

Central Valley BMW Riders

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## CVBR Ride to Castle Air Museum



The April club ride (4/20/19) was to the Castle Air Museum in Atwater. We all met at Herwaldt Motorsports (HMS) at 9am sharp and left at 9:30, right on schedule. We had a great turnout with 10 riders altogether (Bryan, Gerry, Adrian, Craig, Ken, Steve, Bob, Gary, Luis, and Jose). This included our visitors from Mexico, Luis and his son Jose from Guadalajara. They have joined us in other years with Jose riding on the back of his dad's 1200GS. This time, Jose has his own 1200GS and is a good rider. It was great to have them along, thanks to Johnny from HMS hooking us up.

Craig lead the pack and Bryan came up somewhere behind, arriving at the same time as we did (he rides fast). To save time, we went up Hwy 99 to Atwater, took a bit of an unscheduled tour of the area and then landed at the old Castle Air Force Base. The boys took the tour of the regular aircraft, but I went on the Presidential Aircraft. The extra dollars were worth it because the docents were informative as was my new best friend that accompanied me on the tour (retired US Coast Guard guy). It started with a review of the history of the aircraft which was Nancy Reagan's plane of choice but was used by presidents Reagan, Clinton, and Vice-Presidents Mondale, Bush, Quayle, Gore, and Cheney. I really appreciated the general history about various dignitaries that was also provided—probably what you all learned in grade school!



Some interesting facts:

1. Powered by 2 Pratt & Whitney engines each delivering 15,000 lbs of thrust;
2. Overall length is 119 feet and 3 inches;
3. The wing span is 93 feet and 3 inches;
4. Its landing weight is 99,000 pounds (you wouldn't want to get run over by that);
5. Cruising speed is 570 miles per hour (a little faster than my GS);
6. Range is 1635 nautical miles;
7. Fuel capacity is 3,679 (I'd hate to pay that bill);
8. It carries a bunch of people, has a galley bigger than my kitchen, and has a special place for pets too!

After the tour, we went to the Black Bear Diner in Atwater which was a great choice and Craig got us there safely. It was nice to catch up with Luis and Jose and stumble around translating between English, Spanish, sign language, and facial expressions. Once the bills were paid, we headed back to Fresno. Bryan and I took a quick trip to Clawson Motorsports, where I test rode a Honda Rebel and looked at some other economical commuter bikes. Finally, Bryan told me about his son, the Deputy Sheriff – the big tall one that came to our club meeting—riding a G310GS to work all the way to Madera and suggested I check them out too.

Thanks, Bryan. I did exactly that: all week at every spare moment I researched them on the internet, then went to HMS on Saturday and bought one. This will be my commuter bike and the baby of the family next to my 700GS and Yamaha xt250 and everybody had to move over in my garage! Thank goodness I can hang some of my other toys from the ceiling leaving room for bikes! The 310GS is fun to ride and pretty well a naked bike which is what I wanted. Like all BMWs built now, it has ABS which can be turned off, comfortable seat (not really), about a 32-inch seat height, and gets about 70 miles per gallon on the flat and 128 mpg downhill! It is surprisingly stable on the highway and is comfortable at 60 or 70 mph. I am going to be getting a bigger windscreen because there is way too much noise to hear my i-Tunes properly! I also ordered a top box to lock contraband in while parked at work.



Tanner and Johnny were great to deal with and I spent most of the day with them. Angel delivered it to my house in the afternoon just in time for an afternoon ride. I am taking advantage of the BMW loan option and I know this is going to increase my US Credit Score (Seriously. It is very cool for me: when I bought my 700GS, BMW Canada checked my Canadian credit and BMW USA gave me the loan. The start of my credit history here!! So cool—thanks Tanner and HMS!).

# 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)

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 May 9, 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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**MONDAY:**           **CLOSED**  
**TUESDAY:**        9AM - 6PM  
**WEDNESDAY:**   9AM - 6PM  
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**FRIDAY:**         9AM - 6PM  
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# FUTURE WATCH

## Upcoming BMW Cruiser Motorcycle Spotted

A big bagger from BMW Motorrad is expected to debut soon. The new BMW cruiser will be powered by a twin-cylinder boxer engine.

