

**BMW Motorcycle Club**  
ASHEVILLE BMW RIDERS



# The Blue Ridge Breeze

A Publication of the Asheville BMW Riders

BMWMOA Club #353 & BMWRA Club #339

July - 2012

## July Meeting - Cancelled

Your Board of Directors have decided to cancel the July Meeting due to date conflicts with the BMWMOA Rally in Sedalia, Missouri and Club Members working the Roadrunner Magazine Rally in Maggie Valley. Join us in August at the regular meeting as we resume the schedule. Until then, there are lots of other options.

## Join RawHyde on July 12th

This Thursday, July 12th, RawHyde will be coming to Asheville for an all-day GS riding clinic. This free clinic will be courtesy of RawHyde and the folks at Eurosport Asheville. Everyone is invited to register and attend. This is a rare and valuable opportunity here in the Southeast. As we go to press, there are still openings available. Please call Thomas Montgomery at Eurosport (828-255-6600) for more information or to Register for the event.

## Asheville BMW Riders

### Schedule of Club Events

- 7/7 Saturday 9am Social Gathering  
Hendersonville - Atlanta Bread Co.**  
147 Highlands Square Drive, Hendersonville
- 7/15 Sunday 9am Social Gathering  
Waynesville - Clyde's Restaurant**  
2107 S. Main Street, Waynesville
- 8/4 Saturday 9am Social Gathering  
South Asheville - Atlanta Bread Co.**  
484 Hendersonville Road, Asheville
- 8/19 Sunday 9am Social Gathering  
Black Mountain - Dynamite Roasting Co.**  
3198 US Hwy 70, Black Mountain
- 8/21 Tuesday 7pm Bike and Pizza Night  
Membership Meeting  
Eurosport Asheville**  
30 Bryson Street, Asheville, NC 28803



[www.advlife.us](http://www.advlife.us)

## Mark Your Calendars Other Upcoming Events

July 11, 2012 ***Everyone is Invited!***  
“Adventure Night” hosted by RawHyde  
Wedge Brewing Company  
125-B Roberts Street, Asheville, NC  
828-505-2792 **Let’s fill the parking lot  
with Adventure Bikes.**

July 12th 2012 - Thursday 9:00am  
RawHyde Clinic at Eurosport Asheville  
Asheville, NC  
The RawHyde group will be holding a  
GS riding clinic this day. Join them for a  
day of hands-on adventure riding  
lessons. Lunch and beverages included.  
Better yet, it’s all free to riders, courtesy  
of RawHyde and the folks at Eurosport.  
**Please call Thomas Montgomery at  
Eurosport (828-255-6600) for more  
information or to Register for the  
event**

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July 15-18th 2012 - July 19-22nd 2012  
**Late Call for GS Giants**  
Club member Ian Schmeisser has  
informed us that there are a few  
remaining slots on the **GS Giants’  
Adventure Summit event.** There will be a  
**Gypsy Tour** prior to the Sedalia Rally on  
July 15-18th, and the summit continues  
with the **GS Giant** at the Sedalia, MO  
MOA Rally on July 19-22nd. For all of  
you GS guys attending the MOA Rally,  
be sure to take advantage of all or part of  
this if possible. Check out  
[www.advsummits.com](http://www.advsummits.com) or contact Ian at  
[ians@bellsouth.net](mailto:ians@bellsouth.net) Sounds like fun.

July 19-22nd 2012  
BMWMOA Rally - National  
Sedalia, Missouri

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August 9-12th, 2012  
Annual Dan’l Boone Rally  
KOA - Boone, NC  
Carolinas BMW Club (Charlotte)  
Pre-registration opens in March  
[www.carolinasbmwmoa.org/annual-boone-rally/](http://www.carolinasbmwmoa.org/annual-boone-rally/)

September 7-9th 2012  
Beemers in the Bluegrass  
Stillwater Campground  
Frankfort, KY  
Bluegrass Beemers, Inc  
Roy at 828-223-5459  
[kr4mo@yahoo.com](mailto:kr4mo@yahoo.com)

September 14-16th 2012  
Twin Valley Rally  
Willville Motorcycle Camp  
Meadows of Dan, VA  
This looks like a great event. Check it out at  
[www.twinvalleyriders.com](http://www.twinvalleyriders.com) Be sure to  
register early to insure a spot.

September 21-23rd 2012  
“Ride the Blue Ridge”  
Knobbies Rally  
Morganton, NC  
Yes, Wayne, showers are now on-site!  
[www.knobbies.org](http://www.knobbies.org)  
Gene Smith 828-439-9754

October 27-30th 2012  
Great Smoky Motomarathon  
Asheville and Fontana, NC  
[www.motomarathon.com](http://www.motomarathon.com)

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## About 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 Asheville, North Carolina, membership and participation from all surrounding areas are encouraged. For membership information, view our website at [www.ambwr.org](http://www.ambwr.org) or drop us a line at ABMWR, PO Box 5103, Asheville, NC 28813

## Editor's Ramblings by John Koenig

I apologize for a short and late newsletter this month. I just got back from two months of travels, so here it is... Better abbreviated than not at all, I'm told!

