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Membership Meeting

Sat Jan, 2nd 8:00am
Susie's Country Oaks Cafe
500-G Cirby Way
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Director's Meeting

Tues Jan 12th, 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



It wasn't that many years ago I bought my first Beemer and joined this club, and I never imagined myself being anything more than a member, and now I'm entering my third year as president! It's been a wonderful experience over the past two years, and I'm really looking forward to the next one. We have many of the usual rides and weekend events we have always enjoyed, with some new ones coming up to replace ones we discontinued. Motels and camping are both represented, with some becoming an either/or choice, in particular the Morro Bay ride. There is also the BMWMOA national rally in Redmond, Oregon this year, where I'm expecting a big turnout of RCBers. A plan is already starting to formulate for a group camping there; keep checking the RCB forum for updates.

The RCB Christmas Party was outstanding again, thanks to Dennis Alstead and A&S. We had a huge assortment of food and drink, and Gordy was at his best with the raffles, entertaining us all with his enthusiasm, wit and gift choices. I think I can easily say that everyone had a great time eating, drinking and conversing with each other, and it was great to talk with members I don't see often.

GRINCH ALERT! One of the things that is absent from our calendar is our annual Rider Skills Improvement Day, otherwise known as Thunderhill. We did very well last year by using the Sept. 20 date, best we have done in years, but this year the owners of the track, the SCCA, have taken

all those dates we wanted for themselves. They have left us with a choice of week-days (no good) or holidays (really no good), so at this point it looks like Thunderhill may not occur in 2010. We are currently searching all available options and as soon as we know something I will post it here.

GRINCH ALERT II ! Since it appears that we may not have our biggest fundraiser this year, the board of directors looked very hard at reducing costs, and the biggest single cost we have is the printed newsletter. I know that we had earlier announced it would continue with a fee hike for those who still want it, but the facts are there are fixed costs for printing that we would still incur, so as of January 1, the newsletter will only be available on line in the website. If you really have to have a printed version, I suggest you print it off your home (or work) computer to read at your leisure. We will have a few home-printed copies at the monthly meeting for those who don't own a computer. If you already signed up for the newsletter for 2010, our treasurer will be sending out refunds to you in the near future. I want to apologize to all of you who enjoy the printed newsletter, but times being what they are it is best to do everything on line as much as possible to save money.

Answers to the two "hidden" trivia questions from last month: Badges is from "The Treasure of the Sierra Madre", and Banting and Best discovered insulin.

Remember, we're not Bikers. We're motorcyclists.

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GETTING IT OFF.....ROAD

By John G. Sulpizio

As a league of riders we know that motorcycling adds quality to our lives. Sometimes it's hard to explain to others just how that works. What I've also come to learn is that going off road enhances the quality of a rider's life even further, granting scenic vistas and landscapes that no others get to view. It's been more than once that I've stopped to appreciate a breathtaking view, only to wish someone else was there to share it. There's nothing more beautiful than seeing the mist burning off the mountains as you look down at them.

Recently, a fringe faction of the Beemer Bums took to the dirt and had one of those "quality of life" days. Chris Neely, Jim Cyran, Dave Rives, Dan Albertson, Deano Shumacher and yours truly met bright and early for coffee. The next thing I knew we were throttling down Prairie City Road. Led by



Chris, he soon had us off the beaten path. Suddenly, I didn't have the slightest idea about where I was. Sure I knew I was southeast of Sacramento, but I didn't know where. Even now, as I try to retrace our ride on page 70 of my analog printed maps, I cannot

find the routes we traversed. Indubitably, that's riding!

As we zigzagged south, every now and then we surfaced in a place that was familiar....Mokelumne Hills or our stop for lunch in San Andreas. "Oh yeah", I said to myself, "we're on Route 49". No sooner said and we were on another dirt road with a name out of some 1950's cowboy movie. Most of the time we were on hard packed dirt foothills roads that put the scenery up close and personal. On occasion we were in mud and ruts and fording streams.

