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## THE PRESIDENTIAL VIEW

*By Rick Gzesh*

The weekend before writing this column, which happened to be the first weekend in February, the sun was shining and the thermometer was reading in the 50s. Though I took advantage of a great weekend of spring type skiing at Seven Springs, many of you either dug your bike out of your garage for a spin or at least thought about it. I saw at least a dozen bikes on the road over the weekend and sadly I heard of the first local motorcycle fatality of the year. A rider was killed in the Armstrong Tunnels over that weekend; no details were given as it was still under investigation. Just a few weeks earlier, on a similar unseasonably warm afternoon, a club member went down as well, breaking his ankle, marking the first riding accident and injury of the year for our club, in January no less.

It reminded me of a similar weekend last March that enticed me to take one of my bikes out prematurely for an early season ride. The untimely death of that rider made me wonder if, perhaps, taking an unexpected ride in February is the prudent thing to do. Riding skills are rusty. Junk is on the roads. You are in the middle of pothole season. Cagers aren't used to seeing bikes on the road. If you think about it, it is a disaster waiting to happen. But we all do it. You rationalize it as "just a little buzz around the neighborhood" or "I only wanted to charge the battery and put some fresh gas in the tank." Most of the time it is a harmless run, but sometimes...shit just happens!

So I have to ask, when spring finally does arrive, and riding on a regular basis again becomes a reality, are you ready for the demands of your high performance motorcycle? Again, I am reminded of a weekend, this time last April. The sun was shining, temps were in the low 60's, and I was eager to go! Probably too eager as I crashed not 2 miles from my home. Fortunately my quality gear saved

## 2005 Dues Due!

**2005 Club Dues are requested by April 1st.** They may be paid in person at the upcoming meeting or they may be mailed to:

Four Winds BMW Riders  
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Dues are \$15.00 for regular members  
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### MARCH MEETING INFO

The next meeting of the Four Winds BMW Riders will be held on Sat., March 19, 2005 at Hoss's Steak and Sea House, 11675 Frankstown Rd in Pittsburgh, PA, 15235, Ph: 412-241-7522 from 1–3PM, featuring a special presentation by Tony Capriotti, "Get your head back into riding!"

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## MEETING SCHEDULE 2005

Mark the dates on your calendars, but remember...

All meeting sites are tentative. Please check the web site and newsletter for changes and updates.

**March, 2005 1-3PM** — Hoss's Steak and Sea House, 11675 Frankstown Rd. Pgh. 15235. 412.241.7522

**April, 2005** — TBA

**May, 2005** — TBA

**June, 2005** — TBA

**July, 2005** — TBA

**August, 2005** — **Friday, August 19 to Sunday, August 21**  
39th Annual Four Winds Rally

**September, 2005** — TBA

**October, 2005** — TBA

**November, 2005** — TBA

## 2005 SHACK SCHEDULE

The next Shack will be held on Wednesday, March 23rd at Dennis Mickanin's, 2630 Mickanin Rd, North Huntingdon, PA from 7-10 P.M.

my ass, but I was affected by that incident throughout the riding season. Not always for the better, as I was haunted by the circumstances surrounding my accident, causing me to second guess myself in situations where I really needed to react instinctively. I did survive the rest of the season unscathed, but, unfortunately, too many of our fellow club members did not. To be blunt, it was not a good year safety wise for our club and friends of our club. I can't recall a year in which I was a member where so many riders I knew went down. The result being that I am now even more safety conscious than ever! My accident as well as the others made me want to improve my riding skills to give me a greater chance of avoiding another asphalt surfing afternoon.

It has been noted by many motorcycle professionals and riding instructors that early season rides have a greater potential for accidents than at other times of the year. Rusty skills and being too eager are a couple of the main causes. This brings me to the main point of this month's column. I am declaring 2005 to be the year of safety and improved

## ONGOING EVENTS

### **Breakfast Rides, et al.:**

These rides are free-form. *Those attending decide what they want to do and where, if anywhere, they want to ride.* If you just want to show up in the car and have breakfast with fellow motorcyclists, that's fine too.

**COME! EAT! CHAT! RIDE!**

### **Ride Schedule — Month:**

Sun, Mar. 6 — North at King's, I-79 & Rt 910/VIP Dr., 10:00 AM

Sat, Mar. 12 — West at Eat n' Park, Rt 60 & 22/30, 9:00 AM

Sun, Mar. 20 — South at Bernie's Restaurant, Rt 51, 10:00 AM

Sat, Mar. 26 — East at Dick's, Rt 22, 9:00 AM

**If you're going to a breakfast ride, you might want to notify others:**

It's not necessary, but it'd be nice to let others know you're going to a particular Breakfast Ride by putting a notice on the 4-Winds Site Message Board's Breakfast Ride section saying so. That'll help save a rider from discovering too late that no one else is going that day. The Breakfast Ride's URL is: <http://www.4windsbmw.org/forum/viewforum.php?f=9>. Be sure to erase your post after the ride if you can so the board doesn't get cluttered.

skills. To start things off, at our March meeting (details elsewhere in this issue), fellow club member Tony Capriotti has volunteered to hold a "Get Your Head Back Into Riding" seminar and discussion. For those of you who have not had the pleasure of meeting or riding with Tony, allow me to give you a brief background. Tony is a life-long rider and has honed his riding skills to a high level. He was an MSF instructor for many years and has passed or perhaps even failed someone you know. He is a close friend of Larry Grotsky and has worked with him on his Neo Alpine Training Tours. When Tony holds his seminar, he will have just returned from a training tour with Larry in Spain. However,

this time, Tony will not have been an instructor, but a student, joining the rest of Larry's clients for what I am sure will have been an awesome trip. You see, Tony, a teacher by profession, believes that you can never know too much--that there is always something new to learn--and he has helped to instill that value in me as it pertains to motorcycles and riding.

So, before you pull your bike out of the garage for the 2005 riding season, be sure to attend the March meeting for an educational treat that I hope will become a regular feature of our club. You can never be too safe and you can never know too much!

Before I forget, I would like to mention that our Banquet at the Priory was once again a great time enjoyed by all who braved the blizzard-like conditions to attend that evening. I would like to thank Lee Marks who attended as our featured speaker, and broke radio silence as he freely discussed the still unreleased R1200RT, R1200ST and the awesome K1200S. I would also like to thank Shirley Hart for creating the lovely centerpieces that some of you had the chance to take home. And, of course, I would like to thank 2004 VP, Rob Berner, for planning the affair as well as those who assisted him. Finally, I would like to thank everyone who attended because, without you, we do not have a reason to have such a grand affair.

