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Membership Meeting

Sat Oct, 2nd 8:00am
Manchester KOA
44300 Kinney Road
Manchester, CA

Director's Meeting

Tues Oct 12th, 7:00 pm
Celia's Mexican Restaurant
9584 Micron Ave
Sacramento, CA

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



Well, I'm back from my trip east, and although its purpose was not really as a vacation, it was an excellent trip. You can read a more detailed account of it later on in this newsletter if you like. The timing of it was such that I missed a lot of events I really wanted to attend in August, but it couldn't be helped. I heard that the campout at Lake Tahoe was outstanding, and that Thunderhill was the best ever. I'm not going to miss them next year, that's for sure.

September is the month that we tend to go to events that other clubs put on, such as the Gypsy Tour and the Beemer Bash; the only RCB oriented event was the Vintage motorcycle show at A&S where we did another exemplary job of cooking dogs and burgers for the crowd. I had a group of volunteers again that really showed me how great our members are, and how much I appreciate them. We really have some of the best people I've known belonging to our club, and I'm always proud to be the president of it because of them.

Looking forward, Manchester Beach is fast coming upon us, and I can't wait. It is one of my favorites, it is the unofficial "end of the year" campout, and our biggest event. The KOA there is probably the nicest KOA I've stayed at, and of course the riding and scenery on the coast are still some of the best in the state. Bruce Azzarito is our host this year and it sounds like he has a menu to please all. Sorry, no Bloody Marys this year, I'm riding in solo and camping this time, maybe next time if Becki wants to attend, we'll see.

Also coming up is the Five Passes ride on the 10th, designed and led by our webmaster and ride leader Ken. This year looks a bit more challenging than in the past, definitely a bit longer, but if you're up for a full day of riding through the Sierra (point of grammar here - it is the Sierra [singular], NOT the Sierras [plural], and IT is the range of mountains to our east. Sorry, hot button.) Ken has quite the route and lunch spot planned, and hopefully the leaves will be turning colors to make this a beautiful ride.

One thing to start thinking about is planning for next year and what we are going to do for events and rides. We will have the planning meeting on Sunday Nov. 7 at Steve's Pizza in Elk Grove at 5:00, and all members are welcome to attend. We are always looking for feedback from our membership on what they want the club to do, and of course we are ALWAYS looking for volunteers. So, if you have an idea, want to lead a ride, have a spot you'd like the club to consider for a destination, or just want to put in your two cents worth, come on out to the Grove of Elk and join us for pizza and planning. Hope to see you there.

Trivia time once more: What is the name of the motorcycle club Marlon Brando rode with in the movie "the Wild One", and what kind of bike was he riding?

Tag line this month comes from the late, great, Warren Zevon:

Enjoy every sandwich.

Weekend At The Beach

Come to the Manchester Beach campout Oct 1-3. raffles.

RCB will supply coffee, continental breakfasts, Friday and Saturday dinners and a keg of beer. Raffle Meister Gordy has picked up some special prizes for the club meeting.

Our Saturday evening the club meeting will be conducted at the KOA complete with presentations and

Your costs are \$9/per person per night of camping. The Saturday night banquet extravaganza is and additional \$10 per person. Be there!

RV's or Kabins require reservations.
Call 707-882-2375

Classic Motorcycle Rally in October

This is a reminder that the Central Coast Classic Motorcycle Club (CCCMC) Rally is coming up on October 7th-10th in beautiful San Luis Obispo County.

We will be sponsoring many events, starting on Thursday evening at downtown SLO's famous Farmer's Market. On Friday, CCCMC will lead a ride up Hwy 1, which will end with an evening bonfire and dinner at Avila Beach. Saturday is the main event, with a classic motorcycle show and swap meet, featuring vendors and a charity raffle for the Woods' Humane Society.

On Sunday CCCMC will lead another ride along the

back roads of SLO County.

The marquee brand for this year's rally is Norton, and their newest models will be on display Saturday. Also at the rally will be the World's Fastest Indian and motorcycle innovator Craig Vetter.

Log on to our website, www.centralcoastclassicmc.com, for updates, locations and directions, and additional information of other notable industry celebrities who'll be joining us. Be there!

5 Passes 2010

Yuba, Beckwourth, Mt. Rose, Kingsbury, Luther and Echo. (Yeah, we know that's really six passes ... It was late when the planning was being done ...)

If you have old tires with plenty of wear but near-new sidewalls, this is the ride for you. We will be turning so much that you'll barely be using the base of your tires. So put those old, worn tires back on and join us.

