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Membership Meeting

Sat Jan, 1st 8:00am

Susie's Country Oaks Cafe

500-G Cirby Way

Roseville

Director's Meeting

Tues Jan 11th, 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



It's the end of the year and time to think back on what we did over the past 12 months. It all seemed to start with the Whale Tour ride and overnight at Jim and Ayla's B&B in Mendocino, the Sea Gull Inn, and ended with the Christmas party at A&S. It went by so quickly that I sometimes have to look at our calendar to remind me of our events, and realize that we had a lot of things going on almost the whole year through. We have had, and will continue to have, a wide variety of rides, overnights, campouts, motels, travels and such that everyone should be able to find something to their liking. I have been dividing my time now between motel and campout events and finding I am enjoying camping more than I imagined. Next year we once again have an equal amount of both on the calendar so that each group is represented.

I enjoyed the Morro Bay ride even though the food was a bit pricey (sorry about that); the Poker Run was absolutely fantastic; Mt. Lassen was fun even in the snow; the MOA rally was great, especially with 78 of us there (no. 3 club in attendance); I was bummed to have missed the final Eureka ride and the Tahoe Chill campout but was glad to have gone to Sequoia/ King's Canyon; Yerington was, as usual, the bargain event of the year and loads of fun; and what can you say about Manchester Beach that hasn't been said about our biggest and

best event. We even had a group Iron Butt ride that was a huge success. I am looking forward to doing it all again and more in 2011.

I would like to thank all our volunteers again for all their efforts over the year to put on some of the events we all like to enjoy as club members. Without them we would just be a bunch of old geezers hanging around, swilling coffee and telling stories, instead of hanging around, swilling coffee, telling stories AND riding to many different places. So many people do so many things so well that it is difficult to thank them individually without inadvertently leaving someone out, so I have to resort to a group THANK YOU to all of you!

I guess there are just no cartoon trivia lovers out there besides me and Gordy, who googled, I mean, guessed the correct answers to my trivia questions. The answers are : Professor Goody hawked Aunt Jemima waffles, always trying to keep them away from Wallace the Waffle Whiffer, and his voice was the same as Captain Crunch. (Both were drawn by Jay Ward of Rocky and Bullwinkle fame). Bugs Bunny sang, with his Brooklyn accent, that a boy's best friend is his mother.

Happy New Year every one, let's hope next year is even better than the last one. Let's also think good thoughts for Rick Blake's recovery, I know he'll appreciate them.

Whale of a Tour in March 2011



Its time again to make your reservations for the RCB Annual Whale Tour. For the 4th year now, **Greg & Cyndee Peart** will be leading a bed & breakfast tour to the lovely Mendocino coast. As always, we plan to stay with Jim and Ayla Douglas at the *Sea Gull Inn of Mendocino*. The rooms are blocked off, so reservations must be made by calling: The *Sea Gull Inn* at: **888-937-5204**. Let them know you are with the River City Beemers and you will receive 15% off the standard weekend rate, there is a 2 night minimum stay for this event. Your first night rate will be charged as a deposit when the reservation is made and the balance (and RCB Badge*) required at check-in. If we exceed the inn's 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 weather, size & wishes of the group. The inn is a beautiful place to just chill. Mendocino is a historic district wonderful

small town to just stroll about, watch the migrating whales, shop, or just relax. This tour is designed for couples & is a hit with the ladies. **The Plan:** Check out *The Sea Gull INN* at: www.seagullbb.com, then call 888-937-5204 to make your Own Reservation. 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, February 24, 2010. Then on Friday, March 11, Meet at 8 AM (if you want breakfast) or 9 AM Wheels up at The **EPPIES 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 is a rain or shine event. (*the badge thing is a joke.....)

Bun Burner 1500 Needs You!

Bun Burner 1500 Ride (Iron Butt). Posted in RCB Event

Location: Out on those great roads

Time: Sat, 05/14/2011 (All day) - Sun, 05/15/2011 (All day)

Completion of this ride in under 36 hours will qualify the rider for an Iron Butt "Bun Burner 1500" certificate and pin. The preliminary plan looks like:

•May 14, 2011 - Depart A&S at 6AM for Beaver, UT via Barstow, CA. Riders can choose to ride together or at their own pace. The route goes down SR99 and SR58 to Barstow (420 miles), then northeast on IH15 through Las Vegas (580 miles) and St. George (700 miles) to Beaver, UT (800 miles, 12 hours). Group Dinner and a good night's sleep.

•May 15, 2011 - Continue northeast to Salina, UT (880 miles) before turning west on US50 toward Ely (1,100 miles), Reno (1,430 miles) and back to A&S (1,540 miles)

Assuming a 6AM local (5AM PDT) departure from Beaver, normal highway speeds would put you at A&S at 4PM with two hours to spare.

Updates to this ride will be posted here, in our newsletter and on the forum so be sure to check everywhere.

