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Membership Meeting

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

Director's Meeting

Tues Jan 13th, 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 hard to believe that it's been a year since I became president of the River City Beemers; the time seems to have just flown by. This has been all new to me as I have never even been a member of any club before this, let alone end up as president. I appreciate the patience everyone has shown as I was learning as I went along, fumbling through meetings and generally trying not to make a fool of myself. The effort put forth by our volunteers for our events really made it much easier for me, knowing I could rely on good people doing good things for our club. It is a fun club that I have thoroughly enjoyed, both as a member and as president, so much so that I am going to give it one more year as your fearless leader, after that it's up to someone else to take charge. So think about it in the next year, and if you're interested let me know. I'll do what I can to help you out.

For those of you who didn't make it to the Christmas party, first, shame on you, and second, you missed a really good one. Dennis Allstead did an exceptional job of re-arranging names to course assignments so we had a wellbalanced variety of food, and then he made sure the appetizers and main courses stayed separate by acting as the food policeman at the buffet table! There was plenty of food to go around, and everything was delicious. The high point of the night was the awarding of the prizes to the winners of the Road To Nowhere. John had a slide presentation of the photographs that the participants had sent in, and it brought back all kinds of memories, all of them good, even the ones that included snow. The suspense ended when it was announced that Kim Rydalch won the individual and Marv and Lois Lewis won the two up (and overall) categories. Kim just barely beat out Rand Olson, scoring 210 more points than he out of over 130,000! Chuck Carney came in third, and all these riders visited 100% of the locations, an amazing accomplishment.

Next year we will have a variation of the Road To Nowhere that I am going to call the RCB Scavenger Hunt, and it will be similar in many ways, but quite different in others. I am hoping that this will attract both the long distance rider as well as the members who like to stay closer to home, as you will be able to compete either way and still have a chance to win prizes. There will be three separate events, one in May, one in July and one in September, with winners in each event and an overall winner. The first event will be similar to a poker run but with a logbook and photos required of locations visited. It will be 6 hours long and will be the club ride for May, and I am not giving out the locations until the day of the event, so you'll only have the time at breakfast to plan your day. There will be many more locations than you can get to in 6 hours, and there will be traps and dead ends to avoid. That's all I'm going to say for now; the other two events will be month-long "challenges" to visit sites given out that month. Again, you can travel near or far during those events and still be able to win prizes. More information and a sign up form will be coming later. I hope we get the same participation we did in the RTN this past year; it should be a lot of fun, and you won't have to go to the Bristlecone Pines in a blizzard.

Mike Herte was quick on the draw with a correct answer to my sly challenge of asking what BSA stood for and what they made before motorcycles, that being Birmingham Small Arms and guns before trying to compete with Triumph. This month I've got something that has nothing at all to do with motorcycles: What is the name of Mr. Magoo's favorite nephew, and what was his friend's name? Also, what is the skipper's name in Gilligan's Island? (everyone just called him Skipper, but he had a name) And finally, what is the common thread in these questions? I might have a small but useful prize this time, and no fair using Google.

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

We ride far.

We ride often.

We ride quiet(ly).

Soldier Meadows GS Weekend June 5-7, 2009 - Response needed



RCB has a most exciting weekend planed for members who are interested in getting their bikes dirty. We are planning a 3 day, 2 night GS campout for the weekend of June 5-7, 2009 at Soldier Meadows Ranch in Nevada. The ranch is located 60 miles north of Gerlach. The last 50 miles to the ranch is on a good dirt/gravel road. The ranch has quite a history. In 1865 Camp McGarry was established at the location of the current Ranch Headquarters. It was a U.S. Army winter camp. Its mission was to protect traveling pioneers and freight wagon trains from Indian attack. Several of the original structures from 1865 are still standing today. For a lot more information on Soldier Meadows see their web site at WWW.SOLDIERMEADOWS.COM.

Soldier Meadows has a limited number of rooms for rent and they will provide breakfasts and dinners for guests. You will eat

with the ranch staff in the dining room. I can attest to the terrific quality and quantity of the meals at Soldier Meadows. In addition to the rooms for rent they also have tent camping space available. Please check out the "Rates" page on the web site to get an idea of the cost for the weekend. The prices may seem steep but once you get there you will understand why, they are in the middle of nowhere. (Gerlach is in the middle of nowhere!)

