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## Presidents Column

Well we definitely lucked out on some phenomenal riding weather for the March meeting. After weeks of rain and wind, this was one of the most stunning visits to Death Valley in quite a while. We couldn't have asked for better weather, a better group of campers, great food, and the addition of our 300<sup>th</sup> new member!

My trip was a little different in that I made a side trip to Mariposa to get the paperwork ready for the 49er. After almost 30 years of making the trip from the Bay area to DV in one long day, it was time to wander down in two days. Amazing how taking your time lets you see lots of wonderful sights on the back roads. And at Furnace Creek the entire Milky Way lit up the night sky. Over 70 members and guest were there Friday night and more came Saturday. Seems the further the meeting, the more riders attend. Just a normal 1,100 mile NorCal weekend ride ;-)

At the Club meeting we had the final vote on all the proposed By-Law changes and they were unanimously approved. Thank you all for your support. This will have an immediate effect on this year's election meeting since the Club Board will now have certain officers serving staggered 2 year terms. Starting this June about half the BoD will be up for election and 2 year terms will be the norm going forward. Those interested in running for the BoD can read the updated By-Laws when they're posted onto the Club website. The Club has many excellent candidates for office. Please feel

free to contact me if you want to know what's involved with serving the Club. Also know that only 3 out of 7 positions are up for election unless the current position member not up for reelection decides not to continue.


The 49er is shaping up to be a nice one. Hugo has almost all the committee chairs in place. The food looks fattening, speakers entertaining and educational, prizes wonderful, and more events than time to see them or participate in them all. Hopefully everyone has registered and has thought about bringing a friend – that's a hint ;-). This year is especially true if you are or know of a couple who wants a focused adventure riding clinic - one for the guys and one for the girls. Something special for everyone.

On a personal note, I've already mentioned that I won't be running for re-election as President. My rule has always been only 2 years in a position and time to pass the baton. That said, I've been asked to run for the Board of Directors of the BMW MOA. If you're an MOA member you should have received the most recent MOA ON with all the candidates position statements and a separate ballot. Please take the time to read about each person ..and if you like my story, I'd appreciate your vote.

Hope to see you at the catered bar-b-q event in La Grange in a few days. NOTE the change from the regular Club meeting date. NOT the usual end of month timing. Register now for the food and drink on the Club website.

*Greg Hutchinson*

**VOTE FOR GREG**



Greg Hutchinson is running for a MOA board position. If you are a MOA member fill in the card in the April MOA ION magazine and vote for Greg. Greg will step down as Norcal President this year.

# Open BoD Positions for June 29-30 Election Meeting at Fannon Lake

**One year term**  
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**F** Hein Gericke black leather jacket with full quilted liner. Says size 44, but seems smaller at least with the liner in. Also "OSI" winter gloves size L. Both in good condition. More info call Steve @ 510-79-1576, or email. First one here gets them. Look for pictures coming soon to our club web site.

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### Tip of the Month

**Before pouring fresh oil into your engine remember to wipe clean the funnel AND the top of the oil container .....don't ask where this one comes from**



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## Captain's Log

If you were there you know – Death Valley was really great this year. The weather was the best it's been in some years and the flowers on the way there were in high bloom and put on quite the show! Sure, some of the off-road rides were closed from the late rains, but there was lots of great riding still to be had. And those that went to Death Valley via Mexico and the Cross Border Rally had really great riding too. Kevin Coleman led the tour down mainland Mexico and crossed to Baja from Mazatlan on the overnight ferry. Originally I was planning for this ride but shortly before we were set to leave I found out my wife would be able to go for the first week. So she and I ran 2-up down Baja as far as Loreto, where my wife flew home, and the next day I met up with Kevin and the rest after they crossed on the ferry. From Loreto we made our way up Baja to Joshua Tree and then Death Valley. Jorgen Larsen departed from the main ride this year and came down a week later with another group.

