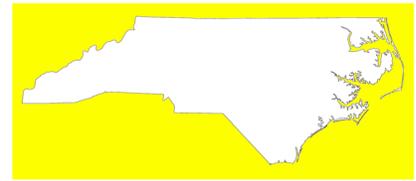


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BMW Motorcycle Club  
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Pete's April Destination Ride to Korener's Folly. FaceBook Fodder: **Donald Williams**: great ride great destination great food. It doesn't get any better than that. **Ray Hunting** Good ride today. The return route was fun. Thanks to Pete for setting this up. **(double check w/FaceBook for additional information, such as "will there be a ride?"** The Weather has an influence on whether there is a ride. So sez Pete!



April Meeting was held and many attended. Bikes were in the parking lot, conversation and food were enjoyed. Summer is around the corner and things to do list will begin to pick up. Check the calendar for some Save The Day Events. Fall-No Brainer dates Friday September 30 thru Sunday October 2nd @ Willville Bike Camp. MOA Mileage Contest forms were collected. Expect a call or e-mail for this years NC Push to the Top. Don't worry about how many miles you ride, it's about representing NC & TTs, plus it's FREE.

3 Things You Shouldn't Attempt on Motorcycle Roads **1.Tipsy Riding** There are drunk riders, there are old riders, but there are no old drunk riders. There is never enough experience when you're riding drunk. Ever heard of the dumbest thing, well, this must be it. Riding under the influence? Never! No matter how well you think you know the road. **2.Riding on Slippery Roads** Yes, the roads are slippery when wet. Duh. Avoid any speeding as much as possible on such roads. If you're not controlling your acceleration, you might as well be opening a Pandora's Box. Stay off of those painted lines!!! **3.Newbies: No Solo Trips** How can the pot call the kettle black? That's the most likely situation when newbies get into a long motorcycle road trip without an experienced rider. No disrespect to any newbie riders trying to plan a trip, an experienced rider joining you is a good thing. The roads on the map might look easy but wait until you are physically on the road by yourself. TIPS from Butler Maps website.

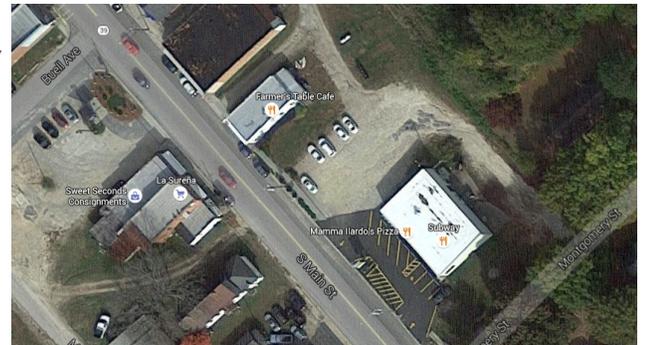
Belva's Bearable Bear Meeting Members have found a home. Normally once a year a meeting will be designated as Belva's Bearable Bear Meeting. This takes place for those that wish to donate their: stuffed animals and the like. They can be new or slightly used. Collections will be taken all year, just bring them with you and we will take them from you. One or two at a time should not be an issue however, larger drop off you might want to coordinate with us, call/write.

This year's Sleuth (name for a group of bears) was dropped off with Loving Stitches in Fayetteville. Here is a short news release from their FaceBook post:

A group of wonderful folks dropped off a big box of teddy bears to donate to our dear Mikayla's ministry at St. Andrews Methodist Church in Fayetteville, NC. The group had been collecting them since last December. The teddy bears will be tagged by the children of St. Andrews, attend church services, be prayed over and given to people in need of comfort in our area. A couple weeks ago, for example, a teddy bear was given to a little girl whose father was killed in the war. We are very thankful that Mikayla's memory stays with us through this ministry of love



**Dawn Patrol!!** Most Sundays—check Facebook B 4 U go, or you could be alone. Then your on your motorcycle so it ain't all bad. Wheels up from the Best Buy parking lot in Knightdale ... at the intersection of I-540 and US -64. Current destination for breakfast, an old time favorite: Farmer's Table Café, 333 Main St. Bunn NC 27508 PH# 919-497-0039

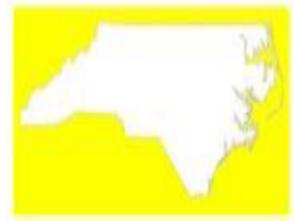


## Motorcycle For Sale

2000 Ice Blue BMW R1200 Montana with all riding gear clothing  
It's been garaged, has 49500 miles and antilock brake computer \$2,500 replaced Must be seen to be appreciated. Serviced by Cap BMW mostly by Scott a top mechanic .

