

# DEATH VALLEY Rally

*aka the Cat House Crawl*

## 3-Day Dual Sport Ride



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



**Feb 17-18-19**

**START AND FINISH IN RIDGECREST**

**Saturday** - You can ride the Horse Race Single Track, up Goler past Manson's cabin, over Mengal Pass to Butte Vly to 3 more cabins. Then past Stripped Butte, down thru Death Vly to Gas in Shoshone then lunch in Tecopa & hot sprgs, a side trip to China Ranch Date Farm for desert, then into Nevada and on to Pahrump after a quick stop at the Chicken Ranch Brothel gift shop.

**Sunday** - Ride back to Shoshone on secret Single Track, then thru Death Vly to Longstreet for lunch/gas (optional side trip to Lathrop Jct for gas at the Cherry Patch Brothel, and Museum), then on to Beatty. Then optional 50 Mi loop back to Beatty past Angel's Ladies Brothel.

**Monday** - Fast way back or take several side trips. Ride through Rhyolite, then either down Titus or thru Chloride Cliff to Stove Pipe or you can cut back and do both. Then over Emigrant pass, optional side trip to Skidoo, then down Wildrose, thru Ballarat to Trona for gas, then back to Ridgecrest.

- No single riders. You must enter, ride with, & be responsible for at least 1 Buddy
- No 1<sup>st</sup> time Countdown Riders. Ride at least 2 Day-Loop rides first.
  - Legacy riders of this ride can sponsor (be responsible for) a New Rider Guest
- No GEAR BAGS
  - Small Carry-On Size Overnight Bag Transported to each Overnight
- No rider Limit, Walk-Up entries welcome, Cash or Check, no CCs
- Advanced rider Dual Sport Route or Easier Adv Bike Route that is:
  - Suitable for Advanced riders on 650-800cc singles, Knobbies required
  - Suitable for Experts on Adv Twins, Knobbies required
- Each rider receives a T-shirt
- Download gpx tracks to GPS or micro SD card, ONLY at Sign-In
- Sat 235 Mi, Sun 145 Mi + 35/50 Mi Optional Loop, Mon 155 Mi  
116 Mi Max on 1 Gas, All others <85 Mi
- Rain or Snow, It's a Go
- Friday sign-in 7-10 PM @ Quality Inn Lobby
- Saturday sign-in 7-7:30 AM also @ Quality Inn Lobby

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Print this 3-page Flyer at [DualSportWest.com](http://DualSportWest.com)

# Basic Getting Started

Beginners and all 1<sup>st</sup> time Dual Sport event riders need to verify their bike setup and preparation, learn or confirm their GPS Navigation ability, and determine their level of riding skills and physical stamina. This must be done before committing to any of the longer more serious 2-Day rides. It is not smart or safe to get in over your head. These riders should begin with 1-Day Loop rides such as the Ride-for-Kids or the D37 Lost Coyotes. These rides also offer a much better chance to meet other riders with similar riding skills and experience.

## Experienced Rider Getting Started

First time Dual Sport event riders who consider themselves solid Intermediate riders who have actual experience riding at least 25 miles without a break and 75 miles in a day, should try the January Hi Desert 250 Short loops. Before tackling one of the serious 2-Day 250 mile rides, you need to make sure your technical riding skills and more so that your physical stamina is up to the demands of these long rides.

## Bike Size vs. Skill vs. Route

Most Countdown rides offer either a standard **Dual Sport route** or an **Adv bike route**. The Dual Sport route is intended for very experienced Intermediates minimum on <600cc bikes. The Adv bike route is suitable for Lower Intermediates on smaller DS bikes, Intermediates on <600cc, Advanced riders on <850cc bikes, and Experts on Twins.

## Countdown Day-Loop Rides

All of the Countdown Day Loop rides (rides that come back to the start each day) are intended for very experienced Intermediate riders. They usually do not get far from paved roads so if you get in over your head, it is possible to bail to a paved road and get back to the start. The DS Route is not for 1<sup>st</sup> time Dual Sport event riders, we get many 1<sup>st</sup> time riders that quit after the first day. 1<sup>st</sup> timer riders should start with the Adv bike Route then move up to the DS Loop.

## Countdown Point-to-Point Rides

Point-to-Point rides have a very high level of risk. If you are unable to make it to the overnight, you have a problem with your overnight bag. The days are VERY long, most of the route is far from paved roads, cell service is marginal, and any rescue is very difficult. On many long sections, there is no bail-out, you must finish the section. There are no "Sweep" riders, you and your buddy are totally on your own!

**For these reasons:**

**All riders must enter with, ride with, & be responsible for at least 1 Buddy. No single riders! You must be able to be towed by or tow your buddy for many miles.**

**To enter, you must have ridden at least 2 Countdown or other 2-Day Dual Sport rides, or have been an experienced Enduro, Desert, or MX Racer.**

**Legacy Countdown Point-to-Point riders can "Sponsor" a 1<sup>st</sup> time event rider but they must certify the riders capability and be totally responsible for that rider.**

# 2024 Death Valley Rally Entry

COUNTDOWN USE ONLY

Order No. \_\_\_\_\_

Amt. Paid \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Bike \_\_\_\_\_

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

AMA Member:  Yes # \_\_\_\_\_ or  No E-Mail address \_\_\_\_\_

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

*I certify that I have:*  Ridden at least 2 Countdown or D37 Dual Sport rides, or  I am a Guest of \_\_\_\_\_

*I will be riding with the riders listed below and we will be responsible for each others' safety.*

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

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

Check the appropriate boxes:

- Mail in entry. \$140 No refunds after 1/28
- Early discount, if postmarked before 12/24 Deduct \$10
- Late Fee if postmarked after 1/28 or Walk-Up Add \$20

Check the route you will ride to get your GPS Tracks.

- Dual Sport Route. Suitable for Advanced riders on <600cc bikes.
- Adv bike Route. Suitable for Intermediate riders on <600cc, Advanced riders on <800cc, & Experts on Twins.

SEND:  Entry Form,  Check payable to Countdown, &  Business size (#10) self addressed stamped confirmation envelope

To: COUNTDOWN, 423 La Mancha, Ridgecrest, CA 93555

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**Join our E-Mail List: Go to <http://www.dualsportwest.com/> click "Join our E-Mail List" and fill in the blanks. You will receive:**

**Last minute changes to this ride**

**Notice of New flyers are posted on DualSportWest.com**

**Notice of deadlines for entry fee discounts**

**Reminders of deadlines for group rates at motels**

**Notice of any additions or schedule changes**

## MOTELS:

### Ridgecrest (Friday):

- Quality Inn\* (760) 375-9731 Includes Full Breakfast  
Mention "Dual Sport" before Jan 18 to get \$89+ group rate
- Super 8 (760) 375-2220
- Oyo Europa (760) 375-3575
- Travel Lodge (760) 384-6205

### Pahrump (Saturday):

- Best Western\* (775) 727-5100 Includes Full Breakfast  
Mention "Dual Sport" before Feb 1 to get \$90+ group rate
- Saddle West (800) 433-3987 (775) 727-1111

### Beatty (Sunday):

- Stagecoach\* (800) 4 BIG WIN 424-4946  
Mention "Dual Sport" before Jan 14 to get group rate
- Motel 6 (775) 553-9090

\*Luggage Truck location

