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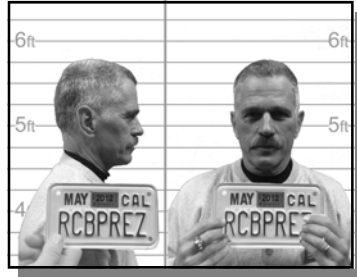
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## The President's Corner by Gordy Olson

I hope everyone likes the new Official Presidential Portrait atop this article. I have, indeed, been sentenced by the High Court of the BMW Motorrad to serve as RCBPREZ -- for a period of one year to life. This sentence may seem harsh to some, since my only crime is a continuing commitment to make the River City Beemers as much fun as possible. The good news is that my sentence does include "time added for good behavior". Basically, this means that the better I do at being PREZ, the longer I get to do it! The apparent harshness of my sentence is also mitigated by the presence of the other convicts on the RCB Board of Directors (also serving identical terms of one year to life) and the presence of a number (now approaching 225) of other suspects that BMW Motorrad's High Court officials have their corporate eyes on for possible future sentencing. It is becoming increasingly obvious that we are all guilty of loving our bikes; of wanting to ride farther further and faster each year; and of being willing to offer our time and talents for the betterment of the Club.

Speaking of the betterment of the Club.....Our monthly rides are (in your PREZ's not-so-humble opinion) becoming a victim of their own success. As we get more and more riders involved each month, it becomes harder and harder to keep track of everyone along the way and to establish a riding pace that is perfectly Goldilocksian (i.e., not too fast, not too slow, but just right!). The Board is thinking about ways to address this problem and welcomes suggestions from the wider membership. One PREZidential suggestion is to designate "assistant ride leaders" that would each take responsibility for a portion of the larger group, effectively splitting a 25-member group into 4 or 5 smaller ones. The entire group could continue to rendezvous at several waypoints along the route, but there would be greater flexibility along the way for various groups to adopt varied paces (or even slightly varied routes). This idea will need some "road testing", but it may avoid the loss of some riders (either literally or figuratively) who are not completely comfortable with our current arrangements. If anyone is willing to serve as an assistant ride leader, please let me (or Ken Caruthers) know.

I recently sent an e-mail to everyone we could identify who had failed to renew his or her RCB membership over the past two years. I was curious about what caused them to leave our merry band and wondered if some of the problems (real or imagined) that they had could be (or already have been) fixed. I have gotten quite a few responses and -- I am happy to report -- very few left the Club because they were unhappy with it. Some merely forgot to renew and promptly did so upon receipt of my message. Others are no longer in the area (one poor soul is now in Duluth freezing his final drive off) and some have simply stopped riding (I pity them). One respondent was able to address me Prez-to-Prez as the new head of the Spyder Ryders (having abandoned her Beemer). I will continue to track the responses and will let the wider membership know of any interesting ones. In the meantime, please continue to think of riding friends who are not RCB members that you can entice to join. I still have a PREZsonal goal of 250 members by year's end.

It looks like we are going to hold the first RCB Spring RideFest over the Memorial Day Weekend! Please reserve the date on your riding calendar and help make this inaugural effort a big success. Phil Sweeney and Marv Lewis are leading this effort and welcome the involvement of other Club members. Contact them directly to see how you can help.

Just two quotes this month:

"Only a motorcyclist knows why a dog sticks his head out the window!"

"Whatever it is, it's better in the wind."

And one final thought....There is a really handsome red, white, and blue R1200GS "Rally Edition" at A&S that would make an absolutely splendid "RCB ONE" official RCBPREZ ride. Think about it....Air Force One provides The President of The United States with enormous added cachet wherever and whenever he arrives aboard it. Just think of the impression it would make were I to roll up on "RCB ONE" when we arrive at the BMWMOA National Rally or even when we just go bowling in Yerington. Naturally, I am not thinking selfishly just for myself in this regard (since I already ride the most PREZidential of all BMW's), but rather of the majesty and dignity of the "Office of the PREZidency"! PS: Even though I just paid the DMV for my "RCBPREZ" vanity plate, were the Club to purchase "RCB ONE" per this suggestion, I would personally spring for the "RCB ONE" customized license plate to put on it!

Ride safely to keep those new vests UNinflated!

### Membership Meeting

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

### Director's Meeting

Tues Mar 13th, 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

# Whale of a tour B&B ride in March



By Greg Peart

March 9 & 10, 2012

Its time again to make your reservations for the RCB 5th Annual Whale Tour. Greg & Cyndee Peart will again lead 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 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. As in past years we will

again enjoy a group cocktail party each night prior to departing for dinner.

