

BIG BEAR TRAIL RIDERS MOTORCYCLE CLUB
2018 BIG BEAR RUN AMA NATIONAL DUAL SPORT AND ADVENTURE BIKE RIDE

Welcome to the Big Bear Trail Riders 24th Annual 2018 Big Bear Run

EVENT INFORMATION & INSTRUCTIONS:

We ask that you read all the following IMPORTANT information containing details about the ride and related topics.

You **MUST** be an AMA member to participate in this event. You can go directly to the AMA website and sign up or go onto the Big Bear Trail Riders website and click on the menu option "Join the AMA" and you will be redirected to the AMA Membership Signup Page. Please have your card or AMA # with you when you come to the Sign up/Registration table to check in at the ride. You will be riding in the San Bernardino National Forest so you **MUST HAVE** a US Forest Service approved spark arrestor and your motorcycle must be street legal. You will also need a motorcycle driver's license and proof of insurance. We will not be checking you for these items but want to make sure you know about these items in case you are stopped by law enforcement. The ride starts and ends at the Big Bear Convention Center in Big Bear City. Both days' courses will be on U.S. Forest Service - San Bernardino National Forest land so stay on the trails, no short cuts please and tread lightly. The ride event banquet on Saturday night will be held at the Big Bear Convention Center outside patio area if weather permits and you can start coming into the banquet area around 6:00 p.m. for bench racing and a no host bar will be open inside the convention center for your enjoyment. Dinner will start serving around 7:30 p.m. and we will have great giveaways from all the awesome sponsors and dealers that have graciously donated to this event after dinner.

Once again, this year's Finisher Plaques are going to be really cool as usual thanks to IMS Products for their years of support and sponsorship of the Plaques and to Russ & Valerie Starck for making the Finisher Plaques. We hope to have enough made at the event for everyone that finishes all the hard-ways on Saturday so you can take it home to brag about it. The plaques will be given out in the order of the riders completing the Hard Way with all the check point tickets. If we run out we will have more plaques made and mail them directly to finishers that do not receive an earned plaque at the ride.

Our 24th Annual shirts will be given to preregistered riders as you check in at registration and post entries shirts will be available while supplies last. The enclosed information will assist you in the planning for the most awesome weekend of riding and camaraderie for one of the biggest and challenging National Dual Sport events of the year!!! Your adherence to our event operation guidelines will ease our procurement of permits for next year so please Tread Lightly! This will be the only information you will receive for the day of the event. If you need additional information you can contact any of the following BBTR members for assistance:

Jim Nicholson 818-391-3083, Miguel Burgi 818-391-3031 or Frank Schnetz 909-225-7409 for ride or course information and you can contact Jackie Nicholson at 626-266-0269 for registration entry information anytime.

REMEMBER THIS IS NOT A RACE OR COMPETITIVE EVENT!

Both day's routes have been traversed by skilled levels from beginner to veteran riders within daylight hours, however, your skill and personal riding style may vary from these riders. Above

all, your safety is of most importance to us and to yourself. There are bail outs for both days, USE THEM if you feel the need. We don't want to be out looking for anybody lost because of darkness. Please remember that this is not a race, but a scenic National Dual Sport ride for you to enjoy in our San Bernardino National Forest mountain areas at a safe speed and Tread Lightly.

IF YOU ARE GOING TO TRY FOR A FINISHER PLAQUE/ALL HARDWAY RIDERS NEED TO BE ON THE COURSE NO LATER THAN 7:00 AM ON DAY ONE TO HAVE A CHANCE ON FINISHING THE COURSE BY 7 PM. YOU WILL NEED TO PICK UP YOUR FIRST CHECK POINT TICKET IN THE CONVENTION CENTER PARKING LOT BEFORE YOU START THE RIDE. THE FIRST CHECK POINT TICKETS WILL BE GIVEN OUT AT 6 A.M.

