

River City Beemers



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Membership Meeting

Sat Feb, 5th 8:00am

Susie's Country Oaks Cafe

500-G Cirby Way

Roseville

Director's Meeting

Tues Feb. 8th, 7:00 pm

Race Place Motorsports

3130 Bradshaw Road

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 know it sounds kinda funny coming from a motorcycle club president, but what happened to all the rain? It seems like we were drowning in it in December and now haven't seen a drop all month. One thing I've said before is I'll happily give up some riding days in the winter if it means we have enough water for the rest of the year, however, no rain means fog, and I hate riding in fog. Fog is probably the most dangerous condition for a motorcycle, as you can't see vehicles and obstacles ahead of you until the last minute, and the idiots in cars definitely can't see you. I would rather ride in the rain than the fog, although I have to admit I do both. So here's to hoping the rain starts back up.

Of course I don't want the rain to interfere with our weekend outings, which are coming up on us sooner than you think. The annual Whale Tour at Jim and Ayla's B&B (The Seagull Inn) in Mendocino is in mid March and the ride to Morro Bay is in April. There is more information on Morro Bay further on down in this newsletter, suffice it to say that it is best to reserve your room early at the Morro Crest Inn. It should be another great weekend event to start the new year out right. I'm really looking forward to it - great roads, great food, great people all together in one weekend.

I recently started wearing ear plugs when riding my motorcycle any distance more than just a couple of miles, something I've never done before in my life. Before I get bombarded with statements like "closing

the barn door after the horse escaped" or some such, I know my hearing is poor at best, but I want to protect what is left. I've got genetics against me, along with 102 Grateful Dead concerts, 40 years of duck hunting, and riding without a helmet for many years, all things that contribute to hearing loss. I found on my trip to Minnesota last year that I was far less fatigued riding with ear plugs on, although the throw away style tended to get a bit painful. So, I moseyed on down to my neighborhood Kaiser Permanente hearing center and got me a pair of custom built ear plugs for \$100, and now I'm wearing them almost all the time. I've developed a habit now of inserting them before a ride, and it feels funny if I don't. The point of all this is to illustrate that even a curmudgeon like me can change, and that hearing loss is something we all should think about as we (ahem) age. If you don't wear them now, you should probably start thinking about it, it's never too early, but it could always be too late.

I also want to remind people that are interested in our group Iron Butt ride this year, the Bun Burner 1500 in May, that we need to have at least 10 riders committed to it in order to qualify as a group Iron Butt. The group designation means that the riders do not have to collect gas receipts, keep a log book, have a witness present or have to send all that in to the IBA. I will be certifying that the riders accomplished this 1500 mile ride in the allotted time, and the club will send in all the paperwork. All you have to do is sign up, show up and ride. A list will be started soon on the forum for those who are interested.

Remember, we're not bikers, we're motorcyclists. You know the rest.

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.....)

RIDE TO MORRO BAY APRIL 15-17

Yes, it's that time of year to plan for our first weekend ride of the riding season, once again going to Morro Bay. We will be leaving at 9:00 AM on Friday, April 15 from the Shari's Restaurant on Florin Road at I-5. We will again be heading over the Pacheco Pass from Santa Nella to Monterey, where lunch will be at that wonderful Wild Thyme Deli we enjoyed last time. After lunch it's straight down the Pacific Coast Highway to Morro Bay and the Morro Crest Inn on Main Street.

Call Dennis at 805 772 7740 if you haven't reserved a room yet. Tell him you are with the RCB to get rates of \$52/\$62 a night, a real bargain for that area. There are many other motels in the area if you miss out or want someplace else, but the main meeting point will be the Morro Crest. I am looking to have a group

meal for dinner that Friday night at the Outrigger restaurant (NOT the same place as last year) but Saturday you will be on your own. There is a huge assortment of restaurants in the Embarcadero so I'm sure you will find something to your liking, and this way you can take your time if you're going somewhere on Saturday like Hearst Castle, Solvang, wine tasting, etc.

Sunday's ride home will be even less organized than our usual, but there will be routes available on line for you to follow. Some of those roads are not to be missed - 58, 198, and 25 to Hollister are all great, plus Ken has found some other obscure roads (shocker!) that you may want to ride too. Looks like a fantastic way to start the new year of riding, hope to see you there!

Why doesn't PayPal™ get used?