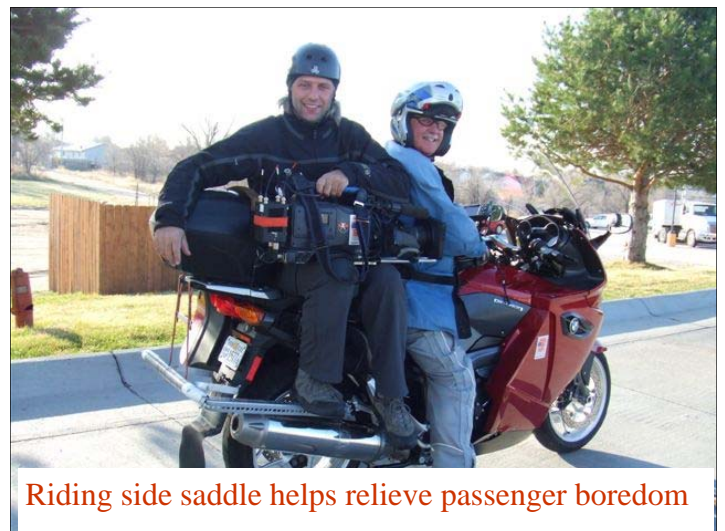
Hope to see you May 14!

SOME THOUGHTS ON RIDING CROSS COUNTRY/TOURING

By Fred Jewell

Riding cross country, or touring if you like, to me is quite a bit different than long distance riding. I believe long distance riding to be of the Iron Butt style of riding where (huge) miles per day is the quest, and cross country is more the destination (especially far away) than the miles per day. You can certainly combine the two and ride cross country with 750 - 1000 miles per day as a goal, but you would probably miss out on many sites, places or great restaurants along the way. Although there are many members of our club who do Iron Butt rides regularly, we have addressed that style of riding and how to accomplish it in newsletters past and I'm not going to re-hash that here. In this article, I would like to talk about riding cross country and some experiences I have had in my travels the past several years, along with many hints from fellow club members.

First of all, there is the question of how many are going to be on the ride. If you are going alone or with



Riding side saddle helps relieve passenger boredom

others will make a difference in many of your choices. Riding out into the sunrise all by yourself is the epitome of motorcycling, just you and your bike, go where you want, when you want, freedom, the open road, blah, blah, blah, we've all heard it. The fact of the matter is you are entirely reliant on just you for company, conversation, expenses, and dealing with



Be ready to improvise during road construction

any unplanned repairs or hazards. There are many of us in the club who have done so and will again do rides alone successfully, and they are usually very well prepared for anything, but if you are not one of them, you might want to think of a partner or two or three to go with you. And that brings up the question: How many do you want to ride with? I have found that 2 people riding together is optimum in many areas, especially if the two of you share a similar style of riding. (A similar style of riding is important no matter what size the group is.) With two, it's fairly difficult to lose one of the riders; group decisions are made much more easily; you can lower expenses by sharing motel rooms, and you have some one to help out in case of unforeseen troubles. Three riders together is probably the most awkward, it seems as if one is always the odd man out, especially in terms of gas/food breaks, speed, distance, and who gets stuck with the roll away bed tonight. It can turn into two against one easily, and that doesn't make for a good ride. Four riders together is a good number. You can always pair up if you find yourself at odds with one of the other riders, and there's no more roll away beds to contend with because you can get two rooms. More than four riders together becomes more problematic with multiple opinions battered about, and it's difficult to keep a group together over a period of several days riding. I'm not a fan of more than four together going cross country, but it certainly can be done.

Another big question is motels vs. camping. This is mostly personal preference, but there are a couple of general rules of thumb: You should camp with

friends and motel it if you're alone, and you should realize that camping takes at least 100 miles off your total distance each day. Camping also means there is always a chance that you will be putting your gear away wet, and that means it will be wet for the next night. Gary Stofer has also told me that in his travels he found that each KOA campground seems to have some sort of a flaw, whether it's a railroad crossing next door, a cattle feed lot up wind, alongside a hill that trucks use their Jake brakes on all night, or an airport runway on the other side of the campground, so be aware. (This is what makes the KOA in Manchester Beach so great, it doesn't seem to have one of these flaws). Once you have decided on which you'll be doing, the next hurdle is whether to plan and reserve motels/campsites throughout the whole trip, or just find a spot whenever you feel like it. I did both on my recent trip to Minnesota with Rand; we had motel reservations on the way out, but not on the way back. This did prove to be a bit of a problem when we hit Cheyenne and we got the last room available in town, something to think about should you have a large group. Having reservations does mean you have to make it to your destination that night regardless or face paying for a room you didn't use.

More things to consider: Interstates or secondary roads? Chain restaurants or Mom & Pop shops? Stop for sight seeing or not? Ride in the rain? Bring clothing for the whole trip or plan for a laundry day at the halfway point? (some folks do what I call a use, discard and re-buy program. You start out with a few days worth of inexpensive socks, T-shirts, under-pants and jeans, throw them out when they're done, then go to Wal Mart to replenish. Apparently this cuts down on the amount packed in your bags.) No matter what you choose it's best to have agreement in your group before you leave to avoid bickering while out on the road.

