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Membership Meeting

Sat Dec, 6th 8:00am

Susie's Country Oaks Cafe

500-G Cirby Way

Roseville

Director's Meeting

Tues Dec 9th, 7:00 pm

IHOP

2525 Iron Point Road

Folsom

Breakfast - Be There!

Every Saturday 8 am

Susie's Country Oaks Cafe

500-G Cirby Way

Roseville

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



After much consternation and discussion the Board of Directors decided that the annual dues for the club need to be raised to \$24, \$30 if you have the newsletter mailed to you. This will start in January and will be due on your regular due date. Everything is going up these days, and I don't think our dues have changed in years, if ever, so I guess it was inevitable. It's basically only \$2 a month to belong to the best BMW club in Sacramento, but if you have a problem with this feel free to email or call me and we will discuss it. Your dues will still be \$24, but we can discuss it anyway.

Track day at Thunderhill is back on with a new date! For those of you who don't know, we were very upset with the management at Thunderhill for giving us Father's Day last year for our track day, and we made it very clear that we would not accept that date again, so they tried to give us May 10 instead, which turned out to be Mother's Day! The RCB Board of Directors unanimously voted that down, and we have been investigating alternate revenue sources since. However, due to the unrelenting pressure that Kim Rydalch has been placing on them, they have responded with a new date of Sunday, September 20, 2009. We think this is actually a preferable date as the heat should be less of a factor, no interference from close-by holidays, and the RCB schedule is open. So start planning now and put aside \$20 a month and you can enjoy a great day of riding and skills improvement at the track.

We have some new things for next year that came up at the planning meeting, and some things that have changed a little. There are plans for a couple of GS oriented campouts/rides; the Eureka ride (route 36) is moved to mid April to hopefully avoid any more snow and rain; the Lake Mendocino campout is going to move to a new, as yet to be announced, location that the Klauschies will be hosting in mid May; the Road to Nowhere is going to be replaced with the RCB Scavenger Hunt (more info to come later); and Becki and I are going to host the Manchester Beach event. Still a

lot of choices for things to do with plenty of both camping and motel oriented weekends, so if you can't find an event you like out of all that we have available, well, you're probably just too damn picky, and you should have come to the planning meeting.

Now that winter is fast approaching, it's probably time to look at your bike and see if it and you are ready for the cold and wet. Tires are the most important; ones that were barely good enough in August will not be any good now. Tires need heat to function best, they require deep tread to channel water away, and worn out tires lack both. So if you feel they are suspect, then you should change them now and save yourself from problems later. I know it seems like a set of tires is a lot of money, and I couldn't argue with you there, but is it worth saving \$300 and run the risk of losing traction when you need it most? Good deals on tires are available on line if you know where to look, or check with A&S for any specials they might be running. Check your cold weather gear thoroughly before you set out on a ride. Mine have a tendency to shrink over the summer (I blame the altitude) and poor fitting gear is uncomfortable and most likely cold too. If you leave them out in the garage as I do, there is always the risk of some tiny livestock setting up house in your gloves or pockets, not something to find out at the last minute.

Speaking of winter, we got rained out on our ride last month, so we will be doing the same route for our December ride, ending up in Waterloo at the Waterloo Inn. I don't know if I'll be on it; I have to cook up 4 slabs of ribs for the Christmas party that night, and they take a while to get them just exactly perfect. Hope to see you at the Christmas potluck, we will be awarding the prizes to the winners of the Road To Nowhere tour along with sampling everyone's favorite foods.

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

We ride far.

We ride often.

We ride quiet(ly).

RCB's Annual Christmas Party

Announcing RCB's Annual Christmas Party!

Saturday, December 6, 2008

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

Beverages are provided by River City Beemers

The rest of the dinner is potluck. Please see the guidelines for last names below.

S TO Z Appetizers

M TO R Salads

H TO L Meats/Main courses

D TO G Side dishes

A TO C Desserts

28th Cycle World International M/C Show

San Mateo County Expo Center
2495 South Delaware Street
San Mateo, CA 94403

Free Motorcycle parking and gear check

Friday, December 19

4:00pm - 9:00pm

Saturday, December 20

9:30am - 8:00pm

Sunday, December 21

9:30am - 5:00pm

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\$6 • 2-day \$10

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www.motorcycleshows.com

Go to the web site and buy your tickets on line and save time at the entrance.



