

BMW Motorcycle Club
ASHEVILLE BMW RIDERS



The Blue Ridge Breeze

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BMWMOA Club #353 & BMWRA Club #339

October - 2012

October Meeting

On Tuesday October 16th, please join us at 7:00pm for our first “business meeting” of the new fiscal year. As usual, it will be held at Eurosport Asheville, and we continue to be appreciative of their meeting space and liquid refreshments for our meetings. There will not be a vendor presentation that evening, as we have a lot to cover (and maybe a presidential debate to watch at home afterwards). We will discuss many items from website and email communications to potential emergency communications on group rides. There should be early discussion on our Christmas Party, as well as very early planning for the National RA Rally at Biltmore next June. Also, Dan Thompson has been promised that our T-shirts will be screened by then, and he will be there to deliver them to the membership (and sell more if anybody wants some).

Lastly, we'd like to open the floor to all members that evening for comments. We are still evolving as a club. Although we know we can't please everyone all of the time, we are trying! Please give us critiques (good or bad), along with suggestions of how we can improve on anything you may deem unsatisfactory. Your Board of Directors will be there to listen!



Asheville BMW Riders

Schedule of Club Events

- 10/6 Saturday 9am Social Gathering
Black Mountain - Dynamite Roasting Co
3198 US Hwy 70, Black Mountain
- 10/16 Tuesday 7pm Membership Meeting
Eurosport Asheville
30 Bryson Street, Asheville, NC 28803
- 10/21 Sunday - 9am Social Gathering
Asheville - Atlanta Bread Co.
484 Hendersonville Road, Asheville
- 11/3 Saturday 11am Social Gathering
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484 Hendersonville Road, Asheville
- 11/16 Tuesday 7pm Membership Meeting
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Mark Your Calendars Other Upcoming Events

October 5-7th 2012
Return to Shiloh Rally
Pickwick Lake Dam
(near) Savannah, TN
www.bmwrams.com

October 5-7th 2012
Beemers and Warbirds Rally
North Landing Beach Campground
Virginia Beach, VA
BMW m/c club of Hampton Roads
More distant rally, but a nice Fall ride.

October 18-21st 2012
Biketoberfest
Daytona Beach, FL
www.biketoberfest.org
This is a great get-away to experience
“everything to do with motorcycling”

October 27-30th 2012
Great Smoky Motomathon
Asheville and Fontana, NC
www.motomathon.com
We’ve been informed that this event is, in
fact, “on”. Both start and finish will be at
Eurosport Asheville.

November 2-4th, 2012
Progressive International Motorcycle Show
Atlanta, GA
www.motorcycleshows.com

November 16-18th 2012
Sun Your Buns Rally
Camp Venice Retreat
Venice, FL
www.floridasunbeemers.com
Located at an old-growth oak hammock
along the Myakka River. Road trip, anyone?

January 18-20th, 2013
30th Annual Winter Rally
Northeast Florida
www.BMWNEF.org
Florida’s coolest rally.
Limit of 500 Register Early!

February 22-24th, 2013
Progressive International Motorcycle Show
Charlotte, NC
www.motorcycleshows.com

June 20-23rd, 2013
BMWRA National Rally
Biltmore Estate, Asheville, NC
Too early for details,
but BLOCK OUT YOUR CALENDAR
for this important date!
www.bmwra.org

July 18-21st, 2013
BMWMOA International Rally
Oregon State Fairgrounds
Salem, Oregon
www.bmwmoa.org



Group Photo at Picnic After Hours...
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All Picnic Photos by Perry Hebard

Would You Go Riding With This Bunch??? We Hope So!
Photo from Gathering 9/1 at Panacea Coffee, Waynesville



Photo by John Koenig

Renew Your Membership

Annual Dues is Due Now

Webmaster Phil Weinmann and Treasurer Dan Falkenstein remind us that annual dues are due! They have PayPal up and running on our website, www.abmwr.org, and it's easy to renew. Those not wanting to renew online can also bring a completed app/renewal (last page of this newsletter) with cash or check, to Eurosport Asheville or any Gathering. It will promptly be forwarded to Dan. And, of course, there's still the post office. Club address is Asheville BMW Riders, PO Box 5103, Asheville, NC 28813. The point is that we want you to stay on with us for the 2012/2013 year ahead. Please Renew Now.

Featured Members October

This month's profile features a husband and wife "team" familiar to many of us in the club. When looking at that vintage photo of them on their Honda Dream, who would have ever thought they would go on holding the motorcycle "torch" so many years later. Harry's been a real enthusiast with a lot of seat time, and has just submitted his form with BMWNA for receiving the "400,000 miles on BMW Bikes" award. He's a regular at our gathering and meetings. At special events, rallies, or campouts, you'll often see Renee there as well. She's enthusiastic about riding along, and equally enthusiastic to volunteer her time at events to help us all. They're just good people.