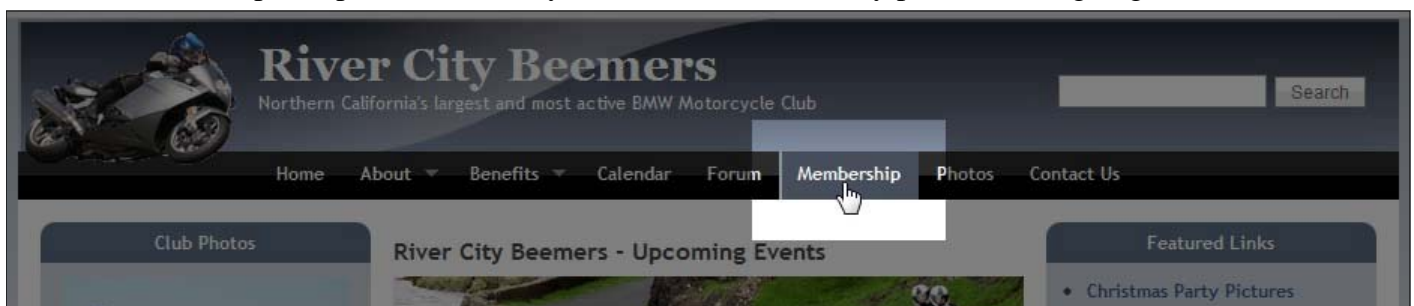
For over two years, RCB has used PayPal™ as means of collecting membership and Thunderhill payments. There's a reason – PayPal transactions are much simpler for the organization – No running to the PO Box and no processing nor handling of checks. Everything is paperless.

But PayPal™ utilization has been mixed. Over 50% of the Thunderhill participants utilized PayPal™

even though it incurred a \$5 service fee. Contrast that with PayPal™ membership and membership renewal rate which runs less than 10%. Why the difference?

At breakfast last month, that question was responded to with a couple confessions of “RCB takes PayPal™?”

Yes, RCB does! When that membership renewal letter comes, you still have the option to 1) fill out the form, 2) get your checkbook, 3) write and sign a check, 4) find an envelope, 5) stuff it with the form and check, 6) address it, 7) place a \$.44 stamp on it and 8) finally place it in outgoing mail.



Or ... you could trash the renewal notice and go to our website, 1) click on the Membership link and re-new online. Yes, it's that simple! (The membership link is located in the top, black menu bar.)

If you have an eBay account, there's a good possibility you have money just sitting in your PayPal™ account. Here's a practical use for those funds that aren't doing anything else.

And perhaps it's not well known, but you don't need a PayPal™ account to use PayPal™. Simply select the "Pay with Credit Card" option and RCB will still receive your renewal. And you'll receive a receipt – Something you probably don't get with your checking account any longer.

So how about it? Try PayPal™ renewal next time?

Exploring the RCB website

It's not uncommon for a website to track visitors – For example, we know that our new RCB website averages 100 visitors per day, and that the "average" visitor clicks on 2-3 pages and leaves after two min-

utes. We also know the "Calendar" and "Photos" links are by far the most popular. By the same token, we also know what pages (and resources) are being ignored ...

Each of the following is a really useful website tool, yet receives less than 30 clicks per month. That's less than one click per day, so if you don't know about some of these shortcuts, read on.

Tip #1 – The “Search” box – Located in the upper, right hand corner of the website is a white search box. Type “Newsletter” in it, click on the “Search” button and you'll be taken to the Newsletter Archive where all the newsletters are located. Type “Mendocino” in the search box and you'll be taken to the calendar for Greg Peart's March ride to Mendocino. “Jewell” will return Fred's phone number and “Manchester” will return our October event.

One note about searching – This particular search box only searches our website and our activities. If you're looking for an Arai vs. Schubert helmet comparison, or the best price on battery monitors, some place like webBikeWorld.com might be a better bet.

Tip #2 – The navigation bar – Located near the top of every page is the black navigation bar. Over 95% of the site is accessible from the navigation bar, but sometimes it's a two-step process. The popular “Calendar” and “Photos” links are a single click, while getting to something like the “Membership Status” requires hovering over “Features” to expose the rest of the navigation menu bar.

Presently, there are eleven other menu items that require hovering before they expose themselves. It's hard to describe but if you move your mouse over the navigation bar, the additional menu items will reveal themselves.

Tip #3 – The “Featured Links” block – Located be-

low the search box and navigation bar is a block containing links that change. Presently, the top four links are 1) pictures of our 2010 Christmas Party, 2) the then-current newsletter, 3) a downloadable copy of our 2011 ride calendar, and 4) a link to sign up for our email mailing list.

Keep an eye on this block – The Christmas pictures will probably be pulled down soon, the current newsletter will be updated every month, and important announcements will be found here. It's deserving of a glance during your next visit.

Tip #4 – Calendar “Prev” and “Next” links – Near the top of each calendar page are links to advance to the previous or next month. Again, the logs show surprisingly little usage – Either no one knows about the links or on one cares about February yet?

Give these links a work out and skip ahead to a prime riding month like June. Have you seen our calendar? 70% of the days have some kind of activity going on! So what's next for the website?

Two things, adding content to the events and improving the forum interface. With respect to the former, a number of the events presently list only a date and location. As we get closer to the event date, we'll be working with the event organizer to add more information to the calendar.

