

# 2025 MOTD



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## Event Guide

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## EVENT COMMUNICATIONS

For general communications between everyone attending, please monitor channel 7 sub-channel 21 on the FRS/GMRS radio. Please use this channel only to get in contact with other members of the group and refrain from playing music or having long conversations on 7-21. Doing so blocks the channel and prevents others from using it. In order to keep 7-21 clear for the group to use, it's best if you move your conversation to another channel instead of staying on 7-21. Below is a list of sub-channels for each local group attending.

7 Sub 21 -----	MOTD Main Channel	13 Sub 20 -----	Midland MINI Motoring
21 Sub 7 -----	Alternate Drive Channel	14 Sub 7 -----	NEO MINIs
9 Sub 9 -----	Barry of the Day (MOTD)	15 Sub 15 -----	Queen City Coopers
2 Sub 15 -----	Philly MINI	16 Sub 10 -----	Hampton Rd MINI Club
3 Sub 8 -----	MINI Skirts	17 Sub 1 -----	Upstatesminis - SC
4 Sub 9 -----	SWFL MINIs	17 Sub 21 -----	Mid-South MINIs
5 Sub 21 -----	Tallahassee MINI	18 Sub 21 -----	Kansas City MINI Enthusiasts
6 Sub 21 -----	Michigan MINI	19 Sub 9 -----	Bluegrass MINIs
8 Sub 11 -----	Daytona Area MM	20 Sub 20 -----	Tar Heel MINIs
10 Sub 4 -----	Sunshine MINIs	20 Sub 21 -----	"Drive and Eat"
10 Sub 11 -----	CarlisleMINI	21 Sub 0 -----	Appalachain Mtn MINIs
11 Sub 11 -----	Mid-Ohio Motoring	21 Sub 21 -----	MINIs of Texas
12 Sub 14 -----	Mid TN MINIs	22 Sub 22 -----	DC Metro MINIs

# Fontana Hours

**Due to Staffing Issues ALL HOURS are Subject to Change.  
Check Bulletin in General Store for up to date hours.**

**Fontana Lodging Check-Ins will be in the General Store**

**MOTD Registration will be in the card room inside the Rec. Hall**

(that is next to the bar in the Rec. Hall where the Group Dinners are Held)(see map below)

The Quill's Canteen will be open: Breakfast: 7:00 am - 10:00 am -- Daily

Lunch/Dinner: 11:00 am - 9:00 pm -- Daily

Pitstop Gas Station will be open\*\*: Sun-Wed: 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

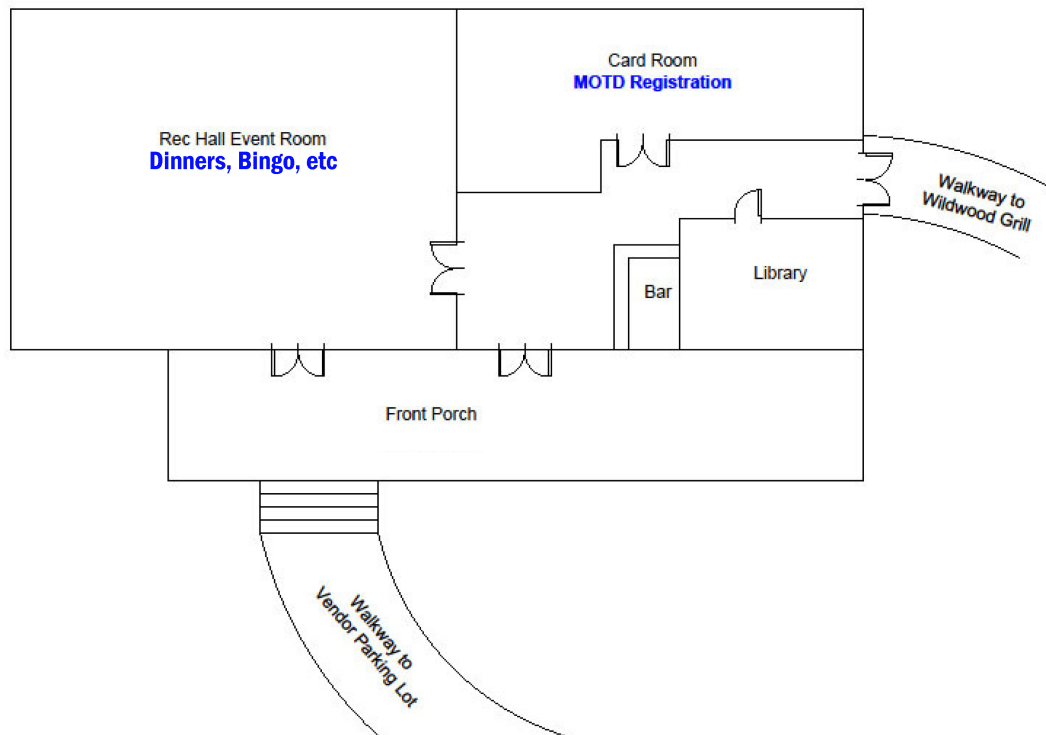
Thu-Sat 8:00 am - 8:00 pm

The General Store will be open: OPEN 24 / 7

\*\*Pitt Stop Gas Station will serve BBQ and Hotdogs daily

Ice Cream Shop: T.B.D..

