



# SANTA BARBARA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER

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## Member News and Rides

Our October meeting at the Creekside Restaurant had a turnout of about 12 attendees.

A Tech Day at Marten's was scheduled for and took place on Saturday, October 29. Pictures are on Pages 4-5.

A Club campout was scheduled for October 27-28 at Chuchupate Campground located off of Frazier Mountain Road.

**Chris** traveled to Germany and spent time with **Dagi** and her family. Pictures on Page 8.

**Veronica** and **Michael** took a mini-moon trip to Ragged Point and Big Sur after their wedding. They stayed at Deetjen's Big Sur Inn and highly recommend it (rustic but comfortable). Pictures, below and right, at the wedding and of their mini-moon vehicle (appropriately decorated).



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## October Technical Topic: GPS Navigation

Following an email exchange with various Club members about GPS navigation, Steve wanted to further discuss this topic. It seemed that everyone has a different take on the matter.

**Steve's summary of the discussion:** GPS units are good for finding street addresses, not so good for finding things like restaurants. They are outdated quickly as things change and they (or you) must pay a fee to update.

Google Maps is the best for being up to date and I believe they are the source for most GPS updates. Google is not good for dirt or offroad and you need to have cell coverage for most features.

BMW Motorrad Connected App for newer BMWs sounded good but is not 100% reliable in actual use. (Note: it only shows distance, and not street names.)

A car GPS is much cheaper than motorcycle types and works just as well at finding addresses. Just don't get it too wet.

We didn't talk much about offroad use but specific apps can work very well. Using USGS topo maps might be the best way to travel offroad. Avenza maps, for example, integrates well with these maps.

**Other comments from members:** Many members liked having the audio directions with a GPS, but some, like John A., do not use the audio and only look at the GPS screen.

## SB BMW Riders Calendar

- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Saturday, December 10: Annual Christmas holiday party, starting at 4 p.m. It will be at Wayne and Diane's house, 180 Nogal Drive, Santa Barbara (very close to the Creekside Restaurant). The Club will buy a ham and it will be potluck for sides and desserts. And, the every-popular and fun gift exchange! More information to come.
- ❖ Any other activities or rides scheduled, let me know! [djkrohn1@gmail.com](mailto:djkrohn1@gmail.com) **Note my new email address.**

Rever and Scenic are motorcycle route apps that can be used to create routes and record the route. Both are subscription services. Rever is good for dirt roads, but there is no grading on the app, so it's hard to tell if the road is passable. Steve mentioned that National Forest maps are good with road grading and difficulty.

A further discussion concerned whether you need bifocal glasses when viewing a phone or GPS. Many were OK with using bifocals or progressive lenses, but avoid polarized lenses. A sun visor also works well for sun protection that is not polarized.

Useful links for more information:

- [Rever](#)
- [Scenic Motorcycle Navigation](#)
- [Avenza Maps](#)
- [Beeline Navigation](#)
- [Motorcycle GPS Buyers Guide](#)

## Accident Scene Management Classes

The Northern California BMW Club had an interesting article in their October 2022 newsletter about Accident Scene Management (ASM)/Road Guardian classes. ASM is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide trauma training for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and motorcyclists. The Road Guardian program was started in 2010 to expand and support ASM's mission to reduce injuries and fatalities.

A number of classes are offered and are taught by nurses, EMT's or paramedics. The most popular class is the 100 Series Basic class, "Basic Accident Scene Management: A Crash Course for Motorcyclists." This is a 7-hour class that teaches what to do in the first 5-30 minutes after a crash until professional help arrives. It teaches helmet removal, jaw thrust rescue breathing, moving the injured and controlling bleeding. The skills are taught and practiced.

The 300 Series is "Advanced Bystander Assistance." This is also a 7-hour class that teaches advanced airway management, assistance with EMS with extrication, femoral traction, and more.

Unfortunately, classes are not taught in California. Classes are available in Reno, NV and Tucson, AZ, among other locations. Classes range from \$99-\$150, depending on the location and number of students.

## Upcoming Events

- November 11-13: Salton Sea Rendezvous – Return to Mecca Beach. [Salton Sea Rendezvous](#)
- March 22-26, 2023: ADV Rider Death Valley Noobs Rally, Panamint Springs. This is the 16<sup>th</sup> year anniversary! [Death Valley Noobs Rally 2023](#)

For those of you who have taken basic First Aid classes, or Wilderness First Responder courses, the information in the 100 Series may not give you new information, but a refresher course, especially one specifically for motorcycle riders, is always useful.

