

River City Beemers



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Membership Meeting

Sat Apr, 4th 8:00am
Susie's Country Oaks Cafe
500-G Cirby Way
Roseville

Director's Meeting

Tues Apr, 14th, 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



The trees are all in bloom (and if it weren't my business to notice these things, my allergies would tell me anyway), temperatures are creeping up to reasonable numbers, the rains are fewer and further between, so this must mean that riding season is upon us! I know a lot of us ride all year, but winter riding, even in our rather temperate climate, is more of a chore than a joy. With spring officially here it now becomes a pleasure to do that which brings us all together here, and that's to ride our motorcycles. And eat. Then ride some more. We certainly have a plethora of choices of rides available to us through the club, and I sincerely hope you take advantage of as many of them as you can.

The annual ride to Eureka is coming up soon and I hope we get a good turnout this year, especially after the miserable weather last year, and having to compete with Phil's classes at A&S the same weekend. The Super 8 in Fortuna is where most of us are planning to stay, but there are more choices nearby. Friday night dinner is at the brewpub (just across the parking lot) whenever you feel like eating. Saturday night is at the Samoa Island Cookhouse. I'm going to reserve a place for all of us there at 6:30ish. I'll need a head count as to how many, so add your name to the list on the forum thread entitled "Eureka Ride". Should be a lot of fun again, and if you don't go, you should then take advantage of Phil Challinor's classes and/or Tech Daze at A&S.

The Open House at A&S was quite an

event this year, and the intrepid RCBers cooked everything that they had to cook that day, running out of everything, including propane about midway through. Thanks again to all the volunteers who stepped up to show everyone what a great club we have and what great people we have in it. I got a fair amount of interest from people who want to join, and new members are always welcome. I'm sure we'll be doing this again at another open house, and I'll bet Megan won't let us run out of food next time.

The RCB Scavenger Hunt is coming up in May as the club ride for that month, and I have the rules and regulations printed in an article further down for your information. I have tried to make it available for both the long distance and local riders to be able to compete and win prizes, so don't assume you have to be an Iron Butt Association member to win a prize. There are enough local sites to earn plenty of points.

I've got a good multi-question trivia quiz this month: I think we have all seen the movie *The Great Escape* with Steve McQueen, and can remember him jumping the barbed wire fence on his motorcycle, but do you know the name of the rider who actually performed the jump? (It wasn't Steve). What kind of bike did he use to do the jump? (It wasn't a BMW). And finally, which BMW should it have been? (It wasn't a GS).

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

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We ride quiet(ly).

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RCB Annual Scavenger Hunt Rules and Regulations

The Scavenger Hunt is open to RCB members only. There is no charge to enter the contest.

The Scavenger Hunt will be made up of three events - May, July, and September. You may choose one, two or all three to compete in.

There will be 3 prizes awarded in each of the three events, and a grand prize of a set of tires is being generously donated by A&S to the overall winner.

The May event will be a timed event of 6 hours to collect as many point locations as possible (while observing all rules of the road) proving with a photo of the desired destination as described in the list. A log book will also be provided to record all locations visited, it will be turned in at the 6 hour time limit to the administrator. The Hunt will begin at 9:00 AM from Susie's and will conclude at 3:00 PM at the A&S parking lot. There will be a grace period of 15 minutes after 3:00 PM, however, if you arrive after 3:15, you will have 10% of your points deduct-

ed. Should you arrive after 3:30, you will have 25% of your points deducted, and if you arrive after 4:00 you will not earn any points. Photographs should be emailed to the administrator within two weeks of the conclusion of the event and must match the log book.

The July and September events will be month-long "challenges" to visit as many of certain locations, TBA just before the month begins. A photo will be required again to prove visiting the sites. Photos should be emailed to the administrator within 2 weeks of the conclusion of each event.

This is not a contest of speed, and no consent is implied for contestants to violate any vehicle codes while participating. The administrator will also act as the sole judge in deciding validity of photos and their point values.

Dazed? Get Focused

Tech Daze / Motorcyclist 1st Aid - April 18/19

By Phil Chalinor

Yep! It's coming up again. The 3rd Annual version.

