

# River City Beemers



BMW MOA Club #210 & BMWRA Club #104

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### Membership Meeting

Sat date 8:00am

Susie's Country Oaks Cafe

500-G Cirby Way

Roseville CA

### Director's Meeting

Tues Jan 14th, 7:00 pm

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Granite Bay, CA

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### Breakfast - Be There!

Every Saturday 8 am

Susie's Country Oaks Cafe

500-G Cirby Way Roseville CA

### Weds. Dinner Ride

Meet between 5-6:30 pm

Leaves every Wednesday

evening at 6:30 pm from The

Coffee Republic in Folsom

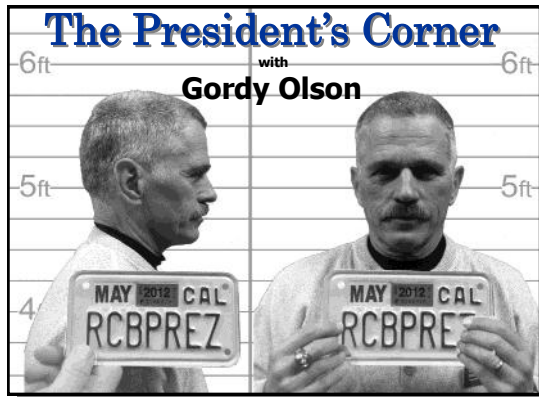
### Thurs. Breakfast crew

Meet at 8am and ride by 9am

Brookfield's Restaurant

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Where to begin???.....There is a lot going on in and around the Club, so my corner may be somewhat larger than normal, but please bear with me.

Last month I fully intended to sing the praises of Kim Rydalch, our outgoing Newsletter Editor. However, Kim is as modest as he is capable so he edited out all the wonderful things I said about him. Now that Bob Lawrence has assumed the editorial throne, there is nothing Kim can do to stop me! Kim was everything one could hope for in an editor: he was diligent (not a single typo in 14 years); he was creative (no repeat stories in 14 years); he was self-sufficient (168 stories authored in 14 years); and he was very economical (no paychecks in 14 years). That's what I call an editor. Thank you, Kim, for your long and illustrious service. Bob clearly has big motorcycle boots to fill but I am fully confident that he's got the feet to do it. Bob is especially interested in receiving articles on and photographs of Club events. RCB'ers are encouraged to kick start their own journalism careers by supplying Bob with grist for his editorial mill.

We held our third annual Lois Lewis Memorial Poker Run on May 11 and it was a wonderful tribute to one of our most beloved members. Phil and Mary Sweeney opened their house (and their entire cul-de-sac) to us with a great meal after a great ride. Phil also proudly displayed his new ride – a sort of Darth Vaderesque mobile death star! Someone else won the poker money, but other than that it was a perfect, albeit bittersweet, day. Lois remains in our hearts.

Our sort-of-annual skills improvement event (AKA "track day") is coming up fast (pun intended!). Veep Jack has done a lot of work setting up the event with instructors for all levels; a BBQ lunch; and an absence of pedestrians, bicyclists, and radar traps. Check the Forum for a firsthand report from Jack after his recent outing to Fernley Raceway (site of the June 23<sup>rd</sup> event) as well as a special offer! Then sign up for the event as soon as you finish reading The Corner!

Mark July 6<sup>th</sup> on your calendars! Our monthly Club ride will end in the foothills in Railroad Flat. A baseball buddy of mine has offered his 40-acre horse farm as a site for the soon-to-be-annual Club Summer Picnic! The roads around the farm are spectacular and the farm offers a pond, walking trails, and sandwich fix-in's from Fred Jewell, the event organizer. There is ample (dead level) parking and only the last 200 yards or so (up the driveway) will be off-road. Luckily, I can just pop my new GS into "Enduro Pro" mode and then fearlessly duck walk my Water Buff up the driveway. If you don't want to sit on the ground (or on a tree stump), you should bring a blanket and/or your Kermit chair (Pico or other chairs are acceptable as emergency substitutions).

