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#### **Membership Meeting**

Sat Nov, 3rd 8:00am Western Coffee Pot Auburn near Greenback Ln Citrus Heights

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

Tues Nov. 13th, 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



I'm on the home stretch now with the finish line in sight. At our upcoming membership meeting November 3 we will be electing a new President! I think that you will enjoy some fresh enthusiasm in this spot along with some of the traditional values as well. Fred Jewell has been active in the club for a number of years but recently has found the time to become more deeply involved. You may recall that the Eureka/ Samoa Cookhouse overnight ride was organized by Fred. And he has provided the Bloody Marys twice at the Manchester Beach event. Fred also has some great ideas for new events in the upcoming year. But don't worry about some of the basic traditions of this column; Fred shares my disdain for the straight-pipe crowd. Some of the old and some of the new. Also new to the Board of Directors next year, Lynn Clarke has agreed to take over as Secretary and Tom Moe will be joining as a Director. Thanks for stepping up, guys.

Please mark Sunday, November 11 on your calendar. We will be meeting at Round Table Pizza, 9500 Greenback Lane. at 5:00 PM to plan next year's events. There will be some food and beverage supplied—until I reach the budget limit. But don't come just for the free food. We need people willing to plan and host events. Three of our campout/food fests need members willing to take over next year. Unfortunately, we've relied on the same people to host these events year after year and now they're pretty well burned out. The previous hosts are more than willing to advise, but we need new blood to do the

work. Maybe it could be you. The three events specifically are Lake Mendocino, Indian Creek, and Manchester Beach. The bar has been set pretty high for the fixings in previous years, but that just makes it easier to walk under it. A simple spaghetti dinner, hamburgers and hot links, or other easy to prepare and haul meals would be just fine. As host, you get to decide how fancy you want to be. The RCB Board will provide the budget.

Speaking of events, don't forget our upcoming Christmas Party to be held at A&S BMW Saturday, December 1. We are not having pot luck this year. The food will be catered by Vallejo's Restaurant. A few of us sampled the wares last night and I guarantee that you're in for a real treat. As you can imagine, there is a substantial cost to provide a quality meal so members will be charged \$10 per person with the Club picking up the remainder. It's also necessary that we get an accurate count of dinners needed so be sure to E-mail Dennis Allstead (clcman@sbcglobal.net) to RSVP. If you're internet-challenged I suppose you could call; his number is listed in the newsletter. Money will be collected at the door. By the way, this change has stirred up quite a discussion on the RCB Forum. It's kind of ride vs. destination, food vs. camaraderie thing. Hope to see a lot of you there.

Ride Eat Safe

Ride Eat Often

Got Mufflers?

## **RCB's Annual Christmas Party!**

Saturday, December 1, 2006 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 Our dinner will be catered by Vallejo's Restaurant of Sacramento \$10.00/person due at the door R.S.V.P. via email to clcman@sbcglobal.net by Friday, November 23, 2007

## 27th Annual International Motorcycle Show

Northern California Show Facts

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Where:

San Mateo County Event Center 2495 South Delaware Street San Mateo, CA 94403 When

Friday, November 16 4:00pm - 9:00pm

Saturday, November 17 9:30am - 8:00pm

Sunday, November 18 9:30am - 5:00pm

Admission at the door

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Cash only at the ticket booth. Be prepared - the convention center may not have an ATM.

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Cars: \$7 per day Motorcycles: Free

New this year is the 3-Day Pass for \$20. It must be purchased on line. The other good news is if you purchase your regular adult ticket on line it is \$10 so you save \$3 bucks. Child prices are the same.

## Manchester Beach: Lynell, Do You Have a Sister?

By John G. Sulpizio

That Jack Klauschie, he's a damn lucky guy! You tell me how many wives would doll up like a German handmaid to cook for and feed their husband's seventy Beemer buddies. Well, maybe two from the looks

of the photo. Thanks to Jack, Lynell and all their helpers, it was another great Manchester weekend. The River City Beemers have been doin' it, doin' it, doin' it for over a decade and with all that practice, they really got it goin'.



