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Member News and Rides

Our March meeting, at the Creekside Restaurant, had about 16 attendees. We had election results; see Page 2 for details.

Cody has organized a campout at Carrizo Plain, for the weekend of April 8-10. We will get a report at the April meeting.

Bob P. reports on his ride to Parkfield on Saturday, March 19:

“John Anderson, Leo Bechstein, Keith Cobell, Oscar Zavala, and I headed off through Ojai and Highway 33 to lunch at Parkfield’s V6 Ranch Café. We enjoyed a good, quick and safe ride with several stops (Ojai, Ozena, Taft (gas), and Shell Creek Road) along the way to refresh and reminisce.

“Satiated by the twisties of Highway 58 west of McKittrick, John and his Ducati left us at Shell Creek and headed for home. As John was leaving, a friend of Keith’s from San Luis Obispo joined us. Also, Eric Barrica from Bakersfield follows our postings, and he rode his GS and joined us for lunch. Plus, lunch was good.

“Bicycle traffic was present Saturday morning but not a hazard on Highway 150 and up the mountain on Highway 33. Auto traffic was light and not a hindrance along the entire route. Several autos pulled over for us, always appreciated.

“We ride to view the beauty along the way. I tend to overlook how the seasons cast a different light in the mountains. The higher

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elevations remain in winter, the sycamores have yet to bud, and the willows have a shade of red as they are ready for spring. The evergreen bushes and trees remain as the fall colors have been subdued. On Highway 58 just before Shell Creek Road, we saw a smattering of wildflower color, well worth a look.

“We endured a small bit of rain; more than we wanted and a lot less than we need. “

(Thanks, Bob, for your report. Appreciated as always! ---Ed.)

March Technical Topic: Ride Preparation

Oscar suggested the topic for the March discussion. He mentioned that for him, it takes a lot of mental energy in getting prepared for a ride. He has found that he forgets certain items or steps for a ride. We can all relate to this!

Stephan said that he has a physical checklist which helps him stay organized prior to a ride. Other members agreed that a checklist is very helpful, and the book, *The Checklist Manifesto*, by Atul Gawande, M.D., was cited by many members. It's a good read with examples and discussion on how a checklist can help with complex undertakings and how to minimize or even eliminate errors in doing complicated or critical tasks – and certainly, making sure that you and your motorcycle are ready for a ride is a critical task!

Some members have several lists, depending on what type of ride they will be doing, whether it is a one-day ride or a multiple-day ride. Others take the same items and supplies regardless of the type of ride.

The TCLOCK (or TCLOCS) checklist was mentioned as another way to do a quick inspection of your bike before each ride:

- T - Tires and wheels
- C - Control levers
- L - Lights, battery, electric
- O - Oil and other fluids
- C - Chassis and chain
- K - Kickstand

This site has a full explanation of the acronym:

[TCLOCK checklist](#)

SB BMW Riders Calendar

- ❖ Monday, April 18: Monthly meeting at Creekside Restaurant & Bar, 4444 Hollister Ave., Santa Barbara. Meeting starts at 6 p.m. Get there at 5:30 if you want to order dinner.
- ❖ Monday, May 16: Monthly meeting at Creekside Restaurant & Bar, 4444 Hollister Ave., Santa Barbara. Meeting starts at 6 p.m.
- ❖ Saturday, April 23: Tech Day at Marten's shop in Carpinteria. See info on Page 3. Contact Marten for more information: marten@cox.net
- ❖ Any other activities or rides scheduled, let me know! djkrohn@cox.net

SB BMW Riders Election Results

From the March meeting, here are the Board Member election results:

- President: Steve Miller
- Vice-President: Cody Cook
- Treasurer: Chuck Beattie
- Secretary: Diane Krohn
- Michael will continue as Webmaster and Diane will continue as Newsletter editor.
- At Large: John Alexander, Bob Phinney and Oscar Zavala.

April Tech Day Saturday, April 23

Marten will be hosting a Tech Day on Saturday, April 23, from around 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you want to change oil, let Marten know. There will also be a swap meet, so bring items that you would like to exchange. The location will be his shop at 516 Palm Avenue, Carpinteria. Contact Marten for more information: marten@cox.net.