At the Death Valley meeting we welcomed our 300<sup>th</sup> member! He goes by 300 – no surprise there, but he might also answer to Steven Buttterfield. And if you meet him be sure to ask him about the alligator we spotted on our day ride to the China Ranch Date Farm. If you don't believe me Kevin Harms and John Howard saw it too... It's hard to believe but it's there. Maybe mark that down on your wish list for next year's Death Valley trip. In addition to the alligator they serve up some really great date shakes! The desert oasis that is the date farm is

about 1.5 hours from Furnace Creek , on the other side of Tecopa, south of the Park and well worth the ride.

This month we have the April Meeting on April 13<sup>th</sup> and it will be at Russ Drake's daughters place in La Grange. Sign up before end of day Tuesday April 9<sup>th</sup> to get counted in for the catered dinner.

Then April 27<sup>th</sup> Eurocycle Sonoma is hosting their Spring into Spring Season Opener Event. We are meeting for breakfast at the Napa Black Bear Diner and doing a great ride to the dealership. All riders are welcome for the ride or can just head straight to the dealership at 800 American Way in Windsor. Go to the Eurocycle Facebook page to confirm so they have an idea of how much food to get. If you are planning on riding with the club, confirm on the NorCal Event page. And remember to sport your NorCal gear and represent!

May is of course the 49er! Are you registered? We've doubled the Lance Thomas GS clinics and we are hosting two Women's GS clinics by Pat Jacques. Register on the NorCal event page. Pat's clinics will be up shortly...

In the upcoming months we are going to continue to hone our group ride formats and safety practices. I am looking for more "ride captains" to lead groups of 4-ish riders on club rides. Give me a shout if you're interested.

Thanks and ride safe – I'm thinking the rain will stop soon and we'll all be blowing off some of those cobwebs...

*Nick Gloyd Tour Captain*

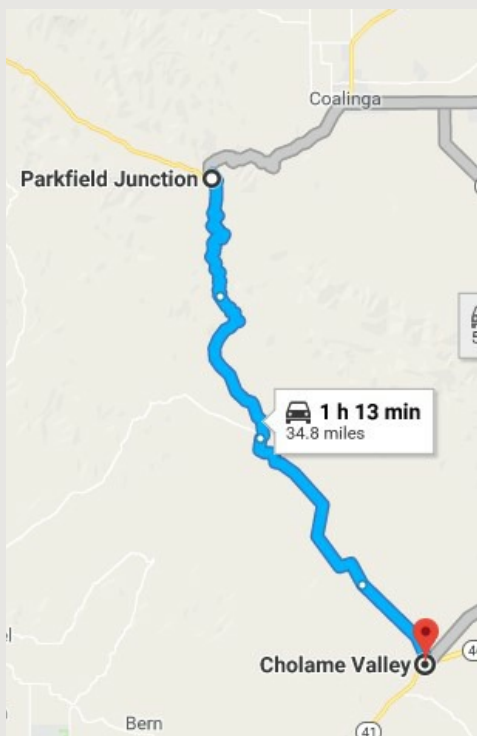
## Editors Corner

Big thanks to Mike Morlin and Adrian Pineda for writing articles that highlight great rides. I thought I would get in the act and add my own ride. Thanks to Fred Montano and first time Norcal attendee Dave Cardinal for pictures of the Death Valley

camp out and rides. I put together an article on GPX file format that my wife, Christine, thinks makes brilliant sleep aid. So much for the hours of research. To avoid more articles like this please I need more contributions from you guys

*John Ellis*

## Anything to avoid the Freeways



For the past few years riding to Death Valley has been a leisurely two day affair for me, camping at Lake Isabella on the way. In the past I have followed Hwy 25 though Pinnacles to Hwy 198 to Hwy 33. This is a great road in the spring when everything is so spectacularly green. The only problem is that heading south of Hwy 33 is kind of boring. I have looked at the map in the past and noted a road between Parkfield Junction on Hwy 198 to Cholame Valley right next to the junction where James Dean's life came to an untimely end 64 years ago. The road is 35 miles long and heads due south. The northern end of this road is the Parkfield Grade which rises 2800 ft to the summit in about 9 miles. Initially the road surface is great - newly laid tar with tight bends and truly spectacular views. Fred Montano who was riding with me this year claimed it was the best road he'd ever ridden (it was a beautiful day with clear blue skies). Unfortunately at the summit the road surface turns to gravel for the next 5 miles. When we went over this year after the recent rains there were small channels where the water flowed but the scary bit was a thin coating (maybe an inch deep) of soft mud on top of a hard base. I nearly went down a couple of times, and some sections have steep drop offs.