Car Wash Locations: General Store Parking Lot  
Small Parking Lot Next to Putt Putt Course



# Safety on the Dragon!

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Drive the Dragon at your skill level - don't try to push it or keep up with faster vehicles.

STAY IN YOUR LANE, cutting the corners and taking chances that might appear "fun" while sitting in your easy chair, BEWARE, this style of driving the Dragon can cost you dearly. The challenge of the Dragon is to take the many curves in the best line possible inside your lane.

Do NOT sightsee. The Dragon is to drive, not to watch sights. On many runs I don't even see what is on the side of the road. I'm watching the roadway way ahead.

Look far ahead at the road, curves, bushes, other vehicles, etc. If you haven't seen the hazards right in front of you, you are going to hit them anyway, so you might as well pay attention to what you have time to avoid.

We have seen deer, bear, turkeys, and wild boar on the roadway. Be ready to brake and slow down. When we say brake we DO NOT mean slamming on the brakes. That will get you turned around in a hurry and it's no fun looking at where you've been at any speed.

Maintain a "safe zone". Keep a safe distance between you and the vehicle ahead of you. Watch your rear view mirrors for faster vehicles. If you see a faster rider/driver coming up behind you, pull over to the right of your lane, slow down a little, and wave them around. It's much safer to let a faster vehicle go around you than to try to outrun them. NEVER stay left trying to keep someone from passing you. NEVER pull off the road onto the shoulder unless it is at one of the pull-off parking areas. It may be illegal to pass on the Dragon, but I'll let a faster vehicle get around me to protect my safe zone.

There will always be faster drivers than you. Don't try to be the King of the Dragon. Drive the Dragon many times before trying to challenge it. Even then you still need to respect it at all times.

DO NOT STAND ON THE BRAKES if you see danger ahead. You are much better off to tap the brakes and maintain control. Some 90% of the accidents on the Dragon are due to speed and then over braking. If you see another vehicle coming at you in your lane, hug the white line in your lane. In all likelihood you can avoid trucks and trailers if you stay alert and watch ahead.

DO NOT be spooked by other vehicles. DO NOT make sudden avoidance moves. You might have to adjust your line to avoid a car, truck, or bike, but DO NOT lay on the brakes or turn off the roadway suddenly unless that is the only out you have. Motorcycles might dent your car, but that is better than going off the bank and hitting a tree sideways. If a cycle is in your lane, that is their mistake and problem, don't let them force you into a worse situation for yourself.

Trucks are usually traveling at a very slow speed and you should have time to stop and back-up if you see one coming at you and taking the whole corner. Watch for signals from drivers/riders coming at you. Many times they will escort a big truck over the Dragon and wave a warning to you to pull over. DO NOT ignore these warnings.

# Safety on the Dragon! (continued)

Avoid driving hard on the Dragon in heavy traffic times. Weekends from 11 am to 5 pm are the busiest. These are the times to lay back and enjoy watching the "show" go by. The early mornings (before 11 am) and the late afternoons (after 5 pm) have the least traffic. Always stay 100% alert. You do not have the advantage of relaxing on the Dragon

Make sure your vehicle is mechanically sound and that your tires are good. Plan to make several runs, the first is always a nervous one .... then you can have fun on the second and third.

DO NOT over-use your brakes. Use your gears and DOWNSHIFT. A good Dragon driver WILL NOT use a lot of brakes.

Focus - do not daydream. Watch the road, your mirrors, and pay attention to other biker/car/trucks. 99% of the accidents on the Dragon come from the following:

Too much speed - Too much brakes - Inattentiveness - Driving above your abilities



## Graham County Food Drive - Grace Place

Once again we will be reaching out to help support the local Graham County Food Pantry and give back to the local folks in the area. We have several incentives to get everyone involved:

**Dontations at the the Registration Room:** We'll have various trinket to entice you donate in the registration room too.

