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 Canada

CALENDAR
 1990

Oct. 9	Meeting	Fuddruckers
Oct. 27	Octoberfest Party	Warren & Debra McCallum, 673 Lost Lake Drive, Coquitlam, phone 941-2881 anytime after 7:00 pm
Oct. 28	Toy Run	Meet at Coquitlam Centre between 8:30 & 9:30 am. Bring toys for the older child between the ages of 10 to 14.
Nov. 13	Meeting	Fuddruckers
Dec. 15	Xmas party	At the Le Marquands 11671 Seahaven Pl. Richmond, 277-5160 After 7:00pm. More info later
Jan. 8	Meeting	Fuddruckers
Jan. ??	Bike show	Have heard yet where it's to be.
Jan. 26	Robbie Burns Party	Looking for someone to host the party. Contact me at 277-5160 if you are interested. Club pays for expenses



The official Newsletter of the Bee Cee Beemers

Charter Club #114 BMW Motorcycle Owners of America Inc.



Chairman's Corner

Back by popular demand in this issue is the club membership list. I've had a surprising number of requests for it so it's included in this newsletter. Also included in this issue is a couple of membership forms for organizations that I think deserve support.

The first is an application form for the BMWRA. Cost \$15 U.S. to join which includes an excellent magazine, your choice of a pin or patch plus a Blue Book (the RA's version of the MOA's anonymous book).

The second is a form for the BCCOM. They are the only group that actively and vigorously looks out for all motorcyclists in this province. They have a full time worker in Vancouver and a paid lobbyist in Victoria that looks for proposed legislation that will affect the motorcycling community. Just one piece of legislation that is being mulled over by Victoria is to make it illegal to modify a motorcycle in anyway from it's original condition. How many of us ride a completely stock bike? If that piece of legislation were to pass the power given to the police to hassle us would be intolerable. Well the Coalition is here to make sure that kind of bone headed legislation doesn't get passed. Recently the Coalition has taken on ICBC over their rates on motorcycles. To do that they hired a top actuarialist from Toronto to look into how ICBC comes up with rates that they do. That one challenge cost \$15,000 just for starters. If any of you are riding bikes with the new collector plates on them you have the Coalition to thank. They need our support. The cost is \$25 per year which includes a pin and newsletter.

Parties

Dec 15, is the day of our annual Christmas party. It's being held again at the LeMarquand's at 7:00pm. Elaine will attempt to contact everyone locally but if by chance you are missed and wish to come please phone her and let her know at 277-5160.

The Octoberfest hosted by the McCallum's was well attended with 38 people showing up. There was an abundance of food and a surplus of desserts. Warren cooked a salmon that had the appearance of being done by a professional chef. Bernie Missler give a side show of his trip to Mexico with Gas Happach to the Pancho Villa Rally where Bernie won the long distance award. They covered some 11,000 K's in 16 days of riding. It's a wonder they had time to take any pictures. An excellent party with much thanks to the McCallums, Warren and Debra. A special mention to Gord Knox who was the only one who showed up on a motorcycle on a rainy, blustery night.

Bike show

The annual bike show which used to be known as The Cycle Canada show is to be held at the PNE again this year from January 11 to 13. I personally like this venue over B.C. Place. I find it more intimate and relaxing. All the new models for 1991 will be there.

Elections

I want to give you lots of notice that elections will be held at our March meeting. Both Craig Strickland our Sec./Tres. and I shall not be standing for re-election. Also, the Feb./March newsletter will be my last. I've done it for over 2 years and it's time for a change. So any inspiring publishers out there here is your chance to get into the publishing business.

Congratulations

To David & Daphne Switzer on the birth of their first child, Robin, on Oct. 16. She weigh in at 7lbs 4oz. Both mother and child are fine.

FUDDRUCKER'S

Our next meeting December 11 will be held there at 7:00pm

Address: North Road Square, Burnaby

Get yourself to North Road and Lougheed and turn north on North Rd. Approx 1 mile on your left. Can't miss it. If you choose to come from another direction GOOD luck. See you there.