So there you have it A great road but tricky after/during rain. It would be a piece of cake in the Summer. From Cholame Valley we took the 46 to hwy 99 towards Bakersfield. *John Ellis*



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## A Favorite Road: The Talimena National Scenic Byway

A lot of you heading to Nashville for the MOA National might want to take this amazing stretch of road from SE Oklahoma into SW Arkansas. It's about a 70 mile road built during the depression by the WPA that courses along a ridge through the Kiamichi Mountains, an east-west portion of the greater Ouachitas. From Talimena, OK Hwy 1 takes you over to the town of Mena, AR where you can gas up and get a meal.



From there, you can go north on US 71 and AR 23, to ride through the Ozarks and over to Buffalo River National Monument (well worth a visit), or to the east are Hot Springs National Park and Little Rock. I learned of, and first rode this byway in the mid-1980s when I had clipped out a "My Favorite Ride" column from a *Rider* magazine. That trip was, for me, an epic 10,000 mile loop through North America.

To experience this road is a unique treat. There is constant exhilaration. From the ridge are vast vistas, north and south, as the land drops away. The elevation is not what we experience in the Sierras, or even parts of the Coast Range, but whoever engineered it to follow the contours along the ridges of these mountains did us a huge favor. It's one where you hoot inside your helmet multiple times as you come around a corner or ride over a hill and capture a new panorama. Be sure to pull over at the viewpoints – don't be in too big of a hurry – savor this road.

It is well worth going out of your way for. Heading east, I camp at Lake Texoma State Park in southern OK on US 70, then hit the byway in the morning via US70E, US271N to Talihina .

Enjoy!!! *Mike Morlin*



# So what exactly is a GPX file and why does it matter?

I started to looking at how GPS devices work at this after trying to load REVER GPX files onto my Garmin. It didnt work and I started to think there was some kind of compatibility issue. The eureka moment for me was when I looked at the GPX files that are used to transfer GPS data between different navigation systems.

Working back from an understanding of the GPX files, some of the mysteries surrounding how Garmin and other navigation systems work became apparent. Understanding a bit about how things work provide hints regarding what causes things to go wrong.

Although most of this article is dealing with the transfer of data between two navigation systems using GPX protocol, it seemed like a good idea to start by looking what goes on inside the navigation systems. To illustrate this I am using Garmin as an example since this is currently the most popular systems used by club members.

## Garmin Navigation

The Garmin system basically consists of two parts

- Garmin Base Camp
- Garmin Zumo GPS device.

Base camp runs on a PC or MAC and is the tool generally used when planning routes. For illustrative purposes I have broken the software in Base Camp in to four parts