Here is a list of items in need: (please check the expiration dates)

Cake Mix	Cans of Tuna Fish	Oatmeal
Brownie Mix	Pop Tarts	Soups
Sugar	Cream of Mushroom Soup	Peanut Butter Crackers)
Rice	Cream of Chicken Soup	Taco Seasoning Mix
Spices	Dawn Dish Detergant	Sloppy Joe Mix
Rotel	Gallon Zip Lock Bags	Non-Stck Spray
Canned Fruit	Cooking Oils	Canned Vegetables
Paper Towels	Spaghetti Sauce	Large and XL Latex Gloves
Gravey Mix	Canned Tomatoes	Canned Food: Ravioli, Sausage, etc
	Tomato Paste	

An event of this size does not happen by itself. It takes a coordinated effort from a lot of individuals and groups. So let's all thank the following contributors and supporters of the 2025 MINIs on the Dragon!!

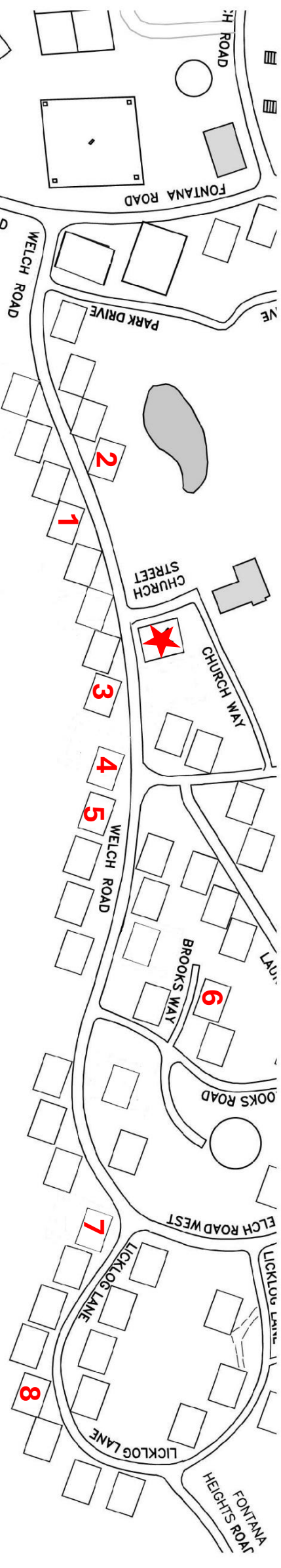
## 2025 **Vendors** and **Sponsors**

<b>129 Photos</b>	<b>Adventures of a Car Girl</b>	<b>Scott Blaylock</b>
<b>Adam Popp</b>	<b>-MaeLynn Hill</b>	<b>Show Me Aerial Images</b>
<b>Al London (London Mountain Home)</b>	<b>MINI Coppers of Texas</b>	<b>Simple Life Campground</b>
<b>Brandy Brown</b>	<b>MINI of Knoxville</b>	<b>Middle Tennessee MINI</b>
<b>Cooper Cast</b>	<b>MINI USA</b>	<b>SWFL MINIACS</b>
<b>Craven Speed</b>	<b>MINIbee</b>	<b>Tallas MINIs</b>
<b>Crooked River (check)</b>	<b>NEO MINIacs</b>	<b>Chris &amp; Betty Bowlings</b>
<b>Cycle &amp; Balance Corp</b>	<b>Open Road MINI Parts &amp; Service</b>	<b>The Cooper Cast</b>
<b>DAMM</b>	<b>Oz Pottery</b>	<b>The Cooper Clan (check)</b>
<b>DC Metro MINIs</b>	<b>Pat Wysor</b>	<b>The MINI Vlog</b>
<b>Detroit Tuned</b>	<b>Pete &amp; Izzy Doty</b>	<b>Ultimate Driving Adventures</b>
<b>Ela Shores Cabins</b>	<b>Rick and Robin Culbertson</b>	<b>Upstate MINIs</b>
<b>Emily Martian</b>	<b>Roger Seeley</b>	<b>Way Motor Works</b>
<b>Flow MINI of Winston</b>		<b>Willmek MINI parts</b>

## 2025 Event and Drive Volunteers

Aaron Granger	Dallas	Middle Tenn MINIs
Adams & Madison Clan	Donna Budlong	Mike and Donna Smith
Andrew Austin	Greg & Jann Hamilton	MINI Cooper of Texas
Appalachian Mountain MINIs	Jack Rowland (MINIBee)	MINIs on 129
Barry & Robin Patascher	James Riedel	ODDJOB
Bill and Mary Lou Hightower	Janet Ford	PTR-Tres Amigos
Bob Whitney	Jason Hurdle - Xiek	Rachel Stanley
Brandy Brown	Jay & Norma Jean Pecotte	Roger Seeley
Chris & Betty Bowling	Jeff Ellis	Ross Gobble
Chris & Laura Suich	Jeff Goodman	Rusty & Missy Swetz
Chris and Melissa Bastin	Kim and Lee Outlaw	Steve Queen
Colin Squire	Leon & Mary Dixon	Tom Womble
Corey Brown	Mark & Michelle Chenot	Troy Wesson
Cynthia Womble	Mason Hendricks	Woody and Barbie Marshall
	Michelle and Howie Rosenberg	