Just kidding, you don't want to take worn tires on this route! Just kidding!

For the 2010 edition, the Five Passes ride starts at the Grass Valley IHOP, 746 Taylorville Road, Grass Valley, CA 95949 ([map](#))

Enroute to the IHOP, you'll pass a Chevron station to fill up. Show up at 7AM-ish for breakfast and be ready for an 8AM departure. This year the route travels up CA-20 and CA-49 through Downieville, over Yuba Pass and into Sattley. Then north on local roads to CA-70 for Beckwourth Pass and onto US-395. Around 11AM will make an unfortunate but necessary pass through Reno before proceeding over NV-431 to Mt. Rose Pass and into the Lake Tahoe

Basin.

After a scenic pass by the Lake, we'll head over NV-207 to Kingsbury Grade and descend into Gardnerville for lunch at Woodett's ([map](#)) around 1PM.

After lunch, most riders will head south to pick up Luther and Echo for six (!) passes, while more spirited riders can take US-395 and climb Monitor, then Luther and Echo for seven passes!

Round-Trip Distance and Time: Depends on your departure point, but estimate 350 miles and 7 hours riding time.

Notice: The ride is challenging. Probably not a great "first ride" with the club. Nevertheless, we expect to have both "spirited" and "less spirited" groups.

Shorter Alternative: A three Pass, 300 mile (5:30 hrs) is available to riders wanting to leave the group in Reno and return on IH-80.

I won the free track day raffle - Thank you RCB!

THUNDERHILL RCB SKILLS IMPROVEMENT DAY, August 29, 2010

By Randy Dawson

My last track day was with Reg Pridmore & "CLASS" at Laguna Seca some 25 or so years ago (yeah, old guy). I was overdue for some skills improvement. I barely slept Saturday night after the track walk with Howard (instructor) over anticipation of the day on the track. I was intimidated by the blind corners, off camber right turns, long straights, and a couple of sharp 2nd gear turns. I did not want to hurt myself or my R1200R. The track has runoffs that go forever but I really didn't want to be 'GS'ing' it on Sunday.

Considering myself an experienced rider overall, I signed up for the "B" (Intermediate) Class but, on Sunday morning got cold feet and downgraded to the "C" (Beginner) Class. The first two 20 minute sessions were slow and let me calm down and understand better the line Howard had shown us Saturday night. Once given the go-ahead, I did some passing and managed to take a few of the turns at speed. The thrill of being on the track was starting to come back. The morning was used to slowly study the line through each turn, then passing or holding back until I could take each one at speed. The exercise of 'riding the motor' (revs up, stay in 3rd gear, avoid braking) for a couple of laps as suggested by Jim, Jack, and Ray was helpful and confidence building. Late apex, eyes up, relax, pip-pip and all that.

After lunch we joined a slightly faster group. Although the speed was up, the comfort level was also up. This is the whole point of the day. Everyone is now comfortable and riding as fast as their skills and experience allows and this is the time to practice some techniques that increase the speed and control. The afternoon classes are designed to help everyone raise the bar just a little.

Formal classes end at 3pm and from 3-5 the track is 'open'; enter and exit as you like, all classes are combined and go as fast as you like. Don't worry if you are the slowest rider on the track. Just follow the safety rules taught in the morning and the fast guys can go around you comfortably.

By the end of the day, I was running through the gears on the straights, full braking, and leaning to near the edge of the tires in the turns. This was as far as I wanted to go (the acceleration and braking adds a lot more risk and 'excitement' to the equation) but I found I was running with all but the fastest, hanging off, young and immortal, fast bike guys (and one gal).

If you have thought about doing the RCB track day but felt it might be too dangerous or that you might be 'in the way', I hope this little story can alleviate some of your hesitation, and encourage you to attend the event next year. EVERY level rider can benefit from an annual track day – your loved ones will appreciate the greater skills and safety you will gain on

the road by practicing at the track.

The way RCB runs this track day is safety first (just use the inside 1/3 of the track, run the straights in the middle and the fast guys can go around – always on the outside – there is NO passing on the inside at RCB track day). You can get as much help from the instructors as you want or they will leave you alone if

you prefer. Remember to pace yourself, the best learning and fun is after 3pm on the open track.

Thanks to all of the RCB members that give us their time to make this such a great event. See ya next year (I'll be a paying participant – no way I could win 2 years in a row. Hmmm, could I?)

GRUMPY OLD MEN?

