

BMW Motorcycle Club
ASHEVILLE BMW RIDERS



The Blue Ridge Breeze

A Publication of the Asheville BMW Riders

BMWMOA Club #353 & BMWRA Club #339

November - 2013



Schedule of Club Events

- 11/2 **Saturday 10am Social Gathering**
Asheville - Eurosport Asheville
30 Bryson Street, Asheville, NC 28803
- 11/17 **Sunday 10am Social Gathering**
South Asheville - The Green Sage Cafe
1800 Hendersonville Road, Asheville
- 11/19 **Tuesday 7pm Membership Meeting**
Eurosport Asheville
30 Bryson Street, Asheville, NC 28803
- 12/7 **Saturday 10am Social Gathering**
Asheville - Eurosport Asheville
30 Bryson Street, Asheville, NC 28803
- 12/15 **Sunday 10am Social Gathering**
South Asheville - The Green Sage Cafe
1800 Hendersonville Road, Asheville
- 12/17 **Tuesday 8pm Holiday Party**
Pre-Paid Reservations Only
Black Forest Restaurant
2155 Hendersonville Rd Arden NC 28704
- 12/17 **Tuesday No Membership Meeting**

November Meeting

You won't want to miss our
November Meeting!
A panel of presenters will be
discussing and demonstrating
Emergency Tire Repair.
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Holiday Party Announcement

We have set the date of December
17th for our Holiday Dinner Party
at **Black Forest Restaurant.**
The deadline for pre-paid RSVPs
is November 26th, so hurry as
there is limited space available.
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Mark Your Calendars

ABMWR Holiday Party This year we have chosen the Black Forest Restaurant in South Asheville for our Holiday Dinner Party. Since there is no meeting planned for December, we decided to have the Dinner on that 3rd Tuesday date. The cost will be \$38 per person. This price includes a 3-course meal, soft beverage, tax, all gratuities, table set-ups, and reserving their main dining room. We hope you'll agree that it's a great deal. General consensus from our club was that you wanted a little "nicer" atmosphere than last year for a party, so we hope this fits the bill. **See Page 4 for details and to make reservations.**

November 15-17th 2013

Progressive Int'l Motorcycle Shows
Atlanta, GA

www.motorcycleshows.com

Since there's no longer a stop in Charlotte for the Progressive show tour, Atlanta is our closest location. The Atlanta show tended to be larger than Charlotte in past years, so it's assumed this event will be a good one.

January 17-19th 2014

Florida's Coolest Rally
Camp Blanding
Green Cove Springs area, FL
www.BMWNEF.org

Where else can you enjoy a close rally in January? Enjoy camping, riding, seminars, food, and friends, all less than 500 miles south of us. Warning: register early.

May 16-18th 2014

Overland Expo
Flagstaff, AZ
www.overlandexpo.com

Several of our club members have attended this event in the last two years. In addition to an exposition, it's a rendezvous of world travelers (on 2 wheels and 4). Check out this amazing gathering; you won't be disappointed.

May 17, 2014

Blue Ridge High Pass Boogie
Asheville, NC (Starting and Ending Location)

Save the date and you will hear more about this ABMWR event in the near future.

A long one-day event promoted by our club in conjunction with Eurosport Asheville, and will be a fundraiser... (See pages 11&12)

more info contact John Koenig at
holoholojohn@gmail.com

See pages 11 & 12 for more details.

May 29-June 1st 2014

BMWRA National Rally
Barber Motorsports
Leeds, Alabama

www.bmwra.org

Our own RA regional rep Kent Skoug informs us that it's now official. The 2014 RA Rally will be held at Barber, at an earlier date this coming year, to avoid any summer heat. Kent will update us as time goes on, but wants us to mark our calendars now for a great time in 2014.

July 24-27th 2014

BMWMOA International Rally
Minnesota State Fairgrounds
St Paul, MN

www.bmwmoa.org

This big event is planned in the North-Central area of the US this year, so it may escape the heat as well. We're sure it will again be the Big Kahuna of BMW shows and rallies in this country.

