

River City Beemers



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Membership Meeting

Sat Mar, 6th 8:00am
Susie's Country Oaks Cafe
500-G Cirby Way
Roseville

Director's Meeting

Tues Mar 9th, 7:00 pm
Perko's
Bradshaw & US 50
Sacramento

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



Things are starting to move a little faster now that winter is nearing its end - the Mendocino B&B weekend is coming up in a couple of weeks, and for those who don't go, there is the spring Open House at A&S the same weekend. We will once again be cooking hot dogs and hamburgers for the masses (look for the sign up list on the RCB general forum to volunteer). This is an excellent way for people to get to meet us and maybe join up, so be on your best behavior and show them what a great club we are. Think of this as one way to pay for all those donuts you've eaten there the past year.

The national rally in Redmond, Oregon should be opening up for registration about the time you're reading this, but you may want to wait a bit before committing your money. You see, our ever vigilant and always crafty Rafflemeister, Gordy, has a plan for raffling off one registration each monthly meeting for the next few months, so if you're feeling lucky, you might want to hold off. This should be a really good rally, not only for being so close by, but the site has held the rally before and received high praise, and there should be a whole bunch of us there to enjoy it together.

The other day our Director Emeritus, Rick Blake, handed me a copy of the

very first newsletter sent out by the RCB, known then as the No Name Riders, and what a difference 28 years makes! We will soon be posting a PDF version on the website for every one to look at, but some of the highlights are: the club objective to stay loose, don't organize too tightly (no change there!), hand drawn ads for supporting vendors, a declaration for a "no dues" policy, a Hodaka Ace 90 for sale for \$150 and a 1965 R60/2 for \$1200. The thing I liked best is the call for volunteers, that never seems to change.

Don't forget to make reservations for the Morro Bay ride coming in April; I have heard that rooms are going fast at the designated motel. I will be starting a list on the forum for those who want to dine together on Friday and Saturday night. I'll be calling ahead to reserve space for us as I am sure we could easily overwhelm them by just showing up with 15 or so at the last minute. This should really be a fun weekend with excellent roads, great seafood and a perfect time of year to go.

Last month's trivia question answer is Kenny Roberts Jr., and he was from Modesto!

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

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Ride To Morro Bay in April

It's not too early to start planning for our first club weekend overnight ride (OK, 2nd after Greg's B&B ride) coming up April 16 - 18.

We will be leaving from the 49er Truck stop at I-80 and El Camino at 9:00 AM that Friday, heading down I-5 to Santa Nella, the Pacheco Pass and lunch in Monterey at the Wild Thyme Deli. After that it is straight down route 1 to Morro Bay. A route sheet is coming from Ride Leader Ken so look for it soon on our website.

The motel of choice is the Morro Crest Inn; call Danny at 805 550 6960 to reserve a room at \$68 for two beds and \$55 for one. There are many more choices in town if you wish other accommodations; most are within walking distance of the Morro Crest and the Embarcadero (dining/shops) area. Saturday can be spent in many ways: relaxing or shopping in Morro Bay, riding route 58 to McKittrick and back, exploring San Luis Obispo or visiting Hearst Castle in San Simeon.

We will be having a group dinner both Friday and Saturday nights at one of the restaurants along the Embarcadero, most likely the Harbor Hut and the Flying Dutchman. If you can't join us on Friday there is no reason you can't come down Saturday and meet us for dinner and the ride home.

There will be a group ride back to Sacramento on Sunday for those who wish to ride together, and it will involve riding east on route 58 (an extraordinary road!), then north to Coalinga to 198 west (another extraordinary road!) and north on 25 to Hollister (even another extraordinary road!), Pacheco Pass once more and then I-5 home. Should be a great ride, I can't wait! See you there.

Whale of a Tour

Whale of a Tour B & B March 12 & 13, 2010

Greg & Cyndee Peart will be leading for the 3rd year now, a Bed & Breakfast tour to the lovely Mendocino coast. We plan to stay again at the Sea Gull Inn of Mendocino. Those of you who remember past RCB president Jim Douglas and his wife Ayla own and operate this historic 9 room Inn. The rooms are blocked off, so reservations must be made by calling: The Sea Gull Inn at: 888-937-5204. RCB members must specify they are with River City Beemers and will receive a 15% discount (please remind them of this while booking the room) off the standard weekend rate for a 2 night minimum stay for this event.

