

**2022 Senior Butt Rally**  
**Sunday, September 18, 2022**  
**Day 1**

Every rally I've ever been to has a final riders meeting just before the riders mount up to leave. Why that is necessary might be lost on anyone who has never stared with glazed eyes at a rally book for one of the events. They are usually put together with input from multiple people and assembled over a period of months or years depending on the size and length of the event. The rally book shared by the Senior Butt Rally 2022 and its junior counterpart consists of 75 pages of bonuses, instructions, pictures and warnings. The riders received the rally packet with the rally book and all related materials at approximately 8pm Saturday night before the 8am Sunday start. That would normally leave enough time to get a handle on your ride plan if it weren't for that little thing called sleep.

There are more than 200 separate bonus options the riding teams have to choose from. Somehow riders have to cull that down to something manageable over the six day rally. That's a hard enough task for one person. It tends to get harder when two opinions have to be considered. And the interpretations of the English language by two people reading the same set of instructions can be all over the map (pun intended). Thus the Sunday morning meeting becomes a necessity to clarify any remaining misunderstandings from the instructions. Add to that a discussion of how the bikes will be sent out of the parking lot and you've plenty to discuss.

And then you wait. Fifteen minutes to kill before mounting a bike to take off on a six day rally can seem like forever. So riders check and recheck GPS entries, compare routing notes with each other from the night before, double check bags, zippers, latches – and still the time seems to drag – until... the engines start firing up. And one by one the urge to get moving takes over. Riders in pairs begin to line up in the direction of the Rallymaster's announced direction of exit. You fight that little voice in your head that keeps telling you to ease off the clutch and apply the gas in sufficient quantity to propel the bike on its way without the dreaded, embarrassing stall out. But it always happens to someone. At exactly 8:00am, thanks to the preciseness of the smart phone, the Rallymaster points a finger your way and you're underway. There is no feeling like it. An adrenaline rush that heightens the senses and signals the start of your journey. And in the span of a couple of minutes, it's all over. Every bike is out of the lot and disappears into the traffic. The rally is on.

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Waiting...

Nick Byrnes and Kerri Miller of Team Ohana wait it out.

Checking and rechecking.

Steven Rufo of the Midwest Misfits takes another look at the rally book.



At the starting line this morning were riders from twenty different states and one rider, Chris Wiltshire, from New Zealand. Almost every brand of bike is represented in the field. The full roster that left the parking lot is as follows:

Team #	Rider	Location	Motorcycle	Team Name
281	James Owen	Easton, PA	2022 BMW R1250RT	Team Kiweagle
	Chris Wiltshire	Warkworth, New Zealand	2021 Kawasaki Concours	
340	Art Garvin	Canton, OH	2010 Honda Goldwing	Midwest Misfits
	Steven Rufo	Crofton, MD	BMW R1250GSA	
493	Mike Riley	Mustang, OK	2012 Kawasaki Concours	Bounty Hunters
	Jeff Hallquist	New Bern, NC	2022 Harley Pan America	
519	Danny Dossman	Belton, TX	2021 BMW R1250GSA	Test Dummies
	Matt Wise	Rowlett, TX	2015 BMW R1200GSA	
525	Lyle Monroe	Smyrna, TN	2014 Honda Goldwing	Aloha Y'all
	Dan Lessert	Carrollton, TX	2014 Honda CTX1300	
575	Marty Cover	Annapolis, MD	2022 BMW R1250RT	The Ancient Mariners
	Jack Airlie	Pensacola, FL	2018 Honda NC750XD	
590	Paul Meyer	Herington, KS	2013 Kawasaki ZX14R	SACKS
	Peter Green	Colorado Springs, CO	2019 Kawasaki Concours	
594	Ken Andrews	Little Rock, AR	2022 Harley Road Glide	Radar Love
	Bill Karitis	Mount Pleasant, SC	2022 BMW R1250GSA	
633	Gary Huff	Colorado Springs, CO	2016 BMW R1200RT	The Knights Who Say Ni
	Doug McCleary	Colorado Springs, CO	2013 Yamaha FJR	
634	Mike Hall	Collinsville, OK	BMW R1200RT	BoomChakaLaka
	Glenn Royal	Houston, TX	2019 BMW R1250RT	
901	Jim Craig	Wildwood, MO	2016 BMW R1200 GSA	Keep Moving Forward
	Russell Black	Manvel, TX	2002 Honda Goldwing	
902	Steve Kotlarz	Durango, CO	2014 Yamaha FJR	The Millennial Falcons
	Nate Stueber	Livingston, LA	2015 Yamaha FJR	
903	Lionel Ramos	Falls Church, VA	2021 BMW R250RT	The Long & Short of It
	Robert Long	Ash Grove, MO	2014 Victory Vision	
904	Doug Vance	Cordova, TN	2017 Harley Ultra Limited	Chicken MI-TENNS
	Larry Telling	Van Buren, MI	2019 Harley Ultra Limited	
905	Morris Cox	Brookshire, TX	2017 Triumph Tiger Exp XRT	Rambler & Ratchet
	Cynthia Cox	Brookshire, TX	2018 CanAm Spyder RT	
906	Jay Bolinger	Plainfield, IN	2017 Yamaha Super Tenere	The Blue(s) Brothers
	Mike Lindstrom	Burnsville, MN	2018 BMW R1200GSA	
907	Eric Markus	Hudson, CO	2021 Harley Pan America	Too Trashy
	Dan Alsop	Arvada, CO	2021 Harley Pan America	
908	Nick Byrnes	Linden, VA	2013 BMW R1200 GSA	Team Ohana
	Kerri Miller	Seattle, WA	2019 BMW R1250 GSA	
909	Dave Gillihan	Fort Worth, TX	2014 BMW R1200GS	Team G2G
	Heather Gillihan	Fort Worth, TX	2019 Yamaha Super Tenere	
910	Lynn Behrens	Beaver Dam, WI	2016 BMW R1200RS	Cedar Beaver
	Ed Feyereisen	Cedar Grove, WI	2007 Suzuki DL 1000	

If you are shopping for a rally bike and think this group might be a good barometer of the right mount, here is the tale of the tape for this year - 16 BMW's, 6 Harley's, 5 Honda's, 5 Yamaha's, 4 Kawasaki's, 1 Suzuki, 1 Triumph, 1 Victory and 1 Can Am. That was at the start of the day. What leaves the starting line and what appears at the finish line, and with what numbers, are always moving targets. We'll check back at the finish to see how successful each brand was from a mechanical standpoint.



The undisputed king of the Senior Butt Rally, James Owen, takes the pole position in the starting field as a result of having the lowest IBR Finisher 3-digit number in the field, 281. His ride of choice, a 2022 "Racing Blue" BMW R1250RT. He is joined this year by New Zealander, Chris Wiltshire on a 2021 Kawasaki Concours. Chris was overheard asking James, "How long does it take to get out of Texas"?

And with that, they were off.