The dual sport riding that is available to you while staying at Soldier Meadows is virtually limitless, going from good dirt and gravel roads that can be enjoyed on a street bike to some gnarly 2 track 4X4 trails, the choice is yours.

What we need to do to secure enough space for the club is get an idea of how many people will be attending, how many would like a room and how many will camp. We need to get back to the owners of the Ranch by mid-January with some kind of head count. The space is limited at Soldier Meadows so we may have to limit the number of attendees. The room reservations will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis based on responses to this request. People attending all 3 days will have preference.

If you plan on attending the Soldier Meadows Weekend please contact Jim Cyran by email at jimcyran "@" pacbell.net or call and leave a message at 916-863-6014. Indicate that you plan to attend the weekend, for how many days and whether you want a room or will be camping. We will work on logistics and meals once we have a head count. We also have a need for a truck to bring gas and adult beverages for the weekend, the truck crew will receive the highest preference!

PLEASE RESPOND BY NO LATER THAN JANUARY 12, 2009

Whale Of A Tour B & B March 13 & 14, 2009

Greg & Cyndee peart will be leading a Bed & Breakfast tour to the lovely Mendocino coast for the 2nd year now. We plan to stay at the Sea Gull Inn of Mendocino. Those of you who remember past RCB president Jim Douglas and his wife Ayla, they now own and operate the 9 room Inn. If you wish to stay at email: XFIL911@comcast.net that you are going with us and the inn, call and make your reservations right away. RCB members will receive a 15% discount at the Inn. If we exceed the Inn's room limit, Jim and Ayla will assist you in obtaining lodging close by in town. This will be a very easy going week-

end. Activities depend on the size & wishes of the group. The Inn is a beautiful place to just chill out. Mendocino is a wonderful small town to just stroll about and relax. The Plan: Make your Own Reservation, Then Call Greg Peart 916-689-7999 or leave a contact phone #. Meet at 8 AM (if you want breakfast) or 9 AM Wheels up at The EPPIES Restaurant (also known as Family Restaurant) West Capitol off ramp & I-80(at the east end of the causeway). Greg's cell phone: 916-870-7841.

This will be a rain or shine event.



Ride To Nowhere Final Standings

Hi All - I had a blast this year going through all your photo's and stories from the road. Mary, Lois, Kim, Rand and Chuck made it a great Competition! Here's all the finishers 100% 1st Place Two Up & Overall Mary Lewis Tour Master 131820 Lois Lewis Tour Master 1st Place rider Kim Rydalch Tour Master 130530 100% 2nd Place Rider Rand Olson Tour Master 130320 100% 3rd Place Rider Chuck Carney Tour Master 128820 100% Tom Lashbrook Tour Master 110545

Mary and Lois won a set of air glide jackets and Kim won the set of tires donated by A&S.

Rand won \$100 gift certificate, Chuck a \$75 gift Certificate and all other finishers \$10.

All finishers also received a custom name tag and award certificate.

Thanks All Your R2N Tour Masters (retired) John Flowers, Tom Lashbrook

Mike Harvey Long Distance Rider 85110

Phil Wood Long Distance Rider 83815

Fred Jewell Long Distance Rider 77015

Phil Challinor Traveler 55010 Bruce Hilger Finisher 34470 Phil Sweeney Finisher 31081 Mary Sweeney Finisher Martin Gittleman Finisher 25227 Gordon Olson Finisher 25219



Ride to Nowhere Stories - 20,000 Points in a Day!



By Phil Wood

Summer had been squandered on frivolous activities like work, and it was now time to start picking up Ride to Nowhere points. When you're behind, cheating and planning are the two best ways to catch up. In spite of my best efforts, there didn't seem to be any easy ways to cheat.

So, with AAA maps on the floor, Google Earth on the monitor, and paper all over the place, locations were plotted, point values were considered and routes were evaluated to maximize point count. Two martinis later, the ideal route was a little over 1,500 miles and would probably take 2.5 days. The prize for this particular route was four primary and two secondary goals totaling 29,455 points. More impressive was that 21,440 points would be collected on Day 2. Hmm, over 20,000 points in one day!