What do you say that we have a riding season full of sunshine, long trips, and no accidents!

RICK

**Special Note:** We continue to wish speedy recoveries to Tim Pears who was involved in a serious car accident last month, Ralph Meyer who is recovering from a broken ankle due to a motorcycle accident in January, Frank Beatrous who is still nursing his broken leg from his freak accident while participating in an MSF off road course at the RA Rally and finally to George Mastovich who had an accident while attending the RA Rally last fall as well.



**FOUR WINDS BMW RIDERS  
MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 19, 2005**

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM by Vice President, Scott Bassin.

**Announcements** - The Club sends best wishes to members, George Blackham, who is being deployed to Iraq, and Tim Pears, recovering from injuries received in a car accident.

- The March 19th meeting will be held at Hoss's in Penn Hills. The speaker will be Club member & former MSF instructor, Tony Capriotti. The topic will be "Get Your Head Back Into Riding."

- 2005 dues are now due. The deadline for renewal is Apr.1. \$15 for primary members, \$7.50 for associates may be sent to Margaret Weaver, Club Treasurer.

-Any unclaimed banquet door prizes may be picked up from Scott Bassin.

-Rally Report - Chairman, Tom Primke, reports that the 2005 rally ad has appeared in *BMW ON & RA OTL*. It will also be published in the *MC News* and on various websites. The updated info is on the 4 Winds site.

- Anyone with a design for the 2005 T-shirt & pin should turn it in to Tom by the March meeting. The winning design will be chosen at the Apr. meeting.

-Tom will be discussing a Redbank Project for this year with the Park Manager and also with interested Club members. If there is no acceptable project, or insufficient club participation, a donation to the park will be considered.

- Musician, Ed Amman, will be asked to return to entertain at the campfire.

- The 40th 4 Winds rally will be held in 2006. There was a discussion regarding ways to make it a memorable event without stressing the small number of rally volunteers or the park facilities. A committee will be set up to explore possibilities, including a bike or trip raffle. Interested members should contact Tom Primke or Holly Marchek.

**New Business** - There is a form in the newsletter for any changes in member information. An updated membership list will be sent to current members via U.S. mail in April.- Scott Bassin will continue to send an e-mail notice to members who have submitted their addresses when the new issue of the newsletter is online. In addition, a meeting reminder will be sent out on a monthly basis.

- The club took a big loss on the January banquet. Holly Marchek, took a banquet survey of the members present at the meeting. A banquet committee will be formed to incorporate the survey results into a search for new site for the 2006 banquet. Members interested in joining this committee should contact Holly.

-Member, BethAnn Brady, is trying to sell a 1/2 gas tank that belonged to Ross Baker.

Guests & New members - Paul White, Mitch Kehen & Hillary Klein became members at this meeting. Garrett Berner attended with his father, Rob.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Paul White.

A motion was made by Sean Barrett to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Jürgen Brune. The meeting ended at 4:00 P.M.

NANCY BARRETT, RECORDING SECRETARY



**GOOD LUCK!!**

*We wish Good Luck to our fellow club member, Marine Master Sergeant George J. Blackham IV, who is preparing to leave for a 7 month tour of duty in Iraq. Our prayers go out for you and your men to return home to your family and friends safely. We are very proud of you!*



## NORTH BREAKFAST RIDE 1/2/05

Ralph Meyer

Riders Present: Ron Kranz, Mitch Kehan, Hillary Klein, Dan Weaver, and Ralph Meyer.

The whether mavens mavened... opining as how the whether'd (I think whether is a better word for the weather as 'predicted' by the mavens, as they don't seem to be very able to tell more than whether it would rain, or whether it wouldn't) provide rain showers Sunday Morning, January 2nd. Sonny Robison had already experienced Typical Pittsburgh Wetness down in Monroeville and said he was staying in, staying warm, and definitely staying dry. However, on looking out my window in Bakerstown, the road was dry and the sun was occasionally providing tempting views of him/her/or it-self here and there, and the bike was already splashed up from bopping around some back roads up here on the 1st. Soooo, I decided to top up the tank with some of the Sunny Oil Co's refined Pure Pleistocene Fern and Dinosaur Juice and head for King's. Which I did. Over PA 910. To be happily greeted by Ron Kranz's smiling face as he piled out of his 4-wheeled vehicle upon seeing us (the RT and I) roll into the parking lot. Seems Ron's K-bike had picked up a nail that was doing a slow-leak huck-a-buck on his rear tire. (If anyone has bike tire changing and balancing tools up near Cranberry, be sure and let Ron know *tout de suite* as the alternative to taking it off and patching it will be new expensive (ain't it always???) rear rubber. I was just getting de-helmeted when Mitch and Hillary rode in on the K-75 from South Hills. We were up to 4 troops! Good deal!

We headed in, got settled in a booth in Kings, had ordered various breakfasty goodies, and were discussing the rides, and Mitch and Hillary's former club in Florida, the Poverty Riders (I think he entitled them), when Dan Weaver arrived on his GS, making a fine full house. It was, as usual, a great breakfast, in fine company, with interesting conversation as evidenced by the fact that we didn't haul out of there until eleven-thirty or so. Dan said he had some things to do at the house, and was going to head back south and home, while Ron, who had the car, was going to do the same, leaving Mitch,



Hillary, and I to whatever devices we wished to mess with. I hadn't really planned any sort of ride, not knowing on my way over to Kings if anyone would show up, but I suggested that maybe we could look up a covered bridge or two north of where we were if Mitch and Hillary wanted, depending on how much time they wanted to spend. They thought that wouldn't be a bad idea, so we headed out of the King's lot and West over I-79 to the Exxon station so the K-75's tank could be topped up as Mitch said it was getting a bit on the low side. Before heading out of King's, I set the GPS V to Goto the Woolslayer Covered Bridge in Brush Creek State Park—which park Ron had said had been closed due to the hurricanes but was now open again.

Heading out of the Exxon we continued sort of West and North-west on Wexford Bayne, Rochester, and Big Sewickley Creek Roads, hanging a right on Conway-Wallrose Rd to pick up PA 989 North.