A neophyte off-roader like me could not have been with a better bunch. You learn a lot quick. Ride the high and dry. Stay off the front brake. Keep a constant throttle in the mud. Once in a rut, stay there. Don't hesitate for that mountain creek. Get in and get out. And it's reassuring to know that if you get into trouble you've got some strong friends to lift your behemoth GS, put you back into the rut and get you down the muddy road.

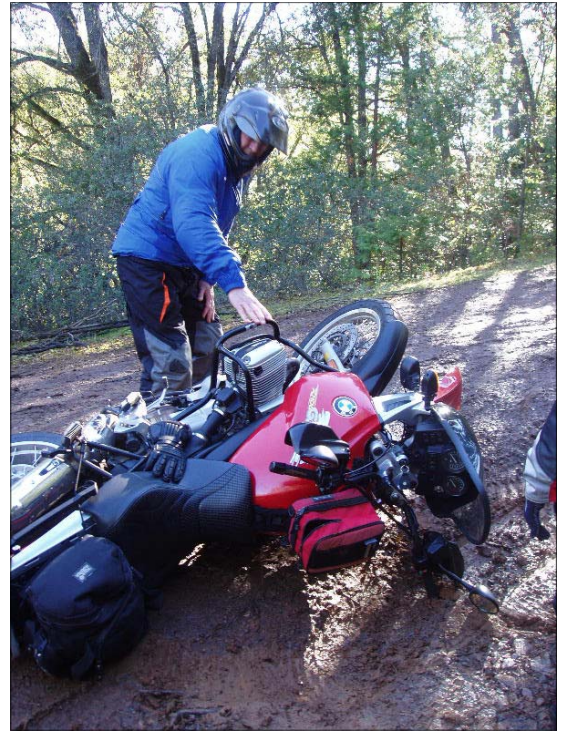
Just as difficult as it is for a street rider to share with a non-rider the exhilaration of rocketing down a paved road, there is a similar difficulty in explaining the wonders of off-road riding. For me, it's about getting to unseen places, accepting the challenge, surviving the spill, and knowing that the experience is teaching me to be a better and more diversified rider. Now, I truly realize that I misspent my youth

delivering papers when I could have been two-wheeling in the backwoods.

My appreciation goes to Chris Neely, who has apparently ridden every un-

paved path in Northern California, and knows them all by heart. It was great just to follow and enjoy the experience. Thanks to my Beemer Buddies, especially for their riding advice and their help in righting my giant GS. Thanks for the mental health experience. And, last but not least, thanks for the honor of taking the most spills of the day!

Ride safe! Eat well!



Greg Rides Across America

By Greg Peart

This is a series of emails that were sent to the newsletter editor over a period of months. I have compiled them and have included some photos. It sounds like Greg has the job most of us would like to have!

I got a phone call about a photo moto gig. I called and talked with Phil Keoghan,



host of Americas Amazing Race on CBS. Phil asked me to work the full 40 days it will take him to ride his bike about 100 miles a day from LA to NY City.

His ride is called, "Phil rides across America". We are already in Kanab, Utah on day 6. Heading to Page, Utah for day 7. You can check out the information on his face

book page. OR check out the daily blog on this site: <http://www.philridesacrossamerica.com/> This site gives information about what we are doing and where we are. BMW is loaning the cause a press bike: 2009 K1300 GT. Red and real fast.

The bike is working great on the slow grades. It pulls very well. I will not be giving up my GS, but I would get one of these in a heartbeat if I wanted a sporty tour bike. We film him at 5 to 8 MPH up the big grades and most of the time about 12 to 21 MPH. He got up to 56 MPH in a big wind storm down hill.

Have been really busy everyday. Small crew of 5 traveling with him. We do a meet and greet with the public or at a GNC store and he leaves for the ride about 9:30 AM each day. 1st day was 11 hours long. Got to Victorville in the dark. I will have stories to tell about this ride.

