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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 a new proposed route as follows, leaving Thursday, May 26th:

Thursday, May 26: Carpinteria to Pinnacles National Park, 272 miles/6.5 hrs:

[Carpinteria to Pinnacles](#)

[Camping at Pinnacles](#)

The next day, Friday May 27: Pinnacles to Mariposa, 160 miles/ 4 hrs:

[Pinnacles to Mariposa](#)

Please let Marten know if you want to ride up with him.

marten@cox.net

Wyman will be riding a different route, on the western side, as follows. He will also be leaving on Thursday, May 26th, 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

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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:

wymanwinn@comcast.net

SB BMW Riders Calendar

- ❖ Monday, May 16th: 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 26th: Rides to the 49er Rally: See Page 4 for information.
- ❖ Any other activities or rides scheduled? Let me know! djkrohn@cox.net

Wanted: Female Riding Stories for an Upcoming Documentary

"Heelsand2wheels" on *ADV Rider* is interested in other female riders to share tales of the road. Here is her posting from *ADV Rider*:

"Come have a beer with us! We are looking for other female riders interested in sharing their tales of the road. Female riders are hard to come by, but we would like to meet you! My group is planning a trip from the SF Bay Area down to Colombia, and we are looking for riders along the way that would like to share what they have learned, swap tales over a beer, and possibly have their work featured in an upcoming documentary.

ALL: If you know of a rider that we should connect with in the Bay Area **OR** abroad

please let us know! It would be amazing to meet other riders as we travel! We figure that our greatest challenge will be meeting women who don't normally visit these kind of forums, but have amazing stories to share, *especially* if they only see them as campfire tales. I am sure a few of you can picture a modest person you know that fits the bill hahaha!

NOTE: We ARE NOT big time producers. We are avid riders heading out on a big adventure who are looking to highlight the true culture of what it is like to be a woman who rides. We hope to meet authentic riders and understand more about the community that we are a part of. Our team is made of brand new female riders (as in they are taking their riding courses now), as well as people that have been riding for years. We aren't just seeking those referred to a "bad ass" riders, we want to meet all of you, you're all bad ass in our opinion!

We are between the ages of 27 and 33, and we are inviting ALL female riders regardless of age and length of experience to meet some new friends. Let us know if you're interested or know anyone that may be interested. We would also love to get pointed in the direction of riders that have posted great stories online, thank in advance for your help everyone!"

Contact her with this link:

[Wanted: Female Riding Stories](#)

Safety: Pre-Ride Briefing and Group Riding

Michael Kramer was talking with another motorcycle group and they passed on to him a card with information handed out to all riders at their group rides. Here is the information on their card:

(First side of card)

Pre-Ride Briefing

- Welcome Riders
- Identify additional road captains and the sweep
- Non-member waivers/minor waivers
- Define destination and route to be taken
- Identify and determine fuel stop and rest stops
- Identify termination/destination and return plans
- Review lane changes and passing procedures
- Ride your own ride and be safe
- Review hand signals as necessary

(Second side of card)

- Review group riding techniques
 - Staggered riding and following distances
- Single file ~2 second interval – don't crowd!
- Review Buddy System (bike – 1 second behind)
- Accident/breakdown procedure
- If group gets split up (traffic lights, etc.)
- Passing lights on by the Sweep only; all other riders headlight on low beam
- Identify those who know CPR/first aid

- Does anyone have special needs? (medical, other)

Having all this information on one business-sized card seems like a good idea. Is this something to consider for our group rides?

Rides by Members

David Hamilton took a ride to Carrizo Plains and used a SPOT system to track his ride. SPOT can be set up to track at varying time intervals, for example, every 10 minutes. SPOT has an on-board GPS chip that determines your location. Your location and either "I'm OK," "I need help," or "send emergency services" messages are then delivered according to your instructions via email, text message, or emergency response via Spot dispatchers. The "check-in" function lets friends and family know that all is well. If you ride by yourself, and especially in remote locations, having a SPOT along will let friends and family know that you are okay (or not okay). SPOT is available at [REI](#). [SPOT](#)

(Note: David sent the link with the locations to me, but it not does remain available. – Ed.)

Marten Walkker attended the GS Giants March Madness at Songdog Ranch, Cuyama. A trials course was set up, and our own SB BMW Rider Dagmar was one of the four finalists! Congrats to Dagmar!

Wayne's Farkel Corner

Wayne Beckman

Lexan Headlight Guard

I built this in 2006 and judging from a significant chip in it, it has saved me several hundred dollars for a new headlight lens. It was a fairly simple project. I made a paper pattern, then bandsawed out a piece of 3/16" Marguard Lexan. It is held on with a couple of nylon cable clamps, a couple of 5 mm stainless screws and nuts and some Velcro. It pivots on the cable clamps so that I can clean both sides of the guard, and clean the glass headlight lens. In 2012, after a long ride on washboard road out to Chaco Canyon the plastic tab at the top that spaced it from the glass lens and held the shield in place broke off from the punishing vibration. I replaced it with a piece of brass that I screwed in place instead of gluing it and it has been fine since. If you are interested in making one for your bike let me know, I still have

some of the Lexan.





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Upcoming Events

- May 20- May 22: 8th Annual Expo West, Flagstaff, AZ. Exhibitors, workshops, on-site camping, music, 8000+ overlanders from around the world.
[Overland Expo](#)
- May 27-May 30: 44th Annual '49er Rally, Mariposa, CA. Camping, beer garden, live music, vendors, and featured speaker Ted Simon.
[49er Rally](#)
- June 3-5: Mighty 190 Rendezvous, Springville, CA
jjackson@birnsandsawyer.com
- June 16-19: 16th Annual Red Rock Rendezvous, Panguitch, UT. [Annual Red Rock Rendezvous](#)
- June 17 –June 19: Chief Joseph Rally, John Day, OR. [Chief Joseph Rally](#)
- Monday June 20: Ride Your Motorcycle to Work Day
- 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](#)