

Central Valley BMW Riders

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March 2019

## IS IT SPRING YET?



In early February, I had a birthday and decided to treat myself to a brand new, used bike. Then, every time I planned a ride, rain or other things happened and by the end of the month, my longest trip was a loop from Hanford to Fresno, Visalia then home. March 1, ended all that.

For some time, I had been working out the purchase of my next bike. My biggest issue was vacillating between either getting another RT or moving up to the GT. I had only done test rides on GTL's. The last being a used 2012, with a gearbox which I simply did not get along with. I would keep the RT I have and shod it with another set of TKC 70's to make it my camping and off road rides bike.

Though I really like my RT, I didn't like the idea of spending a good amount of money to have two of the same bikes. Ultimately, I found a 2014 (with every option but a top-case) with 6,300 miles on it. Every annual service had been done by the dealer, for less than half the price of a new one. Sold.



Rain was again in the forecast. However, I had a plan to ride to the Moto Talbott Collection Museum in Carmel Valley. The forecast called for the rain to be moving in from the ocean and not starting until after 2 pm. Departure time was a little before 8 am.

It was cloudy, in the low 50's with winds out of the north. I took Highway 198 through Coalinga. One of my favorite roads. It was mostly dry with very little evidence of recent rains. I finally had a chance to really compare the GT to the RT. In several articles about the GT and conversations with other GT riders the issue of the bike's weight usually is discussed.

Stationary, to a few miles per hour, you can indeed feel the weight difference from the RT. Rolling at speed is a different story. The first thing you notice is the feeling from the front wheel. It just seems way more planted. Highway 198 has almost 50 miles of hills, twists, slow turns and a few miles of straight roads. In sections where the RT was gasping and

needed to downshift for power, the GT has to be held back and kept restrained.

I pulled over and took a photo looking into the Salinas Valley, which had a blanket of clouds in it. There was overcast all the way until just before the base of Carmel Valley Road. Here, I found an opening in the clouds and sunlight. After the rains, the hills are already emerald green with California Golden Poppies starting to bloom in some areas. By April and the additional expected rains, it will all be green grass and flowers.



It's not unusual to see wildlife (deer, boar, wild turkeys, etc.) on this road. Added to the fact it can be narrow at times and go to the one car wide sections, it's best to keep it slow and just take your time. About 28 miles later is Carmel Valley Village and the museum.

I had been before, but a few bikes had been added and you always seem to notice something you didn't before. I was the only one there, except for the guy minding the place. Besides the BMW's there are many makes and types of bikes. The attendant asked if I was aware of the lower floor of flat track bikes and other items. I said I was and he related some people have walked through without noticing the stairwell.

After my visit I rode north and looped into the Salinas Valley riding through Spreckles, onto Highway 101 and then back onto the 198 again. For the record, March 20 will be the first day of Spring and I am supposed to be in Disney World. Is it Spring yet?





## 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](mailto:acesbmwrt@gmail.com)

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 March 14, 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.**

Do you have a story with pictures of a ride or event? Send whatever you have to the Editor at [Acesbmwrt@gmail.com](mailto:Acesbmwrt@gmail.com)



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## Valley BMW Riders Membership & Renewal Form

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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Date \_\_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

Rider Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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I am interested in helping with: rides \_\_\_\_\_ events \_\_\_\_\_ newsletter \_\_\_\_\_

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In signing above, I (we) apply for membership in the Central Valley BMW Riders motorcycle club. I (we) agree to not hold the organization, nor any of its officers, directors, sponsors, instructors, ride leaders or members responsible for any injury or damage that might occur to me or my property in connection with any activity of the CVBR organization.



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The 49er Rally is the BMW Club of Northern California's annual rally with 47 years of tradition and predating the BMW Motorcycle Owners of America's (MOA) National Rally. Last year we had over 500 Riders in attendance. Admission includes four nights of grassy camping, hot showers, great self guided GS and street rides, tons of events and seminars, live music, and a lot of fabulous motorcycle people! This is the best BMW motorcycle Rally of the year!