We have raised a bunch of money for MS. This is day 28, 4/24/09 in Chicago, IL. and it is a free day for me. Phil had a bunch of appearances all day. We leave for Plymouth, IN tomorrow and then Fort Wayne, IN after that.

Loaded van about 7:15 AM, leave for event at 7:45 AM. Ride starts about 9:30 AM each day. Some days its a short ride and some days are 11 hours. Never know how many people will show up to ride with Phil. Some go to the edge of town and some ride the whole day with us. We have had some really great riders. John Vande Velde rode with us from Rochelle, IL to Chicago, IL with us on 4/23/09. John's son has ridden in the Amgen Tour Of California.

John knew who I was since I have worked all of those races. I have attached some photos. We get to NYC on 5/7/09. It's hard to believe that we are well over half way to our destination. Phil rode sick about 3 days in a row. He is a trooper, never a complaint from that guy, always upbeat. I have had some very long, intensive days on the shoulder at 10 to 25 MPH. Not easy on a sport tour bike made to hum up

to 160 MPH.

If you think I am having fun, you are right. This was the ride of a life time. Seems I am getting a lot of those lately.

Today, Day 32, 4/28/09 we were in route from Lima, OH to Columbus, OH, a 97 mile trek. It was windy, raining and we had about 8 riders with Phil. At mile 27 we were stopping in the town of Jackson Center to visit the Airstream Factory. Remember we have a donated Airstream we are using behind the van.



Phil had given me the word to increase our speed to 30 MPH. After about 5 minutes we were alone with the other riders all dropping off. A Jackson Center Police escort had jumped in front of us, code 3. The attached photos tell the rest of the story. At 30 MPH we approached the RR Xing. It was not marked, just had the wig wag lights and the normal drop down gate. The angle of crossing the highway was about 30 degrees and curved.

You could not see that there were two sets of tracks until you were very close to the crossing. The se-

cond set was in a dip. Scott and I warned Phil of "tracks." I moved to the roadway center and turned to the right to cross at the best angle I could. Then I saw the 2 nd set of tracks. I then saw that the crossing was all deteriorated wood and would be very hazardous to motors and bikes, especially when wet. I got across just fine, then I heard the thump behind me and Scott, my cameraman yelling to stop. I knew that Phil had bit the big one.

The bike was messed up but rideable. Phil had just bad scrapes on his knee, wrist and cheek. He rode the remaining 75 miles. I think he will be very sore tomorrow and for several days to come. You can see from the photos that this RR Xing is one from Hell. Most average m/c riders would go down on this in the dry, but today the wood was wet. It was very slick. Poor Phil. He is a really tough guy.

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.

Riding gear for sale; MSR, AXXIS, blue/white Jersey, X-large (designed to fit over armor) \$25.00. Matching MSR, AXXIS protective pants; size 32, \$25.00. MSR "IMPACT" Ballistic Jersey (armor). \$45.00. Great condition. Worn once. Call Bruce at 916-989-9224 or e-mail to samparish(@) sbcglobal.net(12/12)

Cortech Sport Saddle Bags with rain covers; 12"H x 15"W x7"D Good condition \$45. F650 GS "custom" (soft) saddle bag mounts. \$35. BMW black riding pants waist 35" - inseam 33". \$45. Call 916-989-9224 or e-mail samparish(at) sbcglobal.net. (11/27)

2004 R1150RT in excellent condition. Besides the usual features of an 1150 RT there are: heated grips, Cee Bailey windscreen, headlight guard, engine guard, fender extender, Throttle Meister, Custom Seat by Bill Mayer, Garmin 2610 GPS, BMW bag liners and tank bag and motorcycle cover. Low Mileage: 27,274. Selling for \$9,000. Call Ernie at 916-543-3265 afternoon and evenings. Pictures available. (10/11)

Nitro Mesh Racing Jackets Brand New. One in Grey and One in Red. Med size. This Jacket (not the ones for sale) has been personally crash tested on two occasions and it works well. See here <http://www.cbxmanmotorcycles.com/Vega-Nitro-Mesh-Motorcycle-Jacket.aspx>. Cost \$89 sell \$59 each. Alan Westfall 916-203-4032 or 916-421-4032 (7/31)

1985 R80 RT Selling it because I don't ride it enough. Motorcycling just wasn't for me. Asking \$3500 or best offer. The speedo say 70,000 I have owned it about a year and half so can't say if it is accurate. Everything runs well has new windshield (clearview), new battery, and newish tires. Great bike, very comfortable, matching keys, hard luggage

cases. Can include helmets and jackets too. The bike is in Davis.

