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## NEWSLETTER

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### Member Rides

**Randy** was invited to go on the BMW Range of Light Gypsy Tour over Labor Day weekend. The ride started in Boonville. The day that he rode the Boonville-Hwy 1-Leggett section, the road was totally clear! Randy really enjoyed this tour: it had camping, with meals provided, showers available, microbrews, and you can choose your own route.

**Deborah** attended the Babes Ride Out moto campout in Joshua Tree. There were 1600 women attending, a lot of them younger riders. This was the 4<sup>th</sup> year of the event. There was even a welding demonstration. Deborah got a commemorative tattoo – see picture on Page 3.

**Marten** rode in September to Las Vegas, then on to Zion, Bryce, Valley of the Gods, and Grand Canyon. He spent a few days in Moab and rode on the White Rim Trail.

**Bob** suggested that when going to, or coming from Las Vegas, taking Kelbaker Road through Mojave National Preserve is a nice alternative to some sections of I-15 or I-40.

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### Christmas Party! December 19th

The Club's annual Christmas party is Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, at Cody's Café. Bring a wrapped gift of around \$20 in value for a gift exchange-gift grab game. You may bring your own beverage of choice, and Cody's will provide corkage for any wine. You can order from the menu at Cody's as usual. Also bring desserts if you would like to. Cody's offers desserts as well.

Don't miss out on the festive fun!

## Chuck's Photos: Glacier Park, July 2016



*Bearhat Mountain at Hidden Lake*



Chuck mentioned that he used a Sena 10C for his trip in July. It works for communication as well as a camera and video.

[Sena 10C](#)

## SB BMW Riders Calendar

- ❖ Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>: Club meeting and annual Christmas party at Cody's Café, 4898 Hollister Avenue, Goleta, CA. See Page 1 for details. Come at 6:00-6:30 p.m. for dinner and stay for the 7:30 p.m. party.
- ❖ Monday, January 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.
- ❖ Any other activities or rides scheduled? Let me know! [djkrohn@cox.net](mailto:djkrohn@cox.net)



*See the goat? Mountain goat wearing a tracking collar.*

## Elephant Seals at Piedras Blancas

**Bob** reminded us that the peak season for the elephant seals at Piedras Blancas (San Simeon) is December through March. Pregnant females start to come to the beach in December, with the most coming in January. Birth occurs a few days after arrival. The pups are nursed for about 4 weeks and then the females begin mating during the last week of nursing. Bob says that all the action on the beach is wilder than Isla Vista at Halloween!

[Elephant seals](#)

The ride up to Piedras Blancas makes for a very nice day ride; about 137 miles one-way. You can continue on to Ragged Point for lunch; there is also gas at Ragged Point. Another good lunch stop a little farther north along Hiway 1 is the Lucia Lodge Restaurant. From Hiway 1, consider returning to the Santa Barbara area via Nacimiento-Fergusson Road and Fort Hunter Liggett. If you ride through Fort Hunter Liggett, you must have a valid driver's license, vehicle registration, and proof of registration. There is even an historical and unique hotel at Fort Hunter Liggett, if you want to break up your ride into a couple of days: [The Hacienda](#)

Riding Hiway 1 on a clear winter day is one of those great perks that we can enjoy as residents of the central coast!

## Donation to Choral Society For "Dr. Dan"

The Club voted to donate \$200 to the Choral Society in the name of, and in memoriam to Dan Secord.

We all know that Dan had many hobbies and interests, not only motorcycles, but running, sailing, medicine, politics, and music. We are pleased to provide this donation in his memory.

"It is good to have an end to journey toward; but it is the journey that matters, in the end."

--Ursula Le Guin, author



*Deborah's tattoo from the Babes Ride Out event. Ironically enough, the acronym is "BRO."*

## Wunderlich Digimoto

Digimoto is an exercise in “Futurism and Minimalism,” a study by Wunderlich and two partners in creation of a prototype based on the current BMW R 1200R. The prototype was assembled by Wunderlich using an advanced state of the art technique based on the radically scaled BMW Roadster frame and Boxer engine, with traditional handcrafting, including raw aluminum, to achieve the desired finish.

The Digimoto sensor panel contains various sensors and cameras that send real-time data to the rider’s visor. As a result, all the display elements on the bike become superfluous and this allows for drastic streamlining.

Sorry, the bike is not available, but you can read more about it here: [Digimoto](#)



“That’s all the motorcycle is, a system of concepts worked out in steel.”  
--Robert M. Pirsig, *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance*

## Upcoming Events

- December 30-January 1: Airheads Beemer Club Last Chance Rendezvous, Agua Caliente County Park, Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. For info and directions, contact Marten ([marten@cox.net](mailto:marten@cox.net)) or [airheadcamp@gmail.com](mailto:airheadcamp@gmail.com).
- February 16-20, 2017: Death Valley Rendezvous #25. Camping at Furnace Creek, with nearby restaurants, saloon, pool and general store. [Death Valley Rendezvous](#)

The following is not specifically for BMW riders, but is a motorcycle get-together for anyone to join:

- March 2-April 2: ADV Rider Death Valley Noobs Rally. Camping at Panamint Springs. [ADV Rider Death Valley Noobs Rally](#)

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