The first night rate will be charged as a deposit when the reservation is made. If we exceed the Inns room limit, Jim or Ayla will assist you in obtaining lodging close by in town. As in past events, this will be a very easy going weekend. Activities depend on the weath-

er, size & wishes of the group. The Inn is a beautiful place to just chill out. Mendocino is a wonderful small town to just stroll about and relax. This tour is designed for couples & is a hit with the ladies. To view the rooms, go to www.seagullbb.com

The Plan: Make your Own Reservation with The Sea Gull Inn, then Call Greg Peart 916-689-7999 & leave contact # or email him at: XFIL911@comcast.net that you are going with us. Cutoff date for reservations will be: 8PM, Thursday, March 4, 2010. Then on Friday, March 12, Meet at 8 AM (if you want breakfast) or 9 AM Wheels up at The EPIES Restaurant (also known as Family Restaurant) West Capitol off ramp & I-80(at the east end of the Yolo causeway). Greg's cell phone: 916-870-7841. This will be a rain or shine event.

Swap Meet Madness

The BMW Club of Northern California & California BMW Triumph Are sponsoring the BMW Motorcycle SWAP MEET Bring all your motorcycle related parts, gear, camping, clothes, books etc... (European & Japanese). Food, prizes, BS sessions & tire kicking for your enjoyment.

Date: Saturday, March 20, 2010; Time: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Set up 8 a.m.)

Location: Parking Lot of CalBMW Triumph, 2490 Old Middlefield Road, Mt. View, CA 94043
650-966-1183

Cost: \$20.00 for a 10'x10' Space / Table and Chair, Maximum of 2 spaces per vendor/No dealers

Contact info: Greg Hutchinson (415) 205-7829 ghutchin@pacbell.net

Please complete and mail this with your check:

Name (Print!!): _____

Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone No. (With Area Code!): (_____) _____

_____ Spaces @ \$20 = \$ _____ Max 2.

TOTAL = \$ _____

Send registration by March 16, 2010. Make check payable to: BMW Club of Northern California. Send to: Greg Hutchinson, P.O. Box 4936 Foster City, CA 94404 (Phone: 415-205-7829)

Sponsored by the BMW Club of Northern California--www.bmwnorcal.org

Many of you probably know Margo Thomas as the proprietor and seamstress extraordinaire of Mags-Bags in Sonora, CA.

In October she was involved in a very serious motorcycle accident on the Monterey Peninsula. She spent three months in the hospital; had a hip replaced and a lower leg amputated. Now her friends are having a benefit to help with her substantial medical expenses.

The benefit for Margo will be on Saturday, April 17th at the Tuolumne County Sheriff's Posse Building (19130 Rawhide Road, Jamestown) from 3:00 to

8:00 PM. Your \$25 donation includes dinner, music, a no host bar, auctions, raffles and a chance to see some old friends.

If you would like to make a donation to the auction, please bring something of interest when you come to the benefit. By the way, riding should be great in the foothills this time of year. If you can't attend, please consider sending a donation to:

"The Margo Thomas Benefit Fund" % WestAmerica Bank 1311A Sanguinetti, Sonora CA 95370.

If you have questions about our benefit, please call 209-532-3911.

My primary sources of BMW information - RCB and RA

By Phil Wood



After a long catalog of Japanese and Harley bikes had filled my garage, the first BMW, a shiny R1150RT, moved in during the spring of 2002. Purging myself of a lot of history, I tried, like everyone before me, to learn as much as possible about this proud new ride.

Between A&S and the web, I quickly found out about, and joined, the River City Beemers (of course!) and the BMW Motorcycle Owners of America (BMW MOA). In time I would stumble across other websites and forums, but for the most part I relied on RCB to keep me current on local events, and MOA to keep me current on BMW events.

Just last month, a relatively new BMW rider asked me to recommend related magazines and websites. I was about to recite RCB and MOA ... Then I corrected myself and told him to join RCB and BMW Riders Association (BMW RA).

If you've never heard of BMW RA, it's time to learn.

While smaller than MOA, their editorial staff puts their big brother to shame. Looking for information regarding a BMW recall? It's on RA's home page. MOA has it hidden some place. Looking for an insightful and honest product review? RA's OTL and OTL Intel publish the good and the bad, turning me into an educated and informed consumer. MOA's reviews appear biased. Technical query? RA has an "Online Tech" to answer your questions. Good luck trying to get a response from MOA.