November Meeting

Join us on Tuesday, November 19th at 7:00pm for our monthly membership meeting. Held again at Eurosport Asheville, we'll have a short meeting followed by a member-panel presentation on **Emergency Tire Repair**. This will be a hands-on demonstration of techniques for fixing flats. It will cover both tube-type and tubeless repairs, pulling wheels from bikes, airing procedures, and more. Since the subject is "**Repair**", we'll also get into repair tools in general. You'll get a chance to see and hear what other riders carry with them in their tire and bike repair kits (and why). Eurosport will be helping us out with donor tires and tubes to play with. John Koenig will be the facilitator for the team of ABMWR demonstrators. If you'd like to be a part of this tire busting and wrench turning team, contact John at holoholojohn@gmail.com If you'd rather just be entertained and enlightened, just show up that evening.

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



Finally Official

At our October meeting, ABMWR member **Clark Luster** was presented this plaque in recognition for 500,000 miles on BMW motorcycles. Congratulations, Clark, on an accomplishment many of us can hardly imagine. That's some serious saddle time.



ABMWR Holiday Party

Tuesday December 17th, 8pm

Black Forest Restaurant
2155 Hendersonville Rd
Arden NC 28704

RSVP Deadline is

Tuesday November 26th!

Limited to the first 75 attendees including family and friends. Sign up and pre-pay early to assure a seat! Cost per person will be a nominal \$38 for everyone. (Same price for Adults, Children and Seniors).

Complete the form below, put it in an envelope with cash or check, and drop it by Eurosport prior to November 26th. Please note that we also need your meal choices filled in when you sign up (no changes later). If you need to use PayPal for payment, we should have that option on our ABMWR.org website soon.

Meal Choices:

1st Course: Fresh Garden salad - everyone

2nd Course: Designate Color Choice of German Sampler Plate (Knackwurst, Bratwurst, Jaeger Schnitzel, Sauerbraten, Kassler Rippchen, and 4 German Sides.

Ribeye Steak - Generous 12oz steak grilled to specification with garlic mashed and vegetable du jour.

Spinach and Roasted Garlic Ravioli Simmered in sun dried tomato cream sauce. A chef favorite for vegetarians.

3rd Course: Dessert

Designate 1 Apple Strudel
or 2 Black Forest Cherry Torte

Soft Beverages are included, and there will be a full "no host bar" available for beer, wine, and mixed drinks. You may pay by drink or run a tab at the bar... additional

gratuities for drinks separate from holiday meal. Our club is not including or selling alcohol. This is an individual choice if members choose to purchase drinks from Black Forest Restaurant.

RSVP for Holiday Dinner

Coupon for Cash or Checks

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

No later than November 26th

Names of Attendees (Please Print)
With each name specify
yellow, red or green meals
and a 1 or 2 dessert.

Name	Meal	Dessert

Circle Cash or Check # _____

_____ x \$38 each = _____
number of attendees Total Enclosed

Payable to ABMWR

Your Contact Name

and Phone Number or email

President's Message

By Jim McMains

Well here we are at mid fall, summer is behind us and a new year is just around the corner. We were hoping for a record number of candidates to run for the officer positions in the club, but as fate would have it, you fellow riders must



like the job we are doing. Not one member chose to run and fortunately the serving officers were agreeable to remain in office if that were the wishes of the club. Since we had no nominations from the floor at the September meeting, it kind of made it official that the current team will remain for two more years. No election is needed at the November meeting now, so we can move forward with business as usual. We do have one change, Perry Hebard our Vice President will step down to be replaced by John Koenig but will be remaining on the Board of Directors. Giving up VP will give him time to pursue his passion of taking Photographs for the club and he will also keep on making and sending out those great member cards. We appreciate all the work Perry put in over the last two years in helping start and run this club as our VP, and we look forward to his further help in decision making on the Board.

Every Officer and other volunteer deserves a pat on the back for all the effort and hours put in molding this club into what the members want. We take every suggestion, criticism and idea

into account for changes that need to be made for the membership as a whole. Your support by not running tells us that you are happy with the way things are and how we are handling them. For this we are grateful and it gives us a sense of pride that we are doing a good job.

