

By Norm Kern



Big Lynn Lodge Ride

July 21 – 23, 2017

Little Switzerland, North Carolina

David Brickner has been putting on this July event since 2011 and it is a unique, must-attend rally. What is so different and great about the Big Lynn Lodge (BLL) Ride? Let me tell you!

First is location – the BLL is located on a mountain ridge right next to the Blue Ridge Parkway, a few miles south of Spruce Pine, North Carolina, one of the most scenic locations of any MSTa rally.



Typical view from your room at the Big Lynn Lodge

Second is what I call “social dining.” Breakfast and dinner is included with each room and everyone dines together for both meals. Food is healthy and tasty with soft drinks and desserts, including homemade pies.

Third, is a selection of routes, both pavement and dirt, created by **Doug Pippen**. This area has some exceptional technical roads, and **Doug** has really outdone himself with this collection of routes. They are some of the best you will ride anywhere. Ever.

As if all of that is not enough, there will be entertainment on Friday night. **The Alligators Blues Band**, will play a set or two out on the back porch. Three of the four band members are riders who graciously donate their time to entertain everyone.

Once again, **Anne-Marie LaFrance**, a professional massage therapist will be at the BLL. Attendees can sign up for a free fifteen-minute massage after Friday’s arrival and Saturday’s ride. A pre-ride Saturday “stretching for the ride” session will also be available.



The masseuse goes to work on Doug Pippen to get the kinks out at the Big Lynn Lodge

It’s no wonder the BLL Ride has become one of the most

popular events on the MSTa schedule.

Call the Big Lynn Lodge at 800-645-5232 to make your reservation for the 2017 event. The hotel is currently full, but you may be able to take advantage of a cancellation.

To contact Dave call 828-448-5429 or e-mail at dwbrick@gmail.com

Complete information is available on the updated Big Lynn Lodge website at <http://msta-se.com/BLynn/> hope to see you there!

River City Ride

August 4 - 6, 2017

Corydon, Indiana

The River City Ride (RCR), has always been one of the “throw-back” rallies in the MSTa. RCR is never as big as most, but always a great time with good roads and great folks. RCR is very similar to the HSTA rallies of old - low key and fun for everyone. **Don and Cathy Payne** took over the RCR from **Moose Parish**, who retired after many years but is still on hand to help with the festivities.

Indiana has never been a riding destination for sport touring folks and that’s too bad. Southern Indiana/Northern Kentucky have some of the best roads west of the Smokies and east of



Riders stop for gas and a break at the River City Ride

the Big Muddy, you will be pleasantly surprised. This year the event staff hope to repeat the “photo trap” - a photographer along Saturday’s main route snaps pictures of everyone riding by and get prints made to give away to event attendees as souvenirs.

There is no shortage of Hoosier hospitality, good humor and good food. Included in your registration fee is the Friday night Brat Burn cookout, Saturday Moose recipe spaghetti cookout, and the complimentary breakfast



Spaghetti cookout behind the host hotel at River City Ride

The Holiday Inn Express is a superb host hotel - great breakfast, clean rooms, and reasonable rates. It is located at 249 Federal Drive NW, Corydon, IN. 47112. Ask for MSTA rate – **Please reserve before 7/15!** Phone: 812-738-1623, Fax - 812-738-4858. E-mail: corydon.fdhexpress@gmail.com.

Make your plans to attend now. Online Registration: <http://www.planetreg.com/RCR-2017>

Mail Pouch Fly-By

August 25 – 27, 2017

Marietta, Ohio

The Fly-By has been a flagship regional rally for MSTA for more than fifteen years. **Jon and Janet Campbell** know what members want and with the help of many volunteers, they deliver the goods year after year. What makes the Fly-By so popular?



Early morning in the Fly-By parking lot

Roads - Marietta, Ohio, is located on the Ohio river, in the southeast corner of the state, where the Appalachian Mountains begin. It's filled with rolling terrain and beautiful farming countryside. The roads are a nice mix of turns and elevation changes. Just across the river is West Virginia, with it's own collection of great roads.

Routes - Seventeen routes are available in the form of GPS files and printed maps. Paper maps are also available - there is a master of copy of each route map in the sign-up room. A color copier/printer is available to print the specific maps people want.



Lunch stop at Hillbilly Hotdogs in Lesage, West Virginia

Food - Your registration fee of \$20 includes a Friday night cookout and a Saturday night catered meal with awards and door prizes.

People- The Fly-By has always been a great place to make new friendships, renew old ones and find good people to ride with, so come on over to Marietta and join in the fun!

Ozarks BS Rally

September 8 – 10, 2017

Theodosia, Missouri

The annual Ozarks Bull Shoals (BS) Rally is an MSTA classic. **Ed and Linda Young** (2017 is their 20th year) have consistently hosted a great rally. You don't feel like just an MSTA member when attending – **Ed and Linda** make you part of their extended family.

There are many reasons why this rally is so successful; the relaxing and welcoming atmosphere, the roads, and of course the people. The Ozarks BS rally is one of the more popular events with ninety to one hundred attendees each year. Call for reservations as early as you can- Theodosia Marina Resort fills up quickly, and there are few other accommodations nearby.

The accommodations at TMR are set up well for visiting with others, kicking some tires, and of course plenty of "BS'ing" well into the evening.



View from the second floor of the lodge Ozarks BS rally

Friday evening at the Ozarks BS Rally has always been a great time for visiting with friends who you haven't seen for a while. The gourmet wiener roast always provides enough food that no one goes away hungry.

Another reason that the Bull Shoals Rally is so well attended is the riding that the north central/west Ozarks has to offer; smooth pavement, plenty of twisty roads, sparsely populated and great scenery. Every year, riders return to ride the "Bill Wing Route," over 300 miles of the best riding the area has to offer, including the famed "Push Mountain" road.

Saturday night includes a huge buffet with just about anything you want to eat, followed by awards and door prizes done in the unique **Ed and Linda** style.

If you've never attended the Ozarks BS Rally, you need to put it at the top of your list. Once you've attended, you will want to return again and again.



Riding the ferry across Bull Shoals Lake Ozark BS Rally