

# *Statewide Motorized Trail System*

**Dual Sport Trail Ride / Adventure Bike Tour**

Presented **COUNT**  
by **DOWN**

**2-Days - Lone Pine to Bishop and back, Oct 2-3**

**4-Days - Ridgecrest to Lone Pine to Bishop and back, Oct 1-4**

*For quiet, street-legal Dual Sport or Adventure motorcycles*

Enjoy two or four days of riding the many many miles of single track trails that are part of the Statewide Motorized Trail System. Ride Cactus Flats, Olancha Dunes, Cerro Gordo, Inyo Mts, White Mts, Coyote Flats, more Inyo Mts, Alabama Hills, Panamint Vly, and the Slate Range.

- **DOOR PRIZES:** One Dunlop front tire for each twelve mail-in orders
- Each rider receives an event T-shirt
- Optional Saturday night Banquet at Whiskey Creek
- Giant Fall Colors Car Show in Bishop, tons of Hot Rods
- Overnight bag transported to Lone Pine & Bishop & Back
- Download of Garmin GPS tracks available at Sign-In
- No rider Limit, Walk-Up entries welcome
- No rider Ride Fee for Approved Trail Workers
- Dual Sport Trail ride, miles & miles of Single Track
  - Intermediate to Expert skill required
- Adventure Bike Tour, mostly graded roads, some paved roads
  - Experts on V-Stroms, 950s, & GSs all welcome, knobbies recommended
  - Intermediate riders on DRs, KLRs, XRLs and all other 650s
  - First timers through Intermediate on Dual Sport bikes
- **DS - 185 Mi Fri, 120 Mi Sat, 105 Mi Sun, 160 Mi Mon**
  - 91 Mi max between gas
- **Adv - 165 Mi Fri, 190 Mi Sat, 100 Mi Sun, 154 Mi Mon**
  - 126 Mi max between gas (Lone Pine to Big Pine on Sat)
- Thursday sign-in 9-11 PM @ Ridgecrest Motel 6
- Friday sign-in 6-7 AM also @ Ridgecrest Motel 6
- Friday Sign-In 9-11 PM @ Dow Villa
- Saturday Sign-In 7-8 AM also @ Dow Villa

**For information, call (775) 884-0399**

**Ride Status [www.district37ama.org/forums](http://www.district37ama.org/forums)**



# 2010 SMTS Entry Form

COUNTDOWN USE ONLY	
2-Day	4-Day
DS	Adv
Dinner	
Amt. Paid	_____

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Bike \_\_\_\_\_

In emergency, contact: \_\_\_\_\_  At event, or  by phone at ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:

- I will be riding alone and accept full responsibility for my own safety.
- I will be riding with the riders listed below and we will be responsible for each others' safety.

*I understand that I must obey all federal OHV regulations and have a spark arrestor. I understand that this tour will use highways and that my vehicle must be street-licensed, meet all vehicle code requirements, and comply with state liability requirements.*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle T-Shirt size:      S      M      L      XL      XXL      (If none circled, you get XL)

Check the appropriate box for ride (all include dinner):

2-Day Lone Pine to Bishop and back

- Mail-in pre-entry, if postmarked before 9/17      \$100      No refunds after 9/17
- Walk-up entry or if postmarked after 9/17      \$110

4-Day Ridgecrest to Bishop and Back

- Mail-in pre-entry, if postmarked before 9/17      \$140      No refunds after 9/17
- Walk-up entry or if postmarked after 9/17      \$150
- Mail-in Trail Worker, if postmarked before 9/17      \$40      Dinner, T-Shirt, & Roll Charts.

Pre-Approved Trail Workers Only, must have worked with FOTT on trails with picks and shovels.

Saturday Night Banquet

- Optional Dinner at Whisky Creek in Bishop      \$25

Check the appropriate box for Roll Chart:

- Dual Sport Trail Ride
- Adventure Bike Tour (If none checked, you get DS)

Every other month, District 37 sends flyers for upcoming rides to everyone who has ridden during the past or current calendar year.  This is my first District 37 ride, add me to your mail list.  I am receiving the newsletter, keep me on the list.

