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Member News and Rides

Tanja went on a “shop ride” led by Laine from BMW Motorcycles of Ventura County. There was some street riding and some dirt riding. Tanja fell and broke her clutch lever – but she managed to get home despite the broken clutch!

Eddie and **Marten** drove to Airhead Tech Day in Murrieta. On their way, they stopped at Irv Seaver Motorcycles in Orange and discovered that there is a BMW motorcycle museum upstairs. Something to check out if you are in the area.

Deborah joined another Babes Ride Out outing, Babes in the Dirt, at Gorman. She had a lot of fun on a 100cc rental bike. Deborah also attended the Overland Expo that was held in Flagstaff in May.

Bob P. and **John A.** took a 3-day trip to Yosemite, leaving Mariposa just before the 49'er Rally started. They enjoyed amazing roads and scenery in the Sierra foothills east of Fresno and Visalia.

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BMW Motorcycles of Ventura County Events

BMW Motorcycles of Ventura County, in Newbury Park, have various events scheduled for riders. Some, like the Shop Rides, are for dual-sport riders, and some are street rides. An evening on “campology” is offered on June 20th. Check out the Events Calendar at their website:

[BMW-Ventura County Events](#)

Hipcamp Camping

Hipcamp is a website that you can use to search for all sorts of camping spots: state parks, federal parks, public parks, ranches and other private lands that are available for camping. You can search for locations all over the U.S. The private campsites are reservable through the Hipcamp website. State parks and federal parks need to be reserved through the parks' websites, but Hipcamp has a link to those.

[Hipcamp](#)

The camping sites vary from rustic camping to more luxurious B&B-style rooms; from tent camping to yurts to fully-furnished cabins.

In our Central Coast area, some of the listed campsites are Songdog Ranch, in Cuyama; Ojai Mountaintop Treehouse, in Ojai (it really is a treehouse!); and Rancho Relaxo, near Lompoc. Also listed, of course, are the various public sites such as Carpinteria State Beach and El Capitan. [Camping in the Central Coast](#)

Farther up the coast, in the Monterey area, there is Mossy Bench Camp, Henry Cowell Redwoods, Pinnacles, and about 17 others.

[Camping in the Monterey Area](#)

"My tent doesn't look like much but, as an estate agent might say, 'It is air-conditioned and has exceptional location.'"

----Author Fennel Hudson

SB BMW Riders Calendar

- ❖ Monday June 19th: 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 July 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

Road Closures

All of you are probably aware of the various closures on **Highway 1**. It is closed from Ragged Point to Gorda; and from Limekiln Creek Bridge to 0.5 miles south of Big Sur State Park. All business establishments north of Pfeiffer Canyon Bridge are open. Businesses and campgrounds south of Pfeiffer Canyon Bridge are open but can only be reached via Nacimiento-Ferguson Road. Any ride on Nacimiento-Ferguson will be an out-and-back for several months, at least.

[Epic landslide on Highway 1](#)

Angeles Crest has a road closure that just occurred, due to a sinkhole. The road is closed in both directions between Grassy Hollow Visitor's Center and State Road 39. It is an 8-mile stretch and the road is expected to be closed for about a month.

Ride to Ragged Point

Bob Phinney, John Alexander and Chuck Beattie* rode up to Ragged Point and reported that it was very wet and drippy on Santa Rosa Creek Road. They arrived at Ragged Point to find a group of very cool classic cars, including a Duesenberg.

*Wayne and Diane started on the ride, but due to motorcycle misbehavior, had to turn around at Los Olivos.

Photos provided by Bob and John.



Road closure at Ragged Point

North! To Alaska: Part 3

Diane Krohn

August, 2013: We arrived at Denali National Park and after getting reservations for the bus ride into the park, we hopped on the bus and rode to the Eielson Visitor Center, 66 miles into the park. Private vehicles are only allowed the first 15 miles into the park, so the bus is the way to go. A fun feature of the park and the bus is that you can get off of the bus at most sections of the road (there are some restricted sections), and then walk cross-country. There are no established trails. You are allowed to walk as long as you want to, but must leave the park when the last bus is scheduled for the day. To get back on the bus, you just get on the road, and the next bus coming by will stop and pick you up.

We had a nice clear day, with a great view of Denali (Mount McKinley), which only about 30% of park visitors get to see due to the usual cloud cover. We returned to Denali a second time for the longer bus ride (11 hours round-trip) to Wonder Lake. On this trip, we saw moose close up and a grizzly bear with her cubs walk right past the bus; and we got to watch a grizzly bear chase, then dig up and eat a ground squirrel.



A clear view of Denali



For those of you who have not been to Alaska and are planning to go, don't miss seeing Denali Park! No, you can't ride your motorcycle into the park (beyond the 15-mile limit), but it is well worth the bus ride to get a chance to see a lot of wildlife up close, and being able to walk around the tundra, with no trails and very little evidence of human habitation.

To be continued....

Bill Costello's Immaculate BMW R100RT Custom

Four years ago, Bill Costello became a big name in the classic BMW world. He'd restored a 1958 BMW R50 as a tribute to his father, and before he knew it, the bike was on the cover of three magazines... "Then people started asking me about my next project," says Bill... "I'm not one of those people who desires a stable full of motorcycles, but there was something else I wanted. When restoring a classic bike, one has to pretty much stick with a factory spec set of options. One does not normally chop up and customize a 1958 BMW. I had a desire to build a custom bike, one that suited my personality." The first requirement was more power. "My R50 has only 26 hp, and riding on the highway with a 1958 bike is *not* something you want to do all the time. So I found a full-faired BMW R100RT donor bike which made a great base for the project...

Read the entire article with pictures and video here: [R100RT Custom](#)

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Upcoming Events

- 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](#)
- July 20-23: 45th Annual Cascade Country Rendezvous, Republic, WA. [Cascade Country Rendezvous](#)
- August 5: 18th Annual 100,000 Ft. Ride, Lakewood, CO. [Annual 100,000 Ft Ride](#)
- August 17-20: 19th Annual Beartooth Rendezvous, Red Lodge, MT. [Beartooth Rendezvous](#)
- September 8-10: MOA Premier Getaway, Sedona, AZ. [MOA Getaway Sedona](#)
- September 8-10: 33rd Annual Bavarian Mountain Weekend, Vadito, NM. [Bavarian Mountain Weekend](#)
- September 15-17: 32nd Annual Autumn Beemer Bash, Quincy, CA. [Beemer Bash 2017](#)