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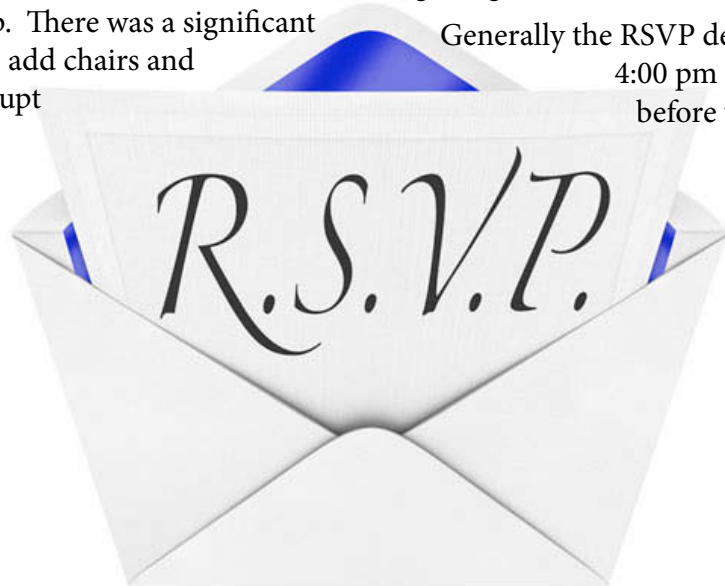
As we organize monthly gatherings, rides, and other events, we advise the restaurants for the number of members expected to be in attendance. They use this to plan staffing and organize seating. If we have a greater number than we forecast, this delays service to attendees and disrupts other patrons of the establishment. To prevent getting a bad reputation and being denied reservations, please be conscientious about RSVPing to event notices.

For example, last breakfast, our first at the Surly Mermaid, 19

said that they would attend, we requested 24 seats, and we had 36 show up. There was a significant effort to add chairs and not disrupt

the area they had planned for their regular guests.

Generally the RSVP deadline is 4:00 pm two days before the event.



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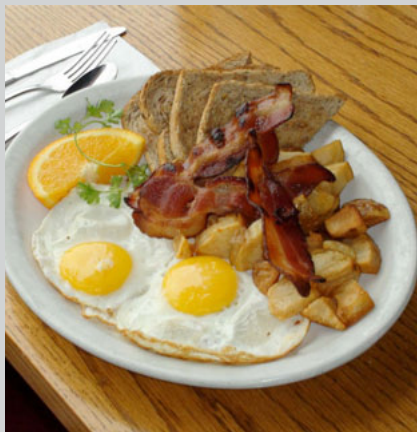
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Next Breakfast/Brunch

Saturday, May 6



WHERE:

Olympic View Golf Course
643 Latoria Road
Victoria

WHEN:

9:30 am



Salt Lake MOA Rally needs volunteers

My name is Paul Ruffell and I am this year's MOA Salt Lake City's Rally Volunteer Committee Chair. I am approaching MOA Chartered Clubs in the central and western states and provinces, in expectation that many of your club members might be attending the rally in Salt Lake City, which is July 3-16.

We are hoping your membership might volunteer either as a group or as individuals, working a shift for one of our committees. If you have club shirts, or club hats that advertise your club, that would be an excellent way to promote your club.

Some committees require large numbers of volunteers, whereas others often only need two or three people to complete a shift. Every volunteer assignment, no matter the numbers, is important to the success of our rally.

Some committees require assistance on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday prior to the rally. This not only helps the rally get set up, but also allows these volunteers to have an early choice of camping spots as well as registering early on the Wednesday afternoon, eliminating Thursday's rush.

At this time, we are looking for a club that could look after the post rally clean-up duties. If interested, please contact Rally Chair, Greg Feeler at gregf@bmwmoa.org. If you or a group are able to volunteer, please contact the chairperson of the chosen

committee.

Hoping to see many members from your club at the Crossroads of the WEST this summer!

Paul Ruffell

2017 MOA's Crossroads of the WEST Volunteer Chair

saltlake.volunteers@gmail.com

rallyvolunteers@bmwmoa.org

Volunteer Positions and Volunteer Duties

5K Foot Race - 6 volunteers, early Saturday a.m., 4 hr shift - Andrea Borella andiroadrunner@hotmail.com

50/50 Tickets - 10 volunteers per 2 hr shifts- Miranda Sanders bruceandmiranda@outlook.com

Awards & Tallies - Don Hamblin - BMWScooter@att.net

Recording and calculating the attendees mileage, age etc. who enter various riding contests. 2 volunteers per 2 hr shifts

Beer Garden - This committee does not exist this year, but beer will still be served.