SEND:  check made out to Countdown,  Entry, &  one legal size self addressed stamped envelope to:

COUNTDOWN, 3785 Meadow Wood Rd. Carson City, NV 89703

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**MOTELS:**

**Ridgecrest Thursday 10/1:**

- Motel 6\*      (760) 375-6866
- Rodeway Inn      (760) 384-3575
- Comfort Inn      (760) 375-9731

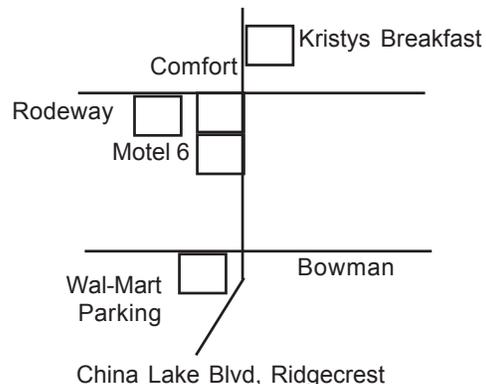
**Lone Pine Friday 10/2 & Sunday 10/4:**

- Dow Villa\*      (800) 824-9317
- Trails Inn      (800) 862-7020
- Portal      (800) 531-7054
- Mt. Whitney      (800) 845-2362
- Best Western      (800) 231-4071
- Comfort Inn      (800) 800-6468

**Bishop Saturday 10/3:**

- Ramada Limited\* (760) 872-1771
- Rodeway Inn      (760) 873-3564

\*Registration and Luggage Truck Location



# *Statewide Motorized Trail System or SMTS*

## **History of SMTS**

The Statewide Motorized Trail System (SMTS) was the brainchild of Russ Sanford, founder of MORE (Motorcycle Owners, Riders, and Enthusiasts).

In 1974, legislation created the California Recreational Trails System mandating that “the director shall cause to be prepared, and continuously maintained, a comprehensive plan for the development and operation of a statewide system of recreation trails” and “shall prepare a guidebook, including trail maps, describing the system”.

In 1980, legislation appropriated \$250,000 for an “OHV Recreation and Trail Study” that funded EDAW, Inc. to prepare a Statewide OHV Trails Plan that contained a Needs Analysis Report, a Trail Inventory Report, an Implementation Workbook, and a Draft Principal Report.

EDAW came up with a great plan showing corridors that could contain OHV trails from Mexico to Oregon and from the Pacific to Arizona and Nevada. These trails would be like the Pacific Crest Trail.

In 1984, the OHMVR Commission adopted the EDAW Plan, along with a numbering system. The intent was for the BLM and USFS to implement the SMTS by simply marking existing open trails to form a long distance point to point trail network following the general alignment of the EDAW plan.

## **Friends Of The Trail**

Everything was in place for government to implement the system. There was a detail plan and there was plenty of Green Sticker money. In order help expedite the implementation of the SMTS by government; several motorcyclists formed a supporting organization called the **Friends Of The Trail** or **FOTT**. The friends held several meetings a year for several years. The meetings included representatives from Angeles and San Bernardino forests, the Desert District and state BLM offices, and State Parks.

We were told that the problem was that “Motorized Trail” sounded too harsh and if we would just change the name to the warmer and more friendlier Backcountry Discovery Route all would be wonderful and we would be accepted by all the tree huggers. In desperation, we tried this.

## **Government Achievements**

In the 10 years following the spending \$250,000 OHV dollars for the plan, the BLM did not designate one single SMTS route, the USFS only designated three, and the state never prepared a guidebook.

So much for government providing opportunities for OHVs. You can read a more complete history of the Statewide Motorized Trail System at [www.SMTS.Info](http://www.SMTS.Info).

## **New Technology Solution**

After the total failure of government to implement the SMTS, along came the Internet, GPS, and the popularity of Dual Sport bikes. With these innovations, the Friends realized that “we don’t need no stinking government to mark the SMTS”! We could develop and publish our own system!

We would simply ride it with a GPS and post the tracks on the Internet.

A General map of the system can be viewed and printed from [www.SMTS.Info](http://www.SMTS.Info) and the latest GPS tracks can be downloaded from [www.GPSXchange.com](http://www.GPSXchange.com).

## **FOTT Trail Work**

The Friends started looking for obscure old trails that could be reopened and used to connect more heavily used trails and eliminate paved roads. Members went out with picks, shovels, and rock bars and cleared miles of old trails. Examples of old trails in Inyo forest that were reopened by FOTT are Woodcutter’s trail and Black Canyon. The work on these trails took several years, with a progress of only 0.1 mile per man per day. The really good news is that Inyo forest recognized all of these trails in their new Travel Management Plan and they are all on their new OHV map. Another trail that was opened by FOTT was the Slate Range trail.