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Member News and Rides

There was no SB BMW Club meeting in March ☹️, so there is a lack of member news this time. However, some members got together for a ride in March: **Harvey, Cy, Steve, Fran, Tanja, Bob** and **John** met and the Shell station in Ojai and headed up Highway 33. Cy's bike developed a transmission problem and he had to return home. At the intersection of Highway 33 and 166, Harvey and John headed east to ride Tepusquet Canyon. The rest of the group headed to Carrizo Plain.

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Responsible riding, 2020.

Photo by Harvey.

Harvey and John stopped for lunch in Los Olivos. By all reports, it was a beautiful day for a ride and it was nice to get out of the house! Pictures on Page 4.

Steve and **Fran** took a 300+ mile one-day loop ride on Highway 33, out to Carrizo Plain, then back on Highway 58. Steve reports that it was cold, windy and with a bit of rain—IOW, a great ride!

Diane and **Wayne** took a trip to Death Valley—the plan was to be on the bike, but due to the weather, it was on four wheels instead of two.

BMW's R18 Cruiser

BMW Motorrad unveiled its latest model that features the biggest ever BMW boxer engine, with a displacement of 1,802 cc; 91 hp with a maximum torque of 116 lb-ft at 3000 rpm; and more than 100 lb-ft of torque available from 2000-4000 rpm.

Other specs include:

- Double-loop steel tube frame.
- Rear swingarm with enclosed axle drive in rigid-frame design.
- Telescopic fork with sleeves and cantilever suspension strut featuring travel-dependent damping.
- Disc brakes front and rear, with wire-spoked wheels.
- Adaptive turning light for even better illumination of the road when cornering as a factory option.
- Reverse assist for convenient maneuvering and Hill Start Control for easy hill starts as factory options.

The R18 is manufactured in Berlin. Market launch is expected in the second half of 2020.

Read more here: [BMW R18 Cruiser](#)



SB BMW Riders Calendar

Due to the social distancing and sheltering in place orders, our April meeting is cancelled. Given the current situation with Covid-19, further meetings and events will need to be assessed as conditions change.

In the meantime, stay home, stay safe, stay healthy and we'll see you on the other side of this.

Also, send me photos and reports of past rides!

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Deborah W. with her new ride, an R1200 RS.

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."

---H. Jackson Brown Jr., *P.S. I Love You*

2022 Alcan 5000

Registration is now open for the Alcan 5000 for August 23-September 1, 2022. There are 16 spots left for motorcycles. It is a long-distance tour, 5000 miles in 9 days. The route starts in Kirkland, WA, and ends in Jasper, Alberta; via Quesnel, Stewart/Hyder, Watson Lake, Dawson City, Skagway and Yellowknife. Over 90% of the route is scenic touring with short competitive sections that have equal penalty for early or late arrival. Private and factory teams compete on even terms. This tour is an adventure where experience, consistency, reliability and resourcefulness count more than speed. Marten participated in the 2018 Alcan 5000. You can read about it here: [Marten's 2018 Alcan Rally](#)

More info: [Alcan 5000 2022](#)

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Upcoming Events

Note: With the current physical distancing requirements, many events and rallies are being cancelled or postponed.

- The 49'er Rally has been cancelled: [49'er Rally Cancelled](#)
- The Chief Joseph Rally has been cancelled: [Chief Joseph Rally Cancelled](#)
- Overland Expo West has new dates: June 24-26: Overland Expo West, Flagstaff, AZ. [Overland Expo West](#)
- MOA Getaway Los Osos has new dates: July 24-26: [MOA Getaway Los Osos](#)
- The BMW National Rally is still on, but this may change: June 25-28: BMW MOA National Rally, Great Falls, MT. [BMW MOA National Rally 2020](#)
- July 16-18: 49th Annual Top O' The Rockies Rally, Paonia, CO. [49th Annual Top O' The Rockies Rally](#)



Ride Up Highway 33: March 31

Photos by Harvey



Social distancing while stopping on a ride.

Death Valley, February 2020

By Diane

Photos by Wayne

The plan was a short motorcycle trip to Death Valley, then to Tecopa Hot Springs, then back home to Santa Barbara. But—the weather forecast did not bode well for moto travel, especially two-up: high wind advisories on Highway 395 at Olancho; high wind advisories on Highway 178 to Ridgecrest; and finally, snow at altitude levels of around 3000 ft. Towne Pass in Death Valley is 4951 feet. So, with great reluctance, we traveled on four wheels instead of two.

We stayed at Panamint Springs Resort for one night. If you are not familiar with this place, it's a great place to spend the night. They have gasoline available, a small store, rustic hotel rooms, cabin rooms, a campground, and a small restaurant and bar. They have an awesome



Towne Pass with snow. The road looks like it is wet, but that's ice on the road.

selection of bottled beers and several local ones on tap. [Panamint Springs Resort](#)

The next day, we traveled over Towne Pass (Yes! There was snow and ice!) and into Death Valley.



We walked around Keane Wonder Mine, braving very strong winds, then drove up to Dante's View for an amazing view of Badwater and the Panamint Range, including Telescope Peak. We also drove through Twenty Mule Team Canyon. This is an unpaved, one-way road, only 2.5 miles, but it was in good shape and would be very doable even on a street bike. [Twenty Mule Team Canyon Road](#)

We then headed to Tecopa for a night in this small town. We stayed at Delight’s Hot Springs which has 4 private hot spring bathhouses. The facilities also include rustic cabins, hotel rooms and RV spaces. The hot spring bathhouses are very nice; the water is about 104 °F and is changed daily. Within walking distance of Delight’s is the Tecopa Brewing Company, which has a limited—but absolutely delicious! – selection of barbecued meats for dinner, and of course, their own beers. They also serve breakfast. Tecopa Brewing Company has limited

hours and is not open every day, so check their schedule before going there for dinner. [Tecopa Hot Springs](#)



Above: Badwater and the Panamint Range seen from Dante’s View.

Right: Tecopa Brewing Company.

This was not exactly the trip we had planned, but it was fun and interesting and we’re really glad that we got out to do some travel before everyone had to shelter in place!



Below: Reason to ride, along East Camino Cielo. Photo by Enzo.