Bike Wash - 2 per 3 hr shift - Milo Bunda - beembunda@sbcglobal.net

Supervise attendees bike washing and showing them the bike washing supplies

Charging Stations - 3 volunteers, 3 hr shifts - Ross/Jean Copas - rcopas@sympatico.ca

Charging attendees phones, laptops etc. and handing them back.

Charter Club Camping - Rick Koscher rickkoscher@me.com

A few individuals to assist in laying

out the club camping area prior to the rally start.

Coffee - 2 people per morning 4 hr shift - Charlie Parsons 143bmw@att.net

Door Prizes - 5 people per 3 hr shift - Susanna Parkhouse doorprizes@bmwmoa.org

Assisting attendees with ticket placement and handing out door prizes.

Entertainment- 5 people per shift, assisting bands moving equipment Stage Manager Chair Phil Keppelman philkep@comcast.net

First Aid - Lisa Malachowsky lisabmwmoa@gmail.com

4 people per 4 hr shift with First Aid background

Ice Sales - Kent Ringstmeier beemerice@ yahoo.com 2 people per 4 hr shift,

The Ice committee volunteers duties at the rally involve selling ice and supplying ice to the Go-fors Committee. You will be lifting bags of ice in 7 & 22 lb sizes. They will be handling money and making change. This is always done in a shaded or inside location.

MOA Gear Store - Jackie Hughes - galuprider@yahoo.com

8 people per 3 hour shift.- sales and assisting folks finding articles.

Volunteers are needed on the Tuesday and Wednesday unpacking and setting up the store items.

Oil Change / Tire Pressure - Brian Manke bmwmanke@gmail.com

2 people per 4 hour shift. Hand tools to riders.



Join any committee and lend a hand

Pin and Patch - Gary and Karen Pothoff glpothoff47@hotmail.com

4 people, 3 hour shifts, especially on Wednesday and Thursday to stuff mugs.

Throughout the rally, handing out stuffed mugs.

Post Rally Clean-up - rallyvolunteers@bmwmoa.org saltlakevolunteers@gmail.com

Registration - 4 people, 4 hour shifts - Roger Trendowski - <http://MOAregistrationVOLUNTEER.eventbrite.com>

RV - 4 people, 3 hour shifts - Ron Rumohr beemerron@yahoo.com
Volunteers help check in the RVs, and guide them to their sites. Some attendees will not have registered for the rally when they get to the rally. We will need someone to take

them up to the registration desk to register.

Security - 17 people per 3.5 hr shifts - Gray Buckley graybuckley@gmail.com
Checking passes at the gates. One half the shift is on foot, one half in a golf cart. Security hats will be provided and yours to keep. A few people are needed starting on the Tuesday.

Sewing Booth - 5 volunteers, 3 hr shifts - Alison Buckley mrsarbuckley@gmail.com
Sewing patches on jackets.

Shuttle Bus - Jerome Eberharter btb.betheboss@gmail.com
2 people per shift, 3 hr shifts will be driving 12 seater golf carts around the rally during 3 hour shifts.

Sign Production Dan Steele gsaadv1@gmail.com

4 computer knowledgeable people per shift plus manual labour placing the new signs on boards
Most of Dan's volunteers are needed on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Sign Placement - Dan Steele gsaadv1@gmail.com

2 people, 3 hr shifts - placing the rally signs around the rally site, on the Tuesday and Wednesday.

Volunteers - Paul Ruffell saltlakevolunteers@gmail.com

5 volunteers per shift, 3 hour shifts, enlisting rally goers to sign up for volunteer shifts still unfilled.

Please contact the appropriate chair if you are able to help with a committee. Or email me, Paul, at saltlake.volunteers@gmail.com or rallyvolunteers@bmwmoa.org

Bike Bike Adventure Challenge

When: June 10, 2017 8:00 AM, PDT

Where: Mendocino National Forest

This is a 110 mile 2 day off road ride on forest service roads with single-track options along the route. The route will have both skill and navigational challenges along the way. GPX files will be provided.

