

Thank you for supporting motorcycle dualsport riding by entering the Sheetiron 300 Dualsport, held on Saturday and Sunday, May 20 and 21, 2017. The Oakland Motorcycle Club appreciates your entry, and we are doing our best to ensure that you have a fun and safe ride.

IMPORTANT: Please cancel immediately if lots of single track is crucial to your enjoyment of the ride!

- We will not be going through the Mendocino National Forest this year. Because of extremely wet weather, the following roads in the forest (at a minimum) are currently closed due to road collapse, huge mudslides, and the like: Goat Mountain Road, M5, M10, and Elk Mountain Road between Lake Pillsbury and Potter Valley. The USFS has been unable to get out and check other roads and trails in the forest, and they and Lake County Public Works do not have the resources to repair the closed roads prior to the dates of the Sheetiron 300 Dualsport event.
- There will be limited single track. The dirt sections for the event will consist of Bartlett Springs Road, Tomki Road, Sherwood-Fort Bragg Road, Navarro Ridge Road, Low Gap Road, Cow Mountain OHV, and Bartlett Springs Road (again). So, there will be single-track only through Cow Mountain OHV.

Before the Ride: A list of Fort Bragg motels is attached. We recommend that you reserve rooms early. There are numerous events being held in the area on this weekend, and hotel reservations will be difficult if you delay. A campground is also available if you would like to save money and stay outdoors.

Your Motorcycle and Preparation: All motorcycles are required by law to be licensed and equipped for highway use. In conjunction with the Blue Ribbon Coalition, we will conduct a sound test and inspect for approved spark arrestors. If your motorcycle does not meet the 96-decibel sound limit, you will not be able to ride the Sheetiron 300 Dualsport, and your entry fee will be refunded by mail. Your motorcycle should also be equipped with a gas tank capable of 100-mile trips, a resettable odometer, and an enduro-type route sheet holder (available for sale at sign in). The route sheet is printed on adding machine tape-format (approximately 2 inches wide by about 8-20 feet long). We recommend that you prepare for temperatures from the low 40s to possibly into the 100s. Elevations will vary from sea level to 6,500 feet. Bring spare spark plugs, tools, drinking water, a towrope, and any other items you deem necessary for a 300-mile trail ride. Please be prepared to repair flat tires.

Sign In: The ride will start and finish at the Stonyford Rodeo Grounds, located about 0.2 miles southwest of downtown Stonyford on East Park Road. Free overnight camping and secure parking for the entire weekend are available at the start/finish location.

- Sign in on Friday evening is from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and on Saturday morning from 5:45 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. All riders will be required to sign a liability release waiver. At sign in, you will receive riding instructions, a course map, a label for your number plate, and a luggage tag.
- Tech inspection on Friday evening is from **5:00** p.m. to **8:30** p.m. and on Saturday morning from **5:45** a.m. to **8:45** a.m. After tech inspection (and sign in), you will receive five route sheets.

All riders must check in their gear at the start by **9:00** a.m. Saturday morning in order to have it hauled to Fort Bragg. You must haul your gear from the Saturday night finish location, at the Pine Beach Inn, to your motel. Our hotel is on Highway 1, approximately 2 miles south of Highway 20.

The Ride: For your safety, please do not attempt this ride alone. Try to team you up with someone of similar ability.

The Saturday course goes from Stonyford through Upper Lake to Redwood Valley for lunch and gas. It continues to Willits and finishes in Fort Bragg. Please <u>start as early as possible</u>, to account for any difficulties on the route, and to finish at a reasonable time. You should time your departure and your breaks so you arrive in Fort Bragg <u>before 6:00 p.m.</u> to have your complementary photo taken.

The return route on Sunday leaves Fort Bragg and goes through Navarro, Ukiah, Cow Mountain, and Nice (lunch stop) to the Stonyford finish. The total ride is approximately 300 miles. Again, please start as early as possible, to account for any difficulties on the route, and to finish at a reasonable time. You must drop off your gear no later than **9:00** a.m. Sunday morning for the return trip. As noted on your route sheet, the gear drop location is at the Pine Beach Inn on Highway 1, approximately 2 miles south of Highway 20.

Cancelations: To receive a full refund, please cancel via e-mail to snyderbt@comcast.net no later than Wednesday, May 11 (ten days prior to the event). Include your phone number and rider number in the e-mail. People on the waiting list will appreciate an early notification. In any event, if we are unable to find another rider to take your place, no refund will be issued.

Transfers: To transfer your number to another rider, we must be notified via e-mail to snyderbt@comcast.net prior to the Wednesday before the event. Include your name, the name of the new rider, the rider number, and both phone numbers in the e-mail message.

For more information or questions, e-mail snyderbt@comcast.net, or call (510) 888-1930 (evenings).

We look forward to seeing you in Stonyford!

Sincerely, Brent Snyder 2017 Sheetiron 300 Dualsport Chairman