# MOTD 2025 – Cabin Crawl Map

	Cabin	Clubname/Hosts
	# 514	Chris & Betty Bowling
2	# 515	Adams/Madison Clan
Visit our Cabin Crawl Sponsor: <b>MINI of Knoxville on the RV Pad by Church St</b>		
3	# 526	MINI Coopers of Texas
4	# 538	Donna Budlong
5	# 546	Appalachian Mountain Mini
6	# 973	Middle Tn Mini
7	# 1012	MINIs on 129
8	# 1020	Andrew Austin, Michelle Chenot

# 2025 MOTD Event Summary Page

## Wednesday – April 30th 2025

## Friday - May 2nd 2025

<input type="checkbox"/>	6:00 am - 11:15 am	Sunrise Drive Thru the Smokies
<input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 am - 2:30 pm	Foothill Parkway Lunch Run
<input type="checkbox"/>	9:15 am - 2:45 pm	Skyway Beach Run
<input type="checkbox"/>	10:00 am - 3:30 pm	Deep Creek Waterfalls
<input type="checkbox"/>	10:45 am - 2:15 pm	Just-A Lunch
<input type="checkbox"/>	12:15 pm - 2:45 pm	The PittsBURGER Run
<input type="checkbox"/>	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Dragon Safety
<input type="checkbox"/>	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Registration Pick-Ups
<input type="checkbox"/>	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Welcome Dinner
<input type="checkbox"/>	7:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Music Under the Stars
<input type="checkbox"/>	8:00 pm - 9:30 pm	Cigar Salon

<input type="checkbox"/>	7:00 am - 12:00 pm	Donut Run
<input type="checkbox"/>	8:00 am - 9:30 am	Dragon Parade
<input type="checkbox"/>	8:45 am - 2:30 pm	Dragon Fire - Friday Run
<input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 am - 10:00 pm	Registration Pick-Ups
<input type="checkbox"/>	9:15 am - 3:00 pm	White Water Rafting
<input type="checkbox"/>	9:30 am - 4:15 pm	Tsali Notch Vinyard
<input type="checkbox"/>	10:00 am - 3:30 pm	Cherohala and Lunch
<input type="checkbox"/>	10:00 am - 2:30 pm	Abbey Road Run
<input type="checkbox"/>	10:30 am - 2:30 pm	Lazy Hiker Brewery
<input type="checkbox"/>	10:30 am - 2:30 pm	Snowbird Mount Lodge
<input type="checkbox"/>	11:00 am - 4:00 pm	Apple Pie Run
<input type="checkbox"/>	11:30 am - 3:45 pm	Moonshine 28 to Franklin
<input type="checkbox"/>	3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Pineapple Whip Run
<input type="checkbox"/>	3:30 pm - 6:00 pm	River's End Dinner
<input type="checkbox"/>	4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	MINI Say What Photo Shoot
<input type="checkbox"/>	6:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Bingo

