



Blue Ridge AMCA National Road Run "Run to the Hills"

Asheville, North Carolina

September 25th – 28th 2016

General Road Run Info, Itinerary and Rules/Requirements

With the "Run to the Hills" Road Run still many months away we wanted to give participants as much information as possible. It is the Blue Ridge Chapter's honor that you have chosen or are considering this meet. While some details may shift a little the framework is set. Please pay particular attention to the Rules and Requirements as they will not change. This information briefly outlines the events and ride schedule along with a few pointers to make this event an unforgettable experience for all.

Sunday September 25th 2016 - Arrival

Arrival is from 2:00pm – 5:30pm. When you arrive at the hotel please check in with a Blue Ridge Chapter volunteer. They will have the most current information for parking and also be able to direct you to where event registration is set up. The host hotel is the Ramada Inn Southeast, 800 Fairview Road, Asheville, NC. (800) 252-1709.

This hotel has plenty of parking but please be respectful and park trailers in more remote spots and away from main entrances. Please detach tow vehicles from trailer and do not clutter up the place. We all know what is right and how it should be done....so just do it.

There will be a motorcycle parking area and the event will provide additional security in the form of a private security officer throughout the night.

Registration for the event will have a table set up in the lobby area from 2:00pm – 5:30pm. Regardless of where you stay you have to check in with registration Sunday. We understand some won't make it so don't panic. Just reach out to a Blue Ridge representative and make arrangements to get registered Sunday evening. Please don't wait until Monday morning. There will be too much going on. In the end it will work out for all.

Registration Requirements:

- Each rider, passenger, participant and guest must approach registration and sign a Release.
- Each rider must present current state registration and proof of insurance for each motorcycle they ride or may possibly ride during the entire three-day event.
- North Carolina is a helmet and headlight state.
- There are no exceptions. This requirement has been posted on the website as well as on the registration form and this document.

The welcoming banquet will be held ½ mile away at Highland Brewery from 6:00pm – 9:00pm. We will have a social mixer for the first hour. There will be a cash bar serving brews made at Highland. Highland Brewery is a fairly large brewery and they will provide a limited number of production tours on a first come first serve basis during the social hour. Following the social hour we will have a buffet BBQ dinner.

Monday September 26th, 2016 – Day 1

We will start gathering at 8:30am, have some last minute announcements and head out at 9:00am. We will be heading to the Wheels Through Time museum in Maggie Valley, NC. We will take Highway 63 out of Asheville via back roads, intersect with Highway 209 and head into Maggie Valley via back roads. We should arrive at Wheels Through Time by 11:00am. There is no lunch provided so you are on your own to get food in Maggie. You may leave the Museum anytime you would like. We will return via Highway 276 south to the Blue Ridge Parkway and take the BRP north back to Asheville. It takes about two hours to return so approach this return ride at you own level leaving time for stopping at panoramic overlooks and such. Please wear your wrist bands on this day. It is your entry to the museum. Otherwise, do as you wish with them.

For those who sign up for the Ashville Brew Tour you might want to allot enough time to get back home and be ready for the Asheville Brew Tour bus leaving at 5:00pm. Our goal was give participants a great ride as well as enough time to enjoy the museum. For those who wish to stay at the museum longer can take I-40 home or old Highway 19 home. Both are obviously shorter, higher speeds and will not be supported by the chase vehicle.

Asheville Brewery Tour

For those who signed up for the Asheville Brewery Tour the bus will pick everyone up at the hotel and leave at 5:00pm. The tour is scheduled from 5:00pm – 8:00pm. There is no food on the tour so eat a snack early or plan on a late dinner. You will be taken to three breweries in the downtown area. At each brewery you will tour the production areas and sample all the libations they create. If you want more beer than the provide for free you may purchase additional but you probably won't be doing that at the second stop. This is a hugely popular tourist attraction in Asheville and you are sure to enjoy it. After the tour the bus will drop anyone who wants to stay downtown in a central location and return the remaining participants to the hotel.

For the others you have a free night to do as you please. We suggest you group up and go downtown. There are so many restaurants and brew pubs. You cannot go wrong and if you cannot find a good time it is your own fault.

