



# The Beemer Reader

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## BMW belt buckles

I have a supplier of BMW logo belt buckles ... \$25 each tax included. Prepaid only!! Anyone interested in obtaining one of these rare collector items is encouraged to contact Chris Jones at 592-4311. First dozen orders taken at this price. Chris has a sample of the buckle and will bring it to the May meeting.

### CLOTHING ORDERS

I've volunteered to help Brian Davies with the purchase of BMW RVI clothing for this year. Knowing how time consuming this particular task can be, my first order of business is to ascertain whether there's any interest out there for clothing - other than me. So I would appreciate hearing from those interested, either by phone or email. Once I've established the level of interest I'll investigate options, costs, etc. and get the information back to the club members. Indicating your interest no later than 14 May would be ideal - thanks. Rich at 658-3874 or [rmgravel@uvic.ca](mailto:rmgravel@uvic.ca)

## Riders Riding the Roads

I want to start this issue by congratulating several club members who entered the 2003 MOA Mileage Contest and who have been acknowledged in the latest April issue of **BMW ON**.

Riding long distances is what it's all about and so our admiration and respect goes to:

**Gerd Berger** K75 9,687 miles

**Bill Wallace** K75RT 9,583 miles

**Brian Radford** R80/7 7,046 miles

As we plan our routes for this riding season, let's put some thought into the long distance ride. There are plenty of interesting destinations out there and it only takes a moment to outline one which could make the difference between another ride and an extraordinary one. You may want to pick one of these fellow's brains to get some ideas of routes etc.

As for me I'm off on May 12<sup>th</sup> to Montreal via Hwy 3, 1 and 401 I will be away til mid June so any newsletter business will have to wait til then. I hope the weather is not too hot and the is clear. I expect at this time of year I will have open roads.

Happy motorcycling ...

Chris Jones

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**Saturday, May 1, 2004**

**Meeting is at 9:30 am**

**At *The Chequered Flag***

## “Britten” Video available for viewing. (Courtesy of Geoff Stevenson) Seating is limited, Call for a place.

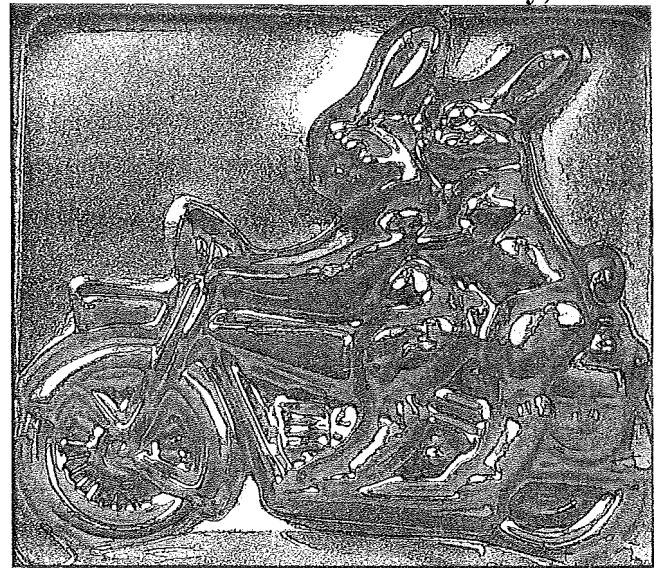
If you'd like to see the video, please call him well in advance at **592-4311**.

**Geoff Stevenson** has a copy of the video and you're invited to watch it at **Chris Jones'** house on Friday, May 7.

For those of you who read the review of the book about John Britten in last month's Reader, we have a surprise in store: A chance to watch a video about the man and his world-beating bikes. The show runs about 1hr, 40min and coffee and goodies will be served.

The show traces the V-twin Brittens from their inception in a New Zealand warehouse to eventual racing supremacy around the world.

Only ten bikes were built; if you have one hidden in your basement, you're a wealthy person. (The last new bikes sold for \$100,000 U.S. each)



Easter bunnies making a “get-away”

### Roads I Have Ridden/Vince Martorino

#### Trip to Lassen Park

When I lived in Vancouver, I realized that Reno was a great turn around location for riding holidays. Two days down and two days back. However, the trip always took more than four days because there is so many ways down and back. I like riding in the US West because, if you are in a hurry, I-5 is fast. The other roads usually have lighter traffic with more turns. Here is one of the roads coming back which always gives me great memories.