We went on up there continuing straight onto Wallace City Rd and turned left onto Glen Eden Rd, following it as it segued into Brush Creek Rd, and thence left onto Concord Church Rd (PA 588)

to a right into Brush Creek Park. It was then that Mitch, Hillary, and I discovered that Brush Creek Park was open... but only after a fashion, sort of, somewhat... for, as we rode just past a parking area on the right, what greeted us but a bright orange steel cable stretched across the road with some orange diamond plate suspended from it in case one's poor eyesight didn't spy the cable. The bridge was a couple of miles further along, and hoofing it, as several joggers out that morning appeared to be doing, we all decided was best done not in motorcycle boots on blacktop, but on motorcycle rubber on blacktop... if we could just get around the posts to which the wire was firmly affixed with rusty bolted friction clamps. The muddy grass on the right looked like some real schlucky stuff just waiting to suck a bike into horizontality should one try to go around the post on that side. The left side had a narrow opening between the post holding the wire, and another post, which opening a bike and riders could fit through with about 6 inches to spare, with some really curiously rough and bumpy concrete just past those posts. There were what looked like some fairly solid lime chips just before that opening on our side. I did a walkover to see how solid that lime-chip berm was, and it

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### On the Net...

Have you found a neat location on the Internet? Send the URL in with a brief description of what it's about to the editor and we'll post it here for the benefit of your fellow riders...

**Note:** copy or type the underlined link into your browser's URL textbox and hit 'Go' or 'Enter' to go there.

**Our Four Winds Site**, what else??? <http://www.4windsbmw.org> . And always remember never to forget, you can get this and past color copies of the Newsletter in PDF format there! Check it out if you haven't already done so.

**A Great BMW Site** <http://bmwdean.home.att.net/index.html> . Information on safety, numerous ride and bike reports on various models new and old, including the new R1200RT.

seemed OK, so I fired the RT back up and we finessed the bikes through the opening, bouncing about interestingly on the rough concrete after the squeezehole before regaining the blacktop with relative ease.

Brush Creek Park is a very well-kept, fairly well used, but never heavily trafficked place and the only 'traffic' we passed after getting around the wire road-block were the folks out walking themselves, their sweeties, or their dogs (both the footsie and the four-legged variety). There were also several indications by way of their yet-extant exhaust that horses had not been stopped by the orange wire either. Not being interested in spreading garden fertilizer or in smushing greenish hockey pucks, we juked around all examples of exhaust. We saw not a hide nor hair of the piles' originators, though we did get occasional double-takes and curious stares from the dog walkers as we went by them—probably because they were wondering how we got the Beemers past the wire—but hey, Beemers can do all sorts of things, huh?

Anyway, we arrived at the Woolslayer bridge and parked the scoots in the parking lot before the bridge, got a photo of the bikes from there, and headed over to take a gander at the bridge, which, as I may have remarked elsewhere, is rather unique for a covered bridge, having originally been constructed in 1890 and refurbished in 1976 (according to the placard over the entrance). What is interesting about it is that it is actually a covered 19th century steel girder bridge, the wooden covering and roof over it, while modern in the sense of now being sheeted with plywood, was apparently originally put over the steel (which is obviously well over a century old) to preserve it from the weather much as the battens and rooves of wooden bridges were installed to preserve their load-bearing beams from the rotting

ravages of wind, water, and weather getting into their joints. Some of the bridges in Somerset County and elsewhere have been refurbished by way of reconstructing them on a bed of steel I-beams hidden under their flooring, but this is the only one I've seen so far that is an actual steel truss bridge that had been given exterior wooden clothing.

Having gotten another picture by the bridge abutment, we returned to the bikes and discussed whether to go on up to the McConnell's Mill Bridge, or head over to Zelenople, I-79, and maybe a twisty road out of Evans City and home. Mitch and Hillary said they had some grocery shopping to do and so figured they'd best head in the general direction of home, so, intending to go over to Zelig, then to Evans City, and to take Franklin Road's curls back to 228 from whence we could split for home, we headed out of the park, back around the 2-post end of the wire traffic blocker to pick up 588 into Zelenople. Once in Zelig, we hung a left onto Main Street and then a right onto 68 to Evans City, passing under I-79 on the way there. I checked my mirror just around the corner onto 68 in Zelig and Mitch, Michelle, and the K-75 with its single headlight were right there behind me, but about a half-mile the other side of I-79 I checked the mirrors again to discover the K-Bike astern had seemingly morphed into a weatherbeaten pickup truck sporting 2 headlights. No bike was in sight. Uh-ohhhh! That was a sinking feeling, though I thought that it was possible that Mitch and Hillary just picked up I-79 South as we passed it on 68 instead of waiting to do so off 228 after a ride down Franklin Rd. In any event, I swung into a parking lot, turned the bike around, and headed back into Zelig where I had last seen the K-75's headlight behind me. There were no bikes in evidence on or off the road, so, figuring Mitch and



## GET YOUR HEAD BACK INTO RIDING

Be sure to attend the March 19th meeting at 1:00 p.m. (to be held at the Hoss's at 11675 Frankstown Rd., Pittsburgh, PA) where fellow club member and retired MSF Instructor Tony Capriotti will conduct a "Get Your Head Back Into Riding" seminar and discussion. Tony will be fresh off of a Larry Grodsky Training ride in Spain and will undoubtedly have some great stories to tell as he helps to guide us back into riding mode. This is one meeting that you will not want to miss.



### FOR SALE

*Please note: If you sell your item, please notify the newsletter editor so it can be removed from this list.*

**2000 R1100RT** with all the trimmings - Excellent Sport-Tourer, just broken in. Miles:15,000; Includes system cases, new rear brake pads and tire, plus safety features: driving lights, running lights, Hyper-Lites (super bright red LED additional tail lights that blink when you put on your brakes to wake up cagers behind you). Included: 1 year old Odyssey battery. Well cared for. Color: Red. **New asking price!: \$9,800.** Jim Dotson: 724-468-0207.

