

SEE WHAT'S NEW FOR THE WVMC 2009 RIDING SEASON

The following will remain the same as previous years: The official start of this years mileage contest is April 7th the night of our business meeting. Although members can enter at any time thereafter, any mileage accumulated before you enter will not be counted toward your final mileage reading at the end of the contest. You can have your mileage read by any active officer after April 6th. The categories are: (1) High mileage riders (2) Recreational riders (3) Social riders. The official end of the contest will be Nov. 3rd the night of our business meeting. The total amount of entries will be divided as evenly as possible into the three categories from highest to lowest final accumulated mileage. There will be 1st and 2nd place winners in each category. The amount of the prize money will be determined by the total raised from the number of entries.

The following is new for this year: We have decided to create 2 new club riding patches. The first patch will be a mileage contest patch. It will have WVMC mileage contest and the year embroidered on it. Everyone who enters will receive this patch regardless if you win a category or not. The second patch is a club touring patch. It will be in the shape of a diamond. It will have our club logo, WVMC four corners, the year and N,S,E and W in the four corners embroidered on it. All who enter the contest can earn this patch. The Road Captain will choose four points of interest each year. The locations will be north, south ,east and west. Each participant will have the entire riding season to visit each point and have your picture taken there with your bike. Once you turn in all four pictures to the Road Captain you will be entitled to the Four Corners Patch. When I know the amount who earned this patch I can order the number of patches needed. The fee to enter the mileage contest will be 10 bucks instead of 5 dollars to help pay for the patches. Five dollars of this amount will be matched by the club to be paid out as prize money for the mileage category winners. The other 5 bucks will be to help pay the cost of the patches. The last change will be the elimination of the Female rider category. Female riders can still enter but will compete overall in the three remaining categories for total mileage.

The changes to this year's mileage contest were added to encourage more members to participate in the program. I feel the mileage contest patch given to all who enter will make those who participate feel as though they got something out of it even if they didn't win any prize money. The touring patch was designed to encourage club members to get out and ride more and to give them a place to ride to, when they have the time to go for a ride. Putting the year on the patch is to encourage our participants to be involved with the contest year after year.

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