I may be grumpy, and Rand Olson is, well, old, but really it was one of my Dad's favorite movies, not just due to the stars Walter Matthau and Jack Lemmon, but mostly for the fact it took place in Wabasha, Minnesota, his birthplace and now final resting place. It was to Wabasha that Rand and I went on our motorcycles this past August 17, fortunately two days after the Sturgis rally ended, so we didn't have to contend with all those trailers with bikes in them. I was carrying the ashes of my Dad and of his favorite dog, Boomer, in my tail trunk (Boomer's been in my dresser drawer for the past 8 years waiting for this) just as I had promised Dad I would.

We left early on a Tuesday, headed to Fallon, NV and took off across highway 50, the Loneliest Road in America, and a route we both truly enjoy. We passed by our favorite overnight stop of the Border Inn in order to make more miles and stay in Scipio, Utah. This way we were able to make it to Denver the next day and my friends Mark and Mary in time for dinner. They fed us and put us up for the night, which was stress enough for them, but we found out their daughter was getting married that Saturday! Good friends.

A short jaunt up I-76 to North Platte, NE and we turned off the interstate to follow secondary roads through Nebraska to our next stop in Yankton, S.D. Northern Nebraska is quite a bit different from what you might expect; there are rolling hills, streams, cattle, and some of the most picturesque farm homes and ranches I've ever seen. The miles and miles of corn begin a little ways east and then it never seems to end. A menacing looking thunderstorm was follow-



The Jewell Family Monument

ing us as we sped east, which thankfully waited until we were in the motel before inundating the area with a huge volume of water, thunder and lightning. This made the next several days rather humid and hot, which can really make you appreciate the Sacramento weather.

We arrived in Wabasha on Friday afternoon, which gave us enough time to drop my cargo off at the only funeral home in town and then explore what Wabasha had to offer. It is a small town on the Mississippi River in the south east part on Minnesota, definitely trying to keep its turn of the century appearance, and obviously reliant on the tourism trade. Lots of boating activity because of the river, and the surrounding forested bluffs looked like prime hunting country. My family has been associated with Wabasha for generations; my great-great-grandfather built a building there in 1880 (called the H.H. Jewell Building) that still stands today and is on the state historical buildings list. Many of the town folk we met knew the name and were pleased to see we were visiting. Despite a very hot and humid day the memorial went

well the next day with two of my three sisters, three of my four cousins, my Aunt and some assorted offspring and spouses all in attendance. The 15 of us afterwards went to have dinner at the bar that was prominent in the Grumpy Old Men movie called Slippery's Bar and Grill, where most of us had to sample the Walleye Pike, the local fish and a central figure in the movie. Dinner for 15, including adult beverages and tip, was \$233. Amazing.

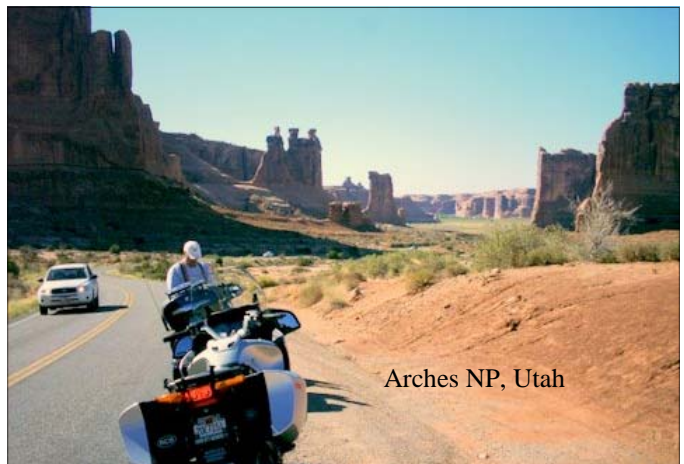
Leaving the next day in a thick fog and on the lookout for forest rats, err, deer, we decided to take the interstate across south Dakota to Rapid City. I-90 makes I-5 here look positively twisty with varied scenery. There was corn, more corn, and even more corn the whole way, but the worst part was the 104 temperature with a constant 40 mph crosswind. This actually worked well for Rand, as his back tire was bald in the middle, so he was able to ride on the left side for 300+ miles and wear out that side. Our original plan was to ride to Loveland, CO BMW to get tires on Tuesday, but he needed them NOW on a Monday. Some other motorcyclists reminded us that Sturgis BMW was close and they were open on Monday. We pulled into Sturgis at 11:30 and by 1:00 he had a new set of tires on his LT. The service writer said they had sold over 800 tires in the past few weeks due to the rally, and they were still in the tire-changing mode. Excellent customer service, and the tire prices were actually significantly discounted. We rode through the Black Hills into Wyoming before turning south towards Colorado.