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ADS & CONTRIBUTIONS

Members are welcome to submit personal and/or "For Sale" type ads for publication. Unless notified all ads will run for two issues

If you have an idea, information or news and would like to share it with other Beemers, put it in writing. All contributions will be published, subject to good taste, that are received one week before mailing of that issue. (Issues are 6 times a year appearing on the 1st week of Dec., Feb., April, June, Aug. & Oct.)

Articles can be submitted on paper or on disk in the following formats:

- o ASCII text
- o Wordstar
- o MS Word 4
- o Word Perfect

All must be submitted on a 360K 5.25" MS DOS diskette or 720K 3.5" MS DOS diskette.

Since so many of us ride in the good old U.S. of A. here's a bit of info on Interstate Highways.

Interstate Highways

A Directory and Other Miscellany

There are approximately 42,500 miles of Interstate Highways in the U.S. They can be found in 49 of the 50 states; missing is --no, not Hawaii, but -- Alaska. Hawaii has two Interstate--or Intrastate--highways depending upon how strictly the word is defined. Intrastate means within the state while Interstate means connecting states; Hawaii does not connect with any other state, a situation over which it has absolutely no control. Even-numbered Interstates are those running east and west while the odd-numbered ones go north and south. Only on two Interstates can you travel from sea to shining sea; I-10 from Santa Monica, CA to Jacksonville, Florida, and I-90 from Seattle, WA to Boston, Mass. (I-80 almost qualifies; it goes from San Francisco to the easternmost wilds of New Jersey.) On the other hand, four Interstates can take you from border to border; I-5, I-15, I-75 and I-95. (I-25 and I-35 also might qualify--if you consider Las Cruces, N.M., a Mexican border town and Duluth, Minn., as being on the Canadian border.) Those number you see on those little upright post along the Interstate shoulder and on the exits are mileage markers. They are a handy reference to how far you are from where they first started counting. Mileage is measured from west to east on even-numbered highways; from south to north on odd-numbered ones. They mileage figures begin at the border of the state you are in--or from where the Interstate began if it originated within that state. Initially along some highways, the exits were counted and marked separately so exit number 8 would have been the eighth exit. That got changed in a hurry. Today exit numbers coincide with the mileage markers, thus exit number 204 is 204 miles down the road, not the 204th exit on that stretch of highway.

MOTORCYCLE FATALITIES CONTINUE TO DROP

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), the arm of the Department of Transportation that sets highway safety guidelines and compiles annual statistics, has released its latest report on motorcycle fatality trends in the 1980s. It shows that, during 1989, motorcycle fatalities on U. S. highways dropped to their lowest level since 1975. According to NHTSA, the number of motorcycle casualties dropped to 3,143 last year. The previous low was 3,188 motorcycle related deaths in 1975. The agency also concluded that fatal motorcycle accidents have plummeted 39 percent since 1980, a year when motorcycle fatalities reached an all-time high. "This is welcome news in light of recent legislative attempts to regulate motorcycling," said Robert Rasor, AMA vice president of government relations. "We fully expect this positive trend to continue because of our increased efforts in rider training programs and other safety initiatives." While the report doesn't go into the causes why motorcycle fatalities took a turn for the better, there are several clues. Perhaps the most significant factor in the downward trend in motorcycle casualties is the movement toward greater opportunities for motorcycle rider education. Today, there are 36 states that offer rider education programs. These programs provide valuable training to new riders either free or at a reduced cost. It's obvious that rider education hasn't been responsible for the entire 39% drop in fatalities. Some of it can be attributed to other safety programs such as stricter licensing laws, motorist awareness programs and campaigns warning of the dangers of drinking and riding.