The Plan: Check out The Sea Gull INN at: [www.seagullbb.com](http://www.seagullbb.com), then call 888-937-5204 to make your Own Reservation. Then, Call Greg Peart 916-870-7841 & leave contact # or email him at: [XFIL911@comcast.net](mailto:XFIL911@comcast.net) that you are going with us. Cutoff date for reservations will be: 8PM, Thursday, February 23, 2012.

On Friday, March 9, meet at 8 AM (if you want breakfast) or 9 AM wheels up at The EPIES 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.





# Morro Bay is Almost Here!



By Fred Jewell  
**START OUT THE RIDING SEASON WITH A TRIP TO MORRO BAY!**

Once again we will be going to Morro Bay in April to kick off the riding season with a weekend trip down the coast. We will be leaving on Friday, April 13th (I sure hope you don't suffer from Triskaidekaphobia), stopping in Monterey for lunch at that wonderful Wild Thyme Deli, continuing down US 1 and staying two nights

at the Morro Crest Inn. Dennis at the Morro Crest says prices are the same as last year - \$52 & \$62 per night, call him at 805 550 6960 to reserve your room and mention the RCB to get the rates. Friday night we will have dinner together at the Outrigger restaurant just as we did last year. I will be asking for a head count on the forum so I can reserve enough space, so don't forget to add your name(s) to that list. With such a variety of things to do on Saturday you will be on your own for dinner that night, this way

you aren't rushed to arrive somewhere at a particular time. This is a really fun weekend - great riding, ocean views, seafood, wine tasting, more seafood, Hearst Castle, and even more great roads to ride home on. If you haven't gone on this ride before I would encourage you strongly to do so this year, it's such an enjoyable way to start the year. See you there!

**The hotel is sold out so call Fred Jewell at 916-230-0951 for the latest details.**



# From Mice to Men:Tech Day 2012

By Gordy Olson

A hearty band of about 40 RCB'ers assembled in the repair shop at A&S early on Sunday morning, February 19th, either to work on their own bikes or to watch others work on theirs. At the height of the action, nine lifts were in use and the tools and advice were really flying!

By the time we quit in the afternoon, there were a number of jobs completed ranging from oil changes and tire mountings for the less adventurous up to throttle body adjustments, brake control and power circuit replacements, clutch bleeds, heated grip multi-switch replacements, and much more. Several bikes had their

valves adjusted, their batteries checked, and their innards otherwise caressed.

Everyone – whether they actually touched a tool or not – learned something about the inner workings of our trusted marque and also managed to eat about a ton of pizza. Happily, the A&S techs in attendance took a very expansive interpretation of their instructions to remain “hands off” and were right there at every turn to answer questions, to tweak an adjustment, to provide just the right tool, and generally to put everyone at ease.

The Club is definitely in their debt and we could not have held this event without their expert guidance. We also owe a big note of

thanks to Randy for making this event possible every year. Not every dealership is willing to let their regular customers pass through the “Entry by Authorized Personnel Only” doors like this. Several participants gleefully remarked that they had probably saved enough in labor costs to cover their RCB dues for the next three or four years.

Tech Day will continue to be an annual event for as long as Randy and his techs will have us. Who knows??? Maybe next year one or more of the technically-challenged among the membership will take the plunge and use a tool other than just the pizza cutter and the bottle opener!!

## RCB Group Riding Tips

By Ken Caruthers

On a group ride, there are three goals:

- Safety -- no accidents or near misses.
- Successful navigation -- we all arrive.
- Enjoyment -- grins around.

To make that happen a few practices have developed within the club over the years that make it all work.

**Departures**

Come with a full fuel tank. Ride leaders have planned the route assuming you will have fuel for 130 miles or so as of the departure. If

you don't, then you may have to break off on your own en route to refuel. Rides depart sharply on time. Have your gear on and be fully ready for engine start a few minutes before the scheduled departure time. If you are a few minutes late you're probably going to miss it. Tell the ride leader if you have any special issues before you depart. If you know you'll be a slower member of the ride, then when we line up, take a position near the rear. If you can help by riding sweep, or leading a more relaxed pace group, let the ride leader know before departure time. **Underway**

The first rule is **DON'T CRASH!** We're not generally big on rules, but this one certainly deserves a place here. Ride at your own speed. Occasionally a ride may get faster than you are comfortable with. If so, drop back! Ride your own ride within the bounds of your skill, comfort and the limits of your machine. Let others pass you by staying to the right and waving them on if appropriate.