**BMW Sport Riding Gloves Men's Sz. M/L** - Leather BMW Sport Riding Gloves - approx. Men's size 8 1/2, between a Med. & Lg. Soft black leather w/5mm padding on fingers & back for protection, comfort & maximum grip. Reinforced leather index finger & textured nylon lining. Long cuff w/Velcro fastener. Like new. Can bring to rally. \$39. Tim & Dianne Pears: [DTPEars@earthlink.net](mailto:DTPEars@earthlink.net)

**Brand New HJC Sy-Max Flip-Up Full Face Helmet.** Size: XXL (fits 24 1/8" - 24 7/8" head size), Color: Black. In original box with all the literature, Helmet sack, etc. Worn once. Paid \$224 for it. Asking \$150 O.B.O. E-mail [meyer@zoominternet.net](mailto:meyer@zoominternet.net) or phone: 724-443-4937. Nice lid, but I'm getting too much of a collection of 'em and my son's in Chicago and doesn't ride around here any more.

**Two F-650s:** one a '97, black, 10,600 miles. excellent condition with some extras, asking \$3400; the other a '98, black, 16,000 miles, with a mint setup for touring, heated grips, BMW bags all around \$3800 or best offer on one or the pair. Would keep riding one or sell both and get an 1150R. Doug Bruno, Ph.: 724-375-4426 or [douglas.bruno@pearson.com](mailto:douglas.bruno@pearson.com)

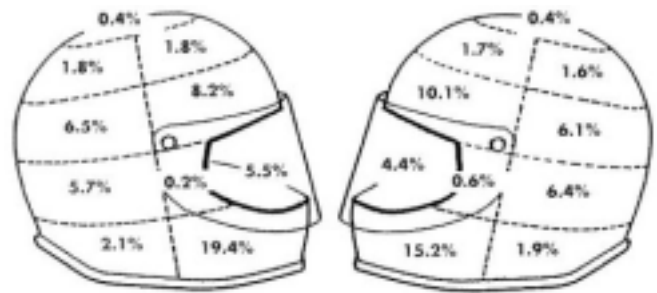
Hillary had indeed taken the road more traveled faster home, I did another U-turn (getting good at that! ...been practicing!) and headed once again in the direction of Evans City, whence I took the good ol' Franklin Twisty-Turny down to 228, 228 East to Valencia Rd, Valencia to Babcock Blvd to Valencia again, and thence by the Red Belt into Bakerstown, getting home at 1:40—a most pleasurable way to spend a chunk of Sunday having great fun in good company. Gotta do that again, Pye Youmping Yimminy! (as an old Norwegian I once knew would have put it.)

**North Breakfast Ride Stats:**

- Ride: 67.5 miles
- Mvg avg: 34.6
- Times: 9:39-10:00, 11:29-1:39PM
- Total Time riding: 2:51
- Non-moving time: 20 minutes @ the Woolslayer (not counting breakfast time)



RALPH



**WHY A FULL FACE HELMET?**

The above graphic shows the percentage of seriously damaging abrasions and blows on helmets garnered from a vast number of accident reports and examinations of helmets involved. Note that 35% of the blows and abrasions in the average motorcycle accident fall on the chin bar! Note also the amount of protection such things as 'shorty' and 'topper' helmets provide by adding up the percentages on the areas those helmets provide. What kind of helmet do you wear? Your safety is up to you!

**MC HAND SIGNALS**

Here are some more standard MSF motorcycle hand signals often used on group rides... in case you ever wondered at what those strange contortions by your ride leader meant! -- Courtesy the Motorcycle Safety Foundation.

**Single File** - arm and index finger extended straight up

**Double File** - arm with index and middle finger extended straight up

**Hazard in Roadway** - on the right, point with right foot; on the left, point with left hand

**Pull Off** - arm positioned as for right turn, forearm swung toward shoulder

**Turn Signal On** - open and close hand with fingers and thumb extended

**Highbeam** - tap on top of helmet with open palm down

**2004 Winds**  
39th Annual Rally



Redbank Valley Park  
New Bethlehem, PA

## RALLY T- SHIRT SALE & DONATION UPDATE

A motion was made and approved during the September Club Meeting, that sales of the 2004 Rally T-Shirts would continue until the end of November; then the remaining shirts would be donated to a local charity. As we know, our area was hit hard by the remnants of the hurricanes that passed through. Many of the relief organizations were in need of clothing for adults and children. Since then, local Church Groups, the Red Cross and Salvation Army have been overwhelmed with clothing. Many of these charitable organizations are no longer receiving clothing. Therefore to abide by the club vote the remaining shirts will be donated to Good Will.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY SHIRLEY HART

**And please remember,** If you have an idea for our 2005 4-Winds 39th Annual Rally T-Shirt or Lapel pin design, however sketchy it may be, be sure to either e-mail it to [tomprimke@juno.com](mailto:tomprimke@juno.com) or mail it to

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Pittsburgh, PA 15238



### MORE ON HELMETS

By the way, while we're on the subject of helmets, another report based again on motorcycle accident statistics with respect to crashes between motorcyclists and other vehicles, indicates that those wearing white helmets were 24% less likely to be hit than those wearing black helmets. And one motorcycle safety authority has indicated that a rider not wearing a helmet of any kind is statistically far more a mortality just waiting to happen in a crash or falldown than a person wearing a helmet! These actual statistics and others make the Discovery Channel's apparent glorification of those riding choppers while wearing nothing more than cut-offs, sandals, tank tops, and do-rags as riding outfits highly unbeneficial from the point of view of safety! That goes almost double for those whose choppers, in addition, lack front brakes. Talk about Duuuuhhhhh! To paraphrase Churchill, "Never have so many been fed so much garbage by so few"

### THE NEW BMW BIKES

According to the reports in the various motorcycling rags, the folks at the Bayerische Motoren Werke, our favourite marque, are springing a number of new bikes forth to wow the motorcycling public this year. Among them is the (by now) famous K1200S--BMW's foray into the superbike category (though in their usual delightful German diffidence they didn't come right out and call it that). And we all know of the new R1200GS that has been BMW's way of topping their own unbeatable record in the go-anywhere, do-just-about-anything bike category. The Luxury Touring set now also faces a new leader (git outta the way, Gold Wing!): the K1200LT that all reports say is now top dawg in the cushy go-far touring category. But, not to rest on those laurels, sometime this spring--March, or April--The K-LT's Boxer Twin Sport Touring brother, the R1200RT is set to show up in our good ol' U.S. of A., which, according to reports, is another winner par excellence. Those who appreciate nudity haven't been left behind either as the K1200S is shortly to be followed by a K1200R--whose appearance momentarily at the InterMot made BMW look like they'd beamed something down from a passing Andromedan space-ship that will undoubtedly function at warp speed--it looks mean enough to! In view of which, BMW is morphing their Boxercup races into... whaddatheycalleemnow? ...K-Cup races? And last, but certainly not least, that perennial boxer favorite of many, the R-RS bike will be being transformed into another "Beam it down to me, Scotty" bike, the R1200ST that not only has an all new mien and innerds (like the R1200GS & RT), but more zip than the beloved former RS. If you want to give one or another of these a gander, stop by one of our fine Beemerdealers and take a look when they arrive (we're lucky here in Pittsburgh, we've got two great BMW dealerships. Some places, can you believe it, have none? Geez!)