Our Newsletter has been a success from day one under the guidance of John and Jill Koenig. I want to personally thank them on behalf of the club for all the hours and work they put into making that wonderful monthly periodical. John is stepping down as Editor to take on the VP position and we will be having a very smooth transition to our New Editor, Gary Cox and Assistant Editor, Linda Cox. We cannot thank them enough for stepping up to fill the need. Gary will become a Board member by virtue of his new position, as written in our By-Laws, and we look forward to his input at our meetings.

You can be assured that your Officers will continue to strive to keep on making this club everything it should be and all we ask in return is that you participate and support the club. We have some club events coming up and we hope to form some committees in the next year. Please give some thought to volunteering and giving a little time if you can. We can't do it all and we need you to help. More information will be coming on all of that. The BMWRA rally showed that many of you care enough to volunteer when needed and for that we thank you.

Don't forget November starts the new gathering Schedule. Times are moved up an hour to allow for a warmer start. Thanks again for the vote of confidence by allowing us to earn our pay for another two years. We are gluttons for punishment, but we really do enjoy having this motorcycle club and making it the best one around!

Seeya down the road,
Jim McMains

Winter Gathering Schedule

All gatherings will be held at **10am** for the following Winter Weather Schedule

	1st Saturday	and	3rd Sunday	each month
November	2nd Saturday Eurosport	November	17th Sunday	Green Sage Hendersonville Road
December	7th Saturday Eurosport	December	15th Sunday	Green Sage Hendersonville Road
January	4th Saturday Eurosport	January	19th Sunday	Green Sage Hendersonville Road
February	1st Saturday Eurosport	February	16th Sunday	Green Sage Hendersonville Road
March	1st Saturday Eurosport	March	16th Sunday	Green Sage Hendersonville Road

Featured Members

Gary and Linda Cox

Since Gary & Linda Cox will be taking over the stewardship of our newsletter with the next issue, I thought it might be nice to feature them in this issue. I've been riding and hanging with them for quite some time now, and recognize their talent as well as continued service to our club. I'm excited to see Gary join our Board and serve as our new Editor.

John Koenig



By Gary Cox

Let me begin by saying that that I am most grateful that John Koenig has generously agreed to help us for a few months during this transition. When I start producing the news letter.

Who are we? We are Gary and Linda Cox and have been riding together since we first started dating. Now married for 11 happy years, we are charter members of ABMWRA and are also charter customers of Eurosport, having come down the first weekend their doors were open. We ride 2-up, as Linda puts it she "Holds on for Dear Wife." We ride

an R1150GS we've had for the past 8 years. Our original bike was a nice Lucifer Orange Triumph Sprint RS I had when we met, but for 2-UP traveling it got to be a little small. A single overnight was about all that we could do. Since getting the R1150GS we ride as much as our schedules allow and have taken several multi-day riding vacations. We enjoy single and multi-day trips in this area including the Cherohala Skyway and Deals Gap but have also travelled the entire length of the Blue Ridge Parkway north to Skyline Drive (Shenandoah National Park) and up to Harpers Ferry. Two years ago we rambled 10 days through central GA on our way south to Orlando and returned up the east coast. We prefer hotels to camping because we just can't figure out how to get all the camping gear and both of us on the bike at the same time.

Now I've ridden a motorcycle every since I was old enough to get my leg over and always being tall for my age that was pretty early! In spite of my mom's protest that motorcycles are death traps, I had several bikes over the years. My first was a Briggs and Stratton powered mini-bike my dad brought home initially for my brother (too bad for him!). I graduated to a Honda CB125S when I was 13, which I rode until I went to college. I sold the CB125 when I was in college, needed the money and thought that it was the responsible thing to do. After graduating from college and starting a new job as an Electronics engineer, it was time to get a motorcycle again this was 1999. I took the motorcycle safety foundation course and got licenses. My first proper bike was a Suzuki GS500, that I thought was a rocket ship compared to what I remember of the CB125 (I know better now). A year later I traded the GS500 in on the Triumph 955, which had some proper grunt. After getting the R1150GS, I traded in the Triumph for an ZX-6R because I had been to the California Super Bike school and wanted something faster than the Triumph. After a couple of

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October Gathering

By Kent Skoug

Sunday morning dawned bright but more than a little nippy. When I left the house it was in the low 40's so the electrics went on. After a brief stop for fuel it was on to The Green Sage. John Koenig and our newest member Joe Warren (he signed up at the gathering) were in the parking lot. After saying hi I suggested we go inside to get out of the cold and get some coffee. Dan Falkenstein and Karl Lail soon showed up so now we were five. We just talked until about 10:20 when it was time to hit the road.