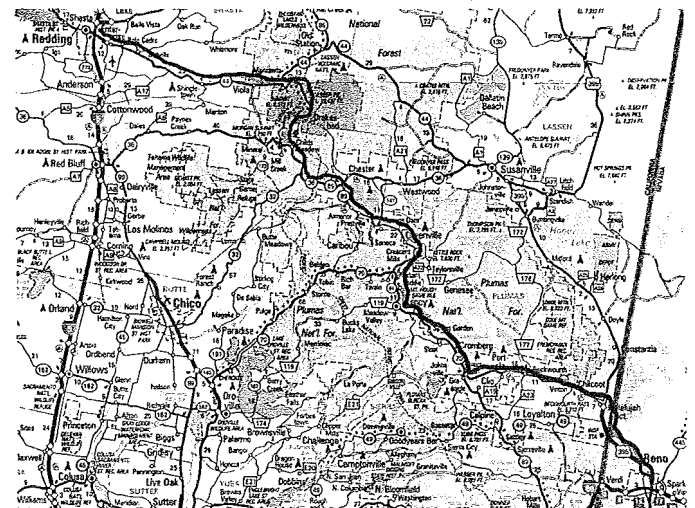
I left Reno on Hwy 395, and took a left onto Hwy 70 over Beckworth Pass, elevation 5212 feet, to Portola, elevation 4,850 ft. This trip is up through the Sierra Nevada Range. At the town of Quincy, Elevation 3,432 ft, was the end of the scenic Feather River Canyon. From here you take a right turn onto Hwy 89 to Greenville and along the South side of Lake Almonor to Hwy 36/89 following bendy Hwy 89 to the Summit of Lassen Park with a Summit Pass of 8,512 feet.

The road near the top was cut through 6 foot snow drifts so as you climb. Periodically you stop and add close. When I got to the Summit parking lot, there, beside a motor-home, were 2 lawn chairs with thinly clad Ladies sunbathing and next to them were 2 small

children sitting on a snow bank with sand pails and shovels playing as though they were at the beach.

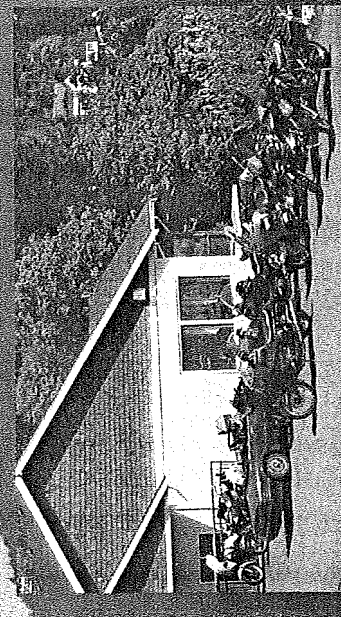
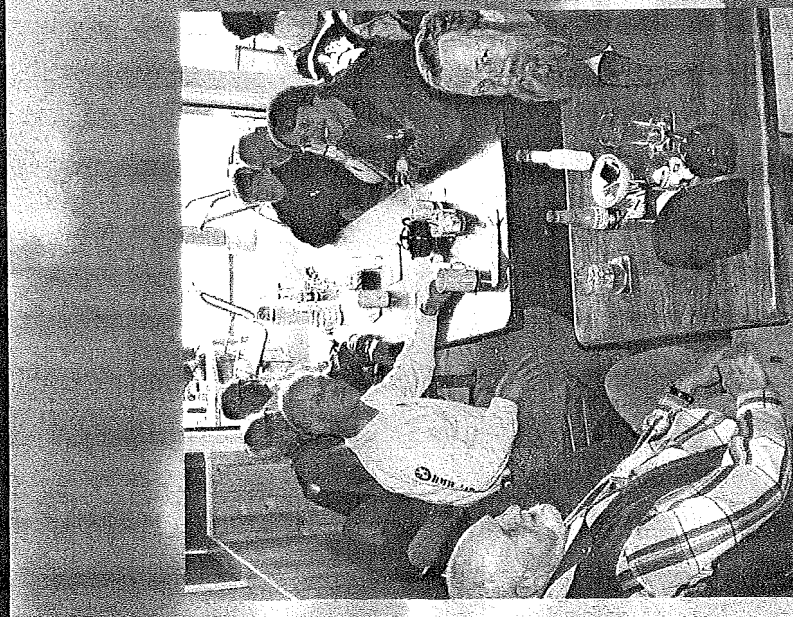
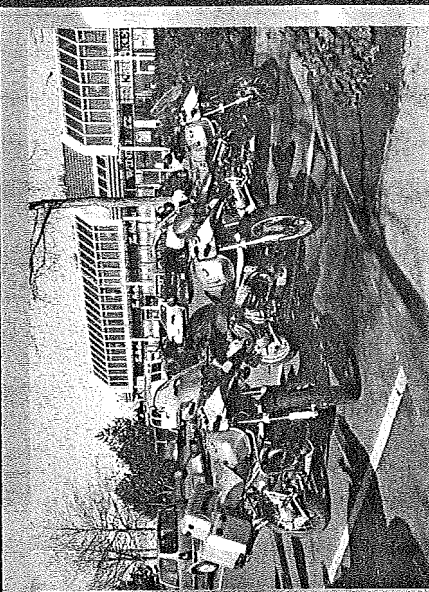
From here on Hwy 44 to Redding was down hill and all those clothes you put on you are now taking off. Redding was 104 degrees.

