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Member News and Rides

John A. returned from his Patagonia trip and will talk about it, accompanied by pictures, at the March 19th club meeting.

Deborah attended the Death Valley Rendezvous. Deb rode up Wildrose Canyon to the charcoal kilns, and she also rode to Rhyolite. She reports that the road to the charcoal kilns was rough and gravelly. **Lee** and **Nancy**, **Eddie** and **Marten** were also at the rally. There were about 135 attendees at the rally.

Eddie's Death Valley adventures included seeing a donkey on the road, at night, past Trona; and taking a shortcut to the campground via Wildrose, where it was 24 °F (he had no electrics). The next day, Eddie went to Ubehebe Crater, the Racetrack, and Panamint Springs with Marten and a friend.

Tanja had to evacuate her house in Ventura for a week, due to the Thomas fire. Fortunately, her house is okay.

Debra and **Howell** will be leaving in March for their trip in South Africa,

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Botswana, and Namibia. Deb will be riding on her own, on an F 750 GS.

Harvey drove into Baja, down to Cabo San Lucas and back, visiting many Baja California Sur towns. He had a great time and is already thinking about the next trip. Picture on Page 3 of this newsletter!

Wayne and **Diane** rode up Happy Canyon Road to Cachuma Saddle and then around to Figueroa Mountain Road. The dirt section on the way to Cachuma Saddle is in decent shape. The first big water crossing was deeper than expected, and there's a surprise big hole right after the crossing.

Board of Directors Nominations

At the February meeting, the following people were nominated for Board of Directors.

- President:
 - Michael K.
 - Marten W.
 - Chuck B.
- Vice President:
 - Eddie V.
- Secretary:
 - Veronica H.
- Treasurer:
 - Chuck B.
- At-Large:
 - Phyllis W.
 - Diane K.
 - Tanja S.
 - Cy M.
 - Marten W.
 - Deborah W.

Voting will take place at our March 19th meeting.

New F 850 GS and F 750 GS

The F 800 GS was introduced in 2007, and now, 10 years later, BMW is producing the new 2018 F 750 GS and F 850 GS. The delineation between the two bikes remains similar. The F 750 is better for mostly asphalt and the occasional fire road. It has 77 hp at 7,500 rpm. The F 850 has 94 hp at 8,250 rpm. Both bikes have Rain and Road modes, but the F 850 has an additional three

SB BMW Riders Calendar

- ❖ Monday, March 19: 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. John Alexander will be showing pictures and talking about his ride in Patagonia.
- ❖ Monday, April 16: 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

options: Dynamic, Enduro, and Enduro Pro. ABS remains standard, and automatic stability control (ASC) is now included. BMW's eCall system will be an option (it's like a built-in Spot tracker). The fuel tank will be located between the steering head stem and the seat. The seat height for the F 850 is about 33.8 inches; for the F 750, 32 inches, but it can be lowered to about 30 inches.





Somis on a Baja beach. Photo by Harvey.

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Upcoming Events

- March 21: Saline Valley Warm Springs Ride, Death Valley. This is a basic easy ride on improved dirt roads, with camping at Saline Valley Warm Springs Campground. Meet at Panamint Springs Campground. [Saline Valley Warm Springs](#)
- March 22-25: ADV Death Valley n00bs Rally 2018. Panamint Springs Resort. [Death Valley n00bs Rally](#)
- April 6-14: Moab Rally Madness. This is a Honda rally but anyone can attend. Location is Archview RV Campground, which has cabins, bathrooms and showers. If dry camping is preferred, it is available nearby. Moab, UT. [Moab Rally Madness 2018](#)
- April 5-8: ADV WARPED Rally. Camping at Mountain and River campground, with bathrooms and showers. Kernville, CA. [WARPED 14 2018](#)
- May 20: 14th Annual Ride for Guides. This ride is a poker run with GDA puppies to greet you at each stop. BBQ, raffle, and Guide Dog demonstration. Sylmar, CA. [14th Annual Ride for Guides](#)
- May 24-28: 49'er Rally, with grassy camping, showers, speakers, vendors, riding clinics and more! Mariposa, CA. [2018 49'er Rally](#)

Some Pictures from John's Patagonia Trip



More Pictures!

