

River City Beemers



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Membership Meeting

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

Director's Meeting

Tues July 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



Lots of things going on this month, but first a round of thanks to the Klauschies and to Jim Cynan, who organized events last month that were very well received by those who participated. Aside from the weather (triple digits for Lassen, rain for Soldier Meadows) everyone reported they had a great time and are ready for next year. I can't thank our volunteers enough for putting together and hosting events such as these that really mean a lot to our members. This is the sort of thing that makes our club great, and we can't do it without volunteers like Jim and the Klauschies.

Speaking of events, the money that supports them comes from our treasury, and you may not know it but that treasury is dwindling steadily, so the Board of Directors is actively seeking alternate methods of raising revenue. One is a website that has caps, mugs, t-shirts, etc. that they will apply our logo to, and after you (or any one else) purchases them, a percentage of that sale is returned to us as revenue. Sounds like a win/win situation; get some cool gear with RCB on it and help support the club! Details to follow on where to find the site. One other possibility is to start selling advertising in our newsletter; something that Phil Wood is looking into, more details later as they become apparent.

The RCB Scavenger Hunt begins again this month, and any one can play and earn prizes. There is more info in an article further down in the newsletter, but basically the hunt is for as many California State Universities as you can visit in one month (there are 23), and the farther away they are the more points you earn. Check out the article for point values and the bonus for getting them all! If you notice, our ride to Morro Bay on the 17th will pass by a bunch of these, so come on along on a great coast ride and score valuable points at the same time. Check the Rides and Destinations section of the forum for details and a sign up list for the Morro Bay ride. Good luck!

A&S has announced that they will no longer be open on Sundays and Mondays, beginning July 5, which happens to be the norm for most shops since I can remember. I am sure Randy thought long and hard about this before making that decision, but if it helps his bottom line and his ability to stay in business in these rough economic times, then I'm all for it. He did tell me that we (the RCB) will be getting advance notice of upcoming sales, ahead of any public announcement, so that we will get first chance at the sale items. Check the General Forum section regularly for notices as they come out. Remember too that A&S is once again donating a set of tires to the winner of our scavenger hunt; a very generous thing to do in today's economy.

One thing that was brought up to me recently was a statement that our club rides after our meetings are sometimes too, shall we say, spirited, for some members. Ken and I have discussed this at length, and have come up with a possible solution. On days when we have a big turnout, or if some members ask for a less spirited ride, we will break into two groups. Ken will lead the spirited group, and I will lead one with a more sedate approach (yes, I can do sedate when I want to!), both will have the same destination and route. I would love to hear feedback from you on this, good or bad, my email is on the website under Officers and Directors. The ride for this month is Quincy and the Morning Thunder Cafe, probably by way of Buck's Lake Road.

No one even tried to answer last month's trivia questions, and I thought they were easy! Tom Cruise rode a 900 Ninja in Top Gun, and a Fat Boy in Days of Thunder, for those who didn't know. I'll have to think a while on the next one, easy or difficult? Hmmm.

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

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Do you receive the PRINTED Newsletter?

The economy is having an adverse effect on everyone, including the River City Beemers. While the Board has been active cutting expenses and looking for alternative revenue streams, some expenses have become overwhelmingly burdensome – The worst offender is the printed version of our monthly Newsletter that is presently mailed to 20% of our membership. The other 80% downloads the Newsletter from our website.

While Kim Rydalch generously compiles and writes the electronic Newsletter for free, which is then available at our website for free, the PRINTED version costs almost \$1.75 every month to print, cut, fold, address and mail. When you consider RCB only charges \$6.00 per year, we lose \$15.00 on every subscription. Multiply that by the 20% of members who subscribe, and

RCB loses the equivalent of two funded events per year! (Or more free food and beer at the current events!)

My appeal to the membership is simple – Please consider switching to the FREE version of the Newsletter – Every switch puts money in our coffers. To switch, simply send an email to Kim (editor@rcb.org) and ask to be removed from the “printed” list. The balance of your subscription fees will be graciously accepted into our general fund for future events.

Thank you!

SCAVENGER HUNT LOCATIONS FOR JULY!

For any and all members who want to continue with the Scavenger Hunt (and you can even if you did not participate in the May Hunt), the challenge for July is to visit as many California State Universities as you can in the month. There are many close by,

some a little further away, and some a good ways away, and the point values increase the farther away they are. All you have to do is find the official sign for each, usually at their main entrance, and take a picture of it with your flag on it and your bike

in close proximity.

