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December Ride to Malibu

Bob Phinney

Chuck Beattie and I rode to the southwest corner of the San Fernando Valley taking backroads that Harvey Rawn had shown to me earlier. The plan was to eat at the Blu Jam Café which had been touted by my friend Dave who owns Cody's Café. The food was good, not great, but also pricey. However, the coffee was magnificent as was Chuck's company. The café is on Mulholland Drive just off the 101 freeway in Woodland Hills.

To get there, we took the 101 *southbound* to Rice Road and other surface streets to reach Potrero Road at Cal State Channel Islands (called c-suci by its students). Potrero Road leads east through some hills, canyons, castle-like estates and some suburban development.

The route is then: Potrero Road *east* becomes Lynn Road; then *south* on Reino Drive to Potrero *east* again; then take a quick ride down the dead end Hidden Valley Road to see horse estates in Happy Valley.

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Continue on Potrero Road *east* to Westlake Boulevard (Hwy 23), then *south* to Mulholland Highway; then Old Topanga Road *north*; then Mulholland Drive *north*. The Malibu hills are green and gorgeous and on week days the roads are lonely.

We wandered back, avoiding the traffic as best we could and stopped by Harvey's, giving him little chance to not be a good host.

Note: The Blu Jam Café website is here: [Blu Jam Cafe](#)

Bob and Chuck's Ride to Malibu

Photos by Harvey



Ask Bob about his medieval cap! (Is there some sort of story here?)

BMW Introduces a New Small GS, Made in India

BMW introduced the new under-500cc GS at the EICMA show in Milan, Italy in November 2016. Like the G310R before it, the GS was developed by BMW

SB BMW Riders Calendar

- ❖ Monday, January 16th: Club meeting at Cody's Café, 4898 Hollister Avenue, Goleta, CA. Come at around 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. for dinner and stay for the 7:30 p.m. meeting.
- ❖ Monday February 20th: Club meeting at Cody's Café, 4898 Hollister Avenue, Goleta, CA. Come at around 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. for dinner and stay for the 7:30 p.m. meeting.
- ❖ Any other activities or rides scheduled? Let me know! djkrohn@cox.net

Motorrad in Germany but will be produced in Bangalore, India by the TVS Motor Company. It features a 313cc liquid cooled single cylinder engine which has been rotated 180 degrees and titled toward the rear compared to most other motorcycles to allow a straighter intake and exhaust path — intake in front and an exhaust exiting the rear. It produces 34 hp at 9,500 rpm and 21 ft-lbs of torque at 7,500 rpm which is enough for a bike weighing just 374 pounds. It's "designed for the world market" which means it can run on varied fuel qualities and meets local emission requirements.

No, it won't out-perform the S1000 RR, but it is probably a good choice for city commuting!

[BMW 310 GS](#)

New Bike Feel

Harvey Rawn

Earlier this month, I performed an 80,000 mile service on my 2002 R1150R including:

- Replaced fork seals.
- Flushed ABS system and hydraulic clutch line.
- Replaced cam chain tensioner.
- Adjusted valves.
- Replaced plugs.
- Changed engine, transmission, and final drive oils.
- Replaced oil filter.
- Cleaned air filter.
- Synced throttle bodies.
- Washed bike and self.
- Took check ride to Rock Store. Feels like a new bike!



Harvey and his "new" R1150R.

Free Camping Website

This looks like a useful site for looking for free campsites, at least in North America. The map tools show which campsites are free, which require a permit, and which have a fee. It also shows places you can park for free, if traveling, for example, with an RV or a camper truck. It also has a Trip Planner tool. I haven't tried the Trip Planner myself (I use Tyre), but it's another option as a route planning tool:

[Free Campsites](#)

Christmas Party Photos!

Photos by Michael and Diane



The Club had a fun Christmas party at Cody's on December 19th. We had an entertaining gift exchange organized by Michael and Veronica and ably (and charmingly) assisted by the elves: Dagi's daughters and Eddie's daughters.



Save the Date! BMW MOA National Rally 2017

The BMW MOA National Rally is scheduled for July 13-16, 2017, at Salt Lake City. It will be held at the Utah State Fairpark, close to the intersection of I-15 and I-80, and a light rail terminal is just outside of the fairgrounds. The light rail (TRAX) goes to many areas of Salt Lake City, including downtown and Temple Square.

For those of you that have not been to Salt Lake City in a while, it does have several brewpubs now, although the Rally will be sure to have a beer garden.

The distance from Santa Barbara to Salt Lake City is 777 miles, but that's on I-15 – boring!! An alternate route might be north up the coast, then east through Oregon and Idaho, then south into Utah. About 1700 miles – but much more scenic, and isn't getting there half the fun?

Utah has many great roads for motorcycling, including Hiway 12. July will most likely be too hot for Arches, Moab, and Zion, but the Bear River Mountain range (north of SLC) and the Uinta Mountains (east of SLC) should provide lots of entertaining roads for daytime excursions near the rally location.

Upcoming Events

- February 16-20: Death Valley Rendezvous #25. Camping at Furnace Creek, with nearby restaurants, saloon, pool and general store.
[Death Valley Rendezvous](#)
- July 13-16: BMW MOA National Rally, Salt Lake City.
[National Rally 2017](#)

The following is not specifically for BMW riders, but is a motorcycle get-together for anyone to join:

- March 30-April 2: ADV Rider Death Valley Noobs Rally. Camping at Panamint Springs. [ADV Rider Death Valley Noobs Rally](#)

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