1. User interface where route instruction are entered
2. Mapping Data Base

3. The routing algorithm
4. Control software that hangs it all together.

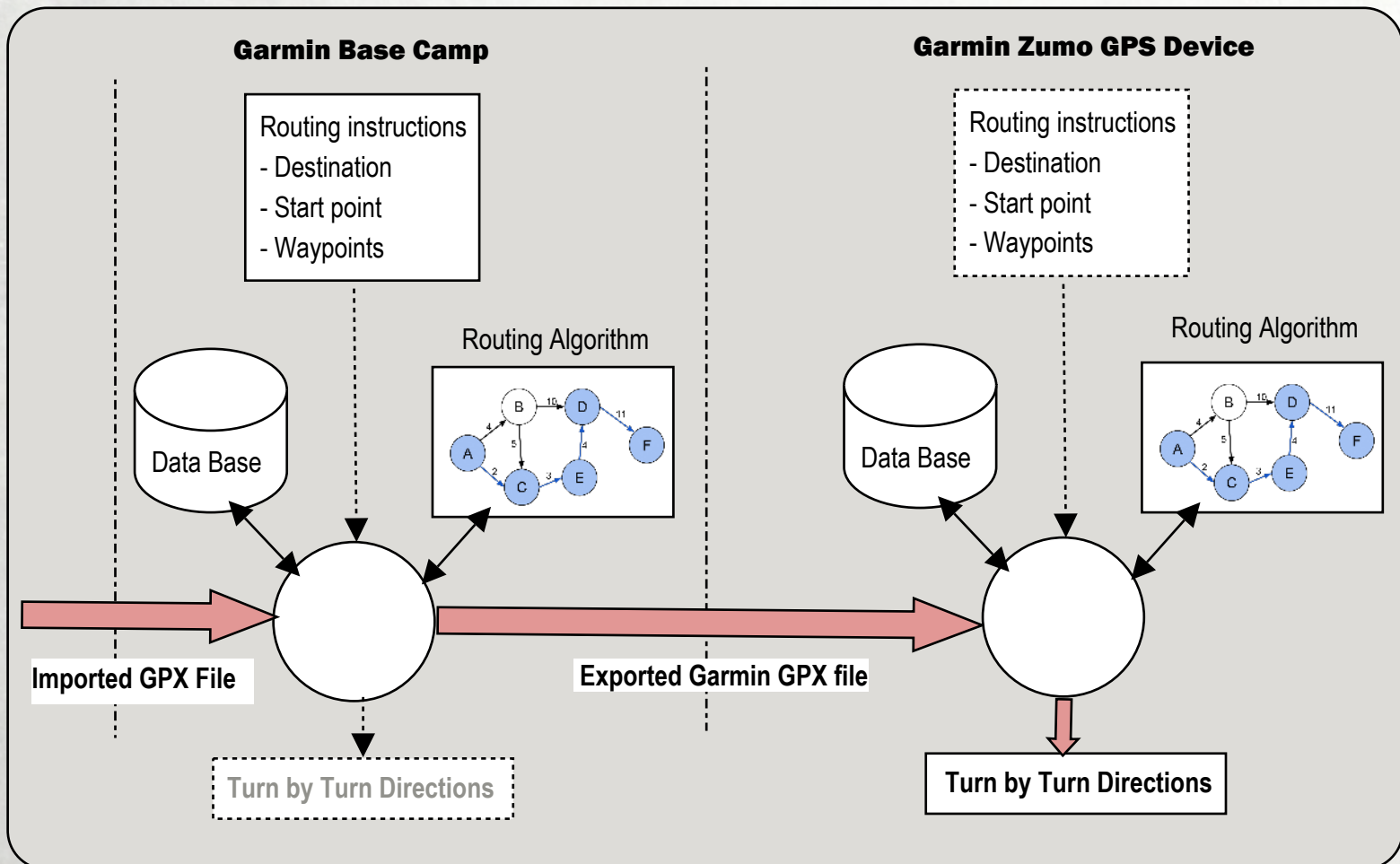
By either importing a route from another system, or creating a route using the user interface, the output of this software is Turn by Turn direction and an GPX file that can be exported to a Garmin GPS device

Looking at the functional diagram below it is very apparent that the same functional blocks also exist within the Garmin Zuno GPS. Using the Zumo interface it is possible, although more difficult, to plan a specific route and create the Turn By Turn instructions you follow as you ride your bike.

It is also apparent that the information that is passed between Base Camp and the GPS is NOT Turn By Turn instructions that were calculated by Base Camp but a GPX file, which the Garmin GPS uses to re-calculate the Turn By Turn.

So the key element in both these systems is the Map Data Base. Garmin uses a Map Data base that it purchased from HERE Technologies. HERE Technologies based their product technology they bought from Nokia who purchased it originally from Navteq.

The Data Base obviously contains a lot of stuff the core consists of every road in the map file being represented by a vector. A vector can be thought of as a straight line with an associated "weight". In the case of a road map these "weights" could be the time taken to drive the road, the length of the road, if the road is winding, if it has a toll or if it is dirt etc etc.



