



# SANTA BARBARA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER

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## Member News and Rides

**Harvey, Bob, John A., Mark Hudson, John W., and Kimo** enjoyed a great ride on July 22, traveling along the Angeles Crest (Highway 2) to Wrightwood. They lunched at the Grizzly Café; and paused along the way at Newcomb's Ranch, where they saw a big eagle's nest up a tree. Bob (leader extraordinaire) organized and led the ride.

They had excellent weather in the mountains. John W., Kimo, and Harvey then rode home through 96° heat on Pearblossom Highway, while the others took diverse routes home.

**Summer picnic:** Thanks to Don Sachey for letting us use his property off of Paradise Road for our socially-distanced summer picnic. Pictures are on Pages 5-6.

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*Photo below: Kimo, John W., John A., Bob and Mark at Newcomb's Ranch. Photo by Harvey.*



## Now, Why Did I Ever Do That?

**John W.** asked this question: In your riding career, have you ever looked back and wondered, "Now, why did I ever do that?" Here are some of the responses from members. Responses are anonymous to protect the guilty.

"I Armor All (ed) my MC seat, once."

"I do that with every annual washing of my bike."

"I pulled away from the curb with my handlebars locked, which was easy to do on my old R100/7. It did not end well, totally ejected."

"I can be error prone:

- 1.) I was moving my car in the driveway and bumped into the GS, thus denting one and knocking over the other.
- 2.) I have a lock for the front brake rotor. Not once but twice I have started and ridden off with the lock in place. Both times I managed to travel 6 inches and crashed slowly. This gives me practice in lifting the heavily-laden GS."

"I forgot to put my foot down, once."

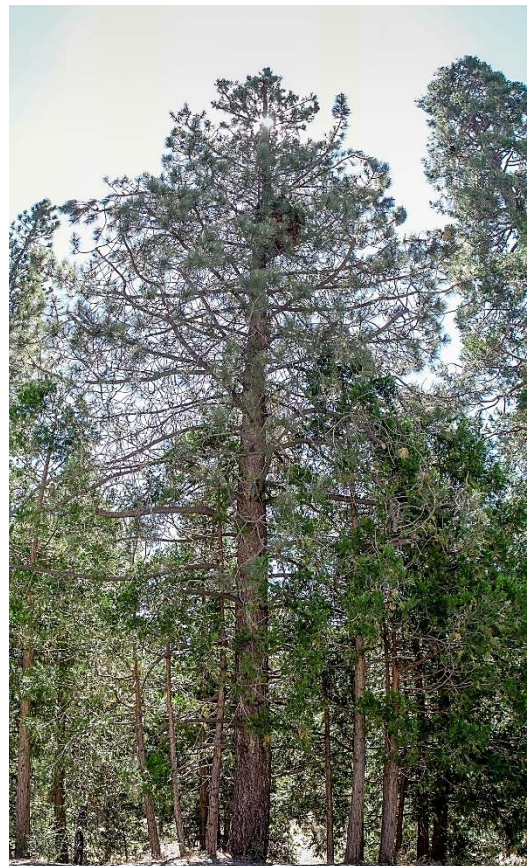
"I'd wax my helmet before a long trip; wind resistance, you know."

"I Armor All'ed my tires. "

"Is it ok to mount your tires backwards?"

## SB BMW Riders Calendar

- ❖ Monday, August 17 Club meeting, 6 p.m. via Zoom. The Zoom link will be sent a few days before the meeting.
- ❖ Monday, September 21 Club meeting, 6 p.m. via Zoom. The Zoom link will be sent a few days before the meeting.
- ❖ We will be having Zoom meetings in lieu of meetings at Cody's Café for the indefinite future.
- ❖ Any other activities or rides scheduled, let me know! [djkrohn@cox.net](mailto:djkrohn@cox.net)



*Eagle nest in the tree at Newcomb's Ranch.  
Photo by Harvey.*

## Active Cruise Control to be Brought to BMW Motorcycles

BMW Motorrad will soon be offering Active Cruise Control (ACC) on its motorcycles.

ACC is a rider assistance system that was developed in cooperation with the partner, Bosch.

