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Member News and Rides

The September meeting at the Creekside Restaurant had about 16 attendees.

Chuck has ordered two different styles of club hats. One style is all mesh, and the second style is solid fabric. The hats will have the Club logo on the front, but no website on the back of the hat.

Cody will be riding the Arizona Backcountry Discovery Route (BDR) in October, from Globe to Blanding, UT. You can watch a video of the route here: [Arizona BDR](#). The website for the AZ BDR is here: [AZ BDR](#). We expect to hear all about this trip from Cody at the November meeting!

Chris is traveling to Germany to spend a couple of weeks with **Dagi** and her family.

Marten, Steve, Fran, and **Cody** will be going to the Gathering of the Tribes airhead rally Sequoia National Forest. Lee Husband will also be attending.

Marten participated in the Alcan 5000 and told us all about his adventures at the meeting. This rally is a 10-day, 5,040-mile time-speed-distance event, with specific routes which must be ridden or driven at precisely the right rally-designated speeds. Details on Pages 5-6.

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Bob P. scheduled a group ride for September 7, but he was the only one there. His ride report and pictures are on Page 4. Bob also organized a ride to Lockwood Valley. Story and pictures are on Page 7.

Marten suggested having a Tech Day, possibly Saturday, October 29. Watch for further information on this. In the past, people have brought parts for sale, trade or giveaways, food to share—and even bikes to work on!

September Technical Topic: Aerodynamics

The topic for this meeting focused on airflow management: windscreens, or fairings. Steve thought that the only good thing about riding un-faired is that you sleep better at night due to fighting the wind all day!

Windscreens seemed to have improved about 10 years ago. They need to be of enough height to go over your head. The different designs can affect noise and handling. In some cases, you might need to try different brands and styles to determine what is optimum for your situation.

Oscar has an electronic fairing on his bike, and he can adjust it depending on conditions, but he still gets noise from the winglets.

Bob mentioned that he has put AeroFlow windscreens on both his bikes, and that has made a big difference with noise and airflow. [AeroFlow Screens](#)

Chuck said that he uses NoNoise Earplugs, with an attenuator in the middle. They dampen the noise but he can still hear conversations. [NoNoise Earplugs](#)

Helmets also matter. Different types of helmets have different seals which change airflow and noise. Steve has found that his Shoei Neotec II modular helmet is so quiet that he doesn't need earplugs except while he's on the freeway. [Shoei Neotec II Helmets](#)

SB BMW Riders Calendar

- ❖ Monday, October 17: 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, November 21: 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.
- ❖ Any other activities or rides scheduled, let me know! djkrohn1@gmail.com **Note my new email address.**



Bob P. found this photo of an R1200 GS owned by a Marine who had returned from combat. His wife had gifted him with some less dangerous adventure stuff.

Congratulations to Michael and Veronica!



Congratulations and best wishes to Veronica and Michael on their wedding! They got married in a beach ceremony at Casa Blanca on October 1. In lieu of physical gifts, donations to a honeymoon fund would be greatly appreciated. The honeymoon plans include a trip to the Greek Isles. You can donate, if you wish, via check or Venmo.com to account @MichaelKramerSB.



Upcoming Events

- October 20-23: Aerostitch Pop-Up Event, Pleasanton, CA. At this event, you can go and get sized for an Aerostitch suit, jacket or pants, or just get an in-person look at their merchandise. [Aerostitch Pop-Up Event](#)
- October 23-27: Adventure Training with West38Moto in Borrego Springs, Borrego Springs, CA. [Adventure Training with West38 Moto Borrego Springs](#)
- October 28-31: 25th Annual Bad to the Beach event at Manchester KOA. This is an Airheads event, camping at Manchester Beach in northern California. [Bad to the Beach Manchester](#)
- November 3-6: Pahrump NV ADV Rally, Pahrump, NV. [Pahrump NV ADV Rally](#)
- November 11-13: Salton Sea Rendezvous – Return to Mecca Beach. [Salton Sea Rendezvous](#)

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San Miguelito Canyon Ride Pictures and Story by Bob Phinney

So, what do you do if you schedule a group ride (September 7) and you are the only taker? You ride, that's what.



So, it being a hot day in the making, a back-road trip to Ragged Point was ditched for a ride along the coast to San Miguelito Canyon and the overlook at Sudden Road; perhaps there might be fog? Sometimes San Miguel Island is visible, and I could also check out the progress of the Strauss Wind Energy Project. Quoting from Dennis Allen's recent article in the *Santa Barbara Independent*, "Each Strauss platform is rated at 3.8 megawatts, the largest land-based turbine available in the U.S. Blades are 227 feet long, the towers 492 feet tall. Scheduled completion date is December this year."

