



2015 National BMWRA Rally



Thrills in the Hills, the 2015 National BMWRA Rally is coming, October 1-4, Harrison, AR!!!

Thanks for attending past National Rallies. This one will be even better. We wanted you to be among

the first to get the news and only those receiving this email have access to the official pre-registration page. There are good hotels nearby if you are not planning to camp and you'll find a list with other news on this page: <http://bmwra.org/news/>

national-rally Remember that pre-registering for the rally saves you \$\$\$ over the price at the gate.

Here's the link **PRE-REGISTER**

If you have any questions or issues with your registration, please feel free to email our administrator: admin@bmwra.org.

....and thanks for your loyal support over the years! We'll see you in October!

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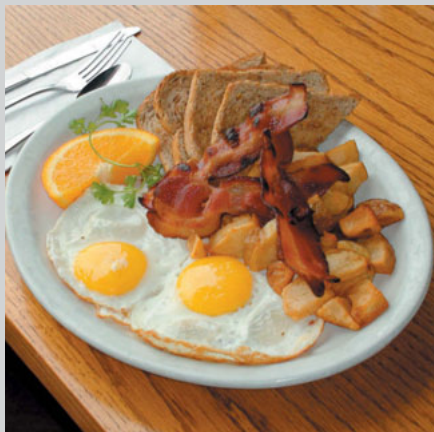
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Next Breakfast/Brunch

Saturday, March 7



WHERE:
Loghouse Pub
2323 Millstream Road
Victoria

WHEN:
9:30 am



Dolomites offer the ride of a lifetime

by Roy Sweet

I enjoyed the trip of a lifetime this fall with two weeks spent riding the Alps and the Dolomites in Europe. The roads were mostly great, the food was all great, and the company made for memories which will last a lifetime.

Corvara is a bustling sprawling settlement of just under 1500 inhabitants. It lies at the foot of two passes, the Passo Gardena and Passo Campolongo, both of which are cleared during the winter (although closures may occur and winter equipment is necessary). Passo Campolongo is the connection through to Arabba, while Passo Gardena is the connection to Selva.



San Vito di Cadore is a small town and comune in the province of Belluno in the Italian region of Veneto. It is 9 kilometres (6 mi) from Cortina d'Ampezzo in the Dolomites and is next to Monte Antelao.

The town is primarily a winter sport resort, but tourism is active also in summer as both a motorcycling and cycling destination.





Switzerland and Italy are impressive



The Gotthard Pass or St. Gotthard Pass (Italian: Passo del San Gottardo) (el. 2106 m) is a high mountain pass in Switzerland between Airolo in the canton of Ticino, and Göschenen in the canton of Uri, connecting the northern German-speaking part of Switzerland with the Italian-speaking part, along the route onwards to Milan.



Cagnò (Ladin: Cignòu, German: Kanau) is a comune (municipality) in Trentino in the northern Italian region Trentino-Alto Adige/Südtirol, located about 35 kilometres (22 mi) north of Trento.





Austria welcomes with switchbacks



Timmelsjoch (elevation 2,474 m, 8,117 ft) is a high mountain pass that creates a link through the Ötztal Alps along the border between Austria and Italy. Not only are the views breathtaking, the small coffee stand at the summit serves excellent coffee, featuring china instead of paper cups.



Motorcyclist are welcome as signs display, and the price of gas is only a small impediment.



The 15km-long Panoramic Glacier Road, also known as Ötztal Glacier Road (Ötztaler Gletscherstraße in German), reaching an elevation of 2,830 m (9,285 ft) above the sea level, ranks among the highest mountain roads in the Eastern Alps, connecting the village of Sölden with the glacier ski areas. The Ötztal Glacier Road, located in the in the Ötztal Alps, is the second highest paved road in Europe and links directly Sölden with Rettenbach Glacier and Tiefenbach Glacier. The two glaciers are connected to each other by the famous “Rosi Mittermaier Tunnel” (with a length of 1,750 m), the Europe’s highest road tunnel. The highest point of the road is at the southern end of the tunnel, at an elevation of 2,830 m (9,285 ft) above the sea level.



This is only a sampling of what we saw and did... and rode in Europe. I suggest everyone add it to their bucket list.

Club 2014/15 Event Schedule

Date	Event	Location
Saturday, March 7, 2015	Monthly Gathering	Log House Pub
Sunday, March 15, 2015	MSF Rider Training	Central Saanich Cultural Centre
Sunday, April 12, 2015	Monthly Gathering	Mary’s Blue Moon
Saturday, April 25, 2015	Cow Bay Run	Cow Café in Cow Bay
TBD May	Annual BCCOM MLA Ride	Victoria
Saturday, May 2, 2015	Monthly Gathering	Olympic View Golf Course
TBD May	BMW Demo Ride	Island BMW
Sunday, May 17, 2015	Monthly Ride	Saltaire Pub / Ladysmith
Friday-Monday, May 22-25, 2015	49er Rally	Mariposa, California



2015 Beemer Club Bulk Tire Purchase

by Bill Wallace

Once again I will be canvassing members for their interest in ordering tires for the upcoming riding season.

For new members, this tire order has been an annual event for the past several years. It is really quite simple for a member to receive at least a 30 % discount off retail, plus have the mounting and balancing free for each tire. The nice thing about it is: you do not have to install the tires at the time of purchase but rather you can wait have them installed when you wish at a later date, not a bad deal.

