



COG 2007 National Rally

Update

Canaan Valley, WV

January 2007

WOW! Less than eight months to go and things are coming along very well. The volunteer rally committee coordinators are busy working on the big event. The staff has done a great job preparing for the event, but additional help will be needed on-site. Please contact any rally committee coordinator if you can spare a few hours to help. There are still some rally committee coordinator positions that have not been filled for possible rally activities including, Saturday Poker Run, Flea Market, Golf Outing. Also needed are coordinators for Signs & Banners and Road Crew. The most up to date list of the rally committee members is posted on the rally web site. We will provide updates to the Area Directors for use in the area newsletters, as well as continue to post periodic updates to the rally web pages. Book those rooms – mail in your registration forms and merchandise orders. Regards from the rallymeister...

Jason Kaplitz, COG #62, Rallymeister 814-535-8669 or gsjay62@verizon.net
Steven Smith, COG #3184, Northeast Area Director 203-720-7575 or nead@concoeurs.org
Rally Web Page: www.concoeurs.org/2007

Hot off the press – Kawasaki/ROK attending the rally:

This is the first time ever that Kawasaki will bring demo rides to a COG National rally. They recently confirmed that they will attend our rally Wednesday & Thursday and will be bring along the demo truck with the all-new Concoeurs 14. New info will be posted to the web pages as it comes in.

Lodging:

As of January 31, 109 rooms are booked. Just over 1/2 our room block.

Don't wait until the last minute to make a reservation or you may be left without lodging. 1-800-622-4121 Canaan Valley Resort & Conference Center. Mention you're with "Concoeurs Owners Group" the period of August 4 through 12, 2007 and get incredibly discounted rates. *June 30, 2007 is the official group cut off date for booking rooms at these rates and the block will be released to the general public.*

Standard rooms: Reserved now to 02/28/07 - \$60.00/night
Reserved between 02/28/07 - 04/30/07 - \$64.00/night
Reserved between 05/01/07 - 06/30/07 - \$72.00/night

Premium rooms: King - \$100.00/night
Efficiency - \$160.00/night

Cabins & Cottages are also available – inquire with Canaan Valley Resort.

Camping:

As of January 31 - 10 Sites are Paid in Full as "Site Hosts", with 2 others pending, out of the 34 sites available. On those sites another 12 applications have been assigned as 'Guests to Share' sites.

COG has secured exclusive use of the campground by paying to reserve all the sites for the duration of the rally and offering these sites to members at discounted rates. COG's exclusive use of the campground is limited to Tuesday through Saturday nights (depart

Sunday by 12:00pm). If you wish to camp outside of these dates you must reserve the extra days through the resort campground directly. You can get this information by calling them at 800-622-4121 or from the Canaan Valley Resort web site: www.canaanresort.com

We understand that there will be campers that will want to share campsites with friends, and RVs and trailers that will require sites for themselves. Those who prepay as Site Hosts will be given 'first come, first serve' priority. Those wanting to share will be grouped as requested or assigned to sites based on space availability. Your early response and willingness to host a site will ensure we are successful in providing a cost effective solution for those who wish to camp at this rally.

The state park requires that each camper complete a camping application, even if sharing a site. Campers must make campsite reservations through the COG rally camping coordinator. I will send out the camping forms by request or you can download them from the rally web site – go to the LODGING section to find the link.

J.R. Healy, camping coordinator, 716-725-9577 or dafonman52@yahoo.com

Pre-Registration:

At last count, there were 46 registered, with a more to add. The pre-registration started off slowly, but is gaining momentum. Listen to Jason - book those rooms and send in your forms! One thing I'd like to ask is if you can please send in the registration and merchandise order forms on separate sheets of paper. I need hard copies for both, and the shirt order forms will be sent off to the vendor. This just saves me from scanning and printing it out while I'm entering you all in.

When I input your information, I send out an email confirming that you are registered, assuming I have an email address. If I only have a mailing address, I'll try and get a postcard out to you to let you know. This will be tougher as we get close to the rally. If you don't provide an email address, and would prefer a phone call, note that on your form (along with best time to call). Send them forms in! Address and contact info is below. Have a great trip out there, and we'll all meet up in Canaan!

Michael Flynn, pre-registration coordinator

PO Box 58

Mamaroneck, NY 10543-0058

914-263-5440 or keltwolf@optonline.net

On-Site Registration:

The on-site registration committee could use some volunteers with registration. If you would be willing to volunteer a little of your time to make this rally successful, please contact me. Here are the hours at this time that I plan on having registration open.

