

BMW Motorcycle Club
ASHEVILLE BMW RIDERS



The Blue Ridge Breeze

A Publication of the Asheville BMW Riders

BMWMOA Club #353 & BMWRA Club #339

June - 2012



June Meeting

Over the summer, we won't be bringing in any "outside vendors" for meeting presentations. Instead, the folks at Eurosport will be doing some impromptu, interactive little seminars of their own. For June's meeting, Denise will give us a run-down on the features of some of their riding apparel. How many of us buy gear, and don't even realize what all the pockets, snaps, hooks, and clips are for? Justin will further entertain us, and we're hoping he keeps his shirt on. Bring questions, ideas, and info as well. I'm sure there will be plenty to talk about.

We'll continue this format for July and August's meetings. Topics suggested have been use of GPS units, typical maintenance discussions, lubes, coolants, tires, and other subjects common to motorcycles in general. We may get some of Eurosport's techno-staff to interact as well. And we'd all like to hear a little about what BMWAG has coming up... rumor mill stuff.

Asheville BMW Riders

Schedule of Club Events

- 6/2 Saturday 9am Social Gathering
Black Mountain -Dynamite Roasting Co.**
3198 US Hwy 70, Black Mountain
- 6/17 Sunday 9am Social Gathering
South Asheville - Atlanta Bread Co.**
484 Hendersonville Road, Asheville
- 6/19 Tuesday 7pm Membership Meeting
Eurosport Asheville**
30 Bryson Street, Asheville, NC 28803
- 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
- 7/17 Tuesday 7pm Membership Meeting
Eurosport Asheville**
30 Bryson Street, Asheville, NC 28803

Mark Your Calendars Other Upcoming Events

June 14-17th 2012

**BMWRA Rally - National
Copper Mountain, Colorado**

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. Save the Date!



July 19-22nd 2012

**BMWMOA Rally - National
Sedalia, Missouri**

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/

September 7-9th 2012

**Beemers in the Bluegrass
Stillwater Campground
Frankfort, KY**

Bluegrass Beemers, Inc

Roy at 828-223-5459

kr4mo@yahoo.com

September 21-23rd 2012

"Ride the Blue Ridge"

Knobbies Rally

Morganton, NC

Yes, Wayne, showers are now on-site!

www.knobbies.org

Gene Smith 828-439-9754

October 27-30th 2012

**Great Smoky Motomathon
Asheville and Fontana, NC**

www.motomathon.com

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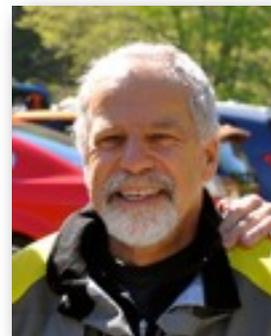
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About The ABMWR

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 or drop us a line at ABMWR, PO Box 5103, Asheville, NC 28813

Editor's Ramblings by John Koenig

Seems like there's a lot of travel going on right now. I apologize for a somewhat abbreviated issue of the newsletter this month, but my life is full of travel as well. It's been an exciting late Spring for me, with most of my adventures being in the Southwest.



Motorcycle travel is so rewarding, be it solo riding, group riding, or attending rallies. On road, off road, rendezvous', rekindling old friendships, making new friendships. All good stuff. Not to mention the value of being alone with your steel horse on some adventure in the middle of nowhere. Also good stuff.

But I'm looking forward to being back home in Asheville for a while. I miss the club already. the rides, the meetings, the camaraderie, hanging out at the shop, drinking coffee (or beer) with the guys. Pretty decent stuff as well. I look forward to more of that as summer of that as summer progresses! Enjoy the summer and be safe.

John newsletter@ashevillebmwriders.org



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

Jim McMains

Hey Gang,

I really enjoyed the Schuberth presentation at the May meeting and I know a few new helmets made their way home with members.



Photo by Perry Hebard

We also had another purchasing event with 44% off on the special room full of gear. Justin switched it up a little by placing a bunch of different discount amounts in a hat that he made me draw from. I tried my best to get the largest number! We appreciate you Eurosport.

Riding has been a pleasure these last few weeks and the club gatherings and impromptu rides are really getting into full swing with good participation. In addition to our bi-monthly gatherings, members have been putting out requests for the impromptu rides, but please don't forget that you don't need to do that just on weekends...many of us are "available" to ride during the week, so when you get the urge, put out a request and see if you get some members to join you. Please try to share some of your favorite rides with others and take the time to talk with someone new when you have the opportunity. We are at 136 members now, growing weekly, and I am starting to notice lots of the same faces showing up with a few new ones each time. It is nice recognizing people and

remembering names as we socialize, but go out of your way and introduce yourself to that new person that attends and make them feel just as welcome as you would want to be.

