Welcome to the 43rd Annual

LA-BARSTOW-TO-VEGAS

DUAL SPORT and ADVENTURE BIKE RIDE ~ November 27-28, 2026

The AMA District 37 Dual Sport Committee welcomes you to our 43rd Annual LA-B-to-V Ride and Barstow Toy Drive with Police and Fire. We'll begin for the sixth year at Embassy Suites in Palmdale, following marked existing trails on (BLM) Bureau of Land Management land through U.S. National Forests and finish in Las Vegas at The Orleans Hotel and Casino, a mile west of I-15 on Tropicana Blvd.

ALL RULES MUST BE ADHERED TO! Failure to do so WILL JEOPARDIZE our ability to receive permits for future dual sport rides. If you need additional information, please call Dave Spencer at 661-733-7096 or Kieth Huff at 562- 244-0244 or Jim Nicholson 818-391-3083.

Membership in the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) is REQUIRED to ride LA-B-to-V. Avoid waiting in a second line at registration. Sign up now at join.americanmotorcyclist.com if you haven't already.

PREPARE YOURSELF AND YOUR BIKE! Eat breakfast and get gas BEFORE you reach signups. Sweep crew leave Friday at 8:30 a.m.! Expect rain, snow, wind, or fog, although sunshine is usually the norm. Layers are helpful so you can shed clothes if it gets warm. BE SURE TO BRING ALONG A BACKPACK WITH WATER, TOOL KIT, AND TIRE REPAIR KIT! Take time to go over your bike thoroughly to prevent on-course repairs. Tighten all bolts and check chain, cables, brakes, air/fuel filters, battery, oil, drain plug, and tires.

TIRES: Fresh, aggressive off road/knobby tires are VERY important! If you need a tire after the first day, Alex that owns A-ONE CYCLE of Barstow will be at the hotel parking lot in Barstow. **Buy and install new tires and, especially, ultra heavy-duty tubes before the ride. Carry a regular spare tube and repair kit (including tire irons) with you on the ride!**

DUST: Be prepared for dust. A cover for your mouth and nose is a smart idea. The ride is over 500 miles of desert every year.

DUAL SPORT/ADVENTURE: This is not a race or a competitive event! Our course has been ridden by both novice to veteran riders within daylight hours. Your skill and personal riding style may vary from these riders. There are leap options or bail outs for both day's ride. USE THEM if you're running behind or told to bail by our course volunteers. We don't want to be out looking for you because you are lost in the dark. Please remember this is not a race, but a scenic Dual Sport/Adventure bike ride for you to enjoy our mountain and desert areas. TIME MANAGEMENT IS CRITICAL!

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS: As part of our permits, your motorcycle must have an operational spark arrestor at the start. Before you proceed to sign-ups for the event, your motorcycle needs to be street licensed and have proper license plate, muffler, mirror, turn signals, headlight, tail/brake light and a GPS for the course. If you are coming from out-of-state and have all the necessary equipment to be street licensed for your state, this will suffice. Aftermarket exhaust systems not exceeding 96 dbA will be allowed.

GPS ONLY: *GPS only will aid for navigation on this event. Buy GPS, use it and learn to work with it. Our volunteers will download the course on your GPS or your cell phone. Bring your own cable to download GPS table.*

FUEL: DAY 1 Gas stops are no more than 102 miles the hard way and 88 miles the easy way. DAY 2 Gas stops are no more than 95 miles hard way and 103 miles easy way. A four-stroke bike with a large capacity fuel tank should have no problem with the distances. At the lunch stop on DAY TWO in Sandy Valley, each registered rider will receive 1.5 gallons of gas ONLY. This is just enough for you to make it to Las Vegas.

Get gas at each opportunity, especially in Baker! Get fuel as you arrive in Barstow on the first day be prepared for the next day.

MEDICAL EMERGENCIES: All regular checkpoints will have minor first aid kits available for the riders. If you are injured or riding with another rider who becomes injured, please have someone notify the closest available checkpoint of the position on the course and the nature of the injury. When you seek medical help, notify our workers with your full name, phone number and rider number so if we need to get a hold of the injured rider. The best way to get emergency medical help is to call 911.

SWEEP CREW / DESIGNATED COURSE: The sweep crews follow the designated course only. They leave the start area half an hour after signups close. Do not deviate from the course. Use bail outs, when necessary, but notify the nearest checkpoint of your ride plan. The sweep trucks have been instructed to pick up ALL riders and broken motorcycles on the course to be delivered to a drop-off point to connect with your crew. Your cooperation is appreciated.

