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Member News and Rides

The March meeting at the Creekside had about 24 attendees. In addition to the Technical Topic by Steve, several upcoming events were also discussed.

Deb, Steve, Fran, Phil and Tanja are planning on attending the 49er Rally.

Chuck has reserved a spot for 15 tents at the MOA National Rally in Redmond, OR, June 13-15. The 49er Rally, in Mariposa, CA, is May 23-27, so some members may be going to the 49er Rally on their way to the National.

Cody has planned for a campout at Carrizo Plain, April 19-21. The campsite is KCL Campground, where we have camped before. More information on Page 4.

Chuck has planned a Club event at the Hacienda Lodge at Fort Hunter-Liggett, May 3-5. More information on Page 4.

Oscar talked about a possible late summer or early fall Club event: Riding the Sierra passes, which generally are only open in mid-to late summer, especially this year!

There are 5 passes that cross from the eastern side to the western side: Tioga Pass, Sonora Pass, Monitor Pass, Ebbetts Pass and Carson Pass. They could be ridden in 3-4 days to make a long weekend of it. Oscar suggested spending one night in Fresno, then one night in Lee

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Vining, then one night in Angels Camp, then one night in Kirkwood.

Steve suggested staying in one place, for example, Sonora, and use that as a base camp for the pass riding. Sonora has a number of hotels and restaurants. Other towns in the Sierra foothills are also possible places to use as a base camp.

This plan is still in the development stage, so start thinking about more specific dates and logistics.

Information about the passes: [Sierra Mountain Passes](#)

Technical Topic: Numb Hands

Steve started this discussion by mentioning that he just thought having numb hands was part of motorcycling—but, it turns out, it is not necessarily so! If the nerves in your hands or elbow are compressed, then you will experience hand numbness. The two nerves affected are the radial and ulnar nerves in the hands. Having your arms straight in front of you is usually okay, but if your arms are locked, then the nerves can be compressed. Putting weight on the hands also compresses the nerves.

Marten mentioned that pressure from the wind can cause you to bend your neck, and then you can get numb hands from that. A windshield can help significantly with neck and hand problems. Risers can also help.

Oscar said that the right type of gloves has made a difference for him. But gloves with plastic finger protectors can also contribute to numbness, so be aware of that aspect.

Michael added that wrist rockers can help, too, as you can rest your hand on the platform.

And, as always, stopping and taking a break can help with hand numbness, sore necks, road fatigue, sleepiness and empty stomachs. You might also find some scenery to enjoy.

SB BMW Riders Calendar

- ❖ Monday, April 15: Monthly meeting at Creekside Restaurant & Bar, 4444 Hollister Ave., Santa Barbara. Meeting starts at 6:15 p.m. Get there at 5:30 if you want to order dinner.
- ❖ Monday, May 20: Monthly meeting at Creekside Restaurant & Bar, 4444 Hollister Ave., Santa Barbara. Meeting starts at 6:15 p.m. Get there at 5:30 if you want to order dinner.
- ❖ Saturday, April 6: Tech Day. See below for details.
- ❖ Friday-Sunday, April 19-21: Carrizo Plain Campout. See Page 4 for details.
- ❖ Friday-Sunday, May 3-5: Fort Hunter-Liggett and the Hacienda. See Page 4 for details.
- ❖ Any other activities or rides scheduled, let me know! djkrohn1@gmail.com

Spring Tech Day

Due to the weather, the Tech Day that had been scheduled for March 30 has been re-scheduled to **Saturday, April 6.**

The location is 516 Palm Avenue, Carpinteria, CA, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bring your projects, questions and your friends. Please park on the right side of the property to leave room for the Honey Café customers.

Contact Marten for more info: 805.455.0135.

Road Updates

Highway 1: Well, to absolutely no one's surprise, Highway 1 is still not open, and now has some additional closures. The section at Paul's Slide remains closed, with the northbound direction closed at Limekiln State Park. Regent's Slide closes the road sections between Big Creek Reserve and Esalen. Rocky Creek Slide closes the road south of Palo Colorado Road and north of Bixby Bridge Creek.

In other words, don't bother trying to ride the section of Highway 1 between Cambria and Monterey (unless you just want to ride to Ragged Point for lunch).

Highway 33: Wayne and I just drove Highway 33 about 2 weeks ago, and it is open. There are five one-way controlled traffic, single-lane sections, with wait times varying between 3 minutes maximum to 15 minutes maximum. Traffic level was very light on a Friday afternoon.

Nacimiento Fergusson Road: Construction is currently in process. It may be open by August 2024. Photo below shows some of the construction.



