



# SANTA BARBARA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER

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## Member News and Rides

**Deborah** and **Phyllis** will be attending the Babes Rideout event, Babes in the Dirt 4, at the end of April. This annual event will take place at Quail Canyon Park and Hungry Valley, near Lebec.

**Bob P.** will be off on a 6-week ride, heading east to the Knoxville area and southeastern Virginia. He plans to ride the Coronado Highway on the way there. More about the Coronado Highway on Page 4.

**Dagi, Bob P.** and **Harvey** rode on the backroads of Malibu. Harvey knows this area very well and the roads are quite empty on weekdays, so contact Harvey if you want a nice tour of the Malibu area.

**Dave M.** went exploring on Goodenough Road (off of Old Telegraph Road in Fillmore, and north of Highway 126). Unfortunately, his bike got knocked over by a pickup truck passing by too closely. Bike and Dave were okay, and the son of the driver helped him pick up the bike. Dave reported that this is an interesting and narrow road that goes through some petroleum fields.

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## Sunday Club Ride

Bob P., Harvey, Chuck, Steve, Michael and Veronica joined Wayne and Diane for a ride up Highway 154, to Armour Ranch Road, Happy Canyon Road, and then Figueroa Mountain Road for a picture-perfect day and great ride. Green hills, and poppies and lupines were in full bloom. There was a bit of expected traffic on the roads, but not so much to be obnoxious, and we had one moderately exciting water crossing. In Solvang, we enjoyed a leisurely lunch at Chomp.

## April Topic for Discussion: Traffic Light Sensors

President Steve suggested that we have a motorcycle-related topic for discussion at every club meeting. For April's meeting, Steve brought up the issue of traffic light sensors, and what to do (and what is legal), if your motorcycle cannot trip the light.

The California Vehicle Code does not allow for legally going through a red light if your vehicle does not trip it.

If a light is broken, you are required to stop fully and then proceed only when safe to do so according to regular right-of-way traffic laws.

However, CVC Section 21450.5(b) indicates that if there are traffic sensors, they must be installed and maintained so as to detect lawful bicycle or motorcycle traffic on the roadway. If the light cannot be tripped, can it be considered "broken"?

One approach to the frozen traffic light is to make a legal right turn (if possible), and then a (legal) U-turn. You could also try to trip the sensor by stopping the motorcycle wheels over the inductive loop in the pavement. Look for the saw-cuts in the pavement and place your wheels on the saw-cut. If there is a center cut use that one.

## SB BMW Riders Calendar

- ❖ 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 announced.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Monday, June 18: 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)

It is the aluminum in your wheels that acts like a conductive loop which acts like a shorted turn on a transformer to change the inductance of the loop of wire in the ground. A more permanent fix is to wrap a loop of 14 Ga copper wire around the perimeter of your boot. Solder the ends of the copper wire together to form the loop. (Wayne will make one for you if you ask.) Then you can place your foot on the saw-cut. You could also carry a loop in your side-case to use in case you get trapped in a parking garage.

Note: Magnets do not work, even the rare earth ones, nor does putting down your kickstand or turning your engine on and off.

## News About the 2019 MOA Rally

From the BMW MOA Board of Directors, three important rally-related items were announced:

1. The 2019 MOA Rally will be held in Lebanon, Tennessee, at the James E. Ward Agricultural and Community Center/Wilson County Exposition Center.
2. The Rally will be held from June 13-16, 2019. The move to June comes after long discussion with much input from the membership.
3. There will be a new, three-zone Rally Rotation Map implemented moving forward. The Zones and next three rallies will be: Western (2020), Central (2021), and Eastern (2022).

A map of the new zones is currently being produced and will be available on the MOA website as soon as possible.



## Upcoming Events

- 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 9: BMW Motorcycles of Ventura County Open House, 9a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Demo ride 2018 models and discounts on gear and accessories. Newbury Park. [BMW Ventura County Open House](#)
- 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](#)

*Sunday club ride, Figueroa Mountain Road. Photo by Harvey.*

## Coronado Trail Scenic Byway

**Bob P.** mentioned that he will be riding in Arizona and New Mexico in the next few weeks. One of the routes that he plans to ride is the Coronado Highway (US Highway 191) in Arizona. This route is about 119 miles and goes south-to-north from the copper-mining town of Clifton to the town of Springerville. The road reportedly has 460 curves, and it is one of the highest mountain roads in Arizona. The high point is 9,370 feet. It has sharp curves, steep drop-offs, and little or no shoulders—sounds like our kind of road! With an altitude change of about 6000 feet, it passes through several life zones.

Read more about the Coronado Trail here:  
[Coronado Trail](#)

We will look forward to Bob's trip report!

## Wheels and Windmills Car Show Update

**By Phil and Doug**

The Wheels and Windmills Car Show will take place in Solvang on August 25, 2018. Dennis Gage of *My Classic Car Show* is going to be at the show filming this event.

If you have a 1980 or older motorcycle, or a friend who has something interesting to show or would have an interest, then make sure you follow the link shown below. Right now, only about 300 cars are going to be registered and the registration fills in just days when registration opens in mid - May. The site right now only registers the cars for the event. The Motorcycle show will have separate registration to be determined soon.

Phil and I are participating in helping with the Motorcycle show within the Car show venue. They are only allowing 30 spots for motorcycles which will be displayed in the town's park in the center of town.

If you have a bike you want to show, or want a registration link for the show when available, then let us know!

<http://wheelsnwindmills.com/>

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