

TEN 'n TEN

2010 promises to be an incredible year for the endurance riding community, because MERA is going to stage the Ten 'n Ten rally. This rally will be 10 days in length, and with a format unlike other multi day events. One of the most highly prized awards in long distance endurance riding, is one for actually riding 10,000 miles in ten days. . .hence the name of this event.

Because an event of this magnitude requires substantial preparation and planning on the part of the rider, we are announcing this rally much earlier than usual. This should give riders ample time to not only prepare their motorcycle, but also secure the time necessary for such an event.

The premise of this rally will be simplicity. We won't have a small paperback novel of rules for you to read, just a couple of pages. You won't have to purchase specific equipment in order to ride this event; you can use what you already own in most cases. And most importantly, you won't have to take out a second mortgage on the shrinking value of your home in order to pay the entry fee.

As in other MERA sponsored multi day events, all bonus locations, check points, and point values will be known to the riders 30 days prior to the start of the rally. You will be able to spend all the time you want perfecting your route, even asking all your buddies for help. You can use any electronic device you own in order to optimize your route. **All** prior to the start of the rally. When you're satisfied that you have the perfect route for your riding style, then just print off a couple of copies and bring it with you to check-in. One copy is for you. . .the other is for the rallymaster. While we don't expect the rider to go to each and every bonus location on their route, we will use it as a guide so that we know where the rider should be in the case of an emergency.

Proof of visiting these bonus locations will be the timed and dated receipts from specific locations, or pictures taken with either a Polaroid or digital camera. If

you use a digital camera it must have a removable memory card. Beyond that, it can be of any make, model, or mega pixel.

You can even ask your buddies for routing help during this pre-rally time. But once the rally has started, you're on your own. No outside assistance is allowed.

The rules for this event are very simple:

- A. Motorcycles are allowed to carry a maximum of 11 ½ gallons of fuel. Trikes, and motorcycles with sidecars are allowed to carry 15 ½ gallons of fuel. All auxiliary fuel tanks must be constructed of metal (aluminum, steel, etc.), **OR**, be an approved racing type fuel cell, and must be bolted securely to the motorcycle. Gas cans of any type are not allowed.
- B. You are required to wear a helmet, boots, and gloves at all times during the rally.
- C. Signed release must be on file prior to starting the rally.
- D. Your motorcycle should be in sound mechanical condition prior to the start of the rally.
- E. Proof of liability insurance will be required in the amounts of \$100,000 per person, and \$300,000 per accident.
- F. There are no muffler or sound requirements for this event. If you're comfortable running with straight pipes, then that's a decision that you must live with during this event.
- G. An odometer check must be completed prior to starting the rally.
- H. You may not request, nor accept, any outside help to complete this rally. This includes routing help of any type once the rally has started. It also includes having anyone servicing, or transporting your motorcycle for service, while you are resting. Riders may also not accept parts delivery from any source while they are resting.
- I. To be considered a finisher in this event the rider must travel a minimum of 8,000 miles during the ten (10) days of the event. Points earned will determine your finishing position. All finishers will receive a personalized laser engraved finisher's plaque.
- J. All miles must be traveled on the highway and roads with the rider controlling the motorcycle. In other words, no ferry rides, train rides, truck or plane rides.
- K. Only one operator per motorcycle is allowed, and you must finish on the same motorcycle that you started the rally on.

It has always been our contention that endurance riding is an individual discipline, and we intend to enforce the rules of this rally to protect that belief. Those riders that feel that they need outside help during the rally in order to be competitive should probably consider entering another event.

This event is open to all riders that possess the skill to ride a motorcycle, or trike, in adverse conditions for a minimum of ten (10) days. The field will be open to a maximum of fifty (50) riders, and entry into the event will be based on the

postmark on the envelope that was used to mail the entry into rally headquarters. The earlier the postmark, the lower the rally number.

The rally will start Thursday morning, August 26, 2010, and will finish Sunday morning September 5, 2010. We have picked these dates because enforcement should be a little lighter prior to the Labor Day holiday for the majority of the rally. This should give the riders the opportunity to stretch their riding legs a little bit more than if we held the rally over a holiday weekend.

The rally will start and finish in Salt Lake City, Utah. Rally headquarters will be at the Holiday Inn Airport hotel. A mid rally checkpoint will be located in the central section of the United States.

The entry fee for this event is \$750.00 for single riders, and \$800.00 for couples. This entry fee includes a before rally dinner. . .a rally shirt and hat. . .rally towel. . .finishers award. . .and the awards banquet at the completion of the rally. There will also be some surprise door prizes of sets of tires and gas cards given away at the awards banquet.

We understand that in these difficult economic times it can be a strain on the budget to pay the entire entry fee up front. So all you need to do is put down a \$250.00 deposit and then pay the balance prior to January 1, 2010. MERA members can deduct 10% from the entry fee. For those riders that are looking to maximize their return on their money, we have something for you as well. If you pay in full when you enter, you can deduct \$50.00 from the total. For single riders that are also MERA members that would mean that your total entry fee would be \$625.00 for a 10-day event! For couples that are MERA members, your entry fee would be \$670.00 if you paid in full upon registering for the rally!

Personalized finisher's plaques will be awarded to all riders that complete the minimum mileage regardless of their point total. And position plaques will be awarded to the top five (5) finishing positions.

MERA's multi-day events are legendary in the endurance community, and this rally will be no different. This will be a defining rally in many rider's careers. . . and one that will be talked about for many years to come. If you feel that this format is something that you would enjoy, and want to be a part of this unique event, well, fill out the application and send it along with your check to:

Steve Chalmers
6623 W. Feulner Drive
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If you have any questions about the event, I can be reached at 801-631-3810 or at stevechalmers@comcast.net.

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Registration Form

NAME_____

ADDRESS_____

CITY_____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

TELEPHONE DAYS_____

EVENINGS _____

Email
ADDRESS_____

AGE_____ SHIRT SIZE _____

M.E.R.A MEMBER YES_____ NO_____

BRAND OF
MOTORCYCLE_____

RALLY EXPERIENCE

SIGNATURE_____

By signing this non-transferable entry, you acknowledge that you possess the skill to ride a motorcycle endurance event for a period of at least 10 days.

Make checks payable to Steve Chalmers and mail to:

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