RA's monthly magazine, OTL, is published in blank-and-white and smaller than MOA's ON magazine, but it's packed with timely and relevant information. Unlike MOA's ON, I read RA's OTL cover to cover. Even the ads. It's always a good read. Membership cost? RA's is only a dollar more than your RCB membership, or \$25. If you're on a budget and cringe writing those \$40 checks to MOA, here's a better alternative.

For more information:

BMW Motorcycle Owners of America (<http://www.bmwmoa.org/>)

BMW Riders Association (<http://bmwra.org/>)

Disclaimer: No, I wasn't paid by RA. I simply prefer their style and product.



California Dreaming

(aka the UCASS 1000) By Phil Wood

It's all John Flower's fault. He put the concept of In-State SaddleSore into my head and now I can't get it back out. A SaddleSore? What's a SaddleSore?

Commonly abbreviated as an SS1000, it's essentially a 1,000-mile motorcycle ride completed within a 24-hour window. You can ride all 1,000 miles in one fell swoop, or you can ride, rest a little and ride more – All that's important is that you have evidence of your start time and location, end time and location, and your route ... which is hopefully over 1,000 miles ... and that you complete the entire route in less than 24 hours. What John pointed out was that there are special awards for completing an SS1000 entirely within a state. I imagine that could be a challenge in Rhode Island, but child's play in California. Right?

Sacramento to San Diego and back is over 1,000 miles but the thought of transiting LA traffic twice makes that route extremely unattractive. Sacramento up to Yreka, then south to Bakersfield, and finally back home is also over 1,000 miles, but 16-18 hours of IH-5 just doesn't sound exciting. Besides, a California SS1000 without the Golden Gate Bridge just

seems un-American! Or something!

So one day, after way too little sleep the night before, Fred Jewell and I hatched the Ultimate CA SS1000 (UCASS for short) plan. We're going to leave before sunrise and head north to Redding. Over

299 to Eureka and then south on 101 to Paso Robles ... which will include a Golden Gate crossing ... across 46 to Kettleman City and finally back home on IH-5. At 1,050 miles that even gives us a bit of a buffer.

(Note: The route is subject to change – We're still arguing about the last portion of the route.)

Our requirements include:

Freeways for the darkness hours – No mountain roads before sunrise nor after sunset.

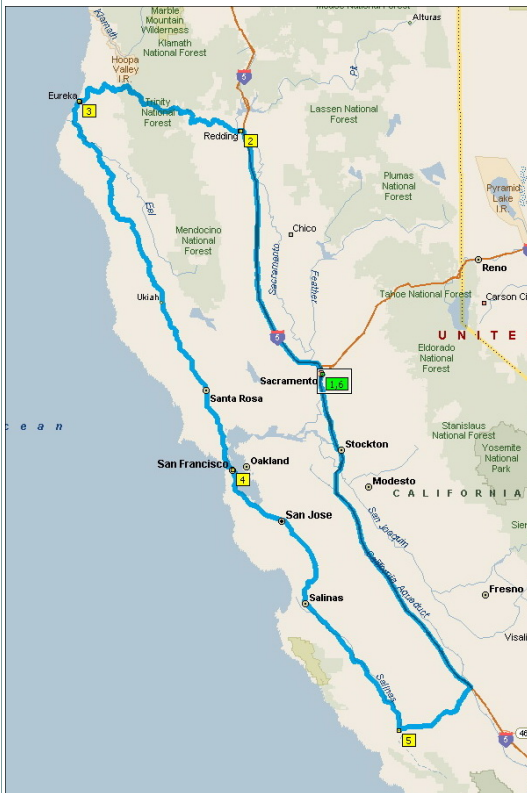
Avoid high traffic areas (Well, except for San Francisco and the Golden Gate)

Avoid rush hour traffic

Assuming a 4:00AM Sacramento departure, we'll hit Redding at 6:15AM. To avoid twisties in the dark, we'll need sunrise to occur after 6:15AM in Redding. According to my trusty Farmer's Almanac, any date after Apr 26 will provide morning sun on 299. By that schedule, San Francisco will fall around 1PM (no rush hour traffic), Paso Robles at 4:00PM, Kettleman City at 5:00PM, and with any luck at all, Sacramento sometime around 8PM. Realistically, factoring road construction, traffic, fuel and bio breaks means Sacramento may not show up in our visors until 10PM, – But as long as it's before 4:00AM, we're golden!

We haven't picked the date yet – Except that it's post -Apr 26 - and June and July are preferred anyway for the long daylight periods. We're leaning toward a weekday ride for better traffic patterns but that's not cast in concrete. Finally, we won't ride as a staggered group as we have our own bladder and fuel ranges, and (dis)comfort tolerances, but we might pass along the way and at rest stops.

