

# ROCKY MOUNTAIN MOTOGIRO

**NAKUSP BRITISH COLUMBIA  
SEPTEMBER 17, 18 AND 19, 2021**

Once again, we invite entries to the 2021 installment of the Rocky Mountain Motogiro, promoted by the Rocky Mountain Section of the Canadian Vintage Motorcycle Group. The event comprises of one day of road riding on public roads at legal speed limits and a second day of closed road timed riding. Participants can elect to only run on the first day and would be greatly welcomed as volunteers on the closed road second day.

The event is fashioned after the original Giro Motociclistico d'Italia, an endurance race comprising 3,400 km in 8 legs through mountain roads down the length of the boot. All road racing in Italy was banned in 1957 after an accident in the Mille Miglia race, spelling an end to the Giro.

The endurance portion of the Rocky Mountain Motogiro will take place over 300 kilometers in four legs, starting in Nakusp B.C., passing down the Arrow and Slocan Lakes to Nelson to lunch and then up the shores of Kootenay Lake and on to Kaslo, returning to Nakusp via the fabulous road between Kaslo and New Denver. Points will be awarded for the ability of the participant to complete each leg without breakdown.

The closed road portion of the event will be held in Nakusp on the Nakusp Hot Springs road, a 10 km mountain road, with significant up hill portions on a challenging road course. In addition to the regular fastest time entries, 2019 saw the addition of a "Constellation Class." Participants in this class set pace at which they wish to and feel comfortable negotiating the course by picking a time prior to the start of Sunday's events. Points were awarded for proximity to the time picked and differences in time in seconds between each of the participants runs. This rewarded rider consistency or a "constellation" around a set time with the aim of encouraging participation in the closed road event. The winner of this class in 2019 had astonishingly close times over 4 runs that differed by less than 5 seconds, 3 of which were within a 0.75s of each other!

**NOTE! Due to the wildfire situation in BC and ongoing risk of wildfires, Nakusp has agreed to support our event under the one additional condition: "Acknowledgement that should the wildfire situation worsen and Nakusp and/or surrounding area become subject to an Evacuation Order or the Fire Chief deems conditions to be unsafe, that the Motogiro event may be cancelled by the Village of Nakusp without notice."**

Practically, this means that we may have to substitute the Sunday closed road event for a ride. We have a route in mind, should this transpire. We should know for certain on the Friday of the event weekend. Of course, if Nakusp is threatened by wildfire and

is subject to an evacuation, the Motogiro may have the opportunity, time permitting, to move locations or have to be cancelled entirely. Unless you hear otherwise, the event remains a go. Notifications will be by email to the mailing list.

In the event of a change to Sunday's programming or similarly, if the event is subject to a full cancellation, the organisers will endeavour to provide some form of entry fee refund or a discount for 2022. Please bear in mind, the event is put on in good faith, run by volunteers and is not-for-profit and the majority of expenses will be incurred long before the event starts. Participant T-Shirts and Posters will be provided in the event of a cancellation. We all are subject to the beauty and beast that Mother Nature can be. In signing your entry, you acknowledge the risk of event changes such as those outlined above. Thank you for your understanding in this particular regard.

And, the obligatory quick note about COVID. Should you be experiencing symptoms, have tested positive, are awaiting test results or had close contact with someone known to have COVID, please do not attend the event. Everyone has their duty to make this event COVID free.

For the regular fastest time entries, as in past years, riders will be timed with points being awarded in two classes, 125cc and under and 250cc and under. Each heat will consist of four entrants, judged to be of similar speed and started with an "Isle of Man" style start of 10 seconds between each rider. This is intended to be a competition for rider and machine against time, and not a race between riders in the heat.

Participation for the closed road event on Sunday is limited to 24 entrants. Participation for the Saturday ride is unlimited.

Points will also be awarded for the age, swept displacement (cc's), reliability and in recognition of the original event and the participants of the time, for the origin of the machine.

Points will be awarded and awards given for fit and finish, judged by a participant and public's most desirable motorcycle choice vote.

A chase vehicle will be following the participants on both days, with a trailer to manage breakdowns on the Saturday. Participants are expected to bring their own tools and supplies as necessary. There is a great deal of camaraderie in helping each other manage the expected ride, break, wrench, repeat cycle but please bring what you need to help manage your motorcycle's inevitable quirks when stretched at this event.

Eligible bikes are detailed in the Rules and Regulations.

**The event is put on by volunteers and this year we would like to encourage participants to strongly consider bringing a volunteer to the event. A successful event on Sunday comes only with some 25 volunteers!**

Many thanks for your interest. We look forward to seeing you at the event and to another safe and successful Rocky Mountain Motogiro 2021.

For more information, contact Jim Kelsall (403) 808-8985,  
[rockymountainmotogiro@gmail.com](mailto:rockymountainmotogiro@gmail.com)