All riders and bikes are welcome!
Here are all the details:

The ride begins Saturday morning June 10th at Middlecreek Campground near Upper Lake.

Plan to arrive on Friday night and

"check-in" with the ride organizer.

Camping Friday is "no-host" so you'll need to pay the park (price ranges from \$8 to \$14)

Sag wagon for gear and chuck wagon style dinner Saturday night will be provided at the remote camp sight.

Sunday you navigate back to Middlecreek Campground and retrieve your gear.

The entire ride can be done on forest service roads if a rider chooses not to do the optional

trails. A stream crossing is included. The optional trails will have hill ascents and descent, mud and ruts. The stream crossing is not optional. The optional trails require intermediate to advance riding skill level and all riders must ride in pairs.

Registration opens to club members on April 3rd, 2017, \$35, & April 17, 2017, for the general public, also \$35. For any and all questions, contact Buddy at historian@bmwnorcal.org!



2017 International Tour Companies Directory: Part 2



by Rider Magazine Staff

Harley-Davidson Authorized Tours

Base: United Kingdom

Tours Include: South Island Adventure, Western Cape, WWI Battlefields, Altitudes With Attitude, Grand Tour of Europe (and more)

Accommodations: 3-4 star hotels

Length of Tours: 2-15 days

Rental Options: Harley-Davidson

Equipment: Support vehicle

Dates: Year-round

Typical Cost: 15-day South Island Adventure, from \$4,366US

Age/Experience Limits: Motorcycle

license is required

Web: authorizedtours.harley-davidson.com

See the world from the saddle of a Harley-Davidson. With tours in Africa, Europe and Australia/New Zealand, Harley-Davidson Authorized Tours will take you on the ride of a lifetime.

Hear The Road

Base: Nepi, Italy

Tours Include: Amalfi Coast & South of Italy; Italian Factories; Magical Italy (Ladies Only); Italian Motorcycle Dream; Tuscany, Corsica and Sardinia; Tuscany and Umbria

Accommodations: 3-4 star family-run hotels

Length of Tours: 8-12 days

Rental Options: BMW, Ducati, Moto-Guzzi, Harley-Davidson

Equipment: Support vehicle

Dates: May-September

Typical Cost: 8-day Tuscany & Umbria on BMW F 800 GS, \$3,170

Age/Experience Limits: Not specified, but best suited to experienced, confident riders

Web: motorcycletoursitaly.com

Discover the lightly traveled roads of rural Italy, take a tour through thousands of years of history along



Tours cover all your needs and desires

the Amalfi Coast or experience the rush of the racetrack. All in the company of Italian guides who know the best roads, the best places to stay and, most important, the best places to eat!

Hispania Tours

Base: Málaga, Spain

Tours Include: Morocco: Mountains, Deserts and Oases; Andalusia Classic; Pyrenees: Culture and Curves; BMW Motorrad Days; The Alps; Portugal: Castles and History (and more)

Accommodations: 4- and 5-star hotels

Length of Tours: 6-15 days

Rental Options: BMW motorcycles

Equipment: Support vehicle

Dates: Year-round

Typical Cost: 11-day Portugal tour on BMW R 1200 GS, \$4,100

Age/Experience Limits: Minimum age of 25, minimum 3 years experience

Web: hispania-tours.com

Experience the wonderful roads, scenery and weather of Portugal, Spain and Morocco with Hispania Tours. Tour on marvelous roads, watching history unfold under your wheels.

IMTBike

Base: Madrid, Spain

Tours Include: Southern Spain & Andalusia; Central Spain; Northern

Spain & the Pyrenees; Best of Portugal; Morocco; Italy, France & Alps (and more)

Accommodations: Hotels, converted castles and paradors

Length of Tours: 8-17 days

Rental Options: BMW motorcycles

Equipment: Support vehicle

Dates: February-December

Typical Cost: 12-Day Best of Portugal, \$4,200

Age/Experience Limits: 25 years old, 2 years and 3,000 miles of experience

Web: imtbike.com

IMTBike is celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2017. It now has more than 100 late-model BMW motorcycles in its fleet, including R 1200 GS and GS Adventure models, in eight separate locations.

