

# 2007 GSResources.com Southeastern Rally

## Robbinsville, North Carolina

### June 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>

**Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

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**7:00 pm EDT**

#### **Meet 'n Greet at the MicroTel Inn**

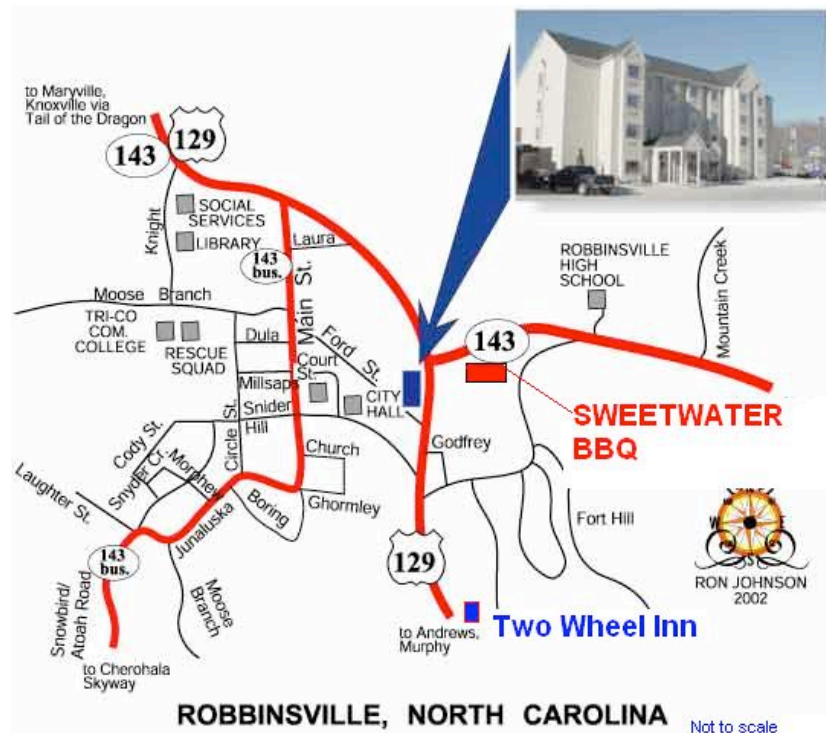
111 Highway 129, Robbinsville, NC 28771

The Microtel Inn is located in downtown Robbinsville about 1 block from the intersection of NC-143 and NC-129.

Pizza will be delivered for the group with a ~ \$7 price tag. BYOB if you're staying in the hotel or there is a soda machine. This time is reserved for just hanging out and meeting people, talking about motorcycles, and to distribute the ride literature if you did not receive a copy when you checked in.

This will be a good time to start sorting out groups of three to six riders with compatible styles and preferences and to start familiarizing yourself with the routes if you haven't already.

We'll also exchange cell phone numbers and discuss the weather forecast for Saturday and any changes that might be needed. Rain will not cancel the ride, but could alter the routes.



## **Friday, June 8th, 2007 – Choose Your Own Adventure! (Suggestions Below)**

Friday lacks planning, only suggestions, because some folks may want to rest a day after riding all the way to NC, while some may want to ride hard and fast or go on a scenic ride. Either way, just make it back to Robbinsville for our planned group dinner at Sweetwater BBQ!

### **1â, Wheels Through Time Museum Tour / Ride**

The Wheels Through Time Museum is fan-freaking-tastic, ‘nuff said. If you’ve never been to it, I strongly suggest you check it out while in the area. It is the largest collection of American motorcycles in the world. The owner himself led our tour last year (\$10 entrance fee) and started probably 10 bikes in front of us. Ever see a 100-year old motorcycle run? If not...this place is for you!

***9:00 am to 9:30 am EDT***

#### **Gather at Texaco Gas Station in Robbinsville**

Downtown, Highway 129, Robbinsville, NC 28771

It’s important that we depart reasonably close to 9 :30am, so let’s all try to get there at around 9:00 so we can hand out maps and directions and review the routes before blastoff. Please refuel your motorcycle at this time.