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Upcoming Events

- April 14-17: Horizons Unlimited Travellers Meeting, Mariposa, CA. This event features workshops, presenters and lots of information for two-wheeled travel. [Horizons Unlimited](#)
- May 13-15: MOA Getaway at Los Osos, CA. [BMW MOA Getaway Los Osos](#)
- May 20-22: Overland Expo West, Flagstaff, AZ. [Overland Expo West](#)
- May 22: Distinguished Gentleman's Ride. This is an annual world-wide event to raise funds to support men's health. Ride your classic or vintage motorcycle and dress the part! [Distinguished Gentleman's Ride](#)
- May 26-30: 49er Rally, Quincy, CA. This is a favorite rally of our members. **Early bird registration is open until April 30** and includes the Saturday night dinner. [49er Rally](#)
- June 16-18: BMW MOA National Rally, Springfield, MO. [BMW MOA National Rally 2022](#)
- June 16-18: Annual Chief Joseph Rally, John Day, OR. [Chief Joseph Rally 2022](#)
- July 21-24: Top O' the Rockies Rally, Paonia, CO. This is the 50th anniversary of this rally. [Top O' the Rockies Rally](#)

Road to Nira and Davy Brown is Open

As of March 31, the road to Davy Brown and Nira is open. The Los Padres National Forest officials announced that the extensive stream restoration project on Munch and Davy Brown Creeks in the Sisquoc River watershed has been completed and the road is open. Davy Brown and Nira Campgrounds are now open again.

The work started in the autumn of 2021. The three degraded low-water road crossing were removed on Upper Sunset Valley Road (Forest Road 8N09), and two crossings were replaced with channel-spanning bridges to improve passage for the endangered Southern California steelhead trout. The third crossing was decommissioned and returned to its natural state.

The project was successful due to many partnerships with several other organizations, including the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Santa Barbara County, California Conservation Corps, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians. A portion of cost-recovery settlements from the Zaca and Piru Fires were used to fund this \$4 million project.

Read more about the project here: [Davy Brown and Nira Road reopened](#)



Above: The newly-built lower bridge near Nira campground. It is unlikely that we will miss the slippery crossing that used to be here!

Motorcycles and Sidecars on Santa Cruz Island!

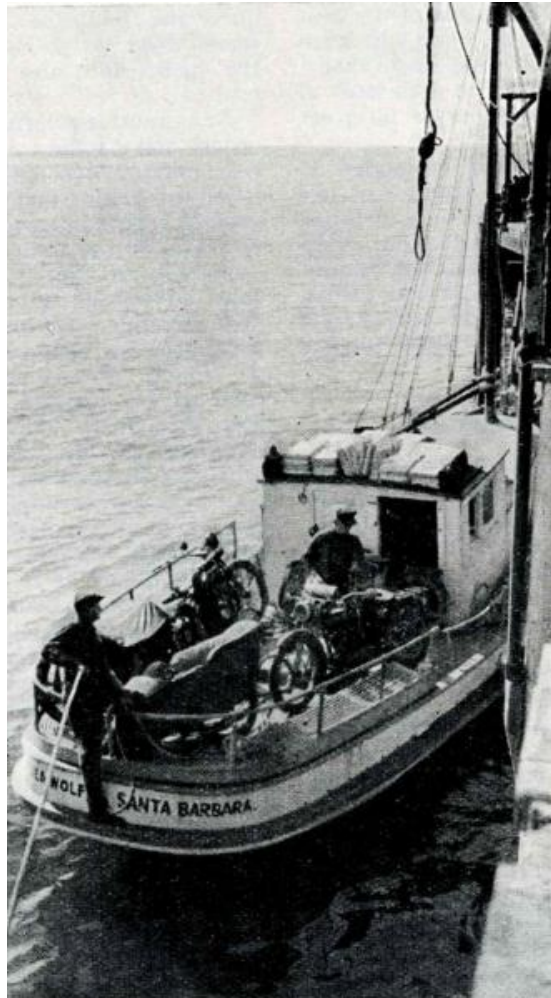
Note: Wayne is supporter and does volunteer work for the Santa Cruz Island Foundation (SCIF) and receives the interesting writings of SCIF Board Member Marla Daily. The following article was written by Marla Daily and the accompanying photographs are courtesy of Marla.

HUNTING WILD BOARS ON SANTA CRUZ ISLAND, 1923

By Marla Daily



Faithful readers will recall that pigs were introduced to Santa Cruz Island by James M. Box in 1853, despite persistent rumors they were left on the island by the Spanish [CurCor #52]. Left to free-range as a feral population, the wild boar population grew to include sizeable individuals, and hunting them became a well-known and potentially dangerous island sport. Seventy years after their introduction, the leader of a hunting party reported on his island adventure in Wide World Magazine in 1923. Here is his story:



*Sea Wolf, Capt. Ira Eaton, took three hunters
and their motorcycles to Santa Cruz Island.*