Jack, Lynell and their kitchen gang grilled over eighteen dozen brats in three different flavors. They went over big, because only six were left. Lynell, Lois Lewis and the kitchen crew whipped up tasty side dishes of red cabbage, sauer kraut with fennel, and roasted potatoes flavored with parmesan.

Naturally, there was the ever-present Oktoberfest libation, beer. Lots and lots of beer. In the can! In

the keg! In the bag! Ooops, too much information!

With the big turnout, the Beemers had their regular monthly meeting and annual elections around the camp fire. Grizzled Prez Gary passed the baton to Bloody Mary Fred. A slate of officers was elected and we moved quickly to the raffle. Gloria won the grand prize, a set of

tires from A&S BMW, but the real story lies in the fact that she drew her own ticket. Yeah, right! For the rest of the night, she demurred.



After dinner, folks broke up into smaller groups

around a number of different camp fires. I got comfy at the fire ring just as the gallon jug of "shake and bake" went empty. No matter. A couple of little plastic bottles were being passed around the fire with something in them. I think it was cough medicine, because after a sip or two, everyone seemed to be feeling much better. Through the haze of the fire, I could hear Larry

Campbell regaling the group in the art of side car racing.



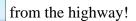


With over 200 in the club and only seventy at this event, some of you probably haven't been to Manchester. It's a great venue with good tent sites, log cabins for the faint of heart, and creature comforts like warm bathrooms with showers that don't require a shit load of quarters. Good for kids, too, with a playground, peddle cars, a swimming pool, and lots of dirt to eat. Ask the Holleron grandkids about that! The weather was perfect with clear skies and dry mornings.

KOA cooked breakfast on Sunday morning for a modest fee. There were all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, biscuits and gravy with coffee to pry your eyes open. It was stick to ribs stuff to get you squared away for the ride home.

Packing up always feels a little anti-climactic, yet you still know there's some great riding ahead. I traveled north up PCH 1, taking my time to snap a few photos. Don't ask me why, but I stopped and hopped the fence into the backyard of a beautiful Catholic

this wonderful sight, I felt like God may have had a personal hand in locating his congregation in Elk. Absolutely stunning and entirely hidden



I filled the tank in Albion and headed east on 223 toward Ukiah. About half way I took to the dirt on Low Gap Road. Geez, what's the sense of owning a GS if you can't be spontaneous, right? Those are the miles that make motorcycling very

personal. As my innards are bouncing up and down, I thought about all the folks who will never experience any of it. The pine smell was intoxicating. There were spots where the tree cover was so heavy it seemed like night and you could see the headlight on the road. After many miles of dirt, ruts, gravel and switchbacks, Ukiah actually looked pretty good.

Jumping on Route 20 I found my way around the north side of Clear Lake. In Lower Lake, I jumped on Morgan Valley, which turns into Berryessa Knoxville Road. What a treat to ride the sweepers, only to have the road "devolve" into a broken and patchy single lane of asphalt in the middle of no where. Then as you approach Lake Berryessa, it "reforms"



church in Elk.
There I discovered a magnificent rock formation punctuating an incredible view of the Pacific. As I sat and stared at

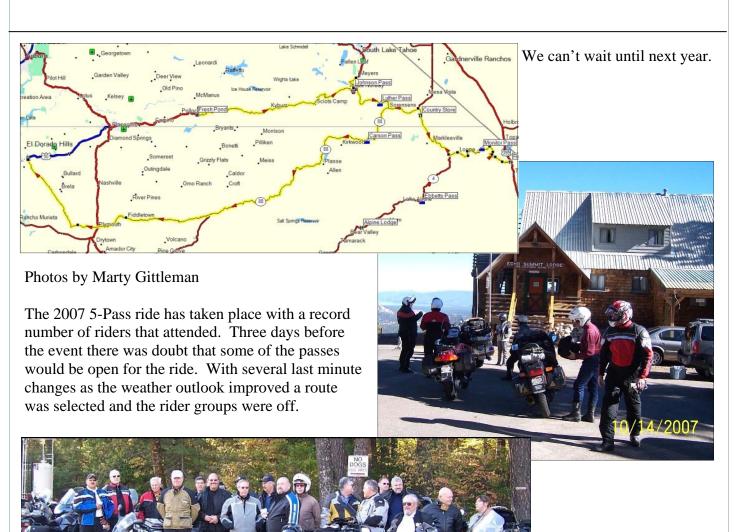
itself into another striped two laner. The signs advise this road is impassable in the rainy season. Any one game?