- Monday 7 pm to 10 pm
- Tuesday 8 am to 10 am and 5 pm to 7 pm
- Wednesday 7:30 am to 8:30 am
- Thursday 8 am to 9 am

Russell W. Fleming, on-site registration coordinator, 410-374-9687 or fleming@qis.net

Movie Nights At Canaan:

The 2007 National will again have Motorcycle Movie Nights. Each night we will screen 2 motorcycle themed movies, or maybe several shorter educational and/or stunting type videos. I am told that the Lodge has a large screen TV for us to use. We will have a wide variety of movies. The usual suspects, Easy Rider and On Any Sunday, to some newer movies like Dust To Glory, and Long Way Around. I also have a variety of stunting videos. If you have movies of your own and would like to bring them, contact me to see if we already have it. Movies will run 9p-12a most nights. Saturday night will end earlier though (no later than 11p). Join the other motorheads, bring some popcorn, and enjoy the show! **Michael Flynn, movie night coordinator, 914-263-5440 or keltwolf@optonline.net**

Paintball Tournament:

In September my wife and I attended a weekend scouting mission at Canaan Valley Resort. It's a first class resort and their staff treated all of us like kings and queens. We toured the facilities and were very happy with everything they have to offer. I looked into the paintball facilities with special interest and met with their staff to organize a paintball tournament for the rally, a COG first as far as I know. I checked around and the pricing for this event is very reasonable and I foresee a lot of participation from our group. As an example the field fee with Equipment Rental (500 rounds of paint, marker, goggles, mask) will cost \$38.00. The resort hosted another bike club rally last year and the paintball activities were a huge draw and one of their most attended events. I'm sure we can do better. Feel free to contact me with any ideas or suggestions for the tournament format status do we want to play areas against areas, states, bike years or makes pickup games with names in a hat or put together your own team? Because of it being a state park, playing in the woods is not allowed. You can use your own equipment, but you must purchase the paintballs from the resort. No automatic markers and they will be chrono'd for safety sake. It's our rally so let me know.

**Joe Cyprych, paintball coordinator
724-796-1401 or cvprych@hky.com**

Scenic Train Rides of West Virginia

West Virginia offers Train enthusiasts several opportunities to explore their railway fantasies:

- The New Tygart Flyer (www.mountainrail.com)
- Cheat Mountain Salamander (www.mountainrail.com)
- Durbin Rocket (www.mountainrail.com)
- Potomac Eagle (www.potomaceagle.info)
- Cass Scenic Railroad (www.cassrailroad.com)

Scenic rail tours range from a couple of hours to a whole day on the train. As part of the 2007 COG National Rally there will be many chances for either individual rail excursions, or possibly a COG group event. The two most promising potential events involve the New Tygart Flyer and the Cass Scenic Railroad, but at this time the New Tygart Flyer has not established its 2007 schedule. The Cass Scenic Railroad will be offering 4.5 hour trips to Bald Knob or the logging town of Spruce each day of the COG National. If you are interested in a group event please me by June 1, 2007. Groups of 25 or more qualify for discounts. You may explore the wonders of West Virginia's excursion railways by checking out the web addresses provided.

Tim Pruitt , railroad attractions coordinator, 865-692-1401 or tdpruitt@aol.com

Stayin' Safe Motorcycle Training

Once again, COG has made arrangements with Stayin' Safe Motorcycle Training to conduct mini-sessions of their popular Neo-Alpine Training Tours during a National Rally. These were very popular during the 2000 National in Natural Bridge and every available slot sold out very quickly, and I anticipate them being just as popular at "COG in Canaan" this year.

Conducted in real world, over-the-road, riding conditions, students will take turns leading and following, as they receive "real-time" instruction via an in-helmet communication system, enabling them to apply new visual strategies and to sharpen cornering and braking skills en-route. Another unique feature is the use of video taping, which provides opportunities to later review situations and technique, and to reinforce those critical "visual strategies."

Morning and afternoon sessions will be held on August 10 (Friday) and 11 (Saturday), with each session lasting approx. 4 hours and covering a distance of 75-90 miles. The maximum number of participants per session will be three (3). The cost is \$195/person.

Friday Sessions - one in morning; one in the afternoon

Total slots: 6

Morning: 8:00 a.m. - Noon

Afternoon: 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Instructor: Randy Kuklis

Saturday Sessions - two simultaneous sessions, morning and afternoon

Total slots: 12

Morning: 8:00a.m.- Noon

Afternoon: 2 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Instructors: Randy Kuklis and Eric Trow

Information on your instructors, Randy Kuklis and Eric Trow, can be found at:
www.stayinsafe.com/instwva-ohio.shtml

Reservations will be taken on a first-come basis, filling the Friday morning slots first, followed by the Friday afternoon, Saturday morning, and finally Saturday afternoon. Once these 18 slots are filled, a reserve list will be started.