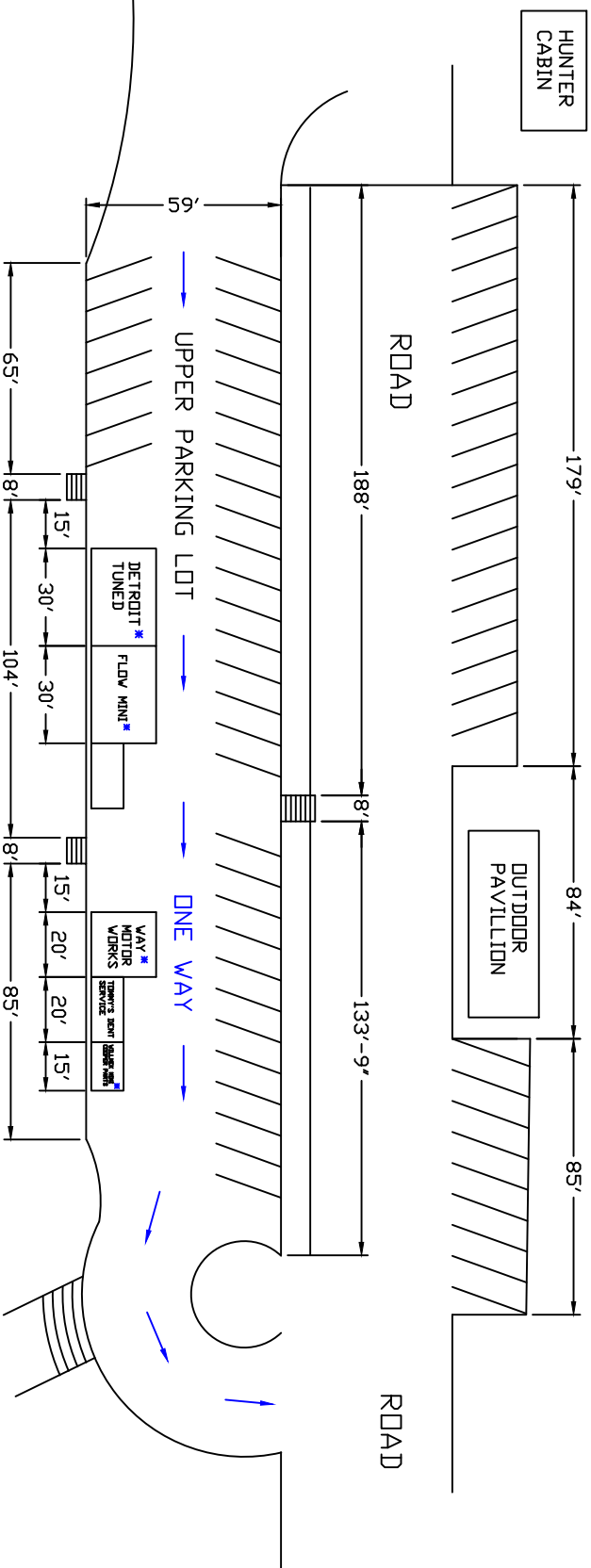
## Thursday - May 1st 2025

<input type="checkbox"/>	6:00 pm - 11:00 pm	Sunrise Drive
<input type="checkbox"/>	6:30 am - 12:00 pm	The Skillet Run
<input type="checkbox"/>	7:00 am - 3:00 pm	Cades Cove Run
<input type="checkbox"/>	8:30 am - 4:30 pm	Foothills and Caverns
<input type="checkbox"/>	8:45 am - 2:30 pm	Dragon Fire - Thursday Run
<input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 am - 10:00 am	Registration Pick-Ups
<input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 am - 2:30 pm	Cherohala and Lunch
<input type="checkbox"/>	9:15 am - 6:15 pm	Penitentiary and Triangle
<input type="checkbox"/>	9:30 am - 5:00 pm	Lost Sea Adventure
<input type="checkbox"/>	10:00 am - 4:00 pm	Andrews Rail Tour
<input type="checkbox"/>	9:45 pm - 3:30 pm	Highlands Lunch
<input type="checkbox"/>	10:00 am - 3:00 pm	Brewery Drive
<input type="checkbox"/>	10:15 pm - 3:15 pm	Lake's End and Wayah Bald
<input type="checkbox"/>	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Wine and Painting Event
<input type="checkbox"/>	3:30 pm - 6:00 pm	River's End Dinner
<input type="checkbox"/>	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Game Time
<input type="checkbox"/>	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	MINI Diecast Swap
<input type="checkbox"/>	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	MOTD Cabin Crawl

## Saturday - May 3rd 2025

<input type="checkbox"/>	7:45 am - 4:00 pm	Blimey's Tiny Tour of Terror
<input type="checkbox"/>	7:30 am - 9:45 am	Spitfire's Roadstah Run
<input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 am - 10:00 am	Registration Pick-Ups
<input type="checkbox"/>	9:30 am - 10:30 am	Panoramic Photo
<input type="checkbox"/>	10:30 am - 2:00 pm	Draggin Dragons - Pine Cars
<input type="checkbox"/>	11:00 am - 2:30 pm	Dragon City Pit Stop Lunch Run
<input type="checkbox"/>	11:00 am - 2:00 pm	Ice Cream Run
<input type="checkbox"/>	11:00 am - 4:00 pm	Road to Nowhere
<input type="checkbox"/>	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Exhaust Sound Check
<input type="checkbox"/>	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Car Show
<input type="checkbox"/>	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Farewell Dinner





NOTE:  
 \* = SIGHT WITH ELECTRIC

MOTD  
 board@minisonthedragon.com

2025 MOTD22 VENDOR ROW

DATE	1	revised with team & Barry's input	DATE	4-4-23	SCALE	1
REV.		REVISION	BY	SHAWN BY CTS	DATE	4-4-23
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# MOTD Restaurant Guide

