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Member News and Rides

Our December Christmas Holiday party was held on Monday, December 12 at Wayne and Diane's house. Originally scheduled for Saturday, December 10, it had to be re-scheduled due to the rain forecast. We had a nice gathering of about 17 people, with lots of great food and a fun White Elephant gift exchange. Pictures of the party are on Page 4.

Below: Christmas Holiday party, 2022. Front row: Eddie, Steve, Tanja, Marten, Oscar, Cy and Chris. Back row: Cody, Diane, Wayne, Veronica, Michael, Harvey, and Chuck. Photo by Joan. Randy and Marilyn left early, but they were also at the party.

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What to Read?

Shorter winter days and rainy days (at least we are getting some rain!) means less riding time; but maybe more planning time, more wrenching time, and more reading time. We all probably have our favorite motorcycle-oriented books, but there's always a few more to add to the list.

For a comprehensive look at the history of BMW motorcycles, there is *BMW Motorcycles: The Evolution of Excellence* (2006), by Kevin Ash. This book follows the development of BMW motorcycles from 1917 up to about 2006. It includes photos used courtesy of BMW Motorrad.

Another book about BMW's is *The Complete Book of BMW Motorcycles: Every Model Since 1923* (2015), by Ian Falloon. This book covers every model from the R32 to the S 1000 RR.

The classic travel-around-the-world book is *Jupiter's Travels: Four Years on One Motorbike* (1979), by Ted Simon; and the follow-up book, *Dreaming of Jupiter* (2008), where Simon re-traces his original route.

A different viewpoint of the single rider on an around the world travel is *Lone Rider: The First British Woman to Motorcycle Around the World* (2017), by Elspeth Beard. Beard left London in 1982 and set off on a 35,000-mile solo ride on her 1974 BMW R60/6.

And last, of course, the classic for world travelers is *Two Wheels Through Terror: Diary of a South American Motorcycle Odyssey* (2004), by Glenn Heggstad. Be sure to read this book **after** you have returned from your South American travels.

SB BMW Riders Calendar

- ❖ Monday, January 16: 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, February 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.
- ❖ Any other activities or rides scheduled, let me know! djkrohn1@gmail.com **Note my new email address.**

Happy New Year!!

Thank you to everyone who has submitted pictures, ride reports and interesting articles for the newsletter! I really appreciate those submissions. Please, keep them coming and don't feel intimidated by the idea of writing up a ride or trip report. Be bold!

I also want to thank everyone in the Club for just being a really nice group of folks. Wayne and I enjoy every meeting and get-together. Maybe the ad should have been: "You meet the nicest people on a BMW." ☺

Here's to a new year, new adventures, new acquaintances, and continuing to do fun things with friends old and new.



Highway 1 News

Much to no one's surprise, Highway 1 is closed due to the recent storms. The closure is just north of the elephant seal area at San Simeon. This means that you cannot get to Ragged Point coming from the south.

With the next atmospheric river that happened this week, more closures can be expected.

From the Caltrans website: The slide occurred approximately a mile south of Ragged Point. The slide will likely result in closure of Highway 1 at this location for several weeks to months depending on the weather. This location is referred to as Polar Star.

Ragged Point is effectively cut off from access from the south due to the Polar Star slide.

The southern closure of Highway 1 will remain at the elephant seal viewing area, approximately 10 miles south of Ragged Point and four miles north of San Simeon.

The northern limit for the Highway 1 closure remains just south of Deetjen's Big Sur Inn in Monterey County.

Caltrans has also entered into a \$750,000 emergency contract with Souza Construction for repairs at Polar Star. The contractor is mobilizing, and assessments are ongoing.

Caltrans information: [Caltrans Big Sur Info](#)

Upcoming Events

- March 9-12: Death Valley Rendezvous, annual Airhead Rally at Furnace Creek, Death Valley, CA. [Death Valley Rendezvous Airhead Rally](#)
- March 18-19: BMW NorCal Annual Death Valley campout, Furnace Creek, Death Valley, CA. [BMW NorCal Annual Death Valley Camping](#)
- March 22-26, 2023: ADV Rider Death Valley Noobs Rally, Panamint Springs. This is the 16th year anniversary! [Death Valley Noobs Rally 2023](#)

"You can reduce your anxiety somewhat by facing the fact that there isn't a mechanic alive who doesn't louse up a job once in a while. The main difference between you and the commercial mechanics is that when they do it you don't hear about it—just pay for it, in additional costs prorated through all your bills. When you make the mistakes yourself, you at least get the benefit of some education."---Robert Pirsig

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Open Tuesday- Friday, 8 a.m. to 6p.m.
Saturday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Christmas Holiday Party 2022

Photos by Chuck and Joan



Clockwise, above: The group on the outdoor patio; Tanja looks over the inviting spread; more of the group; the guys are impressed by Wayne's ginormous new shop space.

Freebies!

1) BIG RED T64017 Torin Hydraulic Powersports Lift Jack

- Ideal solution to your motorcycle, snowmobile, ATV, and UTV lifting needs
- Features a lifting range of 5-1/8" to 16-1/8"
- 3/4 ton (1,500 lb) load capacity
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- Intended for the powersports enthusiast for maintenance or even lifting for off-season storage



Contact Wayne for either or both items:

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805.403.6295.

2) Touratech waterproof tank bag cover



Jalama Christmas, 2022

Photo courtesy Kim Puliti



Tent Space Visitor



In October, we hosted motorcycle traveler Grace, here shown with her Honda CB500X. She was a fun guest, with lots of interesting stories. She stopped by while making her way down the coast. She has been wandering all over the western states and parts of Canada. Her blog is here: [The Graceful Renegade](#)