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Member News and Rides

The November meeting at the Creekside had about 20 attendees.

Cody planned a weekend campout on November 16-17, at Carrizo Plain. The group started with 10 bikes and 11 riders, then slowly whittled down to 5, and ended up with 3: Cody, Steve and Fran. They camped at Selby Campground. Carrizo was very quiet—and very cold that night! Pictures and more information about the ride and campout are on Pages 6-7.

Cody also attended the Airhead Salton Sea campout. It had about 30 people. From there, Cody rode to Bombay Beach, then Joshua Tree and Twentynine Palms.

Pippa took a trip to Columbia, where she rented a Honda 190. She had a guide and one of the places they rode to was an emerald mining area. Pippa was there for 15 days and reported that the riding was spectacular and the areas they were in were not touristy. It sounded like a wonderful trip!

Chuck asked members for ideas on Club activities. Everyone agreed that the Autumn ride and BBQ was really good. Other possible

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rides that were mentioned were the Petersen Auto Museum (not the greatest riding to it; carpooling might be better); and the Solvang Vintage Motorcycle Museum.

Looking northward, there is the Jameson's Classic Motorcycle Museum in Pacific Grove, and the Moto Talbott Motorcycle Museum in Carmel Valley.

Note that the Vintage Auto Museum in Oxnard, which became the Mullin Automotive Museum, closed in February 2024.

Technical Topic: Rider Smoothness

How do you become a smoother rider? The general consensus of the members was that most smooth riding is about being aware of what's around you and continually planning ahead. Noting potential hazards, assessing the situation, planning, and then executing the maneuver before accelerating away. Being mindful and conscious of what you are doing.

Steve talked about looking ahead 3-5 seconds makes for smoother riding. Cody mentioned that track days help with looking ahead and not right in front of you.

Wayne remembered a saying, which is a philosophy of the US Special Operations Forces: "Slow is smooth, and smooth is fast." The same philosophy applies to motorcycle riding!



Christmas Holiday Party

Our annual Christmas Holiday party will be **Saturday, December 14**, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. It will be at Wayne and Diane's house, 180 Nogal Drive, Santa Barbara, about two blocks away from the Creekside Restaurant.

The Club will provide a ham, turkey, plates, cutlery and non-alcoholic beverages.

SB BMW Riders Calendar

- ❖ Saturday, December 14: Annual Christmas Holiday party. See details on this page.
- ❖ Monday, January 20, 2025: Monthly meeting at Creekside Restaurant & Bar, 4444 Hollister Ave., Santa Barbara. Meeting starts at 6:00 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

Members are asked to bring a potluck dish to share and beverages of their choice.

We will also have our White Elephant gift exchange. Bring a wrapped gift (no names on it) of about no more than \$25 in value. Think motorcycle-, camping- or travel-related items. Random items have also shown up at times!

There is room for motorcycle parking in the driveway, so riding your bike here is encouraged. Limited car parking is available in the driveway, but otherwise, parking will need to be on the main road (not the private road). *If you park in the private drive, you must leave enough room for a fire truck to get by.*

We will be eating outside on the patio; dress warmly or bring layers. The weather could be sunny and warm or cool and overcast.

Hope to see everyone there!



Road Openings and Closures

After 4 years of being closed, the **Nacimiento-Fergusson Road** is open as of November 15, the first time since January 2021! The road is completely open, but any dirt roads maintained by the Forest service remain closed, including South Coast Ridge Road and Plaskett Ridge Road. The cost of the repairs and construction was \$12 million. The improvements are mechanically stabilized earth walls, new and upsized culverts, and surface contouring to ensure water is directed off the road.

Highway 1 remains closed just north of Lucia and remains closed 40 miles south of Carmel, due to the Regents Slide. The date of re-opening this section is unknown at this point because of continued cracking and land movement.

However, with the re-opening of Nacimiento-Fergusson, it's possible to now ride a loop trip north on Highway 1, then east on Naci-Ferg, then back to Santa Barbara on Highway 101/1 or any other combinations.