Wildwood Grill At Fontana Next to Rec. Hall Located at Fontana Village 828-498-2211	The Bistro at Fontana Located In main lodge Located at Fontana Village 828-498-2211	T. Dubb's (take out) 448 Rodney Orr Byp Robbinsville, NC 28771 828-606-1807
Pacifico Mexican Rest. 429 Rodney Orr Byp. Robbinsville, NC 828-479-2431	Lynn's Place 237 . Main Street Robbinsville, NC 28771 828-479-9777	Deals Gap Grill 17548 Tapoco Road Robbinsville, NC 28771 828-498-2231
Southern Gals Country Cooking 400 Rodney Orr Bypass Robbinsville, NC 28771 828-479-9405	Pappa's Pizza 211 Tapoco Road Robbinsville, NC 28771 828-479-2431	River's End 13077 hwy 19 west Bryson City, NC 28713 828-488-2176
Dragon PittStop 4407 Calderwood Hwy Maryville, TN 37801 (865) 440-3951	Tapoco Lodge 14981 Tapoco Road Robbinsville, NC 28771 828-498-2800	Everett Street Dinner 126 Everett Street Bryson City, NC 828-488-0123
Guayabitos Mexican Rest. 239 US-19 South Bryson City, NC 828-488-1336	Nate and Nick's Pizza 225 Everett Street Bryson City, NC 828-488-0500	Anthony's Rest. & Pizzeria 15 Depot St Bryson City, NC 28713 828-488-8898
The High Test Deli 145 Everett Street Bryson City, NC 828-488-1919	Bryson City Brewery 234 Deep Creek Road Bryson City, NC 828-538-0085	Jimmy Mac's Restaurant 121 Main Street Bryson City, NC 28713 828-488-4700
Pasqualino's Italian Rest 25 Everett Street Bryson City, NC 828-488-9555	Vallarta Mexican Restaurant 165 Everett Street Bryson City, NC 828-488-3999	Kosta's Greek Restaurant 489 Haywood Road Dillsboro, NC 828-631-0777
Haywood Smokehouse 403 Haywood Road Dillsboro, NC 828-631-9797	Foragers Canteen 42 Depot Street Dillsboro, NC 828-631-4114	The Iron Wok 33 Rector Street Bryson City, NC 828-488-9553

Note: There is a McDonalds, Wendy's, Huddle House and Subway in Downtown Robbinsville

## EMERGENCY INFORMATION

If you have cell coverage call 911. If you don't not have cell coverage try to make your way to an establishment such as Fontana Village or Deals Gap Motorcycle Resort. Other helpful numbers:

Cheoah Ranger Station - NC	828-479-6431	1133 Massey Branch Road - Robbinsville - NC - 28771
Tellico Ranger Station - TN	423-253-2520	250 Ranger Station Road - Tellico Plains - TN - 37385
Graham County Sheriff - NC	828-479-3352	
Monroe Sheriff Dept- TN	423-442-3911	

There is also a TVA Police station located at the top of the Fontana Dam near the Visitor's Center. The closest hospital is the Swain County in Bryson City. As a reminder, none of the drives are a race. Please drive safely, obey all traffic laws, and stay alert for changing road conditions.

## History of MINIs on the Dragon

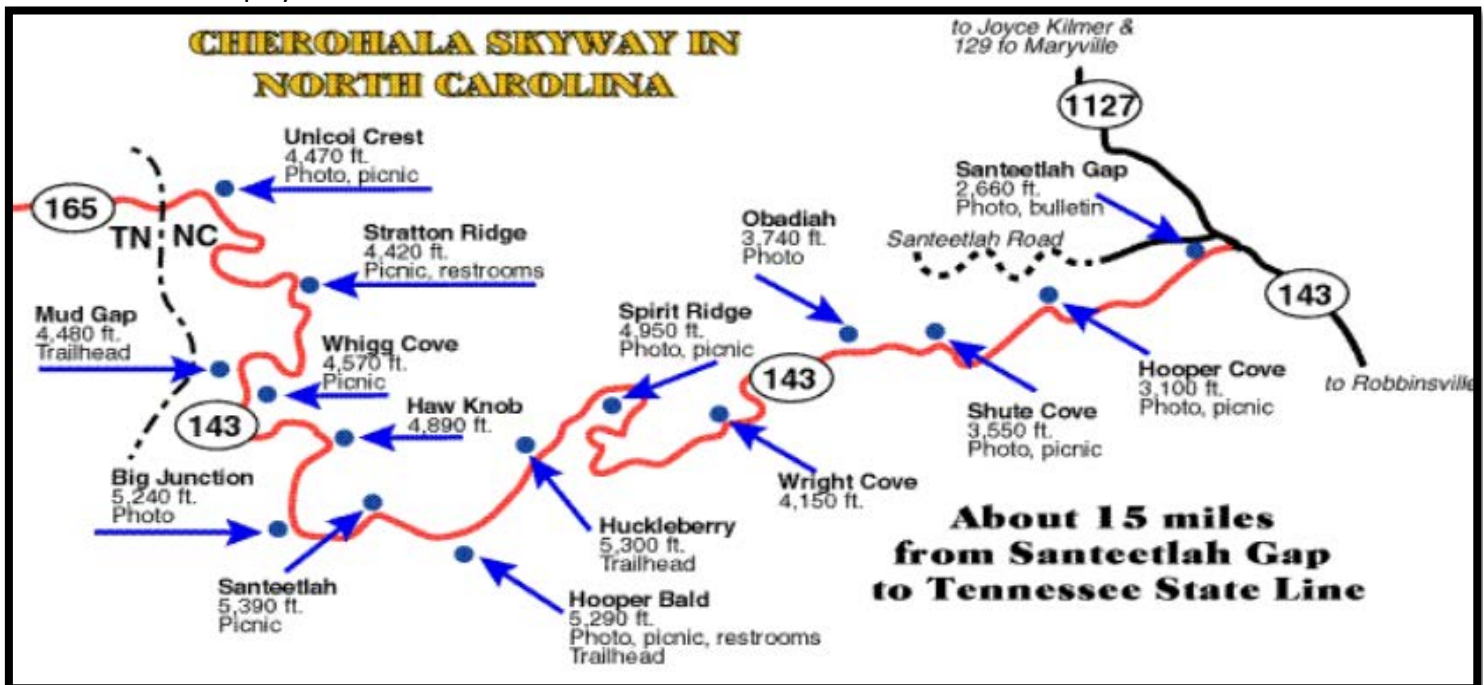
In May of 2003, the first group of Miniacs went to conquer the Dragon. Sixty cars in number and strong in spirit the first Dragon slayers were excited to come back and tell the rest of the world of their adventure. It was this group who ordained that the first weekend in May, they would return, bringing as many MINI friends as possible. Each year since, the daily events and host have changed, but the essence of the event remains. MINIs, Twisties and Friends sharing the common bond of a fun car and a great road.