July also means that it is BMW MOA rally time! I hope we have a large contingent heading up to Salem because at least one of us is almost certain to win a new bike in the MOA Super Sweepstakes. In addition to the tickets individual club members bought, there will be six lucky folks who won their MOA raffle ticket at an RCB raffle. Think how proud you will make your Humble Rafflemeister when they call out your winning number!!

### SEGUE ALERT!

Speaking of raffle tickets... beginning at the June monthly meeting, everyone who brings his/her badge to the meeting (or who is genuinely remorseful that they lost it or forgot it at home) now gets TWO free raffle tickets. If one does the math and I certainly hope one does one will quickly realize that perfect monthly attendance for the year (i.e., making all 12 meetings) results in one receiving enough free tickets to completely cover the meager annual



dues one pays to remain a member in good standing. One is a very lucky person, isn't one????

Finally, it is not too early to be thinking about the annual Ride 'n' Bowl trip scheduled for August 3-4 in Yerington, NV. Call the Yerington Inn to book your room and then just let the Club take care of all the other arrangements. Continuing our tradition, two more members will join the official sartorial ranks of the River City Beemer Bowlers by winning "RCB-squared" bowling shirts at the July meeting, just before we set off for lunch in Genoa.

That's it for now.....I have to go out and wash and polish the GS.....NOT!!!!

*Ride hard but safely, often but not excessively, and always with your buddies (except when you really need to be alone).*

Cheers,  
Gordy  
RCBPREZ

## JUNE'S RCB CLUB RIDE

### THE CLUB RIDE FOR JULY WILL BE A PICNIC IN THE PARK!

Actually not really a park, but it will be at Gordy's friend Morgan's home, a 40 acre ranch in the area above Jackson known as Railroad Flat. The club will be providing a picnic lunch for the riders there, consisting of standard picnic fare of sandwiches, potato salad, cookies drinks, etc. Rand Olson and I will be there ahead of the riders to set up a "do it yourself" sandwich bar for you to enjoy. I would suggest that, if you can, bring along a chair as there are a few stumps but not much else to sit on. There is ample parking and plenty of shade to cool down in, and at 3600 feet up, the temps should be cooler than down in the valley. It's a wonderful place, I'm sure Morgan will love to show it off to all of us, and the roads all around there are fantastic for riding. This should be a fun way to celebrate the Fourth as a club, and I'll bet Ken finds us some obscure but delightful roads to ride. Please look for a sign up list on the forum and enter your name(s) so that I can get an idea of how many are coming. Looking forward to it, see you there!



Fred Jewell & Rand Olson

## THE "DOCTOR" IS IN

### BIKER KARAOKE BAR

It must be fun to go to a karaoke bar frequented by motorcyclists. Just listening to the songs with butchered lyrics like "hold me closer, Tony Danza" by Elton John; "it doesn't make a difference if we're naked or not" - by Bon Jovi; "like a virgin, touched for the thirty-first time" - by Madonna, can really make one chuckle. Anyway, I am not surprised. Bikers are subjected to high noise levels which can lead to hearing loss.



Ernesto S. Rivera  
"The Doctor"

Some might assume that our Harley brethren probably have it worse because of their loud pipes and less than full face helmets. Some might also assume that we, with our soulful relatively quiet BMWs and full face helmets are immune to hearing loss. Not so fast. Loud pipes and helmets are only a small part of the equation. It turns out that wind noise plays a more prominent role. Wind noise is the "amount of noise turbulence produced around the head while the rider is in motion" (not the noise you hear sitting beside someone after a great meal at Susie's). Our ears are affected by sound pressure (loudness in decibels), duration of exposure and frequency (in hertz). According to Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), motorcycles produce between 80-110 dB(A) of noise. To put it in perspective, the table below shows the different environmental noise levels. When travelling above 40 mph, wind noise obscures engine noise making the engine noise not as important. At 65 mph and 100 mph, the wind noise is approximately at 100 dB (A) and 110 dB(A) respectively. Frequency is the pitch of the sound with higher frequency appearing louder, or more painful than the lower frequency at the same pressure. The table below also shows the maximum duration of exposure to noise by decibels. Prolonged exposure to unsafe noise levels can initially lead to temporary threshold shift, which is the sudden decrease in hearing acuity after a long noisy ride. Frequent prolonged exposures to unsafe noise levels will make the threshold shift permanent, hence permanent hearing loss.

