



Left, Chase Hinderstein on his HP4. Below, Chaz Fisher on his K 1200 RS. Right, a rider taking a curve on his K 1600 GTL. Below right, the "Corkscrew," or Turns 3a, 3b and 4 as they're listed on the map of VIR's South Course. Background, a rider tearing into the straightaway that crosses the Start/Finish line.



MOA Cornerspeed Getaway at VIR



If you're a member of the BMW Motorcycle Owners of America, you've probably heard of the Getaways they host. If not, you're missing out on some good opportunities to ride to beautiful locations and hang out with like-minded BMW riders.

The Getaway program has been going on for a few years now, and in 2015, the MOA hosted seven of them. April's was in North Carolina at Fontana Dam, about halfway between Asheville, NC and Chattanooga, TN on the south side of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. May saw members converge on Lake Couchiching, in Ontario, Canada, just a little north of Toronto. August's Getaway was in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. September saw four Getaways – at

Pine Mountain, near Pineville, Kentucky; at Coeur D'Alene in Post Falls, Idaho; the Cornerspeed Riding School at VIRginia International Raceway in Alton, Virginia; and in Cedar City, Utah.

The Cornerspeed Getaway was unique among all the other events. Most of them are not entirely dissimilar from our own Square Route Rally. They feature less camping, for sure, and food is on your own or in the host restaurants, but the idea of arrive on Friday, ride all day Saturday, and head home Sunday is there.

Cornerspeed took place on a Monday and all the riding was structured and planned out – and around a 1.65-mile closed loop otherwise known as the South Course at VIRginia International Raceway

(VIR). At \$450, it looked expensive for a one-day event, but thanks to the MOA Foundation's Paul B. Memorial Scholarship Fund (which is meant to subsidize rider training and education courses for MOA members), most attendees only paid \$200 for the day, which included lectures from Cornerspeed's director, Aaron Stevenson, and his subordinate instructors, all of whom have extensive racing experience.

BMWBMW members Chase Hinderstein and Chaz Fisher attended. Chase wanted to get his S 1000 RR-based HP4 on a track and Chaz, a rally rider with a K 1200 RS, was looking to build some street-applicable skills in a safe, structured environment.

While there were more than a few sport and sport-touring motorcycles on the track throughout the day, there were also several dual-sport bikes and a few heavy-duty touring motorcycles as well. It's exciting to see an HP4 pulling a two- or three-G braking maneuver into a tight hairpin turn; it's an entirely different experience watching somebody hurl a K 1600 GTL into the same brief stretch of race track.

The MOA Getaways are over for the year, but keep an eye on their website (www.bmwmoa.org) and their monthly magazine, Owners News, for information about the Getaways in 2016. 