Christmas Wishes from Kim's Korner

By Kim Rydalch, newsletter editor

Another successful newsletter year has come and gone without complaint. Of course anyone who does complain will then be designated as the new editor. I know because I complained and became the new editor back in 1999 and the rest as they say is history!

I wanted to give RCB members hints on what and where to buy moto stuff. All web sites, moto farkles and moto clothing that I recommend in this column I have used and approve. I hope they will make your wallet lighter and your life better!

Arai Helmets...other than my wife's caress, nothing else touches my thinning hair. I've tried other brands of helmets and I keep returning to Arai. www.araiamericas.com is the web site and they sell replacement parts and you can register your helmet. Did you know that if you have an Arai helmet manufactured after 2000 and the lower trim comes unglued you can request a repair authorization number and get new trim installed. The very shiny black trim on the older helmets is the culprit.

The latest Arai RX7 RX5 will be coming to the USA in 2009. You can buy them now on Ebay from Japan for \$570-\$680 but I'd wait because Asian head shapes are different than American heads. In England the RX7 GP costs \$1000 so be grateful for low import taxes in the USA.

The front opening is wider for better vision and the windshield is a bit taller so it isn't compatible with other Arai helmets. The neck pad is now removable and the cheek pads can now be removed by emergency crews in case they must take your helmet off in an accident to protect your spine.

The interior is grey instead of the familiar blue and you get a radical 5-way adjustable rear spoiler just like your favorite race car. The English moto press are orgasmic over this helmet so it's worth the wait if you want to replace an existing Arai. I counted my

Arai helmets at home and I have 14! I think I see a 15th in my future!

Tires...I love Bridgestone 021's! They stick and are the best ones I've tried so far. I've purchased the tires at my favorite web site, South West moto. www.swmototires.com is a great place to buy tires, but I found a slightly cheaper place and they're also in Arizona with free shipping on 2 tires or more. They ship promptly just like southwest moto so give them a try too, www.americanmototire.com

New and Used parts sometimes are hard to find from reliable people. The Beemer Bone Yard is a great place that can be trusted. I bought new front rotors for my 2005 GS and now I have smooth braking again. They were hundreds of dollars less than stock BMW rotors and they are the fancy wave rotors so the "Cool" factor went way up. www.beemberboneyard.com is where it's at.

www.bmrproducts.com, carries a great product for the R1150RT and R1200 RT and the K1200LT. BMR makes a shelf that will fit your XM radio, GPS and radar detector so you can easily see them while riding. Big thumbs up.

www.cyclegadgets.com, is moto nirvana for any kind of accessory for any kind of bike. After sales service is exceptional so check them out.

www.touratech-usa.com, is the greatest supplier of GS stuff in the known universe! They're expensive, but when you are satisfied with the quality there is never a complaint about the price. Huge thumbs up!

www.earplugco.com, is the place to go for form fitted ear plugs with speakers, \$150 plus about \$20 for a fitting kit. I've been using them for 10 years and have purchased two sets. One set wore out and I sent in my original molds for the second set. XM never sounded so good!

www.warmnsafe.com, for heated clothing I like these

guys better than Gerbing. If you register on their web site before purchasing you'll get a discount. I like their latest version jacket because the material blocks the wind so it is warmer!

www.ibmwr.org/market, is the place to buy and sell used BMW bikes or clothing or gear. I've sold a lot of gear over the years using this web site. I even sold a BMW from a guy living in Livermore, CA. I've saved a lot of money buying Aerostich gear on this sight. Bookmark this site!

www.mixitproducts.com, when you want to integrate your music, GPS and radar detector this is the cheapest and best way to go. The unit is water proof and practically indestructible. If you don't need an intercom then you need this. After sales service and tech support is second to none. I've been using this product for over 10 years and I have one on each of my BMW's. \$180 and includes most everything you need. Check out the site.

www.aerostich.com, the 800 pound gorilla of moto gear. I love everything about Aerostich and their clothes. I use the one piece Roadcrafter the most, but I also have a two piece roadcrafter and several Dariens. When the temperature is 85F or less then I like to wear them. The customer service is the envy of the entire world!

