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Membership Meeting

Sat Dec, 5th 8:00am

Susie's Country Oaks Cafe

500-G Cirby Way

Roseville

Director's Meeting

Tues Dec 8th, 7:00 pm

IHOP

2525 Iron Point Road

Folsom

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 about time we did a toy run again, and fortunately for us, the planning and organizing is done already. All we have to do is show up at A&S after the club meeting on the 5th with an unwrapped toy and we'll ride down to the Red Lion Hotel at 10:30. EuroSunday is the organizer, and there will be cars, motorcycles and scooters participating together, so be prepared to spend some time looking at the other vehicles. It's a good cause, the Sacramento Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and it should be a good time. It's also just about the right amount of time to spend on the road that day seeing as how our Christmas party is the same night, and we'll need that time to prepare our favorite dishes for the potluck!

It's also Thanksgiving day as I write this, so I guess it's time for the obligatory "What are you thankful for" discussion. There are so many things, ranging from living in the greatest country in the world to the weather (no snow!) in Sacramento for which I am so thankful, but I wanted to keep this at a more personal level. I am thankful that this club exists, without which I never would have met so many wonderful people and made so many good friends. Being in this club has widened my horizons, shown me places and roads I never would have found otherwise, got me to sleep in a tent again (?!), given me a new direction being club president, and just in general made life even better. Each year though, I always have to give thanks to two people I never met, but are the most important to me, named Banting and Best (this month's trivia contest, BTW. Very

easy if you know me well). I never would have known the club and it's people had it not been for them.

We had our annual planning meeting a few weeks ago, and the tentative schedule for the year is out, but there are still some weekends available for some one to fill in with an event of their choosing. If you check the forum section of the website you'll see some are already planning a campout to replace Doran Beach in August. We also lost the Indian Creek campout in June, but it was replaced with our annual ride to Eureka. We added a ride to Morro Bay in April, which several of us tried out last July and really enjoyed it, so we are going again. If you have a thought on a place to camp, a destination, or just want to lead a ride somewhere please let me know and I'll do my best to get it on the schedule. We're always pleased to have new people step up and volunteer, so try it, you'll like it!

Happy Holidays to every one! May you enjoy your family, friends, (and motorcycles) this year and for many years to come.

Non-motorcycle trivia quiz this month: See paragraph 2 above.

Remember, We're not bikers, we're motorcyclists.

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Christmas Cheer December 5th

RCB's Annual Christmas Party!

On Saturday, December 5, 2009,
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
Beverages are provided by River City Beemers

The rest of the dinner is potluck. Please see the guidelines for last names below.

A-TO-C Desserts
D-TO-G Meats/Main courses
H-TO-M Side Dishes
N-TO-R Salads
S-TO-Z Appetizers

Steenkin' Badges!

I'm not really sure when the RCB Badge policy started, but for those of us with "senior" minds, we appreciate seeing badges at club meetings and events, and being able to call you Bill, Steve or Judy instead of "Hey you!" You may or may not recall, but that badge was a club benefit back when you joined RCB.

There's a second benefit of the badge – Free raffle

tickets! Yes, just in case you haven't been to a Monthly club meeting in a while, mild-mannered Gordy, our Raffle Master Extraordinaire, selects a quantity of unique and exciting items to raffle off every month. Raffle tickets are \$1 for the t-shirts, motorcycle farkle, Ginzu table knives, Popeil Pocket Fisherman and other small items, and \$5 for the Grand Prize. Last month's Grand Prize was three raffle tickets to an \$1000RR drawing - The month be-

fore that it was a custom Kermit Chair!

If you show up to a club meeting with your badge, you will receive a free \$1 raffle ticket. And as long as Mike Maher doesn't show up (inside joke – Show up Saturday and we'll share the story), you have as good a chance as anyone else to win one of the valuable prizes.

(Imagine Vanna walking across the room waving your valuable prize.) Lose your badge and poof! No more Vanna! Unless ... you purchase a replacement badge. And in a very round-about manner, that's what this article is about. While replacement badges have historically been priced at \$10, the actual cost is much higher. Effec-



tive 1/1/2009, the cost of a replacement badge will be increased to \$15. Similarly, the price of the mailed newsletter will be raised to \$24 annually.

Want to beat the price increases? Log on to <http://www.rcb.org/membership/> and renew your membership before the New Year. Until then the replacement badge and mailed newsletter will remain

at the old \$10 and \$6 respectively. After that, those free raffles tickets will be more expensive.