Reservations will be taken via:

email: gbyoung2@mindspring.com

Please put Stayin' Safe Session in the subject line

or

by phone: 804.241.2678

If you reach my voice mail, please reference Stayin' Safe, and leave your name and a number where you can be reached. The phone's date/time stamp will be used for determining slot assignments.

Payment in full must be received NLT May 1, 2007 to hold your position. Should payment not be received by that time, you will be dropped from the roster and the remaining position holders will be bumped up to form an open slot at the end of the main

list. The top name on the reserve list will be moved into that slot. In order to provide a commitment to Stayin' Safe, all payments are final, and non-refundable.

Checks and MO should be made out to COG, with the note Stayin' Safe in the memo line.

Please send your check/MO to:

Guy B. Young II
5919 Fieldstone Road
Richmond, VA 23234-4015
ATT: SSS

Golf Outing

The National at West Virginia will now have a Golf Invitational. COGgers and friends are welcomed to join in for this full day of fun. Canaan Valley Resort has their own golf course. It looks beautiful and challenging. You can read about it by going to their web site which is linked on the COG home page.

For duffers and golfers alike, we want you to know that our Golf Outing for the National event in West Virginia will take place on Thursday, August 9. Tee time is 8:30 and later, depending on how many people sign up.

Cost for 18 holes/cart is around \$53. This includes a discount for our group. Also, club rentals are available for \$18. And for you lefties yep, they gottem.

Now is the time to make a commitment as the course is filling up with other events or vacationing golfers. Don't delay in indicating your interest. Please do so the first chance you get. Inquiries, or reservations, can be made by contacting Bob Calin, at calinphotography@aol.com. Or, call 570 562-1330

A Crash Course for the Motorcyclist Registration Form

Held at the Canaan Valley Resort

Instructors: Fred and Jeri Thomas of Accident Scene Management Inc.

Don't miss this opportunity to take a class that may save a life! Accident Scene Management, Inc. is a non-profit organization that teaches motorcyclists (or any motorist) what to do at the scene of an accident until help arrives. This intense, one-day course will teach you: P.A.C.T. – **P**revent further injury, **A**ssess the situation, **C**ontact the EMS, and **T**reat the injured with life sustaining care using the ABCSS of trauma.

Accident Scene Management, Inc. believes that the most likely person to be at the scene of a motorcycle crash is another motorcyclist. Our goals are to reduce severity of injury & fatalities at the scene of a crash through proper actions and reactions. We also expect to make the motorcyclist more aware of how they can protect themselves legally and financially.

This Bystander Assistance Program (BAP) is a one-day community education program directed toward motorcycle riders and passers-by. The concept of the program is directed specifically toward the assessment and treatment of the injured rider as well as how to safely administer care. This course will provide the participant with a heightened awareness of: *Safety Factors, Securing the Crash Scene, Mechanisms of Injury, Effectively Accessing the EMS, Assessment and Treatment Techniques, Common Injuries*

Associated with the Injured Rider, Preservation of the Crash Scene from a Legal Standpoint, Protecting yourself legally & financially.

The goals of the Bystander Assistance Program are to enhance the survival rate and reduce severity of injuries for the injured riders of all open recreational vehicles. We expect to decrease the chance of rescuer injury due to inappropriate actions at a crash scene. We also expect to educate the motorcyclists how to protect themselves legally and financially should a crash occur.

Instructional materials will be provided to participants along with a framable certificate of completion or completion card and a 100% embroidered patch.

Both course instructors are ASMI certified and registered nurses.

For more information about ASMI, visit their website at: www.accidentscene.net

The course is being offered Friday, August 11th, beginning promptly at 2:00 pm and ending at 9:30 pm at the Canaan Valley Resort.

A minimum of 30 paid registration forms must be received by March 1st, 2007 for the class to be scheduled.

Have additional questions? Contact the coordinator:

**Greg Habel (COG# 7010) (508) 473-3357 or habel65@verizon.net
www.concours.org/2007/CrashCourse.htm for the most up to date info.**

Send Check for US \$44 payable to: Greg Habel

Registration form and payment must be received no later than July 15, 2007.

Mail to:

A Crash Course for the Motorcyclist

C/O Greg Habel

80 Jones Road

Hopedale, MA 01747

(Please cut out the form below and send payment to the course coordinator.)

Name _____

(First) (Middle initial) (Last)

Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____

ZIP _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Work or Cell (____) _____

Email Address _____

Class commitment: I will attend the 2007 "A Crash Course for the Motorcyclist" course at the Canaan Valley Resort, in Canaan Valley, WV. I understand that class size is limited to maximum 50 students, a minimum of 30 students, and will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis and that, therefore, there may not be enough available spaces for me to take the course. If assigned to the course, I will make every reasonable effort to attend, and to finish the course. The registration fee will be refunded if you cannot be scheduled for the course, or if the course is cancelled.

Signature of

Participant _____ Date _____