



# SANTA BARBARA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER

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## A Note From the Editor

Hello and welcome!

As the new newsletter editor, I am looking forward to getting to know the members of the Santa Barbara BMW Riders club.

A little bit about me: I'm a relative newbie to motorcycles. I passed the MSF class and got my motorcycle license in 2004, but my usual spot is 2-up with my partner Wayne, on our 2005 R1200GS. We've ridden all over the U.S. on the bike, into Canada and up to Alaska. We typically do 1 or 2 long trips per year on the bike, with some shorter rides in-between. Last May, we rode to Chicago via Oregon, Wyoming, South Dakota, and Iowa (yes, we ran into some snow!); and returning via Route 66. It was a good trip, but our rain gear got more of a workout than it did even for our Alaska trip.

With this newsletter, I hope to get information about planned rides, stories about past rides and lots of pictures to our members and other interested BMW riders in the community. So, please send me info about rides and pictures of scenery, bikes, and members. Comments, letters, and suggestions are also welcome!

Cheers!

Diane

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*Our faithful R1200GS at Salton Sea State Park*

## SB BMW Riders Calendar

- ❖ Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>: Club meeting at Cody's Café, 4898 Hollister Avenue, Goleta, CA. Come at around 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. for dinner and stay for the 7:30 p.m. meeting.
- ❖ Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>: Club meeting at Cody's Café, 4898 Hollister Avenue, Goleta, CA. Come at around 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. for dinner and stay for the 7:30 p.m. meeting.
- ❖ May 26<sup>th</sup>: Rides to the 49er Rally: See Page 4 for information.
- ❖ Any other activities or rides scheduled? Let me know! [djkrohn@cox.net](mailto:djkrohn@cox.net)

## Brake Bleed Tech Day

Wayne Beckman

On Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, we worked on our bikes 'till we bled. Dan Secord, Patrick Klima and Wayne Beckman gathered at Wayne's garage to learn about bleeding brakes. I set up the event because bikes with ABS 3 brakes, AKA whizzy brakes, are tricky to bleed and I have the special fittings to deal with the ABS unit. These require bleeding the ABS unit as well as at the brake calipers like normal bikes. However, only my bike has those brakes, and Patrick chose not to work on his brakes so we ended up just doing a simple brake bleed on Dan's 2011 R1200R. We were able to do both my bike and his with a single 1 qt. bottle of DOT 4 brake fluid.

It was also interesting that none of the fluid we bled out looked dark, like I have seen on previous bleeds, so it was not obvious when all of the old fluid had been flushed through the system. I guess between our low humidity, lack of rain, and good sealing of the BMW braking system, the fluid had not picked up much water. After we bled the brakes we used my GS-911 to check the brake system on my bike. On Dan's bike, the GS-911 did not have the same brake test as on my bike and instead had a mode to operate the ABS to cycle fluid through it. Because we were all done with the setup by the time we got to that, we did not bleed his brakes again, though I think that was what that GS-911 mode was designed for. Dan also got to see what error codes were lurking in his computers. They were electrical faults that were no longer present and I would guess were related to a recent battery replacement he did. On Patrick's 2001 R1200C, the GS-911 had much less utility because his older bike doesn't have the whole collection of computers the more recent machines have. His bike also is a little tricky to bleed the brakes because it had one non-standard brake bleed nipple that only apparently mates to some BMW apparatus. Most people replace those with standard nipples and apparently some previous owner had done the replacement on 3 of the 4 calipers. It was interesting to see how different the GS-911 behaved with the different bikes. No

wonder those things cost a lot of money (\$300)—they need a different set of software for all of the different BMW models and years. They must have man-years of reverse engineering on all of the BMW computers. On the 2005 R1200GS, the GS-911 can provide all kinds of real time engine data as well as setting the stepper motors for idle adjustment and testing the brake system and of course reading and clearing fault codes. We all had a good time and all of our bikes could still stop when we were done working on them, a successful day!



## Board Elections

### Chuck Beattie

At our March 21<sup>st</sup> meeting, elections were held for the 2016 board, as was discussed at the February meeting. Your newly elected board is:

President: Michael Kramer  
Vice President: Eddie Vertucci  
Secretary: Veronica Hansuld  
Treasurer: Chuck Beattie  
Member at Large 1: Marten Walkker  
Member at Large 2: Phyllis White  
Member at Large 3: Cy Madrone

Please check the member list and let me know if you have any updates/corrections that should be made and let me know.

Cheers and good riding,

Chuck

## Upcoming Events

- May 20- May 22: 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Expo West, Flagstaff, AZ. Exhibitors, workshops, on-site camping, music, 8000+ overlanders from around the world. [Overland Expo](#)
- May 27-May 30: 44<sup>th</sup> Annual '49er Rally, Mariposa, CA. Camping, beer garden, live music, vendors, and featured speaker Ted Simon. [49er Rally](#)
- June 17 -June 19: Chief Joseph Rally, John Day, OR. [Chief Joseph Rally](#)
- July 14-July 17: 2016 BMW MOA International Rally, Hamburg, NY. [BMW MOA Annual Rally](#)
- August 30-September 3: Curve Cowboy Reunion, Monterey, CA. [Curve Cowboy Reunion](#)
- September 16-September 18: Autumn Beemer Bash, Quincy, CA. [Beemer Bash](#)

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## 49er Rally Rides

Both Marten and Wyman will be riding to the 49er Rally in Mariposa, CA. The rally is May 27 - May 30.

Marten has proposed one route as follows, leaving Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> and camping one night in the Sierras.

The proposed route the first day:  
[Carpinteria to Stony Creek Campground](#)

The next day:  
[Stony Creek Campground to Mariposa Fairgrounds](#)

Then spend a day or two at the rally, explore the Gold Country or go to Yosemite. On the way back, maybe an overnighiter at Shaver Lake.

Please let Marten know if you want to ride up with him.  
[marten@cox.net](mailto:marten@cox.net)

Wyman will be riding a different route, on the western side, as follows. He will also be leaving on Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, from his house in Solvang:

Starting from Solvang-  
Foxen Canyon→Tepesquet Canyon→166  
→101→58→229→41→  
Choleme Valley Rd→Parkfield

\*Lunch at Parkfield Café\*

Parkfield Coalinga Road→198→33  
→145→McMillam Grade Rd→  
Dickenson Road→180→41  
→33→Mariposa

The first leg is about 145miles/3.5hrs.  
Lunch will take about an hour.  
The final leg is about 162miles/3.5hrs.

Side stands up at 08:30 at Wyman's place in Solvang, with an anticipated 49er Rally arrival at about 5p.m.

Let Wyman know if you want to ride up with him:

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