***9:30 am EDT (0 miles)***

Depart Texaco Gas Station, Robbinsville, NC

***Approximately 11:15 am – 12:15 pm EDT (58 miles total)***

#### **Lunch Stop at The Mountaineer Restaurant**

Highway 19, Maggie Valley, NC

Located 1.5 miles East of the Blue Ridge Parkway, on the side of a mountain, is the festively colored Mountaineer Restaurant. Pull in and let’s grab a bite before we head over to the Wheels Through Time Museum, just up the road.

***Approximately 12:30 pm EDT (63 miles total)***

Continue down Highway 19 for approximately 5 miles to the Wheels Through Time Museum, located on your left in the town of Maggie Valley. Look for the big Wheels Through Time Sign. Gravel parking lot.

***Approximately 12:30 – 3:00 pm EDT (63 miles total)***

#### **Group Tour of Wheels Through Time Museum**

Highway 19, Maggie Valley, NC

Cost \$10 with Group Discount

We will have a group tour led by the museum owner, who will even start up some of the classic motorcycles for us to hear. The museum is famous for being the “museum that runs!”

Spend as much or as little time as you wish at the museum, or skip it entirely and continue riding. This day is set up to be a choose-your-own-adventure.

***Approximately 3:00 – 6:00 pm EDT (126 miles)***

### **Return to Robbinsville**

The return to Robbinsville is up to you. Two routes will be supplied, but you are more than welcome to modify the route to your liking. Some may choose to take a direct route back to Robbinsville and ride the Dragon. Others may choose to head south and explore some roads on their way back to Robbinsville.

Please keep in mind we have a group dinner reservation at the Sweetwater BBQ restaurant for 6:30 PM. Come get some good Carolina BBQ!

## **2â, Tail of the Dragon and Exploring Robbinsville Ride**

Adam (AOD) will lead be exploring the local roads of Robbinsville after riding the Dragon in the morning. There's lots of roads that go places I've never been...some may be dead ends, some may be fantastic, you never know till you ride them!

***9:00 am to 9:30 am EDT***

### **Gather at Texaco Gas Station in Robbinsville**

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***9:30 am to 10:00 am EDT***

Depart for Tail of The Dragon, North on 129

***10:00 am to 12:00 am EDT***

Ride the Dragon at your pace.

***12:00 pm to 12:45 pm EDT***

Lunch at the Deal's Gap Resort – Have a Dragon Burger!

***12:45 pm to 1:00 pm EDT***

Prepare to depart on local roads ride, gas-up and regroup.

***1:00 pm EDT***

Depart for local loop, to be-determined or wherever Adam rides...maybe The Loop.

***4:00 pm EDT***

Return to Robbinsville area to clean-up / prepare for group dinner.

## Cherohala Skyway / Tail of the Dragon Loop

This 118 mile route starts off in Robbinsville and ends up in Robbinsville, though you'll ride from 2000 feet elevation to 5000 feet elevation down to 700 feet and back to 2000 feet...all within 118 miles! You'll hit the Dragon on your way back to town.

Be sure to stop at one of the many scenic over-looks on your way through the Skyway, with the best view at the 5,000 feet elevation overlook.



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***9:00 am to 9:30 am EDT***

**Gather at Texaco Gas Station in Robbinsville**  
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***9:30 am to 10:00 am EDT***

Depart to start ToTD / Cherohala Skyway Loop

See directions page for specific route.

**Friday, June 8th, 2007 -**

**Group Dinner**

***Approximately 6:30 pm EDT***

**Sweetwater BBQ, US-129, Downtown Robbinsville**

Located 1 Block from the Microtel Inn is the Sweetwater BBQ restaurant. Join the group for a southern style Carolina BBQ dinner. See map on page 1 for location.

After dinner, anyone is welcome to hang out at the Two Wheel Inn. The folks staying there will most likely be tipping a few back and shooting the breeze. Joe Nardy will supervise the distribution of Bud Light.

**Saturday, June 10th, 2007 Northern Georgia and NC Ride –Scenic and Twisty**

***8:00 am to 8:30 am EDT***

**Gather at Texaco Gas Station in Robbinsville**

Downtown, Highway 129, Robbinsville, NC 28771

It's important that we depart reasonably close to 9 :00am, so let's all try to get there at around 8:30 so we can hand out maps and directions and review the routes before blastoff.

Please refuel your motorcycle at this time, as it is roughly 82 miles until the next gas stop.