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## **BMR Chairperson**

Diane Pears

First I want to thank the 2004 Board of Directors for choosing me for the position of BMR Chairperson. I have wanted to contribute to the club in some fashion and when Don Poremski decided he was looking to turn over the **BMR** program I began thinking that this would make for a great opportunity to do so. With help, I hope to continue the success this program holds for our organization.

However, late last month (January) my husband Tim was involved in an automobile accident near our home in New Castle. His injuries were severe and he was Life Flighted to Allegheny General Hospital. The trauma unit and care he received was outstanding and he remains in good spirits. Now several weeks later the outlook is fantastic for a full recovery and he is being moved to New Castle Jamison Hospital South, where his stay is expected to last several more weeks.

In my absence **PLEASE** forward all 2005 Ride, Project, Events, and Volunteer information to Kevin Hart for review and consideration for BMR Points.

Thank you all SO MUCH for your cards, visits and calls. You've really helped keep Tim's spirits up. It's humbling and heart warming to have so many good friends show how much they care. God bless.







**FOUR WINDS BMW RIDERS**

**2005 Membership Renewal and Member Information Update**  
**(INFORMATION PROVIDED HERE WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED ON THE WEBSITE)**

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**Note:** 2005 Club Dues are requested by **April 1<sup>st</sup>**. They may be paid in person at upcoming meetings or by including your check with this form and mailing to:

Four Winds BMW Riders  
c/o Margaret Weaver / Club Treasurer  
237 Brookwood Rd.  
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\_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed

**2005 Dues** are **\$15.00** per member and **\$7.50** per associate member living in the same household.

**The Newsletter:** In an effort to minimize club costs as it relates to the printing and mailing of the newsletter, the 2005 Board requests that all members who have the capability to download the newsletter for free from our website to please do so. You will be rewarded with a color version of our vastly improved newsletter. An email reminder will be sent to you when it is available for download.

If you do not have the capability to download and print the newsletter, please check below and we will mail you a black & white version of the newsletter each month.

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## ALMOND, NC, PART 2 SEPTEMBER 2004

Kevin & Shirley Hart  
Continued from February...



*Georgia on my mind. Thanks Ray.*

Helen, GA, is modeled after an Alpine Village, which includes Bavarian Beer Halls and more shopping for the gals to spend time on. Some of us went our separate ways and others just hung out on the corner watching the traffic going by. We were delayed two hours on the way down for me to be seen by a doctor for an earache that had been bothering me that day. With drugs in hand we made up the time to enjoy the shopping and a great lunch at the Old Bavaria Inn. An easy paced ride home had us on several technical roads that allowed some spirited two up riding. Nicky, Shirley, and Terri arranged dinner this evening. We enjoyed a Chicken Salad and Deserts. I think Ed had Special K :). Several people had been enjoying the hot tub over the last few days and this evening was no exception. This is a great way to soak off the miles ridden.



*Horse and Buggy rides*

I awoke with the left side of my head throbbing in pain. My ear felt like it was ten times its normal size. The medication I had started the day before probably didn't work its way into my system fully. Tylenol was in order but I had doubts about being able to ride, let alone being able to put my helmet on. A look outside showed bright sunshine and clear blue skies. So much for that hurricane expected in a day of so. Everyone else was up and dressed with ride plans for the day already in the works. Shirl could tell I was in no mood to be



*Two town vagrants!*

rushed out the door so we bid everyone farewell and we planned on taking it easy, watching movies, and lounging. We did some laundry as the bath towels were getting a little low with all the hot tub and shower use. I manage to get up later in the afternoon and Shirl and I rode into Bryson City to one of the local Bar-B-Que joints called the Wagon Wheel. There we hooked up to dine with R&C, J&N, Ed, and T&D along with Ron. So, how was the Wagon Wheel? Clem's has nothing to worry about. End of discussion.

That evening had us watching movies and recapping everyone's day trips. The weather had started to show signs of the hurricane Ivan that was expected in the Bryson City area late evening and throughout the next day. Little did we know this was to be our last evening with power but we did manage to watch portions of the "Bullit" chase scenes along with the shootout from "Heat". No movie watching for this crowd just fast forward to the action!

We awoke to the heavy rain. The sound hitting the tin roof must have kept everyone in bed late because even I was up before many of the others. A quick shower and I headed upstairs for a look at the Weather Channel. The forecast was poor with overcast skies and scattered showers for most of the morning with late day heavy showers arriving. Our plan was to ride into Asheville and take the tour of the Biltmore mansion. Since the tour was inside we only had to spend a small portion of time riding in the rain. Or so we hoped. Interstate all the way to make time and when we arrived I realized I had forgotten my camera. The estate and grounds are impressive with incredible attention to detail. The downside to this attraction is that it is not very motorcycle friendly. There was no where to undress and store riding gear as the lockers are very small and they don't offer a checkroom. We managed to cram together the apparel, but had to carry our helmets with us to the main entrance. Jim persuaded the reluctant Information Desk attendant to hold the helmets as lost articles until we could reclaim them at the end of the tour.

The mansion and grounds are worth the trip and, as Nicky said, "It's worth doing several times because you may see something new". Allow for several hours here and the extra would be to rent the audio tour as J&N did. The information provided by the tour is more extensive than the brochure. The tour includes shopping that is now located in the stable and carriage buildings. The gardens are the best kept in the country, so be sure to allow for them and the winery.

We saddled up in a slow drizzle and made our way back onto the interstate. The rain continued and at times was very heavy with many trucks on I-40 adding to the spray. No one was looking forward the stone driveway in this weather. Traffic was also heavy, as the evening rush hours had started.

Dark skies and wind greeted us on the driveway and we all made it back to the lodge without incident. Ed had begun saving rainwater in buckets in the event that we lost power to the well pump. By now the rain was coming down hard and we could see signs that the hillsides in this area were not used to this amount of rainfall. The ground here does not do well and the run off could be seen early.