-Editor -

Harry and Renee Wilson by Harry and Renee

We made the move to Waynesville, NC, in 2004 after more than a half century in Chattanooga, TN. Harry took early retirement from the banking industry in 2000 as a VP. Renee retired in 2004 after 31 years with Tennessee Valley Authority with most of her time in Human Resources.

Harry started riding at 14 with a used moped. His first motorcycle was a 1962 Pacer 175cc, (yes, it was a Harley). In a couple of years he picked up a passenger and 45 years later, she is still hanging on.

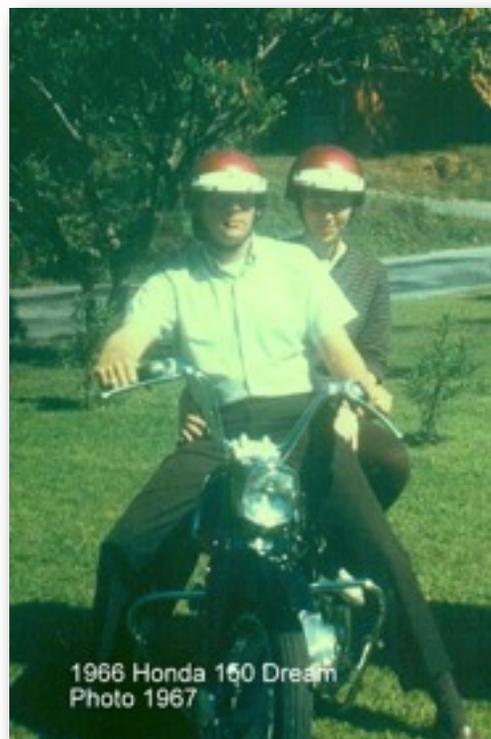
Motorcycles took a back seat for several years while we were raising our two boys. But it wasn't too long before Harry found his first Beemer, a used R75/5 with 106,000 miles on the clock. Since then, we have accumulated nearly 400,000 miles on several BMWs. Our current bikes are a 2003 K1200GT and a 2004 R1150R Rockster. We enjoy touring two-up, with our longest trip to Halifax, Nova Scotia. This

year we attended the RA Rally at Copper Mountain, CO and the MOA Rally in Sedalia, MO getting there in our toy hauler trailer and riding the local roads of the area once we arrived.

We look forward to being a part of the ABMWR and meeting new friends.



Harry and Renee Wilson above Leadville CO 2012
Below when they met in 1967



1966 Honda 150 Dream
Photo 1967

Down the Road President's Message **Jim McMains**

Hey Gang,

Well here it is the Fall season and I hope you all had a great summer of riding.



September has been a pleasant month even with some of the rain that we had. Most days were great for riding with perfect temperatures, and we can expect the same in the next month or so.

The September Picnic hosted by John and Jill Koenig at the Ramble was a truly enjoyable evening and I want to thank them for being so generous in the support of ours and their club. I am still amazed by how far we have come as a club and how everyone seems to have come together into a big family. Like any family we have our moments, but in the end everything works out and we continue to enjoy our common passion of motorcycling.

Our October meeting is just around the corner and this will be the first truly official business meeting. This meeting starts the next fiscal year and our second year in existence. Exciting times are before us, limited only by our imaginations. We hope to see many of you attend this meeting and please bring your ideas, concerns, comments and whatever else you think might help our club continue to be the best it can be.

Our club has also been given the opportunity to play a major role in the BMWRA Rally scheduled for June 20-23, 2013 at the Biltmore Estate. They are offering us the chance to fill some of the Key Chairperson slots as well as just plain old volunteering to help out. They were last here in 2007 and it was a huge success. I think we can all plan on having a great time and I hope many of you will step forward to help out. As soon as we have all the specific information on requirements for these positions, it will be put out to the club. So start making plans to get involved! We hope to have an update to present at our meeting.

November will see the return of our Winter Gathering schedule, so be on the lookout for that in our Newsletter, on the Website and in your e-mail inbox.

Keep on riding and enjoying this great place we call home.

Stay Safe,
See ya Down the Road,
Jim

Winter Gathering Schedule

Please note that in November, we will begin our Winter Schedule. Basically, this means our Gatherings will still be on the First Saturday and the Third Sunday, but they will start at 11:00 am and all be at Atlanta Bread Company in South Asheville. The intention of a more "localized", "late start", is to better accommodate our year-round riders as we head into the Winter season.

