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ON THE AVENUE



KNOB MOUNTAIN NORTH CAROLINA MOTORCYCLE CHAPTER

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Knobbies - Who Are We?

The Knobbies are a group of touring motorcycle enthusiasts with about 200 international members. **We meet every Sunday, rain or shine**, for a day ride to an *unknown destination* for lunch, then ride a different route home. Most rides consist of about 200 to 300 miles and are usually confined to back roads. Some of the popular destinations include state parks, Blue Ridge Parkway and various locations in Virginia, Tennessee and South Carolina. Started and based as a BMW motorcycle organization, the Knobbies are supported by the BMW Riders Association and the BMW Motorcycle Organization of America.

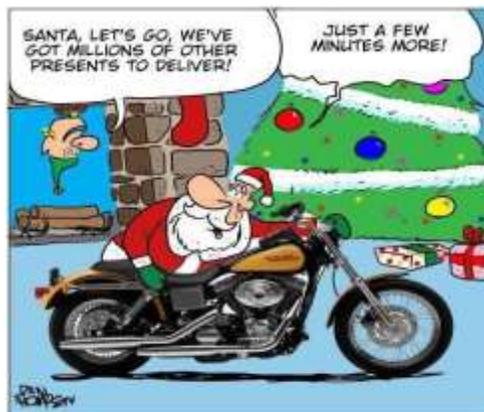


**You do *not* have to ride a BMW to be a member of the Knobbies.
We accept *all* types of motorcycles,
but we prefer responsible riders who enjoy the touring aspect of motorcycling.**



Sunday Rides

The Knobbies meet around 8:00 AM at [Timberwoods Restaurant](#) (I-40 Exit 106, Morganton, NC) for breakfast and a day ride. Group leaves between 9 – 9:30 AM. Even if you can't ride, join us for breakfast and fellowship! First Sunday of every month is "Picnic Sunday."



From the President

Hi Knobbies!

Here we are getting close to the end of the year, and what a year it has been. Let's start off by mentioning that, for those who don't know, PO Wilson has moved to Augusta. Hopefully it is not permanent, but he has gone down there for rehab. He is getting some motion back in the extremities, but it is a long hard road to recover. Here's to PO, and wishing him the best in his recovery!!! We miss you PO, and are ready for you to come home.

The rally was back in September, and it was great. Lots of good riding and lots of new faces were in the crowd, and it was nice seeing the ones that have continually come back every year. Thank you to everyone that helped out. It takes so much time and effort to put in, but in the end, the attendees end up having a good time, we get to meet new people, and we get to show off our awesome little gold mine of roads. Thank you to Mike Harrell for another great show that kept everyone entertained, Timberwoods Restaurant for keeping everyone fed as well, and the massage therapist for relaxing some of the sore muscles out there. Though we had some cancellations in the events planned, there are others that are interested, so maybe there may be more to offer for the future.

Next up is the Christmas Party. It will be December 3rd at the Morganton Elks Lodge (where we have been having it). It will be from 12 until, and the cost is \$13.50 per person, tip included. Remember, this is a Dirty Santa party, so if you want to play, be sure to bring a gift to put under the tree!

Fall is here and winter is coming. As always, get those bikes ready for the cold.

See you all at the Christmas Party!

Seth

Geno's Corner

I know this goes totally against a motorcyclist's best wish, but it's raining cats and dogs today. Which is good for me since my office was an absolute and total wreck! Then I realize we've got a News Letter due.

The News Letter is probably going to have a lot of information and again, I really want to thank Marla McRary for taking on a tough job, the Editor of our newsletters. You guys have to put up with someone like me trying to write decent articles. Let me tell you, if you want to know how Not to write a good or decent article, just call me and I'll fill you in. No problem.

Seriously, I haven't been able to ride for over two months and it really bugs me. I miss riding on a day when I'm itching to get outside and too lazy and too hurt to load up the boat and go fishing or something. Nope, just want to get outside. Luckily returning to my article here, the sun is out and I've been outside!

