

BMW Motorcycle Club
ASHEVILLE BMW RIDERS



The Blue Ridge Breeze

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BMWMOA Club #353 & BMWRA Club #339

December - 2012

December Holiday Party

On the evening of Friday, December 14th, please join us for a Holiday Dinner Private Party at 12 Bones Smokehouse on Sweeten Creek Road. This will be a pay-to-play event, with a **RSVP Deadline of December 4th**. Don't miss it! **REPLY TODAY**. See details on page 8.

December Meeting

Our December meeting will be a social meeting only, with a holiday accent. The club and staff at Eurosport will host a dessert party, covered dish style. Everyone is encouraged to bring a plate of goodies to the event. This can be cookies, brownies, bars, chocolates, or any other decadent treat you desire. The club will be supplying coffee, hot chocolate, water, and a few other assorted drinks. Also, plates, napkins, utensils, cups, etc. will be supplied. BYOB if you're inclined.

As part of the evening, Justin Roberts will be showing a few stocking stuffer items available at Eurosport. Come enjoy a party-casual evening with your friends on the evening of the 18th. Admission is free for all members, guests, and family. Bring a plate of treats if you can, but it's not required for attendance. No RSVP necessary; just show up.



Kent Skoug submitted his motorcycle Santa and reindeer sidecar he has in his front yard...

Schedule of Club Events

- 12/1 Saturday 10am Social Gathering**
South Asheville - The Green Sage Cafe
1800 Hendersonville Road, Asheville
- 12/14 Friday 6:30-9:30pm Dinner Party**
12 Bones Smokehouse (South)
3578 Sweeten Creek Road, Arden
- 12/16 Sunday 10am Social Gathering**
South Asheville - The Green Sage Cafe
1800 Hendersonville Road, Asheville
- 12/18 Tuesday 7pm Membership Meeting**
Eurosport Asheville - Dessert Party
30 Bryson Street, Asheville, NC 28803
- 1/5 Saturday 10am Social Gathering**
South Asheville - The Green Sage Cafe
1800 Hendersonville Road, Asheville
- 1/15 Tuesday 7pm Membership Meeting**
Eurosport Asheville
30 Bryson Street, Asheville, NC 28803
- 1/20 Sunday 10am Social Gathering**
South Asheville - The Green Sage Cafe
1800 Hendersonville Road, Asheville

More Websites for Travel Planning

We've run across a few more websites that may be of interest for planning your next epic adventure. If you have a rally or interesting destination planned, check out their sites. They may open up a few interesting "roads along the way" to make that trip even more memorable:

www.motorcycleroads.com

www.roadtripusa.com/index.html

www.destinationhighways.com

BILTMORE Rally Update

As this issue goes to press, many of us ABMWR folks are attending meetings with the heads of the BMWRA in preparation for the upcoming national rally. Committee chairpersons will meet on December 1st, 2nd, and 3rd to plan logistics for the rally being held at the Biltmore Estate next summer.

Volunteers from our club are still needed for the event. If you haven't signed up yet but can give us a hand, please contact Rally Co-chairman Jim McMains (bmwgreenrt@aol.com) if you can help in anyway.

Editors Note: If contacting Jim between now and early January, he may have limited capabilities due to a December 5th shoulder surgery. Please copy John Koenig (holoholojohn@gmail.com), who is helping Jim with correspondence as he heals.

Our club will be the local hosting club for the upcoming BMWRA National Rally to be held June 20-23rd, 2013 at the Biltmore Estate here in Asheville.

Mark Your Calendars Other Upcoming Events

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

April 26-28th, 2013

BMWMOA Weekend Getaway

Fontana Village Resort

Fontana Dam, NC

www.bmwmoa.org

Lodging, camping, events, rides, prizes, and fun for all. Take advantage of the close proximity to this national event.

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

"Young riders pick a destination and go...
Old riders pick a direction and go..."

Photos by Perry Hebard

**Social Gathering
November 18th
to Lake Lure**





MOA Cedar City Weekend Getaway

By Kent Skoug

Last evening the organizers explained three different street rides that would be led and one off road GS ride, or you could just do your own thing. I chose the third ride, although I had already been over all of these roads before, I knew this was a ride I would enjoy.

