

# River City Beemers



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### Membership Meeting

Sat Apr, 3rd 8:00am  
Susie's Country Oaks Cafe  
500-G Cirby Way  
Roseville

### Director's Meeting

Tues Apr 13th, 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



This great spring weather we've been having lately has got me ready for the riding season, even to the point of buying a new bike for it! Well, it has been over 2 years and 43,000 miles since the last one, so I guess I was due. Becki says this is DEFINITELY the last one, and I actually have to agree this time. Retirement will be coming up at about the time this one is paid off, and I am planning on not having any vehicle payments then. So now I am back on an RT again, like my first Beemer, and the one I enjoyed the most. Ted and Randy at A&S both really worked hard to get me the deal I wanted, (and for the fourth time), and I couldn't be happier. OK, yes I could. I could have a Rick Mayer seat instead of the brick that is masquerading as a seat now, but SWMBO is very touchy about additional expenditures right now, so I guess I have to suffer for a while.

It looks like we will have quite the turnout for the Morro Bay ride in April, I count at least 25 so far and I'm sure some more will appear. I have made reservations for both night's dining at two different restaurants, check the forum under the "Who's going to Morro Bay" thread for info and website links. If we can have weather like we are currently experiencing it will be an outstanding ride. The route is also on the web under Rides and Routes, and it includes a short day ride on Saturday for those who may not want to go to Hearst Castle. Check

with Ken for details.

Recently I was recalling a column that Past Prez Gary Stofer wrote many years ago that was bemoaning the loss of the phrase "You're welcome" and being replaced by "No problem", and I was in complete agreement with him about it. Looking around now, "No problem" has become ubiquitous, and unfortunately will probably stay around a while. I am an ardent fan of "The King's English", and I hate to see the deterioration of it over my lifetime, but one of the major advantages of the language is its flexibility and ability to add new words or phrases easily. I just don't happen to like some of them, and I particularly detest the loss of adverbs in conversation and in television commercials. I will avoid products or services if their ads omit adverbs, and will patronize those who use them properly. I know I'm sounding like an old codger, and I guess I am in a way, but I am a bit pessimistic about the future of our language; I can only hope there are some who will carry on proper English for our grandchildren.

Trivia question - what does SWMBO stand for, and from where does it originate? Bonus points for linking the originator of that saying to rock and roll.

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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.

# 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](http://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](http://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**



By the Thunderhill Staff

### Thunderhill 2010 - One More Time With Gusto

RCB's annual Rider Skills Improvement Day is on schedule for Sunday, August 29, 2010, but for a while it looked like the record of 14 consecutive Thunderhill events would come to an end. How it happened is an interesting story.

Late last year, Thunderhill's parent company needed our Sunday for their event. The folks at Thunderhill offered us weekdays, but we respectfully declined fearing that attendance would be below break-even. An announcement was made in our newsletter and Saturday meetings that there would be no Thunderhill



2010!

Meanwhile, the "never say die" group started looking at alternatives – The nearby tracks in Fernley, at Laguna Seca and Infineon were contacted. Even distant Buttonwillow was considered, but none had suitable weekend availability. In desperation, several commercial organizers, Keigwin's, Zoom Zoom, Track Masters and Pacific Track, were queried about co-sponsoring a track day. Most were willing to offer RCB members specials, but none wanted a co-sponsor.

Then, just last month, Thunderhill advised us that August 29th had opened up and if we still wanted it, it was available. The deposit went out the next afternoon.

Ironically, what started as a move of desperation (commercial co-sponsorship), turned out to be one of the best learning experiences for RCB's Thunderhill team. The difference between the commercial guys' Track Days and RCB's Rider Skills Improvement Days became crystal clear. Among the many differences:



Rider Classes – Commercial organizers (and RCB) categorize riders into A (advanced) to C (beginner) classes. Some add B+ and B- to further differentiate the intermediate riders. But what was interesting was how the commercial guys tend to shun the C riders. A quick glance at the Keigwin's calendar shows primarily A, B+ and B- events, with very C events. At Thunderhill 2009, a full 40% of our participants started as C riders ... and quite a few had moved up to B before the end of the day.

Instructors – The credentials of most commercial instructors is impressive – These are skilled sports bike racers! Yes, we have a couple racers at RCB, but the larger demographic are the street bikes, GS, GT, LT,



RS, S and RT. Our instructors are BMW riders, know how BMW riders ride, and tailor their instruction to the real needs of the average BMW rider.

The Track – Our Rider Skills Improvement Day is unique in that we split the Thunderhill track for most of the day so beginners and intermediate riders get exclusive access during their track periods. During your track time, you train and practice with similar skilled riders, not Joe Racer practicing his skills and inadvertently cutting you off.

Amenities – From your arrival Saturday afternoon until your departure Sunday afternoon, pretty much everything except fuel is taken care of. There's a track walk, plenty of track personnel to advise, and a host of RCB volunteers to answer your questions and service your needs. All meals and refreshments are included, and there are camping and shower fa-

cilities if you want to save the cost of a Willows hotel room. Except for fuel, there are no other Thunderhill expenses.

The Price – We checked, and there's no better deal than RCB. The commercial guys start at \$220 and go up from there. And their price doesn't include meals, camping or refreshments, which run another \$15-25 at the Thunderhill deli. RCB's price is \$195 for members and 2009 participants, and \$220 for others, but that includes all food and refreshments. Our price is unmatched in Northern California!

RCB's Rider Skills Improvement Day tickets will go on sale later in March. For more information, contact Kim Rydalch, [editor@rcb.org](mailto:editor@rcb.org) or 209/521-8425.



### **Big Auction April 17th**

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.

AND THERE IS MUCH MORE! A custom seat from Mr. Ed's Moto in Albany, Oregon valued at \$450.00 (works by email and mail order all the time); miscellaneous items from Premier MotoGear of Albany, Oregon; (Don & Debbie Weber from

Albany, Oregon have vended at Quincy, Auburn, John Day, MOA and RA rallies): \$300.00 in gift certificates from Cycle Specialties; \$100.00 in gift certificates from A and S BMW; assorted tools from CruzTools; a gift certificate from Jamestown Harley Davidson; a Road Gear Oregon Trail leather jacket, size 42; Rev-It Fahrenheit Winter Gloves, size large; Bates Touring Boots size 9 1/2; TourMaster Elite winter gloves, size large.

We'd love it if the River City Beemer members brought some of their gently experienced items to donate for the auctions. Every little bit helps.

## **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.*

2005 F650 GS Factory lowered model, ABS, Heated Grips. 15,xxx miles, Great condition, \$5575. Call Bruce at 916-989-9224. Pictures available on Craigslist. (3/22)

HEINRICH LOWERS for early airheads, left and right, 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. (2/24)

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 Schuberth 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)

# 2010 Calendar of Upcoming Events

Check often because events are always being added or changed.

- Apr 3rd, 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 13th, 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!

- 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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