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Rides by Members

Eddie Vertucci rode to Joshua Tree on Old Dale Road (23 miles) and the Old Dale Mining District. He had no real trouble on the road, but there were high winds. On the way home, "Stella" needed a little nap!



Dagi Brewer attended the GS Giants March Madness at Songdog Ranch. Randy Owen, one of the founders of GS Giants, brought his new Ural. Dagi and her daughters were able to get a little taste of the Ural.



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SB BMW Riders Calendar

- ❖ Monday, June 20th: 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.
- ❖ Thursday, July 21st: Club Summer Picnic at Rocky Nook Park. Details to come next month.
- ❖ Monday, August 15th: 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.
- ❖ Any other activities or rides scheduled? Let me know! djkrohn@cox.net

BMW 100th Anniversary Celebration at Laguna Seca Raceway

BMW will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary with a special gathering in Monterey at Laguna Seca Raceway, from August 25th-28th. There will be motorcycles, cars, speakers, motorcycle off-roads skills course, a BMW demo fleet, food trucks, and probably more!

[BMW 100th Anniversary](#)

Anybody can jump a motorcycle. The trouble begins when you try to land it.
---Evel Knievel

The Classic Motorcycle Day Trip from Santa Barbara: Highway 150-33-58-101-154 Wayne Beckman

I imagine most of you are familiar with this ride, but in case you are not aware of it, here is a brief description. You head South on 101 to 150 and take this nice winding road that takes you to a T intersection with Highway 33 (where you turn left), which is a much longer winding road that goes all the way to 166. You turn right at that T, which takes you to Highway 58, which you follow to 101 and then 101 to 154 back to Santa Barbara. The loop is 300 miles. Highways 150 and 33 are great roads, but there tends to be a bit of gravel and rocks from landslides hiding behind corners, so you have to be a little careful. There are also a fair number of bicyclists, particularly on the weekends. At the higher elevations on 33, you can find ice on the shady parts of the roads in the winter. On 150 a few miles before you get to Ojai, you can stop at the entrance to Lake Casitas, where you can park in the lot outside of the entrance gate and walk to the bathrooms, get some water or have a snack at a picnic table. Highway 150 intersects with Highway 33 at a T; turn left and head North towards Ojai. In 2 miles, turn left unless you want to stop in Ojai. Just after you turn left, there is a gas station, which is the only one for the next 50 miles or so. Along 33,

there are several establishments on the route that you might want to visit on one of your trips. The first is the Deer Lodge on Highway 33, just north of Ojai. It is a major motorcycle hangout on the weekends, similar to the Cold Spring Tavern, but very pleasant during the week. The Deer Lodge has been there since the 1930's. The next eatery is The Place, about 50 miles from Ojai. There were 3 other eateries between the Deer Lodge and The Place, but they are all out of business now. A few miles past The Place is the Santa Barbara Pistachio Company. It is the 1st gas station on Highway 33 since Ojai. It has one pump and takes a bit to figure it out. You can also stock up on organic pistachios while you are there. A few miles past the Pistachio Company is Highway 166 (which is also still Highway 33). Turn right and follow that to Maricopa and then to Taft. We stopped at a nice old café in Taft that is now called The Same Place, but it was previously The Candy Café (which is still the name on the menu); it is at 319 Central Avenue. Central is parallel to 33 and three or four blocks south. Good food, friendly staff and friendly locals eating there. Just the kind of place we look for when on the road. If you leave Santa Barbara around 8:30 or 9:00 a.m., you will be in Taft for lunch (unless you go with Wyman, then you can wait until 10:30 a.m. to leave Santa Barbara). Taft downtown is pretty desolate; I imagine that it has been hit by the double

whammy of the new shopping center on the edge of town killing many of the businesses, and the recent downturn in oil prices taking out a few more. Taft has its own oilfield museum and it is clearly a town built on oil. However, in spite of being surrounded by oil fields, the price of gas was \$3.20 (April 23, 2016). After you leave Taft, head North on 33 and just before McKittrick, turn left on Highway 58. This is a great road with minimal traffic, minimal CHP (no guarantees express or implied), and lots of good curves. It takes you to Santa Margarita, which is just before the junction with 101. More eateries in this town. Then you hit 101 southbound and take that to Highway 154 and then home.



Look out (or leak out) on Highway 33

Editor's note: A hot tip that I got from ADV Rider.com is to take 229 north from 58, to 41, and then take 41 to 101 southbound.

Inside the Water Boxer

Here is a very cool youtube video of an R1200GS engine in slow motion:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VHwhER815go&feature=youtu.be>

New Motorcycle Museum in Carmel

Robb Talbott of Talbott Vineyards has turned his personal collection of motorcycles into the West Coast's largest motorcycle museum. There are about 140 motorcycles of all varieties and vintages, in a 5,000 square-foot space.

The museum is located at 4 E. Carmel Valley Road, Carmel Valley, CA.

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(Note: The museum may not be open yet.)

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Upcoming Events

- 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 7-July 9: Bighorn Stampede, Burgess Junction, WY. [GS Giants Bighorn Stampede](#)
- July 14-July 17: 2016 BMW MOA International Rally, Hamburg, NY. [BMW MOA Annual Rally](#)
- July 21-July 24: 44th Annual Cascade Country Rendezvous, Republic, WA. [Cascade Country Rendezvous](#)
- July 21-July 24: 45th Annual Top O' the Rockies, Paonia, CO. [Top O'the Rockies Rally](#)
- August 30-September 3: Curve Cowboy Reunion, Monterey, CA. [Curve Cowboy Reunion](#)
- September 9-September 11: 40th Anniversary R100RS Rider's Rally, Three Rivers, CA. [R100RS Rider's Rally](#)
- September 16-September 18: Autumn Beemer Bash, Quincy, CA. [Beemer Bash](#)