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Member News and Rides

Our May meeting was at Michael's and Veronica's home, with about 13 attendees in-person and 3 members joining on Zoom.

At least 10 members, probably more, will be heading to the BMW National Rally in June, Great Falls, MT: **Steve, Fran, Kim, Phil, Deb, Chuck, Oscar, John W, Phyllis, and Marilyn.**

The 49'r Rally had limited attendance this year, limited to 300 attendees. **Deb, Steve, Fran, Tanja, Phil** and possibly Marten were planning to attend.

Marilyn brought up the question of air compressors. She had tried to use one at a gas station but could not on her bike due to the spoked wheels. We had a short discussion about possible solutions, including right angle adapters. Several different brands of air compressors are suitable for home use, including Craftsman, Makita, and Viair. **John A.** recommended using a short hose to connect a gas station air compressor to the tire.

John A. thought that the Harley-Davidson 2021 Pan America 1250 ADV bike will be a huge success. It has 150 hp, hydraulic valves, an adaptable suspension, and adaptive ride height (lowers itself at a stop). The base model weights 534 lbs. John was planning to take a test ride later in the week. *ADV Rider.com* has a

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review of the bike: [ADV Riders H-D Pan America Review](#)

There was discussion of having demonstrations at our meetings of various repair/maintenance issues. **Dave M.** suggested these could include:

- Changing tires;
- Plugging/patching tires and tire repair;
- Lifting techniques for fallen bikes.

"Happiness isn't around the corner. Happiness is the corner."

---Anon.

May Technical Topic: Seats

Seats, saddles, that place where you park your butt on the bike. Steve asked members: How many are happy with their BMW seats? Only 1 answered that they liked the OEM seat. Deb mentioned that she shaved down her seat.

The only seats Steve liked were the old Airhead seats. The seat on his new bike, an R1250GS HP, was initially okay, but after a while – not okay. He ended up with a Sargent seat and it seems comfortable. [Sargent Seats](#)

Dave M. has a Corbin seat and is happy with it. Corbin has a factory and show room in Hollister, CA, with ride-in service. [Corbin Seats](#)

Wayne and Diane have had two Bill Mayer seats on their bikes (F650 and the current R1200 GS) and are happy with those. Bill Mayer has ride-in service at their Ventura, CA, location and Nampa, ID, location. The passenger seat was modified so it has a slight rise in the front, which helps prevent the pillion from ramming into the pilot during fast decelerations. [Bill Mayer Saddles](#)

Russell Day-long Touring Saddles have a good reputation, but the general consensus was that they look funny. However, since we don't have eyes in the backs of our –err, heads, maybe the looks don't matter much as long as you're comfortable. Day-long is located in Shasta Lake, CA, and they have the option of ride-in service. [Russell Day-Long](#)

SB BMW Riders Calendar

- ❖ Monday, June 21: Club meeting at Michael's and Veronica's house, starts at 6 p.m. Email to follow with details.
- ❖ Monday, July 19: Annual Club Summer Picnic, Tucker's Grove, Goleta. Details to be announced later.
- ❖ Any other activities or rides scheduled, let me know! djkrohn@cox.net

Tanja has, and likes, the stock seat on her F650—but everyone figured that is due to her inherent German toughness. ☺

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Oregon to Legalize Lane Filtering?

Sadly, no. The Oregon Senate Bill 574 would have legalized a limited form of motorcycle lane filtering in Oregon. It passed the full Senate and House floor votes and had wide bipartisanship support. Gov. Brown vetoed the bill, citing numerous concerns, including non-compliance and enforcement. [Lane Share Oregon](#)

A reminder that Montana has passed a lane-filtering bill, but the law will not be in effect until **October 1, 2021**. The date was erroneously reported as October 21, 2021 in the May newsletter. Nevertheless, it still will not be in effect for the BMW MOA rally in Great Falls.

Los Padres National Forest Closures

Los Padres National Forest official announced that, effective May 29, 2021, the public is prohibited from being on the Nacimiento-Fergusson (Forest Road 22S01) West of Nacimiento Campground to the Highway 1 intersection and South Coast Ridge (Forest Road 20S05.4) from Prewitt Ridge Road (Forest Road 22S04) to the intersection of Nacimiento-Fergusson Road at any time.

Motor vehicles are also prohibited on Central Coast Ridge/Cone Peak Road (Forest Road 20S05.3); and access on Arroyo Seco/Indians Road (Forest Road 19S09.3) from Memorial Campground for approximately 2.8 miles to the gate at Escondido Campground Road (Forest Road 19S09D) is not permitted.

The Kirk Creek Trail (Forest Trail 4E17) remains closed to the public along with the Chalk Peak and Escondido Campgrounds.

Fire restrictions will be raised throughout the Forest effective May 25, 2021. These restrictions will affect the use of campfires, stoves, smoking materials and internal combustion engines, and will remain in effect until the end of fire season in late autumn.

These restrictions include:

- No open fires, campfires or charcoal fires are permitted outside of developed recreation sites or designated campfire use sites, even with a valid California Campfire Permit.
- Internal combustion engines may be operated only on roads or designated trails.

Upcoming Events

- 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](#)
- August 7: 21st Annual 100,000-foot ride, Centennial, CO. [21st Annual 100,000-ft Ride](#)
- August 19: 23rd Annual Beartooth Beemers Rendezvous, Red Lodge, MT. [23rd Annual Beartooth Beemers Rendezvous](#)
- September 10-12: MOA Getaway at Cedar City, Cedar City, UT. [MOA Getaway Cedar City](#)
- September 24-26: Overland Expo West, Flagstaff, AZ. [Overland Expo West 2021](#)

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Glacier Park Going-to-the- Sun Road Pass

For those heading to the BMW Rally in Great Falls, **IF** you also plan to ride to and through Glacier National Park, be aware there is a required ticketed entry for the Going-to-the-Sun Road. You will need two things: a Parks Pass and an Entry Reservation Ticket or a Service Reservation. The Entry Reservation is required on the road between 6 a.m. and 5 p.m., MDT, for the West entrance, St. Mary entrance, and Camas Road. Entry at Many Glacier, Polebridge or Two Medicine does not require an Entry Reservation ticket, but these areas may be restricted due to high visitation.

The Entry Reservation ticket **must be obtained online**. They are not available at park entry stations or park offices. Entry Reservation tickets are valid for 7 consecutive days per vehicle. However, if you are using overnight lodging or using a service located along Going-to-the-Sun Road, then the Entry Reservation ticket is included with your Service Reservation. The service reservations include guided hikes, overnight camping, boat rides, horseback rides, or guided bus tours offered between the West and St. Mary entrances of the park.

More info here: [Glacier Entry Reservation](#)



*Glacier Park, September 2018.
Unfortunately, too smoky for good views.
Hopefully, for those of you that get here from
the rally, the skies will be clearer!*

Photos by Wayne B.