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Rides by Members

Eddie and **Marten** attended the Airheads Beemer Club Last Chance Rendezvous in Agua Caliente campout over New Year's Eve. There were about 100 airheads at the rally. From Agua Caliente, Eddie and Marten continued south to San Felipe, Baja California, for one night of camping. The next day, they made their way to Cataviña, and to the coast. They ran into the gasoline price protests and roadblocks on their way back, but they eventually worked their way north to Tecate and over the border. Eddie mentioned that the northbound trip was "off-route" due to the roadblocks, and rather challenging!

Chuck and **Wyman** met to watch the Falcon 9 rocket launch from Vandenberg. Despite a little bit of trouble with time (EST vs. PST), they were able to watch the launch from Drum Canyon Road. Chuck reported that they had a good view of the liftoff and the launch was perfect.



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SB BMW Riders Board Nominees

Board elections for the club will be coming up soon. The following positions have nominees:

- President: Michael Kramer
- Vice -President: Eddie Vertucci
- Treasurer: Chuck Beattie
- Secretary: Veronica Hansuld
- Members-at-large: Phyllis White and Cy Madrone; Deborah Walker and Marten Walkker as possible nominees (pending their finding out about the nomination!)

Airhead Death Valley Rendezvous – 25th Anniversary

Marten Walkker

This year marks the 25th anniversary for the Airheads Death Valley Rendezvous. It will be on Presidents' Day Weekend, February 17th through 20th.

We meet at the Furnace Creek Group campsite. We have great food, home brew beers, door prizes, and of course Airhead camaraderie.

I will be leaving Thursday (February 16th), late morning and will head up to Kernville for a night of camping near the river. On Friday, the route will be via Olancho to Panamint Springs for lunch and onwards to the Rendezvous at Furnace Creek.

Saturday will be spent exploring Death Valley and return to the Santa Barbara area on Sunday.

Let me know if you want to join me and I can give you more details.

In any case, you should let the organizers know that you are coming. This is a catered event with many meals included and needs a lot of planning.

Let John Covington know if you plan to attend:
jwcov@yahoo.com

SB BMW Riders Calendar

- ❖ Monday February 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.
- ❖ Monday, March 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.
- ❖ Any other activities or rides scheduled? Let me know! djkrohn@cox.net

"You see things vacationing on a motorcycle in a way that is completely different from any other. In a car you're always in a compartment, and because you're used to it you don't realize that through that car window everything you see is just more TV. You're a passive observer and it is all moving by you boringly in a frame. On a cycle the frame is gone. You're completely in contact with it all. You're in the scene, not just watching it anymore, and the sense of presence is overwhelming. That concrete whizzing by five inches below your foot is the real thing, the same stuff you walk on, it's right there, so blurred you can't focus on it, yet you can put your foot down and touch it anytime, and the whole thing, the whole experience, is never removed from immediate consciousness."

--Robert M. Pirsig, *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance*

Moto Memories

John White

*"Mirrored black roads,
Weaving yellow lines... and leaves
As we wove."*

What makes a ride memorable? Do you ever think about a ride, perhaps years in the past, one that brings a pleasant memory? There is such a one for me from a ride to the North Rim of the Grand Canyon with Phyllis one autumn.

I was chasing Phyllis south on Highway 67 towards the North Rim, the road and the scenery could not have been better! It must have been freshly paved and, unfortunately, with newly painted (continual) double lines. The weather was not the best, intermittent rain with strong winds and it was cold. But when the sun came out you should have seen the road surface with the leaves coming off the back of P's tire! The fall leaves were backlit by the sun as they floated in the air.



Phyllis in her 'Stitch, Grand Canyon North Rim

Upcoming Events

- February 16-20: Death Valley Rendezvous #25. Camping at Furnace Creek, with nearby restaurants, saloon, pool and general store. [Death Valley Rendezvous](#)
- April 21-23: Washington State BMW Riders Rain Run, Manzanita, OR. Camping and motel lodging is available. [Rain Run](#)
- June 23-25: Chief Joseph Rally, Grant County Fairgrounds, John Day, OR. [Chief Joseph Rally](#)
- July 13-16: BMW MOA National Rally, Salt Lake City. [National Rally 2017](#)

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

- March 30-April 2: ADV Rider Death Valley Noobs Rally. Camping at Panamint Springs. [ADV Rider Death Valley Noobs Rally](#)

Update: Ruko Sidecar David Hamilton

Here are the latest pictures from Germany. The electrics are completed, and they are working on fuel management.

Waiting for new shocks, which will be in the next week.

Next is TÜV certification. However, we have to wait for clean roads, as they have been using salt on the roads.

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