Anyone else up for a quick jaunt around the state? The Iron Butt Association (<http://www.ironbutt.com/>) charges \$45 for the SS1000 certification and pin, but it's something you can brag to your neighbors, Grandchildren and distant relatives for years to come. Who's in?



Soldier Meadows GS Weekend June 11-13, 2010

After a wonderful but wet weekend in 2009 the owners of Soldier Meadows Ranch have promised a great weather weekend for 2010. In spite of the wet weather last year I believe everyone who attended had a terrific time. The food was outstanding, the hospitality unmatched, the location is one of the most unique you will find in the middle of nowhere, the riding opportunities are unlimited and we haven't even mentioned the hot springs yet!. You have the opportunity to ride the same trails the pioneers traveled in the 1850's. For a lot more information on Soldier Meadows see their web site at www.soldiermeadows.com.

Soldier Meadows has a limited number of rooms for rent and they will provide breakfasts and dinners for guests. You will eat with the ranch staff in the dining room. Anyone who attended last year's campout will attest to the terrific quality and quantity of the meals at Soldier Meadows. In addition to the rooms for rent they also have a great shaded tent camping area. I am working with the owners now to come up with pricing for the 2010 weekend and I anticipate it will be similar to last years rates.

The dual sport riding that is available to you while

staying at Soldier Meadows is virtually limitless, going from good dirt and gravel roads that can be enjoyed on a street bike to some gnarly 2 track 4X4 trails, the choice is yours.

What we need to do to secure enough space for the club is get an idea of how many people will be attending, how many would like a room and how many will camp. We need to get back to the owners of the Ranch by the end of March with a head count. The space is limited at Soldier Meadows so we may have to limit the number of attendee's. The room reservations will be allocated on a first come first served basis based on responses to this request. People attending all 3 days will have preference.

If you plan on attending the Soldier Meadows Weekend please contact Jim Cyran by email at jimcyran "@ [pacbell.net](mailto:jimcyran@pacbell.net) or call and leave a message at 916-863-6014. Indicate that you plan to attend the weekend, for how many days and whether you want a room or will be camping. We also have a need for a truck to bring gas and adult beverages for the weekend, the truck crew will receive the highest preference!

PLEASE RESPOND BY NO LATER THAN
March 31, 2010

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.

For you early airheads, I have a set of left and right HEINRICH LOWERS, which are made for a /6 or /7. These mount to the frame downtubes and follow the contours of the tank down across the top of the cylinders. They came off of my 83 R100S. These essentially turn an S into an RS for the winter. These are a very rare german-made accessory. \$250/pr, in excellent condition. Greg Gibson 530-575-0592

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@yahoo.com (7/28)

2010 Calendar of Upcoming Events

Check often because events are always being added or changed.

- Feb 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.
- Feb 9th, 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!
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- Mar 12-14 Sea Gull Inn B&B, Mendocino, Greg Peart, March 4th is the last day for reservations.
- Mar 13 A&S GPS ride training day, 11 am-1 pm
- Apr. 16-18 Southern Coast Ride, 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 21-23 Klauschie Campout, Mt. Lassen, Jack Klauschie
- May 28-31 49er Rally, TBA, Nor Cal BMW
- Jun 11-13 GS Ride, Soldier Meadows, NV, Jim Cyran
- Jun 17-20 Chief Joseph Rally, John Day, OR, BMW Riders of Oregon, www.bmwor.org
- Jun 25-27 Northern Coast I, Eureka, Fred Jewell
- Jul 10 Death Ride, RCB provides moto support, call 209-521-8425 for information
- 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, 800-227-4661, ask for Kelly, \$30 for 2 and 2 free dinners, \$20 for one and free dinner. Call early for the largest rooms. See you there!
- Aug 14-15 Sierra Nevada Brew Ride, Chico, Ray Trujillo
- Aug 21-22 Tahoe Chill South Lake Tahoe, Challinor, Olson, Sweeney
- Aug 29 Thunderhill RCB Motorcycle Skills Improvement Day**, more news to follow
- Aug 31-Sep 3 Curve Cowboy Reunion, Killington, VT, Curve Cowboys
- Sep 3-6 NorCal BMW Club, Range of Light Tour
- Sep 11 Vintage Bike Show, A&S BMW, 1-5 pm
- Sep 17-19 Beemer Bash, Quincy, Central Cal BMW
- 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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Greg Smith, Carmichael
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