I counted nine turbines (towers & blades) complete. While there, a tower base was being moved to an installation site. Three heavy diesel truck tractors were linked together pulling the tower's base on a flat 32-wheel trailer. Watching this was better than the grandkids' Legos, for sure.



The temperature at Surf Beach's Ocean Park was 68 °F. At 1 p.m. at Santa Rosa Road and Highway 101, it was 103 °F.

We live in an amazing place.



Marten's Ride in the Alcan 5000 Photos by Marten (except for one)

During our September meeting, Marten described his adventures in this year's Alcan 5000. This is a 10-day, 5,040-mile event which is a time-speed-distance (TSD) endurance rally. This isn't a race where the fastest team wins, but a precision event where competitors travel on public roads or trails, following specific routes at precisely the right rally-designated speeds. Teams with the closest time to their "perfect on-time" wins their respective class. There are both winter and summer events, but only the summer event is open to adventure motorcycles. For the 2022 summer event, there were 28 autos and 17 motorcycles.



Above: Marten's R100 ready for the Alcan 5000.

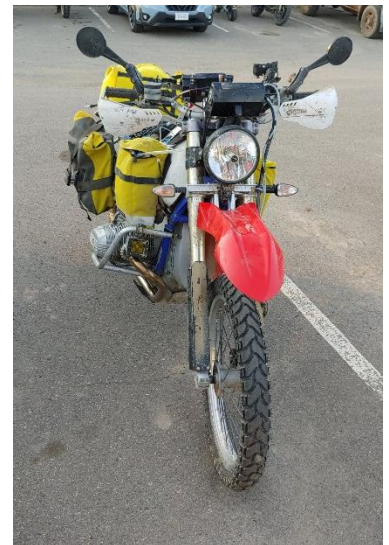
Unfortunately, Marten also crashed on this section of road. He was okay, but the bike had a broken headlight, shattered fender, and the handlebar risers had snapped off. Marten was able to quickly make enough repairs to get back on the road in less than 30 minutes. The bike was OK mechanically. In the town of Smithers, a helpful bike shop owner replaced the fender with a used Kawasaki fender and the headlight with a used H-D headlight.

On Day 4, Marten was able to ride on South Canol Road by himself and it was a very enjoyable ride.

On Day 5, many riders dropped out due to problems with the rally app. It had issues with re-setting every morning and showed false checkpoint times. This left many frustrated riders. Also, the winner of the past rally dropped out, leaving only 3 people, including Marten, to compete in the motorcycle class.

Marten left Santa Barbara on August 19 and headed for Seattle. Marten, with his friend Ed, left Seattle for the start of the rally on August 23. On Day 2, Ed crashed his bike (he was okay), but his front fairing and instruments were broken, so he dropped out of the rally.

Below: The bike after repairs done in Smithers.





Left: Riding on South Canol Road.

Below: Some of the roads were long, flat and boring!



The rally ended in Jasper. The best car was off by only 17 seconds! Marten was in 1st place for motorcycles; the previous time, he was in 4th place. Except for one section of road getting cancelled due to fires, the weather was otherwise good, with clear skies and some light rain. After the rally, Marten visited family in Canada and then continued back to Santa Barbara. His mileage total for the trip (getting there and back, and the rally mileage) was 8,000 miles.



*Marten on the rally route.
Photo by David Fox.*

You can read more details about the rally, and see more pictures, on ADV Rider, written by Marten: [I can you can Alcan](#)

Lockwood Valley Road Ride

By Bob Phinney

Photos by Oscar Zavala

At the September meeting, our president, Steve Miller, had mentioned that a run up to Lockwood Valley Road would be a good idea. Bob announced the ride for Wednesday, September 21. Steve, Oscar Zavala, Leo Bechstein, John Alexander and Phil Wilson met at the Chevron on La Cumbre at 9 a.m. Kevin King and Lee Husband joined us in Ojai.

It was like a magic day: clean, clear air with fresh asphalt on Lockwood Valley Road. On Highway 33 we came upon only 3 cars and each pulled over willingly! We took Highway 33 to Lockwood Canyon Road to Lake of the Woods and then Hudson Ranch Road west to its junction with 33/166. The views were all beautiful as the air was clean and clear but the areas are also very dry.

Kevin peaked in at the Carrizo Plain while the rest headed to the Buckhorn in New Cuyama. After lunch, Steve and Lee took Highway 33 back while Bob, John, Oscar and Phil rode west on Highway 166 to Tepusquet Canyon and Foxen Canyon on the way home.

It was as good as any 25-mile tour of back roads we could recall.

