



BMMC Ride Captain Memo

To: All Ride Captains
From: Tom Clements - Ride Captain Coordinator
Date: September 19, 2008

The Board of Directors' meeting that we had this week was very productive and I think you will be pleased with the selection of rides and events that are coming in 2009: Some golden oldies as well as some new things, thanks to the suggestions that were received from the membership. I hope all of you will attend the October 8th meeting at Grayhawk - free dinner included! - at which hosts will get selected for the scheduled events. Please put a very high priority on being there!

Back in May, I included this paragraph in my memo to you:

Now for a little preaching: 2008 definitely has found our club lacking in willing Ride Hosts. With the RC red hat comes recognition that the wearer has devoted significant time and effort in becoming an experienced motorcyclist and is a leader. The red hat also confers a commensurate level of responsibility. Any reasonable chance of keeping the individual group sizes to manageable levels - no more than ten machines, counting the Lead and Sweep - can only be accomplished if enough RCs participate. By accepting the red hat you also accepted the task of being an active RC on most if not all of the club rides you choose to attend. Please, both for the remainder of this year and especially as we plan the ride schedule for 2009, be as giving as you possibly can of your time and talent both as a Ride Captain and as a Ride Host. Thank you!

Yes, the red hat does come with "a commensurate level of Responsibility." I am hoping that all Ride Captains come to the Planning Meeting eagerly willing to offer their time and energy to act as host for at least one event. There are more RCs than events, so not all of you will be selected as hosts in 2009. However, as time goes forth, enough opportunities will arise that all can share in the duties with no single person ever burdened excessively.

I suggest that we all review the pertinent information about the duties of a "Ride Captain Host" that is in the *BMMC Ride Captain Guide* prior to the October meeting.

See you there and thanks again for being a BMMC Ride Captain!