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Member News and Rides

Tanja attempted to get to Caliente Hot Springs, but it was closed due to a car accident. She also rode on West Camino Cielo.

Deborah, Phil, Steve and Fran attended the 49'er Rally in Mariposa. Deborah said it was not a huge event, but the obstacle course was fun to watch.

Michael and Veronica did an overnight trip to Santa Margarita Lake in preparation for their big trip coming up. Their route will be Monterey→San Francisco→Manchester→Humboldt→Eureka→Rogue River→Mt. Shasta→Redding →back to the coast.

Chuck traveled to King's Canyon and Yosemite. He found that the entrance gate had no lines, but the valley was bumper-to-bumper. He was able to ride the just-opened Sonora Pass, with snowdrifts 10-12 feet high along the road. He continued on to Bridgeport and Mammoth (where the ski runs are still open!), and then came back over Monitor Pass to return to San Francisco.

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Deborah, Jeff, Phil, Wayne and Diane will be attending the National Rally in Salt Lake City. **Eddie** is a "maybe."

Eddie traveled up Highway 126 and camped in Southfork campground in the Angeles National Forest. This campground appears to be a hidden gem in the San Gabriel Mountains, south of Valyermo. It is open year-round (but no potable water), and has several hikes nearby. Eddie has also been enjoying taking his daughters to school in his R60 sidecar.

Open Roads and Closed Roads

As of June 30, **Highway 1** remains fully closed in both directions at Mud Creek due to continued slide activity. Public access is at two locations: 1) Using Nacimiento-Fergusson, the southern-most point is Gorda and the northern-most point is Limekiln State Park; and 2) The closure has moved up five miles to the north from Ragged Point to north of Salmon Creek and just south of the Ranger Station. 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-Fergusson Road.

Estimated completion on the Pfeiffer Canyon Bridge is early fall. Concrete has been poured on the abutments and once that is completed, steel girders will be placed in the abutments. When completed, the bridge will be a single steel span with no columns.

Angeles Crest (Highway 2) is still closed 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. It is expected to open sometime in July.

Sierra Passes and roads are all open as of June 30. These include Tioga Pass (120), Sonora Pass (108), Monitor and Luther

SB BMW Riders Calendar

- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Monday August 21st: Annual Club picnic. Details to announced later.
- ❖ Any other activities or rides scheduled? Let me know! djkrohn@cox.net

Passes (89), Ebbets (4), Carson (88), June Lake Loop (158), Mammoth Lakes (203), Echo Summit (US 50), Donner (I-80), and Highway 395.

Saddlebag Lake Resort is still closed due to snow.

West Rim Drive and North Entrance to **Crater Lake National Park** are open as of June 23. West Rim Drive will have construction causing some delays.

Tech Day: Saturday October 14

Marten will be hosting an airhead tech day in Carpinteria on October 14. Contact Marten for information: marten@cox.net

Pics of 49'er Rally

The BMW Motorcycle Club of Northern California has some nice shots from the 49'er Rally, including pictures of the obstacle course mentioned by Deborah:

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There's even a picture of Deborah with some friends at the Rally (page 7)!

Mar Vac Electronics

Now that Radio Shack has disappeared from the Santa Barbara area, what's a person to do about getting electronic parts? Mar Vac closed, but is now re-opened as **Santa Barbara Electronics Supply**, hidden on the airport south of the control tower at 1503 Cook Place, Suite C, Santa Barbara. Cook Place is off of Firestone Road (adjacent to Hollister) [Santa Barbara Electronics](#)

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Upcoming Events

- 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](#)
- July 20-23: 2017 ADVWoman Rally, Granby, CO. [ADV Woman Rally](#)
- August 5: 18th Annual 100,000 Ft. Ride, Lakewood, CO. [Annual 100,000 Ft Ride](#)
- August 8-11: Gathering of the Clans Rally, King's Canyon, CA.
- 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](#)

North! To Alaska: Part 4

Diane Krohn

August, 2013: We left Denali Park and started heading back home, via Palmer, Tok and Haines Junction. We spent the night in Skagway. The road into Skagway had scarily dense fog and rain, so we slowed to about 30 mph. Skagway is a stop for many cruise ships, so the streets and businesses are busy and crowded during the day; but the crowds thin out at night and the streets are quite empty.

Continuing on our route back, we stopped for lunch in Teslin and chatted with a fellow from Virginia whose V-Strom was heaped high with belongings. He had already sent 4 shipments of stuff back to his wife! Not a light traveler—but he was having a good time.

A day later, we stopped at Liard River Hot Springs Provincial Park for the night. This is a great place to stay, with a wonderful hot springs to soak in and a choice of camping at the campground or staying in the nearby motel. Bison abound in the area. Many were hanging out in the parking lot of the motel, apparently attracted by the salt in the parking lot.

[Liard Hot Springs](#)

We continued heading southward, stopping at Dry Falls in Washington, on the opposite side of the Upper Grand



A V-Strom is hidden somewhere underneath there.



Bison (licking salt from gravel?) at Liard Hot Springs

Coulee from the Columbia River. On through Oregon, following Highway 395, with a stop at Bodie State Historic Park, and a final night at Kernville.

Mileage was 7734 miles in 38 days. We had no mechanical breakdowns and minimal weather issues. The big surprise is how large in area are British Columbia and the Yukon Territory.

Yes, it was a wonderful trip. If you have not gone to Alaska, consider doing so.