I also recommend any of the BMW clothing. I've got so many jackets I can outfit a basketball team. My favorite is the Rallye 2 jacket and its removable waterproof liner. When the temps are above 85F this jacket flows a lot of air without the liner and is very comfortable. I use this jacket with aerostich roadcrafter pants.

Lately I've been leaving the liner at home and I carry a Tour Master Sentinel rain jacket instead. This way I can wear the Sentinel over my Rallye 2 and stay completely dry and warmer. I've found that with the original BMW liner I would be dry, but the outside of the jacket would be soaked and it made me cold. Now with the Sentinel on the outside I have the best flexibility when I'm on the road for 10 days or more.

I hope during 2009 you will send in articles to the newsletter about your favorite gear or moto add on that makes your life more comfortable. Your article might save me or others a ton of moola so send them in.

These are just a few of my tried and true recommendations. I hope you have a successful New Year and I hope you can weather the uncertain times with as little upheaval as possible. It will be a pleasure to see you at the next meeting or event!

BMW Motorrad embraces life in the fast lane

By World of BMW news

There's never been a more exciting time to be involved with BMW Motorrad. With each passing year the interest in the brand grows as it embraces new market segments and launches even more exciting and dynamic new models. The current BMW motorcycle line-up reflects the fact that motorcycling is increasingly becoming a leisure pursuit, with the focus on lifestyle choice and sporting interests, rather than basic transport needs.

A packed out press conference at the InterMot international motorcycle show in Cologne saw BMW unveil its new K 1300 S to journalists from all over

the world. At just 502 lbs (dry) and with a massive 175 hp, it will be the most powerful and fastest BMW motorcycle the world has ever seen, not to mention the lightest 1300cc bike in its segment by far. This machine was accompanied by the new 173 hp K 1300 R - the most powerful naked bike BMW has ever built - and the 160 hp K 1300 GT, which will surely redefine the Gran Turismo genre.

Furthermore, BMW Motorrad also revealed its new S 1000 RR motorcycle in race trim and race paint scheme. It's hard to believe that a year has already passed since BMW first announced details of its superbike program and the fact that it would be participating in the 2009 Superbike World Championship. A significant testing and development program in



2008, coupled with the high-profile signings of Rueden Xaus and Troy Corser has proved just how serious BMW Motorrad's sporting ambitions are.

Australian rider Troy Corser is a proven world championship winner, with superlative machine development skills, while Spaniard Rueden Xaus is an exciting world-class racer with a huge fan base, thanks in no small part to his 'win it or bin it' race philosophy. The signing of both riders has created tremendous interest from the racing community, many of whom will be directing their attention towards the BMW Motorrad brand for the first time in order to find out more information about



the superbike programme and the anticipated series production S 1000 RR.

In order to cater for the huge superbike and super-sports community, BMW Motorrad has created the www.S1000RR.com microsite, which will link to the motorsport section of the international BMW website (www.bmw-motorrad.com) and provide enthusiasts with a wealth of information about this exciting new chapter in the brand's history. Over the coming months, expect to see exclusive pictures, films and interviews with key project leaders and riders.

Please bookmark this site, because as the 2009 Superbike World Championship approaches, it will be the first place to read about pre-season testing and reaction, as well as news about the eagerly awaited series production S 1000 RR, which is rumored to be lighter and more powerful than its Japanese rivals. Fans of four-cylinder BMW motorcycles will be delighted to know that this machine can be ordered from next March and if rumors of its power to weight ratio are to be believed, it will be well worth waiting for.

