

River City Beemers



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Membership Meeting

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

Director's Meeting

Tues Dec 14th, 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



I can't believe it's the end of the year already, and what's even more astounding is, it is the end of my third year as president. I never imagined when I joined this club I would be an officer, let alone president, and now I'm about to embark on my fourth (and final) year leading this club. I am as excited as ever for the events we came up with at the planning meeting; it's another good mix of motels, camping, weekends, day rides, street and GS oriented and more, so there should be something for everyone in the calendar. There are some new events replacing some of the ones we've done many times, yet there are many of the old favorites still around. There are also many spots in the calendar that we could fill with a new idea or two as they come up. It's going to be another good year for the club, I'm sure of it, and the reason I'm sure of it is because we have such good people doing good things for the benefit of all the members. I just can't thank them enough for all the hard work they do, and all on a volunteer basis. It's what makes being president so fulfilling.

For those of you who didn't get the chance to do our RCB organized Iron Butt UBS1000 last year, or who want to expand their list of IBA certificates, we have two different group Iron Butt rides scheduled for next year. First will be a Bun Burner 1500 (1500 miles in

36 hours) I will lead on the weekend of May 14/15, and Phil Sweeney is heading up a group doing the Border to Border (Mexico -USA-Canada) in 36 hours in June. These are both similar in how they are accomplished with a motel stop along the way; I think they are actually easier than a Saddle Sore 1000, and you can do them as your first IBA ride, so if you want to challenge yourself on your bike come on along and join us. More details will be in upcoming newsletters.

Our annual Christmas party will be coming up on the same Saturday as our monthly meeting, Dec. 4, so our club ride will be short in order to give us time to prepare that special dish for the potluck. Please realize that the raffle is being moved from the morning meeting to the dinner party just to give you extra incentive to attend. Randy and A&S are graciously donating the use of their show room for the party so it should be another wonderful event.

I have several trivia questions this month that have nothing at all to do with motorcycling, I just like them: According to Bugs Bunny, who is a boy's best friend? What product does Professor Goody advertise, and what other cartoon advertising character has the same voice as he?

Happy holidays to every one. May you have a safe and prosperous new year.

The Voting Results are In for 2011

For the first time that I can remember RCB actually had an official election and passed out ballots at the November club meeting. There were 57 ballots cast and these are the results.

President
Fred Jewell

Vice President
Gordy Olson

Secretary
Lynn Clark

Treasurer
Phil Wood

RCB is excited about the new board and the new ideas that will come forth for the 2011 year.

Elected for two year terms are the following:
Ken Caruthers
Marv Lewis
Ray Nuguit

Rand Olsen
Kim Rydalch

Elected for one year terms are the following:
Phil Challinor
Roy Ulsfrud

Leaving the board at the end of this term:
Stan Paolini

This will take the Board down to 10 directors, as required by our By-laws.

Five Directors will be up for re-election each year. Any club member wishing to run for an Officer or Director position may do so during the election period.

RCB's Annual Christmas Party!

Announcing RCB's Annual Christmas Party!

Saturday, December 4, 2006
Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
Dinner at 7:00 p.m.
Goodnights at 10:00 p.m.

Our gracious host is...
A & S BMW
1125 Orlando Ave., Roseville

Ham, Turkey, and beverages are provided by River City Beemers. The rest of the dinner is potluck. Please see the guidelines for last names below.

A – F, SALADS
G –K, MAIN DISH
L-S , SIDE DISH
T-Z, Desserts

Also please note that there will be no raffle at the November meeting at Susie's Country Oaks Café. Instead we will have a special raffle at the Christmas party. Prepare to be dazzled by Gordy's inspiration!

See you all there!

October Board of Director Meeting

The RCB BOD meeting was held on Tuesday, October 12th. 15 of the 20 officers were in attendance.

Old business

- So far the board wants to hold off any dues increase for the foreseeable future.
- The new web site is now up and running and looks great.

New business

- Gordy will be running for Vice President
- The number of directors will be 10 according to the by laws for 2011
- Several motions were approved to recognize members who have done an exemplary job at various club events.