LUGGAGE and GEAR: We will transport your **1 SMALL** overnight bag from the start to the finish each day. **Please** put your contact info on all pieces of your overnight bag.

NO LARGE GEAR BAGS, NO TIRES, NO FUEL and NO DOLLIES will be accepted in the trailer. We are not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged luggage. Drop off/pickup of luggage is during sign-in times each day at the signup area. You'll find the event trailer parked outside the signup area with your 1 SMALL overnight bag.

GOODIES: Your entry includes a commemorative t-shirt, sticker, ride pin and special goodies. Some additional commemorate t-shirts will be available for sale in Las Vegas at the Saturday night banquet.

TOY DRIVE FOR THE CITY OF BARSTOW: Remember, this is a TOY DRIVE for the City of Barstow and you are asked to bring an *unwrapped toy with a $20 value* or be prepared to make a *charitable $20 cash contribution*.

WE NEED HELP AT THE EVENT: If your pit crew/wife/ family/friends can assist us at the start or finish of each day, we would really appreciate it. Please contact Jackie Nicholson at 626-255-0269. At the event if you have questions, find a worker wearing District 37 Staff shirt and they will help as best as they can.

ALL LAWS APPLY: All Federal, State, County, Local, BLM (and Murphy's) laws apply to the operation of this event. This event IS NOT exempt from any law pertaining to the safe operation of a street-licensed motor vehicle.

IMPORTANT COURSE INFORMATION

ALL routes on the course are expected to have two-way traffic situations. Please keep to your RIGHT on all roads, especially in the mountains. You may encounter hikers, horseback riders, mountain bikers, and others within our course area. Although we have permits for this event, this does not give us exclusive use of the areas. HARD WAYS are exactly that and we mean it, no BS! Our hard ways may strip the cylinders off a BMW twin and we won't airlift it out!

The 2026 LA-B-to-V course will traverse the Toiyabe National Forests and four BLM Resource Areas. On both days, there are checkpoints and sections where speeds limits of 30 mph to "protect the desert tortoise" are necessary. This course will include mostly two-track jeep roads and several short sections of pavement. The terrain will vary with both easy- and hard-way options available. Some "bailouts" and "leaps" will be included for you to take if you experience fatigue or are running late.

THERE ARE *30 MPH* TORTOISE ZONES.
YOU *MUST* OBEY THE SPEED LIMITS.
YOU CANNOT SEE THESE ON YOUR GPS.
BLM OFFICERS WILL BE WATCHING FOR RIDERS EXCEEDING THE SPEED LIMIT IN THESE ZONES.

DAY ONE SIGN-IN PROCEDURES: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2026 (START RIDING DAY ONE 6:30-8 a.m.)

EMBASSY SUITES, 39375 5TH ST. W., PALMDALE, CA 661-266-3756

STEP 1. PARKING: Parking is available for your vehicles on the four streets surrounding Embassy Suites: W. Ave P-4 north of the hotel, 5th St. W on the east side of the hotel, Technology Dr. on the south side of the hotel and Trade Center Dr. on the west side of the hotel. A dedicated security guard company is hired by District 37 Dual Sport will be watching bikes from Thursday night to Friday morning.

STEP 2. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS: All motorcycles must have a license plate. Do not block the Embassy Suites east driveway on Ave. 5th St. W! Vehicles will be driving through to the parking area. Parking until Sunday or Monday for your vehicle is available in the Embassy Suites parking lot.

STEP 3. SIGN-UPS: You will be directed, as spacing permits, to the signup area, where you will pick up your rider envelope. Take your GPS/cable and Toy with you to sign-ups.

STEP 4. Toy Drive for City of Barstow: Put your toy into the receptacles provided and get your toy receipt or have your $20 ready here.

STEP 5. AMA MEMBERSHIP: AMA membership ($49) is required to ride LA-B-to-V. Your name will automatically be entered into the national drawing

To win a new beta motorcycle from Beta USA just by entering LA-B to-V!

STEP 6. ENTRY PROCESSING: Pre-Entry-You will be directed, as spacing permits, to the area corresponding to your **LAST NAME**. If you have not prepaid for the toy, turn in your **toy receipt** and *sign the release form*. You will receive your rider wristband, map, t-shirt, LA-B-to-V rider # sticker, rider plaque (if ordered) and other important information.