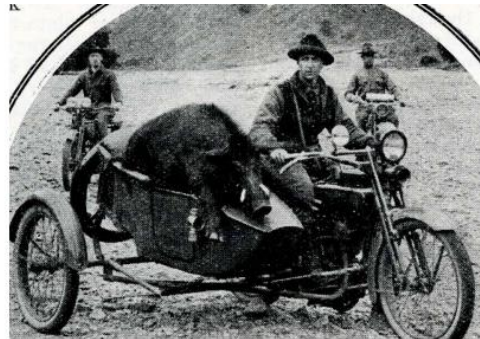
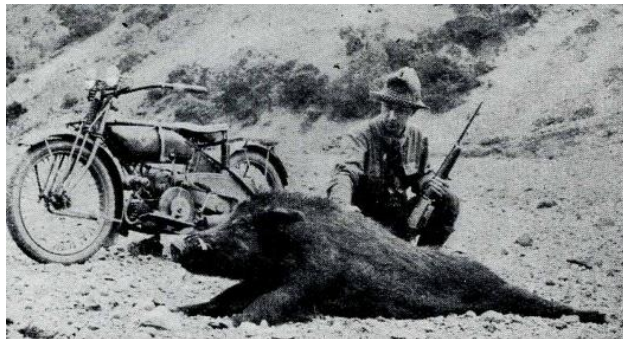
In 1923, three friends, J. E. Hogg, 'Pinkey' Gay and Mr. Johnston, set out for a two-week hunting trip to Santa Cruz Island. Equipped with sidecars on their motorcycles, and plenty of supplies to last their camp for half a month, they hired Captain Ira Eaton to drop them off at Prisoners' Harbor and return in two weeks' time to retrieve them.

By invitation of the Caire brothers, Arthur and Fred, the trio was afforded island hospitality beyond their expectations. They made their way to the Main Ranch, where Cuate Espinosa, the island's oldest vaquero, was assigned as their guide. He was accompanied by "four boar dogs, little fellows of the terrier breed, scarred from head to foot from previous encounters with wild boars." They answered to Pistola, Tomasio, Jerito and Miguel.



J. E. Hogg, Pinkey Gay and Mr. Johnstone making their way up the canyon to the Main Ranch.

With Cuate in one sidecar, mumbling about his preference for a horse, and the four dogs in the other sidecars, they motored off, headed to Rancho del Sur. Abandoning their vehicles at the ranch gate, they set out on foot, following the dogs on a run after fresh pig scent. Shortly thereafter, “Pinkey floored a fine-looking meat pig” and J.E. Hogg bagged his first wild boar—a huge black tusker that “weighed five hundred pounds if he weighed an ounce, and it was as much as the four of us could do to budge him.” Cuate gutted him, reducing his weight to four hundred pounds, and even then he “flattened the springs down against the chassis” of the sidecar.



“Bringing home the bacon.”



In a few days' time, the hunters had taken the heads off five boars, quartered hams and chops for Cuate, killed a skunk and skinned two foxes. By the end of their two-weeks stay, J.E. Hogg reported: "All too quickly our days on the island slipped away, and at last time came for us to begin thinking about breaking camp and moving down to Prisoners' Harbor to meet Captain Eaton and the *Sea Wolf*. We had eighteen pairs of boar tusks, and several fine heads prepared for the taxidermist."

With motorcycles and gear secured aboard *Sea Wolf*, Hogg comments "As we sailed out into that placid indigo ocean, with the highest peaks of Santa Cruz gradually sinking below the horizon, the island looked so peaceful and quiet that it took a long stretch of imagination to picture it as the abode of vicious wild boars."

NOTE: The last of the island's wild boars were eliminated in 2006, 153 years after they were introduced. ***Wild Boars and Cattle Thieves. Our Adventures on Santa Cruz Island*** Wide World Magazine 50:87-99, 1923.

For more information about the SCIF, the website can be found here: [Santa Cruz Island Foundation](#)

Mothership Survey

The BMW International Council of Clubs sent out short questionnaires to MOA Chartered Clubs. Chuck answered the questions for them, and he also submitted several photos of Club rides. Thanks, Chuck, for sending in the responses!

1. What year was the Club formed or organized? 1986
2. Approximately how many members do you have currently? 55
3. What is the mission or motto for work and life in your Club? Purpose:
 - Celebrate and share the joy and privilege of riding.
 - Promote enjoyment and interest in motorcycle ownership, riding skills, moto camping, touring and safety for those who appreciate BMW Motorcycles.
 - To exchange technical information and assistance among members and from appropriate outside sources.
 - At all times it shall be a Club objective to promote and present a positive image of motorcyclists to the general public, engaging in such activities and disseminating such information that will achieve this purpose.
4. What makes your Club or community special? Our members are special. They are some of the most friendly and helpful people anywhere.
5. What is your most important Club event of the year? Our summer BBQ is our biggest event with members and friends joining in for good times.
6. What excites your Club about the BMW brand? Technical quality and reliability.
7. Is there a moment or highlight that has left a lasting impression on your Club? The love of motorcycling and the BMW motorcycles have generated many great adventures and lasting friendships.