The point values are :

Cal State: Bakersfield - 30 Channel Islands - 35 Chico - 20 Dominguez Hills - 35 East Bay - 15 Fresno - 25 Fullerton - 35 Humbolt - 25 Long Beach - 35 Los Angeles - 35 Monterey Bay - 20 Northridge - 35 Cal Poly Pomona - 35 Sacramento - 10 San Bernardino - 35 San Diego - 40 San Francisco - 15 San Jose - 15 Cal Poly SLO - 30 San Marcos - 40 Sonoma - 15 Stanislaus - 20

You can find maps to all their locations at www.calstate.edu.

I believe there are 610 total points available, and if some one

gets all of them there is a 150 point bonus for that crazy rider. Three prizes are available for this event - \$75, \$50 and \$25 gift certificates (to where will be revealed at the monthly meeting) and the points will count towards the set of tires that A&S is donating for the overall winner. So go find as many of these as you can; do it for prizes, do it just for fun, do it just to learn something, or do it just to get out and ride.

Pictures need to be emailed to contest administrator (tug@surewest.net) no later than August 7th, anything after will not count. Good Luck!

PLANNING AHEAD

by Linda Mathes

I've been riding around on the back of BMW's since 1972 or 1973 – it's hard to remember exactly – I probably killed too many brain cells back in the day. And I've often wished that rear ends had an odometer so I'd know how many gazillion miles I've ridden while looking at the back of my husband's helmet.

As the navigator portion of the team, beyond paying attention to road signs and the like, I find I have a lot of time to simply observe the experience of traveling via motorcycle. Beyond the scenery and weather, I notice other bikes and other riders - how they dress for various weather conditions and for the possibility of contact with the pavement. Riders, by and large, and especially BMW riders are unbelievably well prepared for the possibility of rain, road rash, blazing heat and freezing cold. We wear our helmets and protective clothing, and endeavor not to drink and drive. We assume anyone who can hit us probably will, so we drive defensively. But one area of planning frequently goes by the boards, and that is getting our affairs together.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, per vehicle mile traveled, motorcyclists are about 35 times more likely than passenger car occupants to die in a traffic crash. Since most of us are not going to read that statistic and park the bike for good, it's a good idea to get our affairs in order just in case.

So what does "getting your affairs in order" mean? The phrase for me has always conjured up an image of somebody older than dirt, lying in bed, and just before their last gasp they ask for a pen and paper so they can scratch out their last will and testament. That's great for the movies, but in real life it's a lot less dramatic. Basically, getting your affairs in order means that if you get sick, lose your mental capacity, or die – you've already named someone in a legal document to handle what

needs to be done. Here's a brief rundown.

WILL: Everyone needs a will to tell the world who you want to receive your possessions when you die, and who you nominate to be in charge of the process. In California the will should ideally be witnessed by two people who are not going to be beneficiaries when you die. Having a will is better than nothing, but by itself it presents drawbacks in most situations because the distribution process must be supervised by the probate court – which involves considerable time and, of course, lots of money.

TRUST: A better alternative for passing on your money and property is a trust. Also known as Revocable Trusts or Living Trusts, these documents are similar to a will in that they state who receives what when you die. The thing that differentiates a trust from a will, however, is that a trust does not have to go through the probate court when you die – provided you set it up properly.

When you set the trust up, you not only say who gets what and who is in charge – you also re-title your house and other assets to be owned by the trust, with you being in charge as the trustee (or manager) of the trust. These are still your assets, and you can do whatever you want with them during your life – including taking them out of the trust, selling things, spending money and so on – but when you die, the assets do not require court supervision to be distributed, which saves your family both time and money.

POWER OF ATTORNEY: Another document which is useful to have is a power of attorney, which nominates someone as your agent, to pay your bills and manage your financial affairs if you are ill or incapacitated – temporarily or long term. This allows your agent to step in and take care of financial matters without getting a lawyer or going to court to take control. Then, when you get better, you can take back these responsibilities.

HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVE: Finally, everyone should have an Advance Healthcare Directive which nominates someone as your agent for health decisions – including whether to put you on life support or remove you from life support in extreme situations. In addition to life support issues, this agent has the authority to speak to the doctor on your behalf regarding all aspects of your medical treatment, if you are too sick or injured to do so yourself.

Getting all of these documents in place while you are healthy, uninjured, and still have all your mental faculties will give you the peace of mind that your affairs are in order, and that your

family will not need to go to court to get control in the future. Please don't try to make this a DIY project. It's well worth the nominal cost to have an experienced attorney prepare these documents for you and do it right the first time.

So plan ahead and have a safe ride!

Linda Mathes is a member of River City Beemers and she rides two-up with her husband Forest on a 1984 R-100 RT. Linda has been an estate planning attorney since 1991 and you can contact her with questions via her website at: <http://www.trustandprobatelawyer.vpweb.com> or at (916) 213-6346.