After pulling out about 9:30 we headed south on I-15 about 25 miles and then exited the interstate onto secondary roads. Through the rolling hills we headed east shortly heading to Zion National Park. This was a free day for the national parks system so even those that didn't have a park pass didn't have to worry about paying to get into the parks. We went to the visitor's center and spent about a half hour there before continuing our tour. Zion is an impressive area. You are riding through a deep canyon with sheer stone walls rising thousands of feet on each side of you. However, you cannot ride too far into the park anymore. Because of its popularity you now have to take a bus to get back to the interior. There you can get off the bus at almost any point and go for a hike and then get back on the next bus that comes through. Rather than spending the time to do this we just kept riding.

Shortly we were swiftly climbing and going through some easy-to-maintain switchbacks, mostly because of other car traffic, finally riding through a mile and a half tunnel. The tunnel had no lights in it but about every third of a mile they had cut a large hole in the side to let some daylight in. Soon we were back in daylight at the top of the high desert and we were able to pick up the speed again.

We are around 7,000 feet in elevation so there is some vegetation but soon we reach Hwy 89 and turn north. As we pass through the towns of Alton and Hatch we see the other road groups have pulled over for some lunch but we still continue north past the cutoff for Hwy 12 and Bryce Canyon National Park. This is another beautiful area with 50 and 75 foot sandstone spires of bright reds, yellows, oranges and whites, however, no time for this park today. We go another 10 or fifteen miles to the town of Panguitch where Tom Buttars, our ride leader, has decided on for our lunch stop.

About an hour to relax, cool off and rehydrate before we pull out of town to the west. We soon pass a road sign stating, "This Is Not Hwy. 89!" We are on Hwy 148 heading for Cedar Breaks National Monument. Cedar Breaks is at 10,600 feet in elevation and the temps have cooled off beautifully. Also, once we have gotten around 8,000 feet the Aspens have started turning their brilliant oranges, reds and yellow. It is just stunning! Also, at Cedar Breaks, the park is about 50 miles straight west of Bryce Canyon, so when you look down into the canyons the colors are the same as Bryce. The views are beautiful and this is one of my three favorite national parks in the country.

From hear it about a twenty mile drive down the sweepers to Hwy 14 and them about a short 10 mile ride back to the hotel. That evening we all had a good dinner, closing ceremonies and a lot of door prizes. I believe a good time was had by all.



Submitted by Kent 3rd from Left

Down the Road President's Message

By Jim McMains

Hello Everyone,

I hope your upcoming holiday season is a good one and I hope the weather cooperates during the winter so you can take advantage of riding when we can see everything. Without the leaves on the trees it is amazing how much more we can take in while riding.



I will be on a little hiatus for a bit. I am having surgery done on my right shoulder on December 5th for 3 tears. They tell me the road to recovery can take about 3 months with some intensive Physical Therapy. I should be good to go for the spring riding season if all works well. The first 2-6 weeks will be the worst with an immobilizing cast that needs to be worn most of the time, and since it is my right shoulder and I am right handed I expect this to be a challenge.

The club however will keep marching forward doing all the things it always has, under the capable hands of the rest of your Officers. Please give them all the support you can and stay active. I thank them for covering the last meeting

and for the work they will be doing here in the future until I can get back to relieving them a little.

I will be offline until I am able to handle typing again, but may give it a shot with one hand from time to time, so you may see a post or two as I move along.

I am sorry I will miss the holiday party but I was given the Doctors orders for no activity the first 2-4 weeks post-op. I know it will be a great night and I am hoping Perry puts up some nice pictures so I'll feel like I was there. My iPad will become my best friend for awhile, so I will at least be able to look at some things.

Take care and I will definitely see you down the road (in the Spring).

Jim

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, Asheville, NC 28813

Winter Gathering Schedule

December-March - First Saturday & Third Sunday of the Month @ 10am

Saturday	12/1/12	10 am	The Green Sage Cafe South Asheville 1800 Hendersonville Rd, Asheville
Sunday	12/16/12	10 am	The Green Sage Cafe South Asheville 1800 Hendersonville Rd, Asheville
Saturday	1/5/13	10 am	The Green Sage Cafe South Asheville 1800 Hendersonville Rd, Asheville
Sunday	1/20/13	10 am	The Green Sage Cafe South Asheville 1800 Hendersonville Rd, Asheville
Saturday	2/2/13	10 am	The Green Sage Cafe South Asheville 1800 Hendersonville Rd, Asheville
Sunday	2/17/13	10 am	The Green Sage Cafe South Asheville 1800 Hendersonville Rd, Asheville
Saturday	3/2/13	10 am	The Green Sage Cafe South Asheville 1800 Hendersonville Rd, Asheville
Sunday	3/17/13	10 am	The Green Sage Cafe (Wear Green for St Patrick's Day) 1800 Hendersonville Rd, Asheville

Who's Who

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Jim McMains, President
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Get Well Jim!