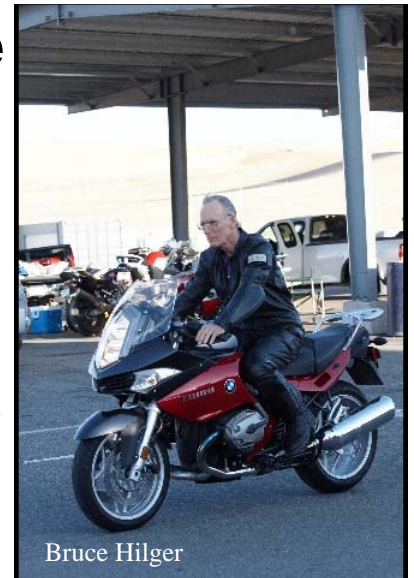
- Manchester Bearch was discussed. Members will prepare the meal for Friday and Saturday's meal will be catered. Members who register early for Manchester will pay a discounted rate rather than the full rate at the day of the event.
- The final details of the Christmas party were discussed. Beverages will include beer, soft drinks and water.
- A Kermit chair will be given as a door prize at the party. The club meeting raffle will be canceled so the Christmas party can have more gifts to give away.
- Fred Jewell suggested more Officers and Directors should host rides and events

A Changing Thunderhill Experience

By Shop Doc

The Thunderhill Race Track can mean an exciting day for the moneyed involved in motorcycle riding. I was there and not only has BMW created a stable of capable machines that with a throttle twist would push your eyeballs in the back of your head and scrape the pucks off your knees but technology has made this track faster and faster. (This is not a problem because Thunderhill is a safe Track.) I'm seeing this as Pro Football has made a sandlot game into a billion dollar business. At the present time technology has made the average person a wannabe with a fancy riding suit, \$500 helmet and special boots with loud Ducati pipes screaming the straights and taking turns at breathtaking angles and speeds. The tire compounds, ESM and ABS have made the impossible speed greater and greater and what used to be a Bonneville Salt Flat land speed record now is commonly reached on this every day race track by people like you and me.

But, I'm just an old fart; who is pushing the big seven oh. The guys in their 40's and 50's think nothing about testing the track at warp speed with the latest edition by BMW Motorrad that looks no bigger than a mail box while I can remember my first, the first track day on a 60 horse power Slash Seven. The human body changes with time as well. When I am hiking my balance and coordination, or I might preface by saying, the lack of, denies me the comfortable assumption of watching the birds and beautiful flora as my body does not automatically negotiate the irregular terrain but with the help of walking sticks, which are like the seat belt to a car with everyone else. I was concerned, thinking maybe same change would impact my riding.



Bruce Hilger

So you may get my hint that the howl of a hundred and sixty horsepower machine with the deafening blap/blap from its pipes going by me are a bit disconcerting while I'm trying to make the rounds of this very modern Thunderhill Raceway. But thoughtfully our B Group was headed by race-expert Howard who took us around on our first 20 minute session to experience the best riding lines of the course. At the same time, for me, this slo motion introduction gave me the exact gearing for each segment of turn and straight in the course for later when we were turned loose to our own. But not really because these eight expert riders were conveniently spread amongst us Beemer Racers and the Raceway Track Staff were constantly on alert to handle anything that might go wrong or said in another way, what would be done out of the ordinary. I say this because as the human body and mind go, the most perfect plan is always susceptible and there eventually will be screw-ups, break downs or problems.

I know there are several genuine things about BMW riders which compliment Track Day and make it a most valuable event. The rider qualities stand out in that he/she is intelligent, considerate and sensitive, and not to forget being physically talented to manage two wheel travel. The same people in the middle of the flurry of the track day activity are still amiable, thoughtful, considerate and generous. This is a purposeful event designed to meet the unexpected emergencies one might face on the open road. Track Day makes motorcycling less vulnerable and more safe. Saving yourself one time with alertness, braking, evasion or cornering makes Track Day worth it for all the other 79 participants. I know the concept of Track Day was about this one feature of safety and fun, fifteen years ago. And it is from the willingness of the many volunteers who make it continue and happen each year. And thank you for that because the day on track is really a must each year. For those selfless volunteers we, the riders, the members, the families thank them. Anyone on one of these machines knows all the add-ons and design improvement features that make money from having a BMW shows such riders are thinking, and organized individuals. And why not pamper yourself as you or I richly deserve it. This in itself makes the rules and policies demanded by the Thunderhill management

become second nature to this like-thinking RCB visitor. When I walk the tarmac with all the trailers and equipment, and experience the total activity of all the riders present, there is a clear harmony in the work and play which this place engenders. And throughout the entire day of riding everyone is having motorcycle fun.