Who:

YOU silly!!!

When:

April 18 AND/OR April 19

Where:

A&S BMW/Ducati/Vespa
1125 Orlando Avenue
Roseville, CA
916-726-7334

What:

Saturday, April 18 - Motorcyclist 1st Aid class

What do you do in the event of an unfortunate motorcycle accident? How do I treat the rider? What are the symptoms of injury? How can I prevent getting in a bad situation? How do I protect myself and the injured rider from injury?

Come on down to A&S BMW on April 18 and get these questions and many more answered. I'll be teaching and showing you what you can do to prepare yourself to be a helping hand and make a difference when it counts.

Sunday, April 19 - Tech Daze

Wow, you mean I can come to A&S BMW, use THEIR lifts, etc. and work on my own bike? You mean there will be actual trained BMW mechanics there to answer my questions?

Yep!! That and more. Come learn to work on your bike with friends helping out. Heck, last year we did a COMPLETE clutch on an RT, start to finish, in less than 7 hours. Best part is that it was a father/son project!!!

Even if you have no desire to work on your own bike, what will you do if you have a problem out there while

riding????? Wouldn't it be nice to be able to do some simple things that could allow you to continue on your trip or, at least, get you to the next exit?

We'll have access to the service department, knowledge, friendship, and an open parts department for your needs. Bring your own materials, tools, and supplies. We DO NOT have use of the technicians private tools so bring what you need. I'll bring my tools in case someone needs something they forgot.

Tires - yep - we can use the tire machine and they will take the old ones.

Oil - yep - we can even dump the waste at A&S.
Service - yep - minor, major, specific all doable!

Cost for both or one? Nada, nothing, zipo. A&S will provide lunch on Saturday during the 1st Aid class and Jamie and I will provide the lunch on Sunday at our expense. There will be a tip bucket out for the techs since they are giving up an entire day of their time to help us out and we'll place a separate bucket out to help defray the lunch cost on Sunday. There is absolutely no obligation.

More specifics will follow as we move closer but I would like to solicit feedback on the tech portion to see if we want to have a specific service, option, info session shown.

I also would like to see if someone in possession of a current updated GS-911 would be willing to do a demo on a donor bike to show the capability of this device for the DIY'er.

Come on down and join us for one or both days!!!! Psst, if nothing else, come on down and view the eye candy!!!!!! A&S is now an official Ducati dealer!!!! You see, they're not just for BMW anymore!!

Put it down on your calendars and keep checking back as I iron out the details. Last year we even went indoor kart racing on Friday night. Who knows what we might do this year!

Thanks to A&S for their unparalleled support of our passion. Please, take a moment to consider the overwhelming generosity and support of a dealership that allows you to work on your own motorcycle in their service department!!!!!!

Also, I would be remiss if I did not thank the overwhelming support of our local ride club, the River City Beemers. They provide all the support and costs associated with materials for the two days - handouts, chairs, tables, etc.

And, of course, there's Hot Jamie (2bmwfan) my wife. She is the one who takes care of the lunch on Sunday!!!!!!

See ya there!

GS Rider Training

By Greg Gibson

I will be doing a one-day GS ride and training day on Saturday, April 24. The GS ride will leave from Susie's Cafe at 9:00 am.

The ride will be self guided in the morning to a rendezvous point where I hope to do a lunch of some sort, followed by specific GS rider training and practice on an

obstacle course.

The main emphasis will be how does a rider get through a tough spot without breaking themselves or the bike. The goal will be to give you more confidence off the beaten path.

Directions to the lunch area will also be provided to street riders, in case they would like to join the dirt riders for lunch.

RCB Message Board Shortcuts

By Phil Wood

Response to the new RCB message board has been overwhelmingly positive. Many users have explored (or stumbled) around and found all sorts of shortcuts and tips. If you haven't had the time to explore (or stumble) around just yet, then this article is for you.

First - A caveat - The message board uses cookies, small bits of information placed on your computer to monitor your visit. Through the use of cookies, the message board knows how to identify which posts are yours, which ones you're read, and so on. So obviously, for any of these shortcuts to work, you **MUST** be logged in.