Tuesday September 27th, 2016 – Day 2

Again we will meet up around 8:30am, have last minute announcements and head out at 9:00am. Day two will be our long day. We will head north of Asheville in a loop that incorporates rural two lane roads and a minimal amount of the Blue Ridge Parkway. In general, we will head north to Bernardsville, through Burnsville and points north in a loop returning on a particularly high elevation part of the Blue Ridge Parkway. We have tried very hard to limit the ride time on the parkway. While the BRP is always pretty it can be a little monotonous when over ridden. Again, there will be no lunch provided and we will all have to fend for ourselves at rural convenience store snacks and sandwiches. This route may not cover more than 140 miles but it will be very twisty and have a low average speed. You don't cover mileage in the Blue Ridge....you cover time. The group is totally on its own for dinner Tuesday night.

- Optional – some of the non-riders in the group are planning a day trip to tour the Biltmore House. For anyone interested please reach to the local hosts. Leslie Offill plans to lead a group based on interest. Contact Larry Offill. larry.offill@gmail.com or (828) 234-3936.

Wednesday September 27th, 2016 – Day 3

In the tradition of day three road runs, and keeping in mind that many people want to load bikes and be packed up, we will have a shorter day. Again, we will meet at 8:30am, get ready and leave at 9:00am. We will travel out to Black Mountain and take Highway 9 down to Bat Cave. We will do a loop through Chimney Rock and Lake Lure. While lunch is not provided we can all split up and eat at various restaurants throughout the Chimney Rock and Lake Lure area. We anticipate returning by 2:30pm – 3:00pm so participants can pack up and be ready for the evening's festivities.

Social Hour

From 4:30pm to 6:00pm we have a social hour at MotoVicous at 99 South Lexington Avenue. MotoVicous is a local motorcycle repair shop that hosts a year round Wednesday evening bike night. They serve (cash) several local beers on draft. It's a good time and we can mingle with all the local motorcycle enthusiasts. It would be great if some brought bikes but with it being the last night it is understandable if you don't. We have arranged for parking at the auto parts store across the street where you won't be towed for the night.

Closing Banquet

From 6:00pm to 9:00pm we have a catered buffet dinner at The Orange Peel. It is across the street from MotoVicous. The Orange Peel is a super popular music venue that leases out to events. It is in an old industrial building and the ambiance is right up our alley with high riveted iron truss roof.

After the banquet many may want to hit the town. Please group up and have fun.

Thursday September 28th, 2016

Check out and leave for home tired and with a big smile on your face. Drive safe...and sweet dreams until the next AMCA National Road Run....Thanks for coming.



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General Information

You are about to embark on three days of riding through some of the most spectacular scenery and greatest motorcycle roads in the country. There will be twisties, sweepers, upgrades, downgrades and straightaways. Animals such as deer, bears and other significant wildlife may enter the roads from all angles at any time. Many of the roads will not have shoulders for long stretches. There are a few 180 degree up and down hill turns. All roads are well marked with route signs. We are only on a few routes each day. Most road surfaces are in very good condition but some may be a little rough but just for short stretches. Average speeds in the Blue Ridge are slower than many would expect. Therefore, we may not cover 200 mile days but we will have more fun and see more spectacular views.

PLEASE: Believe ALL road signs! They are all extremely accurate. Adjust your driving accordingly. This Road Run is not a race. There is plenty of time to ride, enjoy the scenery and company of friends and still arrive back at the hotel for the other planned events and dinner. And yes, time to have a few beers at the end of the day with friends old and new. A regular criticism of road runs is that they are too long. We hoped we have planned appropriately and taken it all into consideration. Also remember to obey ALL speed limit signs, particularly in small towns. You don't have to see a marked police car to get a ticket. Please slow down in those towns.

AFTER HOURS – Asheville is a very metropolitan city. There are an abundance of cabs as well as UBER and Lift ride services. There is no excuse not to use them. This city does not roll up the carpet at dark and there is always availability. Be safe and use it.

The Blue Ridge Chapter will provide at least one chase pick up truck with an enclosed 12 foot trailer. The chase truck will leave at 9:30 each day. The chase truck is not a repair truck. It is to get you home. Remember...cell phone can be spotty in these areas. If you go off the designated route...you are on your own and no one will come to get you regardless of your endless pleas.

Please ride safe. We want to see all of you at the Farewell Banquet and on the next AMCA National Road Run.

All the best,

The Blue Ridge Chapter of the 2016 National Road Run..."Run to the Hills"

CHASE VEHICLE INFORMATION: Bob Williams (828) 231-6499

PLEASE MAKE A COPY AND BRING IT WITH YOU