An easy day!



*I have taken this route and it's all that..ed.*

Brigantine Pub Ride - April 2004  
Chris, Bill, Gerd, Barry, Brenda, Roger,  
Fernand, Marcel, Nigel, Geoff, Brian,  
Andre, Dave, Tim, Sue. Good weather  
and great company - another club ride  
success !!



## Buy, Sell, or Trade

**For Sale:** 2002 BMW R1150RT Excellent Condition, No damage, Blue, 13,250 Km EVO brakes with full ABS, 6spd, heated grips, BMW hard saddle bags with top case, & professionally installed Pioneer Premier DEH-P440 AM/FM/CD/XM ready sound system with remote. Asking \$19,000 Dan Duchesne 478-6086

**For Sale:** 1980 R100T, with Hepco-Becker luggage, Reynolds rear rack, original BMW windshield and fog lights, and engine guards. 68,000 kms. Lots of recent new parts, service, restoring and cleaning. Engine and driveline oils just renewed, and output splines lubed 400 kms ago. All old parts kept, including original shocks. Also have extra "bean can" (points). The bike is a solid, no-issues airhead. The bike will qualify for a BC "collector" plate in a year. I am asking \$4500. Bike is in Port McNeill, BC. Picture at <http://www3.telus.net/langplum/BMW1.jpg> Alan Langrish, (250) 956-3494

**For Sale:** First Gear Hypextex pants, size 36. As new (worn twice), 2 years old. Black, completely waterproof. Asking \$65.00. Rich Gravel 250 658 3874 or [rmgravel@uvic.ca](mailto:rmgravel@uvic.ca)

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### YUKON RALLY 2005

If you're so organized that you're already planning your riding for the summer of 2005, here's something to consider, especially if you've long thought of heading north.

There's a rally planned in the Yukon for June 23-25, 2005. Details are sketchy at present, but major events (including an outdoors country and western concert) are being planned for Carcross, Whitehorse and Braeburn, with rides being organized to Dawson City and the Klondike region, North Alaska Highway and southern Yukon, including Watson Lake.

The show is being organized by Yukon Harley-Davidson, but planners emphasize that all motorcyclists are welcome.

For more information, *Canadian Biker* says you can call Yukon Harley-Davidson at 867-633-1903. There's apparently no web site yet.

### Calendar of Events

**Sat. May 1, 2004**

Sun. June 6, 2004

Sat. July 3, 2004

Sun. August 8, 2004

Sat. September 11, 2004

Sun. October 3, 2004

Sat. November 6, 2004

Sun. December 5, 2004

Meeting at 9:30 am  
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