Winter Gathering Schedule

November-March - First Saturday & Third Sunday of the Month @ 11am

Saturday	11/3/12	11 am	Asheville Atlanta Bread 484 Hendersonville Rd, Asheville
Sunday	11/18/12	11 am	Asheville Atlanta Bread 484 Hendersonville Rd, Asheville
Saturday	12/1/12	11 am	Asheville Atlanta Bread 484 Hendersonville Rd, Asheville
Sunday	12/16/12	11 am	Asheville Atlanta Bread 484 Hendersonville Rd, Asheville
Saturday	1/5/13	11 am	Asheville Atlanta Bread 484 Hendersonville Rd, Asheville
Sunday	1/20/13	11 am	Asheville Atlanta Bread 484 Hendersonville Rd, Asheville
Saturday	2/2/13	11 am	Asheville Atlanta Bread 484 Hendersonville Rd, Asheville
Sunday	2/17/13	11 am	Asheville Atlanta Bread 484 Hendersonville Rd, Asheville
Saturday	3/2/13	11 am	Asheville Atlanta Bread 484 Hendersonville Rd, Asheville
Sunday	3/17/13	11 am	Asheville Atlanta Bread (Wear Green for St Patrick's Day) 484 Hendersonville Rd, Asheville

The ABMWR

Members of our club share many things in common, including a love of riding, being outdoors, a fondness for BMW motorcycles regardless of type or age, and the camaraderie of our sport. We are a social club, focused on riding, and take full advantage of our area's beautiful roads and scenery. Although our club is based in, North Carolina, membership and participation from all surrounding areas are encouraged. For membership information, view our website at www.ambwr.org or drop us a line at ABMWR, PO Box 5103, Asheville, NC 28813

Who's Who

Board of Directors

Jim McMains, President
Perry Hebard, Vice President
Kent Skoug, Secretary
Dan Falkenstein, Treasurer
John Koenig, Newsletter Editor
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Adam Stewart

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Kent Skoug
Rob Colasacco

Editor's Ramblings

by John Koenig



Many thanks to all of you that supported our end-of-summer picnic at the Ramble, and especially to those that kindly lent a hand.

Next time we have a rain deficit, just call on me to throw another outdoor picnic! Although we had 3.28 inches of rain that day, we were able to move over 60 people indoors with only a few glitches. In the end, it was a pleasure for Jill and I to host it. Folks attending seemed to really enjoy themselves, and that made it all worthwhile.

We recently had a "new arrival" in the Koenig stable. On the evening of September 27th, I got a message from Thomas Montgomery that my new baby had just hit the dock. It was a new Husqvarna 650 Terra, one of the first in the country. Basically, a G650GS BMW with a little more power, a little less weight, and a little different suspension. Cool bike! Since it still has a BMW motor, and BMW owns Husky, I guess I'm still kind of riding around on a Beemer. And, of course, I'm not parting with my trusty F800GS. Anyway, I really love my new Italian baby, and can't wait to tell you all the details when we meet again.

On another note, the month of September was a strange one for communications in our club. We had a lot of website activity, a lot of praise, a lot of negative criticism, and a whole lot of confusion among many members. I apologize for any of it that I could have done better with, and urge all of you to bear with us going forward. We're having a few teething problems, and a lot of fine tuning is still happening. In addition to that, we had two of our riders go down during rides after separate gatherings this month. Fortunately, they escaped more serious consequences, but it's been an eye opener. We've had a lot of discussion about emergency planning this month, and we'll continue to plan. For now, please print off copies of the "Emergency Information Form" on Page 8, and keep with you on rides. This too, is being fine tuned as we go forward.

Enjoy the month of October. Be careful of wet leaves, and leaf lookers. And by all means, go out and get lost a little.

John newsletter@ashevillebmwridders.org

Parkway Update

The Blue Ridge Parkway has installed a traffic light which directs one-way traffic at milepost 358, for a "slope stabilization project". This leaf-season delay is between Craggy Gardens and Mount Mitchell State Park, about 22 miles North of Asheville. The traffic light will operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week from now until November 1st.

After November 1st, this 6.5 mile section of the Parkway will be closed completely to all visitors until April 2013. Gate closures will be installed at Milepost 355.3 and Milepost 359.8. Mount Mitchell State Park will remain accessible from the northern approach along the Parkway via NC 80, 226A, and other fine twisty roads.

Also, for any of you seasonal resident members, or riders new to the area, keep in mind that the high elevations of the Parkway (North and South of Asheville) often close in the Winter due to ice and snow. When planning rides, it's good to have a "Plan B".



EMERGENCY INFORMATION FORM

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Your Name: _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____

Street Address: _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell _____

Carry this information on your bike ** and ** on your person

Person to notify in case of emergency:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Telephone # _____ Alternate # _____

Medical Information: Medical Condition, (i.e. heart, diabetes, asthma, etc):

Medications: _____

_____ Living Will Y/N _____

Blood Type: _____ Allergies: _____

Primary Care Physician: _____ Telephone: _____

Additional Info: (i.e. USB thumb drives, alert bracelets, other medical info storage device, or info needed in an emergency)

Signature _____

Hendersonville Gathering 9/16/12

Featured Article By Kent Skoug

I went to bed thinking I wonder how many will make the ride tomorrow? It's supposed to be rainy but it may be one of the last good group rides of the season. When I woke up I felt the same way. A light mist was coming down and I wasn't sure if it would blow over or not.