The plan was to leave early from work, head up US50 toward Tahoe, right on SR89 through Markleeville and south through Bridgeport on US395. Detour via Benton Hot Springs for those 1,590 points and slip into Bishop for the night.

The clerk at the Best Western gleefully quoted \$195 for the night - It was "Western Days" in town this weekend and the hotels were full... and gouging. There was a \$120 room at the Comfort Inn and I reluctantly forked over the money for a room in Bishop. The clerk apologized by offering free breakfast the next morning.

A pristine K75S was parked in the lot next to me. The owner came out and talked. Seems he was on his way to San Francisco from Texas and had just come through the 124 degree Death Valley. "Why? Couldn't you have taken a cooler route either north or south of the Valley?" He replied in the negative, claiming he had taken the other routes before and was "bored" with them. One story led to another and soon we were feasting on dead cow and beer at the local Sizzlers. Life is always good on

the road!

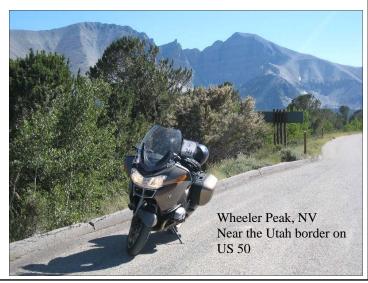
It was still dark the following morning as the bike was prepared for departure - Today would be the 20K day. The K75S rider was still in bed, and with a quick glance back at the free breakfast I was missing, I pointed south out of town toward the next adventure. The GPS was indicating Black Canyon road to the Bristlecone Pine forest was ideal. But the AAA maps showed it as a dashed, skinny, black line. Add to that equation that it was still dark and my RT has road tires, and the GPS was overridden as I headed south to Big Pine and then north up SR168.

Climbing eastward toward Westgard Pass, the rising sun kept peeking through the ridges and blinding me, but the warmth and orange color was appealing so I kept climbing. For twenty minutes or so until a sign to Bristlecone appeared. The guardhouse was empty so I flew on by and maybe 20 minutes later was at 11,000 feet admiring the sunrise, the view and especially the Bristlecone Pines. Two quick pictures (6,150 points), pack up the bike and head back down. The guardhouse was still empty so I didn't feel too terrible about shorting the Parks Department their \$10 fee.

Left back onto SR168, cross into Nevada where it becomes NV266, join US95 and proceed north. Fuel was running dangerously low but Goldfield was a mere 40 miles away. My grandfather had mined around Goldfield and I was wondering if I would recognize it.

Approaching the town, many of the residents were dressed in turn-of-the-century clothing. There was a Ford Model T parked on the outskirts, but it was the banner announcing "Goldfield Days" that finally cleared up the source of commotion. It was 8:30 on a Saturday morning and all 200 residents were preparing for their biggest party of the year!

I rode down the main drag admiring the costumes and booths



along the parade route, all the while scanning for Shell, Exxon or Texaco. Next thing I know I'm exiting Goldfield and there's no way I have enough fuel to make Tonopah. Make a U-turn and spot a single, lonesome fuel pump. As I park the bike, a resident comes up to talk to me. All I want is fuel. He tells me I'm looking at the only fuel for 50 miles, but the station is closed today. My heart sinks. "But sometimes Eddie leaves the pump on!"

He did and I'm feeling a whole lot better. We talk for a while

about Goldfield Days and he asks me to stay for the parade. He doesn't understand that I'm in pursuit of Ride to Nowhere points, a much higher calling! So he calls to his girlfriend who's been watching the two of us converse. She asks what it will take for me to stay. Again, I politely decline the honor. "Stay and I'll dress slutty for ya!"

Extraterrestrial Highway NV 375 10 miles of visibility

Now refueled and several miles up the road I wonder exactly what "dressing slutty" really means?

Tonopah, the next dot on my map, passes as a blur and before I know it, the bike is rushing up US6. The sign said, "no fuel for 100 miles", but I'm still good from Goldfield. Thirty minutes later, it's time to join the Extraterrestrial Highway south. Now a different sign says no fuel for 120 miles. Thank God the RT has a 300 mile range!

Arriving at the Little Al'E'Inn just before 11AM, I dismount, take pictures (6,300 points) and remount ... and then dismount just in case I can grab a quick sandwich in the Inn. It's doubtful that this place could pass a health inspection so I stick to a BLT and 7-Up from a can. There were no ill effects.

