



# SANTA BARBARA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER

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## Member News and Rides

**Michael** and **Veronica** rode to Plaskett Creek for camping with friends. This campground is just north of Gorda on Highway 1 and has trails to Jade Cove and Pacific Valley Bluff. They recommended Taco Temple in Morro Bay for good food: [Taco Temple](#). There is also a Taco Temple that just opened in San Luis Obispo.

**Eddie** went to Jalama Beach County Park for camping, traveling via West Camino Cielo and then down Refugio Road. He reported that the West Camino Cielo road is probably suitable for a small 4WD vehicle. The camping at Jalama was great. Basic camping is \$30 through September 30 (\$25 from October 1 through March 31). Eddie returned via a stop at the Carpinteria bluffs. Pictures on Page 4.

## October Campout

**Marten** has organized a campout for Friday, October 18, through Sunday, October 20, at Campo Alto Campground. This campground is 11.5 miles from the town of Pine Mountain Club, which has gas stations, restaurants and groceries.

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The campground has vault toilets, picnic tables and fire rings, but no water. It is at 8250 feet, so bring your warm gear and sleeping bags! Marten will bring water, firewood and food for dinner. He has reserved a group campsite for Friday-Sunday. For early birds, he has reserved a single campsite, maximum of 6 people, for Thursday, October 17.

Costs will be split between attendees. Let Marten know if you will be attending so he can plan for the food. Contact him at [marten@cox.net](mailto:marten@cox.net)

Campsite information here: [Campo Alto campground](#)

## August Technical Topic: Suspension

Motorcycle suspension contributes to the bike's handling and braking; and it keeps the rider and passenger comfortably isolated from road noise, bumps and vibration. If your suspension is not right, then your tires won't work properly either.

Steve felt that the earlier bikes did not have suspension issues, but the newer bikes do have more suspension problems. Shock repair and adjustment is expensive; for example, it was noted that Electronic Suspension Adjustment (ESA) will be about \$2000 for replacement. BMW does not sell individual components, so if it fails and you are out of warranty, you need to replace the complete shock.

Suspension goes out slowly – so how do you tell when it's going? Steve suggested that riding on Highway 33 is a good test, as long as your tires are good. If the bike feels soft in the corners, then it may be time to replace or repair the shocks.

**David H.** suggested watching a suspension adjustment at an event such as Laguna Seca or at a rally to see what it entails.

**Wayne** just had his Ohlins shocks rebuilt and it cost \$665 for parts and labor, some of which was to rebuild the preload adjuster. He used Ted Porter's Beemer Shop in Scott's Valley: [Ted Porter's Beemer Shop](#). Race Tech in Corona also

## SB BMW Riders Calendar

- ❖ Monday, September 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.
- ❖ October 18-20: Campout at Campo Alto Campground. See Page 1 for details. Contact Marten for additional information: [marten@cox.net](mailto:marten@cox.net)
- ❖ Monday, October 21: 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](mailto:djkrohn@cox.net)
- ❖ If members want to do any pick-up rides, post them on the member email list: <https://www.sbbmwridders.org/>

provides service, tools and information: [Race Tech](#).

Stay tuned for a later article on the mistakes you can make while removing and reinstalling the shocks on an R1200GS. ☺

Many of you already understand suspension, but for those of you who want to read a thorough discussion of suspension, including how to measure sag, the lowdown of damping, dynamic suspension systems, and more, Motorcyclistonline.com has a 4-part series on suspension: [Making Sense of Suspension](#)

## BMW Electric C Evolution

**David H.** rode his electric C evolution scooter to the club summer picnic, and then he told us about it a bit at the August club meeting. He said that it feels like it is 200 HP because it has instant torque. It has 48 HP and 53 lb-ft of torque and provides peak torque from a standstill. It accelerates 0-30 in 2.8 seconds, and it has a range of up to 99 miles. It can be charged at a charging station or a regular household power socket. The charging time is 9.2 hours on a standard 110-volt socket. David mentioned that Tesla charging stations can't be used because they are proprietary for Tesla vehicles.

The C evolution weighs 606 lbs, which is about the same as an R1200RT. It has four riding modes, storage space under the passenger seat, and a small storage compartment in the footwell.

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## Upcoming Events

- September 6-9: Gather of the Tribes, Kings Canyon, CA. Three days of camping and riding at the Cove Group campsite. [Gather of the Tribes Kings Canyon](#)
- September 13-15: You're On Your Own (YOYO) Rally, Quincy, CA. The Beemer Bash was cancelled for this year but you can still go to Quincy for this non-event.
- September 26-29: Horizons Unlimited Travellers Meeting California 2019, Mariposa, CA. Camping available on-site, plus there are hotels in town. Workshops and Tech Sessions cover all sorts of two-wheeled and four-wheeled adventure travel. [Horizons Unlimited Mariposa](#)
- September 27-29: MOA Getaway Cedar City. Cedar City, UT. [MOA Getaway Cedar City](#)
- September 29: The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride. Various locations. [Distinguished Gentleman's Ride 2019](#)
- October 31-November 3: 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Pahrump NV ADV Rally, Pahrump, NV. [5th Annual Pahrump NV ADV Rally](#)
- November 7-10: Adventure Rally and Camp, Julian, CA. A multi-day challenge with both on-road and off-road courses. [Adventure Rally](#)

**Photos: Campo Alto and Carpinteria Bluffs**



*Campo Alto Campground area. Photo by Marten.*

*You'll never guess whose bike this is!  
Photo by Eddie.*



*A beautiful day at Carpinteria Bluffs.  
Photo by Eddie.*