I made it down to Atlanta Bread just slightly damp and John Koenig was already there. By the time 10:00 o'clock rolled around we were ten. However, someone had pulled the plug out of the clouds in Hendersonville and it was now really coming down. We waited it out and by 10:30 it was down to a light drizzle so I decided to start out. One had already left and three decided they had things to do (wimps!), so we pulled out with six. We had taken Howard Gap Road north to Hwy. 25 then south-west to Butler Bridge Road then north and west to Hwy. 191. While going under the Blue Ridge Parkway John peeled off (his shoulder was still bothering him). Turning left on Hwy 112 to Hwy. 19, then right towards Asheville. At Hwy 19 Dan Falkenstein pulled off for home. Now we were four, Perry, Brad and Doug from Greenville and myself.

We took lots of squiggly back roads up to Marshall and when we got to Hwy. 25 it was about 11:45 so we stopped for a break. I explained to everyone that we were heading for Tennessee and it would be about another hour and twenty minutes to lunch, unless they wanted to stop at the Andrew Johnson National Historic Site (the seventeenth U.S. president). Brad and Doug were fine with stopping but Perry was getting hungry.

We didn't have any real switch-backs but we did have lots of good sweepers as we went through the mountain passes, crossing into Tennessee. Then we hit rolling farmland for another twenty miles into Greeneville, TN. I was originally planning on a pizza buffet on the far side of Greeneville which would be past the Historic Site, so just before reaching town I made an executive decision, we

stopped at another restaurant, Ma and Pa's on Hwy. 70, that I had eaten at before. This was a nice family style restaurant with good food and very reasonable prices.

With everyone now satisfied we headed for town and made a stop at the Historic site. Andrew Johnson became president when Lincoln was assassinated. Congress, at the time, wanted to punish the south for the war. Johnson, on the other hand, wanted welcome them back to the union. Johnson vetoed 29 bills that Congress sent to him and Congress was able to overrule 15 of them. For a number of reasons Congress tries to impeach him. He was able to stay in office by a single vote!

After leaving we turned east on Hwy. 107 and Hwy 81 until reaching the town of Erwin right at I-26. Of course I had no intention of getting onto the interstate so we ran parallel to it on the east side until finally crossing under it and getting back into the sweepers and finally crossing back into North Carolina. At the NC border the road changed back to Hwy. 212 and when we finally hit Hwy. 25 we just followed it to Weaverville where we said our good-byes.

It was a great ride and the rain stopped within five minutes of our pulling out!

By the way, if any one would like a written route or the GPS file for any of my rides, just let me know at kent.skoug@gmail.com.

Thought for the day:

Yesterday I saw a sign "Falling Rocks". Does that mean in other areas they are rising?



Picnic After Hours



A
"Good
Time"
was
had
by
all.



Event Photos by
Perry Hebard





Asheville BMW Riders Membership / Renewal Application

We are a club of motorcycle enthusiasts sanctioned by BMW Motorcycle Owners of America (MOA) and BMW Riders Association (RA). Our members generally ride BMW motorcycles but **all brands are represented** and **All are welcomed!**

The Asheville BMW Riders annual membership fee is very nominal.
\$20.00 for Regular membership \$10.00 for Associate membership

Please sign and fill out the information below. Bring this form to the next club meeting or make a check payable to Asheville BMW Riders for dues and mail to the post office box listed below. By membership in this Club the member (s) acknowledges the risk of injury to person and property, and accepts full responsibility for their actions while participating in all club events. The member(s) will not hold liable or make claims whatsoever against the Club, its sponsors, any member or staff.

New Renewal Updated Information

Member: _____

Associate Member: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____ - _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____

E-Mail: _____ Associate E-mail _____

BMW-MOA Member Yes No Membership Number: _____

BMW-RA Member Yes No Membership Number: _____

I'm interested in: Rally's Long Distance Touring Tech Sessions Day Rides

Club Support Preferences: Newsletter/Website Administrative Help with Events Club Officer

Other _____

_____/_____
Member Signature & Date **Associate Signature & Date**

The \$20 Annual Membership covers a period from October 1st to September 30th. Check all that apply:

New / Renewing Member \$20

Associate Member \$10

Make check payable in total to: **Asheville BMW Riders**
Please print a copy of this form and mail the completed form and check to:
Asheville BMW Riders, PO Box 5103, Asheville, NC 28813