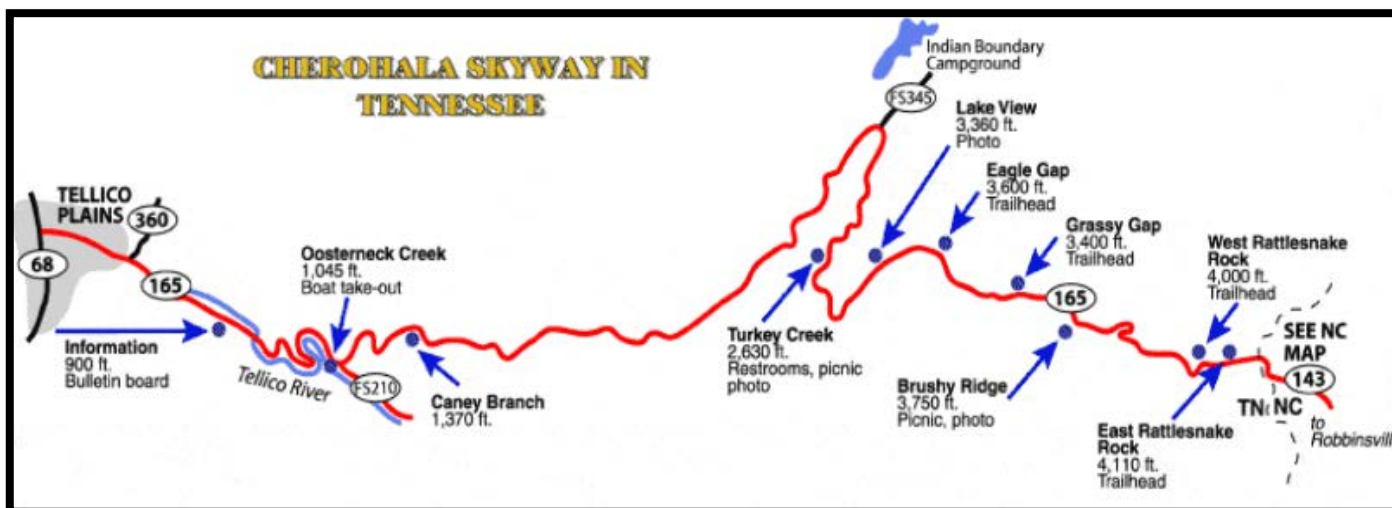
## FONTANA VILLAGE RESORT

Fontana Village is exactly that: a village. It was originally built to house the workers building the nearby Fontana Dam in 1942. This small town contained everything needed to support the workers building the tallest dam on the East Coast: a general store, school, post office, hospital, church, even a police and fire department. As you travel around the resort you can see these buildings, some of which are still in use today. The dam was completed in 1945, and in 1947 the village was turned into the largest resort in the Smoky Mountains.

