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#### **Membership Meeting**

Sat Oct., 6th 8:00am Western Coffee Pot Auburn near Greenback Ln Citrus Heights

#### **Director's Meeting**

Tues Oct. 9th, 7:00 pm Western Coffee Pot Auburn near Greenback Ln. Citrus Heights

#### **Breakfast - Be There!**

Every Saturday 8 am Western Coffee Pot 6233 Auburn Blvd Citrus Heights

#### 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 Gary Stofer



Welcome to the October edition of my monthly ramblings. As you may know, the October membership meeting will be held at the Manchester Beach KOA just before dinner. (How's that for an appetite stimulant?) More importantly, we will be accepting nominations for directors/officers. I've finally found someone willing to take over the President's position, our Vice-President will stay on for another term, and an existing Board Member volunteered to take over the Treasurer's position. What we need desperately is a new Secretary. If you can see your way through to volunteer for this position, here is what is required: You must be willing and able to attend all or most of the board meetings held the 2nd Tuesday of each month and take notes detailing what takes place. Then, using Microsoft Word, the minutes are finalized and E-mailed to the other board members. If you can fill this position, please let me know-either at Manchester or any other time before the November elections.

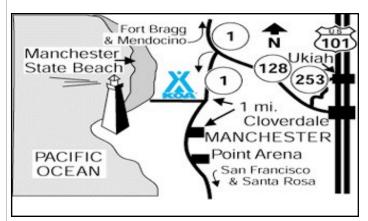
At the Autumn Beemer Bash, RCB hosted the Poker Run. It was once again a success and all costs were covered by entry fees. Due to the difficulty of getting volunteers for checkpoints, I chose to use the question/answer format. After the event, a representative of Central Cal BMW Riders approached me to see if RCB would be interested in co-hosting

the Bash along with the new Fresno BMW Riders club. It seems that the rally nearly did not happen this year due to the lack of volunteers from CCBR. Do you see a pattern here? It's time for some additional club members to step up to the plate. Next year for RCB, we will have a Manchester event IF someone volunteers. We will have an Indian Creek event IF someone volunteers. Fortunately, our Track Day is safe BECAUSE a couple of board members volunteered. We will hold our planning meeting November 11. (Location has not been determined yet) Hopefully we will have events to plan.

Okay, enough of that already. I hope a lot of you do come to Manchester this October 5th & 6th. It's one of our biggest events of the year. Group camping is \$9 person/night. You're on your own for Kamping Kabins or RV spots. Food and beverage is supplied by RCB. Many people come over on Friday, some on Saturday. The following weekend, on Sunday October 14, is our annual 5 Passes Ride. This year the official starting spot will be the Fresh Pond Chevron Station on US 50 at 9:00 AM. (East of Pollock Pines) Ken Caruthers will lead from Western Coffee Pot to Fresh Pond at 8:00 AM if you prefer to start from there. It's a week later this year but we may still be treated to some spectacular fall colors. This is one of your best opportunities to:

Ride Safe Ride Often Got Mufflers?

## Manchester Beach Campout Oct 5-7



Manchester KOA will charge \$9.00 per person for the entire weekend and supply a wrist band. The cost of Saturday evening festivities will be paid for by the club, provided the KOA fee is paid. Coffee will be available in the morning, but each person is on their own for meals other than Sat. dinner (unless Lynell is bribed with massive quantities of good Chardonnay, or 10 Cane rum mixed with caffeine free diet Coke and a lot of fresh squeezed lime).

See you there!

## 5-Passes Ride October 14th



In previous years, we were riding a week earlier and we have encountered some fantastic Fall leaf colors. Although this year has been drier that prior years, we are likely going to be exposed to the great Fall colors of the Sierras.

Ken has agreed to be at the Western Coffee Pot at 7:30 for a 7:45-8:00 AM departure to meet the rest of the riders at the Chevron. We should be able to begin the ride around 9:15 AM.

Just a reminder to everyone that the 5 passes ride will Hope to see a big turn out for this scenic excursion. be on Sunday, October 14th this year. We will be changing the staging area from Pollock Pines to farther up Rt 50 to the new Chevron at the Fresh Pond exit.

Ken Caruthers does an excellent job of mapping the route and he and I, Larry Morris, will be leading a dual group (or more if needed). As in the past 3 years, Ken will lead the folks who enjoy the exhilaration of a spirited ride through the many fine twisties on the ride. I will escort those who prefer a more leisurely ride with some site seeing along the way. Bring cameras.



## **Halloween Bash and Motorcycle Costume Contest**



Fall Open House at A&S BMW on Saturday, October 13th, from 9 am to 4

Costume Contest for your Motorcycles! Dress-up your bike (and yourself) and enter our Motorcycle Costume Contest!



## The Nevada County Woods Riders

Kyra from our club sent in this announcement for anyone with a BMW GS or KTM style of bike so check it out....