STEP 7. Next, go to the GPS download area to get the tracks downloaded. **Make sure ahead of time previous GPS tracks are cleared to accept the download.**

Remember to bring your GPS cable!

STEP 8. PUT YOUR LA-B-TO-V RIDER # STICKER ON YOUR NUMBER PLATE OR FRONT FENDER. WEAR YOUR RIDER WRISTBAND THROUGH OUT THE RIDE, INCLUDING SATURDAY NIGHT.

STEP 9. READ YOUR RIDERS' INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE LEAVING ON THE RIDE!

STEP 10. Put your 1 SMALL gear bag in the enclosed luggage trailer outside the front entrance of Embassy Suites or send with your personal support crew. Give your support crew the QR CODE. That will be posted at registration. It's for them to follow the route and meet you along the way, if desired.

STEP 11. GO! Hit the road! Start the ride by 6:30 a.m. (no later than 8 a.m.) GET FUEL PREFERABLY BEFORE YOU ARRIVE AT SIGNUPS or AS YOU DEPART!

Eat and gas up, then ride to the Checkpoint.

FINISH DAY ONE: *BARSTOW-FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27th.* Our official headquarter will be at the Holiday Inn Express, 2700 Lenwood Rd., Barstow, in the meeting room inside the hotel. Look for the Checkpoint sign and go inside the hotel. We will open Day One Finish around 2 p.m. and will continue in the same location until 7 p.m. or when final sweep comes in. You will receive Day 2 info and GPS download. If you bail out early, you must check in so we can account for you. There is limited RV/trailer parking in the parking lots of the Holiday Inn Express and Hampton Inn. Overflow RV/trailer parking will be in the dirt lot next to the Hampton Inn where the bikes will be locked up. Camping here is for self-contained RVs only. Bring locks for all evenings to secure your bike! (See below.)

BIKE SECURITY IN BARSTOW: Security for your bike will be provided by Cub Scout Troop 357 for a $20 donation or more. The secure, well-lit paddock on the dirt lot adjacent to the Hampton Inn will be staffed by troop members and their parents from 2 p.m. Friday until 7:30 a.m. Saturday morning. **Your bike must be out of the lot by 7:30 a.m.!** (In the last few years, bikes have been stolen that were parked at other motels, even inside vehicles and trailers. Let the Cub Scouts guard your bike!)

MOTORCYCLE MECHANIC: A One Cycle, Alex owner will be at the dirt parking lot on Friday if you need tires, levers, tubes and anything you might need he will help.

DAY TWO ONLY RIDERS: *PRE- AND POST-ENTRANTS.* Check in at the Holiday Inn Express beginning 3 p.m. Friday, 11/27, until 7 p.m. and again from 6-8 a.m. on Saturday, 11/28, to receive your second day's riders' envelope, info, and GPS download.

START- DAY TWO IN BARSTOW: *SATURDAY, NOVEM BER 28, 6 A.M.,* EVERY ENTRANT WILL PASS THROUGH OUR CHECK-OUT CHUTE STARTING BEFORE DAY BREAK ON SATURDAY MORNING. You will be checked off our official rider list to account for our riders on the course. This is part of our permit stipulations from the BLM, so we must strictly adhere to it! BLM personnel will ride the event on both days as they have in the past. Give them your best regards and share your enthusiasm for the dual sport rides we have on our public land.

Day Two will be nearly all desert and a fabulous mountain finish, with a course of around 250 miles, depending on route options. There are fun and fast sections. Keep a good pace. Get a **quick** lunch at our checkpoint in Sandy Valley, where each registered rider gets lunch and 1.5 gallons of gas as part of your entry fee. **ONLY RIDERS WEARING WRISTBANDS WILL RECEIVE LUNCH AND GAS!** The best part of the ride is after lunch through two mountain passes between Sandy Valley and Las Vegas, so don't delay here. **FILL YOUR BIKE AT BAKER AND EACH GAS STOP PLEASE DON'T PASS UP GAS!**

DAY TWO PROCEDURES: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2026 (START DAY TWO 6-7 a.m.)

FINISH- DAY TWO LAS VEGAS: *SATURDAY, NOVEM BER 28.* The finish will be at The Orleans Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas about one mile west of I-15 on Tropicana Blvd., on the street level of the north parking structure. Check-in will be from 2-7 p.m. **Check in even if you are staying at another hotel, at a friend's place, or going home**! If you arrive after 7 p.m., check in at the banquet reception upstairs at 7 p.m. Photo ops with the showgirls are at the finish with Photos by Tristen from 3-7 p.m. Showgirls will be upstairs at the Banquet Ballroom from 7:00-8:30 p.m. for personal photos.

