

The 1088 Farewell Rally

When I started the UTAH 1088 twenty-one years ago, all I hoped to be able to accomplish was to get through that one rally. I had no idea that the 1088 would become one of the best-known events in the country. All I wanted to do was stage an event where riders could have some fun, and meet other riders that shared the same desire to ride distances under the clock.

I set out to offer an event that had minimal restrictions, and opened up a world that many riders had only read about in motorcycle magazines. I wanted to stage a rally that encouraged camaraderie, fun, and yet was also competitive. And for the past 21 years, you have shown me that that idea was not only possible, the community also openly embraced it. The UTAH 1088 has introduced this sport that many of us so fervently embrace, to literally thousands of riders.

And while the 1088 will stage it's final event in June 2013, I want to be very clear that MERA will continue to stage events. The 10n10 will return in 2014. .RWYB will probably make a return visit. .and there will be new events for you to choose from.

For our 22nd anniversary we will once again be offering three different rallies for your 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 27, 2013, with check in on the afternoon of Wednesday June 26, 2013. The 24 hour rally will start Saturday June 29, 2013 with check in on Friday June 28, 2013. The 12 hour rally will also start Saturday June 29, 2013, and check in will be on Friday June 28, 2013.

Registration will officially open September 17, 2012, 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. I honestly believe this event will fill quicker than usual, so I wouldn't wait to enter if you really want to play.

The UTAH 1088 has grown into a weeklong event, and we encourage everyone to participate in all the festivities. A pre-rally BBQ for the THREE DAY RALLY will be held on Tuesday June 25, 2013. . .the pre-rally BBQ for the 12 & 24 HOUR events will be on Thursday June 27, 2013. Rider meetings for the respective events will be held the evening prior to starting the rally.

Entry fees for 2013 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 off the entry fee.

MERA continues to follow our original ideal of introducing riders to this sport by offering 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.

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 2013 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. Because much of this event will be of a nostalgic nature, many of the bonus questions will be as they were 22 years ago. For you new riders, this will afford you a unique look at just how far our sport has traveled in 22 years.

Finisher's certificates 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 each of the rallies in both single rider and couple category.

Rider packs will be mailed out on or before February 1, 2013, 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. Although our recent fireworks show at the conclusion of the 10n10 did put a bit of a strain on things.

The refund deadline is March 1, 2013, and all refunds will be charged a \$75.00 handling/aggravation fee.

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 our Farewell rally we're just expanding the rally envelope to encompass more riders and more fun bonus locations. 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 damn 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 for our Farewell rally 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!

2013 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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