



McKee's Sky Ranch

Vintage Motorcycle Event
July 25-28, 2013

Terra Alta, West Virginia

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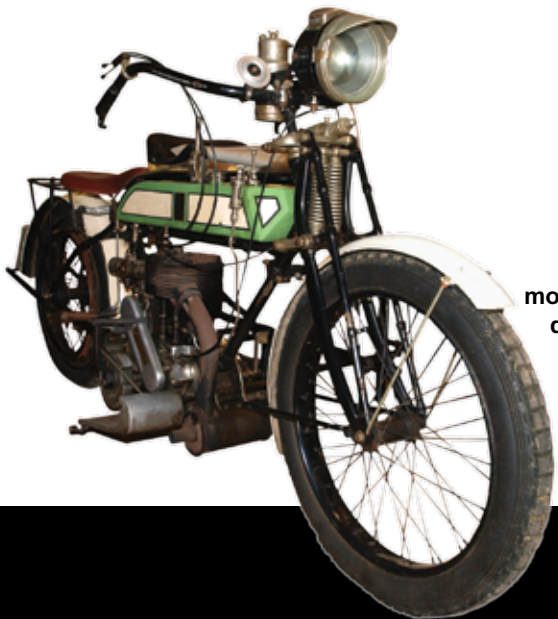
Top photo: AHRMA natural terrain motocross.

Above: Tom and Debbie McKee with their 1948 Indian Chief motorcycle.

Tom McKee has been passionate about motorcycles since he was a youngster growing up in Baltimore, Maryland. Since that time Tom has developed a keen interest in collecting, preserving, and promoting motorcycles, a hobby that he eagerly shares with fellow enthusiasts at events around the country. As Tom's interest in the hobby increased, so did plans to promote it in a variety of ways that would be accessible to the general public as well as enthusiasts. Ideas were developed and put into action in more recent times at his home in Preston County, West Virginia, and riders from around the country responded. Tom now looks forward to initiating programs and facilities that will culminate in major events at his home in Terra Alta.

The first event on Tom's home turf was an all brands motorcycle event that utilized the 225 acre McKee Sky Ranch, home to Tom and wife, Debbie. According to Tom, "Terra Alta is our home base for development. In Terra Alta, we are located near interstate highways and metropolitan areas but are able to safely ride rural roads with vintage motorcycles."

A decision was made to name the 2012 inaugural event *McKee Sky Ranch*. It featured a dual sport ride, swap meet, bike show, moto rally, and American Historic Racing Motorcycle Association (AHRMA) competition events. Participants enjoyed the 100 mile vintage motorcycle "Moto Rally," a back-to-roots motocross course designed by Dick Mann, member of the Motorcycle Hall of Fame, and two-time winner of the American Motorcycle Association Grand National Championship, and



Vintage motorcycle displays.



Dick Mann speaking to the Director of West Virginia Tourism, Betty Carver, and assistant Jane Bostick.



AHRMA vintage cross country.



AHRMA vintage trials.



Dual sport ride.

a five mile cross country race. The natural terrain at Sky Ranch provided excitement for cross country participants and spectators who arrived from California, Louisiana, Michigan, Georgia, and the New England region.

As plans move forward for the *2013 Mckee's Sky Ranch*, Tom has announced a schedule for the dates of July 25-28. Thursday's Dual-Sport/Adventure Tour Ride will offer riders picturesque back road routes that may be enjoyed at a leisurely pace. Friday's street biker Moto Rally will feature a winding 100 mile loop through the West Virginia hills, while Saturday's AHRMA National Cross Country and National Motocross presents multiple opportunities for competitors and spectators. Two of the best courses on the AHRMA schedule will challenge riders, and spectators can witness classic motorcycles rarely viewed outside of a museum. Events will wrap up on Sunday with more AHRMA National Cross Country races and AHRMA post vintage motocross competitions.

In addition to the competitive events, organizers are planning a four day swap meet and vintage bike display. Vendors plan to sell bike parts, antiques, and other items, and classic machine owners are invited to bring their bikes



AHRMA vintage motocross.

regardless of condition. As Tom notes, "Dust and dirt are welcome at Sky Ranch." Based on the 2012 results, Tom expects more than 500 motorcycle riders to attend, thereby making it one of the biggest regional attractions of the summer months. Campers are invited to set up tents on the ranch property, and RV owners can choose from a number of level spots, although no hook-ups are available.

For more information regarding the July 25-28 *Mckee Sky Ranch* event, visit www.mckeeskyranch.com.

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