

YOUR PERSONAL INVITATION TO THE 2008 BONZAI ROAD RALLY

The Bonzai Road Rally returns to Richland Center, Wisconsin for 2008. What you need to know right now:

- What: Bonzai Road Rally, 2008 version – a 13 hour road rally
When: May 24 - May 25, 2008
Where: Richland Center, WI. The Richland Community Building will serve as the center of operations for the rally.
Who: The first daring 65 riders to enter, will be guaranteed a spot. Due to limitations and limited number of volunteers, I only feel comfortable with that size rally. Last year we were full sometime in April I believe. If you have considered riding a road rally, but just haven't pulled the trigger on one yet, the Bonzai is a good place to start. You can expect to find many first time riders, a hand full of Iron Butt Rally veterans, and most in between experience wise. If the past is any indication, we'll see riders from ND, SD, IA, MN, IL, MI, KY, IN, and occasionally someone from Great Britain.
Why: We've all got our own reasons to participate. I guess what brings most people back is having fun, and hanging out a few days with the people that make up some of the long distance riding community. There will be no shortage of really excellent people to enjoy the weekend with. The southwest corner of Wisconsin has some excellent motorcycling roads with relatively little traffic. Expect to find yourself very busy during the hours of the rally, and having some time to relax outside of those hours.

You can expect a rally shirt, stickers or other trinkets, two evening meals, a light breakfast, a serious challenge, and a lot of fun for your entry fee. I have compiled a list of the motels in Richland Center, and have reserved a block of rooms in each for the rally. If you are interested in camping please contact me. Richland Center is a small community, and rooms will be at a premium over the holiday weekend. PLEASE BOOK YOUR ROOM EARLY.

NEW FOR 2008

Many riders will be arriving in Richland Center Saturday morning or early afternoon. We will be offering a non competitive riding event for those that wish to participate Saturday afternoon. This will be for fun only, no points towards GLMC Piston Cup or Rider of the Year. Just a pleasant way to spend your Saturday afternoon in the area.

Bonzai Sunday, will be very similar in construct to the way it's been in over the past 3 runnings. If you have considered running the Bonzai, and wish to do so while it is headquartered in Wisconsin, be warned, this will probably be the last time the event is held here.

What will you need to participate / compete successfully?

- 1.) A motorcycle capable of running to the rally, up to 700 miles rally day, and back home. You need to be able to be independent on the road. You may be riding in some fairly remote areas. Be prepared.

- 2.) A Polaroid or other brand of instant camera. Digital cameras are fine for your personal use, but you will need Polaroid type photos to successfully complete many of the bonii listed on the rally sheet. There are people that have gotten around the Polaroid requirement by using a 35 mm camera and having their film processed at a 1 hour processor. That is perfectly acceptable. If you just can't bring yourself to purchase a Polaroid, I will have a half dozen or so that you may use. See me Saturday of the event. I have scavenged several at rummage sales, and Goodwill stores for as low as \$2. You'll need to buy your own film. There is a 24 hour Super Wal-Mart in Richland Center. Please don't let this be a reason not to try a rally.
- 3.) Detailed road maps of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, and Missouri could be very helpful in determining your winning route.
- 4.) A spirit of adventure.
- 5.) A sense of humor.

Please consider being the guest of the Glacial Lakes Motorcycle Club this Memorial Day weekend. Join us for the 2008 version of the Bonzai Road Rally. Entry forms will be available at the GLMC website: <http://www.glmc.org> A list of riders will be posted as entries come in. As the event approaches a more detailed Schedule of Events will be posted as well. Check back at the GLMC message board, or the Bonzai site on their homepage for updates.