



**MOA CHARTER
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**RA CHARTER
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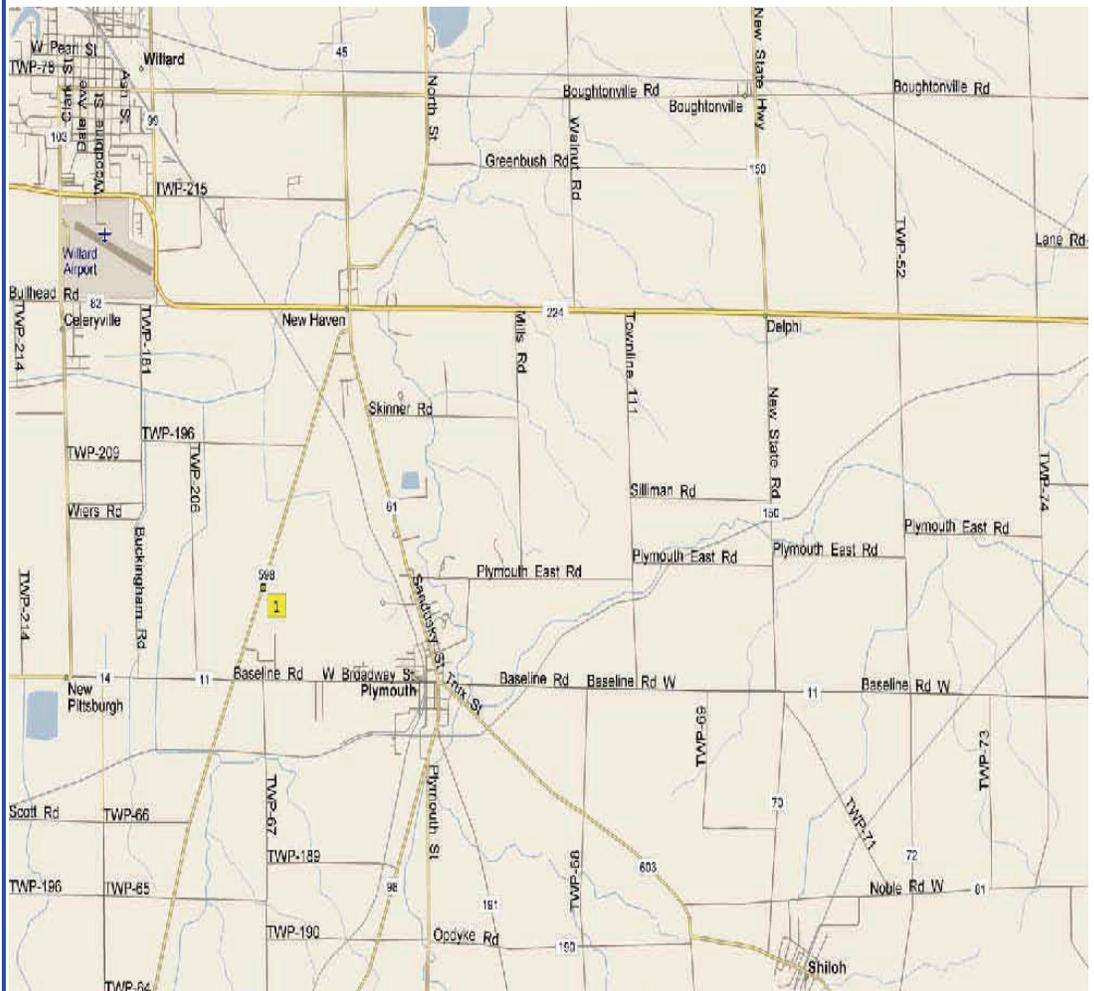
Black Swamp Beemer

JUNE 1, 2009

Our next meeting will be held on Saturday during the spring campout at The Pit

Check website for future meeting dates and times.

For more information contact a club officer or visit our website at www.bmwridersoftoledo.org



May Meeting Minutes

The May meeting was held at Bad Bobs Barbeque and called to order by Gary. There were 15 members in Attendance and a handful of patrons that interacted.

OFFICERS REPORTS

President

We went to the Mini Rally in Sturgis. The weather was about as perfect as has ever been for this event. There were only a couple of folks from Ohio clubs. Our next event is the European Riders Rally.

Vice President

Ed mentioned the upcoming Open House at BMW MC of Southeast Michigan.

Secretary

Paul Fleck and I will be collaborating on the newsletter. Send in your stories, anecdotes or ideas lest you be randomly picked to submit something.

I've renewed our charters with the RA and MOA and their sites contact info has been updated.

There is one correction to the May newsletter: I need dinner orders/money for the campout dinner no later than May 30th. I had incorrectly published it as a week earlier.

Treasurer

We had \$20 income and paid \$50 for MOA renewal. We have \$951 in the bank and \$50 cash on hand for a total of \$1001. Motion was made to accept; seconded and approved by all...

However, only One of Pauls votes counted.

Road Captain

I MADE IT!