The evening was quiet with the rain falling and with riding discussions about future trips and what next year's destination would be. Around 10 o'clock the power finally went out with my Bullit DVD stuck in the player. Candles? We had plenty as Rick dove into his supply from home and handed out some varied scented samples. Cheri must like his sensitive side. Massage oil and candles. How can you throw a guy like that away? :) And don't forget that ANYRD license plate. All good fun!

"BIKE OVER!" Who the hell is that I ask myself? From the lower bedroom floor Jim yelled again. "WE HAVE BIKES OVER!!" Mass confusion, questions, chairs sliding backwards, people running to windows, someone saying "Whose Bike?" Imagine 12 people running for a gold brick. We ran outside with flashlights and umbrellas. Nicky's black "R" was over on its side. It had lost the ground under the center stand as a river of water flowed underneath. It has fallen onto Jim's "ST" which was now over on Tim's "LT". What a tangled mess!



*The Lake: The night before Ivan*

We begin to sort out the bikes while soaking rain hampers our ability to see. We hoist the "R" upright and move it out onto a section of used plywood. Recover it and move onto the "ST" which is right on top of the "LT." There has to be damage there and Jim would find a right side cracked mirror housing later. Tim had no damage, his pristine blue "LT" completely unscathed. We certainly have enough muscle to move bikes, but are hampered by the closeness of others. Still, we sort things out and lash down bike covers and insure stable parking. There's nothing to do but "Ride the Storm Out" as REO said. We all head inside to dry off and find warm dry clothes.

Friday was a total wash. It rained the entire night but not with the accumulation that the forecasters had predicted. It was steady, but not very windy. The power has remained off and Mark, our local lineman, has already walked the drive to see if the line down is in our neck of the woods. He reports that the drive has suffered some mudslides and damage but nothing substantial to block our retreat. We cooked eggs on the grill with umbrellas. Ate cereal with milk chilled by ice and coffee perked on the side burner of the grill. Wa-

ter to flush toilets was provided by the catch buckets Ed had thought to put under the cabin's downspouts. Later, we would have to use the water from the hot tub for the toilets.

Reading maps, sorting out wet riding gear, cleaning helmets, and listening to Rick's weather radio takes most of the morning. Sometime before noon we hear a report from KDKA in Pittsburgh about the flooding that is occurring and our thoughts quickly turn to home. Apparently Ivan has set itself over our beloved Burgh. Bastard! It would be two more days before most of us would really know the story unfolding at home. Terri's brother Paul is packed and ready to leave. With his destination being Georgia he probably has a good chance of missing most of the rain. We bid him farewell and it was great riding with another "RT".

Boredom sets in and before we know it a friendly game of volleyball begins in the great room. Yes, the room was big enough to hold a full two person per team tournament, with the furniture pushed out of the way. The teams M&T against R&C. It was a difficult game to keep score, as the rules kept changing as the game progressed. Apparently Ed did the best job of referee from his perch in the bedroom loft, and was able to determine a winner. I think?

Ron and Ed have headed out in Ron's pickup to do some dinner shopping. Ed brings home every frozen pizza brand there is from the store and reports that the power line down is just over the hill from us. No hope of getting the power back as most of North Carolina's finest linemen have headed south to Florida to help that state in the devastation from the previous hurricanes. We all ask Mark to do it but he forgot to pack his high voltage gloves. Believe me, the guy has everything else but the hair dryer Terri tried to bring. I would soon find out for myself. Mark's ability to handle tools would be my savior shortly.

Pizza on the grill. Yes, when all else fails, lay down some aluminum foil and cook your pizza on a grill. Close the lid and let the heat build up. Tasty. Left over salad, some other odds and ends, and we have dinner by candlelight. Ron left later with his pickup and newly acquired /5 on a trailer headed south to Florida, his home and worried wife, who has ridden out Ivan by herself. The evening was quiet and it was great hanging out and just listening to the different conversations: some work related, some riding, some future vacations and trips. From the discussions taking place it was clear many of us would start to head north to home on Saturday. T&D were planning on heading into Tennessee for additional sightseeing and Jim would ride west to his new apartment and job in Mississippi.

The "FJ" was at idle when Ed came in and said his goodbyes early Saturday morning. His route carefully planned in his head, I would follow shortly the same path north with almost the same results: detours due to the storm damage in the area. Last minute cabin cleaning, stripping the bed linen, and packing and checking the bikes over saw most of us ready to leave around 9. T&D planned to stay until noon. The day was perfect for riding with cool temps and lots of sunshine. What hurricane?

*To be continued...*



## 2005 RALLY PREVIEW!

Plan to come and join us at our 39th Annual Four Winds Rally – the longest continually held BMW Rally in the U.S.! Our Rally Site is at Redbank Valley Municipal Park near New Bethlehem, nestled in the beautiful Hills of Western Pennsylvania.

**All Riders and Bikes welcome!**

### Events include:

- GS Adventure Ride with “Ranger Rick”
- Touring Rides
- Tech Sessions
- Self-guided “Local Trivia” Ride
- Saturday Night Pig-Roast
- Live Music
- Field Events & Door Prizes
- Vendors
- Rally Pin (for first 300 Attendees)
- Free 24-Hour Coffee
- On-Site Food Vendor
- Tree Shaded Campsites & Hot Showers
- Sunday Morning “Farewell” Donuts
- Outdoor Swimming Pool
- Tennis Courts & Roller Skating Rink
- Camper Hookups available for Fee

*Vendors welcome! – No Fee!*  
No Pre-Registration

### Rally Fee:

- Adult (incl. 2 nights camping & dinner) : \$35.-
- Children 13 & under : \$25.-
- Day Pass (excludes dinner) : \$10.-

Registration opens at Noon on August 19th.

### Accommodations:

Location 1: Brookville, PA. Intersection of I-80 and Rt. 28. Approx. 18 mi North-East of Rally Site.

- Golden Eagle Inn, (814) 849-7345
- Super 8 Motel, (814) 849-8840
- Holiday Inn Express, (814) 849-8381

Location 2: Clarion, PA. I-80 and Rt. 68 (Exit 9). Approx. 18 mi North of Rally Site.