This actually makes us - RCB'ers- a bit more prone to hearing loss since we ride longer and for some, faster.

Some noises are important and necessary. These are extraneous noises that help us survive our passion. Ambulance siren, engine noise, car horns, GPS and intercom audibles, screeching brakes, monthly meetings, voice of our esteemed prez (though the last one is debatable), are what I would consider helpful and necessary noise. Wind noise however, is unnecessary noise. We do not need it and it does not have any beneficial effect. Wind noise causes rider fatigue, headache, dysequilibrium and more

ENVIRONMENTAL NOISE LEVELS	
140 dB	Space rocket at blastoff
130 dB	Jackhammer
120 dB	Ambulance siren Amplified rock band Thunder clap
115 dB	Sandblasting
110 dB	Woodworking shop
100 dB	Pneumatic drill Chainsaw
90 dB	Lawn mower Disco dance music Shop tools Truck traffic Noisy restaurant
80 dB	City traffic Loud music from radio
75 dB	Kitchen appliances
70 dB	Crowded restaurant
65 dB	Conversation speech
60 dB	Sewing machine Typewriter
50 dB	Average home interior
40 dB	Quiet residential community
30 dB	Whisper at five feet
20 dB	Leaves rustling in a breeze
10 dB	Normal breathing
0 dB	Faintest sound heard by a human ear

importantly hearing loss.

To be able to enjoy our passion for longer periods of time, we need solutions to decrease unnecessary noise. Newer helmet technology, adjustments in fairing, handlebar height and windshield can reduce wind noise by about 5-6%, which unfortunately is not enough to lower it to consistently safe levels at all speeds. Wearing ear protection can reduce wind noise significantly. Most of us adhere to ATGATT in terms of crash injury protection. We should also consider to include some form of ear protection to protect from ear injury. There are many out there available ranging from the cheap ear foams to the most sophisticated custom molded bluetooth ear plugs. The key is to reduce the unnecessary noise more than the necessary noise. Some say that the musicians ear plugs are the best because it attenuates sound across all frequencies. Foam plugs can attenuate sound by 20 - 30 dB if fitted correctly, though it does attenuate mainly in the higher frequencies. Each will have its pros and cons. Cost, fit, comfort, material and extra features all may factor in ones personal choice. Get what fits right that you will use.

NOISE EXPOSURE TIME LIMITATIONS	
Noise Level	Exposure Limits
90 dB	8 hrs
95 dB	4 hrs
100 dB	2 hours
105 dB	1 hour
110 dB	30 minutes
115 dB	15 minutes

So the next time you visit a biker Karaoke Bar, hopefully you may have actually heard the right lyrics. Gone are the days of belting the Beatle's song as "the girl with colitis goes by". The new ear-protection-wearing you will know that really, it is "the girl with kaleidoscope eyes". But where is the fun in that!

Let us be safe out there.

## MAY'S RCB MONTHLY MEETING

After the usual great breakfast at Susie's, Rafflemeister and club Prez Gordy brought the meeting to order with that stinkin', but very effective cow bell!

No earth shattering new business but in the old business category, the upcoming track day was discussed. Seems that sign ups are a bit light at this point and this always seems the case with this event. Poor folks that organize this event are usually on the verge of a stress induced stroke prior to the actual event date. It seems to always work out! Rafflemeister Gordy distributed raffle booty to the lucky winners. There was an RCB cap, a HUGE belt, coupla shirts and even a lighted Frisbee which I was lucky enough to gain ownership of and informed by the PREZ that it had to make it to Manchester Beach this year. I can't wait to bust that thing out and watch some of the club criminals chasing this thing, in the dark, through the trees, in the dirt, after a few adult beverages. What could possibly go wrong?