Feel Like Some Higher Education?

By Jim Douglas

Editor note: this is an oldie but goodie article from our loyal RCB member Jim Douglas. All members of RCB need to seriously plan on attending RCB's riding skills day. You won't regret it and you'll be amazed at how well your street riding will improve this summer. Mark June 10th on your calendar and budget the track fee into your life.

Skills Improvement Day History: About 11 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, counter-steering, '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 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 improved, 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 them and to 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 9 years, 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 last year's day, it was determined that the focus had strayed from Jim's original intent. So, this year we are making 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 will have a separate class 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.



Most, if not all, of our instructors have been with us for the entire 9 years. Several are recognized racers that teach 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.

A day 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!

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.

Wanted: R100RS Seat, Krause bags w/racks, K75RS handle bars and stack header pipes. Let me know what you have. Call Steve Hartshorn, 530-277-6630 (6/14)

1998 R1200C. Cream paint, blue leather, factory bags and screen, new tires and battery, K&N air filter, all services, and only 11,120 miles. It's beautiful and I need it to go to someone who appreciates it and will take care of it. \$5500.00 or best offer. Please call me if your interested 209-918-1093 Anthony Peters. (5/19)

2002 BMW K1200LTC, located in Yuba City. This is a very smooth running, great sounding and good looking sport/touring bike. It's like riding a sport bike with all the comfort of a touring bike. Average gas mileage is 45 mpg. Bike has been well maintained. Mileage is about 53,000. New Clutch, brake lines, brake pads, and rear brake reservoir. Ohlins shock suspension system front & rear – stock shocks available. Remus aluminum Revo exhaust system w/header – stock exhaust available. Tires in good condition – spare front tire (rear tire replaced about

1000 miles ago). Chrome luggage rack w/ 3rd brake light. Electrically adjustable windshield. New Ztechnik windshield – BMW windshield available. Lots of extras – will send on request. Asking \$9,500 / OBO. Paul 530-674-0726 paulandjanie (at)comcast.net (4/27)

1999 K1200RS 22k miles, Silver and Blue, all maintenance up to date, Corbin Seat with back rest for passenger, hard bags with mounting rack, other extras, call for details. Asking \$5900. Call Fred at 530-273-8057 after 5 p.m. or on cell at 530-263-2942. (4/16)

2002 R1150GS ABS 37,000 miles, \$7500. Blue/white custom paint. Original Owner. Always garaged. Adventure Tank, Bill Mayer saddle, Sta-In-Tune collector box, full size oem bags (lowered muffler), Motolights, Wunderlich tall screen, handguards, Throttlemeister, extra power outlet, new battery, Metzeler Tourance tires, Geza Bike Cover. Call Joe @ 916-638-2044 (4/13)

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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 clcman(at)sbcglobal.net(2/7)

2009 Calendar of Upcoming Events

Check often because events are always being added or changed.

- July 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.
- July 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!

- 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.
- Aug 14-16 Doran Beach campout with Dutch Oven Feast, Roy Ulfsrud organizing
- Sep 1-4 Curve Cowboy Reunion, <http://www.curvecowboyreunion.com/>
- Sep 4-7 NORCAL BMW's Gypsy tour
- Sep 11-13 Central Cal BMW club's Beemer Bash in Quincy, CA
- Sep 20 Thunderhill Skills Improvement Day, Kim Rydalch, Ken Caruthers organizing
- Sep 26 Vintage Motorcycle Show at A&S
- Sep 27 Ice Cream Social
- Oct 2-4 Manchester Beach extravaganza, KOA, Fred Jewell organizing
- Oct 3 Membership meeting at 5pm at Manchester Beach
- Oct 11 5 Passes ride, Ken Caruthers/Larry Morris organizing
- Oct 24 A&S BMW Motorcycles Fall open house
- Nov 8 2009 Planning Meeting 5 pm, location to be determined
- Dec 5 RCB Christmas Party, details to follow



River City Beemers 14th Annual Rider Skills Improvement Day Thunderhill Race Park, Sunday, September 20th, 2009

Participation is limited to riders of BMW Motorcycles or members of MOA chartered BMW motorcycle clubs or guests riding any 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, and a full day of track access. Saturday night track walk with camping at the race track. Come join us for our 14th 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 \$195; non-members \$220 until August 31,
\$220 after August 31, 2009 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 Ken Caruthers at editor@rcb.org or call Kim at 209-521-8425 eve. Or Ken at webmaster@rcb.org
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 \$195 required with this form (\$220 after 8/31); Non-member fee of \$220 with this form. (\$220 after 8/31). 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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