



# SANTA BARBARA BMW RIDERS

## NEWSLETTER

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### Member News and Rides

Our November meeting was at The Creekside Restaurant, with about 21 attendees.

**Bob P.** organized and led a ride to Jalama Beach on November 12, for burgers and ocean views. There were 12 riders, and they had good weather. Bob mentioned that Jalama Road has been re-paved in some areas. Pictures on Pages 6-7.

**Randy L.** suggested a ride at the Monday meeting. So, on November 12, Randy was joined by **John Branagan, James Chen, Steve M., Bob P., Lee Schumacher** and **Oscar Z.** for a ride north through Los Olivos, Foxen Canyon Road and Tepusquet Canyon to Highway 166 and to the Cuyama Buckhorn restaurant in New Cuyama. **Tony Suhrer** joined at Los Olivos. Lunch at the revitalized Buckhorn was good. After lunch, Steve and Oscar headed east on Highway 166 to Cerro Noroeste and Lockwood Canyon before coming home through Ojai. James led Bob, John and Lee on Highway 33 to 150 to 192, avoiding the somewhat safe minimum-sized lanes of the traffic mash on the 101 between Carpinteria and Santa Barbara. The beautiful fall colors were noted and there was some greenery due to the recent slight rain. It was a great day for a good ride. Pictures on Page 8.

**Kim Puliti** led another ride to the Cuyama Buckhorn restaurant on December 3. Joining in was **John A., Chuck, Bruce DeAragon, Lee**

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**Husband, Don Mock** and **Bob P.** Starting in a cold, foggy Santa Barbara, the group traced the favorite clockwise short "county loop": Foxen Canyon to Tepusquet Canyon; Highway 166 east and Highway 33 south; and then back home through Ojai and Carpinteria.

**Steve** suggested a future camping outing at Carrizo Plain, on a moonless night in order to maximize star gazing. Camping would likely be at KCL Campground. The next new moons are January 2, January 31 and March 2, so plan accordingly!

## November Technical Topic: Best Travel Advice

The October newsletter asked, "What is your best piece of travel advice?" At the November meeting, Steve asked the group about their best travel advice.

Several members mentioned having a SPOT satellite tracker or similar satellite messenger device. Chuck uses Polarsteps, an app which tracks via GPS. Many cell phones have GPS capability built into their electronic structure. Some smartwatches now also have a function that will notify others if you fall down; for example, the Galaxy Watch3 has fall detection using an accelerometer, and can automatically alert your emergency contact. [Smart Watch Medical Alert](#).

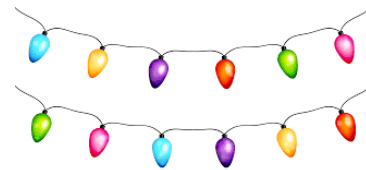
One downside of SPOTs and similar satellite messenger devices is that they will not work in areas with limited satellite visibility, such as deep canyons.

Marilyn talked about the importance of traveling in a group; and especially for foreign travel, registering in every embassy wherever you go. It's also critical to be cognizant of all the paperwork required for traveling in foreign countries.

Finally, everyone agreed that it's sensible, and safer, to stop every hour or so. You don't need to ride 3-4 hours at a stretch.

## SB BMW Riders Calendar

- ❖ Sunday, December 19: Christmas holiday party! See details below.
- ❖ Monday, January 17, 2022: Monthly meeting at Creekside Restaurant & Bar, 4444 Hollister Ave., Santa Barbara. Meeting starts at 6 p.m. The Creekside has a large private room and offers a variety of food and beverages.
- ❖ Any other activities or rides scheduled, let me know! [djkrohn@cox.net](mailto:djkrohn@cox.net)



## Christmas Holiday Party

The Club Christmas holiday party will be **Sunday, December 19**, from 1-5p.m. It will be at Michael's house, unless the weather is iffy, in which case we have an alternative location available. This will be a pot luck and the Club will purchase a spiral-cut ham. Bring a dish to share, and beverages of your choice. Plates, napkins and cutlery will be provided. A grill will also be available.

We will also have our gift exchange. Bring a wrapped gift (\$20-\$30 value range) of an item that might be useful for motorcycling, or fun, edible or drinkable.

Watch for emails for updates on more details, and location in case of weather changes.



## BMW Introduces “ConnectedRide” Cradle

BMW is introducing the “ConnectedRide Cradle” for smartphones. The cradle will securely hold a smartphone and will allow you to use it for connected navigation and vehicle data. In addition, you can also display lean angle, acceleration, and deceleration when using the BMW Motorrad Connected App and the Multi-Controller.

The cradle will hold many different sizes of smartphones. It uses individually adjustable side clamps to hold the phone in place. It will also inductively charge your phone “according to the Qi standard.” It can provide a maximum of 7.5 W or wired via a USB-C connection, a maximum of 7.5 W (1.5 A at 5 V). There’s also a switchable LED charging indicator to provide information about the phone’s charging status. According to BMW, the ConnectedRide Cradle also fits some recent BMW motorcycle models. Pricing info is scarce, but seems about \$250.