12th Annual Ride, Downieville Dual Sport October 20, 2007

FOR STREET LEGAL DUAL SPORT MOTOR-**CYCLES** 

The Nevada County Woods Riders 2007 annual dual sport ride will be a scenic adventure ride, from Cal Ida to Jackson Meadows to Poker Flat and back. The No refunds. ride will be approximately 140 miles in length. Due to the dry forest conditions encountered thes year we were unable to include the famous Downieville single track trails. This year you can bring your large adventure bikes.

Entry for each rider ......\$55.00 Entry for passenger ......\$15.00 Lunch will be provided enroute. No Participant insurance. No more than 100 miles to gas. 150 rider limit Pre-Entry closes Oct. 03, 2007. Included with pre-entry is a T-shirt. Additional T-shirts are \$15.00ea. Post entries do NOT include a T-shirt. Be sure to include your T-shirt size with pre-entry. You must include a copy of your

DRIVERS LICENSE with entry.

A route chart will be provided.

A roll chart holder is required.

You MUST have a U.S.F.S. approved spark arrestor. There will be a 96db. sound / spark arrestor check. No refunds for flunking sound / spark arrestor check. We will be donating a portion of the proceeds to charity.

Camping is available at the starting area.

Start time is 8:00AM sharp. No earlier.

Mandatory riders meeting at 7:30AM.

Be prepared to go at least 100 miles to gas.

If you are taking the scenic route, you must be out by 8:30.

Sweep leaves at 9:00AM, If you leave after them, you are on your own.

Be sure to watch www.woodsriders.org for the 2008 two day Dual Sport ride!

This year the ride will start at Cal-Ida Campground, on Hwy 49, approximately 35 miles from Grass Valley. Allow sufficient travel time.

#### SOME SNAPPY ANSWERS TO STUPID HARLEY PHRASES

#### By Fred Jewell

How often do you get one or more of these statements thrown at you when one of the "faithful" finds 6. HARLEYS ARE AMERICAN MADE! out you don't own the same brand of motorcycle that A. So are Goldwings (Marysville, OH) and many he does? It often seems that the less they ride them, the more they throw these around. The Harley owner, as opposed to the Harley rider, tends to spew these almost as rote memorization, which leads me to the conclusion that they must teach these at Harley school. Anyway, here are some answers to the most common phrases I come across. Feel free to use them when you need to.

#### 1. GET A REAL BIKE!

A. 1st, why are you concerned with what bike I am riding, I certainly don't care what you ride, and 2nd, if by a "REAL BIKE" you mean an over-priced, overweight, under-powered, 1930's technology motor, with poor suspension, even poorer brakes and tube tires, then I'll have to stick to my "fake " bike for performance and safety reasons.

#### 2. I'D RATHER PUSH MY HARLEY THAN RIDE A (INSERT BRAND HERE)!

A. Do you think it's wise to admit you are pushing your Harley?

#### 3. I GET MORE SEX WITH MY HARLEY THAN YOU DO WITH YOUR (INSERT BRAND HERE)!

A. Do you think it's wise to admit that you require a motorcycle to attract the opposite sex? What does that say about your looks and personality? What does that say about the person you are attracting with your motorcycle?

#### 4. HARLEYS MUST BE THE BEST BECAUSE THEY SELL THE MOST!

A. If you follow that logic, then McDonalds makes the best hamburgers, VW makes the best car (Beetle), TITANIC is the best movie ever, and the Honda Cub 50 is really the best bike made (50 million sold).

#### 5. LOUD PIPES SAVE LIVES!

A. No, loud pipes make noise, and the noise, being emitted from the rear of your bike, can not travel far ahead of you. Loud brakes save lives. Loud clothing saves lives. Loud horns save lives. Helmets save lives. Good riding skills save lives.

Kawasakis (Lincoln, NE). Look at some of the parts on the Harley and you will find "Made in Japan" on them - carburetors, shocks, & brakes to name a few.

#### 7. IF YOU DON'T BUY A HARLEY YOU'RE NOT SUPPORTING THE AMERICAN WORKER!

A. See #6 above, and besides, I believe my local BMW dealer is an American and his shop is employing a couple of dozen Americans, all productive contributors to the American economy.

#### 8. YOU RIDE WAY TOO FAST, WE RIDE "LOW AND SLOW"!

A. If you only ride "low and slow" then why did you spend an additional \$5000 on a Screamin' Eagle kit to increase the horsepower of your Harley? Do you also think it's wise to admit you are unable to keep up with some one riding a bike capable of a sustained higher speed?

#### 9. IF I HAVE TO EXPLAIN IT TO YOU, YOU'LL **NEVER GET IT!**

A. Once again, do you think it's wise to admit you are unable to make a coherent description of why you purchased your particular motorcycle, or is it because you won't own up to the fact that you are mindlessly following the mob simply in order to be included in a group that has an "attitude"?

#### 10. I CAN SELL MY HARLEY FOR WHAT I PAID FOR IT!

A. Is resale value really the reason you bought the bike? Did you really buy your bike just to sell it? I bought mine to ride and enjoy, and by the way, have you checked used Harley prices lately?