This is the time to form groups of five to seven riders for the first leg of the ride. **Riding in larger groups or riding in any kind of formation is EXTREMELY dangerous and is STRONGLY discouraged.** These are mostly small, two-lane roads, often with hidden hazards and poor sightlines, so you MUST maintain the clearance to move left or right, accelerate, and brake as needed. Ride your own ride, ride single file, and leave plenty of space between riders.

***9:00 am EDT (0 miles)***

Depart in small groups, faster groups first.

The first stretch of the ride is mostly scenic highway. My apologies for those that rode the slab to North Carolina, but this route is the most direct and will result in the fewest amounts of people getting lost. (Adam will have an alternate route available with more fun roads...see him to highlight your map with the route.)

I promise by the end of the day you will not even remember riding on it.

***Approximately 10:00 am EDT (55 miles total)***

**Blairesville, Georgia**

On US-129 / GA-76

Follow US-129 through Blairesville, GA Scenic Hwy signs. 11 miles until stop at Vogel State Park.

***Approximately 10:25 am EDT (66 miles total)***

**BRIEF STOP, Vogel State Park, Georgia**

On US-129 / GA-76

A BRIEF stop at Vogel State Park. The entrance comes up very quickly on your right as you enter some wide sweeping turns. Tell the individual at the office you are stopping only at the Visitor Center and they should let you in without paying the \$ 3 parking fee. Enter the park slowly, it's narrow, and make your way down the road about ½ mile. On your right will be a lake and a parking lot. Stretch out for a few and use the bathroom at the visitor's center if needed. The next stretch of roads really tightens up and the fun begins!

***Approximately 11:30 pm EDT (82 miles total)***

**LUNCH, Two Wheels Only Motorcycle Resort, Suches, Georgia**

On GA-60

Bet you're pretty hungry after carving those turns on Highway 129 and 60 into Suches! The TWO Resort is on your left as you enter the tiny town of Suches, it looks like a red barn. The parking lot is gravel, so please be careful. Across the street is a gas station where you can refuel before or after lunch.

*Approximately 1:00 - 1:30 pm EDT (125 miles total)*

### **Wolf Pen Gap Road Ride**

Please read: Wolf Pen Gap Road runs from Suches back to US-129 (the way we came from Vogel State Park). WPG Road is very technical and challenging. It has many sharp 180-degree turns and downhill grades of 10-degrees. Those who are not used to riding mountain roads, please exercise extreme caution riding through the first time. This is not meant to scare anyone away, but we are all about safety here. It's no fun unless you ride home.

*Approximately 2:30 pm EDT (145 miles total)*

### **Brief Stop, Amoco, Macedonia, GA**

#### **On Hwy 17, Near Hwy 76 East**

Stop for fuel and stretch.

*Approximately 4:00 pm EDT (197 miles total)*

### **Brief Stop, Highlands, NC**

Stop if needed, finding a suitable place in Highlands.

*Approximately 5:30 pm EDT (238 miles total)*

### **Brief Stop, Hwy 19/28/74**

There's a few gas stations once you turn onto 19/28/74 back towards Robbinsville. If you're cramped up, stop for a stretch. Hwy 28 to the Dragon is fun, so you'll want to be rested.

*Approximately 6:00 pm EDT (273 miles total)*

**Arrive at Deal's Gap. 18 miles back to Robbinsville or ride the Dragon in the evening sun and then head back to town (42 miles)** The party animals staying at the Two Wheel Inn (located on US-129 2 miles south of Robbinsville) are hosting a BBQ. Plan to be there around 7:30 PM!

**Saturday, June 3rd, 2006**

**BBQ Cookout / Campfire**

*Approximately 7:30 pm EDT*

### **Two Wheel Inn, US-129, 2 Miles South of Downtown Robbinsville**

Join the fella's staying at the Two Wheel Inn as they hang out and enjoy some grilled meats and cold beverages. BYOB, please drive if you plan to have a few, or catch

someone who has a car. A \$5 donation should suffice...perhaps a bit more if you're drinking the GSR beer stash.

The Two Wheel Inn staff will burn a nice bonfire for us to enjoy. Thank them...they rock!

**Sunday, June 4th, 2006**

**Sunday - Departure**

***Approximately 10:00 am EDT***

Nothing official is planned. Some folks may want to get breakfast together before heading out. A few places downtown offer breakfast.