



# SANTA BARBARA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER

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## Member News and Rides

**Deborah** rode in the Solvang Century on March 10. *Rode*, as in pedalled! The route started in Solvang, went on Santa Rosa Road, on Highway 1, through Lompoc, Harris Grade Road, to Santa Maria, Orcutt, Sisquoc, then eventually onto Foxen Canyon Road/Ballard Canyon Road and back to Solvang—a loop that many of us have probably done on our motorcycles.

**Chris** drove to SongDog Ranch to watch the GS Giants events. There was rain, and the road was muddy and slippery, but the events were fun to watch. About 50 people were in attendance.

**Cy and Linsley** rode to Ojai via Highway 33. They rode through Montecito noting damage to the roads and bridges: Barker Pass Road to Highway 192 to East Valley Road, getting as far as Sheffield, but several bridges were out.

**Deborah** has signed up for a guided Backcountry Discovery Route (BDR) ride, Steamboat Springs to Durango, CO, in July; 570 miles. She is looking for a 250 Yamaha, or something equivalent, for this trip.

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*Highway 1, Mud Creek Slide, retaining wall as of March 30, 2018. Photo from Caltrans.*

## Board of Directors Voting Results

At the March meeting, members voted on the Board of Directors, and here are the results:

- President: Steve M.
- Vice President: Eddie V.
- Secretary: Veronica H.
- Treasurer: Chuck B.
- At-Large:
  - Phyllis W.
  - Diane K.
  - Tanja S.
  - Cy M.
  - Marten W.
  - Deborah W.

The big news from the election is that the Club has a new President, Steve! (Michael has been the President for about 13 years.)

## Wheels and Windmills Car Show

**Phil** mentioned that the Wheels and Windmills Car show will take place in Solvang on August 25<sup>th</sup>. Though mainly for cars, the show can also include unusual motorcycles, such as sidecars, antiques, etc. Online registration will not be available until mid-May 2018, but information can be found at the website: [Wheels and Windmills 2018](#)

## SB BMW Riders Calendar

- ❖ Monday, April 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. Hopefully, this time John Alexander will be showing pictures and talking about his ride in Patagonia.
- ❖ Saturday, May 12: Club ride led by Howell; ride to Lompoc and then to Los Olivos for lunch at the Wine Merchant; or alternatively lunch at Charlie's Restaurant in Los Alamos. Time, meeting place and other details to be finalized at the April 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- ❖ Monday, May 21: 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)

“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.”

— Robert M. Pirsig, *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance: An Inquiry Into Values*

## International GS Trophy 2018

The International GS Trophy will take place June 3-10 in Mongolia. This year, two female teams qualified, Team Ausamerica and Team Eurafrika. Two members of Team Ausamerica are Americans: Jocelin Snow, from Salinas; and Bettina Nedel, from Centennial, Colorado. An all-male team, Team USA, won the GS Trophy in 2008, and the three team members are hoping to repeat that win. One of the members is 55 years old, and another one is 49 years old, so hey, it's not too late to get out there and practice on your GS!

Read about the qualification testing undergone by female competitors: [GS Trophy Qualification](#)

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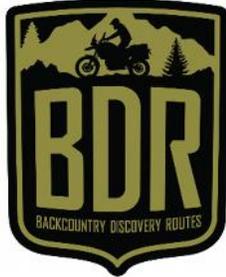
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## Upcoming Events

- April 26-29: Carrizo Plain campout. Contact Marten for details: [marten@cox.net](mailto:marten@cox.net)
- April 27-29: Babes Rideout: Babes in the Dirt, Lebec, CA. [Babes in the Dirt 4](#)
- May 5: Quail Motorcycle Gathering, Carmel, CA. [Quail Motorcycle Gathering](#)
- May 20: 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Ride for Guides. This ride is a poker run with GDA puppies to greet you at each stop. BBQ, raffle, and Guide Dog demonstration. Sylmar, CA. [14th Annual Ride for Guides](#)
- May 24-28: 49'er Rally, Mariposa, CA. [2018 49'er Rally](#)
- June 1-3: MOA Getaway Cedar Breaks, Brian Head, UT. [MOA Getaway Cedar Breaks](#)
- June 14-17: 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Red Rock Rendezvous Rally, Panguitch, UT. [18th Annual Red Rock Rendezvous Rally](#)
- June 29-July 1: Chief Joseph Rally, John Day, OR. [2018 Chief Joseph Rally](#)
- July 12-15: BMW MOA International Rally, Des Moines, IA. [BMW International Rally 2018](#)
- July 19-22: 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Top O'The Rockies Rally, Paonia, CO. [Top O'The Rockies Rally](#)

## Backcountry Discovery Routes



**Deborah** mentioned at the March meeting that she will be doing a guided Backcountry Discovery Route (BDR) in Colorado, in July. For those of you who are not familiar with this organization and the routes, here is a bit of information about it.

Backcountry Discovery Routes is a non-profit organization whose mission is to establish and preserve off-highway routes for dual-sport and adventure motorcycles.

BDR works with the forest service, land managers, and agencies responsible for public land, to keep trails and remote roads open for motorcycling. Backcountry Discovery Routes' goal is to create a new Backcountry Discovery Route each year for the Adventure Community. For each BDR route, a full-length documentary film, a Butler Motorcycle Map, and free GPS tracks are produced.

The states that currently have routes include Washington, Utah, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Arizona, Idaho, and Mid-Atlantic (parts of Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania).

Routes are a mix of paved, gravel and dirt roads.

Routes currently in development include California north, California south, Montana, Wyoming, Northeast US and Southeast US.

BDR routes are good for small rural communities because the riders bring business to gas stations, general stores, hotels and restaurants. Local businesses along the routes become important advocates for keeping off-road trails open to the public, because their livelihood depends on motorcycle tourists coming through their town.

The Colorado route contains several mountain passes over 12,000 feet and goes through these areas and passes: Ophir, Corkscrew, Hurricane, California, Cinnamon (pictured below), Cumberland, Cottonwood, Weston and Hagerman.

