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Upcoming Events

Sept 3-5 Sherando Lake Rally – Info

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Sept 3-6 Finger Lakes Rally – Info

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Sept 16-19 RA Rally Caanan Valley Info

www.bmwra.org also further information in this newsletter

September 18 Biker Day at Kings Dominion \$38.50 tickets and further information available at Bayside Harley in Portsmouth and Sport Cycle Center in Norfolk

Oct 1-3 Colonial VA Motorcycle Rally – Jamestown – see information with this newsletter or check out the club's website at www.bmwchr.org

September 4 March of Dimes ride Start at Chesapeake City Park off Greenbrier Parkway Registration 9:00 AM Ride Begins 10:30 AM 80 mile roundtrip, police escorted ride. Registration fee \$25.00 includes T-shirt, Ride pin and Lunch.

Awards, Door prizes, raffle, 50/50 contact Lillian Smith at 361-0000

October 9 Third annual Suffolk Swamp Roar Bike Staging (Am at Suffolk Executive Airport or Hwy 13, ride begins at 10:30 with police escort, call 757-923-3880 \$25

October 16 Fleet Ride start at Harbor Park ends at Bayside Harley. Registration 9 – 11 AM Bikes pull at 11 AM active and retired military free

Next Breakfast meeting August 28 (Saturday)

The location of the new meeting place is as follows;

Dennis's Steak House located at 3356 Western Branch Blvd. This is 3 exits beyond our old location of Old Country Buffet towards Newport News on the I-664. Take exit 17 south approx 3 miles, when you see the Farm Fresh Supermarket(on your right) prepare for a u-turn. The building is a single story sitting at a 90 degree angle from the road. As you come in the front door our room is the door on the right.

Meals average 5.25 with the hi-dollar meals at 9.95 for steak etc.

Club Rides

On August 28 after the club meeting we will taking a ride up to ZUNI and taking a tour of the Charity (Presbyterian Home and Family Services that will benefit from our Charity ride this year.

Please check out the club web page and the ride page and you will find a wonderful article by Kerry Logan on his trip to the MOA National in Washington State. It sounds like he had quite an adventure.

The club website is www.bmwchr.org and then chose the ride tab. He had great picture in the article as well.

If you have an idea for a club ride please get with one club's ride coordinators. They are open to all ideas.

Also if you take an interested ride like Kerry did, Write something up. It will either be published on in the newsletter or on the web page.

RA Rally Update

RA Rally Newsletter – Volume 4.05

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RA in the Wild and Wonderful

No excuses now! September 16th – 19th, 2004 is the date; Canaan Valley, West Virginia is the place. As you can imagine, rally preparations are at full tilt. Rally Chairs: Gordan Boltz and George Mastovich, along with the rally coordinators, are hard at work getting Canaan Valley ready for this rally. Things are moving along at a wicked pace. The folks at Canaan Valley Resort, Tucker County Visitor's Bureau and local businesses are busy getting ready for us. We are also busy continuing with rally plans...just over six weeks until the rally begins.

Tent Camping

We are trying something new this year! Due to the fact that we are having this rally at a West Virginia State Park, the campground must conform to the regulations of the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources. But this is a good thing! Canaan Valley Resort has provided us with enough space that will give us spacious campsites. There will be no need to park on median strips between parking lots at

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this rally.

The State Park will have the camping area surveyed and divided into 1200 sq. ft. parcels, each of which will be marked. Each parcel will be approximately 30' by 40' and is fairly large. Our restriction is that each parcel can only have a maximum of six people camping in it. Everyone camping must be aware of the density restriction in selecting a campsite. In most cases, parcels will be shared. However, it also means that even though there is room for ten to twelve people in one parcel, if there are more than six people in a group, some will have to move to a different parcel. We hope that larger groups who want to camp together will be able to do so.

So why trust your luck? We've come up with a way to ensure you'll be able to camp with your friends.

Value to Groups in Pre-Registering: The way to guarantee a group spot is through pre-registration. If you have four or more pre-registrants, we will reserve space for you to camp together, no matter when you arrive. If you have more than six, we will reserve adjacent parcels for you. We will try to select some of the nicest spots (in reality, they are all about the same) for those that want to use the pre-registration option.

If you arrive and don't like the space we saved for you, we will be happy to switch you to another if there is one available. All you have to do is pre-register four or more people and e-mail your desire to lock in a parcel to: rallyinfo@bmwra.org. Tell us who the people are and if you would rather be near the front of the camping area, back (more private, but further from the showers, etc.).

What could be better? Spacious campsites and the ability to reserve a spot to camp with your friends. I think we can all remember rallies were space was at a premium. This will give all tent campers plenty of

room to spread out.

MSF Safety Classes

We are offering a total of 40 slots for the MSF Classes: 24 ERC and 16 DBS. There are only 12 slots remaining! Classes will be held on both Friday and Saturday morning. There are **no** slots remaining for the Friday classes and 12 slots available in the Saturday classes: 7 ERC & 5 DBS

If a particular class fills up and enrollment continues for that class and day, those participants over and above the class limit will be put on standby. When there are enough participants to fill an additional class, an afternoon class will be held on Friday from 2-7PM. If there are not enough for this afternoon class, the enrollment fee will be returned to those on the standby list.