There was music, albeit rock and roll, to my madness to take Knoxville. My all time favorite restaurant, the Cucina Italiana, is located at Spanish Flats. Owned by Stephano Gusberti and Sharon Simmons, they're "four star" restaurateurs. Stephano was trained at the Culinary Institute in Parma, Italy. Planning to eat light, I succumbed to a Caesar salad, and polenta with Shitake and Oyster mushrooms. It

was fantastic! If you've never dined at the Cucina Italiana, put a favorite person on the back of your motorcycle and go. Don't forget to ask Stepano or Sharon about their dessert du jour.

It was a glorious weekend capped with a great meal, which is why I live by my advice: Ride Safe! Eat well!

Oh, oh, I almost forgot, Lynell, do you have a sister, because I'd sure like to meet her!



Kim's Korner By the newsletter editor

The October edition of <u>Ride</u> magazine from the UK had a bike comparison test between the BMW K1200GT and the Honda ST1300 Pan European. They loved the BMW K1200GT over the Honda ST1300.

<u>Bike</u> called the K200GT, powerful, comfy, but vague. The vague part was the front suspension. For some reason most journalists like the front dive of traditional forks. I guess it must be an, "Comfortable Shoes" kind of thing.

The Honda ST 1300 was called, easy, familiar and wobbly. The "Wobbly" part stems from the serious weaving problems above 120 mph with two people and luggage. In the USA we don't seem to have the problem since we rarely travel at that speed for very long.

Another interesting thing are the prices of the two motorcycles. Because of import taxes the Honda ST1300 is only 155 pounds less than the GT. It also makes you glad you live in the USA because UK prices are outrageous. The BMW GT is 11,955 pounds,

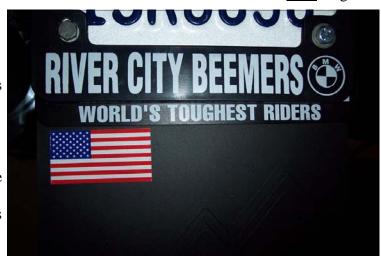
(\$24,052) and the Honda ST1300 is 11,799 pounds, (\$23,736)! Thank goodness for Capitalism!

The October edition of <u>Bike</u> magazine from the UK had a four way compare with the BMW F800ST against the Triumph Sprint ST, Suzuki GSX-R750 and the Ducati ST3. Guess who won the overall?...the F800ST!

Because of import taxes the prices are much different than in the USA. The BMW is \$13,878, the Triumph is \$16,091, the Suzuki is \$15,989 and the Ducati is \$17,088.

For real world on road ride ability the BMW F800ST beat the others hands down. For the track part of the testing the BMW was last, but after the track day all the testers wanted to ride the BMW back to the hotel! During the high speed equivalent of our Interstate roadway system the BMW again came out #1. Bike magazine was impressed with the

extraordinary fuel mileage of the BMW and the very comfortable ergonomics. Another winner and NO FINAL DRIVE problems!



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Somewhere in Latin America

## 07 Calendar of Upcoming Events

Check often because events are always being added or changed.

Nov. 3rd, Sat General membership meeting at the Western Coffee Pot, 8 am, 6233 Auburn Blvd (just north of Greenback), Citrus Hts 916-722-0811. There will be a day ride afterwards so have a full tank of gas before starting. All members and guests welcome.

Nov.13th, 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.

Nov. 15, Thur Every 3rd Thursday at A&S BMW you're invited to their Garage Party @ 6:30 pm. Interesting activities and eats. Check it out.

Thur. Ride Meet up for a weekly Thursday day 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!

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

2006 Planning Meeting, look in the President's column for details Nov 11

Dec 1 RCB Christmas Pot Luck @ A&S BMW, see article for details on 2nd page

RCB Toy Run to Children's Receiving leaves A&S @ 10:30 AM. Dec 8



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