BANQUET RECEPTION: *LAS VEGAS-SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28th.* Riders, their families and support crew are welcome to attend the banquet reception in the Banquet Ballroom above The Orleans Casino. Doors open at 7 p.m. with no host bar, hors d'oeuvres will be available starting at 7:30 p.m. and the presentation begins at 8 p.m. Riders must wear their wristbands for admission and to win prizes. Riders must be present to win all prizes.

SPECIAL AWARDS: Tradition dictates that we recognize those who make the effort and dare to be different. If you feel that you or one of your riding buddies qualifies for one of these awards, please discuss this with our District 37 officers.

OVERALL DAY 1 AND DAY 2 COMBINED CATEGORIES:

Hard Luck Award (verified by witnesses, not rumor)
Smallest Engine (rider finishing both days has priority on this award)
Distance Traveled to Event Award (U.S. entries only, verified by entry and driver license)
International Entry Award (for farthest outside the U.S.)
Most Unusual Motorcycle
(as determined by our opinionated staff)
Ben Gay Award (Ouch!)
Oldest Rider (Verified by license)

BIKE SECURITY IN LAS VEGAS: A hotel security guard will guard bikes from 8 p.m. Saturday night to 8 a.m. Sunday morning at The Orleans Hotel District 37 parking area where you checked in upon finishing the event. Regardless, you should still lock up your bikes! If you have a long cable, lock your bike to a pole. We are not responsible for lost or stolen bikes.

NOTE:

OUR SWEEP CREWS ARE PROVIDED AS A COURTESY: They are ***not*** mechanics, do not change tires, adjust valves or refill your oil. They are there *to assist,* get medical aid, and communicate in case of an emergency. Sweep is not out there to remove you from a hard way course. Our 4WD sweep ***will*** help get a broken bike out of the boonies to the nearest road so your own crew can rescue you. Their radios and communication system will make sure your message gets to the appropriate party. Your entry fee does not provide point-to-point towing/flatbed service. Our sweep crews will clear portions of the course throughout the day. If you do not heed sweep's personnel warnings, you will be in the desert after dark. You will be on your own with no one behind you. (Unless you have super bright off-road lights on your bike, you do not want to be out in the very dark desert at night. It is easy to lose your bearings and get lost.

If you have any other questions, please send email through website and we will answer as soon as we can.

IMPORTANT INFO: NO SOLO RIDERS PERMITTED
Buddy up with other riders for your safety

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

ANTELOPE VALLEY HOSPITAL
1600 West Ave. J
Lancaster, CA 93534
661-949-5000
(East of the 14 Freeway, on the corner of 15th St. West)

BARSTOW COMMUNITY HOSPITAL
820 E. Mountain View St.
Barstow, CA 92311
760-256-1761



HUMANA/SUNRISE HOSPITAL
3186 S. Maryland Pkwy.
Las Vegas, NV 89109
702-731-8000

UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER (Trauma Center)
1800 W. Charleston Blvd.
Las Vegas, NV 89102
702-383-2000

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
2601 Barstow Rd.,

MOTORCYCLE SHOPS AT THE START

CYCLE GEAR Tel. 661-273-6113
(Open 6 a.m. Friday.

CELL PHONE MONITORS



Dave Spencer 661-733-7096
Kieth Huff 562-244-0244
Jackie Nicholson 626-255-0269
Jim Nicholson 818-391-3083

HOTELS

THURSDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 26, PALMDALE:

Event headquarters
Embassy Suites
39375 5th St. W.
Palmdale, CA
661-266-3756
Discount Code: District 37 Dual Sport LA B to V

FRIDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 27, PALMDALE:

Event headquarters
Embassy Suites
39375 5th St. W.
Palmdale, CA
661-266-3756
Exit Hwy-14 at Hwy 138 (W. Palmdale Blvd.) and go west. Turn right on 5th St. West. Go north. Embassy Suites is on the left. Park on the street or in the Embassy Suites parking lot only if leaving a vehicle

FRIDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 27, BARSTOW:

Event headquarters
Holiday Inn Express
2700 Lenwood Rd.
Barstow, CA
760-253-9200

Hampton Inn
2710 Lenwood Rd.
Barstow, CA
760-253-2600
(Across the parking lot from Holiday Inn Express)