After a night in Cheyenne, where I think we got the last room in town, we had to scratch the plan of Estes Park and Rocky Mountain National Park due to a report of it snowing there. We have had a habit of running into snow in the past, so we decided on going directly to Denver and heading southwest from there. I got a little uneasy heading into Fairplay at 10,000 feet, 46 degrees and raining, but the people we talked to coming the other way said it was clear ahead, they were right, it got sunny and warmer as we lost elevation, almost hot when we stopped in Montrose, CO for the night. We found a wonderful motel there called the Country Lodge that we absolutely loved. Great people and a western motif along with the best continental breakfast of the trip. I highly recommend

it.

If you haven't ridden the Million Dollar Highway between Ouray and Silverton, CO, then you have to put it on your bucket list. Rand called it the best part of the trip, with mountain scenery that looks like the Swiss Alps and a twisty road that takes you up to almost 12,000 feet. Lots of tourists on rental Harleys (how can I tell? 6 or 8 bikes together with stock pipes. Speaking German or French was a clue too.) but they loved to wave at us and we always waved back. This was our shortest day in miles but it took almost as long due to road construction and low speed limits. We ended up in Moab, UT early enough to take in Arches National Park before dinner where we were amazed by all the RV's "getting back to nature" there. Canyonlands was almost across the street, but we waited until morning to check that out. It is quite a bit like the Grand Canyon, incredible views, but worth visiting just for the twisty road going in and out.

After Moab it was time to head home and back across 50 with a night in Ely, NV. We arrived home, safe and sound, on Friday, Aug. 28, a total of just under 5000 miles in 10 days of riding. It was an experience I'll never forget - a memorial ride for my Dad but a chance to explore areas of the country I haven't seen in years or been on a bike before. I know it won't be my last cross country trip, but it was definitely the most memorable. Thanks again to Rand Olson for accompanying me, Becki doesn't like me to go long distance by myself due to my diabetes, but there were no problems or issues (except for tires) and Rand and I got along very well the whole time. I would do it again in a heartbeat. By Fred Jewell



Arches NP, Utah

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Bushtec trailer, with hitch for a BMW LT. Has spare tire and wheel, garment bag, carpet lined. \$2400.00. Call Mike Miller at 916-408-7754. Located in Lincoln, CA. I also have a shop manual for a 2002 BMW LT, \$50.00 (9/1)

2002 BMW LT1200LTC, \$8,600, photos here, 28K Mi. Silver, new rear and extra brand new front tires. KBB \$8,500 + \$300 in options based on 42,850 Mi. - This bike has only 28K Mi... BMW battery tender, BMW cover, shop manual, detailed service records, factory CD, new registration and much, much more. Excel cond. Russ @ abme(at)cwnet.com call me at 530-268-3815 Grass Valley(8/30)

2003 R1150 GSA Black Givi windshield Rick Mayer Saddle Hepco Becker Top box and bags new tires 60,875 mi. \$7,500 obo Call John 530 677 1931 (7/19)

2000 K1200LTC Canyon red Piaa lights Moto lights Aero headlight protector Chrome Bushtek trailer hitch and other add-ons 57K mi. \$7,500 obo Call John 530 677 1931 (7/19)

Nolan N103 XL Silver Helmet for sale, Purchased June 29th and it does not fit my head as well as I had hoped... Worn once for 3 hours. \$349 plus tax new will sell for \$300 Bob 916 208 6641

1983 R100RT 60th Anniversary model Pearl White, 72K in great shape and with BMW and aftermarket options. \$4,500. Dennis 530-391-5754, e-mail:clcman(at)sbcglobal.net (6/11)

2006 1200 GS Adventure 7700 miles black and silver new tires very clean \$9500 or best offer. Call Bryan at 916-847-2001(5/17)

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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 Per-

fect. \$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.

Oct 2nd, Sat General membership meeting at will be at the KOA campground at Manchester Beach. 44300 Kinney Rd. Manchester, CA. See you there. All members and guests welcome.

Oct 12th, Tue Director's meeting at Celia's Mexican Restaurant, 7:00 pm, 9584 Micron Ave, Sacramento. 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!

Oct 1-3 Northern Coast, Manchester Beach, 44300 Kinney Rd, Manchester, CA

Oct 2 Membership Meeting at Manchester Beach

Oct 10 Five Passes Ride, Sierras, Ken Caruthers

Nov 7 2010 Planning Meeting, Fred Jewell

Nov 19-21 CW International Bike Show, San Mateo

Dec 5 Christmas Party, A&S, Dennis Allstead



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