Pat, one of the owners, is busy preparing for tonight's full moon, "Midnight Marathon." Seems the runners start 19 miles south of the Inn, run 5 miles beyond the Inn, and then return to the Inn. I really wanted to be on my way so I didn't tell Pat that 19 plus 5 plus 5 is way more than a standard 26.2-mile marathon.

The fuel indicator is estimating 120 miles until empty and it's 50 miles to the southern Extraterrestrial Highway terminus. Surely they have fuel there! Turns out, no, they don't, but a

picture of the road sign (now stolen) is worth another 1,950 points.

The plan was to proceed up US93 because there were more towns which suggests better fuel availability. Missed the turn-off and ended up on NV318 - And didn't notice the error until 30-40 miles later - When the fuel indicator suggested 50 miles remaining. Now, turning around wasn't an option. Meanwhile the stupid GPS was indicating I should rejoin US93

by taking Shingle Pass Road over - You guessed it - Shingle Pass. Fortunately, Shingle Pass Road was beyond a locked gate

so my decision was easy - Stay on NV318 and pray for fuel. I wouldn't have taken Shingle Pass anyway - When you're out of fuel and cell range, it's better to be on NV318 than Shingle Pass - You'll just have to trust me on that.

Twenty miles after the indicator said empty, I pulled into Lund. Similar to Goldfield, there was just one

lone pump. Interestingly, it was so old that it couldn't pump gas above \$3/gal. So to sell gas at \$5/gal, the owner set it to \$2.50/gal and just charged double. I took five gallons and paid the guy \$25.

(Ed Note: This is my third RT and all of them have had faulty fuel indicators. Even though the bikes are supposed to hold seven gallons, they only take five when indicating empty or less-than-empty. My Harley's gas gauge is accurate - Why can't the Berlin geniuses figure out how to calibrate a gas gauge?)

Wheeler Peak was still two plus hours away - After finally leaving NV318, it was right on US6 (again), through Ely to Baker and then upwards. Climbing, my radio finally picked up an FM station (gotta get satellite!) and the views were stunning. But more important was the declining temperature - Today had been a hot one in the Nevada desert. At the end of Scenic Drive, the picture was worth 7,040 points - Over 20K points today!

Ely, a hotel and a beer (or two) were a little over an hour away. But similar to Bishop, the Lyon County Fair was ongoing and no hotels had vacancies - Not uptown nor downtown, not fancy Ramadas nor dive Moonlight Inns. Not even the casinos had rooms. Nothing, nada.

There's not a lot left to do but press on to Eureka. If you thought US50 was the loneliest highway during daylight hours, try it after dark on a motorcycle! There was a smile on my face when the sign outside the Best Western/Eureka said

"Vacancies." And the Chicken Fried Steak with two (!) beers at since Friday afternoon! the Owl Inn was the best!

700 miles in 14 long hours. Sunrise to sunset riding. And over

20,000 points. Pretty good day!

On day three I found Eureka's "Lincoln Highway" marker (1,050 points) and discovered Gerlach's Guru Road (5,375 points) before heading home - Capturing almost 30K points since Friday afternoon!

What a ride!

2009 Calendar of Upcoming Events

Check often because events are always being added or changed.

Jan. 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.

Jan. 13th, Tue Director's meeting at IHOP Restaurant, 7:00 pm, 2525 Iron Point Road, Folsom. All

members welcome.

Jan. 15th, 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.

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!

RCB 2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Vicky at 800-227-4661 Ext. 112 and mention River City Beemers for your room reservation. The earlier