Trivia question: What was the exact phrase and which movie is "Stinking Badges" from. Hint: It is *not* Blazing Saddles.

Friendship

(Life is partly what we make it and partly by the friends whom we choose.)

By Bruce Hilger, Shopdoc

I was a half mile behind him, closing in at a fast speed when the oncoming vehicle appeared with a sinking feeling of "Oh shit." At the same time I saw his bike dive with hard brakes as the Highway Patrolman passed by him. On this late afternoon, I was chasing him as I realized he was leading us in the wrong direction, southwest, by my GPS, which was not toward Sacramento where he lived and through which I had to go on my way home. The car then passed me and disappeared around a curve but reappeared confirming my suspicion that I knew someone was wanted or hunted, one of us or both.

Early morning our group assembled at Three Brothers Restaurant, a breakfast place in Cameron Park. This motorcycle ride was our last BMW Club ride of the season which from previous years was very popu-

lar and an exciting adventure known as the 5 Passes Ride. It was the last chance for all the regulars and some of the newbie's to have a really good ride. Nature's characteristic for fall is the unpredictability of weather and temperatures when traversing the high elevations, sudden storms can cancel or modify the Club arrangements which are meticulously worked out by club members. With about thirty riders divided into a Spirited Group and a Slower Group, we have a planned course following GPS coordinates, with gas stops, rest stops and meal breaks that makes a lengthy 350 mile course finishing late afternoon. My friend and I had planned this ride because of the beautiful fall colors for camera shots and the excellent roads to challenge our race bikes; he is on a Suzuki 1000 and me on a BMW 1200ST.

The Groups departed on time at eight and we had free use of all roads; our luck, very little traffic. Typically

the riders held together in a tight pattern, the turns were carved in unison as the file of bikes banked, then accelerated the tree lined ways. We made four of the five passes and then for our lunch break used Walker, Nevada. Afterwards the two groups headed in the same pattern for our final crest on the twisties of beautiful Sonora Pass, which btw reminds me of both the Hetch Hetchy and Yosemite. It was here that he was immediately having trouble. His turns weren't smooth, speed was less and movements weren't crisp or fluid; he was different compared to the first half of the days ride. Why? Maybe post lunch tiredness; he thought the newness to the bike. And as sometimes happens no answer is to be found. We remained together as a mini-group, in our rough ride, rapidly falling back from the others and were even passed by a group of Harleys. I went ahead thinking if he would follow close behind that we might change something with this drag effect and he could be more at ease and regain that rhythm and smoothness of the perfect ride. Nothing seemed to work out very well even though he was an excellent motorcycle rider on past trips and had years of experience. Notably we had to carry a slow pace because at one point he almost missed a turn with skidding rear wheel and drifted into the oncoming lane.

It had been several hours without sight of the others; we stopped for gas and a short rest in Sonora. Now in the valley the terrain changed and the character of the roads that became mostly sweeping turns between straights. In the little town of Ione, with the end close at hand, we decided that ahead was Hwy 16 which would be our route to his home and I could go that way to mine, but that we'd try for a coffee stop some place soon. We hadn't had time for our usual, conversation. This would be the time to share our thoughts and ideas.

His departure at this point seemed suspicious with a sudden straight ahead speed and I followed but less aggressively. Five miles from town was the Y-turn and since it had been a while for me, I didn't recognize it until both of us were past and Hwy 104 beyond was new to me. After some minutes it was obvious we were headed SW, away from Sacramento, and he was still going fast. I felt it would be best to change direction so I sped up and was closing in on

him just as we met the Patrolman.

My friend was a good distance ahead and I slowed on purpose to increase the gap significantly. He and the black bike disappeared from view. With that distance only one of us was available to the CHP who was just behind me when he hit his lights. I waved and pulled over, got off the bike and set the side stand. In this time he was already on the other side of my bike and as I finished taking off my helmet. His first words and question, "had I been drinking," had to be repeated after I took out my ear plugs. I gave him my license, insurance paper and registration as I answered, negative. He then asked me if I knew how fast I was going. I replied 75 mph and he raised his eye brows in a surprised response saying, very close, he got me at 76. Next, was the speed limit, and I replied a guess of 65 mph but, again, the roads were unfamiliar. He shook his head, saying that it was 55. He then asked what I was doing and I replied that I was trying to catch my friend who was headed in the wrong direction and we both wanted to get home from a long day of riding.

