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Member News and Rides

Bob P. drove to Sumter, SC, to visit family. He brought his GS and bicycle along the way, and rode the GS in eastern Arizona. He plans to do more riding on the many mountain roads in southern Appalachia. His report and photos on Page 4.

Howell and Debra went to Sedona for a shake-down ride to assess changes to Debra's Triumph Street Twin (lowered seat and shorter shocks).

Marten, Harvey, John, Steve (and probably some other members) went to Carrizo Plain for the campout at Selby Campground. Photos on Page 5.

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Photo at right: From the 49'er adventure: The group repairing Tanja's tire -we all needed to contribute!



The Australia Motorcycle Report

Note: This report is not the least bit scientific, nor is it based upon carefully collected data!

Wayne and I spent a month traveling all around Australia, and based upon our casual observations, we noted that the most commonly sighted motorcycle seemed to be a Honda CBR 250R. We also noted a handful of Ducatis, Triumphs, Yamahas, and Kawasakis, with an occasional Harley and a BMW GS here and there.

We did see a lot of parking availability for motorcycles and scooters that was well-utilized. This was especially noted in the larger cities, of course, but it seemed to be more common than what we see in US cities.

SB BMW Riders Calendar

- ❖ Monday, June 18: 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 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

Unfortunately (or maybe fortunately, given that we would be driving on the left side of the road), we did not ride or rent any motorcycles while there. We traveled mostly by train, with an occasional boat, bus, and rental car for getting around.

The price of gasoline was \$1.50 per liter (AUD), which works out to about \$4.31 per gallon (USD).



Legal sidewalk parking in Brisbane.

Highway 1 Update

As of May 29, Caltrans has announced a new target date of mid-September to get lanes re-opened to traffic at the Mud Creek slide. Work continues with the north fill, north cut, and north berm.

Caltrans will re-evaluate the opening date again later and anticipate providing an update in July. Even after the highway is re-opened, expect it to have intermittent lane closures and continuing repair work. So far, the updated current cost is at \$54 million.

Paul's Slide (MM 21.6) still has the 24/7 traffic signal in place and a temporary guardrail in the centerline.

Upcoming Events

- June 14-17: 18th Annual Red Rock Rendezvous Rally, Panguitch, UT. [18th Annual Red Rock Rendezvous Rally](#)
- June 16: Adventure Bike Challenge, Middle Creek Campground, Mendocino National Forest. This is a 2-day, 110-mile off-road event. [Adventure Bike Challenge](#)
- June 29-July 1: Chief Joseph Rally, John Day, OR. [2018 Chief Joseph Rally](#)
- July 12-15: BMW MOA International Rally, Des Moines, IA. [BMW International Rally 2018](#)
- July 19-22: 47th Annual Top O'The Rockies Rally, Paonia, CO. [Top O'The Rockies Rally](#)
- July 19-22: Cascade Country Rendezvous and GS Rally by BestRest, Republic, WA. [Cascade Country Rally](#)
- August 4: 19th Annual 100,000 Foot Ride, Lakewood, CO. [100,000 Foot Ride](#)
- August 16-19: 20th Beartooth Rendezvous, Red Lodge, MT. [Beartooth Rendezvous](#)
- September 14-16: 33rd Annual Autumn Beemer Bash, Quincy, CA. [33rd Annual Beemer Bash](#)

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Riding in Eastern Arizona

By Bob Phinney

At the beginning of the month, I spent two days riding in eastern Arizona, a long loop from Show Low to Globe and Payson. It was 32 degrees and it was 70 degrees, depending. It hailed, rained and snowed. Heated gear helped with the comfort. The roads are impeccable, not crowded and easily ridden. What views!

The Coronado Trail was next. At the southern apex is the Morenci Mine, a very large copper mine. In forested land, the long trail has high-quality, tight, well-maintained roads. Again, from 32 to 70 degrees. Pronghorn antelope were abundant as were elk and deer. We were as high as 9,200 feet at Sunrise Park Ski Resort near Greer, AZ.



Coronado Trail with Morenci Mine in the back

We rode on paved roads. Dirt roads of varying effort are abundant.

Having never considered the possible beauty and great roads of this area, I was surprised and will return.



Morenci Mine trucks



Coronado Trail with threatening thunderstorm

Selby Campout at Carrizo Plain

Photos by Harvey



Selby Campground seen from Caliente Ridge



Marten serving the chili dinner



Riders on Elkhorn Road