

WELCOME TO THE 2010

ROAD KING RIDERS WESTERN ROUNDUP

And The Parry Lodge in Kanab, Utah

Welcome to the Road King Riders Western Roundup 2010 and the beautiful state of Utah! This packet contains information about the Roundup. **IMPORTANT!** These first two pages were put together by Utah rider, Gremper. It concerns the climate and altitude with precautions that should be taken to assure a safe week for RKR members and gives some advice that should not be ignored. This info is "need to know" for the Yankees and Rebels coming west! Those that live in Utah or Nevada can stop reading now... ;-) or should let someone know if they are having trouble reading this so that someone from another state can assist them!

For those of you who've never visited the southwest US, you're in for a treat. However, there is some stuff you should be aware of; some of the area is at a higher altitude than you may be used to. If you've never been here before (or even if you have) you might want to consider the affects that altitude will have on you and your bike.

Let's say you're flying in to Las Vegas (2028' ASL) from Rochester, NY (500' ASL). You're not going to notice the altitude change nearly as much as the change in temperature. But, when you pick up your rental and start the ride to Kanab, you're going to start climbing. You'll reach as high as 6180' on the way to Kanab if you ride through Zion National Park. Take along plenty of water (and drink it) and don't try running up any stairs. This will even be true at Kanab's lower altitude of about 5000'. Not only does the altitude make the air "thinner" but so does the lower humidity. Our air is simply "thinner"! Kanab Elevation: 4973'

Highest Elevation Reached on Rides

- Grand Canyon North Rim: 8915'
- Bryce Canyon: 9100'
- Zion: 6180'

Things to consider in our higher elevations and drier climate:

The air really is thinner here. You may feel a bit short of breath. This goes away in a few days as you acclimate and shouldn't be a problem unless you are very active. The other effect of the thinner air is more sunlight. At sea level you have **thousands** more feet of thicker atmosphere to filter sunlight before it reaches your skin.

What to do? Here are some suggestions:

- Sunglasses: A tinted face shield is good but you might want to take your helmet off every once in a while.
- Sun burn / Wind burn: You will want a high SPF skin lotion for your face, neck, etc... Don't forget lip balm. If you don't usually wear gloves you might consider buying a pair and trying them out. If your hair isn't quite as full as it was within human memory, bring along or buy a hat.
- Dehydration: This isn't just a high altitude problem. Anywhere in the Southwest the climate will dry you out in a hurry. Riding accelerates the process. Carry plenty of water or Gatorade. Drink some at every stop. Coffee or soft drinks are not especially good at rehydrating you, more's the pity. Alcohol exacerbates dehydration
- Bring or buy a long sleeve t-shirt or two for riding in the sun if you choose to NOT go ATGATT (All The Gear All The Time)
- Varying Temperatures: It could be 75° and clear in Kanab but 50° and drizzling on the way to the North Rim. Layered clothing and rain gear are essential. Be prepared!
- A motorcycle that is in tune at 1000' altitude will be less powerful at high altitude. There's not too much you can do about it, just be aware of the problem when you pull out to pass.
- If you are trailering your bike you will start to find 85 octane fuel at the higher altitudes. I don't recommend it and most auto manufacturers tell you not to use it. If you fill up your tow vehicle with the 85 octane gas available at higher altitude, when you get back down to the lower altitude your tow vehicle will have gas that acts like 83 octane and it won't run well.
- If you are used to running 93 octane gas in your bike, be aware it is rare to find it here. Around here we use 91 octane. At higher altitude it acts just like 93 octane at low altitude.
- Lastly, the bars in Utah only sell 3.2% beer. However, at the higher altitudes it's about as potent as 5% beer. You can buy 5% beer at the state run package stores.

As they say the devil is in the details; so here are some details for all ya'll:

The following are some important reminders:

- 1 Opening dinner Monday night, 7:00 PM, at Parry Lodge. Dinner will be available each night at the Lodge or across the street for those who prefer to eat close and hang out with the gang.
- 2 All rides depart at 9:00 AM (please be fueled and ready to go) from the Parry Lodge. Pre-ride announcements will be at 8:50 A.M. in the parking lot.
- 3 Pack your rain gear each day although we don't expect to need it!
- 4 Tuesday night there is a "chuck wagon" BBQ/Show planned for dinner. It will be a rip-roarin' good time so plan on being there!
- 5 Closing dinner Thursday night, 6:30 PM, at Parry Lodge.
- 6 **Utah** and **Arizona** are **Helmet Optional** states, and there are no political agendas for this event. Suit yourself and respect the choices of others. **Nevada** and **California** are helmet required states.
- 7 There's no such thing as a **Dry County in Indiana but it can be a concern in Utah!** Smuggling alcohol on the return is not necessary!
- 8 "Yes Dorothy, you can buy alcohol in Utah." You can purchase 3.2% beer at most convenience stores and supermarkets, even on a Sunday. However, to purchase "regular" beer, wine, wine coolers or hard liquor you have to go to a State Store. (There is one a couple of blocks from the Parry Lodge in Kanab.) You might want to think twice before trying to transport larger amounts of alcohol from outside Utah. If you do get stopped with it in your vehicle in Utah, you will be fined. Due to some recent changes in the laws, as of 2009, you can now walk into a bar, club or saloon without a membership and drink. Restaurants still require food purchase with alcohol.