We took secondary roads down to the east side of Hendersonville where we picked up Highway 64 to Bat Cave, past Chimney Rock and Lake Lure to Rutherfordton. That gave us some nice twisties down the mountain side and around Lake Lure and then some rolling farmland east to Rutherfordton.

I was originally planning on a stopover at Cowpens National Battlefield but, since we started a little late, and some people had plans for later in the day, we headed straight for lunch at the Bantam Chef in Chesnee, SC. I hadn't eaten there before but you definitely get a lot for your money. I got a ½ pound hamburger steak with a vegetable, fries, onion rings, slaw and rolls for \$6.99. I couldn't finish it.

Because of schedules we split up after lunch. Dan, John and I followed Highway 11 to I-26 West. Dan and John headed straight to Asheville while I cut off and took secondary roads through Tryon to Saluda then to Old Hwy 25 and north to Hendersonville. Joe and Karl were still discussing which way they wanted to travel as we were leaving the restaurant. Last I heard they were thinking about Hwy 276 past Caesar's Head State Park.

The day finished up in the low to mid 70's so it was perfect riding weather.

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years of playing on the ZX-6R, I traded it for Ducati Hypermotard a lot more fun and comfortable for someone 6'5". I still enjoy carving the canyons and making spirited runs through the turns. But Linda enjoys riding too so I am mostly about riding 2-up and touring. Last year I took the BMW Performance School's off road course and so the Hypermotard got traded for a TR650. I continue to discover off-road routes in our area, and I am really enjoying the off road experience (sliding and drifting are a lot of fun). I am truly interested in all forms of riding and really enjoy being around other motorcycle enthusiasts.

That's what really drew me/us to Asheville BMW Riders club: the diverse and varied interests of the members that included all types of riding, all types of bikes, and varied demographics. While we live across the mountain in TN, our second "home" where we spend most of our off time is Asheville and the great WNC area. We are looking forward to sharing our enthusiasm with this newsletter and riding with y'all. If there's something you'd like to share or a topic that we might highlight, please email gcox5150@yahoo.com. Now let's get out there and ride.

Who's Who

Board of Directors

Jim McMains, President

John Koenig, Vice President

Kent Skoug, Secretary

Dan Falkenstein, Treasurer

Gary Cox, Newsletter Editor

Dan Thompson, Merchandising Director

Phil Weinmann, Webmaster

Perry Hebard, Club Photographer

Sergeant at Arms

Adam Stewart

Ride Captains

Kent Skoug

Rick Capps

Welcome New Members

for September and October

Donna Buechler - Arden, NC
Rodney Clemons - Knightdale, NC
Julienne P. Correa - Greenville, SC
Aubrey Coward - Asheville, NC
Daphne Williams - Brevard, NC
Jennifer Hoover - Greenville, SC
Mike Hough - Harrodsburg, KY
Kenneth Martin - Kingsport, TN
Michael Mathe - Jonesborough, TN
Jim Ownbey - Asheville, NC
Pat Ownbey - Asheville, NC
Charles Pair - Highlands, NC
Monica Shaw - Waynesville, NC
Steven D. Trocha - Greenville, SC
Joe W. Warren - Arden, NC
Van Waters - Fletcher, NC
Donald E. "Don" Whitehead - Clyde, NC

Volunteers Needed for High Pass Boogie

We're starting a volunteer list for our upcoming Blue Ridge High Pass Boogie event on May 17, 2014. In addition to riding the event, please consider joining our volunteer base to make this event a success.

We'll need help well in advance to pre-ride and map the 4-state route, promote the event, distribute materials, request sponsors, work registration, and other tasks. On the day of the event, we'll also need several extra hands for co-ordinating activities and doing general grunt work.

