

WSBMWR 36th Cascade Country Rendezvous Schedule of Events

Times and Events Subject to Change (and most likely will!)

Thursday, July 24th

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| Registration Open | 1:00pm - 8:00pm |
| Refreshments (complimentary) | 1:00pm - 6:00pm |
| Dinner (for purchase) | 5:30pm - 8:30pm |
| Beer Garden | 5:30pm - 10:00pm |

Friday, July 25th

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| Refreshments (complimentary) | 6:00am - 6:00pm |
| Breakfast (for purchase) | 6:00am - 10:00am |
| Espresso Stand | 6:00am - Noon |
| Coffee with Dave and Bret | 7:30am - 8:30am |
| Registration | 8:00am - 8:00pm |
| Suspension Setup-Bret Tkacs (PS Safety) | 9:00am - 11:00am |
| Mount St Helens ride + Geology Tour | 9:00am - 5:00pm |
| GS Level I Class (no fee) | 10:00am - 2:00pm |
| Local Rides (self guided) | All day |
| Lunch (for purchase) | 11:00am - 2:30pm |
| Oyster Bar/Shrimp Cocktails | 11:00am - 5:00pm |
| Chair Massage | 3:00pm - 5:00pm |
| Beer Garden | 3:00pm - 10:00pm |
| Dinner | 5:30pm - 7:00pm |
| David Hough Presentation- Motorcycling Myths | 8:00pm |

Saturday, July 26th

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| Refreshments (complimentary) | 6:00am - 6:00pm |
| Breakfast (for purchase) | 6:00am - 10:00am |
| Espresso Stand | 6:00am - Noon |
| Coffee with Dave and Bret | 7:30am - 8:30am |
| Registration | 8:00am - 12:00pm |
| David Hough Presentation | 9:00am - 10:30am |
| GS Level II Class (\$20 fee, 20 rider limit) | 10:00am - 2:00pm |
| Local Rides (self guided) | All Day |
| Lunch (for purchase) | 11:00am - 2:30pm |
| Dave Hough-Sidecar Presentation | 2:00pm - 3:00pm |
| Bike Judging | 2:00pm |
| <i>Door Prize Raffle Deadline</i> | <i>2:00pm</i> |
| Oyster Bar/Shrimp Cocktails | 11:00am - 5:00pm |
| Chair Massage | 3:00pm - 5:00pm |
| Beer Garden | 3:00pm - 10:00pm |
| Field Events | 3:30pm - 5:00pm |
| DJ | 5:00pm - 10:00pm |
| Salmon Dinner | 5:30pm - 7:00pm |
| Awards Ceremony | 6:00pm - 7:00pm |
| Mike Paull (GlobeRiders) Presentation | 8:00pm |

Sunday, July 27th

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| Refreshments (complementary) | 5:30am - 9:30am |
| Breakfast (for purchase) | 6:00am - 9:30am |
| Sunday Service | 7:30am |

Last bike out by 10am please.

Event Information

Mount St Helen's Ride + Geology Tour: Russ Darr, a retired geologist and club member is leading this ride. It'll be via paved roads to one of the highest rated motorcycle roads in the state, SR504 to Johnston Ridge Observatory at an elevation of 6000 feet and only 5.5 miles from the erupting volcanic dome.

At the Coldwater Ridge Visitors Center, the group will observe and talk about how nature is reclaiming the land after the 1980 devastating eruption. The group will then ride the exciting 9 miles up to Johnston Ridge Observatory and take a hike and learn about the 1980-1986 and present eruptive phases of the mountain.

Please note: Since no food is available at the Observatory, provisions have been made for box lunches for purchase. If you wish to purchase a box lunch please call 253-208-8887 or email rally@wsbmwr.org no later than one week prior to the rally to place your order.

GS Classes: Wayne Elston (aka The Reverend) of South Sound BMW will be instructing the GS classes again this year.

Level 1 focuses on balance, braking, and body positioning. A lot of riding in and around cones. Anyone of any skill level is welcome. The possibility exists that the bikes may go over. If so, we demonstrate the safe way to pick up the bike. After a lunch break, we'll do a short loop ride on gravel roads, demonstrating effective braking in gravel, and practice skidding the bike. This class will be held on Friday, July 25th. There is no additional fee for this level but does require additional registration.

Level 2 is for those who have done level 1, or who have some experience riding off road in gravel (or worse) scenarios. This class will include more advanced braking techniques, hill climb and descent, riding on grass and through fields where we can't always see the ground in front of us, crossing obstacles, and creek crossings. The Level 2 class will be held on Saturday, July 26th. The class size is limited to 20 participants and there is a \$20 fee per participant.

If you wish to sign up for either or both of these classes, please email rally@wsbmwr.org or call (253)208-8887.

Coffee With Dave and Bret will be an open discussion held on Friday and Saturday mornings followed by a presentation on specific topics such as; suspension setup (Bret) and cornering and braking, balancing and steering, riding in crosswinds, traffic survival, to name just a few (Dave).

Bret Tkacs is president of Puget Sound Safety and professional Motorcycle instructor in over seven different curricula including national and local programs. In his suspension setup clinic you will learn what your suspension is all about, what it does and how to make it work better. Learn about spring, suspension sag, what damping is and how to adjust it, why BMW builds theirs different than the rest of the world, and how to improve your bikes suspension. This clinic will include the handling of various suspension components and the use of a attendees' bikes as learning tools.

David L. Hough is a long-time motorcyclist and journalist who has traveled the world extensively on both 2-wheeled and 3-wheeled motorcycles. Dave is one of the few motorcycle journalists in the world writing about riding skills. His work has appeared professionally in numerous magazines including Motorcycle Consumer News, Motorcycle Roads, Ride It!, Backroads, Friction Zone, BMW Owners News, and On The Level. He is the author of several motorcycling skills books, including "Street Strategies" and "Driving A Sidecar Outfit". His top selling book "Proficient Motorcycling" has just been released in its second edition.

Dave has received awards for "Outstanding Motorcycle Safety Journalism" from the MSF, and "Outstanding Contribution to Motorcycle Safety" from the BMW MOA Foundation. He is also a BMWMOA Ambassador and BMW "Friend of the Marque", a director of the Sidecar Safety Program and a retired safety instructor certified by both the Motorcycle Safety Foundation and the Sidecar/Trike Education Program.

Event Information

Mike Paull (GlobeRiders) Presentation: The WSBMWR is pleased to announce that club member Mike M. Paull will be donating a presentation to the club in support of the Cascade Country Rendezvous 2008. This year's presentation will be "Riding the Islands of the Rising Sun". The slideshow will capture highlights of GlobeRiders' sold-out 17 day, 4,000 kilometer, inaugural tour of Japan, which Mike guided from April 21st through May 7th. The group of 28 participants toured the main island of Honshu, and northernmost island of Hokkaido, during "Hanami" season, when the nation turns out for parties and picnics under the short-lived bloom of Cherry Blossoms in late April, early May. Mike will also show video clips from the new GlobeRiders Indochina Adventure DVD and television series.

In addition to his WSBMWR and BMWMOA memberships, Mike's "moto-adventuring" activities include webmeistering, road guide and logistics planning as Partner in Helge Pedersen's GlobeRiders, LLC, and event planning and promotion as Partner in the Pacific Northwest GS Rally, LLC.