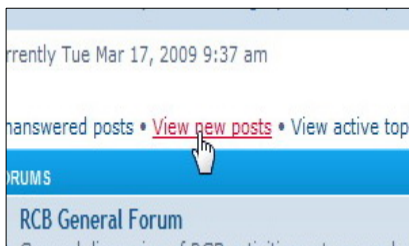


Fig. 1 - View New Posts link

Shortcut #1 - Show me only the new posts

If you only check the message board infrequently, hunting for the unread messages can be an intimidating task of click and back, click and back, and so on. Fortunately, relatively near the center of the screen is a View New

Posts link (Fig. 1) - Click on it and the next screen will reveal any new posts since the last time you logged in. It's that simple. Every time you log in, click on View New Posts and you'll save yourself a lot of time looking for new messages.

Shortcut #2 - Getting automated notifications of new posts You probably already know that the message board default is to email you a notification anytime someone responds to one of your posts. If you didn't know that, you've probably never posted. But actually, the message board only notifies you **ONCE** that someone has responded to your note. After that, the message board goes quiet and stops notifying you until you log in again.

The reason for the single notification is spam related - Ask any professional webmaster and he/she will take a long breath, sigh heavily and reluctantly agree it makes sense.

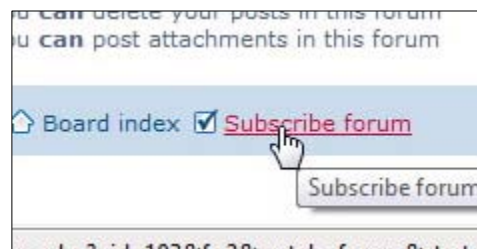


Fig. 2 - Subscribing to a Forum

Anyway, in addition to getting notified about people responding to your posts, you can also receive notifications for all posts. In other words, you could subscribe to the

RCB Rides and Destinations forum and automatically receive a notification every time someone posts a new ride!

To subscribe to a forum, click on the forum you're interested in, like the RCB Rides and Destinations forum, scroll to the bottom of the page, press the Subscribe Forum link. (Fig. 2)

Similar to individual post notifications, the message board will only send one notification and then stop until you've logged in to read the new message. Then it will start the notifications again. Do I sound like a broken record?

Shortcut #3 - How many subscriptions do I have?!?!?

Let's see, you've posted three posts and subscribed to two forums - I'm guessing you have five subscriptions and you could receive up to five emails without ever logging in again. But if you want to know for sure, click on the User Control Panel, then Overview and finally Manage Subscriptions.

Depending on your level of activity, this could be a very long page.

Want to unsubscribe? Click the Mark box for any forum or message topics you want to unsubscribe from. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the Unwatch Marked button. Voila, you're unsubscribed!

There's another way to unsubscribe from forums. Similar to shortcut #2, return to the forum you no longer want to hear from and scroll to the bottom of the page. The link that used to say Subscribe Forum now says Unsubscribe Forum. Click it and you're unsubscribed from that forum.

Shortcut #4 - What does Delete all board cookies do? This isn't really a shortcut, but essentially, it resets you. There's a more formal explanation in the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) that states in part: Delete all board cookies deletes the cookies created by the message board which keep you authenticated and logged into the board. It also tracks any messages you may have read. If you are having login or log-out problems, deleting board cookies may help.

It's no big deal. Worst case you may have to type your password to log in next time.

Shortcut #5 - Alternative Menu System

OK, this really isn't a shortcut either, just an alternative way to view the message board. What it does is place a menu area, similar to the RCB website menu, to the left of the message board. The menu area makes it easy to navigate back and forth between the website and the forum. Want to read messages about the next ride and then jump over to the website to download the Garmin file? Then this is for you.

Click on User Control Panel, then Board Preferences. About halfway down the page is a selector box labeled My board style: and currently showing prosilver. Change is to RCBMenu and click on Submit. After the screen refreshes, a menu, similar to the one on the RCB website, will appear on the left. (Fig. 3)

Again, some caveats. Since this style makes the screen wider, you really don't want to use this alternative unless your screen is XGA or above (1024 or more pixels wide). It'll work with less than XGA but it may be painful having to scroll left and right to read all the posts.