Consider stepping up to lend a hand as we prepare for our club's first official fundraiser, benefitting the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation. More details will follow, but for now, please contact Event Director John Koenig at holoholojohn@gmail.com, or give him a ring at 828-606-1092.

To start your volunteering right now, you can print copies of our ride flier (on page 10) and post anywhere motorcycle riders may gather.

An Impromptu October Ride

by John Koenig

Official “Gatherings” aren’t the only rides to emerge from our club. “Impromptu” rides are plentiful. Rob Colasacco’s ride on Sunday, October 27th was an example. A pretty day was forecast, and Rob threw the idea of a Sunday ride out on our Yahoo site. A couple of days later, there we were, 11 of us meeting at Atlanta Bread for coffee, and heading out on a magical mountain ride. Canyon carvers, touring bikes, dual sports, you name it; we ran 135 miles of twisties with absolutely gorgeous foliage and no tourist leaf lookers on our route (except us). Good camaraderie, good lunch spot, good weather, and good scenery. How sweet. As John Lennon once said, “Life is what happens while you’re making other plans”. My suggestion? If a ride just pops up on any particular day, take it.



Editor’s Ramblings

By John Koenig

This month ends my stint as your Newsletter Editor. It’s been a fun ride. I’ve enjoyed putting this piece together each month, and commend Jill for her talents and efforts organizing my mess into such a polished format with each issue. In some ways, I feel sad passing this editor’s job on to Gary Cox, but those emotions are overshadowed by excitement with my future job as your Vice President. It also helps that I have good folks taking over the editor’s helm.



Gary and Linda are great people. Straight-up, reliable, enthusiastic members of our club. They drive or ride down from their place in Johnson City to be active in our meetings, gatherings, social events, and of course volunteer events.

For the first time in two years or so, our club will also have an injection of new blood to it’s Board of Directors as Gary joins our core group. I’ve enjoyed riding with Gary and now look forward to working with him as we serve our club’s membership. Please support Gary in his future efforts by submitting material.

As I take off the Editor’s hat and put on the Vice President’s hat, a new era will begin for me. One of my new job descriptions will be the managing of presenters for our club’s general meetings each month. By our President’s request, I will still be penning a report in each month’s newsletter pertaining to past and future meeting programs. I’m happy to say that will give me a chance to stay in touch with all of you. I love this club!

Blue Ridge High Pass Boogie

A Single Day, Appalachian Mountain Challenge by Motorcycle!

Promoted By



Saturday May 17, 2014
Asheville, North Carolina

To Benefit the



- 🍀 **One Event.**
- 🍀 **One Day.**
- 🍀 **Four States.**
- 🍀 **Four Passes.**
- 🍀 **Huge Fun!**

In Conjunction With



Benefit Ride t-shirts and stickers are included and Generous Door Prizes will be awarded.

The **Asheville BMW Riders** invite you to the inaugural running of this challenging one day event. The route will be a beautiful mountain loop through four states connecting outstanding mountain passes in all four. This will not be a timed event, but instead a self-guided ride. Participants may ride alone, or hook up in small groups matching their particular speed or riding styles. This is a riding event open to all brands of motorcycles, and club membership is not required to ride. After a 6:30am check-in at Eurosport Asheville, riders will be off on a 450-500 mile paved loop, which will take about 10 hours running at posted speed limits. Allowing for stops along the route, riders should have plenty of time to collect for a catered dinner back in the Asheville area at 6:30pm. Route short-cuts will be provided in case anyone is running late.

Door prizes will be awarded following dinner.

Registration fee to join in this Prestigious Event is \$85 per person which includes breakfast, dinner, shirt and ride packet. All proceeds beyond event costs will be donated to the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation.

Nearby area hotel availability will be listed in our info packet and lodging is not included in the cost of the event.

The event will unofficially commence on the evening of Friday May 16th, with an optional kick-off dinner.

This meet-and-greet event will also benefit the BRP Foundation.

A guest speaker will be present to discuss the Foundation's work with our nation's favorite road.

Venue location and cost to be announced.

For further info, contact the **Asheville BMW Riders** at www.ABMWR.com, or contact Event Director John Koenig, holoholojohn@gmail.com 828-606-1092.



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