I've not been the only one traveling. Kent Skoug probably takes the award



Photo by Perry Hebard

for travel this past month with his Canadian adventures, and several other club members have been on the road also. I can't wait to hear stories of these travels at upcoming ABMWR events. It's been a really hot summer so far. Not at all friendly for motorcycling. Personally, I'm ready for a little break, stay local more and enjoy some of the regional rallies this fall.

The summer events have been fun so far, though. I've enjoyed new friendships, have learned of new riding areas, and feel much richer from the experience. On the road, I'm hearing more about this "lifestyle" movement. No, not just the "Adventure Lifestyle" promoted by BMW and RawHyde, but the "traveling on two wheels" lifestyle in general. From the guy on the Hog to the guy with the Suzuki DR. We're all brothers out there doing our thing. Motorcyclists are Traveling carefree more than I've ever seen before. Good Stuff.

I'm also looking forward to our local adventure riding group gaining traction as fall approaches. We'll certainly learn more about the nuts and bolts of it all at the RawHyde event on the 12th. I've resisted Facebook until now, but guess it's time to get on with it. If you'd like to learn more, go to [www.advlife.us](http://www.advlife.us).

And lastly, I'll close by plugging the thought of membership retention. With the ABMWR club roster at over 140 members, our next huge goal is to keep these members. Wayne Zell has penned a list of reasons to be a member, which is printed elsewhere in this issue. These reasons are just the highlights. For many of us, this club has been more rewarding than words can describe. The small cost of annual membership is a real deal. Our fiscal membership year ends September 30th, and I hope you will renew. Do it now so you don't forget. Thanks, and I look forward to seeing y'all at the upcoming happenings as summer progresses!

John [newsletter@ashevillebmwrider.org](mailto:newsletter@ashevillebmwrider.org)

## Down the Road **President's Message** **Presidents Message**

**Jim McMains**

Hey Gang,

I truly hope you are enjoying our great riding season and that you are getting in some quality riding. I know sometimes we may take for granted the fact that we live in an area with some of the best roads in the country. People literally come here on vacation with their bikes to ride our roads, and I had a reminder of this just the other day.

I arrived at Eurosport one afternoon with members Wayne Zell and Perry Hebard. After dismounting our bikes, a couple that had been sitting on the curb outside, walked up and engaged us in some conversation. They had driven down from New York to do some riding and visiting with family, had a little mechanical problem and were waiting at our favorite dealer for their repair. They asked where we were from and were in awe when we stated that we lived here. Envious is not a big enough word to describe how they felt about that. After some general bike talk, it led to a conversation on where they might retire too. They advised us that they were looking at Virginia, but were definitely becoming more partial to our area because of their enthusiasm for riding. I know it would be nice to close the borders to anymore transplants to our great secret ("Western North Carolina"), but the reality is they were looking for the same thing that most of us were when we moved here. (You locals were lucky enough to have been



Photo by Perry Hebard

born into this wonderful area, so I can't speak for you, but I can speak from my perspective as a transplant). I wanted someplace that had friendly people and an active social life, was not very crowded, acceptable cost of living and good year round weather with the hopeful opportunity of riding year round. I could not have asked for more.

My goal is to not take for granted this beautiful area I call home and to enjoy it to the fullest. I cannot think of a better way of doing it then by riding and sharing that riding with my fellow club members whenever possible. I just hope all of you feel the same. Remember, there are a lot of folks out there that would love to change places with us. They truly are envious of us and that makes me feel good, because it reminds me that I made a great choice on where to live. Anyway, back to club stuff...

The July meeting is cancelled because of a conflict with the BMWMOA rally, but we hope to see you at the August meeting, which we are calling our "Bike and Pizza Night". Perry will be taking some great photos of the members who show up with their bikes and we will be providing pizza and non alcoholic beverages. There should be a nice Club picture to post on our Great website from this meeting at [www.abmwr.org](http://www.abmwr.org), hopefully we will have a big attendance, so please come on out in force!

We will also be starting to collect on dues renewals, so please bring yours to the meeting if you can or do so online. The cutoff date for renewal is 9/30/12 and all renewals will be good until 9/30/2013. You will see some reasons in the newsletter on why your membership is something you should cherish. We hope to have paypal up and running online soon for those wishing to renew that way.

Our Club Gatherings are still on schedule and going strong, so try and come out for one! See You Down The Road,

Jim

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Photo submitted by Dan Falkenstein

Reasons why submitted by Wayne Zell... Membership Chairman

## **8 Reasons why you should be a Member of ABMWR**

### **Reasons to be a member**

1. Fellowship of riders
2. Club activities
3. Vendor discounts
4. Interesting club rides
5. Snazzy club merchandise
6. Informative newsletter
7. Comprehensive club website
8. Dealer discount at club meetings for club members only

## **And 1 Reason to renew membership before September 30, 2012**

### **1 Reason to renew by September 30, 2012**

If you pay your dues late (past September 30), you will lose your Charter status and once lost, you can never get it back. You will lose all bragging rights to being there when the club was born and lose the status of being a club Charter Member.

For anyone wishing to renew now... please use the application/renewal form on the last page and update your information at the same time... Thanks.

Photos from the June Gathering and  
Ride up to Spruce Pine...  
submitted by Dan Falkenstein



The group stopped at a great cafe called The Tropical Grill @ 198 Oak Street in Spruce Pine... Just "Great Food", great spot off parkway and just a great time... a real find [www.thetropicalgrill.com](http://www.thetropicalgrill.com)





## 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**