The last few weeks have been outstanding weather. Time to watch out for falling leaves and our many visitors we call Leaf Peepers or some like Leaf Lookers. Whichever, due care is noted when riding curves this time of year. I remember all the years I've been riding, slipping and sliding around a curve due to unexpected and wet leaf falls. It will for sure, get your attention.

I've got to tell another small story here. Years back at the BMWMOA rally out in Oregon, I met a couple from Australia along with Mike McSwain, Tim and Chris Lloyd. My RT had blown a spark plug wire and when we found one, it's a Police Special Spark plug wire. So, on special order and I was out of riding business for basically the whole rally. While I was waiting, I had a lot of time just talking to Peter and his wife Andy. I bet it was at least 6-8 months, maybe later, I decided to email Pete. Since then we've kind of become email buds and to say that I've enjoyed swapping tales with Pete would be an understatement. We've swapped, now get this, everything from Motorcycles to Politics. Now you know why I've enjoyed his emails. Pete by the way is a big ADV rider. You should have seen the Go-Pro video he sent of him and bud riding up to Alice Springs. Like Pete said, the Alice is long way from anything. I swear to you it looked like they were on Mars, nothing but red. If you don't know, I think Australia is a ton of desert and supposedly the flattest continent on earth. Oh, and it's full of really strange animals. Pete's forwarded tons of those videos and articles.

Pete has always wanted to know why he doesn't see more "Yanks" overseas or even in Australia. I've told Pete and somebody can inform me if I'm wrong or even if you have a differing opinion. I know in Europe, don't even think about doing business during August. It seems the whole continent goes on Vacation. I know during my travels, I've

met a lot of Europeans and Australians on long vacations. My trip to Alaska, I met a German couple taking a year off, going from New York, to Alaska, then down the left coast all the way to the tip of South America. Both riding F800 ADV's. I've semi kept up with them. Also met a young Canadian who sold his house, quit his job and he's off around the world!

I've told Pete, we just don't get vacation time like the rest of the world, which is a true shame, especially now that I'm semi-retired. It seems even in Australia, you can take off for months and then come back to the same job. I know Peter and his wife are taking off, flying to Greece this spring and then around the whole area for months. I'm jealous. It's the old saying, now you have the time and not much money. Before, had a little money and no time. I bet this sounds familiar to a lot of people.

What I've seen by emailing Pete is how much of the world or at least in European heritage countries, is how much we are alike. The cost of motorcycles is very similar. We both complain bitterly about how much it costs to maintain new motorcycles and so on. Pete even complains about his own government. But, it truly seems our politics are much more divided.

You know, I've got to email Pete again now that I'm thinking about this, do Toilets flush backwards from ours down under? Hmmm, just happened to think about that.

I want to wish PO a speedy recovery. I know he's had a time of it and I hope to make a trip down. God's Speed, PO!! Also, Larry's knee replacement seemed to go well. We'll have to start calling him The Bionic Leg Man.

Ending up, I want to thank everyone who helped during our Rally. I was concerned we wouldn't be able to pull this year's Rally off, but off it went!

Again, many, many thanks to all who helped out. I always dread starting the Rally and then have a good time while at the Rally. By the way, I think we have a few shirts left over, so if anybody wants one, let me know.

Geno

The 8th Annual RBR RALLY!

Was a wonderful success! Heartfelt thanks to all who put in the time and effort to make this a great rally.



A picture is worth 1000 words. Enough said...Right??

A complete accounting on the results of the rally will be given at our Annual Meeting, January 7th, 2018 at the Timberwoods Restaurant, Morganton, NC – 8 AM.

Calendar of Events

The Knob Mountain Motorcycle Chapter's annual
CHRISTMAS PARTY

will be held on

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD, 2017

at the

[Elk's Lodge #1852, 500 Golf Course Road, Morganton, NC 28655](#)

The cost will be \$13.50 per person, tip included, and must be paid in advance.

If you plan to join us, please be sure to complete and return your attendance form with your payment no later than November 25th, 2017.