Member's Classified Ads

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2007 K1200GT \$16,900 Dark Metallic Blue with matching side cases. 11,000 mi. Garaged and well cared for. Never down or damaged and never any problems with bike. Clean title in hand. Includes Integrated Antilock Brakes (ABS) and Electronic Suspension Adjustment (ESA), On-Board Computer, Electronic Cruise Control, Heated Grips and Heated Seats. Extras include Cee Bailey oversize windscreen, Bill Mayer All day Seats, 300mi on New MICHELIN Pilot Road 2 tires, and Heli-bar backs. John 530-798-3173 (11/11)

Misc: BMW tank bag for airhead GS., like new. \$110.00. Hippo mitts, leather, and lined. \$40.00. Exhaust wrench, the steel one, \$35.00. If interested call 916-408-7754. Mike Miller. (10/1)

2005 BMW R1200RT with 21k miles. \$14,000 Garaged kept and maintained by A&S BMW in Roseville. Lots of extras included. You can see more on Cycletrader online or Craig's List. Thanks for looking. E.J. (916) 515-0156

Misc: RKA (2) Side Case Bags, (1) Trunk Bag for an 2008 K1200LT. The bags are for non-CD cases. They are used but in very good condition. \$100.00 for the set. Contact Frank @ (916) 366-9591. (9/5)

Front tire, 110/80 – 19 for 1150GS TKC 80. Received new 9/4/08. I fat fingered the online order and SWMoto sent me 2 of them. I paid only \$108.95. You can have for what I paid. No tax. Ken 916-768-1675 (8/7)

Misc: Eureka Wabakimi 3 season 2 person tent with 2 vestibules & 2 doors. Packed size 7" dia. x 22" long. Weight about 5 lbs. \$60.

Women's BMW cool weather riding suit. Hip length jacket with bib style pants. Black with silver reflective piping. Both size Medium \$40. E-mail pics avail if interested. Larry Campbell (707)446-1858 de-

linesoup(@)aol.com (7/29)

1999 BMW K1200 RS, Silver & Blue, Color Matched Saddle Bags, Heated Grips, Standard & Tall BMW Windshields, Corbin Seat & Stock Seat, Ohlins Rear Shock & Stock Rear Shock, Remus Titanium Exhaust System, 5 1/2" Rear Wheel, Very Nice Condition, 28K Miles, \$8000. jta101(at) surewest.net or 916-457-7619 (6/30)

Wanted: stock windshield for a R1150GS not adventure. Perfect condition doesn't matter as long as it's half way decent condition. Call Mark @ 916-834-7190 or email rtbmr (at) yahoo.com (6/23)

Riding Gear: Oxtar Sunray GTX boots, ladies, in box new condition, size 9 EUR 41, \$100. SHOEI RF-1000 R.Blue sz XL 7.5/8-7.3/4 inch 61-62 cm, in box, in micro fiber bag, clear shield. Helmet is in mint condition, used for 1K, \$200. ICON Denim Blk Pants, mens size 36w 33L, \$30. JOE ROCKET BALLISTIC TEXTILE MOTORCYCLE PANTS Tall/Med Ballistic 5.0 w/ knee protectors, mens Size 36, \$80. Call Dennis 530-391-5754

Misc: I have nine shims and the two tools needed to change them on the early flying bricks and the 750 three flat BMW engines. \$100.00 for all. I also have an exhaust wrench - the STEEL one for the BMW airheads for \$35.00. Please call Mike Miller at 916-408-7754. (3/31)

2008 Calendar of Upcoming Events

Check often because events are always being added or changed.

- Dec. 6th, Sat General membership meeting at Susie's Country Oaks Cafe, 8 am, 500-G Cirby Way, Roseville, CA 916-786-0274. There will be a day ride afterwards so have a full tank of gas before starting. All members and guests welcome.
- Dec.9th,Tue Director's meeting at IHOP Restaurant, 7:00 pm, 2525 Iron Point Road, Folsom. All members welcome.
- Dec. 18th,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!

Dec 6, Sat RCB Christmas Party, At A&S BMW, 6:30 pm, pot luck, see newsletter.

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A&S Cycle Fest.... 6:30 pm—8:30 pm

Every 3rd Thursday of the month

Fred Jewell was last month's recipient of the \$20 gift certificate from A&S for submitting a newsletter article.

You too can be a hero and gain fame and fortune. Send me your stuff...equipment or clothing tests or moto farkles that work for you and why other's might be interested. How about the meaning of life based on your BMW?