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Member News and Rides

For our July meeting, we had the annual Club picnic at Michael and Veronica's comfortable and spacious backyard. Several of our member chefs cooked tri-tip and chicken. Other members brought a nice variety of salads and desserts. We had perfect weather and were able to catch up with everyone's latest rides and other adventures. Definitely a successful picnic!

At the National Rally, **Fran** won the second Grand Prize, a trip to Colombia through MotoDreamer. Congratulations, Fran!

Marilyn is riding in the Suffragists Centennial Motorcycle Ride, July 31 through August 20. This ride is to memorialize the 100th anniversary of women's right to vote. It starts in Portland, OR and ends in Arlington, VA. Marilyn will ride up to Portland to join others and will proceed to Arlington from there. The ride course follows a northern route and has stops at many historic sites. It ends with a conference hosted by Alisa Clickenger, author and motorcycle tour leader.

John A. organized a ride around the county: Highway 154, Figueroa Mountain Road, Foxen Canyon Road, Harris Grade, Jalama Beach, Highway 1, and back on Highway 154. Pictures on Page 8.

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Badass Deb!

Summer Picnic Pics Photos by Chuck



SB BMW Riders Calendar

- ❖ Monday, August 16: Monthly meeting, at Michael's and Veronica's house. Starts at 6 p.m.
- ❖ Monday September 20: Monthly meeting at Michael's and Veronica's house. Starts at 6 p.m.
- ❖ Any other activities or rides scheduled, let me know! djkrohn@cox.net

Road Updates

Highway 1 at Bixby Bridge fully re-opened on July 23.

In the Los Padres National Forest, Sunset Valley Road is closed, starting July 25 through March 30, 2022. This road closure affects Davy Brown campground, Nira campground, and the Catway OHV trail. The work is the removal and replacement of two concrete low-water road crossings. The crossings will be replaced by two channel-spanning bridges.

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Upcoming Events

- August 19: 23rd Annual Beartooth Beemers Rendezvous, Red Lodge, MT. [23rd Annual Beartooth Beemers Rendezvous](#)
- September 3-6: BMW NorCal Range of Light Gypsy Tour, Orland, CA. [Range of Light Gypsy Tour](#)
- September 9-10: Bavarian Mountain Weekend Rider's Rally, Vadito, NM. [Bavarian Mountain Weekend Rider's Rally](#)
- September 10-12: Colorado ADV Rider West Fest 2021, Ouray, CO. [Colorado West Fest 2021](#)
- September 10-12: MOA Getaway at Cedar City, Cedar City, UT. [MOA Getaway Cedar City](#)
- September 10-12: ADV Rider Rally: Colorado West Fest, Ouray, CO. [ADV Rider Colorado WestFest](#)
- September 24-26: Overland Expo West, Flagstaff, AZ. [Overland Expo West 2021](#)

More Road Updates

Highway 33 will have construction, starting August 9 through December, 2021, from West Ojai Avenue to Lockwood Valley Road, a stretch of 37 miles. Expect delays and single-lane roads. Construction will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

2021 BMW MOA National Rally

By Steve Miller

This year's Rally was held in Great Falls, MT. Since it was postponed from 2020, Fran and I were especially ready to ride up and make a 2-3-week trip of it. It turned out to be a 4400-mile loop and an excellent trip.

When I saw the heat wave coming in the week before the rally, some replanning was needed. We mapped the trip to avoid 100+ temps and were mostly successful. We rode to Sequoia National Forest the first day, and camped at high elevation with cooler temps. Our friend Mitch from Florida was with us, so we wanted to ride Sherman Pass and Highway 190, which to me has the closest feel to the Tail of the Dragon in Tennessee. He thought it was similar but not quite the same type of rhythm.

We stayed in the Bristlecone Pine Forest before running the gauntlet of Nevada to the Idaho border. Took some time to visit the International Car Forest outside Goldfield. The docent told us we were in luck as they were "planting" a car that day, and we were welcome to add our artwork to it. It appeared to

International Car Forest of the Last Church



be a big deal as they had not planted one in over 10 years. We had to make some miles so politely declined and headed north. Temps were in the 80's until just south of Highway 80 where we were stopped by construction and the temp climbed into the high 90's. We have found that riding up to about 98 °F is tolerable if moving, but it is a cooker when stopped. Once in Elko, we changed the plan and got a room to cool off.

Riding up to Stanley and the Salmon River, it was very comfortable and scenic. Camping on the Salmon was fantastic: watching an eagle flying from the nest and fishing near us, to feed the young that could be heard and seen poking their heads up in the nest about 200 yards away. The last day to the rally was about 450 miles with occasional thundershowers.