The forum issue is different – Our website utilizes a pleasing, gunmetal blue theme, while the forum is a garish, bright blue. Over the next month or two they'll both be a pleasing, gunmetal blue.

What else? Does the website need anything else?

Classified Adds

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.

2005 BMW 1200 RT w/ only 6,500 miles. Asking \$11,900. BMW equipment includes: ABS; ESA; AM/FM radio w/ CD; CB radio w/ intercom; battery charger; shop manual; tank bag; and large top case. I can email copy of invoice and pics on request. New bike invoice was \$18,935 which does not include much of the above equipment. wguckeen@gmail.com
916-686-7625 Elk Grove CA 95624
(02/2011)

09 KLX250S dual sport with a Kustom Kraft big

bore 330 kit (<http://kustom-kraft.com/klx250bb.html>), a FMF header and FMF Power bomb header. 2" lowering links included, not installed. It has 1800 miles on it. The big bore has been on there for 500 miles. Easy hwy bike as well as great dirt bike. Able to climb steep hills in second gear without down shifting or even revving up. The big bore kit, pipe and header, and jetting was done at Thin Air Motorsports in Truckee CA. This bike still has the pollution devices in place and working. All the OEM parts to return it to stock are included.

The bike cost new \$5400 for the bike, and \$2000+ for the mods. I am willing to sell it for \$3895. Offer Street legal, have title, enduro dual sport. Excellent condition. Call Alan 916-421-4032 or email. alanretired@sbcglobal.net

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@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)

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)

2011 Calendar of Upcoming Events

Check often because events are always being added or changed.

- Feb 5th, 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 8th, Tue Director's meeting at Race Place Motorsports, 7:00 pm, 3130 Bradshaw Road, 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 Location: Sea Gull Inn, Mendocino, CA; check newsletter for details
- Apr 15-17 Location: Morro Crest Hotel, Morro Bay, CA; details to follow
- Apr 30 Location: TBA, Riding Clinic, details to follow
- May 7 Lois Lewis Memorial Poker Run, details to follow, 9am-3pm
- May 14-15 Location: Out on those great roads; check newsletter for details
- May 27-29 49'er Rally, Mariposa, CA; details to follow
- May 29 Marv's Mystery Ride, 9am-3pm, details to follow
- Jun 10-14 Border-Border Ride (Iron Butt), Location: Along IH-15, details to follow
- Jun 10-12 Soldier Meadows, Location: 52 miles north of Gerlach, NV details to follow
- Jun 17-19 2011 Chief Joseph Rally, Location: Grant County Fairgrounds, John Day Oregon
- Jun 24-26 Sequoia and King National Parks, details to follow
- Jul 1-3 BMW RA Rally, Location: Chippewa Falls, WI
- Jul 9 Death Ride, Location: Markleeville, CA, Sat, 4:00am-8:00pm
For over 20 years, members of RCB have ridden in SAG support of the annual bicycle Markleeville Death Ride, For more information or to participate, please contact Kim Rydalch at 209/521-8425
- Jul 22-24 BMW MOA Rally, Location: Bloomsburg, PA details to follow
- Jul 29-31 Top O' The Rockies Rally, Location: Paonia, CO More information at <http://www.coloradobeemers.org/>
- Aug 6-7 Yerington, NV, Casino West, Location: Yerington, NV; reservations 1-800-227-4641, ask for Kelly
- Aug 19-21 Tahoe Chill, Location: South Lake Tahoe, CA details to follow
- Aug 30-Sep 2 Curve Cowboy Reunion, Location: Boise, ID, details on the RCB website
- Sep 2-5 Range of Light Gypsy Tour, Location: Northern California, BMW NorCal club
- Sep 16-18 Beemer Bash, Location: Quincy, CA, Central Cal BMW club
- Sep 30-Oct 2 Manchester Beach Weekend, Location: Manchester Beach KOA, details on RCB website
- Dec 3 Christmas Party, Location: A&S Powersports, 1125 Orlando, Roseville, CA, details to follow

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar containing 'http://www.rcb.org/calendar/2011-06'. The page title is 'Calendar | River City Beemers'. The main content is a calendar for June 2011. The calendar grid shows the following events:

Day	Event	Time
Wednesday, June 1	Dinner Ride	6:30pm - 8:30pm
Saturday, June 4	Club Meeting	8:00am - 9:00am
Saturday, June 4	Club Ride	9:00am - 2:00pm

FYI, Plenty of rooms still left for the March 11& 12 Whale Tour weekend. Open rooms are: Barn - Queen + Double + TV & Fridge + Gathering room; Sea Urchin - 1 Queen; Driftwood - 1 King; Sand Dollar - Two Doubles; Geranium - 1 Queen + 1 Double; Shed - 1 Double (half bath NO BATHING facilities available on site). Riders need to call to book

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A & S BMW Motorcycles

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

Welcome to New Members

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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
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