EASYWAY/ADVENTURE RIDERS SHOULD BE ON THE COURSE NO LATER THAN 9:00 a.m. BOTH DAYS AND YOU SHOULD HAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO FINISH THE COURSE BEFORE DARK. THE CHECK POINTS WILL CLOSE WHEN SWEEP RIDERS COME THROUGH THEM. IF YOU GET BEHIND THE SWEEP RIDERS OR IF THE CHECK POINTS ARE CLOSED WHEN YOU ARRIVE, PLEASE TAKE THE FIRST BAILOUT TO RETURN TO THE CONVENTION CENTER.

You must obey all traffic laws and speed limits to keep this ride alive and safe for yourself and others for the future. We will have check point people out there on the routes giving out water, cleaning towels for your Goggle/Face and check point tickets to those that are trying to complete the hard-way course and there will be set closing times at these check points. Please listen and obey the Check Point and Sweep Crew volunteers to get everyone back safely before dark so that we can all attend the banquet on Saturday night. If you come across a check point and are NOT going for the hard-way finishers plaque please feel free to help yourself to what the check points volunteers have to offer and head into the finish to check in.

Make sure all your lights are in good working order and have them on when you are riding in or around town to avoid any law informant pulling you over and to save you from a traffic ticket.

IMPORTANT PARKING LOT & COURSE INFORMATION/RULES:

First of all, we want to point out that there should be absolutely **NO** alcoholic beverages in bottles, cans or drinking from these containers on the convention center parking lot or on the grounds at all times while you're a guest at our event during this weekend. If we see that you are not cooperating with this rule we will only ask you once to discard your alcoholic beverage immediately or transfer it to a plastic cup of some sort and if it occurs a second time we will ask you to leave the premises immediately. So with that said please NO open alcoholic beverage containers whatsoever during our event at the Big Bear Convention Center, we can't stress this enough about this rule. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter...

ALL routes on the course will be considered to have two-way traffic. Please keep to your far-RIGHT side on all roads especially in the mountain areas. You may also encounter hikers, horseback riders, mountain bikers and other various vehicles within our course area trails. Please be alert, cautious and courteous on all trails. Although we have a permit for this event, this does not give us exclusive use of the areas. There will be no COURSE markings. This is a GPS only guidance event and tracks will be downloaded after you check-in at the registration area on Friday, Saturday or Sunday of the event.

The 2018 Big Bear Run National Dual Sport Ride will have a variety of mountain dirt roads, two track jeep roads, some single track, up-hills with a few rocks, down-hills with a few more rocks, several short and long sections of pavement. The terrain will vary with easy and advance sections unless you are riding for a finishers plaque, then you will be on all hard-way tracks and trails. You will have a choice of "Hard Way", "Easy Way" or "Adventure Bike" tracks to choose from after you register. You will be asked at the GPS download table when you are getting your GPS unit downloaded by one of our GPS volunteers which level tracks you will be riding. Please bring your own data cable for your GPS unit. If you are using a cell phone GPS app they will email you the appropriate GPX file for the ride level you choose. If you have GPS with that takes a memory card, like a Voyager, please bring your card, card reader and data cord to the GPS Download table.

If you experience fatigue or are running late you will be asked to bail out by one of the check point volunteers, please follow their directions without any argument. This is for your own safety. You MUST keep track of elapsed time and use this to your advantage in order to be in before dark. This is a fun ride but keep a good and steady pace so you can finish the ride. Get some lunch and drink a lot of water, keep hydrated, keep hydrated, keep hydrated!!!

PREPARE YOURSELF AND YOUR BIKE!