One benefit of the Track, which I availed myself of, was to have Jess, expert suspension tuner, set my R1200ST suspension for me. He does some knob twisting and screw driver turning on my rear shock, only, because the front shock is not adjustable. Then he bounces up and down on the bike like it's a Brahma Bull or a Pogo Stick, then he tweaks the shock a bit more and turns to me and that's it. I take a ride and am totally surprised at how much better the ride is, but Jess was so busy with others that I couldn't thank him for his good work.

Another telling advantage is the photographic results from our RCB professional photo/rider, Chris Kight. I have just viewed the almost 2000 (that's 3 zeros) pictures he took that day and picked out about 50. These pictures are not only of me but are expressive about what the Track Day means and is. It is a successful photo story of riding at Thunderhill, and it will be a great memory book for a long time to come.

The Day is over; I went, I watched and I joined in. I answered my nagging question. As I experience the cycle of life having reached the down hill side/slide I have concluded I am no less a candidate for the track experience than anyone else. The last year I was scraping both heads of the bike in the turns but decided this time that I was doing fine with less and this was a truly successful day in my mind. True, I had a couple of "oh shit" experiences in turns one and ten. But in the long run the question for our thought-forces is do I ride or do I not ride and how do I go about doing it? I answered that question on my Gypsy Ride this weekend, and I am looking forward to the one next year.

Nothing ventured, nothing gained,

Respectfully, Bruce Hilger

2011 Ride Calendar

It's not just a slogan that the River City Beemers are Northern California's largest and most active BMW Motorcycle Club. In addition to the weekly dinner and "because we can" rides, and the monthly club rides, we also load our calendar with a slew of week-end events and rides.

Earlier this month, the brain trust (?) of RCB met to work out our 2011 Ride Calendar. For the most part, our 2011 weekend calendar will resemble 2010 – There are a mix of day and overnight rides, and a mix of camping and motel destinations. Essentially unchanged from last year are the Sea Gull Inn ride, Morro Bay, the Lois Lewis Memorial Poker Run, Mt. Lassen KOA, Soldier Meadows, Yerington, Tahoe Chill, Manchester Beach and Five Passes.

New rides for 2011 include the following:

First Aid – Not exactly a ride, but an educational activity presented by our own Folsom fireman and paramedic, Phil Challinor. Date and exact location are still being confirmed, but if you've ever wanted to know what to do when you come across an accident on the road, then this is for you. RCB will supply food/drink for this half-day presentation.

Bun Burner 1500, May 14-15 – Our 2010 Group Saddle Sore 1000 was such a success that we're go-

ing to tackle another Iron Butt challenge in 2011. Our route will be Sacramento to Las Vegas to Salt Lake City and home (1500 miles) with an overnight stay around mile 800. Anyone who completes this ride in the required 36 hours or less will receive a "Bun Burner 1500" pin and certificate from the Iron Butt Association.

Marv's Mystery Ride, May 29 – Probably our best ride for newcomers and more leisurely riders. Join us this Sunday for a non-rushed ride through some of Placer county's more scenic and better motorcycle roads. There will be ample time for socialization to get to know your fellow rider both on the road and off.

Border-to-Border, June 10-14 – Three countries in 36 hours! Piece of cake if you happen to live in Europe, but here you need to ride from Tecate, Baja California, Mexico to Milk River, Alberta, Canada (~1480 miles) to accomplish the feat. We're figuring one day to get to Tecate, two days and one night for the actual ride, and two days to return home. And like the Bun Burner above, anyone who finishes in less than 36 hours will receive a "Border-to-Border" pin and certificate from the Iron Butt Association.