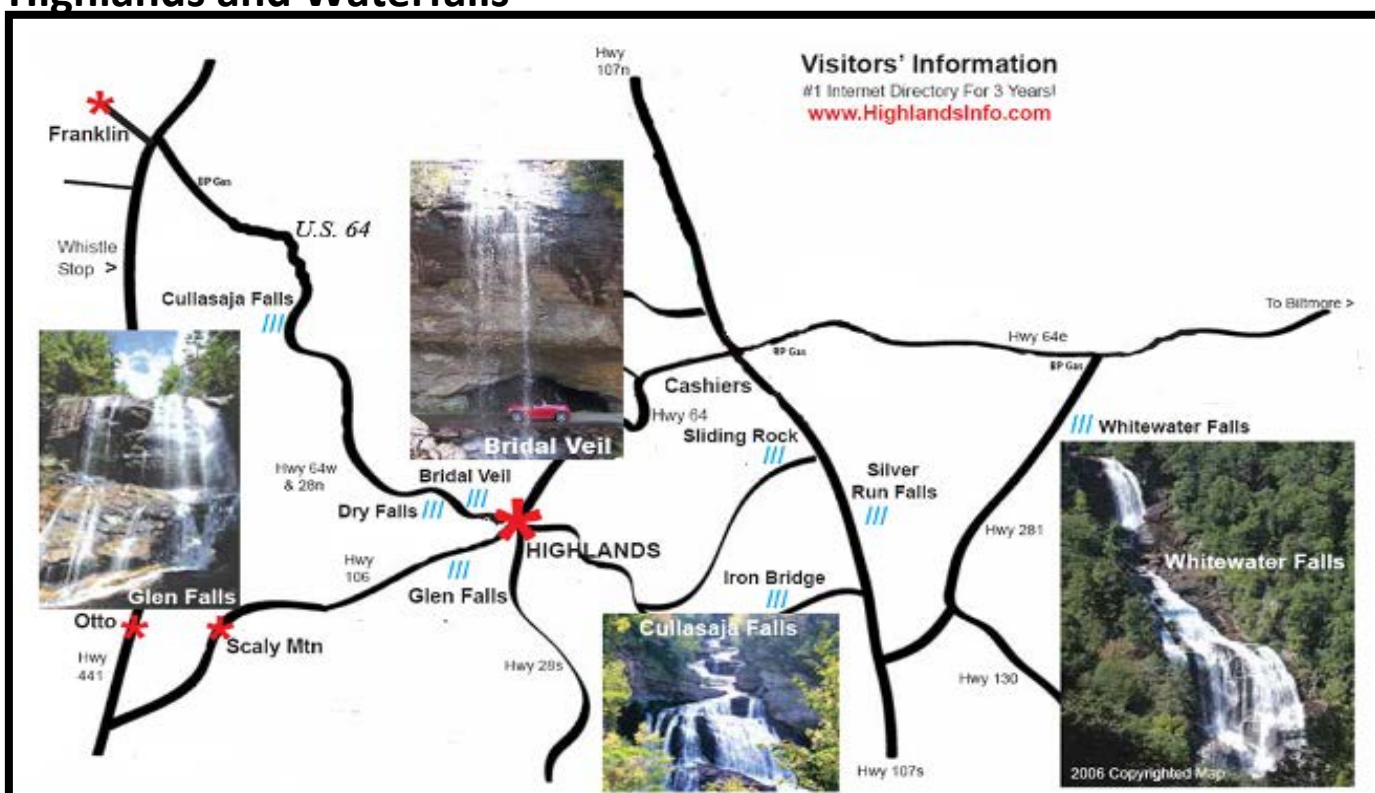
## THE CHEROHALA SKYWAY

One of the region's more popular roads. Built along portions of a former Cherokee Indian trading route, this 40 mile road took over 30 years to build and cost \$100 million. Scenery along this route rivals the Blue Ridge Parkway and includes elevations up to 5,390 ft. Drive time can range from 90 minutes to 2 hours depending on the number of stops you make.





## Highlands and Waterfalls



**Bridal Veil Falls** - 2.5 mi. east of Highlands on U.S. 64. Visible from the highway, which at one time routed traffic under the falls. Height 120 ft.

**Cullasaja Falls** - Visible from U.S. 64, in Cullasaja Gorge, 11 mi. east from Franklin, 9 mi. west from Highlands. Height 250 ft. Accessible by foot trail, a half-mile through steep, rough terrain.

**Dry Falls** - Located near U.S. 64, 3.5 mi. west from Highlands, 16.5 mi. east from Franklin. Paved walkway leads to falls from parking area. Walk underneath the 75 ft. falls.

**Glen Falls** - From Highlands, travel 3 mi. south on NC 106. Turn left on U.S. Forest Service Rd. with "Glen Falls" marker. One-mile trail to falls is steep and rough. Consists of three large falls, each dropping approx. 60 feet.

**Whitewater Falls** - At 411 ft., the highest falls in Eastern America. From Cashiers, take U.S. 64 east, 10 mi. to "Whitewater Road." Falls are located 10 mi. south on Whitewater Rd., near the NC-SC state line.