Upcoming Events

- December 7-8: BMW NorCal campout at Salt Point, CA. [Salt Point Campout](#)
- February 21-22, 2025: BMW NorCal Campout at Plaskett Creek, Big Sur, CA. [Plaskett Creek Campout](#)
- March 6-9: Airheads Death Valley Rendezvous, Furnace Creek, Death Valley. [Airheads Death Valley Rendezvous](#)
- March 19-23: ADV Rider Death Valley Noobs Rally 2025, Panamint Springs Resort, Death Valley. [ADV Rider Death Valley Noobs Rally](#)
- March 27-30: BMW NorCal Death Valley campout, Furnace Creek, Death Valley. [Death Valley Campout](#)

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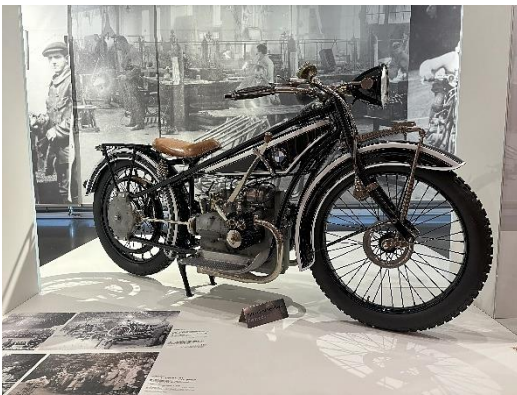
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BMW Museum in Munich Pictures and Story by Cody Cook



During a trip to Germany to support a relative at the Berlin marathon and then a few days in Munich to partake in the well-known Oktoberfest, I was able to spend a few hours at the BMW Museum and Weld. The museum houses cars, motorcycles, aero engines, and all kinds of displays of BMW's history. The Weld is best described as a corporate show room. All of the company's latest offerings are on display and even available for test drives or rides. This even includes the Mini and Rolls-Royce brands.



The museum has several levels and rooms are numbered to provide a sequential path. Near the beginning is a walkway next to a wall of suspended motorcycles (and scooters) that spans several floors, and you will pass by it several times at different heights. As you wind through the exhibits you will encounter great examples of the marque's two- and four-wheel racing history, cutaway engines from cars, bikes, airplanes, and even marine applications. A wide variety of cars, racing, production, and concepts are displayed



along with art installations that represent or are made from the brands parts.



The German people do not turn a blind eye to their dark history. One exhibit room thoroughly details the information BMW has of the forced laborers during WWII. Names, biographies, and correspondence from these prisoners is on full display next to a room with a colorful Isetta and 2002.



After browsing the gift shop, the only interesting books I found were in German, so I crossed the street to the Weld.

Where the museum was a clean, white, modernist display of the past and a bit of the present, the Weld is a sleek, enormous space at the bleeding edge of technology and modern design. While I witnessed two men chastised by an attendant in the museum for touching a car on display while he wiped off their fingerprints, here in the Weld you are encouraged to climb on and get a feel for the latest offerings from the Motorrad or get behind the wheel of a

new car, even go for a drive. Only a couple of vehicles were roped off including the new R1300GS Adventure, a top-of-the-line Rolls-Royce, and some custom/concept cars.

Several cafés and restaurants were available, including one operated only by robotics. Various interactive robots wandered the floor to the delight of the children there that day and the store carrying branded lifestyle gear was busy. Unfortunately, there was little in the way of riding gear available to check out.

Anyone passing through Munich who overlooks this visit is cheating themselves on a great experience. Afterwards, grab an Augustiner Maß at a Biergarten and enjoy your time in Deutschland!



Carrizo Plain Campout

Pictures by Cody

(Note: Cody, Steve, and Fran regaled us at the November meeting with tales about the Carrizo Plain campout on November 16-17.)

The ride there started out with 10 bikes and 11 people. They rode up Highway 33 to Wolf's Grill (previously the Pine Mountain Inn) for a short stop. The temperature was in the 40's and there was snow on the trees. Another stop was at Ozena Station, then Lockwood Valley Road and Lake of the Woods. At this point, they were down to 5 bikes. Cody, Steve, and Fran went down Quatal Canyon Road and eventually made their way to Selby Campground, as the only 3 left. It was a chilly night! Cody fixed hot toddies to warm everybody up.

On Sunday, they rode to Wallace Creek, then on to Elkhorn Road and then Hurricane Road to Taft. The silt on Hurricane Road was extremely challenging. Steve and Fran, riding two-up, had a very exciting ride up a steep, silty hill. *(Remember, adventure is discomfort recounted at leisure!)*



Above: 10 bikes and 11 people just before Highway 33's peak. Sunny but quite chilly.

Right: The bikes had a light coating of frost still on at Selby Campground and this was the warmest campground option!





Above: Steve and Fran recovering after a spill in the silt on Hurricane Road leaving Carrizo Plain.

Below: Nighttime at Selby Campground.

