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Rides by Members

Eddie and Marten traveled to Death Valley for the Airhead Rendezvous. Due to the weather, a lot of people had cancelled and only about 100 people attended. Eddie and Marten encountered rain on the way there and a road closure at Randsburg (but that didn't stop them). Roads were flooded in Death Valley. On the way back home, Eddie had a "low tire pressure" warning 15 miles from Trona. He was able to make it to Trona and got help at the fire station. Another BMW rider came by and helped with patching the tire. Eddie made it home safely – but he did pass out tire patch kits at the February meeting, courtesy of his recent experience!

Steve, Fran and Deborah had planned to ride to the Airhead Death Valley Rendezvous and camp at Lake Isabella on the way there. But the weather forecast was not encouraging, so they went to Figueroa Mountain instead and enjoyed a very quiet night of camping on the mountain, with the mountain all to themselves.

Tanja got her bike back in working order and rode to Lake Piru, over

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Highway 33, then 150 to Santa Paula. Tanya said it was not an epic ride, but it was good to be back on the bike!

Phil had been riding in the Bay Area/San Jose and recommended the road up to Mount Hamilton. This road, part of State Route 130, is an outstanding road, with an advertised 365 curves! You can also visit the Lick Observatory at the top. [Lick Observatory](#)

You can read more about State Route 130 here: [State Route 130](#)

Moto Memories

John White

One year we rode to Taos, NM, and took a spin around. Downtown and the surrounds are beautiful! The Mission, artist's wares (City Center on the boardwalks), the magical ride: [Enchanted Circle Drive](#). One very unique, interesting place to walk is the Taos Pueblo.

On this trip we were moteling it and our room had a huge picture window facing north. We could see downtown, mountains and the sky. While there, we usually make plans for the next day, our route, things we want to see and, what's for dinner?

Going out, we usually ride two up and after eating we noticed a storm was coming. Soon a steady strong wind from the west was upon us and while riding "home," my K75s was leaned over----but still traveling straight. We got back in time and the rain started while I was covering my bike.

Back in the room, we opened up the curtains, laid on the bed and we were treated to a lightning and thunder storm I'll never forget. How about you Phyllis?

Editor's Note: The Enchanted Circle Drive takes you by New Mexico's two highest peaks, 12,441-ft Baldy Mountain and 13,161-ft Wheeler Peak. The route is 84 miles starting and ending in Taos.

SB BMW Riders Calendar

- ❖ Monday, March 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.
- ❖ Monday April 17th: 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



Phyllis at Taos Pueblo. Photo by John White.

Tech Day: Saturday April 15th

Marten will host a Spring Tech day for everyone who wants to get their bike ready for spring.

Location: 516 Palm Avenue, Carpinteria. Contact Marten for information and if you will be attending: marten@cox.net

SB BMW Riders Board for 2017

Members voted on the Board nominees at the February meeting. The results of the hotly-contested (not!) election are as follows:

- President: Michael Kramer
- Vice -President: Eddie Vertucci
- Treasurer: Chuck Beattie
- Secretary: Veronica Hansuld
- Members-at-large: Phyllis White, Cy Madrone, Deborah Walker, Marten Walkker and Tanja Stoyan.



Death Valley, February 2011

Upcoming Events

- April 21-23: Washington State BMW Riders Rain Run, Manzanita, OR. Camping and motel lodging is available. [Rain Run](#)
- May 25-29: 45th Annual 49'er Rally, Mariposa, CA. [49'er Rally](#)
- June 2-4: MOA Getaway, Colorado Springs, CO. [MOA Rally Colorado Springs](#)
- June 15-17: 17th Annual Red Rock Rendezvous Rally, Panguitch, UT. [Red Rock Rendezvous](#)
- June 23-25: Chief Joseph Rally, Grant County Fairgrounds, John Day, OR. [Chief Joseph Rally](#)
- July 13-16: BMW MOA National Rally, Salt Lake City. [National Rally 2017](#)
- July 20-23: 46th Annual Top O'The Rockies Rally, Paonia, CO. [Top O'The Rockies Rally](#)

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](#)

Highway Closures

Heavy rains caused the **Pfeiffer Canyon Bridge** in Big Sur to crack and start sinking into the mountainside. The bridge was closed to pedestrians and vehicles on February 15th and may be closed for up to six months, or more. Southbound travelers can only go as far on State Route 1 from Carmel to just south of Palo Colorado in Monterey County. Northbound travelers can only go as far as Cambria to Ragged Point.

Note that State Route 1 is closed northbound and southbound at Ragged Point Inn due to mud slides and is expected to open on March 20th. There are several other closures on State Route 1 at this time but they are expected to be open at various times in March.

Highway 33 is open.

Check the Cal Trans website to see updated road information: [Cal Trans Road Conditions](#)

Hover Ride Concept

Andrew Hard

(Excerpted from Digital Trends, February 21, 2017)

Sometimes the best ideas come from unexpected places. Back in January, Lego Technic released a 603-piece creation for BMW's R 1200 GS Adventure, a dual-sport motorcycle that's as comfortable on dirt as it is on tarmac. After some tinkering, Lego discovered the same 603 pieces could be

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reconfigured into a futuristic flying motorbike, and BMW took notice. The automaker — specifically a training unit called the BMW Junior Company — took Lego's design and transformed it into a full-size aerial motorcycle called the Hover Ride Concept. Now *that's* thinking outside the box. The technology to make it fly safely is unfortunately several years out, but as a mode of future transport, the concept certainly looks the part.

The bike is sleek, sharp, and quite frankly cool as hell, and we can already imagine squads of robotic policemen using it to swarm baddies from above. To make it "air-worthy," BMW transformed the front-wheel rim into a propeller and added a hover unit under the seat, but unfortunately, the brand has no plans to produce it. At least not right now...

Read more about it here, with a video: [Hover Ride Concept](#)