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Member News and Rides

For our Zoom meeting in August, there were about 11 members present.

Michael and **Veronica** rode their scooter on Highway 33 and stopped at the Deer Lodge, where there were two other scooters parked. Michael reports that his scooter gets about 50-55 mph two-up, so it's good for the back roads; not so much for freeways!

Harvey, Steve, Fran, Bob, Eric, Lee, and **Randy** went on a ride in the Malibu Hills, led by Steve. Harvey says: "It was a good ride that featured plenty of twisties, some fresh pavement, and very light traffic. Steve led us down PCH, up Deer Creek, across Little Sycamore Canyon and down Decker Canyon where we paused as shown {see photo on Page 2}. Randy was present through Deer Creek then headed home. Lee was in the group at the Decker stop but the photographer failed to get him in the shot for some unknown reason, leaving Bob, Fran, Eric, Harvey, and Steve. Lee and I rode home from there while the others headed south on PCH to ride Latigo Canyon."

Steve has a new bike (R 1250GS), is really enjoying it and will be reporting back on it.

Chuck and 2 friends rode up the coast to Salt Point State Park, then they rode the Lost Coast,

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starting at Weott and ending at Ferndale, then continued to Arcata. They reversed the course for the return home, for a trip of 1400 miles. The Lost Coast road had fresh pavement at the start, but then the road got rough. They took snacks with them, and they also stopped at grocery stores to get food to-go. Chuck liked Salt Point State Park for camping, and there is a small grocery store nearby. There were several road repair stops on the northbound section of their ride. The only mishap on the trip was when Chuck left his glasses behind, and when he went back to retrieve them, they were gone.

[Salt Point State Park](#)

Meeting in Person?

At the August Zoom meeting, there was discussion of the Club picnic at Don Sachey's property. Steve asked if we would want a meeting at Don's property for September, but it was agreed that his place would be too hot in September; it is also starting to get darker earlier, and there was concern for those who have a long way to travel. Also, there is currently a County Health Department restriction on group gatherings. Michael has offered his backyard as a possible outdoor meeting location. His yard could hold about 15-20 people, and there is shade, seating, and enough room for everyone to spread out. Stay tuned! If and when the County gathering restrictions are lifted, we may be able to meet in person again.

SB BMW Riders Calendar

- ❖ Monday, September 21st: Club meeting, 6 p.m. via Zoom. The Zoom link will be sent a few days before the meeting.
- ❖ Monday, October 19th: Club meeting, 6 p.m. via Zoom. The Zoom link will be sent a few days before the meeting.
- ❖ We will be having Zoom meetings in lieu of meetings at Cody's Café for the indefinite future.
- ❖ Any other activities or rides scheduled, let me know! djkrohn@cox.net

From left to right: Bob, Fran, Eric, Harvey, and Steve at Decker Canyon. Photo courtesy of Harvey.



BMW Motorrad Open in Santa Maria

The BMW dealer is finally open in Santa Maria, located at 2022 Preisker Lane. This is adjacent to Central Coast Yamaha, in the same building as the Harley-Davidson dealership. You can see the building from Highway 101. Phone # 805.928.3668.

[BMW Motorrad Santa Maria](#)

The Long Way Up

The *Long Way Up* television series will debut on September 18. This is Charley Boorman's and Ewan McGregor's latest adventure. Their first series, *Long Way Round*, took them around the world; their second series, *Long Way Down*, took them from the UK to South Africa.

Long Way Up will be taking them from Argentina to Los Angeles, only they will be riding Harley-Davidson LiveWire electric motorcycles, instead of BMW GS's. The plan is to cover 13,000 miles and 13 countries; this will be a challenge on electric bikes with a limited battery range.

They start in Ushuaia, Argentina. For those of you who have been in this part of Argentina, you know how services are far and few between each other. It will be interesting to see how Charley and Ewan fare with getting things charged—though they do have support vehicles.

How to watch it: Apple TV+: [Long Way Up](#)

Upcoming Events

- September 11-13: MOA Getaway Cedar City, Cedar City, UT. [MOA Getaway Cedar City](#)

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Heading south between Mojave and Rosamund.

Photo by Eddie.

Lost Coast

By Diane Krohn

Chuck told us about his ride up the coast and to the Lost Coast. This is an area in northern California, Humboldt and Mendocino counties, in between the towns of Weott and Ferndale. Heading north, you can access it via Highway 101 or along the Avenue of the Giants. The initial road is Lower Bull Creek Flats Road, which becomes Mattole Road.

Mattole Road continues to the town of Honeydew, then goes on to the town of Petrolia. Petrolia was the site of the first oil well drilled in California. It is 5 miles away from the ocean, has a general store, and is home to about 400 people.

Continuing on Mattole Road, you reach the ocean and have unbroken views of ocean coastline and beaches. Mattole Road then turns east and ends in Ferndale, a town with well-preserved Victorian houses and store-fronts on the main street.

Mattole Road and Lower Bull Creek Flats Road are narrow, windy, and have many rough and pot-holed sections. Some sections are unpaved. At times, the road is single-lane—but there is not a lot of traffic, thankfully! The first time Wayne and I attempted to ride the Lost Coast, we weren't even sure we were on the right road, it looked like someone's dirt driveway, so we turned around. The next time, we persevered and rode the entire section. Very beautiful, but don't take your eyes off the road!



The Lost Coast. Unfortunately, not one of our photos. We didn't seem to have any pictures despite riding it!

Be sure to gas up before you ride the Lost Coast. Services are not necessarily available or open. The distance from Weott to Ferndale is approximately 80 miles. Ferndale has

restaurants and motels, and it is not too far from the Eel River Brewing Company, in Fortuna (about 9 miles away).

The best time to ride the Lost Coast is summer or early fall. Honeydew is one of the rainiest communities in California, but it can also get warmer in the summer than Petrolia. Petrolia, on the other hand, is more temperate and is in a location that is sheltered from the fog.

The Lost Coast is really one of those roads that you should try to ride at some time in your life. It's not epic, and it won't take days to complete, but it's an interesting and scenic road that goes through a very beautiful part of our state. And getting there by traveling on Highway 1/101 has its own rewards.

[Ferndale](#)

[Eel River Brewing](#)



1968 or 2020? Some things don't need improvement.

Photo by Mike McQuiggan.