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# Slam to New Bern!

## The Birthplace of Pepsi ... and a While Lot More!

- What: An early summer adventure to visit New Bern, the colonial capital of NC. In addition to Tryon Palace, this is the birthplace of Pepsi ... and has fantastic shopping, eating and site seeing. This is a very family friendly place that has something for everyone ... of all ages. As the city marketing team says ... "Everything Comes Together Here!"
- When: Saturday, **June 4<sup>th</sup>** at 10am
- Where: Starting at the Bimmer Performance Center, 3200 Spottswood St #102, Raleigh, NC 27615. Come any time after 9am for tire kicking and coffee drinking. Driver / navigator meeting at 9:50. Who: Rob Mclsaac is organizing the event.
- Objective: An opportunity to explore the shops, the sites, the food and the history of one of the crown jewels in NC's tourist spots. Lunch along the way.
- Duration: Figure 2 hours of driving each way ... plus stops. If we roll at 10, expect to be done by between 5 and 6.
- Contact Information: For details, connect with Rob Mclsaac at [Robert.Mclsaac@gmail.com](mailto:Robert.Mclsaac@gmail.com) or [Raleigh.BMWCCA.Activities@gmail.com](mailto:Raleigh.BMWCCA.Activities@gmail.com) or 919-880-8012.



5/11—2nd Wed Dinner— 7:30pm Souplantation Cary Sweet Tomatoes, On Walnut across from Crossroads Ford, 2310 Walnut Cary, NC 27511 919-851-4333

5/14- **Destination Ride (Where 2 Ride)** - 9:00 a.m.—Gassed Ready To Go - *GRTG*. At the Valero Station, 5016 Spring Forest Road, Raleigh, NC (GPS N35 51.359 W78 33.399) The ride is cancelled if it is raining. Check the Facebook Page B 4 U GO.

5/19 - **3rd Thursday Dinner - 6:00 p.m.** Das Bavarian Haus, 3500 Murchison Rd, Fayetteville NC 28311 (next to O'Reilly Auto Parts) Ph# 910.491.492

5/21—Monthly Meeting—9: 00 am Golden Corral, 2618 S. Horner Blvd, Sanford NC (919) 775-3295

—THE MOST PREMIRE BMW DEALERSHIP IS HAVING AN OPEN HOUSE —CAROLINA BMW. B THERE!! Ride up after the meeting. If you go you must take Old Liberty Road!! You'll enjoy if you like curves and one lane bridges. Sweet road, hidden gem.

**.Save The Dates:**

**June 4th**—Bimmers & Bimmers ride to New Bern

**June 25– 26**—NC EURO Bike Weekend <http://www.eurobikeraaleigh.com/>

**September 30th—October 2nd** - FallNo Brainer—Willville Bike Camp, Meadows of Dan VA RV campers will need to find another location. Willville does not have RV hookups. Word on the street there is an RV site nearby. Meadows of Dan Campground, for reservations & 411 call (276-952-2292).

Key Camping - hotel, Blue Ridge Hotel up the road or Floyd Hotel in Floyd VA. Blue Ridge Motel is nearby, for a room (276-952-2244)

**October / November—Ladies Only Campout**—gonna be so good might take two moths!!

Thanks for reading—

## Say HEY! To our newest members:

Tim Bolduc, Southern Pines (04 R1150RT)  
Christopher Rahilly & Jennifer Clark-Rahilly, New Bern (12 G650GS)

**May Birthdays— Members that continue to get better with every year. This is their month!**

20—Brian Young      12—Dennis Clark, Jonathan King      20—Sandra Osta      25—Ellen Williams

# Which Map for the Mountains?

By Kelly Mills

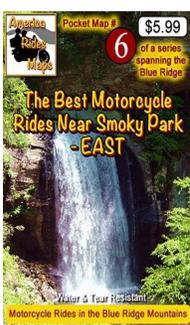
I like to take two or three motorcycle trips to the mountains each year, and I usually have a central point where I stay for two or three nights. From that central point, I map out three or four loops that are about 180 miles each and try to cover some of the most twisty roads I can find.

