

BMW Motorcycle Club
ASHEVILLE BMW RIDERS



The Blue Ridge Breeze

A Publication of the Asheville BMW Riders

BMWMOA Club #353 & BMWRA Club #339

September - 2013

Upcoming Meeting

Please Join Us on Tuesday, September 17th for an evening program wrapped around motorcycle detailing and paintwork. The event will be held in conjunction with our monthly membership meeting, starting at 7pm at Eurosport Asheville.

Club Member Steve Horlick has organized the evening's agenda, and will give a presentation on detailing, how to get a scratch out, wet sanding, etc. He'll also be adding a short piece on SEM products, plastic repair, and tab repair. In addition, Steve will bring in Danny Richardson, who will speak about BASF/Glasurit paints and David King from Motor Parts of Asheville (who carries the products) who will also be on hand.

Schedule of Club Events

- 9/7 Saturday 9am Social Gathering**
Asheville - Eurosport Asheville
30 Bryson Street, Asheville, NC 28803
- 9/15 Sunday 9am Social Gathering**
South Asheville - The Green Sage Cafe
1800 Hendersonville Road, Asheville
- 9/17 Tuesday 7pm Membership Meeting**
Eurosport Asheville
30 Bryson Street, Asheville, NC 28803
- 10/5 Saturday 9am Social Gathering**
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30 Bryson Street, Asheville, NC 28803
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30 Bryson Street, Asheville, NC 28803
- 10/20 Sunday 9am Social Gathering**
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Photo by Perry Hebard

Mark Your Calendars

Other Events Worth Noting...

September 6-8th, 2013

ROK Rally

T.W.O. Creeks Camp Area

Del Rio, TN

www.bmwrok

This is a close-by rally hosted by the BMW Riders of Knoxville. Pre-registration only to first 100. You may register at gate if spots are still available.

September 13-15th, 2013

Beemers in the Bluegrass

Stillwater Campground

Frankfort, KY

www.bluegrassbeemers.org

John Rice 859-229-4546

September 20-22nd 2013

Ride the Blue Ridge

Morganton, NC

www.knobbies.org

GS Rides, Cruiser Rides,
Onsite Change Rooms & Showers.
Knob Mountain Motorcycle Chapter
Gene Smith 828-439-9754

September 20-22nd 2013

Twin Valley Rally

Willville Motorcycle Camp

Meadows of Dan, VA

twinvalleyriders.com

Sorry, this event is now full.

October 4-6th 2013

1st of the RAMS RALLY

Parker's Crossroads, TN

www.bmwrams.com

Riders Association of the Mid-South
Formerly the Return to Shiloh Rally

October 11-13th 2013

Beemers and Warbirds Rally

North Landing Beach Campground

Virginia Beach, VA

www.bmwchr.org

Carol Beals 757-548-3381

Hats Still Available

ABMWR Ball caps are still available while supplies last. Price is \$15. for members, \$18. for non-members. See Dan Thompson at club meetings or events.



Renew Now!

Fiscal year annual membership in our club expires September 30th. Please renew soon for the 2013-2014 upcoming year. You can complete the new/renewal application on Page 8 of this newsletter, check the "renewal" box, and mail with check to address on app. Or, if easier, renew using the PayPal feature on our website at www.abmwr.org. Or, just bring the app with cash to our September Meeting.

For new applicants, any applications received after June 1, 2013 will be applied for the upcoming 2013-2014 year.

Who's Who

Board of Directors

Jim McMains, President
Perry Hebard, Vice President
Kent Skoug, Secretary
Dan Falkenstein, Treasurer
John Koenig, Newsletter Editor
Dan Thompson, Merchandising
Director
Phil Weinmann, Webmaster

Sergeant at Arms

Adam Stewart

Ride Captains

Kent Skoug
Rick Capps



ABBREVIATED ISSUE THIS MONTH

Due to several of our club's leaders being on the road during August, please excuse this somewhat skeletal issue of the Blue Ridge Breeze... We apologize if any important content may have been omitted. Most of our management staff will be back in town later this month.

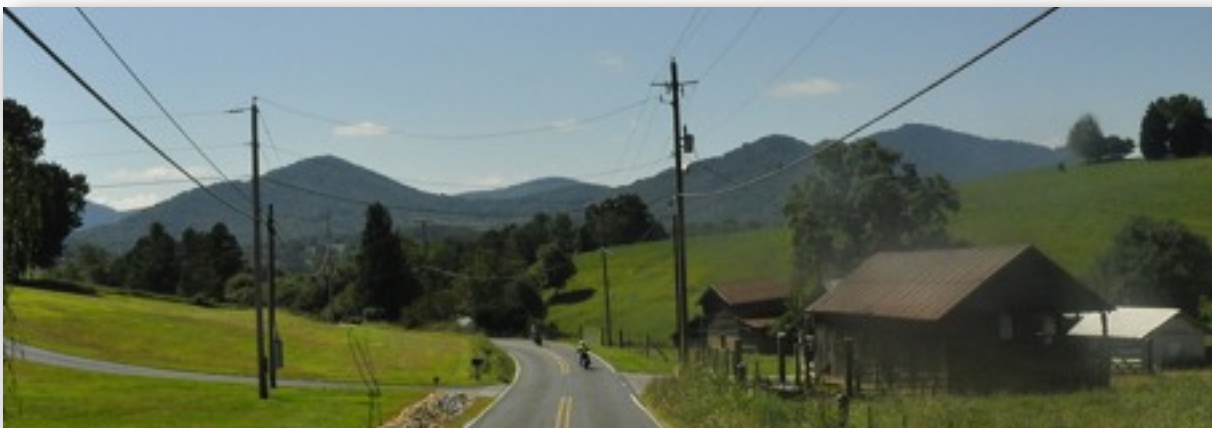
No Featured Member

We left our Featured Member slot open this month to feature members with a desire to run for office this November. As of press time, our nominating committee has not submitted any names and no bios have been submitted by members.

