



# SANTA BARBARA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER

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## Member News and Rides

**Marten** attended the Salton Sea/Mecca Beach Airhead campout with **Tanja** and friend John. The next morning, Marten and Tanja went for a short ride up Berdoo Canyon. Marten rode back early from the campout with **Eddie**.

**John A.** left on Tuesday, November 21, for his Patagonia ride. This trip will be 2 weeks, starting at Puerto Montt, Chile, and ending at the small town of Villa O'Higgins -- where the pavement ends in Patagonia. There will be 5 people as part of this small group tour.

**David H.** went to Ojai for a day ride and met up with a couple from Germany on a K1300. They had ridden on Route 66. It was noted in our November meeting that riding Route 66 seems to be a popular route for German riders – is it due to the old TV show, or just the idea of riding an iconic road?

*"Sometimes it's a little better to travel than to arrive.*

---Robert M. Pirsig

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## SB BMW Riders Holiday\* Party!

The Club Holiday party will be Monday, December 18, at Cy's and Lindsley's house, 632 Pico Avenue (just up the block from Sport Cycle Pacific). Bring a wrapped present for the gift exchange and a dish to share for the potluck. More details in the email sent by Veronica.

\*Call it a Christmas party, holiday party, solstice party, end of year party, Hanukkah party – it's a party to enjoy with friends, food, and fun.



## New Middleweight GS Models

BMW Motorrad introduced two new middleweight GS models at the EICMA (*Esposizione Internazionale Ciclo Motociclo e Accessori*) show in Milan, Italy in November.

The BMW F850GS and F750GS feature brand new 853cc inline two-cylinder engines producing 95hp and 77hp respectively. They include two counterbalance shafts to reduce vibrations and a new 90-degree journal offset for a 270/450 degree firing interval. This powers the rear wheel through an anti-hop clutch, six-speed transmission and chain drive (now positioned on the left side of the bike).

The engine is a structural part of the chassis which includes a new steel monocoque main frame and tubed rear subframe. The fuel tank has been moved from the rear, to a more traditional location between the seat and fork to provide a better center of gravity. Features include ABS, ASC stability control and Road/Rain riding modes. Additional "Pro" riding modes of Dynamic, Enduro and Enduro Pro (only on the F850GS) as well as DTC dynamic traction control, ESA electronic suspension, Keyless Ride, Gear shift assistant Pro, and lean-capable ABS Pro are optional. Both models feature a new look

## SB BMW Riders Calendar

- ❖ Monday, December 18: Club Holiday party, 6 p.m., at Cy's and Lindsley's, 632 Pico Avenue.
- ❖ Monday, January 15, 2018 : 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)

more similar to their big brother, the R1200GS, with similar options including an LED headlight, Connectivity TFT cockpit display.



2018 BMW F750GS

## Speaking of Route 66...

**Diane Krohn**

In 2015, Wayne and I decided to take a ride to Chicago and return via Route 66. We have ridden parts of Rt. 66 previously, but only in Arizona and California.

So off we went. We headed north up the coast on Highway 1 first, then made our way east across Oregon and into Idaho. We like to stop in Hailey, which has a comfortable hotel and a brewery right across the street from the hotel.

Riding into Hailey, we got a bit of weather!



Clouds of doom near Hailey, ID.

From Hailey, we ended up in Jackson, WY, where we ended staying for 2 nights due to the snow forecast in Casper, our next stop. From Jackson to Casper was one of our coldest rides: 9600 feet in elevation, and temps in the 20's. Electrics are a lifesaver!

We continued east from Casper through Nebraska, then Iowa. We endured almost a full day of rain and cross-winds in Iowa. Not very fun, but oh well, that's travel on a motorcycle and it did get us our 49<sup>th</sup> state.

We made it to Chicago, and Wayne gets huge kudos for managing to get us to our downtown hotel with a minimum of swearing.

In Chicago, we did some fun touring and visiting Wayne's childhood homes and neighborhoods.

Leaving Chicago, we attempted to take Route 66 as much as we could, but much of it is covered with interstates. We hit a good section of the route in Oklahoma near Devil's Elbow; but for the most part, the signage for 66 is difficult to spot. The GPS, surprisingly, was not very helpful for the routing.



Part of Route 66 near Devil's Elbow, OK.

As we continued heading west, we did try to ride on sections of Route 66 as we could find them, and if they were long enough sections to be worthwhile.

Once back in Arizona, we did ride the Route 66 segment from Seligman to Peach Springs. We normally would have ridden the segment from Kingman to Oatman,

because it's definitely one of the best sections of Old 66, but it was Memorial Day and we feared the road would be inundated with riders out on the holiday weekend.

In summary, it was a great trip, but with some disappointment that we could not ride Route 66 as easily as we had envisioned. If you had a really good, detailed map, and were willing to do a turn-by-turn routing, it could be more easily done. As an additional note, I had used BaseCamp for the routing and found it to be terrible for routing! I have since switched to Tyre, which is easier to use and takes less time to learn.



For you sidecar fans – an interesting sidecar build.

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## Upcoming Events

- December 31- January 1: 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Last Chance Rendezvous, Agua Caliente County Park. Camping with showers, hot springs, curvy roads, and catered meals. [Last Chance Rendezvous](#)
- January 25-28: ADV Rider DVDAZE 2018. Camping at Furnace Creek Campground and rides during the day throughout Death Valley and surrounding areas. [DVDAZE 2018](#)
- March 21: Saline Valley Warm Springs Ride, Death Valley. This is a basic easy ride on improved dirt roads, with camping at Saline Valley Warm Springs Campground. Meet at Panamint Springs Campground. [Saline Valley Warm Springs](#)
- March 22-25: ADV Death Valley n00bs Rally 2018. Panamint Springs Resort. [Death Valley n00bs Rally](#)