We were told there was no admittance to the rally for non-volunteers on Wednesday, so we stayed in a hotel. Thursday morning at the rally had so many bikes along the road, tent camping, that there was no place to park. These folks were not all volunteers and ignored the guidelines that we followed. Mitch actually confirmed no camping on Wednesday by email with the rally chair previously. Mitch and I agree we are done following guidelines in the future.

Looking for parking.



This was the largest motorcycle rally we have attended and it was fun connecting with like-minded folks. We found enough to do that we felt no need to ride the local area. Some of the food was good, the beer garden was not a garden and had only canned beer. The 49er is much better in this regard. A Brewfest on Friday had perhaps a dozen Montana breweries to sample. There were hundreds of door prizes (I heard over 700), so chances were not too bad. I won a miniature air compressor and I

heard John W. won an Arby's sandwich but I didn't see that on the list :)

John W. maximizing the Brewfest experience.

Fran is usually the lucky one and she was disappointed she didn't win a door prize. However, at the closing ceremony she won the second grand prize—a 9-day Colombia Moto tour! We spoke to Mike at MotoDreamer and planned the trip for March 5th to 13th, 2022. It is an adventure tour with 40% off-road, exploring the most remote areas of Colombia. If anyone wants to join us, it is open for more riders. You can find it on MotoDreamer.com. A nice touch to the rally was some really good music in the evening. Samantha Fish played contemporary blues on Friday, and The Waiting is a Tom Petty tribute band which was also excellent, on Saturday.



On Saturday, we heard about another heat wave coming into Washington and Oregon. So we decided not to head to the coast and down Highway 1 after the rally. Remember when we had a club meeting topic that discussed changing plans in the middle of a trip? A number of members stuck with their plans, but we decided to return home through Colorado. We headed south over Kings Hill Pass to Yellowstone and then east through central Wyoming over Togwotee Pass. Yellowstone was a zoo full of tourists, but Wyoming was much less traveled, with many roads to ourselves. I didn't realize how many Antelope are in the state; there was even one that crossed the road between Mitch and us (there was plenty of clearance). Beef in the state is excellent, Fran had the best tenderloin fillet ever in Rawlins.



Geysir Basin, Yellowstone.

Wyoming backroad.



We saw no antelope in Colorado. It seems they know where the border is. However, we saw many more people. And they were all out driving around. Did our best to minimize traffic. Over Willow Creek Pass to Granby; headed to Copper Mountain, Leadville and over Independence Pass to Aspen. As we entered Aspen, I wanted to show Mitch the old downtown, but it was closed off by a police cruiser. It was basically in a state of gridlock and that was a Wednesday afternoon! The next

day we took McClure Pass to Paonia. The Top of the Rockies Rally would be held there in a couple of weeks and it was hot already. I believe it was 93 °F. Glad we weren't hanging out for that one.

The North rim of the Black Canyon of the Gunnison was well worth a stop. It had stunning views! This area of Colorado also has some of the best twisties on Highway 92 intersecting

with Highway 50. Also discovered Slumgullion Pass and camped at 9800'. Next day we wound down to South Fork, which we heard was inspiration for the show *South Park*. It is now a town with many business closures.



Camping near Slumgullion Pass

Headed toward Utah at this point. Camped in the Abajo Mountains to avoid the heat in the Glen Canyon area. We had breakfast in Blanding, which used to be a dry town, but I noticed the gas station that we bought beer out of the back door in the 80's now has a sign that says "Beer for Sale." We rode the Natural Bridges one-way loop road for fun. Nobody was there, so we were able to ride at optimal speed. More fun than seeing the bridges. Temps were going up and hit 98 or so at the Colorado River crossing in Glen Canyon. Once we got to Highway 12, the climb into the forest had things cooler. What a great road!

We skipped Bryce Canyon this time and rode up to Cedar Breaks as Fran had not seen it. Our timing was perfect as the sun was getting low and illuminating the bright red rock formations that face west. It was fantastic! The last day was the run through Vegas and back to the coast. With an early start from St. George, it didn't hit 100 °F until Yermo and hovered in the high 90's across the high desert. Managing the heat by modifying our trip on the fly really worked well. Now, who's going to the National next year in Missouri?

Note: The 2022 BMW MOA National Rally will be in Springfield, MO, June 16-18, at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds. It will also be the 50th Anniversary for the BMW MOA. -Ed.

August 4th Ride



Above: Most of the group. Photo by Kim Puliti.

Right: At a rest stop. Photo by Oscar Zavala.



2016 RUKO For Sale

RUKO-BMW R1200RS. Asking \$35,000.00. Mileage: 11,176 miles. BMW was shipped to Germany for construction. Why? In order to have a compliant EPA/DOT rig you have to start with one that has been approved; that is, a USA motorcycle. The rig has more air miles than road miles. Air vs. water shipping should be about the same.



A one-person Shark tub was used, along with a 20-liter auxiliary fuel tank under the tub. Rig comes complete with the owner's manual. Please, interested buyers only with questions.

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