Sequoia/King, June 24-26 – Truly some of the most beautiful Sierra sceneries will unfold in these south-

The screenshot shows the River City Beemers website in a Windows Internet Explorer browser window. The address bar shows <http://www.rcb.org>. The website header includes the club name "River City Beemers" and the tagline "Northern California's largest and most active BMW Motorcycle Club". A search bar is located on the right side of the header. The main navigation menu includes links for Home, About, Benefits, Calendar, Forum, Galleries, Join/Renew Membership, and Contact Us.

The main content area is divided into three sections:

- Club Photos:** A gallery of photos showing riders and motorcycles.
- River City Beemers - Upcoming Events:** A list of events with dates and times:
 - Wednesday Dinner Ride (Wed, 11/24/2010 - 6:30pm)
 - Friday after Thanksgiving Ride (Fri, 11/26/2010 - 9:00am)
 - Wednesday Dinner Ride (Wed, 12/01/2010 - 6:30pm)
 - Membership Meeting (Sat, 12/04/2010 - 8:00pm)
- Featured Links:** A list of links to various resources:
 - December Newsletter (pdf)
 - Join our Mailing List
 - 2011 Rider Calendar (pdf)
 - ABS BMW
 - California Roads
 - Motorcycle Safety Foundation
 - RawHyde Adventure

At the bottom left, there is an "RCB Event Calendar" for November, showing a grid of dates from 1 to 20. At the bottom right, there is a circular logo for "River City Beemers Sacramento".

ern California National Parks. Originally a 2008 "Ride to Nowhere" destination and then scouted in 2010, we've decided this area is perfect for a regular RCB destination!

Death Ride, July 9 – Again, not exactly a ride, but SAG (Support and Gear) assistance to the sponsors of the 140-mile, bicycle "Death Ride" through Alpine County. For over twenty years, RCB riders have shuttled between stations supporting logistics operations. This event requires an invitation so don't just "show up." If you would like to participate, contact Kim Rydalch (209/402-7714) for details.

Want to know more? We'll be populating the web-

site calendar as details are confirmed, or you can download a summary of *all* rides by going to our website, and clicking on the "**2011 Ride Calendar**" link in the "**Featured Links**" box in the upper right hand corner.

That's also where you'll find the link to this newsletter.

Pretty impressive schedule, eh? Look forward to seeing you on the road in 2011!

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. Go to the [Contact Us](#) section and send your classifieds information 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.

ATTENTION RT OWNERS! Are you tired of paying high air filter prices? Install a reusable K&N AIR FILTER! ONLY \$10.00! Call Bruce Parrish at: 916-989-9224.

2004 R1150RT just 60K miles, silver, ABS, BMW side and top cases, Heated grips, BMW Nav II GPS with Glare Buster hood (inc. maps and codes), Wunderlich crash bars with highway pegs and fog lights, Throttlemeister "cruise control", Pilot running lights w/Ezy-mount bracket, Centech AP-1 aux fuse panel, BMW engine guards, BMW comfort seat, Stebel air horns, Lots of other farkles and supplies. Runs like a new bike. Bike has always been garaged, well cared for. \$7,500 ORO. Email Dave Swift (in Grass Valley) at beemerdave(at)att.net or call 530-320-4478.(10/8)

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)

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)

Backpacking Tent Sierra Designs Light Year 1 3-Season. Packed size, 19" x 5" and a feather-light trail weight of 2 lb. 11 oz. A great 1-person tent. \$85. 3/4" Therm-a-Rest. \$25.

Whisperlite Internationale 600 stove. Burns a variety of fuels and packs small. \$45. Dennis 530-391-5754

(5/17)

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 lin-

ers. \$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.

- Dec 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.
- Dec 14th, 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!
- Dec 4 Christmas Party, at A&S BMW, chairman Dennis Allstead, see article in the newsletter



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First Class Mail

December 2010

It's not too late!
For those of you who attended Manchester, you know the fine folks from BMW RA stopped by and distributed copies of their magazine and other items. What you may not know is that RCB's Manchester event will be a featured article in their December issue of OTL. It's not too late to subscribe at <http://www.bmwra.org/> and get your copy of the article. And another magazine offer expires at the end of this year – BMW Motorcycle Magazine is still offering a \$5.00 discount if you subscribe online at <http://www.bmwmcmag.com/> and use the discount code **CLUB5OFF** at checkout.
Last chance!

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