(Attendance form can be found at the end of this newsletter.)

IF YOU'D LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DIRTY SANTA GIFT EXCHANGE BE SURE TO BRING A GIFT WITH YOU TO PUT UNDER THE TREE!

It's THAT time again!

As you know, joining the Knob Mountain Motorcycle Chapter requires a ONCE IN A LIFETIME membership fee. But to *STAY* a Knobby, we ask you to complete a renewal form once each year and turn it in to any Board member during the Christmas Party. This helps us keep our roster and member information up to date.

If you will not be attending the party, please e-mail or snail mail the form to us no later than January 6th, 2018. Please note that we will be updating our e-mail and snail mail lists. If we do not receive a renewal form, you may get removed from the mailing list. The form may be found at the end of this newsletter.

KNOBBIES ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

January 7th, 2018 at 8:00 AM at the [Timberwoods Restaurant, 1301 Bethel Road, Morganton, NC 28655.](#)

There will be a pay-as-you-go buffet. We look forward to seeing you there!

Reminder

The Knobbies have long supported the [South Mountain Children and Family Services](#). If you'd like another way to support them, you can through the [Amazon Smile program](#). AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, **at no cost to you**. When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](#), you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. You can choose from nearly one million organizations to support. You use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same.

Article of interest

The Wind Chill Myth

22. December 2015 [Aaron Cortez](#)

You hear about wind chill all the time once temperatures start to drop. It's one of those things people love to throw out when discussing the weather: "Did you hear? Its 10 degrees out, but with the wind chill its 15 below zero!" It's become so commonplace, many people disregard the actual temperature and go straight for the wind-chilled "effective" temperature - because it just sounds so much more interesting.

As a rider, wind chill is something you're even more keenly aware of. We've all been chilled to the bone on a ride when it's only moderately cold out, because of the blast of "wind" created by rushing through air on a bike at high speed. What would be slightly chilly standing still suddenly feels like a polar vortex when riding down the highway.

I know riding a motorcycle at speed magnifies the cold, because I've felt it. But when I set out to understand wind chill as a scientific model, I was surprised to find out that it's actually not very scientific at all. It turns out that "wind chill" is really a very hazy concept, rooted in some very inconsistent assumptions, and it's probably one of the most subjective and misused measurements in all of weather science.

Why Does Wind Make You Cold?

Wind doesn't actually reduce temperature at all - all things being equal, it is impossible for wind to reduce the temperature of something below the ambient temperature.* Any non-living object can only be chilled to the ambient temperature, and not below it. The temperature isn't actually causing the temperature to drop; it only feels like it is *to humans*, because of the body's physical response to cold. By constantly blowing away the heat the body generates, convection (the transfer of heat by flowing air) creates the *sensation* of being colder than it actually is.

I said "all things being equal" because this doesn't account for the effect of moisture and evaporation. If something is wet, and wind is passing over it, the evaporative effect can drop the **actual temperature of the object. When you get out of a pool on a hot day, and a breeze hits you and makes you feel cold, this is technically not "wind chill," but rather, the chilling effect of evaporation.*

How is Wind Chill Calculated?

Because wind chill tries to measure the *perception* of cold, and not the actual temperature, it is necessarily an inexact science (and one might say, not actually science at all, since it is not consistent or reproducible.) Different people in varying conditions will feel different at varying levels of cold. Wind chill is in fact only an approximation of a feeling - and a very rough one at that.

The problem is that, unlike temperature - which is a uniform and exact measurement - there is no universally accepted standard for the effects of wind chill. Different countries actually use different formulas to estimate wind chill, and they have changed significantly over time (In Europe, "wind chill" isn't even a commonly used term - check out this headline from last year in BBC News entitled "[Who, What, Why: What Is Wind Chill Factor?](#)") The current standard for measuring wind chill was developed only recently, in 2001, and it's based upon the estimated effect of wind on a bare human face walking into the wind at 3mph.

