

21st ANNUAL UTAH 1088

Twenty years ago, through the smoke and memories of a couple of great rallies that preceded it, the UTAH 1088 was formed. We adopted a very simple premise back then. First, offer a fun event with minimal restrictions. Second, give riders the opportunity to ride through some of the most beautiful country in the United States. But most importantly, we wanted to encourage camaraderie within a competitive environment. For the past 20 years, that is exactly what we have done.

For 20 straight years, a fall tradition has been the opening of registration for the annual UTAH 1088 rally, and fortunately, this fall is following that tradition once again. MERA is proud to announce the 21st running of the UTAH 1088. And while we are honoring our tradition by once again opening registration on September 15, 2011, we will also be introducing some new innovations that we think will revolutionize how the rallies are scored for the riders, and viewed by the public.

First off, for our 21st anniversary we will once again be offering three different rallies for your riding pleasure. There will be a three day rally. . .our regular 24 hour rally. . .and a 12 hour rally for those folks that just don't want to do the longer events, or aren't sure they're going to enjoy a rally at all and want to try it out. The three day rally will start on Thursday June 21, 2012, with check in on the afternoon of Wednesday June 20, 2012. The 24 hour rally will start Saturday June 23, 2012 with check in on Friday June 22, 2012. The 12 hour rally will also start Saturday June 23, 2012, and check in will be on Friday June 22, 2012.

Registration will officially open September 15, 2011, and will remain open until the field of 75 riders for each event is full. At that time, we will start a stand-by list for riders that are waiting to enter the rally. This list will be called if and when riders who are already entered in the rally are forced to withdraw for one reason or another.

The UTAH 1088 has grown into a week long event. A pre-rally BBQ for the THREE DAY RALLY will be held on Tuesday June 19, 2012. . .check in and inspection will be June 20, 2012. . .and the THREE DAY RALLY will start Thursday June 21, 2012. The pre-rally BBQ for the 12 & 24 HOUR events will be on Thursday June 21, 2012. . .check in for these two events will be on Friday June 22, 2012. . .and the 12 & 24 hour rallies will start Saturday morning June 23, 2012.

In our long and storied history we have developed the reputation of being one of the premier rallies in the country. Our 2012 editions of the 1088 will certainly be no different, and will test veteran and novice rider alike. And we will do our utmost to offer you a rally experience that you will never forget.

Entry fees for 2012 will be \$350.00 for the three day rally. . . \$250.00 for the 24 hour rally. . . and \$150.00 for the 12 hour rally. Couples will add \$50.00 to the above listed fees. Your entry fee will get you a great shirt and plenty of rally swag, the pre rally BBQ, a great post rally banquet, and a chance at a few other goodies. MERA members should take the customary 10% discount.

MERA continue to offer a mentoring program for the novice riders entering their first 1088. If you as a veteran, entice a friend, family member, or even a former in-law to enter any of the three events, and at the time of your initial sign up you let us know that this person will be entering the 1088, we will give you a \$25.00 credit off that entry for you to mentor this person and help them prepare for their first rally experience. To simplify the entry process for the two of you, all you'll have to do is include their name with your entry, and then pay their reduced entry fee.

MERA mileage certificates will be given to each rider that completes their respective rally.

All riders in each of the events will be strongly encouraged to use Spot units for your safety and the rally master's peace of mind. For those of you that are new to MERA events, when we say strongly encouraged we mean we will be offering big points for you to do so.

The 2012 rallies will offer mileages of 3,000 plus for the three day event. . . 1,100 plus for the 24 hour rally. . . and 500 miles for the 12 hour event.

We will of course allow riders to use digital camera, but riders can still use Polaroid cameras if they prefer for bonus verification. GPS units, and auxiliary fuel cells are allowed, but not required. For 2012, we will be introducing a new and exciting scoring system that will allow you to score the event as you ride it. Additional information will be forwarded to you in the rider pack that will be emailed out to you the end of January 2012.

Finisher's awards will be given to all riders that finish the rallies in the allotted time, and travel at least the minimum main route distances. Position plaques will be awarded to the top 3 finishers in the single rider class, and the top 3 in the couple's class in each rally.

Rider packs will be mailed out on or before February 1, 2012, and will contain the complete schedule of the rally, a brief overview of the rally, complete rules, and all hotel information. Rally headquarters will once again be the Holiday Inn Airport West in Salt Lake City, Utah. These folks have taken excellent care of the

riders over the years, and I think they look forward to the rallies as much as we do.

The refund deadline is March 1, 2012, and all refunds will be charged a \$50.00 handling/aggravation fee.

New in 2012, is the MERA Championship. Riders will be awarded points for entering the Cal 24 Rally, any of the three UTAH 1088's, and the 10n10 which will be held the end of August 2012. In addition to earning points for entering these rallies, riders will also earn points for finishing positions in the events. The rider that earns the most points for 2012 will be awarded the MERA Championship trophy.

The UTAH 1088 has always been an event for both veterans rally riders, and novice's alike. It doesn't matter what you ride. . .where you ride. . .or how long you've been riding. For 2012 we're just expanding the rally envelope to encompass more riders. If you've been thinking about riding an endurance event, then the UTAH 1088 is the event you want to enter. The 1088 will challenge you from the starting line to the finish line. But it will also offer you one of the most memorable and rewarding experiences that you've ever had on a motorcycle. We give you the opportunity to ride some of the best roads and experience some of the most beautiful scenery this country has to offer. And the camaraderie that you will experience at this event is like nothing you will experience in any other rally. So if you go home without having fun, well, it's your own fault.

We have quite a history here at the 1088, for it is truly like no other event in the country. And we hope that you'll decide to join us in our 21st year and write your own chapter in that history.

If you have any questions, I can be reached most any time at 801-631-3810, or by email at stevechalmers@comcast.net.

We hope to see you next June, and until then. . .Ride Safe. . .Ride Often. . .and like it says on our sticker. . .No BS, Just Ride!

2012 UTAH 1088
REGISTRATION FORM

NAME_____

ADDRESS_____

CITY_____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

TELEPHONE DAYS_____

EVENINGS _____

Email
ADDRESS_____

AGE_____ SHIRT SIZE _____

M.E.R.A MEMBER YES_____ NO_____

BRAND OF
MOTORCYCLE_____

RALLY EXPERIENCE

SIGNATURE_____

By signing this non-transferable entry, you acknowledge that you possess the skill to ride a motorcycle endurance event for a period of at least 24 hours.

12 HOUR RALLY_____ 24 HOUR RALLY_____ 3 DAY RALLY_____

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