Where two roads join, the joining point is represented by a node. For the purpose of routing these vectors and nodes are joined together in a massive mesh. Mathematically, turn by turn navigation is calculated using *the shortest path problem* from graph theory. This views the mesh to identify the path (selecting vectors) that best meets some criteria (shortest, cheapest, fastest, winding etc.) between two points in a large network. The output from this computation is the turn by turn instructions.

The actual representation of roads and routes on the display of the device is provided by another part of the map data base that contains a set of longitude/latitude data points representing actual path with curves associated with each vector (road section).

In the case of Base Camp besides calculating Turn by Turn it also creates a GPX file to download to the Zumo GPS.

## Looking inside GPX files

A GPX file is saved in the GPS Exchange Format, which is an open standard originally defined in 2002. GPX files are stored in an XML format and is intended to be used for file transfer between GPS programs and devices. The minimum properties for a GPX file are latitude and longitude for every single point. All other elements are optional

The data types contained in a GPX file may contain

- Track-type
- Route-type
- Waypoint-type

**Tracks** -Tracks act like a trail of breadcrumbs. This allows the creation of a track that exactly follows a path previously taken. The track could be across cross county and does not depend on the existence of roads or paths contained in the vector road map discussed above.

The snip below comes from a GPX file produced by the REVER app. The track segment is at the bottom. Waypoints are at the top

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</wpt>
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**Route** - A route contains a sequence of longitude/latitude located points. However in the case of route points these are typically derived from the end points of the vector representing a section of road. This is not specified in the spec but that is what Garmin for one appears to be doing. Remember from the diagram on the previous page the Route GPX file is exported from Base Camp to the Garmin device and its up to the device to recompute the turn by turn directions referencing its own vector data base.

**Waypoint** - Includes GPS coordinates of a point. It may also include other descriptive information. The standard says waypoints can be arranged in with no sequential relationship. However looking at GPX route files compatible to Garmin devices the waypoints are always placed in sequence. This may be a reason why downloading a route onto a Garmin sometimes fails if it is generated using a non-Garmin application. Looking at the Rever generated file it can be seen the waypoints are placed at the beginning of the file.

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King City, CA, 93930, USA</desc>
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## So what could possibly go wrong?

- Well GPX files are defined in a standard but vendors add proprietary extensions to allow additional information to be transferred. Garmin definitely does this. Proprietary extensions or formats could cause the GPX file to be rejected.
- When transferring a GPX route file the destination device has to match the supplied longitude/latitude data with a vector associated with a particular piece of road. If the data base is slightly different then its possible a match cant be found for one or more segments. I have hit this problem lots of time when importing "Garmin" GPX files. The GPS device takes minutes to figure it out and there are always errors/missing roads/etc in the final Turn by Turn instructions.
- If you create a route without Waypoints on Base Camp and select a route option such as "curvy road", the Turn By Turn directions when the track is loaded on to the GPS device will look good. However if you go off track during your ride the Garmin will reroute to the next Waypoint which could be the final destination. The curvy road

selection will be lost. When planning a route in Base Camp always add plenty of waypoints to make sure the path follows the route you intended.

- Devices have upper limits to the number of track points and waypoints it can store. It good practice to periodically delete old routes from your Garmin. Don't forget to also go to favorites (which is where route waypoints show up) and delete the ones you no longer need.

## The Phone Application Alternative

If you check the Android or Apple app store there are many navigation apps available. So how do these apps compare with a single purpose Garmin or TomTom motorcycle GPS.

These are some of the questions you need to ask yourself when considering on of these apps.

- Does the app allow you to download maps ahead of time so that when you are out of cell phone reception the app will continue to work.
- What happens if you veer off from a pre-defined track. This is really important cos you could end up in the middle of nowhere without GPS help.
- Is there a way to share your route/track with other through a GPX file
- Is the display on your phone bright enough and is it waterproof.