In addition, because wind chill is calculated as the feeling of cold wind upon bare skin, the degree of wind chill estimated by the formula would only apply if you were completely unprotected by windshields or fairings, and if you weren't wearing any clothes. Hopefully you don't ride like that (but if you do, we don't want to know!)

So ultimately, wind chill is only an attempt by science to describe the sensation of cold on the skin as it is affected by wind. It's not an actual unit of measurement, and it varies from person to person depending on their tolerance to cold, what they are wearing, and even the level of moisture in the air.

Does That Mean Wind Chill Doesn't Exist?

Heck no! Anyone who's ridden a motorcycle in the cold can tell you that zooming through the air makes it feel a lot colder than it is. But that's just the thing - it's all about feel, and everyone feels cold differently (personally, I'm a pretty big wimp when it comes to the cold.)

My point is not that it doesn't exist. Only that it's far from exact, and based on the way it's measured, is usually grossly exaggerated. Wind-chill reports tend to exaggerate the actual rate at which you feel cold, and those reports

often end up being discounted by most people who have experience in cold weather because it does not tend to agree with personal experience.

How to Fight Off Wind Chill on a Motorcycle

Since riding a motorcycle doesn't usually involve much physical activity, your body isn't doing much to generate its own heat. This means you have to do all you can to insulate the heat you do have, to prevent it from being whisked away by rushing air. If you protect yourself from the cold adequately with windproof warming layers and even heated gear, you can take huge steps toward making wind chill become almost not a factor at all.

Fighting wind chill comes down to two components: insulation layers to slow the rate at which body heat is lost, and wind proofing to prevent rushing air from stealing that heat away.

Layering is critical to all cold-weather activities, including motorcycle riding. Good bottom layers are things like a snug fitting poly fleece or wool, followed by down or synthetic down insulating layers. Heated gear is also highly recommended for motorcycling since you have a power source - your bike - available to you.

Wind proofing is where you seal the heat in to keep it from being stolen away by the rushing air. The most important part of wind proofing is seamlessness - all the money you spend on high end windproof gear doesn't mean squat if you have weak points where all the heat is escaping. At motorcycle riding speeds, that small gap between your gloves and jacket cuffs or between your collar and helmet suddenly become gaping holes in your cold defenses. And you won't just have a cold neck or wrists either; because blood is being pumped throughout your circulation system constantly, those small cold areas literally spread cold throughout your entire body!

On a motorcycle, it's critical to be able to seal up those leaks with Velcro, drawstrings, and even versatile items like a scarf or balaclava. And don't forget the single biggest wind protection item you can use, and you don't even have to wear it - a windshield!

To help you calculate the degree of protection you'll need on a ride, we created this wind chill chart for motorcycle riders, with wind chill factor expressed at common cruising speeds.

BikeBandit.com's Motorcycle Rider's Wind Chill Chart								
	Outside Temperature (in degrees Fahrenheit)							
	0°	10°	20°	30°	40°	50°	60°	70°
35 MPH	-27	-14	0	14	28	41	55	69
45 MPH	-30	-16	-2	12	26	40	54	69
55 MPH	-32	-18	-3	11	25	40	54	68
65 MPH	-34	-19	-5	10	24	39	53	68
75 MPH	-36	-21	-6	9	23	39	53	68

<http://www.bikebandit.com/blog/post/the-wind-chill-myth>

Knobbies on Facebook

There is a group page on Facebook where Knobbies can post messages and photos. To access it, create an account, log in and search for "[NC Knobbies](#)". All content on the group page is public and open for all members' activity.



ARE YOU READY FOR THIS??



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Knobbies Annual Christmas Party

Reservation Form

Name _____

Number of Attendees _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

December 3, 2017
12 PM - Until

Return by NOV 25, 2017

Please Mail Payment to:

Morganton Elks Lodge
500 Golf Course Rd
Morganton, NC

Knob Mountain Motorcycle Chapter
C/O Sharon Wilson
3474 Icard Dairy Barn Rd
Connelly Springs, NC 28612

Price is \$13.50 per person (tip included)



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