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Teck Stuff

Brake fluid is not any kind of an "oil". The brake fluids that you or I are most commonly exposed to are 'DOT 3 & 4' and 'DOT 5'. DOT 3 & 4 are very similar with all modern motorcycle braking systems calling for the DOT 4 variety. These fluids are derived from the same basic chemical base as modern anti-freeze. Because of the similarity with anti-freeze, brake fluid has a great affinity for water, that is it actually absorbs water from the atmosphere. It is this quality that makes it extremely important that you change your brake fluid at least once a year, or whenever it starts to get dark. New brake fluid that is "dry" should be clear or at the most VERY light amber color. When the fluid becomes dark change it! Brake fluid is much cheaper than brake parts.

The reason we should be so concerned about the moisture in our brake fluid is because it is the moisture in the fluid that attacks the aluminum and steel parts of the brake system. Once the internal parts become corroded there is little

to be done but replace them and you don't even want to know what a new brake caliper costs! Also, when the fluid gets extremely contaminated it tends to congeal and form "blobs" that can plug the tiny ports in the master cylinder.

One possible cure for these problems is the use of DOT 5 brake fluid. DOT 5 fluid is a silicone base and therefore does not absorb water at all. However silicone brake fluid has a set of problems all its own. If a brake system has had DOT 3 or 4 fluid used in it for any length of time there will be minute traces of the fluid left in all of the parts of the system. DOT 3,4 and DOT 5 fluids WILL NOT MIX. No matter how hard you try there will always be some mismatched fluid in the system. Another possible problem of silicone fluid is that water never mixes with the fluid, it is always just water. Brakes operate by converting the velocity of the motorcycle into heat, tremendous amounts of heat. If there is water in the system when the system temperature rises above 212 F the water turns to steam. The steam will then cause pressure in the and try to apply your brakes when you had not intended. Silicone fluid will not absorb water but the water will still

get in the system. If you use silicone fluid you still must inspect periodically for any build up of water and if water is found, change the fluid.

What this all boils (no joke intended!) down to is that you should check your brake fluid frequently and change it as necessary.

o Battery Storage

I keep hearing this old wives tale about not leaving batteries on a concrete floor. This is absolute bunk! I talked to a representative from a battery company and apparently this all started when batteries had wooden cases. Moisture would accumulate in the wood and cause a very slow current drain because the wet wood had become a conductor, albeit a very poor one. Batteries with plastic cases are impervious to the type of surface they are placed on. I did my own little test and could tell no difference in a battery that was left on a concrete floor for three weeks and one that was on a shelf for the same amount of time. It is however very important that you keep your battery from freezing during the winter. Freezing could crack the battery case and then you will have one big mess.

Xmas Party

December 15

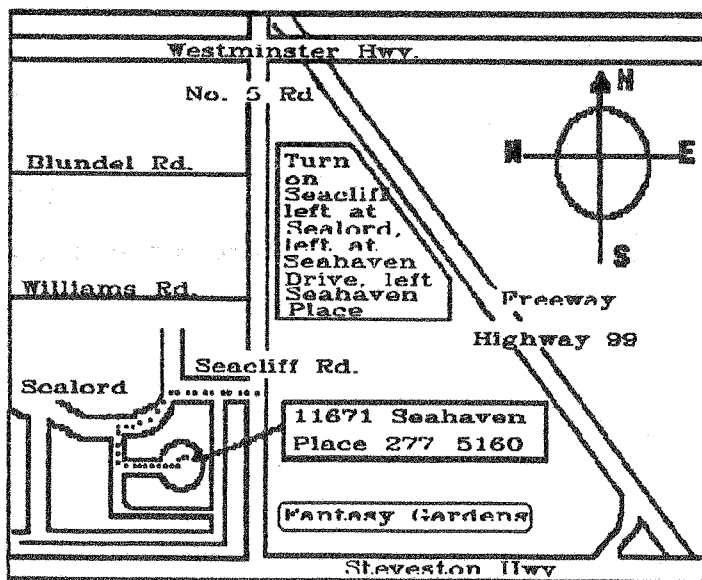
The Le Marquand's

Anytime after 7:00pm

11671 Seahaven Palace

Richmond, phone 277-5150

Directions



CALIFORNIA LANE SPLITTING BILLS GO DOWN IN DEFEAT

A pair of bills that would have outlawed the popular practice of lane-splitting on California highways have gone down for the count. On the heels of the lobbying efforts of the AMA and other concerned motorcyclist groups noting that lane-splitting helps reduce traffic gridlock, Assembly woman Gwen Moore, D-Los Angeles, and Marian LaFollette, R-Northridge, have withdrawn the bills from consideration in the State Assembly.