- Days Inn, (814) 226-8682
- Super 8 Motel, (814) 226-4550
- Holiday Inn, (814) 226-8850
- Comfort Inn, (814) 226-5230
- Microtel Inn & Suites, (814) 227-2700

For more information and updates visit:

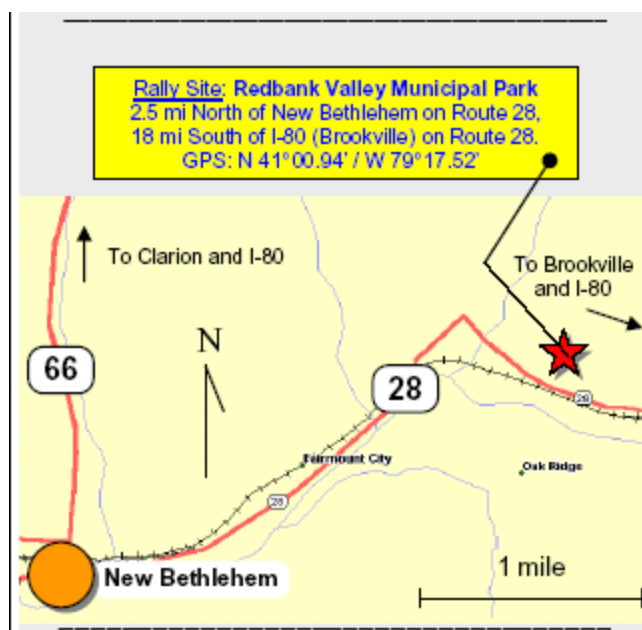
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## NORTH BREAKFAST RIDE 2/6/05

*Sonny Robison*

It's Sunday morning, the temps read 30 degrees, so on with the layers and out to the bike to get set for a “promised” great day for a ride. Talked to Eric Saturday night re. the B-ride for Sunday. Just as I was set to leave, the phone rang and yep, he will meet me at the service station at the ramp to the Parkway East. I started out.

The ground around the house had a good covering of frost, so as I went down Cavitt Rd. to

Rt.22. I crept along in second gear just in case black ice was just around the turns and, sure enough, a couple sections showed that possibility. Then it was Rt.22, to the station, where Eric and I started down the Parkway East toward Pittsburgh: Eric leading and me hanging on. A little chilly, but not bad.

Then it was onto the Blvd of the Allies, across the Veterans Bridge and up the Parkway North to I-79 North and then the King's at Wexford. Just at 10am, we arrived.

Upon entering the restaurant we found a group of six riders seated, so we took a close table and were soon joined by two more riders.

Yep, that made ten people in attendance for a ride in February. How about that? After a good breakfast and some nice talk it was time to think about getting on with the main part - The Ride.

Outside, after the group photo, talk was of where, how far, how long, and who was going to ride in front. Now I thought with all the people there, that some would surely know the territory fairly well. However, some had other obligations, or chose not to go with the group for what ever reason. Thus, there were six left to make the ride. I asked for suggestions as to who could head us in a good direction, and received a suggestion that “since I knew all roads every where” (thanks Ralph), I should lead. Thus we got the group on the go.

We headed out Rt. 910 east past Wexford till I turned left onto Pearce Mill Rd. As we headed north toward the Red Belt highway I swung left on the Graham Rd. toward Warrendale-Bakerstown Rd. Then we rode along that stretch going east till swinging through Mars on the Warrendale Rd. Just some nice twisties, while I kept trying to come up with a plan, as we continued along.

Now the last time I was on a north ride, Ralph took me on a nice

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# Campout Invitation!

## Laurel Highlands BMW Riders Club (Charter #294)

PA June 24-26, 2005

Come join us at the **3rd Annual Laurel Highlands BMW Riders Campout**. This campout coincides with Johnstown, Pa's famous "Thunder in the Valley" Rally ([www.visitjohnstownpa.com](http://www.visitjohnstownpa.com)), where Triumph, Kawasaki & Suzuki are scheduled to offer demo rides!

We return to Pioneer Park Campground ([www.pioneerparkcampground.com](http://www.pioneerparkcampground.com)), a beautiful 30 min. ride south of Johnstown in Somerset, Pa. Pioneer Park is a terrific full-service camping resort with excellent showers and facilities, minutes away from the Pa. Turnpike Exit #10, Somerset, Pa. or the Donegal exit #9.

Directions: From Somerset follow Rt. 31 W. 7 miles to campground.

From Donegal, follow Rt. 31 E 12 miles.

Cost for the rally is just \$20.00 payable to the club and a camping fee of \$5.00 per night/per person payable at the campground. 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual rally pin for the first 150 registrants.

Activities include tech session, self-guided rides to Flight 93 Memorial crash site ([www.flt93memorial.org](http://www.flt93memorial.org)), Johnstown Flood Memorial ( <http://www.nps.gov/jofl/> ), and other self guided rides plus "Thunder in the Valley". Dump Stew (bring a can or 2 to add to the pot), Hot dogs & snacks Fri. & Sat. evening. Sat. & Sun. A.M. coffee & doughnuts. Pavilion, picnic tables, campfires allowed, wood provided! Motels & Restaurants nearby. Sat. night campground band!

Info: Jason Kaplitz (814) 535-8669 [gsjay@floodcity.net](mailto:gsjay@floodcity.net) -or- George Blackham IV (814) 266-9573 [blackham4@atlanticbb.net](mailto:blackham4@atlanticbb.net) Come enjoy the great riding & excellent sites in the Laurel Highlands ([www.lhbmwr.com](http://www.lhbmwr.com)) with us! Pre-registration appreciated: send check payable to LHBMWR c/o George Blackham IV, 230 Dowling Rd. Johnstown, Pa. 15904 by June 15, 2005.





*North Breakfast Riders - 2/6/2005*

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curvy road. So, taking a page from that book, we headed west on Rt228 toward Cranberry. We only made a small mistake when I turned too soon onto Seven Field Blvd. then onto Highpoint Dr. and back to 228. The next right turn was the correct road, so we went north on the Franklin Rd., heading to Evans City. This road is just about traffic free and sports some nice curves, etc., but with the same concerns (for this time of year) of possible ice, cinders, mud and so forth. So, the pace was just a nice easy ride. Next, we arrived in Evans City and turned east onto Rt.528 (Main St.) and continued on toward Butler on Evans City Rd (Rt68).

This, being a little more open road, gave us a chance to twist the throttle grip a little more.