Until you get to the twisties, take up a staggered formation, 2-4 second interval. Ride in a staggered line (not side-by-side) leaving 2-4 seconds between you and the bike in front of you. (This approach

gives you emergency maneuver space. The guy in front can do a full panic stop and still not be run over by you if you have your head together, and also this provides lateral obstacle avoidance maneuverability.) Spread out more in the twisties. Don't try to maintain the staggered formation when strafing the twisties.

Stay close in congested city traffic. Try and stay closer together than you would on the road, primarily so that you can attempt to all make the lights together. At lights, using 2 lanes is ok. Two bikes at a time can proceed after a stop sign.

Pass safely when you need to. If a large opening is occurring in front of the rider in front of you, and you would like to ride faster, then safely pass and move ahead in the pack.

Don't blast at 90 to close up a gap. If a gap opens due to traffic or other restrictions, you don't have

to ride 90+ to catch up just keep motoring reasonably and you'll regain position. (The CHP particularly recommends this approach.) Keep track of the guy BEHIND you. The ride leader can't keep track of any more than 4-5 bikes behind him. That means that we each have to watch out for the one behind us. If he stops or appears to have problems, then drop back or go back and see if help is needed. It's a buddy system.

Last guy waits at turns. This is important. Where a turnoff occurs, if there is a significant gap between you and the rider behind you, the last person should wait at the intersection to be certain the following rider sees the turn. If everyone does this, no one will get lost from the group. The last guy (sweeper) gets a green light.

If you need to stop, hand wave or do something to tell people either you need help or for them to go on

and you'll catch up. (It can be embarrassing when 20 riders do a U-turn to come back and find you relieving yourself in the bushes). Traffic tickets are yours. Even if you are just "keeping up" with the guy leading, any traffic ticket you get will be your own. It's your head controlling your hand on your throttle.

Never cross the centerline except to pass. Crossing the centerline in a corner is asking for a ticket or worse.

In a curve, always expect an oncoming car crowding your lane. ASK questions. If you aren't certain about something, ASK! That's what the club is for. We get flattered to no end to be able to answer a question (or at least thought to know the answer!).

## Classified Ads

I have a 2009 BMW R1200RT for sale. It is lowered and has 6700 miles on it. I am asking \$13,500. If you or if you know anyone who is interested please contact me. Lula Capuchino, (916) 337-3000 lulacapuchino@gmail.com

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## Another Overflow Crowd

February's club meeting once again overflowed into the adjacent dining areas as regulars, occasional participants and a handful of new members dropped in to catch up.

Gordy opened the meeting by again thanking Captain Phil for his informative First Aid Clinic and then reminded everyone of the upcoming Tech Day at A&S on Feb 19. RCB will supply pizza/

sandwiches and door prizes as we focus on motorcycle health instead of human health like last month.

Other announcements included one from Fred reminding folks that if they intend to join the club at Morro Bay in April, that it is highly recommended they sign up for Friday dinner in the forum.

After the raffle and prior to the

club ride departure to Santa Rosa, Ken asked everyone to huddle around for a ride briefing. Ken wanted to make certain that everyone knew how the ride would develop and the pre-ride briefing was a great idea.

Our next club meeting is Saturday, March 3. Hope to see you there!

## 2012 Calendar of Upcoming Events

Check often because events are always being added or changed.


- Mar 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.
- Mar 13th, 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!



- Feb 19, Sun Tech Day, coordinator is Gordy Olson, 916-642-2221. Details to follow.
- Mar 9-10 Sea Gull Inn B&B Ride, coordinator is Greg Peart, details are in the newsletter.
- Apr 13-15 Morro Bay Ride, coordinator is Fred Jewell , 916-230-0951, Morro Crest Hotel, Morro Bay, details are in the newsletter.
- Apr 28, Sat Riding Clinic, coordinator is Ray Nuguit, 916-539-0611, Sacramento Roads, details to follow.
- May 05, Sat Lois Lewis Memorial, Starts at A&S, 1125 Orlando, Roseville, CA  
Time: 9:00am, coordinator is Phil Sweeney, 916-337-2673 details to follow.
- May 18-20 Mt. Lassen Ride, coordinator is Jack Klauschie, Shingletown KOA, details to follow.
- May 25-28 RCB Spring Ridefest, coordinator is Phil Sweeney, details to follow.
- Jun 22-24 Soldier Meadows, coordinator is Jack Klauschie, 52 miles north of Gerlach, Nevada, details to follow
- Aug 4-5 Yerington ride & bowl, Casino West, 800-227-4661, for room reservations mention River City Beemers for your discount. Rooms will be \$40 with Saturday night buffet dinner and Sunday morning buffet breakfast included. Bowling will be at 17:00 hours on Saturday.


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