Leod Motorcycle Escapes

Base: San Francisco, California

Tours Include: Italian Dream to Mugello or Misano; Sachsenring & Italian Alps; Australia Curves to Phillip Island

Accommodations: 3-4 star hotels

Length of Tours: 9-10 days

Rental Options: BMW, Ducati and Moto-Guzzi

Equipment: Support vehicle

Dates: June-December

Typical Cost: 10-day Sachsenring & Italian Alps, \$5,700

Age/Experience Limits: Tours include track time; contact Leod for experience recommendations

Web: leodescapes.com

Leod Escapes offers unique and adrenaline-filled getaways that combine a week of twisty road riding with track time on some of the world's most famous racetracks. Not for the faint of heart, Leod's tours will provide a fun and unforgettable experience.

MotoDiscovery

Base: Bulverde, Texas

Tours Include: Bhutan Thunder Dragon, Baja & Copper Canyon, Around the Black Sea, South America Explorer, Iran, All Women's Cuba, Colonial Mexico (and more)

Accommodations: Varies according to tour; from luxurious to quaint

Length of Tours: 7-61 days

Rental Options: Suzuki V-Strom 650 & 1000, Harley-Davidson Touring models, Royal Enfield Bullet, BMW G 650 GS, F 800 GS & R 1200 GS, Honda Africa Twin

Equipment: Support van

Dates: Year-round

Typical Cost: 9-day Colonial Mexico on Suzuki V-Strom 650, \$4,969

Age/Experience Limits: Recommend "experienced motorcycle touring enthusiast"

Web: motodiscovery.com



Ride North or South America or Europe

MotoDiscovery offers motorcycle tours around the world, including such unexpected destinations as Cuba and Iran. Previously known as Pancho Villa Moto Tours, the company has been riding off the beaten path since 1981.

MotoQuest

Base: Long Beach, California, and Anchorage, Alaska

Tours Include: Best of Baja, Peru Machu Picchu Adventure, Colombia Valleys of the Andes, South Africa Back Roads Adventure, Romaniacs Experience, India Touch the Sky (and more)

Accommodations: From rustic to elegant, depending on the tour

Length of Tours: 9-16 days

Rental Options: BMW, Suzuki, Royal Enfield, Harley-Davidson, Kawasaki

Equipment: Support vehicle

Dates: Year-round

Typical Cost: 16-day India Touch the Sky Adventure, \$7,300

Age/Experience Limits: Not specified, contact MotoQuest for details

Web: motoquest.com

From its base in Long Beach, California, MotoQuest conducts tours around the globe, offering something for everyone on two wheels, from the bucolic roads of Wales to the top of the world in India—and many more!

Mototouring

Base: Milan, Italy

Tours Include: The Best of the Alps, Southern Italy and Sicily, Sardinia, Italian Factories Tour, Cuba, Benelli Vintage Tour (and more)

Accommodations: Comfortable hotels

Length of Tours: 6-18 days

Rental Options: BMW, Honda, Ducati and Suzuki Bandits

Equipment: Support vehicle

Dates: Year-round

Typical Cost: 9-day Sardinia tour, \$3,300

Age/Experience Limits: Motorcycle license required, average experience

Web: mototouring.com

Mototouring has been renting motorcycles and organizing tours since 1990, and is located in Milan, in the heart of Italy's motorcycle production area. Hence the factories tour, which visits factories and private museums dedicated to Italian machinery. Oh, and it organizes tours in plenty of other places too!

New Zealand Motorcycle Rentals and Tours

Base: Auckland, New Zealand

Tours Include: Coastal Classic, NZ Explorer, NZ Heritage

Accommodations: 3-4 star hotels

Length of Tours: 19 days

Rental Options: Select BMW, Suzuki and Yamaha motorcycles

Equipment: Support vehicle

Dates: November-March

Typical Cost: \$6,445 with Category 1 bike

Age/Experience Limits: Minimum age 25

Web: nzbike.com

One of the best places in the world to ride a motorcycle, New Zealand has beautiful lakes, snowcapped mountains, fjords and glaciers, all linked together by well maintained, twisting yet deserted roads.

Peru Motors

Base: Arequipa, Peru

Tours Include: Trans Andes, Touch the Equator, Trans Patagonia, Maya Motorcycle Adventure, Andes Expedition (and more)

Accommodations: Tourist-class hotels

Length of Tours: 14-55 days

Rental Options: BMW GS models, Suzuki DR650, Honda Africa Twin

Equipment: Support vehicle

Dates: Year-round

Typical Cost: 17-day 7 Wonders of Peru tour, \$5,995

Age/Experience Limits: Motorcycle license required

Web: perumotors.com

You'll find a great diversity of roads, scenery and culture in Peru, and



Choose from Mexico to Kathmandu

how better to experience it than on two wheels?