Webmeister

Available on the Internet

Business at Hand

Old Business

June 5-7th we'll be at the Pit. Dinner choice and payment is needed by May 30th. We will have club meeting on Saturday.

July we will have two informal meetings at the RA and MOA Nationals. We'll post signs on the information boards.

August summer campout will be held at East Harbor the weekend before Labour Day. Motion was made and accepted by all. Leo will bring his 30x40 shelter. Leo will also be hookin' us up with food. Daryl will be handling the payments and fees are due to him when you arrive. Do not pay at the office.

New Business

We will need to provide two cans of coffee and Styrofoam cups for the Pit. We will also need other sundry supplies. Roger will be doing a bean soup dinner on Friday night.

September meeting will be held at Leo's on the 12th. Time yet to be determined. October we will look at holding something at Black Swamp Chopper. November is up in the air.

Tom Tann won \$11 from the 50/50

Motion was made to close the meeting; seconded and approved by all.

General Information

RA Rally Adventure Rider Clinic, July 23-26, Canaan Valley, WV

This course consists of 4 hours of seminar and off-road motorcycle riding instruction on a closed course that has been groomed for beginners, yet has challenging areas for more advanced riders to hone their skills. The course enables riders to transition from the basics of off-roading to the more complex techniques needed for multi-day trips on dual-sport machines. This course combines the skill-building of the basic off-road course with advanced techniques for single track and obstacles.

You'll learn skills that enable you to transition from asphalt to double track, single track, and fire trails. The fundamentals of straight lines, turning, body posture, and braking are combined to handle obstacles, stream crossings, and tight single track.

We'll teach you the fundamentals and demonstrate real-world challenges so that riders can assess terrain and risk, then make good choices using skills practiced here. It's a course that builds confidence and breaks down barriers without destroying you and your gear.

There will be four classes offered during the rally. including one on Thursday afternoon, two on Friday, and one on Saturday morning. Morning classes will begin at 8:00am and run till 12:00 noon. The afternoon class will begin at 1:00pm and run till 4:00pm. Classes will be assigned on a first come, first served basis, so register now to confirm a spot in your preferred class!

BMW RA Rally Adventure Rider Clinic Details

Length: 4 hours (½ day)

Age: 6 years old - Adult.

Class Sizes: maximum of 10 students.

Motorcycle: bring your own motorcycle.

Minimums: Safe off-road or dual-sport motorcycle with appropriate tires for dirt riding and fuel for 4 hours of riding, spare spark plug and basic tool kit (plug wrench, etc), DOT helmet, jacket, sturdy pants, gloves, eye protection, over-the-ankle boots. Hydration packs (CamelBak, canteens, etc) are recommended for all seasons. Long sleeves recommended for summer.

Location: [BMW RA National Rally in Canaan Valley, WV](#)

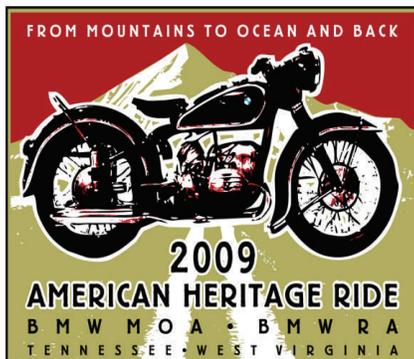
Price: \$75

To register, or for more information, please visit www.motomark1.com/dbsra.html

Thanks for the information Jim!

General Information cont.

2009 BMW MOA & BMW RA American Heritage Ride



This year the BMW MOA and the BMW RA are holding their respective rallies on consecutive weekends. Some riders are planning to attend both rallies. So in the spirit of cooperation, the MOA and the RA have decided to offer those riders two specials.

-- We will recognize those riders who attend both rallies. A special sticker will be awarded to each person that shows their MOA wristband when they register at the RA Rally. It will be a motorcycle version of a bumper sticker.

-- In addition we are organizing the "MOA to RA American Heritage Ride." It will be a rolling rally that will start in Johnson City, TN, meander for five days, and conclude in Canaan Valley, WV

(The BMW MOA Rally is July 16 - 19, The BMW RA Rally is July 23 - 26)

For those unfamiliar with a rolling rally, it works like this:

The ride is designed to take place over several days. Everyone rides at their own pace, either by themselves or with others. At the end of each day's ride, all meet at a designated restaurant or stopping place, and share the camaraderie of the day's ride. The next day the process is repeated. Riders can go from one location to another, either by a suggested "scenic route" or by the shortest route, or make up their own ride.

The ride will go through Virginia, with the first night's stop being in the Blue Ridge area. Then it will head to the Atlantic, cross the Chesapeake Bridge-Tunnel (a low bridge so long there is a gas station in the middle) cross over into the Delmarva Peninsula. Then it will head to Assateague (undeveloped Atlantic shoreline, wild ponies and all that) then loop back through Maryland to West Virginia. The last night's stop before the RA rally will be at Bob's BMW where there will be a BBQ dinner. Each leg of the Rolling Rally can be completed in 250 miles or less. This allows for each rider to take side trips to explore and see local attractions.

