB HIGH SIERRA SPAGHETTI FEED

By Past Prez

Mark June 27 & 28 on your calendar for our 10th annual High Sierra Spaghetti Feed at Indian Creek reservoir. The campground itself is located a couple miles north of Markleville off SR-89. We have the group campsite reserved as usual. There is limited space available so bring your small tent and try to make room for another one on the pad. All tents must be on the pads provided and some of the pads are large enough to accommodate more than one tent. Also, the BLM does not permit RV use in the parking area so this is a tent only event.

The club will provide liquid refreshments for the

weekend—as long as it's packaged in plastic or cans. Friday night there will be a modest dinner—probably something like hot dogs and beans. Saturday morning we will have something to munch along with plenty of coffee. The big deal is the feed Saturday night. This year it's back to the Original RCB Spaghetti recipe with salad and bread. Sunday morning we'll have plenty of coffee and whatever is left over to eat.

But here's the best news. Your cost for this event is zero, zip, nada. And, if you aren't into tent camping, you're welcome to ride up either day and have dinner with us. What a deal! I hope to see a lot of you there.

Lake Mendocino: Allstead Style

By John G. Sulpizio

Quote Dennis Allstead, “We don’t need no stinkin’ couscous! What we need are hamburgers, hotdogs and chili”. Then for dessert, we got chili, hot dogs and hamburgers. If you want lettuce and tomato, you betta had brought it!” Then, in a “tip of the hat” to Lynell Klauschie, the Detroit softie put sweet smelling candles and hand wipes in the outhouse for all the guys. Go figure?

It was hotter than blazes, but about a dozen and half Beemer campers set upon Bu-Shay Campground at Lake Mendocino for a great weekend on May 16-18. On Friday Jim Cyran led a small group off-road to the camp site. The rest of us dribbled in over the pavement on Saturday. When we arrived, we found host and event organizer Dennis Allstead teaching attendees how to properly relax. Another more ambitious group suited up earlier on Saturday and headed to the coast via Low Gap Road and Navarro Ridge and arrived back at camp about the time everyone had completed their rest therapy.

Notwithstanding the heat of the day, the nights were

cool and dry and sleeping was perfect. Mornings could not have been better. There was plenty to drink, and Dennis made sure there was an ample supply of chili, hamburgers and hot dogs to sate the appetite of all. And no foolin’, he opened another can a chili for dessert and the probability that someone might get hungry later.

Sunday morning, in our inimitable way most were packed and ready to go early. Four of us, Jim, Ted, “O’Hooligan” and your author, did breakfast in Ukiah, then headed south on East Side Road to Hopland where we picked up the unpaved Old Toll Road, which spit us out at Kelseyville. Then, south to Lower Lake and then across Berryessa Knoxville



Dennis Allstead

Jim Cyran



Road, always a favorite when in that neck of the woods. Our plans to ride the rugged Reif Road over to 16 were unfortunately aborted with a very sturdy gate and no way around, even for the experienced dirt devils. So, back we went to Knoxville Berryessa.

As for me, with no hydration pack my only alternative was to stop at the infamous Turtle Rock Bar, where I enjoyed a quart of water with one of their famous egg rolls. The Turtle Rock has been in the same family since 1981 and now is operated by the second generation of the Leung family. So, if you've never stopped, gawked at the ceiling covered in dollar bills and had an egg roll, your next ride is

now planned.

Thanks, Dennis, for a great weekend at Bu-Shay.

Ride safe.

Eat well.



The History of Track Day

By Jim Douglas

This is a refresh of an article I wrote several years ago. I missed the RCB Rider Skills Improvement day last year due to our new adventure with the Sea Gull Inn here in Mendocino starting on that day. But this year, I get to go again, and I can't wait! There is a plethora of Track Days out there for the skilled and not-so-skilled sportbike rider, but I don't see anything else that is as targeted to the recreational BMW motorcyclist as the RCB event is. A day with us at the track will be an extremely enjoyable experience, one which will leave you with the confidence and skills to be a safer rider. A safer rider is a happier rider! Come join us, I know you will love it!