Upcoming Events

- May 23-27: 2024 49er Rally, Mariposa, CA. [2024 49er Rally](#)
- May 30: Motorcycle Travel Presentation at Irv Seaver BMW with Sam Manicom, Orange, CA. [Travel Event at Irv Seaver](#)
- June 6-9: Mighty 190 Rally, Camp Nelson, CA. [Mighty 190](#)
- June 13-15: BMW MOA National Rally, Redmond, OR. [BMW 2024 Rally.](#)
- June 20-23: Chief Joseph Rally, John Day, OR. [Chief Joseph Rally](#)
- July 18-21: 52nd Annual Top O' the Rockies Rally, Paonia, CO. [52nd Annual Top O' the Rockies Rally](#)
- July 27: BMW Nor Cal campout, Quaking Aspens campground, Sequoia Natl. Park. [Quaking Aspens campout](#)

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SB BMW Riders Spring Events

Thanks to planning by Cody and Chuck, we've got two upcoming events this spring.

Carrizo Plains Roundup

Ride out for two nights in Carrizo Plains National Monument at KCL Campground, April 19th through the 21st. This vast grassland offers miles of flower blooms, dirt roads of all difficulties, the San Andreas fault, a soda lake, and wildlife, including antelope and elk, if you can find them. The surrounding area also has amazing riding opportunities in Los Padres National Forest. Come "hear the silence," and bring a tent and a chair for the campfire. The sites are first come first serve; we will try to grab several to have room for everyone. There is water and vault toilets at the campground.

For the low price of \$50, Friday and Saturday night dinner will be provided with a light breakfast Saturday and Sunday morning, depending on the libations consumed the night before. Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks will be provided. A short ride away, lunch dining opportunities can be found in the nearby towns of Taft, Pine Mountain Club, and New Cuyama.

From the south, there are 19 miles of hard-pack gravel road and possibly slow-moving sightseers enjoying the flower blooms. From Highway 58 in the north, there are 7 miles of hard-pack gravel road to the campground.

Please RSVP if you expect to eat! Send any questions to CodyTheWrenchCook@gmail.com or contact 515-681-2155. I will accept payments at the event, or you can Venmo me @Cody-Cook-191

The Hacienda at Hunter-Liggett

This SB BMW Riders Club event is scheduled from Friday, May 3rd to Sunday, May 5th. The Hacienda at Hunter Liggett is a famous place to stay and an interesting area to explore. The room information and prices are in the link below. Some rooms have a 2-night minimum.

<https://hunterliggett.armymwr.com/programs/historic-hacienda>

Call 831-386-2900, confirm availability for the room you are interested in, and **make your own reservation.**

Note: You will need reservation confirmation to gain access to Hunter Liggett Military Base upon arrival. Read ALL the info on the Hacienda website. Note that a Real ID and/or

passport is required, and you will be vetted through the local police department and the Army. Also, if you are a veteran, bring your veteran ID if you wish to go to the Commissary. Non-veteran friends may accompany you there.

Last thing, please send an email to Chuck if you plan to go to the Hacienda on the dates above so we will have a head count: chuckles44@gmail.com



Left: A big motorcycle crowd at Innovation Ale on Wednesday for the Northern California BDR movie. Members in attendance included Eddie, Cody and Christine, Juergen and Chuck.

Below, left: Pappa Lennon's pizzeria in Ojai is a gem! Oscar and Enzo agree.

Below: Enzo mumbling to himself: How does this thing work again??

Photos by Chuck.



Death Valley Rendezvous Story and Photos by Cody Cook

A friend, Shaun, and I trailered two bikes and my telescope to the rendezvous on Friday, March 8th. My Land Rover blew a plastic coolant fitting coming up Towne Pass right before Death Valley. I had tools, hose clamps, water, and steel tubing to fix it but it delayed us. Friday night was good campfire, camaraderie, and looking at the cosmos.

On Saturday, we drove the Land Rover out to the Racetrack Playa. The road is usually so washboarded that every nut and bolt in your vehicle will loosen up, but this time it was only mildly unpleasant. My friend donated a tea kettle at Tea Kettle Junction, and we carried on.

The Racetrack Playa is disorienting, it is so big and flat. While walking, your destination gets a little bit bigger and your start gets a little bit smaller, and nothing else gives you a sense of progress.





The mysterious sailing stones are at the south end of the playa. Their trails were long, rarely straight, and sometimes going different directions. The whole experience on this playa is otherworldly.



We returned to Furnace Creek. The trip was taking about 6 hours, and decided we needed to see the temporary Lake Manly on the bikes. We rode down towards Badwater, and we were not disappointed. The sunset views and mirrored expanse went on for miles. Even the 100+ people partaking in the views were a footnote to the scene.



That night, with the help of David Hollingsworth, we explored the heavens, located a comet and found nebulas and galaxies to ooh and ahh at. It's going to be hard to top that day.