The exchange with the policeman coincided with my two immediate thoughts, one, of feeling the impact of getting ticketed and two, of being involved in helping my friend. Were they conflicting? But in the end I was comfortable that they were not. The important part in my many years of riding with the RCB Club is that we ride with an awareness and concern for one another. The tensions built up in the ride are formulated into a mode of thinking and an increasing loyalty which is favored to the group, or to the riding individuals, (plus), even to the machine. For me the verb to ride says it all. The effect of riding evolves both with time and focus into our own preservation. By its nature, motorcycling places us on the edge between safety and danger. In groups you are constantly thinking and aware of self in relation to the other riders. This mental energy becomes focused emotionally to enhance individual relationships. This is the credo of our club and a general code of motorcycling as I see it. As example, several weeks earlier he and I had spent most of a day riding together. It was on difficult back roads of dirt, mud and gravel between Petrolia and Shelter Cove. In a particularly difficult section I begged off. He wanted

to continue but it was getting more difficult and I told him I wanted to head inland for Hwy 101 so he could either ride together with me or continue alone. We agreed that after I got home I would call and if he didn't answer I would assume he was still on this isolated back road, where we had seen no one else. With that being the case I would return on another bike that I was more comfortable with to scour the desolated road for him. As it turned out, he called me late at night from his home, safe. Another aspect is this riding-contact means you really get to know some of the riders and even in such a large group this fraternal relationship becomes a meaningful bond of getting to know oneself as well as the partner. In this case my feelings for getting the ticket meant neither guilt nor anger; I was simply picked up. I was in control of the situation that developed. I referred to this as my "bad day." I was comfortable because of the value of our relationship. And most of my subsequent actions were intended to make him feel not guilty about the ticket. I also noticed that the officers' demeanor changed to a comfortable conversation the more he and I talked. It might have been that he noted my acceptance of the situation and ticket, or he valued our tight friendship. As I signed

the ticket he gave me some helpful information stating that he was only giving me a penalty of ten instead of twenty, and that I should consider the traffic school. I thanked him.

So much for friends, in spite of bad days. He was long gone, down Hwy 104, and would be an email or a phone call from my home.

Euro Sunday presents, Rally for Kids, which will benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Saturday, December 5th from 9am-12 noon at the Red Lion Hotel located at 1401 Arden Way in Sacramento.

Bring your car or motorcycle and donate an unwrapped toy.

More info at www.eurosunday.net or call 916-677-7249

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. Send the text of your email 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.

Dual Sport bike sale. 2006 KTM 640 Adventure 13.5k miles, excellent condition, loaded with extras and upgrades \$7,500 or 2007 BMW XChallenge 7.6k miles very good condition, also loaded with extras \$5,000. If interested call Jim at 916-863-6014 for more information.

F650 GS "custom" soft saddle bag mounts, \$65.00. Cortech Sport (Soft) Saddle Bags, with rain covers, \$60.00. Call Bruce at 916-989-9224 or [smparrish\(at\)sbcglobal.net](mailto:samparrish@sbglobal.net) (10/30)

2004 R1150RT in excellent condition. Besides the usual features of an 1150 RT there are: heated grips,

Cee Bailey windscreen, headlight guard, engine guard, fender extender, Throttle Meister, Custom Seat by Bill Mayer, Garmin 2610 GPS, BMW bag liners and tank bag and motorcycle cover. Low Mileage: 27,274. Selling for \$9,000. Call Ernie at 916-543-3265 afternoon and evenings. Pictures available. (10/11)

BMW Mens Suit Jacket with matching BMW pants for sale. Good condition. Jacket size: US 40R/EURO 50; grey on black with zip out liner. \$165.00. (Jacket predecessor to BMW Mens Trailguard Suit Jacket. New cost: \$639.00). Pants size: waist: 35; inseam: 33. Color: matching black. \$110.00. (Pants predecessor to BMW Mens Streetguard 3. New cost: \$659.00). Suit Jacket and pants purchase price: \$240.00. Call Bruce Parrish @ 916-989-9224 or email to: [smparrish\(at\)sbcglobal.net](mailto:samparrish@sbglobal.net). (8/25)

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 new 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 liners. \$600.