ASM classes offered: [Road Guardians Schedule](#)

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## Tech Day, October 29

### Photos by Chuck





*As per Chuck: Marilyn gets the award for the most far-flung sticker collection on her bike cases!*

## Ride to Los Alamos, October 19

By Bob Phinney

It turned out to be a beautiful, clear but way-warm day; 97 degrees in Los Alamos and in Buellton.

Keith Cobell, Robert Crego, Thomas Graner, Steve Miller, Bob Phinney and Kim Puliti left the Chevron on La Cumbre at 9:30. There were only two vehicles in front of us on the way up Highway 154. Amazingly, both pulled over! At the summit, we took a left onto Stagecoach Road; just us on this short, fun twisty. We rejoined Highway 154.



We then stopped at the junction of Amour Ranch Road to pick up Phil Wilson on his side-car rig. A quick jaunt up Happy Canyon was supplemented by all of us making it over the slippery crossing of a weak flowing Cachuma Creek. We enjoyed a break in the shade at the junction with Figueroa Mountain Road. We again found shade in Los Olivos, where we were joined by Phil's little brother, Doug Wilson.



At Charlie's, the Wilson brothers well-put together sidecar rigs took center stage.

Burgers, burritos and conversation made for a good lunch.

After lunch, having noticed the open gates to the fire roads at Figueroa, Steve planned to ride back up Figueroa Road and check out Zaca Ridge Road; access to which is seldom open. As he said, when riding a road the other way, it is a different road. True. We look forward to his report.

*Left: Photo by Thomas Graner. Above: Photo by Kim Puliti.*

## Figueroa Mountain Road Comments and Photos by Steve Miller

I noticed the road to the top of the mountain was open today {October 19}. It has been many years since the gate was open so I rode to top to check out the views. And they were as good as I had remembered.



## Preparing for a Ride, German Style

Chris visits Dagi and family in Germany



*Off to a serious ride with Dagi's brother, Rudi.*



## Chuck's Ride to Paonia

### Part 3: Durango to Home --Santa Barbara

Photos and words by Chuck Beattie

**July 25: Dolores:** I took the opportunity to go visit an old friend, Barbara Prestridge and her



husband Skip at their place in Dolores, about an hour ride from Durango. I knew Barbara when she was a ski instructor, I think at Alta Utah, where she gave me the best skiing advice. It was a couple of miles on a loose gravel road, with a lot of it shaped like marbles, exciting stuff, to get to their place. Barbara is very artistic and does beautiful paintings, jewelry and all manner of interesting things. Skip is doing projects right and left, currently putting a second-story over the garage so he can have a man cave. Barbara has her woman cave above the first floor of the house for all her art projects. Check her site: <https://barbara-prestridge.pixels.com/>



I had the best time talking with them both, catching up about their lives, and enjoying the view from their front porch which is quite phenomenal. Skip is an accomplished builder and has a great shop with all

the right tools. One of his coolest inventions is a 10-section mouse trap that is really clever.



Skip told me about the Galloping Goose, a school bus made into a train that he helps run from time to time. They put it on a flatbed and take it to Durango to load it on a track and take passengers on private trips. It has a five-speed transmission with a six-cylinder gas engine, no steering wheel, a clutch and a handbrake. The local train museum is a gem.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Galloping\\_Goose\\_\(railcar\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Galloping_Goose_(railcar))



**July 26: Teec Nos Pos: Four Corners.**



**July 26: Flagstaff:**

On the way to Flagstaff with the last part in the rain. Enzo has the best rain suit! Highly visible.

We were lucky with the weather and dodged the really bad parts. We could see the damage from heavy rain as we rode toward town. Quite a bit of mud run off, damaged side roads, etc. Dinner at Fat Olives. In spite of being a Guy Fieri recommended restaurant, I didn't get the pop or the zing that I expected with the food. The service and features were great though.



**July 27: Kingman:** This is a great Mexican restaurant! I would love to eat here again!



**July 27: Needles:** It was cool and rainy when we left Flagstaff around seven in the morning. We went out Route 66 from Seligman to get away from the heavy traffic on I-40. Rain showers kept it cooler. The last part of the ride got pretty warm with 107 °F being the high that we registered. Really glad to pull into the motel and cool down.



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**July 28: Santa Paula:** We stopped at a favorite restaurant, Rabalais Bistro, for shrimp and grits and other things. Nice wrap up for a great trip together. It was a pleasure riding with each of you!!!



**July 28: Santa Barbara:** We left needles at 6:10 and arrived back home at 2 PM. The last part is always a push and thankfully it wasn't too hot on the way back. And a wonderful greeting on the kitchen counter for us! Great trip!