If you ride but have never been to one of our Skills Improvement Days, I invite you to read on.....Skills Improvement Day History: About 13 years or so ago,

Jim Cyran, Jeff Chessher, Larry Campbell, Joe Meyers, I, and several other RCBers attended a couple of track days with Reg Pridmore, Dennis Pegalow, etc. We were all astounded at the motorcycle handling skills we learned that were directly applicable to our everyday street riding. Braking, cornering, countersteering, 'swerve then brake or brake then swerve - never both at the same time', and general bike set-up, all things that improved a rider's ability to safely respond to the unexpected. We learned that the limits of even our BMW bikes (these circa '93 vintage bikes were new and cutting edge at the time) far exceeded our skill level at the time, and thus, if we improved our riding skills, we would be more likely to be able to avoid that errant driver or fallen rock or patch of sand, and escape unscathed. Riding on the track, with everyone going the same direction, no cross traffic, and no cars, we were able to relax and work on our riding skills. We found that the more our skills im-

proved, the more confidence we had to explore our abilities, and the limits of our bikes. As a result of this confidence in both ourselves and our bikes, we were able to enjoy our street riding more, to get more out of our bikes and yet stay safely within our limits. We found that, similar to the skills of one proficient in martial arts, if you have the skills, you are able to react appropriately when you need them, but if you have not developed those skills, you are unprepared and unable to otherwise protect yourself. Jim Cyran was so impressed with what this skills improvement could mean to the average rider, he resolved to find a way to bring that education to his fellow River City Beemers, and the RCB Rider Skills Improvement Day began.

For the past 11 years (this is the 12th year and 13th event), RCB has sponsored a Rider Skills Improvement Day with the express emphasis of improving the skills of novice and beginner riders. Following each session, the Board of Directors has assessed the event along with the instructors. Following one of our events, it was determined that the focus had strayed from Jim's original intent. There were simply too many sportbike squids for the average BMW rider to feel comfortable riding with. So, the next year we made a concerted effort to return to our original mission of helping novice BMW riders improve their skills. We know that there are plenty of track events out there for the hard-core sportbike crowd, but very few really geared to the first time track rider on a BMW. To that end, we decided to limit this day to street legal licensed/registered/insured motorcycles.

And since we are a BMW club, all participants should be either a BMW rider or a member of a BMW club. We have a separate classes for First time and/or Conservative riders....your own sessions on track with instructors geared to help you improve your STREET riding skills. First time track attendees will ride only with their peers on a separate track. Riders may always move up to the next level if they feel confident enough and their instructor approves it. There will be no pressure, and our instructors will work with you individually and as a group. The day is broken up into alternating 20-30 minute sessions of classroom discussion and on track riding. And you are free to ask any instructor any question at any time. You know the deal, the only dumb question.....

Most, if not all, of our instructors have been with us for the entire 12 years. Several are recognized racers that have taught at the AFM's race licensing school, and several are accomplished off-road competitors. All are committed to safety by assisting you in improving your skills, no matter what level rider you are. It is not about speed, increased speed is the natural by-product of improved riding skills. Our goal is to help you become a better, and thus safer, rider out there on the street. The safe rider is a happy rider. I will be there on my 2000 K1200RS that will have around 112,000 miles on it.



Make sure you attend next years Sea Gull Inn weekend ride. Details in a future newsletter!



2008 Calendar of Upcoming Events

Check often because events are always being added or changed.

- June, 7th, 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.
- June, 10th, 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.
- June, 19th, 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!
- 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. 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, co-ordinator 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
- Sep 6-7 B&B at Volcano, Ray Trujillo organizing, see web for details.
- 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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13th Annual Rider Skills Improvement Day

Thunderhill Race Park, Sunday June 15th, 2008

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 13th 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: members \$200; non-members \$210 until May 15,
 \$225 after May 15, 2008 for everyone *******

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 Kim Rydalch or Jack Klauschie at editor@rcb.org or call Kim at 209-521-8425 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 -Member Fee of \$200 required with this form (\$225 after 5/15); Non-member fee of \$210 with this form. (\$225 after 5/15). 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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A&S BMW Motorcycles Announces...

Garagenpartei.... 6:30 pm—8:30 pm

Every 3rd Thursday of the month