RCB 2009 CALENDAR OF EVEN 1S	
Jan 23-25	Village Idiots at Death Valley
Feb 1	Superbowl party, maybe Tech Session, Bryan & Marji Wright's home
Feb 13-15	Airheads Death Valley Rendezvous
Mar 7	Past President's 61th birthday
Mar 13-14	Sea Gull Inn Weekend, Mendocino, CA, Greg Peart, 916-870-7841 or call the Inn at 707-937-5204
April 10	RPM Motorsports go cart competition, Phil Challinor organizing
April 11	First Responder Class at A&S, Phil Challinor organizing
April 12	Tech daze, Phil Challinor organizing
April 17-19	Hwy 36 to Eureka, Fred Jewell organizing
April 20	First Responder class, A&S BMW, Phil Challinor organizing/instructing
April 24-25	GS Ride, Greg Gibson organizing
May 15-17	Jack and Lynell's Campout
May 21-24	NORCAL BMW Club 49er rally
June 5-8	Soldier Meadows GS Campout, Jim Cyran organizing
June 18-21	Chief Joseph Rally, John Day, Oregon. RCB semi-organized ride leaving
	Thursday AM from Susie's Country Oaks Cafe, Gary Stofer organizing
June 26-28	Indian Creek Reservoir, RCB High Sierra Spaghetti Feed, Gary Stofer organizing
July 16-19	BMWMOA National Rally
July 23-26	Top O' the Rockies Rally, Paonia, Colorado
August 1-2	Ride N Bowl, Yerington, Nevada, Kim Rydalch organizing Yerington Ride & Bowl, Yerington, NV. Call

you reserve the bigger your room will be. 24 hour notice for room cancellation.

	Kim Rydalch, coordinator, 209-521-8425.
Aug 14-16	Doran Beach campout with Dutch Oven Feast, Roy Ulfsrud organizing
Sep 1-4	Curve Cowboy Reunion, http://www.curvecowboyreunion.com/
Sep 5-6	Bed & Breakfast, Ray Trujillo organizing
Sep 4-7	NORCAL BMW's Gypsy tour
Sep 18-20	Central Cal BMW club's Beemer Bash in Quincy, CA
Sep 20	Thunderhill Skills Improvement Day, Kim Rydalch, Ken Caruthers organizing
Sep 26	Vintage Motorcycle Show at A&S
Sep 27	Ice Cream Social
Oct 2-4	Manchester Beach extravaganza, KOA,
	Fred Jewell organizing Don't miss next year's Xmas part
Oct 3	Membership meeting at 5pm at Manches
	ter Beach
Oct 11	5 Passes ride, Ken Caruthers/Larry Morris

organizing

Oct 24 A&S BMW Motorcycles Fall open house Nov 8 2009 Planning Meeting 5 pm, location to

be determined

Dec 5 RCB Christmas Party, details to follow



Member's Classified Ads

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2007 K1200GT \$16,900 Dark Metallic Blue with matching side cases. 11,000 mi. Garaged and well cared for. Never down or damaged and never any problems with bike. Clean title in hand. Includes Integrated Antilock Brakes (ABS) and Electronic Suspension Adjustment (ESA), On-Board Computer, Electronic Cruise Control, Heated Grips and Heated Seats. Extras include Cee Bailey oversize windscreen, Bill Mayer All day Seats, 300mi on New MICHELIN Pilot Road 2 tires, and Helibar backs. John 530-798-3173 (11/11)

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 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)

Front tire, 110/80 – 19 for 1150GS TKC 80. Received new 9/4/08. I fat fingered the online order and SWMoto sent me 2 of them. I paid only \$108.95. You can have for what I paid. No tax. Ken 916-768-1675 (8/7)

1999 BMW K1200 RS, Silver & Blue, Color Matched Saddle Bags, Heated Grips, Standard & Tall BMW Windshields, Corbin Seat & Stock Seat, Ohlins Rear Shock & Stock Rear Shock, Remus Titanium Exhaust System, 5 1/2" Rear Wheel, Very Nice Condition, 28K Miles, \$8000. jta101(at) surewest.net or 916-457-7619 (6/30)

Wanted: stock windshield for a R1150GS not adventure. Perfect condition doesn't matter as long as it's half way decent condition. Call Mark @ 916-834-7190 or email rtbmr (at) yahoo.com (6/23)

Riding Gear: Oxtar Sunray GTX boots, ladies, in box new condition, size 9 EUR 41, \$100. SHOEI RF-1000 R.Blue sz XL 7.5/8-7.3/4 inch 61-62 cm, in box, in micro fiber bag, clear shield. Helmet is in mint condition, used for 1K, \$200. ICON Denim Blk Pants, mens size 36w 33L, \$30. JOE ROCKET BALLISTIC TEXTILE MOTORCYCLE PANTs Tall/Med Ballistic 5.0 w/ knee protectors,mens Size 36, \$80. Call Dennis 530-391-5754

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)



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