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Member News and Rides

Marilyn has signed up for the Suffragists Centennial Ride, organized by Alisa Clickenger. This is a multi-route, cross-country motorcycle event celebrating the passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, giving women the right to vote. This ride starts in a number of cities (Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Denver, Sturgis, Milwaukee, Dallas, Knoxville, Atlanta, New York and Orlando) and all end at Washington, D.C. The ride starts in August 2020.

[Suffragists Centennial Ride](#)

Dave M. rode along Yerba Buena Road, Mulholland Drive and Pacific Highway and other roads in the Malibu area. Despite the recent fires in these areas, he found no closed roads on his route.

BMW's Electric Motorcycle Concept: The Vision DC Roadster

BMW announced in June, 2019, that it will have 25 electrified models in 2023, which includes its Vision DC Roadster. It will be gear-less and clutch-less, allowing for dual

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hand brake levers. The body design relies heavily on aluminum and carbon fiber to reduce the weight and thus increase its performance. The BMW C-Evolution scooter already uses a 12.7 kWh battery module, so it is expected that the Vision would use the same battery pack. Harley-Davidson has had its LiveWire bike on the market since September 2019, although it temporarily suspended production due to a charging issue. The charging issue seemed to be a single bike, and has since been resolved.

November Meeting: Compass Expeditions

Craig Jackson from Compass Expeditions attended our November meeting and gave a short presentation about his company. Craig was in the area for the Progressive International Motorcycle Show at Long Beach, and he had contacted me about attending our meeting, as long as he was in the Southern California area.

Compass Expeditions is an Australian-based motorcycle touring company. They lead tours in South America, North America, Asia, Australia, Africa and Europe (but interestingly, not in New Zealand). They offer many of the "classic rides" such as Alaska, Patagonia, western Europe, and South Africa. They also offer a couple of "expedition rides," such as London to Magadan (105 days); Cape Town to Cairo (80 days); and Singapore to Beijing (89 days).

Craig showed slides of the various tour areas. He told us that his favorite country to tour is Kyrgyzstan. This country has beautiful snowy mountains and alpine valleys. Some of the accommodations were yurt camps. He said that the roads were mostly paved, but also with some graded gravel (and many times, the gravel roads are better than the paved roads). A very intriguing tour to consider!

Compass Expeditions was founded as a way to raise money for a rare degenerative disease, Freidriechs Ataxia (F.A). To this day, the company donates part of its proceeds to the Friedriechs Ataxia Network charity.

[About Compass Expeditions](#)

SB BMW Riders Calendar

- ❖ Monday, December 16: Club Annual Christmas party in lieu of a monthly meeting. The location is Cy's house, 632 Pico Avenue, Santa Barbara. See the announcement on this page.
- ❖ Monday, January 20, 2020: 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
- ❖ If members want to do any pick-up rides, post them on the member email list: <https://www.sbbmwridders.org/>



SB BMW Riders Christmas Party!

The Club Christmas party will be Monday, December 16, at Cy's and Linsley's house, 632 Pico Avenue (just up the block from Sport Cycle Pacific). Bring a wrapped present (about \$25 or so in value) for the Gift Exchange, and a dish to share for the potluck. The Club will be providing a baked ham. Festivities start at 6:30 p.m. Dagi will be sending out an email for potluck dish coordination. Hope to see everyone there!



I Am Just Telling You to WATCH IT!

This article is from NorCal News, November 2019:

It is two months since I went down on Hwy 5 on the way to the Range of Light. Caught a side bag on a truck bumper while lane splitting - really dumb. Anyway, I landed on my left arm and hit at the ground with my wrist. Unfortunately, I was wearing a Casio G-Force watch with a heavy stainless-steel band. A muscle got trapped between the Ulna bone (where it sticks out) and the strap of the watch. It still hurts and my wrist strength is greatly reduced. It does not seem to be getting better. I personally will never again ride wearing a watch. You might also want to think about watches or other hard objects carried about your person that might aggravate an injury if you were to fall. Give your protective gear a chance.

Link: [NorCal News November 2019](#)



*View from the back seat, somewhere on
Highway 6, west of Ely, NV.*

Upcoming Events

- December 12-15: Aerostitch Pop-Up Event, Gateway Plaza, 125 Plaza Drive, Suite 405, Vallejo, CA.
- December 28-January 1, 2020: Last Chance First Chance Rendezvous #25, Agua Caliente Hot Spring Campground, San Diego, CA. [Last Chance First Chance Agua Caliente](#)
- February 13-17: Airhead Beemers Club 28th Annual Death Valley Rendezvous. Furnace Creek, Death Valley, CA. [28th Annual Death Valley Rendezvous](#)
- March 26-29: ADV Rider Death Valley Noobs Rally, 16th Edition, Panamint Springs, Death Valley, CA. [ADV Rider Death Valley Noobs Rally](#)

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Dirt Road America **by M.R. O'Connor**

Excerpted from Dirt Road America, The New Yorker Magazine, November 19, 2019. Submitted by Chuck B.

At the heart of the Ozark National Forest, near the Wolf Pen and Estep creeks, is a town called Oark, with a population of just more than three hundred. Oark's general store, which opened in 1890, is situated where five county roads meet. You can buy a piece of buttermilk pie or a pack of cigarettes to smoke on the large front porch next to the ice machine; the cell service is unreliable, but guns are welcome, as long as they stay holstered. On a recent summer morning, the line cook stirred a skillet of flour gravy while Sam Correro tucked into a plate of eggs. "Have you seen any TransAmerica Trail riders come through here?" he asked the waitress, Bobbie Warren.

"Oh, yeah!" Warren said. "Every week."

"That's good," Correro said, in a Mississippi drawl. "I'm the one that made the trail."

For forty years, Correro has been riding a motorcycle through towns like Oark, stitching together a continuous pathway of dirt roads. Correro's trail is not straightforward. Winding through America's countryside, it largely avoids pavement, cities, and highways; instead of skipping flyover country, it goes through it as slowly as possible. No algorithm would advise you to take Correro's route through the back of beyond. Nevertheless, he has sold thousands of self-made paper maps and road charts containing his idiosyncratic directions. Some people travel Correro's trail for a weekend; others traverse all sixty-two hundred miles of boonies, from Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, to Port Orford, Oregon, crossing fourteen states.

In the course of the summer—the best season for dirt roads—Correro estimates that there might be as many as six hundred riders on the TransAmerica Trail. There's no way to know for sure. He does know that people ride it using motorcycles, bicycles, four-by-fours, Land Rovers, dirt buggies, pickup trucks, Pinzgauer military vehicles, and horses. One person did it in a Volkswagen Jetta for fun; another couple rode it coast to coast for their honeymoon, with the bride in a motorcycle sidecar. One cross-country rider was just eight years old. The oldest may be Correro, who is eighty. He likes to say that he has ridden every single inch of it, and that is true, but also an understatement, because he has ridden parts of it countless times. Though he has given up his motorcycle for a Chevy Tahoe, he still checks the trail to make sure that its roads are passable, that its bridges haven't been condemned. He modifies his maps, charting new routes...

Read the entire article here: [Dirt Road America](#)