As you can tell, interest has been high for both of these classes, especially the DBS (Dirt Bike School). This will be the first time this class has been offered at an RA rally! If you are interested in either of these courses, access the RA website: [MSF Safety Courses](#)

Vendors

The vendor list keeps growing. Already committed for the rally:

BMW Motorcycles of the Tri-State

Post Enterprises
Helmet Sunblocker

ROK Straps

Motolight

RCU Designs, Inc.

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Motorrad Elektrik

Speed's Cycle

Jo's UPAC

Helen Twowheels

Hannigan Motorsports

The Treasure Chest

Quality Contracting Service

The Earplug Co.

Ian McIlvane, REMAX

GEICO

Kermit Chair Company

Volunteers

Thanks to those of you who have contacted me about volunteering! We already have a couple of clubs who are helping out with organizing rides and running Registration. I am assuming that if you can hear the sound of my e-mail, you will be attending. Volunteer for Security, Registration, Black Eagle Shop, Door Prizes...Volunteering is fun and a great way to meet new friends. This rally cannot be run without your help! Contact me at rallyinfo@bmwra.org to volunteer. Tell me where you would like to help out, day and timeframe.

Now, here is your To Do List:

[Pre-Register for the Rally](#)

Schedule time off work for rally (maybe this should be first?)

Contact rallyinfo@bmwra.org to volunteer and reserve campsite

Get out Atlas: Plan route to Canaan Valley, West Virginia

Scope out possible rides while at Canaan Valley

I hope you are truly enjoying your summer with riding and rallies. Can you believe it's August already?

Debbi Harbour, RALLY Liaison

Motorcycling tips from our friends at Virginia DMV

Traffic light that sometimes do not detect smaller vehicles can present challenge for motorcyclists.

If a traffic light does not turn green within a reasonable time period, and there is no approaching traffic coming from behind, the motorcyclist, the motorcyclist should roll the throttle on and off a few time, revving the engine. The added power may be sufficient to disrupt the electrical field. If not turn the motorcycle off and restart it. The electrical field created by the starter should disrupt the sensor field and trigger the sensor.

To report a traffic light problem or a road hazard call 1-800-367-road.

Our Rally Information

Our annual rally will be October 1 -3 this year at the Jamestown Beach Campsites The charity for this year charity ride on October 2 is the Presbyterian Homes and Family Services in Zuni.

This is just a little over a month away. We still have lots of things to do to get ready for the rally. We are all hoping for GOOD weather and no hurricanes just weeks before the rally. Check out the rally page on the club website for all the vendors that have donated door prizes. It takes the entire club to make a good rally.

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So can you Cook? You can help prepare Friday night's dinner.

Can you sell things? You can help out in the Club store?

Do you know how to make coffee? You can help making coffee and hot water for tea and Hot Chocolate.

Can you drive large stakes into the ground and lift tent poles, lift and carry boxes of all kinds of stuff? You can help with set up.

Can you serve food? You can help serving dinner.

Can you read and communicate clearly? You can help with Registration.

Are you good at organizing things or keeping track of things? You can help with the field events.

Can you drive? You can get the doughnuts Sunday morning?

Are you got at clean up? You can help with clean up.

So no matter what you like to do or what you are good at we have a job just for you

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Ireland and Motorcycles

As most of you know Carol, Tim, and myself went on an Edelweiss Motorcycle Tour of Ireland but what you do not know is how it went. The tour started in

Bray just outside of Dublin. This is where we met the rest of the group, our guides, and received our motorcycles. Our tour this time had two guides because of going from hotel to hotel, one guide led the group and the other drove van with our luggage. One of our guides was the same one we had in Austria. Our group was much larger this time. There were at least 25 or so people including us.

When we left Bray we went south along the coast to Kinsale. This ride was great and Kinsale was a neat little town, what I got to see of it. That was the only drawback to this tour, when we got to our hotels it was usually late and we were tired so all we got see of it was as we were riding into town. With that said the next day we took more coast roads into Killarney where we had two days of rest. So, we did get to see the city. That was a blast.

Originally we were suppose to only have one day of rest on Killarney and one day of rest in Galway but Edelweiss could not get us a hotel in Galway so we stayed an extra day in Killarney. From there we rode north along the coast to see the Cliffs of Moher and then down to Limerick which was not originally on the schedule either but due to the changes in Galway we stayed on night in Limerick. The hotel in Limerick was the best on the tour due to the amenities. We got in really late that night so we did not get to take advantage of those amenities but they looked great. The next day we rode back to Bray to return the motorcycles. Then the following day most people left to go home but we (the Beals) went into Dublin and stayed for two days. We toured the city and went to the Dublin zoo.

In conclusion it was an awesome vacation and I would recommend it to anyone who wants a good riding and cultural experience in Ireland.

Thanks for Your Time,
Amber D. Beals

P.S. Here are a few pictures from our trip.
PSS. The weather was great we only had one day with some rain.

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To see more picture of the trip check out the club website. We will have a few more pictures there. The picture of the curve above is taken on the back of the motorcycle while it was in the corner.