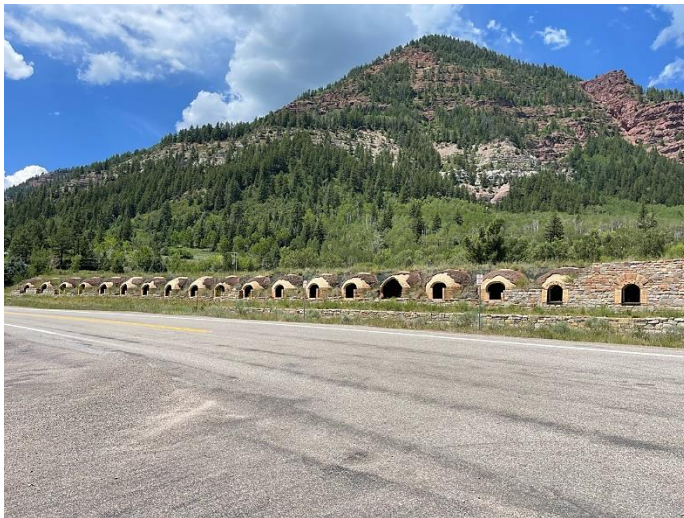
As John has said in the past: "Want to do it again?"



Chuck's Ride to Paonia Part 2: Paonia to Durango

Photos and words by Chuck Beattie

Redstone, July 21: We rode to Marble and then Redstone on Hwy 133 over McClure Pass. Jim and Bigfoot with ice cream in Redstone. Along the highway there were lot of coke ovens that were interesting to see.



Aspen, July 22: Jim and I took a ride from Paonia to Aspen to check out the old ski area. And it certainly is beautiful. The number of private jets at the airport were too many to count. As we were trying to leave our campground, Jim could not find the key for his bike. Yes, fortunately he had an Apple tag on his motorcycle key and had not yet lost his phone and was able to use the phone to tap and make the key tag make a noise so we could find it. Well, this led us down a very slippery slope. We are all geared up to go with helmets on and earplugs and everything and we're looking for the key. We can't hear the key because we have our helmets on and earplugs in. Take those off, have an additional search, or 17, and go through all the side cases and all the jackets and all of this and all of that and all the while the phone was always saying it's 2 to 3 feet away. Shortening a somewhat long story for the hunt for the key, it turns out Jim had put it in the wrong pocket of his riding pants and it slipped down between the outside fabric and the inside liner and was down around his ankle. Thus, the

mystery of why the key was always two feet away was solved!! The other mystery is: how smart were we - not figuring out that the key had to be on Jim's person - always 2 - 3 feet away???? So, getting undressed once again fishing the key out and making sure it still was the right one and placed in the right pocket, we were able to suit up again and get going for our little jaunt to Aspen.... It only took a "little" while...

Jim and I had smash burgers at the Aspen Pie Shop. Aspen has changed a bit from when I was there probably 50 years ago. All pretty high end. Beautiful. Maybe 100 private jets parked at the Aspen airport parked tip to nose, wing to wing. I've never seen planes parked so closely together. Imagine the headache of having to call operations to request your jet be fueled and ready for takeoff at 9 in the morning and 15 other jets have to be moved to get yours ready. Stressful! Being super wealthy can be so terribly stressful!!! So I've heard...



Back in Paonia, Enzo found a proper place for a "good" martini this evening. Oscar and Enzo went to Crested Butte today, with lunch at McGill's diner. The Chihuahua, Mexico BMW riders group have developed a relationship with the Colorado BMW riders group, kind of a sister club. I met a number of the riders that came to the rally here and they are a great bunch! Very welcoming. The band that played tonight was really good and fun. The BMW Motorcycle Club of Colorado did a fantastic job of putting on the rally. Very well coordinated. There were 650 registered attendees. The town of Paonia is very receptive to the rally and they do a lot of volunteer work for the rally. Example: high school kids and parents cook and sell breakfasts

with profits going to the next year graduating high school class.



July 23: Cimarron

Jim and I both rode down to the Black Canyon area but by different routes. Quite spectacular. I stopped at a little country store well known for its fabulous pies. Yep, I couldn't resist! Thank you, Lee S., for the recommendation!! It did not disappoint!



July 24, Ouray: Sunday morning, we packed up our camping gear and headed south, leaving Paonia. Going south on Highway 550 through Ouray, a really beautiful little town, it was too lopsided for us to park our bikes on the street so we kept going until we had a good overview of the town and stopped for a little photo session.



July 24: Silverton: We stopped for coffee in Silverton and explored a bit. As we were getting ready to head south, the sky opened up with a nice squall which was good for us to practice our rain riding skills in.

July 24: Durango: We arrived at the General Palmer Hotel in Durango this afternoon after riding thru some nice rain showers on twisty beautiful mountain roads. The steam engine train that goes from Durango to Silverton is really special and has a very special sound and whistle! Enzo said that the railyard has a complete foundry for building replacement parts that are no longer available. Would love to have seen the inner workings of that...



To be continued...