Daily Ride Schedule:

Monday: Meet, greet and eat.

Tuesday: Zion National Park

Wednesday: Bryce Canyon National Park

Thursday: Grand Canyon National Park, North Rim

Friday: Head 'em out, optional run to Las Vegas, Nevada

Extended Stay Schedule:

Friday: Ride to Las Vegas and settle in hotel of your choice. Off Strip is Aliante Station in North Las Vegas, a 1 year old new property that is convenient To Deadend Bill's and the Saturday Ride. www.Aliantecasinohotel.com 1-877-477-7627

Saturday: Scenic ride to Mt Charleston with return through famous Red Rock Canyon. BBQ in the afternoon/evening at Deadend Bill's (Get to use your new Park Pass again!)

Either Friday or Saturday there will be an optional, ride to the Strip in the early evening. This will be discussed so you will know what to expect, as in TRAFFIC!

Tell us about your ride to get here!!

Please complete the following, detach this page, and give to one of the event organizers (Hippie Dave, Deadend Bill, Moccasin Mike) on Monday or Tuesday.

YOUR NAME OR HANDLE ON THE FORUM: _____

NAME: _____

BIKE _____ YEAR: _____ MILEAGE: _____

I rode my bike _____ miles to attend the Western Roundup RKR2010 Rendezvous

My pillion warmer rode _____ miles to attend the Western Roundup RKR2010 Rendezvous

My age is _____ My passenger's name and age is _____

I (we) traveled _____ miles to attend the Western Roundup RKR2010 Rendezvous

Any "Tales from the road" about your trip to Utah, please summarize on reverse!

All Riders must sign and submit pages 5 and 6 if you plan to ride with the group.

**Road King Rider Roundup 2010
Kanab, UT
THIS IS A RELEASE – READ BEFORE SIGNING**

WAIVER AND RELEASE FOR ALL EVENT PARTICIPANTS

The undersigned (on my own behalf and on behalf of my heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns), for and in consideration of the opportunity to participate in the Road King Riders Rendezvous (hereinafter, the EVENT) releases and holds harmless the organizers and their assistants (hereinafter, the **"RELEASED PARTIES"**) from any and all claims and demands, rights and causes of action of any kind whatsoever which I now have or later may have against the **"RELEASED PARTIES"** in any way resulting from, arising out of, or in connection with my participation in the said EVENT.

This Release extends to any and all claims I have or later may have against the **"RELEASED PARTIES"** resulting from or arising out of their performance of their duties whether or not such claims result from negligence (except willful neglect) on the part of any or all of the **"RELEASED PARTIES"** with respect to the EVENT or with respect to the conditions, qualifications, instructions, rules or procedures under which the EVENT(S) are conducted or from any other cause.

I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS MEANS THAT I AGREE NOT TO SUE ANY OR ALL OF THE **"RELEASED PARTIES"** FOR ANY INJURY RESULTING TO MYSELF OR MY PROPERTY ARISING FROM, OR IN CONNECTION WITH ORGANIZING, PLANNING, CONDUCTING OR PARTICIPATING IN THIS EVENT.

I am experienced in and familiar with the operation of motorcycles and fully understand the risks and dangers inherent in motorcycling. I am voluntarily participating in the EVENT and I expressly agree to assume the entire risk of any accidents, personal injury (including death) or damage to my property, which I might sustain as a result of my participation in the EVENT, and any negligence (except willful neglect) on the part of any or all of the **"RELEASED PARTIES"**.

WAIVER OF RIGHTS UNDER STATE STATUTES

I further agree to waive all benefits flowing from any state statute which would negate or limit the scope of this release and Indemnification Agreement, including but not limited to SECTION 1542 OF THE CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE WHICH PROVIDES:

"A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO THE CLAIMS WHICH THE CREDITOR DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THIS RELEASE, WHICH IF KNOWN TO HIM MUST HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR."