According to AMA Legislative Affairs Specialist Jim Bensberg, "When lawmakers heard such an outcry from motorcyclist, both bills were doomed." He also pointed out that it's unlikely that the legislation will resurface again next year.

Classifieds

For Sale: 1989 & 1990 Bavarian Mountain Weekend Rally pins \$2.00 ea. or 3 for \$5.00. Contact John 277-5160

For Sale: Metzler Comp K Tyres. Lots of tread remaining. Only ridden a couple of miles. \$100 pair. Phone "Honest" Dave 1-894-5241

Wanted: 33/11 Final Drive, 1000cc Jugs & Pistons, /5 Frame, Handlebar mounted front master brake cylinder for my R100RS. Due to extensive costs incurred racing this year, affordable prices please! Phone "Poor" Dave 1-894-5241

(Reprinted from Nov.'s On the Level)

What's new in 91 for BMW.

Basically there are ten models:

K1, K100RS, K100RT, K75RT, K75S, K75, R100GS, R100GS Paris-Dakar, R100RT and (surprise!) plain R100. The salient things to note here are that there is no R100RS this year (though a few will be sold in Germany), and that there will be a bare-bones Boxer in black.

On the K Series: the choke light has been deleted for all K models (we have idea why); the wheel flange has been reinforced for all standard wheels (not three spoke) presumably to provide additional resistance to impact; all disc brake mounts will be painted black; the valve cover bolts have been revised with a hex key slot.

On the R Series: The carbs have been modified with a damper O ring installed in the slide to reduce "rattle" at idle and the fuel passages have been redesigned to compensate for level changes on the float chamber; the new voltage regulator with higher voltage output will be fitted; the wheel rim flange has been reinforced for all standard wheels (not GS) to provide additional resistance to impact.

The K1: The 1991 K1 in Classic black and conservative silver pin stripe is the big visual news for this year's flagship super Beemer. The driveline is silver with a grey seat and bump pad (no graphic details). This is a subdued motorcycle compared to the (still offered red and yellow K1. But a fine-tooth comb examination shows that the K1 now has slightly softer damping on the front fork (the holes in the damper rod have been

enlarged from 2.1mm to 2.4mm). There are revised valve cover bolts, a new case for the Motronic Unit made of aluminium.

Word is that the K1 has some new attempt at better heat management.

The R100GS Paris-Dakar: The P-D GS gets the brake, shock, and instrument improvements, but it looks like BMW has really done some homework on the windshield which is purportedly now a) adjustable and b) better.

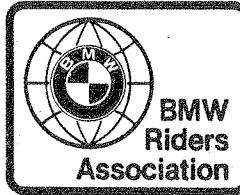
The R100GS: The second biggest news, after the 16 valve KRS, (*of course we in Canada have had the 16 valve KRS for the last year ED.*) is the updated 1991 R100GS. BMW NA says the news is the frame-mounted fairing but we say it is the headlight that the new fairing permits—a honest, competent GS headlight (from the K75S).

The new fairing, obviously derived from the Paris-Dakar, has been engineered to fit the standard GS gas tank and has new instrumentation. There are now individual speedo and tach units with a new warning light console between the instruments. A new, much more streamlined windshield has been developed, and it can be adjusted fore and aft. A nice touch is a tiny shade on top of the headlight to keep from illuminating the inside area of the fairing. The low fender is modified, Quirky K bike handlebar switches now replace the old, equally quirky Boxer switches. And hurrah! there is a new floating front disc brake rotor that is said to eliminate squeaks forever. The new GS has a state-of-the-art rear shock with adjustable (10 ways) damping and 4-way pre-load. The muffler is now stainless steel, and the seat reportedly has better foam in it.