Comfort Suites
2571 Fisher Blvd.
Barstow, CA
760-253-3600
(.8 miles away)
Trailer parking okay

Ayres Hotel
2812 Lenwood Rd.
Barstow, CA

SATURDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 28, LAS VEGAS:

Event headquarters
The Orleans Hotel and Casino
4500 W. Tropicana Blvd.
Las Vegas, NV
(About one mile west of the strip.)
702-365-7111 or 800-675-3267
Discount code: AMA

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THE DESERT TORTOISE

The desert tortoise is listed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as a threatened species. Under the provisions of the Endangered Species Act (ESA), anyone who takes (the term "take" means to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, collect, or attempt to engage in any such conduct) a tortoise is subject to civil and/or criminal penalties of up to a $50,000 fine and one year in jail, or both. BLM assists the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in the enforcement of the Act. The desert tortoise is also considered by California to be a threatened species with associated penalties.

BIOLOGY: Like other reptiles, the desert tortoise is cold-blooded. To survive in the desert, the tortoise hibernates (remains underground in its burrow) during the hottest times of the day during the summer and hibernates (sleeps underground in its burrow) during the cold of winter. Tortoises come out in the spring to eat grasses and wildflowers and drink water from the spring rains (although they obtain most of their water from the plants they eat). Also in spring, they socialize and look for mates. At other times of the year, they are less active above ground.

The desert tortoise reaches sexual maturity between 10 and 20 years of age. The females lay from 2 to 14 ping pong ball size eggs. Since a tortoise may live for 60 to 100 years, many eggs will be laid in a lifetime. However, only about five out of every 100 hatchlings will survive to become an adult tortoise. For the first six to eight years, the young tortoise's shell is no thicker than your fingernail, and therefore, it is easy prey for many other desert animals, especially the raven.

Many human activities also threaten the survival of the desert tortoise. Some of these include:

· removing wild tortoises from the desert

· releasing pet tortoises into the desert (they often carry disease)

· driving off roads in areas not designated for off-highway vehicle play (tortoises are crushed in their burrows) · crushing tortoises as they are crossing roads

· Shooting at tortoises

SOME DOs and DON'TS:

1. If you find a tortoise in the desert, **DO** take pictures, get down and look at it (but not so close that you dis turb it). Watch to see how it moves and what it eats, then walk away and know that you have done a good deed by letting it live in peace.

2. While driving on desert roads, **DO** keep an eye out for tortoises crossing the road. If you encounter one and have plenty of room to pass, drive slowly and carefully around it. If the tortoise is in immediate danger, pull your car over and stop in a safe place. Carefully place your fingers under and thumbs on top of the tortoise’s shell, grasping it on the sides. Keep your hands away from its head. Lift the tortoise slowly and gently, keeping it level and close to the ground, as if it is in a walking position. Move it to a safe place no more than 100 yards away and in the same direction that it was traveling. Carefully set it down, preferably in the shade of a shrub.

3. **DO** check under your car or truck before driving away. Sometimes a tortoise will seek the shade underneath a parked vehicle.

4. If you want a pet tortoise, **DON'T** take one out of the desert! **DO** call the California Turtle and Tortoise Club: Ginger and Gary Wilfong at 510-886-2946. The Wilfongs can help you adopt a tortoise and obtain a free permit from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to legally keep a tortoise.

5. If you get tired of a pet tortoise, **DON'T** let it go in the desert! Release of pet tortoises violates the Endangered Species Act and can spread the deadly Upper Respiratory Tract Disease. Call the number listed above to find a new home for your pet.

A-ONE CYCLE

MOTORCYCLE REPAIRS, SUPPLIES, AND GEAR

Welcome LA-B-to-V Riders to Barstow!

A-ONE CYCLE will be at the dirt parking lot

Friday, November 27th at noon

Alex will carry the items and brands you need!

Tires	MOTOZ
Tubes	Kenda
Levers	Tubliss
Batteries	NitroMousse
Chains	AMSOIL
Sprockets	Bel-Ray
Filters	Lucas
Oil	Maxima
Spark Plugs	MOTOREX
	Motul

Alex's cell # 760-447-4538

A-ONE CYCLE - 1301 W. Main Street, Barstow. From Holiday Inn Express: Go north on Lenwood Rd. Turn right on Main St. and go 4.5 miles.