I've tried route sheets and maps in my map pocket in the past, but quickly found that a GPS is the way to go. Though the trip sheet and an area map is a good backup in case something happens to the GPS.

To map out these routes I like to use some of the available motorcycle maps which have roads and routes outlined. I tried using different apps and websites in the past, but these are usually a collection of one way trips which may not be in the direction I want to travel. The maps offer a variety of routes which can be strung together to make some interesting loops that include a lunch stop and ultimately lead back to the hotel or campground.

For North Carolina and the surrounding states I found maps from three different companies: **Mad Maps**, **America Rides Maps**, and the latest entry, **Butler Motorcycle Maps**.

When I started riding around North Carolina, I was looking for a map that would give me a variety of routes around the state in one map. I noticed **Mad Maps** in my trips to Cycle Gear and decided to give them a try. "The Carolinas" version is the only **Mad Map** available for our area and retails for \$14.95. The paper is water and tear resistant to help it last for several folding's for your map case or for some time in the rain. There are 27 loops included in the map that range from 120 to 240 miles. Three of the loops are in the Blue Ridge Mountains, and one of these uses the Blue Ridge Parkway for half the loop. So, though **Mad Maps** offers one-stop-shopping for motorcycle loops across two states, it wasn't quite what



I wanted for my mountain trips.

A friend of mine at work purchased several **America Rides Maps** and said that they were great for finding good backroads in the mountains, and he was right. The maps show the best motorcycle roads using thick red lines, and good connector roads using thick black lines. Other features included are gas stops, restaurants, places to stay, attractions and motorcycle dealers.

A single map sells for \$6 and bundles of 6 can be purchased for \$35. I bought the North Carolina Mountains bundle and these cover almost all of the areas that I ride. Each map covers about 480 square miles and the maps are placed side-by-side to continue the roads to the next area. These maps are also water and tear resistant, though not as thick as the Map Maps, but their smaller size allows them to be easily folded to fit in a map pocket on top of a tank bag.

The **America Rides Maps** website also contains a map called "*The Best Unpaved Road East of Smokey Park,*" *probably a must-buy for an adventure rider*. These are the most thorough maps made for our mountains, and I've used them to plan many motorcycle trips. But the last couple of trips that I've used them, I've run into some poorly maintained roads that were marked as the best roads on the maps. I can't fault the map maker because roads in the mountains are subject to harsher weather conditions than we have in central North Carolina, but this caused me to start searching for another more up-to-date map.

Enter **Butler Motorcycle Maps**. "The Great Rides of Southern Appalachia" map was first released in 2015 and includes roads for Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and the southern edges of Kentucky and Virginia all on one map for \$16. Butler is well known for their maps of the western US and provide details that include everything you'd want to know about the best roads to travel, also on water resistant and tear resistant paper that's as heavy as the **Mad Map**. Good road segments are highlighted in orange, better segments are in red, and the best roads in Southern Appalachia are yellow. The size of the areas covered on the map are smaller in scale than the other map brands because the **Butler Motorcycle Maps** covers a much wider area, but it's still very readable. One gem that I found on the Butler map, but on none of the others, is Big Laurel Road. This connects route 23 just to the east of Hot Springs to route 19E. The road has nice pavement and is fairly uninhabited, except for some small neighborhoods found closer to 19E.

So, which map would I pick for planning motorcycle trips to the mountains? If I could only buy one map, it'd definitely be the **Butler Motorcycle Maps**. Since I already have the **America Rides Maps**, I also use these as a reference for connector roads that may make my riding loops more fun. Of course, you never know if a road will be exactly your style until you've ridden it, but these maps make finding those hidden gems much easier.

MAD MAPS <http://madmaps.myshopify.com/>

AMERICA RIDES MAPS <http://americaridesmaps.com/>

BUTLER MOTORCYCLE MAPS <https://www.butlermaps.com/>

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