The system automatically regulates the vehicle speed when the distance to the vehicle in front is reduced and keeps the distance defined by the rider. This distance can be varied in three stages. Both the riding speed as well as the distance to the vehicle in front can be set conveniently using a button.

The individual settings are displayed on the TFT instrument cluster. The ACC has two selectable control characteristics: comfortable or dynamic, in which the acceleration and deceleration behavior is changed accordingly. The distance control can also be deactivated in order to be able to use the Dynamic Cruise Control (DCC).

When cornering, the speed is automatically reduced by the ACC if required and a comfortable lean angle is aimed at. With an increasing lean angle, however, the braking and acceleration dynamics are limited in order to maintain a stable rideability and not to unsettle the rider by abrupt braking or acceleration.

The ACC is a rider assistance system that leaves the responsibility with the rider and

## Upcoming Events

**Note: With the current physical distancing requirements, many events and rallies have been cancelled or postponed.**

- August 13-16: 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Beartooth Beemers Rendezvous, Red Lodge, MT. [22nd Annual Beartooth Beemers Rendezvous](#)
- September 11-13: MOA Getaway Cedar City, Cedar City, UT. [MOA Getaway Cedar City](#)

## VISIT OUR SPONSOR



627 N. Salsipuedes, near Ortega Park  
805-966-6508  
Now closed on Sunday and Monday  
Open Tuesday- Friday, 8 a.m. to 6p.m.  
Saturday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

allows her to intervene at all times. It only responds to moving vehicles. Stationary vehicles – like at the end of a traffic jam or at traffic lights – are not considered. In such cases, the rider has to do the braking.

Read the article and see the video here: [Active Cruise Control](#)

## European Motorcyclists Protest New Noise Regulations

From *ADV Rider*, 7/20/2020:

Times are changing for motorcyclists. One thing that is changing very rapidly is the public's perception of motorcycles and the noise they make. Europe is in the midst of an anti-moto noise revolution with many federal and local governments discussing and issuing new regulations. Some not only curb moto noise, but others prohibit motos all-together. The new rules have resulted in many protests.

Particularly in Germany and Austria, government agencies are pushing for more stringent regulation of motorcycles. Most limit the amount of noise a motorcycle can emit. But even more concerning is the outright ban of motorcycles from certain European mountain passes and urban areas. One piece of legislation singles out noisy motorcycles but allows noisy automobiles to roam the passes without restriction.

The regulations have led to some protests in German cities. According to German news agency PDA, approximately 8,000 riders protested in Stuttgart, and about 5,000 protested in Friedrichshafen. In Hamburg, 750 motorcyclists blocked a road according to broadcaster NDR. Munich saw 6,000 bikes ride together along a major highway. Overall, many German cities and towns saw motorcyclists gather to protest noise regulations.

Still, while the protests go on, Germany's Federal Council, which decides the country's Federal law, is considering a partial ban on using motorcycles on Sundays and public holidays. Traditionally in Germany, Sundays and public holidays are "rest days" where loud noise in residential areas is banned or frowned upon.

But some motorcycle advocates, including a transport policy spokesperson of the pro-business FDP party, says that such bans are not necessary. German politician Oliver Lukisc had this to say about the bans:

"Instead of prosecuting a few black sheep in the motorcycle community, these tighter controls would put us all under suspicion."

And standing with Lukisc is at least one federal Transport Minister, Andreas Scheuer. He has already gone on record to say that he does not agree with the bans.

So what ultimately happens in Europe is still up for grabs. But perceived and real moto noise is a huge issue. It's not just in Europe, but around the world.

Article here: [New Noise Regulations](#)

## 2020 Picnic Photos

We were able to gather, chat and enjoy a meal with each other, thanks to Don's generosity to share his property with us.



*Phil and Steve at Phil's side car set up.  
Photo by Harvey.*

*Surprise guests at the picnic.  
Photo by Wayne.*





*Deb's new-to-her R1200RS, 4 years old, 6000 miles.*

*Photo by Wayne.*

*Members being able to talk to one another in person!*

*Photos by Wayne.*

