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Member News and Rides

The May meeting at the Creekside Restaurant featured a hands-on tire patching practice, using several different techniques and products. There were about 17 attendees and two punctured tires.

Tanja, Steve and Cody camped in the Lockwood Valley area, at Pine Springs Campground. The route included Hudson Ranch Road (very foggy), Cerro Noroeste, and Lockwood Valley Road. From there, on Grade Valley Road, they went past Fishbowls Campground and encountered a couple of creek crossings. The first one was about 30" deep and Steve couldn't quite get across on his chosen path. Tanja found a solid gravel section in the center and crossed with no problem. The second creek was too deep, so everyone decided to turn around and go back to Pine Springs. The camping was nice, with no one else in the campground. Pine Springs is a first-come, first-serve campground with 12 sites: [Pine Springs Campground](#)

Tanja, Steve, Fran, Phil and Averill are planning on attending the 49er Rally in Quincy.

Deb, Phil, Averill, Phyllis and John W. will be at the National MOA rally in Springfield, MO. Phyllis and John will be greeting people at registration, as is their regular gig at the National rallies.

Chuck, Kim, Oscar and several others rode to NIRA as a day trip, and to check out the new

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bridges on Sunset Valley Road. They reported that it was a great day and they had the place to themselves. Pictures are on Pages 4-5.

Chuck, Kim and Oscar plan on going to Colorado for the Top O' the Rockies Rally in Paonia—pending good weather and no fires!

Cy informed us that his wonderful wife, Lindsley, had died. Thank you, Cy, for your touching and candid account. We give our sincere condolences to Cy and Lindsley's family.

*"To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die."
-----Thomas Campbell*

May Technical Topic: Patching Tires

Many members had expressed an interest in a hands-on session on patching tires, so the May meeting consisted of, first, manually puncturing two tires (it's harder than it seems it should be!); and second, repairing the punctures using a variety of techniques and materials.

Cody demonstrated with a simple set up that contained a tire reamer, plugs and a tool for insertion of the sticky plug. The tire reamer cleans out the hole and then enlarges it so plugs can be inserted. Glue is applied to the plug. This type of repair is supposed to be temporary, but no one in the Club had heard of it being a problem, although Phil mentioned that the BMW dealer in Santa Maria had seen problems with this type of repair.

Other members demonstrated different types of repair kits and the pros and cons of the various approaches were discussed. Reminder: once the glue tube is opened, the glue dries out quickly, so always carry a fresh, unopened tube of glue with you. The pre-vulcanized strings generally have a longer shelf life than the glue.

Phil had a Rocky Creek tire repair tool. This is made by Motopressor, and they make a repair kit and a repair tool. The kit contains the repair tool, repair strings, 3 CO₂ cartridges and an inflation tool. The repair tool has pliers, an insertion tool, a rasp and a knife.
[Motopressor repair kit](#) [Motopressor repair tool](#)

SB BMW Riders Calendar

- ❖ Monday, June 20: 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.
- ❖ July: Annual summer picnic, details TBA.
- ❖ Any other activities or rides scheduled, let me know! djkrohn1@gmail.com **Note my new email address.**

Stop & Go Kit: This kit contains a reamer, a probe tool, a hex wrench, and mushroom plugs. However, there seem to be reports of the plugs failing, because they get cut in half by the tire cords. [Stop & Go](#)

Slime tire plug kit: One of the most economical repair kits, this one contains a reamer tool, glue, strings, and a tire plugger tool. This kit (or similar) is readily found in auto parts stores. [Slime tire repair kit](#)

Dynaplug: This set contains a Dynaplug tool (acts as a reamer), solid plugs, insertion tubes, a few other accessories, and it comes in a small case. [Dynaplug](#)

Safety Seal: These kits come with a cord spreader, self-vulcanizing plugs and grease. The cord spreader performs the function of the reamer in other kits. The grease replaces the glue and has the advantage that it never dries out. [Safety Seal](#)

In general, almost all of the repair kits or tools come in their own small pouches or cases. Many of our members have tried different types and have found their best repair kits by mixing and matching tools, strings and grease.

Arizona Passes Lane Filtering Law

As of March 22, 2022, Arizona now allows legal lane filtering. The law is similar to lane filtering laws in Utah and Montana. The law allows riders to cruise slowly between lanes at speeds no faster than 15 mph if the other vehicles are stopped. The practice can only be done on roads posted at 45 mph or less, and riders cannot pass on the shoulder or the median. [Arizona Lane Filtering](#)

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Upcoming Events

- 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 7-8: Overland Expo Pacific Northwest, Redmond, OR. [Overland Expo Pacific Northwest](#)
- July 21-24: Top O' the Rockies Rally, Paonia, CO. This is the 50th anniversary of this rally. [Top O' the Rockies Rally](#)
- August 6: 22nd Annual 100,000 Foot Ride, Centennial, CO. [22nd Annual 100,00 Foot Ride](#)
- August 18-21: 24th Annual Beartooth Beemers Rendezvous, Red Lodge, MT. [24th Annual Beartooth Beemers Rendezvous](#)
- August 26: Overland Expo Mountain West, Loveland, CO. [Overland Expo Mountain West](#)
- September 16-18: MOA Getaway at Cedar City, Cedar City, UT. [MOA Getaway at Cedar City](#)
- September 30-October 2: Gathering of the Tribes in Sequoia National Forest. [Gathering of the Tribes Sequoia](#)

NIRA Day Trip

Photos by Kim and Chuck





Remembering Lindsley

Lindsley Wessberg, 1954-2022

Photos courtesy of Cy