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.abmwr.org or drop us a line at

ABMWR
PO Box 5103



President's Message

By Jim McMains

Well it is almost fall, and as you read this, Maggie and I are somewhere out west on our ride. I promised John I would have a message ready for him to put in this issue, so I took the liberty of writing it well before I left on the trip.

Dues renewals are right around the corner and so are the club elections. At this point I am confident that most of our current Officers care enough to continue on in their roles if that is the wish of the club. We still have a little time before the November elections so give some thought to your involvement. I for one will continue on if that is the way the vote goes, but I will also whole heartedly support anyone else who may take over. I truly love our club and only want the best for it and the members. I get as much enjoyment out of working for the club as I do riding and socializing with it. It has been a labor of love and always will be for me.

I hope you all have enjoyed a good riding season so far and I am sorry for having missed the Gatherings and Anniversary meeting. The road called to us and that's what this sport is all about. I may be back in time for the September meeting, but there is a chance I will still be out here on the asphalt working my way back home. In either case we have the great depth within our club to keep things moving along no matter who may be missing. I know John is also out there doing it, but he still gets this Newsletter out with the help of his wonderful wife Jill.

Thanks to all of you who belong to the Asheville BMW Riders and I hope you continue on as members helping this club maintain it's fun and camaraderie that is so important to making us all feel like a part of something.

I for one had a great summer and also a truly remarkable learning experience with that National Rally we hosted. We have our sights set

on hosting our own much smaller rally and things are in the works for a possible 2014 Asheville BMW Riders Rally. We have added this to the list of things we try to come up with to keep our club on it's toes and having fun. I hope you appreciate the time and effort that goes into bringing all of these club activities together and don't ever think your help cannot be used. We welcome any and all who care to step up and be counted in adding to what we already have. Thanks for all that everyone does for our club!

See ya down the Road,
Jim



Editor's Ramblings

By John Koenig

The passion of distant riding is addictive. Sure, motorcycle travel has its adversities, but maybe that's what makes the sweet times feel so fine. I've been on the road now for five weeks so far, and the journey has been full of serendipity. I'm always amazed at how these situations just keep happening. What are the chances? For instance, a month ago I showed up to check-in for the 100,000 foot ride in Denver (along with 150 others). This year, I didn't recognize a single person. I usually try to tie up with someone of about equal machinery and abilities for the ride. Brian, the guy right next to me in the long line, just happened to be riding a bike virtually identical to mine. Turns out we had the only two 1200 GSW's there and had a blast riding at a matching pace!

And the rest of the trip has been just as sweet. I soon got to the Telluride area to ride the Big Dog. Being an invitational ride, I already knew most of the field. But I also met a first-time Dog from Athens, Georgia. Nathan owns Boxerworks, a BMW repair, conversion, and fab shop in Watkinsville, GA. He's been running airhead GS's around the mountains forever. Although our paths have crossed before, I never really got to know him until we re-met in Colorado. At the Big Dog, there was much talk of camaraderie. Yes, I've used that term a bunch back home in Asheville, but we really dug deep that week of pounding ground on the high passes. It really hit home to me, what this fraternity is all about. Powerful stuff.

Next I was off to the Beartooth Rendezvous just above Yellowstone in Red Lodge, Montana. Again, events serendipitously ensued. I really enjoyed riding with Darrell Hess... he lives in Waynesville yet we both had to venture out to the Beartooth Mountains to finally ride together! I also had the opportunity to meet two very influential people there for the planning of an upcoming



ABMWR event. Really, what were the chances of meeting our Southeastern Rep for the AMA and the past organizer of the 100,000 Foot Ride both in Montana at one event? Not to mention my camping "neighbors" that week. I now have great new friends in Ogden.

And it just kept going. Like the guy with the KLR that came along with a hand winch and bailed me out on the Colorado Backcountry Discovery Route. Or the guy that showed up out of nowhere in a little town in Northern Alberta. There I was, lost again after another backtrack from another washed out section of the Forestry Trunk Road. This guy led me (on a Harley Sportster) up a remote unmarked pass. When the going got tougher for his bike, he scribbled down more directions and wished me well.

Editor's Ramblings Continued-

Then there's the group of riders I met last week at a hotel in rural Wyoming... four pro bicycle moto-marshals traveling from race to race, riding from Denver to Alberta. I turned them on to some tips on border crossings and hot springs. I also noticed two guys were running Woody's Wheels on their GS's. We talked. They made some calls. Three days later, I'm meeting with Chris (Woody's kid) in Denver and he has his machinist smoking over my bike to build me up a set of wheels. Again, right place at right time.

It's not just about connections with other motorcycle folks. it's also about the folks you meet possibly because you ride, that makes your life richer. The people that come out of the woodwork to share directions to a pretty waterfall, an interesting road, a great restaurant, and best of all, a secret remote hot springs!

I could go on and on, and I apologize if my rambling may bore you. The point I'm trying to make is just how fortunate we often are when we travel, and why it keeps us going back for more. Yes indeed, the passion for motorcycle travel is addictive. And I don't want to be cured.

I'll be back in Asheville soon. I really hope to make our September meeting on the 17th, as Steve Horlick's presentation should be a good one.

Be safe folks, and enjoy the upcoming Fall riding season. John

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New Members

We want to welcome the following new members:

Jimmy Honea - Suwanee, GA
Jay Lawrimore - Asheville, NC
John McNabb - Asheville, NC



Photos from an August Meet-up

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