Eat a good breakfast and drink a lot of water BEFORE you start the ride. Hydration is a major key to the success of finishing this ride. There are several restaurants near the start of the ride for your convenience. If you are doing the hard-way tracks you will need to start from the Convention Center parking lot and get in line for your first check point ticket before you start the ride (ONLY FOR THE HARDWAY RIDERS). You must leave your motorcycle parked outside of the barriers at the registration area or at your camping or parking area when picking up your Hard Way first check point ticket. Our first sweep crew will leave 30 minutes after sign up closes on both days. Dress for cold, rain, wind, fog and warm sunshine weather. Dress in layers so you can shed clothes if you get warm. A backpack is handy for carrying loose items and tools. BE SURE TO BRING ALONG A TOOL KIT, SPARE TUBES, TIRE IRONS AND TIRE REPAIR KIT. These are very important and a must! Take time to go over your bike thoroughly to prevent on-course repairs. It's especially important to check chains, cables, brakes, air/fuel filter, batteries, oil, drain plugs and especially TIRES. It doesn't matter what kind of bike you have, if you need help, ASK! If you are an "A" rider and want to take the Hard Way Route, make sure you have good tires and ride safe and not over your head. It's going to be extremely dry so be prepared for a lot of dust, don't follow so close that you can't see in front of you, ride just outside the dust or pass only when it is safe.

GAS INFORMATION FOR ALL ROUTES:

You will have various opportunities for fuel, carry fuel if you feel you can't go more than 100+ miles to a gas stop/stations. A big tank on a four stroke should have no problem. The furthest gas is ABOUT 90 MILES on day one for the hard-ways route but give yourself a bit more range just in case you get lost or miss a turn. All the other way routes will have no problem with gas. There will be a gas stops before 75 miles at the most for Easy Way and Adventure Bike routes. Our charting crew completed 125 miles with an IMS Products 3.2-gallon tank with no problems. Carry water as it is very important to stay hydrated can't say this enough hydrate before during and after this ride. We will have cold water at the Check Points if you run low. All laws apply!! All Federal, State, County, Local, BLM, USFS and Murphy's law apply to the operating of this weekend event. This event is NOT exempted from any law pertaining to the safe operation of a street licensed motor vehicle. There are new California updated laws that apply and possibly will

be enforced by law enforcement to any red sticker motorcycles so we recommend you update yourself with these new California updated laws.

COURTESY IS CONTAGIOUS!!!

Please spread this around abundantly!! Remember you are representing our sport to the outside world so let's keep our image of being a Dual Sport Rider positive.

MEDICAL EMERGENCIES:

All regular check points will have minor first aid kits available to the riders. IF YOU ARE INJURED, PLEASE HAVE ANOTHER RIDER NOTIFY THE CLOSEST CHECK POINT VOLUNTEER YOUR POSITION ON THE COURSE AND THE NATURE OF THE INJURY AND RIDER #. If you take it upon yourself to seek medical help and do not notify our volunteers, we will not know your whereabouts. Your safety is the up-most importance. Please notify registration as to your conditions and where you are and your rider number, so we can notify your friends or riding buddies if they ask about you at check in.

SWEEP CREW:

Our sweep crew will be sweeping the designated course only as per your GPS download. Sweep will be leaving the start area 30 minutes after the sign ups/last rider finished registering. If you deviate from the course or use bailouts you are on your own! We do not want any "exploring" on your own to take place during this event! The sweep crews have been instructed to help ALL registered riders on the course with problems. Please assist them with the job by cooperating. The sweep crews have a very hard job, do not make it harder for them.

GOODIES:

Included in your entry will be a commemorative event T-shirt for pre-entries and for post entries while supplies last. There will be some swags donated by various sponsors to give-a-way at the Saturday night banquet along with a vendor row for you to visit and look at their products they will be displaying on Friday and Saturday close to the registration area so check them out.

SATURDAY MILEAGES:

HARDWAYS 200+ OR SO MILES

EASYWAYS 145+ OR SO MILES

ADVENTURE ROUTE 150+ MILES

SUNDAY ROUTE 120 MILES

The Big Bear Trail Riders Board and Club members would like to thank you for your participation and supporting our annual Dual Sport event! This ride is our annual fundraiser that supports many local charities. Remember to enjoy the ride and have a lot of FUN!!! See you at the banquet for some bench riding. TREAD LIGHTLY!!

In case of emergency please contact one of the BBTR volunteers:

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