After the Prez cut us loose it was RIDIN' time! This month it was to Priest Station Cafe. We did this ride last November and it is a keeper for sure. The obligatory circuitous route through Ione, around Pardee on the usual great twisties. There are roads on this route that many of us rarely see, and thanks to our fearless ride captain Ken for discovering these gems! One section took us right through open cattle range complete with a bunch of cattle guards and of course, CATTLE! Great cow trail! The last section is new Priest Grade road. Smooth pavement, nice sweepers and a hoot to run at high fuel consumption rates! All 20 or so riders made it to our destination with no one getting lost. Nice! Priest Station is a great little restaurant at the top of the grade. Excellent service and a varied menu for all. It doesn't hurt that there is a fantastic view from the deck area! After a nice lunch, we all departed for home on the warmest afternoon this year. Mid 90's I believe. Another



Mike checks in on the May meeting...

great club ride! Another thanks to Capt. Ken for all he does for our club. Ride leader, road finder, Garmin routing guru, and throw in webmaster! Thank you for your service Ken. It is appreciated!

## Club Membership Numbers: 195

Please welcome new Members:

FNAME	LNAME	CITY	STATE
Attila	Miszti	Roseville	CA
Robert	Bement	Elk Grove	CA
Michael	Dunphy	Rancho Cordova	CA
Tait	Kjellberg	Rocklin	CA

**Treasurers Report:** Dave Alexander reported the club account has \$10,514.03 to date as of May 4th.

### Raffle prize winners:

Grand Prize Track Day admission: Mike Ivie  
BMW MOA Super sweepstakes entries:  
Ken Caruthers and Roger Sweitzer.

### And yet another Caruthers creation of ride & dine...



### How does he do it?



### RCB Club ride May 4th



Article & Photos courtesy of Mike Robles (Pristinecleans)

## CLUB EVENTS

# RCB RIDER SKILLS IMPROVEMENT DAY

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

Whether you commute every day, enjoy touring, or taking a leisurely day ride around town, it's time for a riding class. RCB will be offering a riding class on Sunday, June 23, 2013, at the Reno Fernley Raceway. The track is an environment that offers:

- Debris free asphalt.
- Corner workers who notify riders of safety hazards.
- Runoff areas, no cliffs, rock walls, curbs, telephone poles, guardrails, or trees.
- No on-coming traffic or dangerous cross-traffic and No speeding tickets.
- You will not have to think about anyone using a mobile phone, applying makeup, shaving, texting, eating, or fighting with their kids or spouse while on the track.

*The RCB philosophy* is to provide an environment where each rider is able to achieve their individual goals, and work to become a more skilled and safer rider. This is NOT a race. RCB understands the best way to learn is in a relaxed and stress free environment where friends, not competitors, are participants.

### Basic Rider Requirements:

**Minimum Age:** You must be 18, or a parent or guardian must be at the track to sign the required waiver.

**Motorcycle License:** You must have a valid driver's license with a motorcycle endorsement.

**Insurance:** RCB takes precautions to ensure that the event is safe, but cannot control everything. You ride at your own risk. RCB does not supply insurance for you or your bike.

**Medical Insurance:** You are required to keep proof of medical insurance coverage with you.

**Motorcycle Insurance & Accident Costs:** In the event of an accident you are fully responsible for all costs and potential liability, including any medical cost, transportation, or other costs of any kind (we can't list everything). Please be prepared, act responsibly, and take precautions for yourself and others.

**Signed Waivers:** When you arrive for registration, you must sign a release of liability for RCB and RFR.

**Proper Riding Gear:** Common sense and RCB require proper riding gear – an undamaged DOT approved full face helmet with face shield; full leathers, or two-piece leather suit that zips together, or full zip style Cordura (nylon) one-piece (Aerostich), or two piece Cordura zip-together motorcycle suits are acceptable; above the ankle, motorcycle-specific boots; and motorcycle specific gauntlet style gloves are required. CE approved (or similar) body armor, back protector & ear plugs are strongly recommended.










**Bike Preparation:** Tires and brakes should be in new or nearly new condition. There can be no evidence of coolant or oil leaks. Taping wheel weights is required, and duct tape works well. Tape over all lenses, and remove mirrors. Blue painters tape works best, and doesn't leave residue. No light should be visible, or bleed through tape. Tape over the speedometer. The reason for taping is to eliminate distractions to you and your fellow riders. By reducing distractions, you can focus on what is important!

**Cost:** RCB Members \$170.00 per participant up to May 15, 2013, \$185.00 after May 15. Participation fee must be RECEIVED by RCB by May 15 to obtain the discounted fee. Non-members \$185.00, and this includes a six month limited RCB membership.