If you are interested please contact me at home **250.652.0214** or **bwreddog@gmail.com** with brand and model of tire and the size information and I will be able to get a quote for you. There is no obligation to buy a tire if you are not satisfied with the price, however if you accept the quote the rest of the club members will expect you to honor the price as a collective group.

We are buying tires as a group under quoted prices, if someone cancels then the price of the tires could be jeopardized. I expect to have the tire order completed and

tires made available by the end of March, after this date the next tire order will be in 2016.

All tires purchased in 2015 are fresh new tires directly from the factory. It makes sense to purchase tires this time of the year as you get this special deal for your Beemer. Whereas, if you wait till the summer to buy a tire at a higher price, you may have to wait for a tire shipment or have to accept another tire brand when your tire is destroyed by a nail. It's up to you on how you approach this, but eventually you will need tires.

Join BMW RVI on Facebook

With the goal of better, faster and flexible communication, BMW RVI has launched a members-only Facebook Group in the new year. The URL will be: **<https://www.facebook.com/groups/bmwrvi/>**

Here are a few points to consider

- Posts will only visible to group members, namely, members of BMW RVI.
- BMW RVI will require members to be approved or added by an administrator before they can access the group. As the membership list evolves, access to the

group will be adjusted.

- The BMW RVI Facebook page will not be used for commercial purposes.
- Members receive notifications by default when any member posts in the group. Group members can participate in chats, upload photos to shared albums, collaborate on group documents and invite members who are friends to group events.

Members who are familiar with Facebook will need only to request

to join the page by entering the URL in the search box and then click <Join Group> in the top right-hand corner. Approval will occur in a day or two.

If you do not have a Facebook account you can create one. For step-by-step instructions go to

- **<https://www.facebook.com/help/>**
- There are numerous websites that provide advice on security when setting up and using a Facebook account. Do a web search using "Facebook security."



BMW Motorcycle Club of Ottawa

Advanced Rider Training (ART) School - Monday, **25 May 2015**
Calabogie Motorsports Park – a Rain or Shine Event!

The BMW Motorcycle Club of Ottawa will present a one-day **Advanced Rider Training (ART) School** program for novice and intermediate riders, Monday, **May 25, 2015** at Calabogie Motorsports Park.

Program: ARTS 2015 is for you if you:

- want to improve your skill and confidence in cornering at highway speeds;
- want to improve your bike handling skills by learning from both theory and practice;
- think that you can learn from instructor/ coaches with proven track experience.

Objective: the objective of our program is to maximize cornering skill development. The program will include classroom sessions and supervised track sessions.

Groups: Riders will be grouped according to skill level. All class time, control, monitoring and assessments will be led by coaches with safe riding training and track / race experience. If you are a cautious or less-experienced rider, please let us know and we'll make absolutely sure you're riding with a compatible group.

Riding Apparel: All riders must wear approved full-face helmets, one- or two-piece motorcycle-specific armoured riding suits, gloves and boots.

Note: All motorcycles must also pass a pre-track Technical Inspection and Sound Check.

Registration and Cost: This year's price is **\$275.00** for paid-up members of any **BMWCC Club**; **\$300.00** for all others. **Registration is limited to 45 and closes May 1, 2015.** Late entries will be considered only if space permits. Make cheques payable to **BMW Motorcycle Club of Ottawa**; mail to: P.O. Box 8503 Main Terminal, Ottawa, ON, K1G_3H9. **As this is a Rain or Shine event, no cancellations will be accepted after May 1st; however, substitutions will be allowed if suitable replacement riders are available.**

ATTENTION. The liability **insurance coverage** included in the ART School fee is for the benefit of Calabogie MotorSports Park and the BMW Motorcycle Club of Ottawa. If you have any questions concerning your personal insurance coverage for advanced rider training school programs, you should contact your insurance agent.

For more information, contact the following members of the ART Committee:

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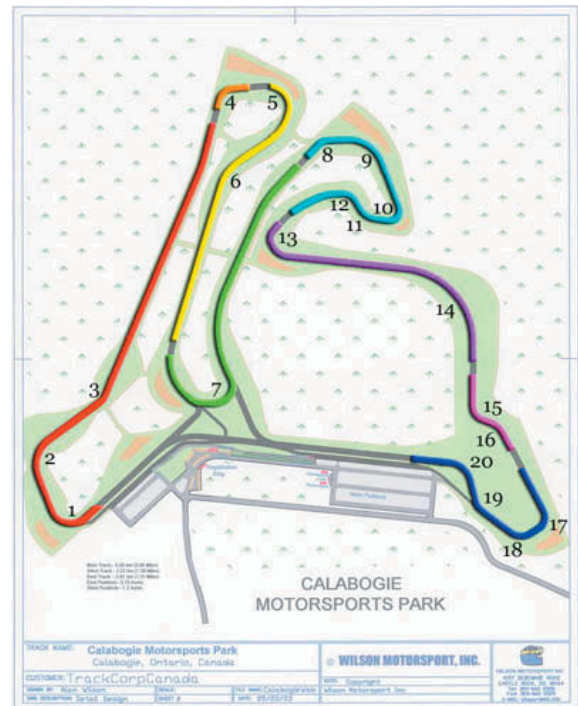
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A Reminder to All... If you haven't already paid your 2015 BMW RVI membership dues please complete a membership renewal form and forward it with your payment to Peter Juergensen. Alternatively you can hand it to Peter at the next breakfast meeting.

Please click [HERE](#) to download a copy of the Membership form from our website.