The website is slowly starting to see more participation, so please continue to go there and use it. The more people that go online there the better it will be for maintaining a nice riding community and club.

We have many Rallies, Daily events, campouts and riding activities in our beautiful area this summer as well as other parts of the country. Many of us will be attending these events and may miss a club event or two, but there will always be enough around to have a good time together at Gatherings and Meetings.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for our meetings and gatherings and watch for the reminders that come out too.

We have some special event offerings that we will share at the next meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you down the road.

Jim

president@ashevillebmwriders.org



BR Parkway Photo by Perry Hebard

Ride Captain's Report **Club Gathering – 5/20/12**

By Kent Skoug

I arrived in Hendersonville at the Atlanta Bread about ten past nine and there were already five or six bikes there. By the time 10:00 o'clock rolled around we had ten bikes and two were two up.

We headed south through Hendersonville past the old Sandburg home crossing under Hwy. 25 and continuing onto Old Hwy. 25, now known as 225. After passing through Tuxedo we crossed into South Carolina and a lot more twisty, if somewhat broken up, roads. About 2/3rd of the way down the grade we made a left onto Old Saluda Road. Once we turned right in downtown Saluda we stayed on Hwy 176 east bound until reaching Tryon. Now we angled to the left continuing east but now on Hwy. 108 where we made a brief stop to get rid of morning coffee and to give a few people a chance to get some more fuel.

Leaving the twisties we passed through rolling farm land staying on Hwy 108 until reaching Rutherfordton where we turned north on Hwy 221. This remained farm land until we crossed I-40 and reached Marion where we stopped for lunch at Fatz Café.

Fatz is a chain and I usually try to stay away from chain restaurants, but Fatz is

pretty good. I had spoken to one of the managers a few days before when I was doing a pre-ride and told him we would be coming. They don't take any reservations and this was Sunday right after church let out, but he had us set up with a long table we were all able to sit at and we didn't have to wait at all.

After lunch we continued on Hwy 221 about another eight miles the Hwy. 226 where we got back onto curves and worked our way up to the Blue Ridge Parkway. I let Perry scoot ahead to the exit for Little Switzerland so he could set up for a photo shoot, then we waited for him at the next pull out. Then it was about another twenty miles to the pull off for Mount Mitchell State Park. At a little over 7,000 feet in elevation, it is supposed to be the highest point east of the Mississippi. It definitely was a good fifteen degrees cooler up there at the overlook.

From Mount Mitchell it was another thirty miles to the visitor's center for the Blue Ridge Parkway that is just on the east side of Asheville. That was where we stopped to say good-bye as we split up to take our own ways home.

Rob will be laying out the rides for your enjoyment through the second ride in July. I will be taking a short break (the month of June) up in eastern Canada. Until then, ride safe!



More Photos from the
May Gathering and Ride



Photos by Perry Hebard

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Adventure Riders Update...

By John Koenig...



As promised, outside events have influenced our planned “Adventure Riding” group. Here’s the latest.

“RawHyde” came to town on the evening of May 1st, and Shawn Thomas presented an outline of their “GS Lifestyle” program. It was well received by over 30 attendees.

When Shawn and his brother Lance return to Eurosport Asheville on July 12th, they will teach a one day clinic on off-road riding, at no cost to the riders. At this event, they will also be organizing the beginning of a local riding group with a national tie. A “chapter” of a national club, so to speak. It’ll be a “Dirty Dozen” group riding out of Eurosport Asheville, connected to hundreds of other GS Riders through Facebook communication. Contrary to the name, the group is not limited to 12 riders. They are just looking for up to 12 leaders for each geographic region’s group. We’ll learn much more about this in July.

In late May, I attended the RawHyde Rally and Rendezvous at Overland Expo in Arizona, along with 175 others!

I had a chance to spend time with both Jim Hyde and Lance Thomas, and learn

more about their visions. I also had a chance to ride and chat with several “Dirty Dozen” riders that have already formed groups in other areas. Based on my impression of the strength of this movement, I think it best for us local Adventure Riders to tag on and buy into the RawHyde vision. The concept is very much in line with my own organizational vision.... no meetings, no officers, no red-tape, just a simple means of communication to facilitate some really enjoyable riding as a group. Check out www.advlife.us to learn more about Jim’s plans. Not all of us are Facebook fans, but I think the site will get the job done.

Let’s keep in touch. Continue to give me feedback and opinions. By all means, plan on attending the clinic on July 12th. And we’ll see how this thing goes.

John Koenig, editor
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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:
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