Close to Butler, a turn south onto Meridian Rd. headed us to Renfrew, where a left on Renfrew Rd. took the group to Rt.8, getting around Butler, and heading south. One of our riders pulled alongside and suggested a pit stop--so a turn toward Saxonburg in search of suitable accommodations was made. First stop--no luck--so we moved on through town to a nice place on Saxonburg Blvd. called "Memories Kept," which answered the call. At this point, Jürgen decided to move on, leaving five riders to finish the trip.

Short stop completed, we headed south toward the Red Belt (Rt. 910) on Saxonburg Blvd. And, upon reaching there, turned east on the Bakerstown Rd. toward Tarentum, following Millers Rd, then Bull Creek Rd., changing to Hwy 366 as it passes through Tarentum

and leads to New Kensington. Here we got onto the Orange Belt system toward Monroeville. Riding along on Logans Ferry, Sardis Rd., and Old Leechburg Rd., we crossed New Texas Rd., and traveled Center/New Texas Rd. and then headed up Center Rd. to the on-ramp of the Parkway East at the Rt.22/48 intersection in Monroeville. Here the group split and each went on his own way, ending the ride.

At this point, the clock showed 112 miles from home, etc., as Eric and I continued to his house so we could deliver some items carried in my saddlebags. When I returned to my humble abode, the mileage was showing 137 for the day. Not a great ride, but for the "dead of winter," I'm sure not complaining.

Attending the Breakfast were - Sean Barrett, Ron Kranz, John Lutz, Fred Maskrey, John Allen, Jürgen Brune, Tom Reed, Sonny Robison, Ed Tatters, and Eric Trow. The last six riders listed were present on the ride. I really enjoyed being able to get out to experience the day and sincerely hope that all had a nice "mid - winter happening." Ride carefully and stay safe!

SONNY





## 2005 FOUR WINDS RALLY MARCH UPDATE

Between occasionally dusting off the K1100LT and charging the battery, the Rallymeister has been busy sending out ad requests to various BMW and non-BMW motorcycle publications and web site editors. Our Rally is advertised in the *BMW Owners News*, on the BMW MOA web site, in the BMW RA *OTL* newsletter and web site (the folks from the BMW RA have definitely fixed their 2004 problems), and on the Motorcycle Events web site. Another request has been sent in to the *Motorcycle Consumer News*. Our neighbors from the Laurel Highlands Club have graciously offered to run an ad in their newsletter. The two free picture ads that we are granted by the BMW MOA as a chartered club will appear in the June and July issue of *BMW ON*.

Besides the advertising business, efforts are underway to take care of some of the routine rally preparation chores: The rally page on our Four Winds web site has been updated - thanks Frank! Our caterer, Scott Shirey, from M&S Meats has been contacted, the rally attendee database is being updated (I could use some help from a fellow club member with Microsoft Excel or Access skills), and portable toilets are on order from Bill's Service Company.

We are planning to bring back "Edman walkin" Ed Amann, the musician who entertained us at the '03 and '04 Four Winds Rally. Ed released a new CD last October and has added a lot of new 'old' songs to his repertoire.

It is not too late to submit a T-shirt or Rally Pin design proposal. As of mid-February I have received two Rally Pin proposals from one club member. I myself will also submit a design suggestion, so that we should have at least a couple of options to choose from at the April meeting. Please submit your proposal by the March meeting, since I will need some time to 'digitize' all proposals. All designs will be presented and put up for vote at the April meeting.

No Rally update is complete without me encouraging everybody to think about what events should be retained, added, or eliminated from the rally program. As our great past president Lance very fittingly 'quoted' the great past president, J.F.K., last year: "Do not think about what the rally can do for you - think about what you can do for the rally!" It is the events and the rally volunteers that make the rally a success. If you have an idea for a Tech Session, a ride, or anything else that could be fun, or of interest to our rally guests, please contact me.

At a recent board meeting the focus was briefly shifted from the 2005 Rally to the year 2006, when we will celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Four Winds Rally. The question arose as to how to appropriately celebrate this significant event. Of particular interest was the question, 'What 40th anniversary grand prize could be offered?' Obviously there are plenty of options, for instance a motorcycle, e.g. a refurbished 40 year old /2, a motorcycle vacation package, motorcycle gear, etc. The board is planning to appoint a committee to explore our options and to lead the discussion among the club members.

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**HOW DO I JOIN  
FOUR WINDS BMW  
RIDERS?**

To join, just come to a meeting and introduce yourself. Meetings are listed here in the Newsletter and in the schedule of events on the Web Site, [www.4windsbmw.org](http://www.4windsbmw.org).

Membership dues are \$15 per year for primary membership, and \$7.50 per year for associate members residing in the same household as a primary member.

**DIRECTIONS TO MEETING:**

March 19, 2005 meeting from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM at Hoss's Steak and Sea House, 11675 Frankstown Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15235, Phone: 412-241-7522. **Special feature: Seminar with Tony Capriotti on "Get your head back into riding!" Don't miss it!**

*From the East:* Take the Parkway West (I376W) to Exit 11 and go north on Rodi Rd (Rte 791). Turn left where Rodi Rd Ts into Frankstown Rd (Rte 380). Hoss's is about 200 feet from the intersection on the right.

*From the West:* Take the Parkway East (I-376E) to Exit 11 and go north on Rodi Rd (Rte 791). Turn left where Rodi Rd Ts into Frankstown Rd (Rte 380). Hoss's is about 200 feet from the intersection on the right.

*From the North:* Take the PA Turnpike (I-76) East to the Murrysville/I-376 Exit. At the Exit get on the Parkway East (I-376 E). Take Exit 11 and go North on Rodi Rd (Rte 791). At the junction between Rodi Rd (Rte 791) and Frankstown Rd (Rte 380), turn Left onto Frankstown Rd. Hoss's is about 200 feet from the intersection on the right.

*From the South:* Take PA48 to the Parkway West (I376W) to Exit 11 and go north on Rodi Rd (Rte 791). Turn left where Rodi Rd Ts into Frankstown Rd (Rte 380). Hoss's is about 200 feet from the intersection on the right.

*Mapquest:* <http://www.mapquest.com/maps/map.adp?searchtype=address&country=US&addtohistory=&searchtab=home&address=11675+Frankstown+Rd&city=Pittsburgh&state=PA&zipcode=15235>