#### 11. IF YOU'RE NOT RIDING A HARLEY YOU AIN'T SH\*T!

A. True.

### Roy Ulsfrud: Servant Leader!

by John G. Sulpizio

The cry was heard all around the fire at the Doran Beach Campout: "ROY FOR PRESI-DENT!" However, as soon as it was verbalized, everyone realized that if Roy was elected President, the Beemer Bums might loose the best Dutch Oven cook this side of the Rock-



ies. Roy did it again, only better this year.

Roy came armed with Dutch Ovens in every imaginable size, each with their own carrying case. Man, you can cook a lot of chow in a 14" deep dish cast iron Dutch Oven on a blazing propane stove. If you weren't there, you missed a real treat.



Friday, it was clam chowder laced with butter, a la Paula Dean. Saturday breakfast was sausage, potatoes, eggs, and cheese seasoned with onions with fresh coffee. Saturday night's menu was potatoes flavored with bacon and onions, and a giant pot of chicken and gravy with apple cobbler for dessert. Except for

some feeble aid peeling a couple of apples or rinsing out the coffee pot, Roy Ulsfrud did the whole thing himself. Of course, the cooking was impressive, but Roy also did all the planning, bought all the groceries and libations, provided the cookware and stoves, and invested untold hours in preparing for this weekend feast. Roy loaded all in Larry Morris' SUV and backed it up to the group site at Doran, just south of Bodega Bay, and cooked for 36 hours straight.

It's an area originally founded by the Irish and Italians. The names on the tombstones in a small coun-

try cemetery speckled with pink lilies in Bodega, just off the Pacific Coast Highway, testify to their historic contributions. Bodega is also the location of Potter's School house, the film location for Alfred Hitchcock's movie, "The Birds".



Built in 1873 and renovated in 1962 for the movie, it is now owned by Lisa Parker, who makes her residence upstairs and operates a museum and gift shop on the first floor. Perhaps, it is she who sits occasionally in the second story window reminiscent of Hitchcock's other classic movie, "Psycho".



The weather on the coast was cool and moist with moderate breezes and provided an appreciated respite from the heat in the Valley. Saturday dawned relatively dry. After breakfast and the typical morning moto-bull over coffee, a small group of diehard riders headed out for a hundred mile ride along Myers' Grade, Seaview Rod, Hauzer Bridge, Tin Barn Road, Skaggs Spring and back to the PCH at Stewarts Point. Further north we grabbed Annapolis Road and looped back to King Ridge Road and the



Cazadero Highway, ultimately routing back to the campground via the Russian River and PCH. Even though Jim Cyran provided a cautious lead, these are all roads that force you to pay attention, assertively control your motorcycle and aggressively counter steer. A damn great ride with good folks!

Joining Roy for his Dutch Oven feast were Jenny and Dave Reves, Emily Lyon (North Highlands' native

now assigned to the Coast Guard Station at Doran), Mike Harvey, Steve Jones, Mike Paetzold, Mike Maier, Ted Alvarez, Bruce Parrish, Alan Westfall, Rocky Cavello, Jim Cyran, Steve Gallanthine, Larry Morris and daughter Kara, Sam Karnezis, and yours truly. The special attendee of the weekend was Rick Blake, and he made sure he did not forget enough of his potent "fire water" to lubricate the crowd two nights in a row. If I misspelled your name, forgetfully omitted it, or screwed up a relationship, I'll make it up to you in another life where the riding is perfect and there's never a butt

pucker when you go into a corner too fast.

We woke Sunday morning with dew so heavy it looked like it had rained. With enough coffee to get our eyes open, folks packed up and headed home. The "big bikers", some with their travel trailers, headed out over the "big pavement". However, a number of us who are adverse to asphalt wider than 12 feet, headed home via Occidental where we had a great breakfast at the Howard's Hotel. Afterwards, Dave Reves guided us back to Sacramento on some of the best roads that California offers to moto-nuts. It was a great weekend, thanks to

our servant leader, Roy Ulsfrud, and this genial group of Beemer Bums. I honor them with a capital "B". Heap great praise on Roy for his extraordinary service to his fellow members, because the pay for being the Dutch Oven King sucks!

Ride safe and eat well!



## 2007 Calendar of Upcoming Events

Check often because events are always being added or changed.

Oct. 6th, Sat General membership meeting this month will be at the Manchester Beach KOA, see you there.

Oct. 9th, Tue Director's meeting at the Western Coffee Pot, 7:00 pm, 6233 Auburn Blvd (just north of Greenback), Citrus Hts 916-722-0811. All members welcome.

Watch the Calendar monthly for updates and more details of upcoming events

Oct 5-/	Manchester Beach Campout, KOA, Jack & Lynell Klausnie
Oct 14	RCB Five Passes Ride, Larry Morris / Ken Caruthers, details TBA.
Oct 13	A&S BMW's open house
Oct 15	MOA mileage contest ending documentation Mike Paetzold.
Nov 11	2006 Planning Meeting, location to be announced.
Dec 1	RCB Christmas Pot Luck @ A&S BMW, Dennis Allstead
Dec 8	RCB Tov Run to Children's Receiving leaves A&S @ 10:30 AM.

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Brian McColley, El Dorado Hills

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