If you've noticed our president Jim McMains absence from a few events lately, it was probably because of Jim's shoulder injury. Plagued with rotator cuff issues in his right (predominant) shoulder, he's due for surgery December 5th and will be on the mend over the winter. Here's heartfelt good wishes to you, Jim, and hope for a speedy recovery. We all look forward to riding with you in the spring.

Editor's Ramblings

By John Koenig



I hope everyone enjoyed Thanksgiving, and has plans for a pleasurable holiday month in December. We are so fortunate to live here in the Asheville area. Riding continues to be fun, long after our friends further north have already winterized their rides.

I particularly enjoy riding the lower-elevations when the weather's chilly. Just a short jaunt south of here often finds sunshine and mild conditions. And for a change of pace, it's also fun to venture into high country on occasion. Nothing like an afternoon of playing in the snow, yet returning to the protected lower bowl of Asheville by nightfall.

And then there's always Florida. Although not my favorite destination in summertime, it certainly holds some allure this time of year. Winter rallies, Daytona Speed Week, or just basking in the sun on two wheels, it's all good. They are a little tougher to find down in Florida, but interesting roads abound across the whole state.

Winter also gives us bike riders time to reflect and plan future adventures. I personally have just put my deposit in for one of the new water-cooled R1200GS's, and am already dreaming of the possibilities. The 2013 event schedules are being posted here and there. E-mails from riding friends are rolling in. My bucket list is still pretty full with un-completed journeys. You get the idea. I'm also looking forward to a few members sharing their travel stories with us at upcoming meetings this winter yet.

In closing, I wish everyone a wonderful holiday season. Enjoy the month, and I hope to see many of you at our two club "parties". Be Safe out there.

John

newsletter@ashevillebmwriders.org



John Koenig Photo by Karl Lail

Sign-up Deadline 12-4-12 !

**Reserve Now for the
Holiday Dinner Event**

We are now taking reservations for the Holiday Dinner to be held Friday, December 14th, 2012

The dinner will start at 6:30 pm at 12 Bones Smokehouse (South) at 3578 Sweeten Creek Road in Arden. Members, Associate Members, Family, and Friends are all invited.

Fare will likely include pulled pork barbecue and smoked bone-in chicken, as well as a vegetarian alternative like portabella mushroom entree. There will also be a selection of 12 Bones signature sides, corn bread and dessert. Coffee, iced tea and fountain drinks are included.

Wine and local draft beers will be available on "an additional cash basis" that evening.

Cost per person will be a nominal \$20 for everyone. (Same price for Adults, Children and Seniors)

The reservation fee must be paid in advance, no later than Tuesday, December 4th.

You may sign up and pay through the PayPal feature of our club website (ABMWR.org). You can also drop off a completed form (to the right) with cash or check, at Eurosport Asheville prior to December 4th if more convenient. Please, **DO NOT SEND** form or payment to the club post office box.

To avoid forgetting to sign up, or the embarrassment of not being able to attend, **JUST SIGN UP NOW!** You won't be sorry.



RSVP for Holiday Dinner

1. Please clip
2. Put in envelope with payment
3. Drop off at Eurosport Asheville

No later than December 4th

Names of Attendees (Please Print)

Circle Cash or Check # _____

_____ x \$20 each = _____

number of attendees

Total Enclosed

Payable to ABMWR

November 20th Membership Meeting with Courtney Weber from Helmet House



Photos by Perry Hebard



Social Gathering November 3rd Ride to Grandfather Mountain (One of two rides that day)



Photos by Gary Cox and Karl Lail

Progressive International Motorcycle Shows

A handful of us ABMWR folks ventured down to Atlanta to attend the opening event of Progressive's road show series last month. Many new models were displayed, and of particular interest to many of us club members was the new R1200GS water-cooled bike. It whet the appetites for what we will see on the dealership floor come Spring.

For those of you that didn't make it, mark your calendar for the closing of the show series in Charlotte on February 22-24th, 2013.



"A bike on the road is worth two in the shed"

"Only a motorcyclist knows why a dog sticks his head out of a car window".

"It didn't look that far on the map"



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