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Member News and Rides

Phyllis and **John** attended the national rally at Salt Lake City. They drove in their RV (with air conditioning). At the rally, they worked Registration. After the rally, they continued on to Glacier Park, then Waterton Lakes National Park, Calgary, Prince Albert National Park (in the Saskatchewan province), and back in the US to Devil's Tower. They were able to view the eclipse totality in Crowheart, WY. Read about more of their adventures on Page 3.

Deborah and **Eddie** traveled together to the national rally. Deb had the route figured out, and it took them from Las Vegas to Great Basin Park (where they went on the Lehman Caves tour - recommended!), to Baker, NV. In Baker, they found a good hipster restaurant, Kerouac's: [Kerouac's Restaurant](#). At the rally, they were happy to find out that the KOA Campground (adjacent to the rally grounds) was shady.

After the rally, Deb continued on from Salt Lake to Granby, CO, for a women's rally, stopping at Dinosaur National Monument on the way. Eddie returned

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from the rally through Great Basin and then stopped at the Bristlecone Pine Forest (east of Bishop). Eddie's bike reached 100,000 miles on the way to Salt Lake City. He has owned the bike for only 5 years!

Marten attended the Gathering of the Clans in King's Canyon, via Highway 99. His front brakes failed on the way there, but he was able to find someone to repair them in Visalia. At the rally, Marten led a trip through King's Canyon.

Deborah and **Debbie** will be going to the Babes Ride Out Moto Ride and Campout in Joshua Tree in October.

Eddie also saw the eclipse totality in Seneca, OR (near John Day). Returning from the eclipse, he stopped for breakfast at Bette's Oceanview Diner in Berkeley. Recommended by Eddie: [Bette's Diner](#)

John A. will be doing a 2-week tour of Patagonia with a friend who runs a tour company, at the end of November/beginning of December. The plan is to start in Puerto Montt and travel south from there, but not as far south as Ushuaia.

Steve reminded everyone to also check spokes when you check your tires. He found a spoke on his tire with the spoke head popped off, but the spoke was still in place. A handy way to check them is to tap them with a wrench and see if they all sound about the same. A loose one will not ring.

Highway 1 Open! (part of it, anyway)

The new Pfeiffer Canyon Bridge is scheduled to open at the end of the day on Friday, October 13 –assuming there will be no issues involving weather, materials or equipment. Once open, there will be some weekdays that will require a lane closure consisting of one-way traffic control, but once the bridge opens, it won't need to fully close.

The section of Highway 1 north of Salmon to just south of Gorda remains closed due to the Mud Creek landslide. It is expected to remain closed until late summer 2018.

SB BMW Riders Calendar

- ❖ Saturday, October 14: Tech Day with Marten. Mostly focusing on BMW Airheads but everyone is welcome. Location: 516 Palm Avenue, Carpinteria. Starting at around 8:30 a.m. Contact Marten: marten@cox.net
- ❖ Monday, October 16: 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, November 20: 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

The section from Ragged Point to Salmon is open. But keep in mind, that if you want to see the new Pfeiffer Canyon Bridge, it needs to be approached either from the north via the Monterey area, or from the south via Nacimiento-Fergusson Road.



View from N-F Road

Comfortable Traveling with Motors Or A Couple, a Lab named Nick, a Truck, a Toy hauler and Two Motors

By John White

This is another one of those stories about “Our Summer Vacation” but this is how we roll. P put a trip together this year that started a bit poorly but the rest? What a memorable vacation.

Okay, okay, let’s get the incidences out of the way first.

Bam! Our first night out in Mesquite AZ, P comes down with food poisoning! About 6 or so after we arrived at our camping area, P starts telling me she’s not feeling well....more than once. I thought she felt a cold coming on (I need to be more attentive). It was a great morning when we took off from Oxnard; we’d packed the trailer nicely the preceding days, loaded the motors last and took off after a great breakfast at home. We stopped in Barstow to refuel about lunch time, how about a quick lunch from El Pollo Loco? P ate the salad with chicken. Confined spaces the entire night for her ☹. We informed our hosts we needed to stay one more night recuperating.

Day Three of Travel

As we were leaving Mesquite, I heard a loud metallic pop. I thought it may have been the usual rock-in-tire-tread-coming-off-and-hitting-wheel-well....well, it wasn’t. Stopped in Beaver UT to refuel and a mechanic came up and told us about an issue on the trailer. I’m listenin’. A shackle bracket was about to let go (elongated upper hole on bracket --see photo) and along with it perhaps one of the two axles—*imagine the consequences at 70 mph!* Just so happens, he has a kit and straight ahead of the fuel pump is a nice concrete pad. Yancy “Sell me just the parts I need” and that will do it, I ask. We were out in about an hour or so for two bills. I pay his boss and as I was leaving, I walked up to Yancy slipped him a twenty and told him how grateful, thankful I was that he noticed. Apparently he heard a pop as we drove in.

That was it for the trip; perhaps the off-roading 4X4 low gear with a loaded trailer in a mud bog doesn’t count...P says the trip is jinxed after the back-to-back events. It’s all out of the way let’s go, always the positive spin? from me. To myself, I have a bit of trepidation about this trip, it’s

the longest, 7 weeks we've ever been in the Toy Hauler. It's about the bears, yes BEARS, will I or? be eaten this year?.but after a while the flow of the trip takes over. The Fun Stuff Begins!



Shackle bracket with elongated hole.



Truck and trailer in Mesquite.

Solvang Vintage Motorcycle Museum

Most of you have probably visited this museum, or know of it, but for those who don't know about it, the Solvang Vintage Motorcycle Museum has an extensive collection with a focus on racing bikes, from 1910 to the present. The museum rotates some of the bikes each month, so even if you have previously visited, there will be different bikes on display. The museum is located at 320 Alisal Road, Solvang, and it is open Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For weekday visits, it is best to call ahead. [Solvang Motorcycle Museum](#)

Streetmasters Cornering Workshop

By Wayne Beckman

As part of our BMW MOA Rally experience, we signed up for the Streetmasters 4-hour cornering workshop. We spent an hour or so in a classroom, learning about delay apex cornering (which most of you are probably familiar with). In case you aren't, the idea is to stay to the outside of the turn as late as possible in order to see further into the corner. This allows you to look for surprises in the corner and allows oncoming drivers the chance to see you sooner. It is quite simple on single corners, but gets more interesting on multi-turn combinations.

The rest of the time was spent on MSF-style parking lot drills. It is about turning as sharply as possible, and the main trick to that is to look through the turn, and resist the temptation to look right in front of the motorcycle. There was a brief braking exercise, and many laps of tight paths through little cones. The primary challenge was doing all this 5 mph riding in 90+ temperatures. We did have several water breaks. We were the only people doing the course 2-up. There was a wide variety of skill levels; I really envied the awesome skill shown by some of the participants. I think some of them could do U-turns on the sidewalk. The most exotic exercise was the technique used by motor-cops to make a U-turn when they are two

Upcoming Events

- October 27-28: ADV Rider Fall Colors Get-Together #7, McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park. [Fall Colors Get Together](#)
- November 24-25: LA -Barstow to Las Vegas Dual Sport Ride. [Los Angeles-Barstow to Las Vegas Dual Sport Ride 2017](#)

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abreast at a traffic light. It was an optional exercise and the trainers were amazed that almost everybody in the class did it. In most of the other classes, only a couple of riders are bold enough to try it. I chickened out; I was feeling pretty fried by noon when we were doing that, and I didn't want to take the chance of crashing into whomever we got paired up with.