2004 BMW Heated Vest with plug. Grey/black. Size XL. Never worn. \$125.

2006 Schubert 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)

1998 R1200C. Cream paint, blue leather, factory bags and screen, new tires and battery, K&N air filter, all services, and only 11,120 miles. It's beautiful and I need it to go to someone who appreciates it and will take care of it. \$5500.00 or best offer. Please call me if your interested 209-918-1093 Anthony Peters. (5/19)

2002 BMW K1200LTC, located in Yuba City. This is a very smooth running, great sounding and good looking sport/touring bike. It's like riding a sport bike with all the comfort of a touring bike. Average gas mileage is 45 mpg. Bike has been well maintained. Mileage is about 53,000. New Clutch, brake lines, brake pads, and rear brake reservoir. Ohlins shock suspension system front & rear stock shocks available. Remus aluminum Revo exhaust system w/header stock exhaust available. Tires in good condition spare front tire (rear tire replaced about 1000 miles ago). Chrome luggage rack w/ 3rd brake light. Electrically adjustable windshield. New Ztechnik windshield BMW windshield available. Lots of extras will send on request. Asking \$9,500 / OBO. Paul 530-674-0726 paulandjanie(at)comcast.net (4/27)

1999 K1200RS 22k miles, Silver and Blue, all maintenance up to date, Corbin Seat with back rest for passenger, hard bags with mounting rack, other extras, call for details. Asking \$5900. Call Fred at 530-273-8057 after 5 p.m. or on cell at 530-263-2942. (4/16)

2002 R1150GS ABS 37,000 miles, \$7500. Blue/white custom paint. Original Owner. Always garaged. Adventure Tank, Bill Mayer saddle, Sta-In-Tune collector box, full size oem bags (lowered muffler), Motolights, Wunderlich tall screen, handguards, Throttlemeister, extra power outlet, new battery, Metzeler Tourance tires, Geza Bike Cover. Call Joe @ 916-638-2044 (4/13)

Free to good RCB home. Shoei Face Shields. Four CX-1 face shields: Light smoke, dark smoke, clear and clear with Fog City insert. See Bruce W. at a Saturday breakfast. (3/8)

1983 R100RT 60th Anniversary Pearl White, 72K, BMW options, Euro fold out running lights by Bosch in the fairing, 4 way flashers, muffler shields, front louvered grill, rear mud flap, 2 power outlets. Additional aftermarket options include: Brown side stand, Luftmeister trunk and bar vibration dampeners (internal), Reynolds bag mounts and folding luggage rack plus optional adapter to remove the luggage

rack, upper and lower fork braces, stainless steel brake lines, LED tail and running lights, Corbin leather gunfighter seat. Valve job by Oak at 40K. Work done at 62K, fork seals and springs, Hagon rear shocks, Parabellum windshield, steering head bearings, brake pads, timing chain, WestCo battery, ThunderChild diode board & grounding kit, complete throttle assembly and grips, Bing Alcohol float bowl kits, head gaskets and push rod seals, oil and neutral switches, starter, new tires and tubes, new BMW tool kit. The lowers and grill have just been repainted, small dent in left side of tank under the fairing packet. \$6000. Dennis 530-391-5754, e-mail [clcman\(at\)sbcglobal.net](mailto:clcman(at)sbcglobal.net)(2/7)

1993 Ducati Superlight one owner \$8000.00 firm. 40,000 miles. Bike has been well cared for. If interested call, 916-408-7754, or e-mail, quack947@aol.com for pictures. Michael Miller (1/22)

Misc: BMW tank bag for airhead GS., like new.

\$110.00. Hippo mitts, leather, and lined. \$40.00. Exhaust wrench, the steel one, \$35.00. If interested call 916-408-7754. Mike Miller. (10/1)

2005 BMW R1200RT with 21k miles. \$14,000 Garaged kept and maintained by A&S BMW in Roseville. Lots of extras included. You can see more on Cycletrader online or Craig's 1/2s List. Thanks for looking. E.J. (916) 515-0156

Misc: RKA (2) Side Case Bags, (1) Trunk Bag for an 2008 K1200LT. The bags are for non-CD cases. They are used but in very good condition. \$100.00 for the set. Contact Frank @ (916) 366-9591. (9/5)

Misc: I have nine shims and the two tools needed to change them on the early flying bricks and the 750 three flat BMW engines. \$100.00 for all. I also have an exhaust wrench - the STEEL one for the BMW airheads for \$35.00. Please call Mike Miller at 916-408-7754. (3/31)

2009 Calendar of Upcoming Events

Check often because events are always being added or changed.

- Dec 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.
- Dec 8th, Tue Director's meeting at IHOP Restaurant, 7:00 pm, 2525 Iron Point Road, Folsom. 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 5 RCB Christmas Party, see article in the newsletter



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