Reuthers

Base: Germany, USA and New Zealand

Tours Include: New Zealand Paradise, Australia Down Under, Europe Andalusia, Europe Berlin-Moscow, Europe Scotland, South Africa Wild Garden (and more)

Accommodations: Midrange to top-class hotels

Length of Tours: 7-20 days

Rental Options: Harley-Davidson, limited availability on BMW, Triumph, Indian and others

Equipment: Support vehicle

Dates: Year-round

Typical Cost: 8-day Europe Scotland Tour, \$3,500

Age/Experience Limits: Minimum age 21, motorcycle license required

Web: reuthers.com

Reuthers is a global entertainment, travel and leisure company, which began offering guided motorcycle tours in 1997. It partnered with Harley-Davidson in 2006, and now provides tours in North America, Africa and Europe. Be warned, it promises that a Reuthers tour is an addictive experience!

Ride High

Base: Kathmandu, Nepal; Chiang Mai, Thailand; and Vershire, Vermont

Tours Include: Bullets Over Burma, Bhutan – Ride the Dragon, Rishikesh to Kathmandu, Cambodia: Run to Angkor, Northern Thailand and Laos (and more)

Accommodations: Hotels, guesthouses, lodges

Length of Tours: 11-16 days

Rental Options: Modern and classic Royal Enfield Bullets

Equipment: Support vehicle

Dates: Year-round

Typical Cost: 12-day Thailand & Laos tour, \$4,695

Age/Experience Limits: Motorcycle license required, comfortable on 500cc and larger bikes, under age 21 requires accompanying parent or guardian

Web: ridehigh.com

Ride High says it was the first registered touring company in the Kingdom of Nepal, and for 28 years has provided travelers the chance to experience some of the highest roads in the world on classic British motorcycles.

Riders of the Sierra Madre

Base: Jalisco, Mexico

Tours Include: Hub & Spoke, Mountains & Beaches, Into the Heart of Mexico, Coast-to-Coast and The Double Devil

Accommodations: Best available accommodations

Length of Tours: 6-14 days

Rental Options: BMW F 650 GS, F 700 GS and R 1200 GS

Equipment: Support vehicle

Dates: October-April

Typical Cost: Contact Riders of the Sierra Madre for details

Age/Experience Limits: Contact Riders of the Sierra Madre for details

Web: ridethesierra.com

This Mexican company was built and is run by Canadian and American riders who settled in Mexico (for the warm weather of course!). It will make riding in Mexico a friendly and approachable experience.

Ridden Earth Tours

Base: Tuscany, Italy

Tours Include: Rome to St. Petersburg, Istanbul to Cappadocia, Rome to Dublin and the Isle of Man T'T, Central Italy and Tuscany (and more)

Accommodations: High quality, family or boutique 4-5 star hotels

Length of Tours: 9-19 days

Rental Options: Suzuki V-Strom, BMW, Ducati and KTM 1190 Adventure

Equipment: Support vehicle

Dates: Year-round

Typical Cost: 18-day Turkey Sea to Sky Tour, \$9,000



New Zealand offers several tours

Age/Experience Limits: Minimum age 21, intermediate to advanced riding skills

Web: riddenearth.com

Two legs move the body, two wheels move the soul. This international tour company has its head office in Tuscany, an administration office in England and field office in Turkey. Tours cover much of Europe, Eastern Europe and Turkey; guides are qualified motorcycle safety instructors.

South Pacific Motorcycle Tours

Base: Christchurch, New Zealand

Tours Include: Forgotten World, Southern Spectacular, Northern Wonderland, Omaka Classic Fighters, Alpine Wonder and Ultimate Twin Island

Accommodations: Four levels: Easy Rider, Kiwi Classic, Luxury Supreme and Premier

Length of Tours: 8-23 days

Rental Options: Various BMW, Honda, Harley-Davidson, Triumph, Suzuki and Royal-Enfield models

Equipment: Support vehicle

Dates: December-April

Typical Cost: 12-day Northern Wonderland Tour on Suzuki V-Strom 650 or equivalent, \$7,130

Age/Experience Limits: "Competent motorcyclist," minimum age 21 with motorcycle license

Web: motorbiketours.co.nz

With a fleet of government-inspected rental bikes, and some of the best roads in the world to ride, South Pacific Motorcycle Tours prides itself on excellent customer service and professionalism. What can you expect on a tour? Fun, freedom and friendship.