There will be a \$35 registration fee, which will cover the BBQ at Bob's and a T-shirt commemorating the trip, a rally packet, an "American Heritage Ride." pin, and the motorcycle bumper sticker described above.

Riders need to pick up their packet and T-Shirt at the BMW RA booth at the MOA Country Store. Suggested itineraries for each day, plus hotel, camping, and dining information will be provided as part of the ride packet

There will be a short meeting on Saturday July 18th at 3:00 p.m., where any questions riders may have will be addressed.

Registration will be done on-line via the BMW MOA website, and will be limited to 100 motorcycles. Riders and passengers must register separately. On-line registration will open June 1st, and will close July 6th. If any available slots remain after that date, additional registration will be available at the RA booth at the MOA Rally.

European Riders Rally report

(super condensed version)

As always, this is a great rally to attend. We left Thursday afternoon to head down. Gary pulled the trailer for its maiden voyage on a new bike and hitch. For the first 46 miles we had gale force winds of 30 mph. That's always fun on the expressway.

At exit 29 in Monroe, Ohio we stopped at "Schoolhouse" the manufacturer of Unigo so they could do a couple of tweaks on the trailer. Just down the street we found an outstanding place to eat called the "Red Onion Café" on Main Street. If you've never eaten there I highly recommend it. It's a small little place and would be easily missed if not for the sign out front. This is mostly a seafood house but they have other things on the menu. I'm not a seafood person by any means but they sure do make it look good. There is usually a wait for a table but if you don't mind sitting at the bar you can get seated pretty quickly. The staff is super friendly.

We stopped for the night at Dry Ridge, Kentucky having found a coupon for a room. There sure were an awful lot of cats hanging around the Speedway. What's up with that? We took off the next morning in the not so direct route. I got twisty time in to prep for the upcoming trip to Nationals. We stopped at the Makers Mark Distillery and did the tour. Got to do a little "tasting" in the gift shop afterwards. They make a Mint Julep Makers Mark that is mmm-mmmm-mmmm-mmmm-mmmmmmm. OK, so maybe we bought a couple of bottles of that, based, of course, on the fact that it is "hard to find." OK, so maybe I bought some other stuff too. =D

On we rode... and rode and rode and rode. About 25 miles from Burkesville we made a gas stop. The skies suddenly turned ugly as the thunder rolled. 10 miles into that the skies let loose and down came the wet stuff accompanied with thunder and lightening. My first thought was, "Great, rain and twisties.", but no, the rest of the ride was a straight course. As we pulled into town the rain had let up then became a light drizzle.

Saturday we did a group ride with about 10 other bikes through Tennessee. I decided to ride on the back with Gary because this is how I truly enjoy twisties. We hit State Route 85 near Allred, Tennessee and all I can say is Oh My Gawd. He calls them hairpins... I call them uphill Z's, or two-sided triangles, or two degree turns... whatever you want to call them. Anything I say here is just an understatement. At each of the turns I noticed they had big round mirrors hanging from trees to see what was coming at you. They were that blind. See **"Exhibit A"**

The Saturday night catered dinner was fantastic. There was a band... and they played music. Awards were presented during one of the breaks. Ohio overall made a pretty good showing with about 30 people in for the rally. Ohio also cleaned up on the awards, as follows:

"Longest Distance Traveled – Female" – Was won by me with 439 miles!

"Oldest Total Age – Was won by Turp and Cheryl Cobb

"Youngest Female Rider" – Was won by Sigrid

If anybody is reading this that was at the rally and I've forgotten someone here, shoot me an email and I'll give credit in the next newsletter.

You know how the Sunday mornings go.... Grab coffee, break camp and leave. Again we took the not so direct route home and hit some more twisties. Admittedly, they make me tired. They're too much like work. I don't mind them especially if it can be mixed up with a nice little break in the straight roads but I wouldn't want to spend all day in them. Fortunately, we now know that if push comes to shove I can do 500 miles in a day. Unfortunately, Gary now knows that I can do 500 miles in a day. We made it home in 11 ½ hours.

“Exhibit A”

alfred tennessee - Google Maps

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Found this info on the Internet via the Cleveland Plain Dealer

Not registering:

Forget that rough-and-tumble stereotype. Motorcyclists are really just a bunch of lightweights.

Actuated traffic signals sometimes fail to detect riders on their two-wheelers, resulting in a never-ending wait that can push frustrated motorcyclists right through a red light. That's a dangerous chain of events that the Ohio Department of Transportation wants to put the brakes on.

ODOT is working with the American Motorcycle Association to find and fix traffic signal systems that aren't sensitive enough to detect motorcycles.

To report a problem signal, call 614-387-0722 or send an e-mail to bike.report@dot.state.oh.us.

Drop a note to Road Rant, too, just to add a little extra weight to the effort.

Need to vent about traffic or transportation? Call 216-999-4575, send an e-mail to road-rant@plained.com or write a letter to Road Rant c/o The Plain Dealer, 1801 Superior Ave., Cleveland 44114. Â



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