

Thank you for your interest in the 25th annual, 2020 Spider Ride held in Steelville, Missouri from September 17th-20th. This year some procedural changes have been made to help you feel more comfortable and safer at the rally while we are all under the threat of COVID-19. This letter should serve to inform you of the event details, the precautions, and requirements to host a safe and successful rally. PLEASE CAREFULLY READ the entire letter. Each participant must agree to follow all requirements before arriving. Remember to investigate your state's travel restrictions before leaving. Individual states and some cities have imposed a self-quarantine upon your return if you travel outside their borders. It is important we acknowledge the restrictions from the State of Missouri, CDC, and the Huzzah Valley Resort. Each has influenced decisions and procedures this year. In addition to mandated restrictions, I have discussed ideas with COG members who have attended previous Spider Rides and other people who have organized large gatherings during this pandemic to develop procedures to reduce the risk of COVID-19. If we all act in a unified effort it should allow everyone to have a great time while respecting everyone's desire to remain healthy. Thank you in advance for your complete cooperation and respecting the difficulty in putting this event together under particularly challenging conditions.

The following are requirements and safety restrictions you agree to follow.

1. You will monitor your health conditions verifying your temperature remains below 100.4°F, coughing, shortness of breath, loss of taste or smell, fatigue, and body aches before attending the rally. If you are feeling ill or displaying any symptoms, please stay home.
2. You will use hand sanitizer and practice hand washing during the event and before every meal.
3. SOCIAL DISTANCING and MASKS (provided) will be required while moving through the buffet lines. Multiple serving lines will be utilized to speed up the process and reduce crowding.
4. All meals will be served buffet style in the upper pavilion across from the dining hall. The resort has closed their dining hall. No indoor meals this year.
5. The Saturday evening gathering and drawing for prizes is canceled due to additional expenses, lack of donor prizes and difficulty maintaining social distancing.
6. The event plans and procedures are fluid and may change based on new requirements.
7. **Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve breakfast omelets, serve dinner from the buffet line and manage the campfires. Please contact Gary Mazzola at: gmazzola@sbcglobal.net to offer your help.**

The points I have listed above are there for everyone's guidance and used to set expectations to promote a safe event. I am not trying to create a sterile environment or discourage attendance. I want everyone to feel welcomed and comfortable while attending the Spider Ride. With that understanding I know many of you have already traveled together. With some you already have a level of trust and comfort as family members or travel friends. I accept for you and your group social distancing might look different than it would for you and those attendees you do not know as well. You should be mindful that minimizing transmission points during social settings such as mealtimes and around the campfire can and will create a safer environment for everyone. I expect and appreciate your understanding and your cooperation. Knowing that we are a community brought together with common interests for motorcycling, friendships, the outdoors and respect has me feeling good about hosting this event.

Thank you for your consideration and willingness to attend the Spider Ride. I hope to see you there.
Stay safe and healthy,

Gary Mazzola