Te Waipounamu Motorcycle Tours Ltd.

Base: Christchurch, New Zealand

Tours Include: On the Beach, Maori Discovery, Southern Moonlight, Tour of the Mountain Kings, Fred Rau Tour and Golden Week

Accommodations: Pleasant hotels and lodges

Length of Tours: 1-3 weeks

Rental Options: Various BMW, Honda, Harley-Davidson, Suzuki and Triumph models

Equipment: Support vehicle

Dates: November-May

Typical Cost: 3-week Tour of the Mountain Kings on Suzuki V-Strom 650 or equivalent, \$9,920

Age/Experience Limits: Minimum age 21, ages 21-25 restricted to 650cc or less

Web: motorcycle-hire.co.nz

Te Waipounamu Motorcycle Tours started in 1987, making them one of the most experienced companies around with many hundreds of satisfied riders. Throw in delightful

scenery, excellent, uncrowded roads and the friendliest of inhabitants (who all speak English!) and you can see why.

World on Wheels

Base: New South Wales, Australia

Tours Include: Royal Rajasthan, Inspiring Iceland, Spectacular South Africa, Tacos 'n' Tequila, Dalmatian Delights (and more)

Accommodations: Midrange or better, cheerful hotels

Length of Tours: 3 weeks

Rental Options: Varies by tour

Equipment: Support vehicle

Dates: Year-round

Typical Cost: 3-week Moroccan Magic Tour, \$7,250

Age/Experience Limits: Motorcycle license required

Web: worldonwheels.tours

Mike and Denise Ferris have been running their motorcycle tour business out of Australia for 22 years now, and are proud to say that they still lead each and every tour themselves. In fact, they've never hired a guide to take their place.

If you are planning a trip this summer, why not take advantage of the Sharing Library? We have guides and maps that give information on good motorcycle roads. If you would like to borrow one of the guides or maps to plan and later take with you on your trip, please give Bob Leitch a call at (250) 656-6694.



Ride and Event Organizers Wanted

With summer vacations and riding plans, we are looking for volunteers to organize events. If you would like to organize an event this year please let Bob Leitch know via email at bleitch@telus.net or by phone at (250) 656-6694.

Club 2017 Event Schedule

Date	Event	Location
TBD May 2017	Annual BCCOM MLA Ride	Victoria
Saturday, May 6, 2017	Monthly Gathering	Olympic View Golf Course
Wednesday May 17, 2017	BMW Demo Ride	Island BMW
Sunday, May 21, 2017	Monthly Gathering	Saltair Pub / Ladysmith
Thursday - Monday, May 25 - 29 May 2017	49er Rally	Mariposa, California
Sunday, May 28, 2017	Vancouver Ride to Live	Trev Deeley Vancouver
Sunday, June 4, 2017	Monthly Gathering	Shady Rest Pub, Qualicum Beach
Saturday, June 17, 2017	Up Island Event	TBD
Friday - Sunday, June 23 - 25, 2017	Chief Joseph Rally	John Day, Oregon
Saturday, July 1, 2017	Monthly Gathering	Saltspring Island
Thursday - Saturday, July 6 - 8, 2017	BMW RA National Rally	Petoskey, Michigan
Sunday, July 16, 2017	Ride to Brunch	BW Prestige Oceanfront, Sooke
Thursday - Sunday, July 13 - 16, 2017	BMWMOA National Rally	Salt Lake City, Utah
Thursday - Sunday, July 20 - 23, 2017	Cascade Country Rendezvous	Republic, Washington
Saturday, August 5, 2017	Monthly Gathering	Pioneer House Duncan
TBD August 2017	Victoria Classic Motorcycle Show	Western Speedway
Thursday - Sunday, August 10 - 13, 2017	43rd Stanley Stomp Rally	Grandjean, Idaho
Thursday - Sunday, August 17 - 20, 2017	Hotsprings Rally	Nakusp, BC
Sunday, August 27, 2017	Club BBQ	Chez Conrad