You can go to the RCB Website for more details.

[www.rcb.org](http://www.rcb.org)

### Flag ----- FIA-sanctioned championships

	----- Start, end of hazard, or restart
	----- Local caution or full-course caution (if displayed with "SC" sign)
	----- Debris/oil/slippery course
	----- Session stopped prematurely
	----- Slow vehicle on track
	----- Return to pits (i.e., disqualification)
	----- Car has a dangerous mechanical problem and must go to its pit
	----- Unsportsmanlike conduct
	----- Finish

## BMWMOA NATIONAL RALLY NEWS

### TO THE CREW AT RCB



### TO: MOA RALLY REGISTRATION VOLUNTEERS

I want to thank you again for volunteering to work at the Registration function at our upcoming rally. It's less than two months until the fun begins. We still need additional volunteers in Registration. It takes up to 40 members to cover the busiest shifts. Thursday and Friday evenings have the most need although there are other openings too. We need greeters, members to handle the credit card machine and cash, rally book stuffers, and most importantly people to actually register arriving bikers. Would you please email our message to your club members and friends.

This link explains the Registration function  
<http://www.bmwmoa.org/TheRally/GetInvolved/TabId/364/ArtMID/3217/ArticleID/91/Rally-Registration-Needs-You.aspx>

Go to this website to sign-up for a shift or two. It only takes a couple minutes using our free eventbrite.com website.

<http://moaregistrationvolunteer.eventbrite.com/#>

I will send you a reminder of your shift at the end of June (just before I hit the road for my ride from NJ to OR),

Thanks again and see you in Salem.

Roger Trendowski  
 Chair- Registration MOA Rally  
[rtrendowski@verizon.net](mailto:rtrendowski@verizon.net)

## BMW RECALLS 2013 R1200GS

BMW has issued a recall for its redesigned 2013 R1200GS. The recall concerns a loose locking bolt for the front fork. The defect potentially affects 15 units shipped to BMW dealers.



Documents filed with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration state BMW discovered a potential issue in late January 2013. A BMW endurance riding test showed a loose locking bolt on the company's proprietary telelever front fork, with the torque determined to be below spec. Subsequent tests in January and February revealed the extent of bolt loosening concluding that "an insufficient seal between the locking bolt and fork tube would cause the bolt to loosen over time."



A voluntary recall was issued in February, with all the potentially affected units (535) in hold at a BMW North America facility. However, inventory records indicate 15 units may have been shipped to dealers that did not undergo the internal inspection and repair prompting the current recall.

BMW will notify owners, with dealers inspecting and fixing the locking bolt issue free of charge. If it is determined that the fork tube has loosened, the tube and locking bolt will also be replaced. GS owners can contact BMW at 1-800-525-7417 or email at [CustomerRelations@bmwusa.com](mailto:CustomerRelations@bmwusa.com) for more details.

This recall is the first for the 2013 GS in the U.S., but the new bike has already faced two further recalls in Canada. The first was for a potential transmission oil leak at the output shaft, from the oil pressure being too high. The second issue regarded the Automatic Stability Control (ASC) system not reactivating after off-road use in the "Enduro-Pro" mode.

# 53 DAYS UNTIL BEEMERS, BIGFOOT AND BLUE SKIES 2013 COME ONE COME ALL TO SALEM, OREGON THIS JULY!

The 41st BMW MOA International Rally will be held on July 18-21, 2013, at the Oregon State Fairgrounds in Salem. The grounds cover 140 acres with air-conditioned buildings for registration, Country Store, commercial vendors, seminars and vintage display. The camping options are flat areas with or without trees. Evening entertainment is in the open air amphitheater with afternoon music on a small stage by the food vendors. The multimedia closing ceremony is in the pavilion



By Deb Lower, Rally Chair;  
Jackie Mulhern and Rick Nelson,  
Co-Chairs

## BMW Concept Ninety



90 years of BMW Motorrad, 90 years of two-wheeled history hardly another motorcycle manufacturer can boast such a longstanding and successful heritage as BMW. The BMW R 90 S likewise has cause to celebrate: the BMW Motorrad design icon turns 40 this year

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