Rider's Application and Renewal Form

*Please help by checking all appropriate boxes.
Application is for one or more of the following:

- MEMBERSHIP (New or Renewal) \$15.00
- CHANGE OF ADDRESS - affix old OTL label
- Gift Membership - include your name/address
- Add Associate(s) - membership will expire concurrently with yours
- Extra Insignia - use box bottom of form
- New Blue Book entry
- Change Blue Book entry
- Volunteering to help
- Volunteering for Task Force
- Extra Applications
- Request Club Charter Application



Mail This Form to:
BMWRA
P.O. Box 1613
Lufkin, TX 75902-1613

Regular and each Associate will get choice of one of the below plus Membership Card when joining or renewing. Regular gets OTL and Blue Book - Associates are others in household only.

- Pin
- Patch
- Decal
- 100 calling cards
- 2 small "BMWRA" letter patches
- None (Donation)

Regular (\$15):	First Name	Initial	Last Name	<input type="checkbox"/> New or <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	BMWRA No.
Associate (\$5):	First Name	Initial	Last Name	<input type="checkbox"/> New or <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	BMWRA No.
Associate (\$5):	First Name	Initial	Last Name	<input type="checkbox"/> New or <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	BMWRA No.

Address: Street/POB/Apt.No./Care of _____

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City	State/Province/Country	Zip Code	Phone
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Your Occupation: _____

Bike(s) year(s) and model(s): _____

Other motorcycle organizations you belong to: _____

Please indicate number of additional patches (), pins (), decals (), Blue Books (), at \$1.50 each, small "BMWRA" letter patches () at \$.75. **BE SURE TO FILL OUT FORM BELOW IF YOU WISH TO BE IN THE BLUE BOOK.** Please double check for the correct payment; if outside U.S. remit in U.S. funds. **Total Amount Enclosed: \$** _____

Visa Mastercharge No. _____ Date of Exp. _____ MC Bank No. _____

Blue Book Information

Phone(s); Home: _____ Work: _____

Best time to call _____ State/Province _____

Home Town _____ Nearest Large City _____

Distance and Direction FROM city to HOMETOWN _____ miles N / S / E / W / NE / NW / SE / SW (circle one)

OK to list first name or nickname _____ in Blue Book

I welcome BMW riders for coffee and conversation

I HAVE (Give number of people that you can accomodate where appropriate):

Camping (tent) Space Sheltered bedroll space Spare room

I am prepared to travel _____ miles to assist in case of an emergency

I HAVE:

Space for working on a bike Storage space for bike and/or belongings

Usefull tools in addition to stock tool kit Some spare parts for model _____

Truck or Trailer _____

I rate my mechanical ability as: 1. Expert BMW mechanic. 2. Good. 3. Fair. 4. Poor/None (Circle one)

My CB handle is _____ Official call sign _____ Truckers/Road info channel in my area _____

Mail This Form to:
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P.O. Box 1613
Lufkin, TX 75902-1613

BCCOM

OUR NEW OFFICE IS NOW OPEN!

14888 - 104th Avenue, Surrey, B.C. V3R 1M1
582-0165

Some recent issues we have tackled on your behalf . . .

- road hazards
- motorcycle safety and awareness
- I.C.B.C. rates and safety program funds
- rigid frames issues
- collectors plates
- off road riding concerns
- off road designated riding areas
- dedication of MAY as Motorcycle Awareness Month
- Provincially and Federally

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

No matter what you ride . . . No matter where you ride . . .

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BCCOM

PLEASE JOIN US - SUPPORT THE COALITION

The B.C. Coalition of Motorcycles
14888 - 104th Avenue, Surrey, B.C. V3R 1M1
(604) 582-0165

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____

Postal Code: _____ Telephone: _____

\$25 - Single membership (to receive pin, card & newsletter).

\$35 - Associate membership (rider & spouse) to receive 2 pins, 1 card & newsletter.

Yes! You may forward my name & telephone number to my area rep.

for contact with regard to coming events and lobbying efforts.