Read more here: [ConnectedRide Cradle](#)

## Upcoming Events

- December 31-January 2, 2022: Last Chance First Chance Airhead Rendezvous, Agua Caliente County Park, Anza Borrego State Park, CA. [Last Chance First Chance Rendezvous](#)
- February 17-21: Death Valley Airhead Rendezvous 30. Camping at Furnace Creek Campground. For more information and to make reservations, email John Covington: [jwcov@yahoo.com](mailto:jwcov@yahoo.com)
- March 24-27: ADV Rider Death Valley n00bs Rally. Camping at Panamint Springs Resort. [ADV Riders Death Valley n00bs Rally](#)

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## Study Finds Helmet-Mounted Devices are Not Hazardous

By Mike Botan

*Excerpted from ADV Rider, 11/22/2021: [Study on Helmet Mounted Devices](#)*

An Australian study has found that helmet-mounted accessories do not increase the risk of head or neck injuries. [Transport for New South Wales](#) (TfNSW) Center for Road Safety conducted testing to determine whether helmet-mounted devices constitute an additional danger to riders.

Noting that conventional impact (drop) tests contained in British Standard (BS) 6658:1985 “Specification for protective helmets for vehicle users” does not replicate a rider’s head and neck injury risk in a real-world motorcycle crash, the agency developed its own test parameters.

The agency used an “oblique test method” in the study, where the tested helmets impact a moving striker plate. TfNSW said that this kind of test is a more “biofidelic” (human-like) test. Accordingly, they conducted 220 impact tests in this way with various helmets and attachments.

The helmet areas struck included:

- Front lateral
- Helmet rim lateral
- Rear lateral
- Crown

The six helmet models tested included:

- Airoh Storm
- RJays Apex
- Roof Cooper
- Scorpion Boulevard
- Scorpion Vintage
- Shark Ridill

Finally, the devices tested included:

- Drift Ghost 4K
- Go-Pro camera
- NuViz heads up display unit (mounted on chin bar)
- Scala communication unit
- Sena Bluetooth communication unit

Once testing was completed, it was determined:

*"...that attaching a camera or communication device to a motorcycle helmet does not, on average, increase the risk of head or neck injury to the person wearing the helmet, in a crash."*

While TfNSW did see some adverse results, they found that:

*"...there were no discernible patterns to these and the overall injury risk in these scenarios was marginal."*

Ultimately the study concluded:

*"Based on the findings, that devices appropriately attached to helmets do not significantly increase the risk of head or neck injury, Transport for NSW instituted a policy change that allows for devices to be attached to helmets, so long as the attachments do not compromise the structure and integrity of the helmet."*

If you would like to read the study and report in full, you can find it at [Transport for New South Wales, Center for Road Safety](#).

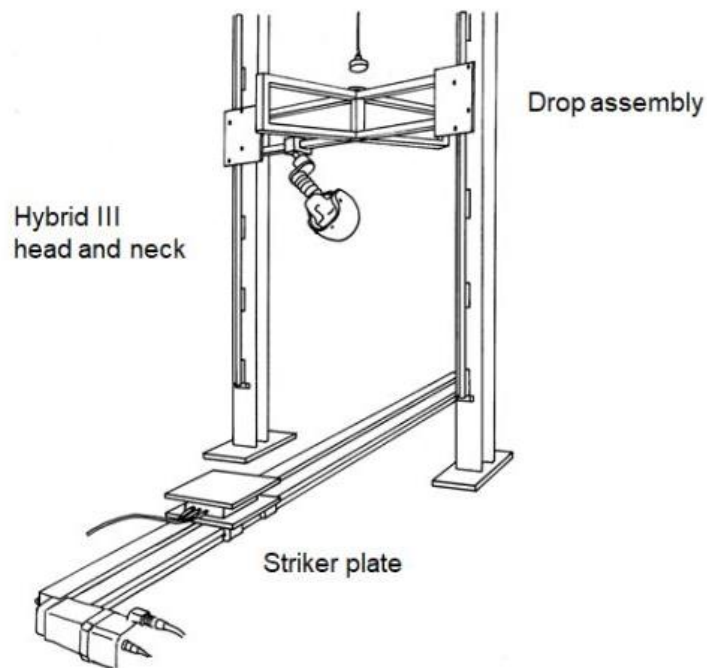


Figure 1: Schematic of oblique impact test rig

## Pictures: Rides and Meetings



*Scenes from Jalama Beach burger run.  
Photos by Chuck.*





*Above: November meeting at the Creekside Restaurant. Photo by Chuck.*

*Right and below: Burgers all around! Jalama Beach ride. Photos by Kim P.*





*Scenes from the November 12 ride to the Cuyama Buckhorn. Photos by Oscar Z.*