Interstates, unless you really need to make time/miles, can, and probably should, be avoided if possible. Sometimes, however, they are a necessary evil to get to where you are heading, whether by road design or time constraints. Most interstates are pretty bland, with uninteresting chain restaurants at sterile communities at the off ramp. I find that one of the



Touring with lots of people can slow you down at gas stops

greatest benefits of motorcycle touring is riding those roads less traveled and sampling the local food purveyors (unless you are in Tonopah, NV, where you should definitely go to the golden arches). I generally prefer locally owned Mom & Pop restaurants over chains in most instances. I like to think it helps their local economy better, and I love people watching and observing the locals. Sometimes you get some of the best food you've ever had, sometimes not, but it doesn't stop me from trying the next local eatery.

Sightseeing along the way is another benefit of touring, and again, should probably be agreed upon before starting. Do you really want to take the time and stop at every "World's Largest Ball of Twine!" or "House of Mystery!" you come across, or do you want to make a particular sight as a destination and forego the others? Personal preference again, but remember that stopping often really lowers your daily mileage. If you're not out for miles per day, then go ahead and stop to admire the bears and eagles carved out of redwood and pick up a shot glass or ashtray to bring home.

Riding in the rain - face it, you're going to get wet on the road. The rest of the country does not have the wonderful weather we have here in California, so bring rain gear with you, and don't pack it on the bottom of your bag. The last thing you need to be doing in a sudden downpour is to unpack and repack by the side of the road under an overpass. It's also not a bad idea to keep an electric vest with you too, as it can get cold or snow over mountain passes almost any time of year. There are decisions to be made as to whether to purposely ride into a storm or wait it out; the severity of the storm and the proximity of a store or restaurant to your motel will help you decide. If you decide to wait it out, but you have to

ride a ways to get to food, you might as well get on the road and make some miles, you'll be just as wet.

A major area of concern, particularly valid for our membership, which is skewed to the more senior side, is health and how to manage it on the road. Since most of us now have to take pills or potions every day, it is imperative you have all your meds with you, and a good rule of thumb is to take twice as much with you as you will need. A list of your prescriptions is a wise choice to keep in your bags, too. Having medical conditions is certainly not a deterrent to going on the road; I have been a Type I diabetic for over 24 years now, and that involves 6 - 8 blood tests per day with 6 shots per day, yet I have completed many Iron Butt rides and have traveled to all the western states and most of the Midwest without any problems. It's just a matter of being properly prepared and organized, but only you and your doctor can decide if you are able to go on the road without risking too much.

Lastly. I'd like to say that this is hardly the complete guide to cross country riding. I know there are many members of the club who have traveled all over the U.S. and abroad, so I would welcome any comments or helpful hints that they may have. We can all learn from other's experiences. I just hope this helps some one who is thinking about or getting ready to take a trip on their motorcycle. It's a part of motorcycling that I probably enjoy the most, I hope you do too.



Touring solo is sometimes the best way

November Directors meeting

New Business that was discussed...RCB will purchase more personalized black plastic license plate frames for distribution to members.

RCB will prepare name tags for our servers at Suzie's and to thank them for their excellent service during the Club's breakfast meetings.

RCB is discussing the possibility of a two-tier price structure for the Manchester Beach event. If you pay in advance of the event you will get a discount. If you pay at the event you will pay full fare. The plan will be finalized in the coming months.

The treasurer will have a final budget for 2011 by the December 14th Director's meeting.

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(11/24)

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 pip-

ing. 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)

2011 Calendar of Upcoming Events

Check often because events are always being added or changed.

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| Jan 1st, 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. |
| Jan 11th, 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! |
| Mar 11-13 | Whale of a Tour B&B ride, Greg Peart. See newsletter for all the details. |
| May 14-15 | Bun Burner 1500, see RCB web site for details. |



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Plan on Yerington for 2011



If any member would like old copies of the RCB newsletter from 1999 to present then send an email to Sam Lepore and he'll send you his stash of vintage newsletters.

Sam's email address is: sam.lepore@earthlink.net

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A & S BMW Motorcycles

1125 Orlando Ave.
Roseville, CA 95661
(800) 689-9893
www.ascycles.com
Tues-Fri 9-6, Sat 9-5

Welcome to New Members

A&S BMW Motorcycles, Roseville, CA
(916) 726-7334, www.ascycles.com
BMW MC of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA
(415) 503-9988, www.bmwmotorcycle.com
BMW of Fresno, Fresno, CA
(559) 292-2269, www.bmwoffresno.com
BMW of Santa Cruz County, Watsonville, CA
(831) 722-6262, www.bmwsantacruz.com
BMW of Tri-Valley, Livermore, CA
(925) 583-3300, www.trivalleybmw.com
California BMW, Mountain View, CA
(650) 966-1183, www.calmoto.com
Cycle Specialties BMW, Modesto, CA
(209) 524-2955, www.cyclespecialties.com
Ozzie's BMW Center, Chico, CA
(530) 345-4462, www.ozziesbmwcenter.com
San Jose BMW, San Jose, CA
(408) 295-0205, www.sjbmw.com
Santa Rosa BMW, Windsor, CA
(707) 838-9100, www.santarosabmw.com