



# SANTA BARBARA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER

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## Member News and Rides

The club had its Christmas party at Cy's and Lindsley's amazing home. Great food and fun company made for a memorable holiday gathering. THANK YOU to the Madrone's for hosting the party and allowing us to tour your unique home and see your interesting collections! We had the traditional gift exchange; it's always a surprise to see what gifts are coveted (and exchanged to the max), and what gifts stay with the original owner. Pictures of the party are on Page 4.

There did not seem to be many motorcycle trips in November/December. Club members did go on some non-motorcycle trips, however.

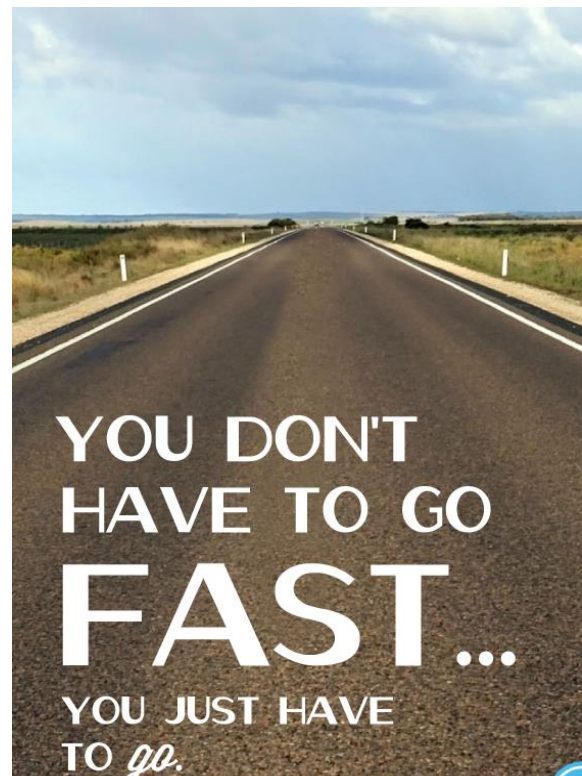
**Steve** and **Fran** traveled to Death Valley for some truck camping and exploring.

**Dave M.** and his wife, **Larissa**, drove to Northern California and stayed in several enjoyable historic inns. Ask Dave for recommendations for cool places to stay in the area.



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## Maps for Motorcyclists

Everyone probably uses GPS these days, but some of us (maybe more than we think) still use or have paper maps as a back-up to the GPS or phone. A paper map gives you the big picture in a way that a GPS cannot necessarily do—and they work without batteries!

There are several maps made specifically for motorcyclists (and bicyclists) that focus on scenic routes, less-travelled routes, places of interest, camping spots and local food venues—all things of relevance for two-wheeled travelers.

**MAD Maps** has a multitude of maps to include almost all of the US states, plus specific routes such as Route 66, Pacific Coast Highway, the Southwest, and a “scenic roads” collection.

[MAD Maps State Maps](#)

**Butler Maps** has a series of state maps (paved roads), regional maps (paved roads), and Backcountry Discovery Routes (dirt roads). Butler also offers DVD's and books to supplement or accompany the maps. [Butler Maps](#)

**Adventure Cycling Association** makes maps for bicycle travel, but these maps show a level of detail that is also suitable for motorcycle travelers. The maps do not cover states specifically, but cover various routes, including coast-to-coast, Route 66, Great Parks, Atlantic Coast, and Pacific Coast. The routes do not seek out curvy roads, in general, but they focus on smaller roads with less traffic. Campsites are clearly marked. [Adventure Cycling Maps](#)

## SB BMW Riders Calendar

- ❖ Monday, January 20: 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, February 17: 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.
- ❖ Saturday, March 7: Spring Tech Day. Contact Marten for details: [marten@cox.net](mailto:marten@cox.net)
- ❖ 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.sbbmwriders.org/>

A source for maps of Europe and Africa is **MapsMan**. This site also offers various tour guides and are a source of other European map sources. [MapsMan](#)

Another—and local—source of Michelin European maps is Santa Barbara bookstore **Chaucer's** (3321 State Street).

For our trip planning, I like to use the Michelin North America Road Atlas. These maps are arranged not by state, but by direction, so it's easy to get an overview of the route on sequential pages. I actually tear out the pages of the maps so we can take them along on our trip (and then I buy a new atlas for the next year). [Michelin North America Road Atlas](#)

## BMW MOA National Rally Registration

Early registration for the BMW MOA National Rally in Great Falls, Montana is now open. From January 1 until February 15, MOA member registration is \$55; two people registered for the rally is \$99. The second person does not need to be a MOA member.

Starting February 16, the standard pre-registration price applies and it is \$65 for members and \$85 for guests. Then, starting on June 1, standard gate pricing is in effect: \$85 for members and \$105 for guests.

If you are planning on going to the rally, NOW is the time to register!

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Saturday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Upcoming Events

- February 13-17: Airhead Beemers Club 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Death Valley Rendezvous. Furnace Creek, Death Valley, CA. [28th Annual Death Valley Rendezvous](#)
- March 26-29: ADV Rider Death Valley Noobs Rally, 16<sup>th</sup> Edition, Panamint Springs, Death Valley, CA. [ADV Rider Death Valley Noobs Rally](#)
- April 23-26: ADV Rider WARPED XVI Rally, Mountains and Rivers Campground, Kernville, CA. [WARPED XVI Rally](#)
- May 15-17: MOA Getaway Los Osos, Sea Pines Golf Resort, Los Osos, CA. [MOA Getaway Los Osos](#)
- May 21-25: 49'er Rally, Mariposa, CA. [49er Rally 2020](#)
- June 25-28: BMW MOA National Rally, Great Falls, MT. [BMW MOA National Rally 2020](#)

“The best way to gauge your touring-fatigue level, I’ve found, is to get off your bike for a minute and shut it off. If your head is humming like a tuning fork and you can’t put change in a parking meter, it’s probably time to stop. Dropped gloves are a bad sign, too. The brain is switching over to its menu-contemplation mode (appetizer and beer list phase) and doesn’t want to be bothered with basic motor skills.”

-- Peter Eagan, *A Town Too Far* (February 2001)

## Christmas Party 2019

### Photos by Wayne