That's it for now - If you haven't yet, go ahead and poke around the message board. Any questions? Post them in RCB Help Forum and someone will get back to you!

Fig. 3 - Message Board with the left-hand RCB Menu enabled

The screenshot shows the River City Beemers forum homepage. On the left, a vertical blue bar contains the 'RCB MENU' with various navigation links. The main content area features a search bar, a board index, and a table of forums. The table lists the following forums:

| RCB FORUMS | TOPICS | POSTS | LAST POST |
|--|--------|-------|---|
| RCB General Forum General discussion of RCB activities not covered elsewhere. This forum also includes all messages imported from the old forum. | 1021 | 3883 | by Jag Slayer ☺ Mon Mar 16, 2009 11:24 pm |
| RCB Rides and Destinations On Wednesday we ride to dinner and on Saturday we ride to breakfast. Those and any other rides are coordinated and (sometimes) reported here. | 25 | 159 | by woodp ☺ Tue Mar 17, 2009 9:26 am |
| RCB Motorcycle Discussions Want to discuss the relative merits of the GS vs the RT? Or need help adjusting your brake cables? This is the place. | 3 | 11 | by TerryCaffery ☺ Mon Mar 16, 2009 2:16 pm |
| RCB Classifieds Extra seat, riding gear, or even a motorcycle you're looking to unload? This is the place. Just two rules: Let's keep it reasonably BMW-centric and no commercial posts. | 5 | 5 | by O'Hooligan ☺ Wed Mar 11, 2009 10:15 pm |
| RCB Help Forum Does this new forum software have you completely befuddled? Use this forum to look for tips or ask for help. | 7 | 14 | by ken ☺ Sat Feb 21, 2009 10:37 pm |

Kim's Korner

By Kim Rydalch

I subscribe to a Spanish weekly motorcycle magazine, Motociclismo via Zino reader. You should check out www.zinio.com and download it. You're able to buy cheaply lots of magazines like Car and Driver or foreign rags like Motociclismo.

I lived in Brazil from 1971-73 and learned to speak and read fluent Portuguese. Spanish is different enough that I took two semesters of Spanish night classes at the Modes-to-JC so I could converse with my Mexican workers on the farm. Since I need to practice my Spanish I may as well use a fun textbook so I use a moto magazine. Any-way... the latest March issue of Motociclismo has the "Magnificent 8" issue for 2008 models. The readers vote on their top ten favorites in eight categories and BMW's scored well. Here are the favorites for Spaniards in the March 2009 issue.

Turismo (Touring)

| | |
|---------------------|--------|
| 1. BMW R1200RT | 17.1 % |
| 2. BMW K1200GT | 16.5 % |
| 3. Kawasaki GTR | 13.3 % |
| 4. Honda Gold Wing | 6.5 % |
| 5. Honda ST 1300 | 6.0 % |
| 6. Yamaha FJR 1300 | 5.8 % |
| 7. HD E-glide ultra | 5.7 % |
| 8. Honda DN-01 | 5.6 % |
| 9. BMW F800 ST | 4.8 % |
| 10. Triumph ST | 4.4 % |

Deportiva (Hyper Sport)

| | |
|--------------------------|--------|
| 1. Ducati Desmosedici RR | 13.9 % |
| 5. BMW S1000R | 7.7 % |
| 9. BMW HP2 Sport | 2.7 % |

Trail/Enduro/Supermoto

| | |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| 1. Ducati Hypermotard 1100S | 1.3 % |
| 2. BMW R1200GS & Adventure | 10.8 % |
| 4. BMW F 800 GS | 5.6 % |
| 7. BMW HP2 Enduro | 3.8 % |

Sport

| | |
|---------------|--------|
| 1. Honda VFR | 15.9 % |
| 3. BMW K1300S | 10.1 % |
| 7. BMW F 800S | 4.4 % |

Naked

| | |
|-------------------------|--------|
| 1. Ducati Streetfighter | 19.7 % |
| 6. BMW K1200R | 6.0 % |

The number one selling model in Spain for February 2009 was the BMW R1200RT with 122 units! In 7th place was the BMW R1200GS with 51 units and the 8th best selling model was the F 800 GS with 48 units.