I can think of no technical reason why the latest cell phones could not fully support the same functionality currently found on single purpose Garmin or TomTom dedicated GPS devices. They have sufficient processing power and memory. Some of the latest phones are waterproof to the same standard as

motorcycle GPS support. However I have heard that phones don't like sitting in the sun on a really hot day.

The latest Moto Guzzi V85TT has a full color TFT display which can Bluetooth connect to a phone app. With a single button press you can switch between instrument view (speedometer, tachometer, fuel gauge, etc) and turn by turn map mode. I have to believe this is the future. The only question is when will there be a Garmin equivalent GPS app on a phone happen and who will do it

*John Ellis*

## REVER

Several Club members including Nick Gloyd use Rever. Here are a few of the key benefits.

### Off Line Maps

Once you have planned a ride you don't need cell service to navigate. You can select the offline button in the app to download the route to your phone. The built in GPS will keep tabs on you and allow you to navigate without cell service. This feature works great as long as you don't stray too far from your pre-planned route.

### Track your Rides

Rever can track rides and and share with friends. All of the rides are saved and organized online and in the app. When someone asks for a route just look up the ride by name or date and then share it.

### Know where your friends are

On group rides by adding friends you can see where they are on your phone, as you ride.

## Amargosa Opera House and Hotel

One of the interesting and quirky places around Death Valley is the Amargosa Opera House and Hotel. The Spanish Colonial style adobe complex was built between 1923 and 1925 by the Pacific Coast Borax Company originally to house the company offices, store, dormitory, a twenty three room hotel, dining room, lobby, and employees headquarters. A recreation hall was built at the northeast end of the complex and was used as a community center for dances, church services, movies, funerals, and town meetings. Marta Becket, an American actress, dancer, choreographer and painter rented the recreation hall in 1967, and began repairs, created the sets, and painted murals on the adobe walls. She performed for more than four decades at her own theater now called the Amargosa Opera. In 1970, journalists from National Geographic discovered Becket doing a performance at the Amargosa Opera House without an audience. Their profile and another in Life led to an international interest in Becket and her theater. In 1974, Becket established the nonprofit Amargosa Opera House, Inc. to continue preservation of the property, which was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on December 10, 1981.



The cafe recently reopened so I definitely wanted to visit. The interior is like a time capsule. The food is fine. The photo montage of Marta is embedded in one of the tables in the cafe and is shown here.

The hotel is open for business and there were a number of cars parked outside. I was told there was to be a performance at the Opera house that evening.





# THE MERCURY IS RISING

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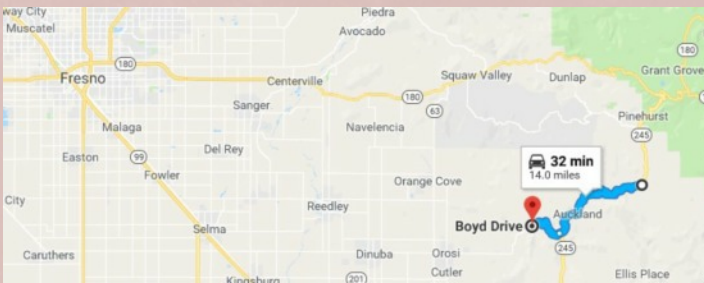
March may have been a wet month in the Golden State, but it also ushered in blooming orchards, epic Blossom Trail rides and wildflowers all over the Central Valley. Even now media sites around the state are reporting about superblooms, some which can be seen by satellite. While riding towards Coalinga, bees from dozens of hives placed near the road pelted my bike like hail. It gave me a reason to put hand guards on my bike as when I got home, both of my gloves had evidence of multiple bee impacts.

About 60 miles from Hanford is the Badger Mountain House Restaurant. A lunch stop favorite. In between was a sunny day, relatively clean roads and since it was during the week, very little traffic. The straight roads warm you up and prepares you for the twists and turns of Boyd Drive which is just east of Orosi. Farther east snow still caps the distant mountain peaks

The road has an immediate elevation change and you charge uphill and for the next 6 miles it is changing elevation, blind curves and summits. It ends up on the County Road 245. The road is mostly wider, has fresh pavement in many areas. However, even though it's only another 11 miles to the Mountain House long straightaways are interrupted by slow switchbacks and an unmistakable uphill climb. After a relaxing lunch on the patio, it was back the way we came.