Thanks, Bill Williams davisbiker(at)yahoo.com (7/28)

Misc: 2004 Rallye 2 Jacket grey with yellow piping. Also matching original fanny pack. Men's size 54 with matching pants. Perfect. Includes Gore rain liners. \$600.

2004 BMW Heated Vest with plug. Grey/black. Size XL. Never worn. \$125.

2006 Schubert Flip Face Helmet. Size 57M, 7 1/8. Color Grey. Perfect. Includes soft TourMaster bag - black. \$150.

2006 BMW BoxerCup Gloves. Size 9 to 9 1/2 Perfect. \$40.

2006 BMW GoreTex Gloves. Size 8 to 8 1/2. Black. Perfect. \$50.

All these items purchased by me from A&S. Sold my K1200s over two years ago. Not riding anymore.

If you buy all of it, I will make a better deal. Call Jeff at 530 401-7468 (7/28)

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 i;½ BMW windshield available. Lots of extras i;½ 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)

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)

1983 R100RT 60th Anniversary Pearl White, 72K, BMW options, Euro fold out running lights by Bosch 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 clcman(at)

sbcglobal.net(2/7)

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 i;½s 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)

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)

2010 Calendar of Upcoming Events

Check often because events are always being added or changed.

- Jan 2nd, 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.
- Aug 12th, 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!

TBA – Jan	Village Idiots	Death Valley		
TBA – Feb	Air Heads	Death Valley		
Mar 12-14	Sea Gull Inn B&B	Mendocino	Greg Peart	
Mar 13 A&S	Spring Open House	A&S		
Apr. 16-18	Southern Coast I	Morro Bay	Fred Jewell	
TBA	First Responders Class	Folsom	Phil Challinor	
TBA	Tech Daze	A&S	Phil Challinor	
May 8-9	Poker Run	Sierras	Phil Sweeney •	
May 20-23	49er Rally	TBA	Nor Cal BMW	
May 21-23	Klauschie Campout	Mt. Lassen	Jack Klauschie	
Jun 11-13	GS Ride	Soldier Meadows, NV	Jim Cyran	
Jun 12-13	Sierra B&B	Volcano	Ray Trujillo	
Jun 17-20	Chief Joseph Rally	John Day, OR	BMW Riders of Oregon	
Jun 25-27	Northern Coast I	Eureka	Fred Jewell	
Jul 15-18	BMW MOA Rally	Redmond, OR	BMW MOA	
Jul 22-25	Top O' The Rockies	Paonia, CO	BMW of Colorado	
Aug 7-8	Ride 'n' Bowl	Yerington, NV	Kim Rydalch	
Aug 14-15	Sierra Nevada Brew Ride	Chico	Ray Trujillo	
Aug 21-22	Tahoe Chill	South Lake Tahoe	Challinor, Olson, Sweeney	
Aug 31 – Sep 3	Curve Cowboy Reunion	Killington, VT	Curve Cowboys	
Sep 10-12	Beemer Bash	Quincy	Nor Cal BMW	
TBA – Sep 25	A&S Vintage Motorcycle Show	A&S		
Oct 1-3	Northern Coast II	Manchester Beach		
Oct 2	Membership Meeting	Manchester Beach		
Oct 10	Five Passes Ride	Sierras	Ken Caruthers•	
Nov 7	2010 Planning Meeting		Fred Jewell	
Dec 5	Christmas Party	A&S	Dennis Allstead	



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