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.

Free to good RCB home. Shoei Face Shields. Four CX-1 face shields: Light smoke, dark smoke, clear and clear with Fog City insert. See Bruce W. at a Saturday breakfast.(3/8)

'95 R1100R SWMBO wants to sell her '95 R1100R so that she can buy something smaller. It's equipped with Jesse Luggage, Parabellum Sport shield, a Gel seat insert and factory tank bag. The bike is silver with a red seat. 120K miles. \$2500 Past Prez @ 916-966-7910(2/7)

1983 R100RT 60th Anniversary Pearl White, 72K, BMW options, Euro fold out running lights by Bosh in the fairing, 4 way flashers, muffler shields, front louvered grill, rear mud flap, 2 power outlets. Additional aftermarket options include: Brown side stand, Luftmeister trunk and bar vibration dampeners (internal), Reynolds bag mounts and folding luggage rack plus optional adapter to remove the luggage rack, upper and lower fork braces, stainless steel brake lines, LED tail and running lights, Corbin leather gunfighter seat. Valve job by Oak at 40K. Work done at 62K, fork seals and springs, Hagon rear shocks, Parabellum windshield, steering head bearings, brake pads, timing chain, WestCo battery, ThunderChild diode board & grounding kit, complete throttle assembly and grips, Bing Alcohol float bowl kits, head gaskets and push rod seals, oil and neutral switches, starter, new tires and tubes, new BMW tool kit. The lowers and grill have just been repainted, small dent in left side of tank under the

fairing packet. \$6000. Dennis 530-391-5754, e-mail clc-man(at)sbcglobal.net(2/7)

Misc: Blue eclipse tank bag, old but in pretty good shape, strap mount, for an Airhead \$25. Can send e-mail pictures.

Larry Campbell (707) 446-1859(1/28)

1993 Ducati Superlight one owner \$8000.00 firm. 40,000 miles. Bike has been well cared for. If interested call, 916-408-7754, or e-mail, quack947@aol.com for pictures.

Michael Miller (1/22)

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

2009 Calendar of Upcoming Events

Check often because events are always being added or changed.

- Apr. 4th, 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.
- Apr. 14th, Tue Director's meeting at IHOP Restaurant, 7:00 pm, 2525 Iron Point Road, Folsom. All members welcome.
- 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!

- April 10 RPM Motorsports go cart competition, Phil Challinor organizing
- April 17-19 Hwy 36 to Eureka, Fred Jewell organizing
- April 18-19 First Responder class, A&S BMW, Phil Challinor organizing/instructing
- April 24-25 GS Ride, Greg Gibson organizing
- May 2 Cycle Specialties in Modesto is having an Open House. Check out the new facility. 209-524-2955. GS adventure rides 5/31, 6/21, 7/19, 8/16, 9/20, 10/18, 11/22.
- May 15-17 Jack and Lynell's Campout
- May 21-24 NORCAL BMW Club 49er rally
- June 5-8 Soldier Meadows GS Campout, Jim Cyran organizing
- June 13-14 Bed & Breakfast, Ray Trujillo organizing
- June 18-21 Chief Joseph Rally, John Day, Oregon. RCB semi-organized ride leaving Thursday AM from Susie's Country Oaks Cafe, Gary Stofer organizing
- June 26-28 Indian Creek Reservoir, RCB High Sierra Spaghetti Feed, Gary Stofer organizing
- July 16-19 BMWMOA National Rally
- July 23-26 Top O' the Rockies Rally, Paonia, Colorado
- August 1-2 Ride N Bowl, Yerington, Nevada, Kim Rydalch organizing Yerington Ride & Bowl, Yerington, NV. Call Kelly 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. Single room, \$20 with dinner buffet coupon, Dbl room, \$30 with two dinner buffet coupons, \$2 off Sunday breakfast. Kim Rydalch, coordinator, 209-521-8425.



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Mark England and Bruce Webster were last month's recipients for a gift certificate from A&S for submitting a newsletter article. It's in the mail soon guys.

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