This time we stopped to take some pictures and laugh at how the swarms of bugs finding us and our bikes as their final resting place. All I know is the bloom is on, the mercury is rising and it's time to get on your bikes and ride.

*Adrian Pineda*



## Anniversaries

**April 2019**  
Kenneth Campbell 5  
Greg Hutchinson 30  
Mike Morlin 35  
Ron Viera 5

**May 2019**  
Gene Austin 25  
Bob Berner 10  
Paul Bosco 5  
Tandy Bozeman 10  
Ted Crum 10  
Bruce Fournier 5  
Randy Fujishin 5  
Peter Hamel 5

Lance Harrison 5  
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## **BMW Riders of Oregon 41st Annual Chief Joseph Rally**

June 27-30, 2019

Grant County Fairgrounds, John Day, Oregon

## **Beehive Beemers Motorcycle Club of Utah 19th Annual Red Rock Rendezvous Rally**

June 20-23 2019

Fairgrounds in Panguitch UT on UT State RT 89

## **Washington State BMW Riders 47th Annual Cascade Country Rendezvous and Republic Dual Sport Rally**

July 18 -21, 2019

Ferry County Fairgrounds in Republic, Washington.

A special welcome to the Washington Airheads!

## **Bavarian Mountain West Motorcycle Club of Idaho 2019 (46th) Stanley Stomp Rally**

August 8-11, 2019

Located about 27 miles northeast of Lowman, Grandjean is a beautiful setting for the Stomp!

The actual site will be at the Sawtooth Lodge

## **Bee Cee Beemers 2019 Hotsprings Rally**

Thursday, August 15, 2019 - Sunday, August 18, 2019

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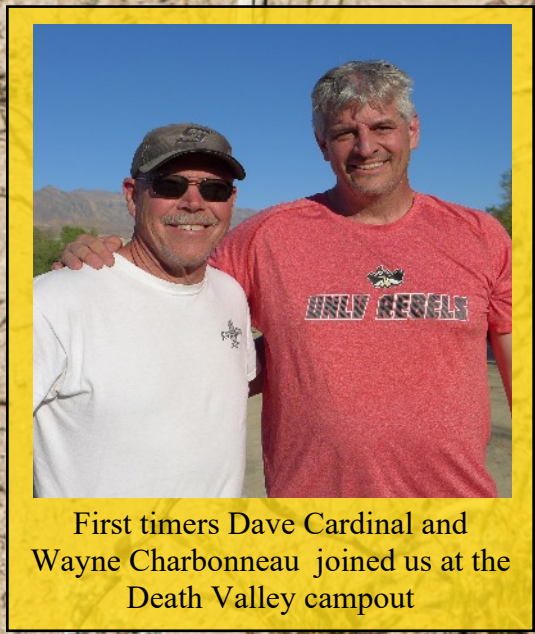
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First timers Dave Cardinal and Wayne Charbonneau joined us at the Death Valley campout

# Pictures from the Death Valley 2019



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Vice President Mike Morlin welcomes Norcal Member #300 Steve Butterfield to the club



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## Events

**13 -14 Apr 2019**

April Member Meeting and Campout - La Grange -  
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Scott and Angela's La Grange Casa  
8253 Las Cruces Way, La Grange, CA  
Register ahead of time for the catered meal

**04 May 2019: 10:00 am-12:00 pm.**

Monthly Board of Director Meeting  
MotoGuild SF,  
849 13th St. San Francisco

**23 - 27 May 2019**

BMW NorCal 49er Rally!  
Mariposa Fairgrounds  
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**13 - 16 Jun 2019**

2019 BMW MOA National Rally  
Lebanon Tennessee!  
Wilson County Exposition Center,  
Lebanon Tennessee

**29 -30 Jun 2019**

June Member Meeting (BOD Election) and  
Campout - Finnon Lake!  
Finnon Lake Campground,  
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