By signing this Release, I certify that I have read this two page Release and fully understand it and that I am not relying on any statements or representations made by the **"RELEASED PARTIES."**

Rider and Passenger

Rider Signature _____

Date _____

Passenger Signature _____

Date _____

Print Rider Name _____

Print Passenger Name _____

Rider Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Passenger Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Guardian Signature (on behalf of a minor) _____

Date _____

Print Minor's Name _____

Announcements:

National Park Pass Required - Each National Park has an entrance fee that will total about \$24.00 with two people on your bike (\$12 each). We strongly suggest you purchase a National Park Pass ahead of time for your use while here and it is good for a full year at most National Parks! The pass is currently \$80.00 or \$10 for age 62+ for lifetime pass. You can purchase the \$80 pass on line at <http://store.usgs.gov/pass/index.html> T Not having one ahead of time means waiting in a long line while the rest of us go on in! The Senior or Disability pass can only be purchased at a park entrance or NPS office.

Credit Cards - Try to use credit cards with all your gas, snack and meal purchases. This will avoid delays at the pumps (pay at pump when possible) and prevent the cash registers from running out of small change. If you rarely use your credit card, you may want to call the company and let them know that you are traveling in this area so they won't think your card was stolen and lock it down.

Rain Rules - If it's raining, we don't roll. If we get wet on a ride, we don't care. Rain is always a rare possibility in Kanab but not at Bryce or the Grand Canyon. If you can't see the sun, have your rain gear on because we cannot stop the entire group for wardrobe changes.

T-shirts featuring this year's logo and good ol' Jake below can be purchased anytime from <http://www.cafepress.com/rkrr2010>



SAFETY GUIDELINES:

- 1. Helmets are optional for the state of Utah and Arizona (over 21). Surrounding states, Nevada does require them.** Be prepared.
- 2. Formation:** Single file (secondary roads) and Staggered (open highways) - Fill gaps by swapping tracks after hand signaling. Stay 2-3 seconds behind the rider directly in front of you. **Absolutely no side-by-side riding on the group rides!**
- 3. Point** to hazards in the road with a hand or foot so those behind you will have advance warnings.
- 4. No Slingshotting** (lagging back, then shooting forward)
- 5. Park in straight lines** behind and beside lead bike on scenic stops. This will save a lot of time and effort with stopping and starting.
- 6. Less experienced** and less aggressive riders up front behind the lead captains. However, all riders should possess the skills to ride these roads at or slightly above speed limits and be comfortable in a large group environment.
- 7. Road Captains** in front, Road Captains in rear, Road Captains in the middle. Everyone else rides between the Captains. No exceptions.
- 8. Problem bikes stop.** All others continue on. Rear Captains will provide assistance.
- 9. Personal stops** just flag the rear captains on by, then rejoin the group at the next stop if you wish.
- 10. Keep your brain working!!** Kickstands, Kill Switches, Disc Locks and Petcocks are often overlooked on group events.
- 11. Turn off Spot lights if possible.** (except Road Captains)
- 12. Ride Responsibly.** We are not here to improve or test our skills, but to enjoy the ones we already have.
- 13. Tires and Brakes:** Check yours well before coming and often during the week.
- 14. Park your bike in first gear** to prevent roll-offs, and remember that it's in gear when you crank it!

Pre-Ride Briefing Checklist

The Ride

- Start each day with a full tank of gas. There are no scheduled fuel stops for these routes.
- Ride within your ability and comfort level. If you are uncomfortable on a ride, politely excuse yourself and enjoy the rest of your day.
- Be responsible for your own ride.
- Obey all laws (Helmets, Speed limits, Stop signs, Stop lights, etc.).
- Use hand signals, Relay signals from those in front of you
- Staggered Formation (2 second spacing from bike in FRONT of you, one second from bike diagonal from you) or single file, depending on the road conditions.
- Keep group together without heroics.
- Fill gaps by changing column or by moving up, whichever you are more comfortable with.
- Pull to side-by-side at stops; left bike out first, accelerates faster.
- Go through stops 2 at a time.
- Signal all turns and lane changes with turn signal lights and hand signals.
- Make visual checks before you move.
- Yield to cars.

Emergencies

- **Problem bike stops; all others continue.**
- Only the Tailgunner Road Captain and his support riders stop to help.
- Lead Road Captain leads group to a safe location.
- Road Captains have mobile phones and first aid kits.

Cell Phone Numbers

Bill Foster 702-327-6999
Dave Alden 707-972-3592
Burt Mitchell 801-651-2244
Rick Smail 435-513-0791
Mike Colquitt (334) 313-3664

Parry Lodge - 89 East Center Street, Kanab, Utah 84741 800-748-4104

**Zion Harley Davidson - 2345 N. Coral Canyon Blvd, Washington, UT 84780
866-494-6643**

Ruby's Inn - Highway 63, Bryce Canyon, UT 84764 435-834-5341

Kane County Hospital - 355 N Main St, Kanab, UT 84741 435-644-5811