By [CarAndBike Team](#)



The next new motorcycle from BMW Motorrad may be a big bagger which will directly compete with the likes of the Touring models from Harley-Davidson and even similar-sized baggers from Indian Motorcycle. German website Motorrad posted a spy shot of a near production-ready model of the upcoming big cruiser. The cruiser was spotted out on the road, and from the looks of the spy shot, this is no prototype but a near-production motorcycle, so BMW Motorrad may be looking to launch the new cruiser sooner than you expect.

The new BMW cruiser is equipped with a big air-cooled, twin-cylinder, boxer engine. From the spy shot you can clearly see part of the cylinder head of the boxer engine jutting out on one side. There's no word on displacement of the engine yet, but we expect it to be a big boxer, possibly around 1,800 cc. If that's the case, then the new BMW bagger will directly compete with the likes of the Harley-Davidson Street Glide Special, Honda Gold Wing and Indian Chieftain Dark Horse.

The spy shot of the BMW cruiser reveals chunky rear and front wheels, a big fairing and windscreen. Expect it to be loaded with technology, including smartphone connected multimedia system, advanced safety technology based on BMW Motorrad's latest gizmos and more. Considering the bike looks like a near-production model in the spy shot, we won't be surprised to see a production model announced soon, possibly even before the international motorcycle shows kick off later this year, like the Intermot in Cologne, Germany, and the EICMA show in Milan.



# 8's and Indians

I'm not an artist, historian, musician, poet, trained mechanic or chef. Though I have had experience or education with them all, it turns out, I'm a planner. I admit it. There comes a time when you realize you as an individual, have tendencies or skills which overwhelm your lifetime education, plans, wants or desires. While I have helped plan many rides with others, I had never done it all to include leading the ride. That all ended in April, 2019.

In the winter of 2018, Derral Ridenour related his calendar was clear and he would be free to get away from family, home and work for about 10 days. He wanted to go on a ride in April and he wanted to go somewhere warm. We needed a plan.

So, it turns out the days identified would be the same days as other friends of mine had identified to travel to the Moto GP races in Austin, Texas. Given the distance (among other issues) doing a warm ride, won out. Meetings (Lunch) were held. A couple of years ago a planned ride through Utah, Idaho and Montana was cancelled due to late Spring snow storms. I suggested a ride through the south west states and it was agreed on. The initial group of five ended up being me Derral and Jimmy Johnson.

A couple of years ago, I drafted a wandering, solo trip into Arizona and New Mexico. I always give trips a two-word name with some relevance to where it is and what it was about. In this case 8's & Indians. I pulled it out and reworked it. It was basically a big loop. The first day of any out of state trip is usually the longest, because California is so big.

I rendezvoused with Jimmy and Derral at the Ranier Rest Stop, just south of Tulare. We headed south and after a stop for gas at the Grapevine and again with lunch in Palm Springs we rode past the Salton Sea and stopped near the town of Niland at Mount Salvation. This is one of those quirky only in America stops. There are wildly painted concrete monuments and strange rode-side structures. Some inhabited, others just there with the themes of peace and love or other messages. It's one of those places you need to see to understand. We took pictures and rode on to our motel in El Centro.





After resting a bit, we rode to Holtville a town about 10 miles away where we had a delicious (Carne Asada) dinner with some family members of mine. I hadn't seen them in a long time and it was a great visit. My cousin and her boyfriend are both retired from the State Department of Corrections as are Jimmy and myself. Derral was a real good sport and guest as the conversation drifted into our old careers and some of it needed explaining. When we rode back to the hotel, it was totally dark and I had a chance to really test my recently installed Clearwater Sienna lights. I can honestly say they are the brightest lights I have experienced on any vehicle ever. I had the amber lens covers on and they were amazing.



We got a good nights' rest and the next morning turned and headed west on Highway 8, for our first day out of the state. Our first stop at (of all places) a prison in Yuma, Arizona. *To be continued.*

### 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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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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