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Member News and Rides

Our April meeting was at Michael's and Veronica's home, with a few Zoom attendees as well. There were about 19 attendees.

At least 5 members, probably more, will be heading to the BMW National Rally in June, Great Falls, MT: **Steve, Deb, Chuck, Oscar, and Marilyn.**

The 49'r Rally has limited attendance this year, limited to 300 attendees. **Deb, Steve, Tanja, Phil** and possibly **Marten** are planning on going.

Bob. P. organized a ride for April 26 to the Vandenberg area to watch the scheduled rocket launch. Joining at the beginning were **Chuck, Kim Puliti, John W., Rick W. and Bob P. Albert Della Fave** on his Ducati joined the group as they started up Highway 154. Also at the station was **Lee Husband** on his black and gold BMW airhead. Lee brought two friends, one on an air head, another on an RT. The group all connected again at Los Olivos and then for lunch at Charlie's in Los Alamos. **Eddie V.** stopped by and joined in. The group then went over Harris Grade Road. Most stayed at a vantage point on the grade but Kim, Chuck and Albert rode closer. **John T. and Phil W.** joined the group to watch as did Lee and his friends.

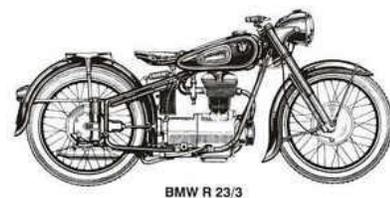
Bob reports that it was a good, clear day, with a first-class launch, great conversation and uncrowded roads. Fun!

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Kim P. is planning to join in on The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride on May 23. This annual event unites classic and vintage motorcycle riders world-wide to raise funds and awareness for prostate cancer research and men's mental health. Participants are encouraged to "ride dapper!" and wear clothing appropriate for the age of your bike.

[Distinguished Gentleman's Ride](#)



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April Technical Topic: Gloves

How do you control your motorcycle? Control is through your hands, and somewhat through your feet. It's important to have gloves that are thin enough to give you control and feedback, but thick enough to provide protection from the road and the elements.

Steve brought many examples of gloves that he has used through the years. Gloves made from cow leather are thick and protective, but not good in the rain. Deerskin gloves break in quickly and are tougher than cowskin. Lined and unlined versions are available.

Aerostitch elkskin ropers are offered in several different varieties, including lined and unlined, gauntlet style, and insulated. One version even has touchscreen finger tips. Steve mentioned that the touchscreen feature doesn't work that well, but the elkskin gloves work well in the rain. Oscar said that touchscreen ability on gloves is becoming more important, and that there are stick-on pads available for gloves through a variety of sources.

Most members thought that having good leather gloves and heated grips was the best solution for cold weather riding. Dave M. mentioned using re-chargeable hand-warmers if you don't have heated grips. Another possible solution would be the chemical hand-warmers; but their position in a glove might interfere with glove dexterity.

Hot weather gloves can be textile; for example, Motoport makes Kevlar gloves. These can be

SB BMW Riders Calendar

- ❖ Monday, May 17: Club meeting. We expect that we will be able to meet at Michael and Veronica's house, pending weather conditions. Watch for an email with meeting location.
- ❖ Any other activities or rides scheduled, let me know! djkrohn@cox.net

wetted down for hot weather riding. Unlined deerskin gloves are good in hot weather, too.

Wayne has found that his Helimot gloves work well in cold and hot weather. They are gauntlet style, made from deerskin, and made in the US.

[Aerostitch elkskin gloves](#)

[Helimot gloves](#)

Montana to Legalize Lane Filtering

Starting October 21, 2021, motorcyclists in Montana will be able to legally filter between cars on roads, under certain conditions. This will make Montana the third state to legalize lane filtering (California and Utah are the other two). The overtaking motorcycle cannot exceed 20 mph and the vehicles being overtaken or passed are not traveling more than 10 mph. This law will not be in effect in time for the BMW National Rally, though!

Read the bill here: [Montana lane filtering bill](#)

Highway 1 Update

As most of you know by now, Highway 1 at Rat Creek opened on April 23, ahead of schedule, thanks to the diligence of Caltrans workers. The work was completed in 86 days.

Additional construction activities which will be accomplished over the next few months include installation of permanent guardrail (K-rail now in place), construction of headwalls at the culvert inlets, final grading features, and placement of erosion control measures on both sides of the roadway.

One component yet to be started is a tunneling operation to install a 10 ft. diameter, one-inch-thick steel pipe culvert which will pass from the Rat Creek canyon, through the fill below the roadway, and outlet to the ocean. This key piece of infrastructure will substantially improve water flow capacity during future storm events. It will be augmented by a 5 ft. diameter culvert and two 24 in. culverts which have already been installed closer to the grade of the highway. The redundancy of the drainage infrastructure is designed to make the highway more resilient to extreme weather conditions which will allow for safe travel.

About that “secret report” to close Highway 1: An article appeared in *Monterey County Now* citing a report, titled “Enough is Enough,” authored by Caltrans, Cal Fire, insurance companies, REI, the Marriott, and other groups. The gist of the report was a secret plan to shut down Highway 1 to through traffic. **The date of the news article was April 1, 2021.**

[Enough is enough report](#)

Upcoming Events

- May 14-16: BMW MOA Getaway at Los Osos, CA. [MOA Getaway Los Osos](#)
- May 27-31: 2021 49er Rally, Mariposa, CA. Limited to 300 attendees, but there may be cancellations; register if still interested because you might get a cancelled spot. [49er Rally 2021](#)
- June 4-6: 10th Annual Giant Loop Ride, Crane Springs, OR. An adventure motorcycle weekend in eastern Oregon. [10th Annual Giant Loop Ride](#)
- June 24-26: BMW MOA National Rally, Great Falls, MT. Registration is open! [BMW MOA National Rally](#)
- July 15-18: Top O’ The Rockies Rally, Paonia, CO. [Top O’The Rockies Rally](#)

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Rocket Ride Photos- April 26, 2021

Rocket Photos by Kevin K.
"On the road" photo by John W.



Nacimiento-Fergusson Road Closure

The Naci-Fergusson Road is closed indefinitely. The following information is from the Los Padres National Forest site:

The atmospheric river storm event that stalled over Monterey County in late January dumped up to 15 inches of rain on the Monterey Ranger District. The Highway 1 washout at Rat Creek generated national headlines, however, the Nacimiento-Fergusson Road that connects Highway 1 with Fort Hunter Liggett and Highway 101 suffered significantly more damage but received far less media attention. Extensive slides, debris flows and road failures at a dozen sites along the road have rendered Nac-Ferg **impassable to vehicle traffic**. The road will remain closed under a Forest Order until repairs can be made. The public is strongly encouraged to avoid



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Nacimiento-

Fergusson Road until the road has been cleared of debris and is safe for through

traffic. Initial cost estimates for fixing the road run into the millions of dollars. The Forest Service is working with the Monterey County Department of Public Works and Fort Hunter Liggett, and will be applying for Emergency Relief for Federally Owned Roads (ERFO) through the Federal Highway Administration to secure additional funding.

Go to the website page for more pictures of the damage: [Nacimiento-Fergusson Road](#)

