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DIRTY SATURDAY



Saturday, December 22, was supposed to be a free day for me to paint my spare bedroom which is part of my project to paint the whole inside of my house. However, a little something got in the way of that plan.

Such a struggle (not really): paint or go riding in the back roads in the foothills. When faced with decisions whether to do the responsible adult thing or go and have fun, I have started to use the principle identified by Craig Reppe's mom: when I'm old and in my rocking chair, I'm not going to spend a lot of time wishing I had spent more time on [name the chore of your choice]. So, in a heartbeat, I decided to go riding. Not a difficult choice! What a good decision!



The plan was that we would meet in Prather and Steve and Bob would lead the way to Jose Basin, where we would off load the bikes and ride from there. So, by noon on Friday, I had my bike loaded on the carrier that attaches to the trailer hitch of my Jeep Parakeet. Then, of course, I had to decide on the wardrobe: How cold will it be? What socks and boots will be best? How many layers? Do the pants still fit? And of course, does this color suit me? Then, I made my list of things to not forget like chest protector, elbow and knee pads, water,

charger, snack, first aid kit, lipstick and of course some tools and air compressor.

By the time Saturday morning rolled around, I was more than packed; I almost slept in my gear....so excited. Off I go into the fog, leaving Visalia at about 7am with so much weight on the back of my vehicle, my headlights were pointing into the sky. Oh well, I'm on an adventure! I arrived about 15 minutes before our agreed upon meeting time to be pleasantly surprised to see the boys already there. Steve, Bob, and Gary—there they were, my new BFFs.



We started up this windy road past Auberry, past the casino, driving, driving, driving. We were out in the middle of nowhere but I had this feeling I had been there before, sort of a de ja vu...I think we had been on a ride with Bryan my first year in California. Back then, I followed and never really knew where I was. Every now and then, I recognize a place as somewhere I had been. If you ride with Bryan, you get to see all the twisties and out of the way places.



Finally, we got to our off-loading spot and got ready to ride. My bike practically jumped off her little pedestal. The roads were for the most part dry with some mud puddles. If I followed Steve, he went around them and so did I. However, Bob seemed to like a little bit of mud splashes so I seemed to follow him right through the gentle mud. After all, I knew I'd have more fun if I got a little dirty....isn't that the goal?

Went around the mountain and over to Big Creek where we stopped for a photo opportunity where a local resident of 9 years old snapped a picture of us in front of the Big Creek General Store. Then we rode back through the bushes to our camp, got warmer gear on, then over to Cressman's store. We all agreed that those are the best sandwiches we had ever had! I think it has something to do with being really hungry, being out in the fresh air, and having a fun filled day.

By about 4pm we had ridden back to our cars and loaded back up for the drive home. What a day! I am grateful that I was asked along and to enjoy the outdoors where Bob and Steve have ridden dirt bikes and horses for many years with keen knowledge of every twist and turn and mud puddle in the road. They were the best guides we could have had, making sure we saw some beautiful views of snow topped mountains, alerting us to muddy patches coming up, topping up my gas tank, helping me load and unload, and finding food when we were ready for a bite to eat.

The day was over before I knew it and we were back on the road, headlights pointed up in the sky. The next thing I knew, I was painting that spare bedroom on Sunday, still with a smile on my face and intermittent giggles about mud puddles, young dirt riders without fear, and three new BFFs. Thanks for a great day, guys!



CVBR 2019 RIDE SCHEDULE

PLACES AND DESTINATIONS ARE PICKED. JUST RIDE LEADERS ARE NEEDED , IF RIDE LEADER WOULD RATHER GO SOMEPLACE ELSE ON THE MONTH OF THEIR CHOOSING. FEEL TO CHANGE IT. CONTACT THE EDITOR AT acesbmwrt@gmail.com

Jan 19	Mariposa Coffee House and tour
Feb 16	Oakhurst, Organic apple orchard and tour
March 16	Cambria, lunch and Fish House
April 20	Castle air Museum
May 18	Lee-Vining camp out, Bodie State Park
June 15	Parkfield, go up old grade (if it has not rained)
July 20	Cedar Grove Lodge, lunch
Aug 17	Lodge Pole, lunch-Moro Rock by bus
Sep 21	Quincy ?
Oct 19	Columbia State Park
Nov 16	Motorcycle Show, Salton Sea
Dec 21	Christmas Party

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING Thursday January 10, 2019!

You are invited to the monthly meeting of the Central Valley BMW Riders (usually) held the second Thursday of each month at the Toledo's Restaurant 367 E. Shaw, Fresno. The meeting begins at 6:00 pm, with a social hour, with most of us enjoying cocktails and dinner and a monthly speaker or presenter going over anything and everything relating to the sport of motorcycling and BMW Motorcycles. We hope to see you there.



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SATURDAY: 9AM - 4PM

SUNDAY: CLOSED

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Founded in June 2005, the Central Valley BMW Riders (CVBR) provides social, recreational, and educational opportunities for individuals who own and have interests in BMW Motorcycles. Participation enables riders to share, with other BMW enthusiasts, various aspects of riding, including product history, skill development, riding experiences, riding routes, scenery, and destinations. Member interests cover the entire range of BMW motorcycles, including touring and sport models, dual sport GS models, restored and vintage bikes. At CVBR meetings and events, all brands of motorcycles and their riders are welcome as guests. Any BMW motorcycle household (two members per household) may join CVBR.

Please complete and sign the form below and return it with a check for \$40 payable to CVBR.

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