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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By the time you read this message, Punxsutawney Phil will be making regular appearances without fear of public retribution and motorcycles riders will be everywhere once again. It will be interesting to see if \$4 a gallon gas really results in a significant uptick in motorcycle and scooter ridership as many of us have been predicting.

At the March meeting at Bella Luna, an old friend, Alex Walters, made it official and joined Four Winds. You may have seen Alex and Bill Werksman arrive together at past meetings dressed out in Shriners garb. As a member of the Shriners Motor Corp, Alex invited the Four Winds BMW Riders to take part in the upcoming Annual Syria Shriners Poker Run on July 6th. Last year's winner took home over \$1,700. Sure beats a lousy toaster, doesn't it?

But lets take a look at some of the rites of spring we're all looking forward to and start making our riding plans.

March 29th is the Spring Open House at European Motorcycles of Pittsburgh.

The last weekend in March and first weekend in April hails the Maple Festival in Meyersdale, PA. It's a nice ride from Pittsburgh to Meyersdale and the all you can eat

DO YOUR DUES!

It's past that time of year again. If you haven't yet paid your dues, get your check, money order, cash, etc. to our treasurer, Tom Primke. Tom will reward you by giving you your personal copy of the club's handy-dandy 2008 Official Membership Card.

If you get the paper newsletter but haven't paid your dues it will not be mailed to you until you do. If you get the on-line newsletter but haven't paid your dues, the evil mythical internet Cookie Monster will crawl into your computer and eat all your cookies. So get your dues in!

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APRIL MEETING INFO

The next meeting of the Four Winds BMW Riders will be held on Sat., April 19, 2008 at the Uno Chicago Grill, 1294 Freedom Road, Cranberry Township, PA 16066, Ph. 724-772-1711 from 2-5 PM. Pizza, pasta, etc. The board will meet there at 1 PM. See the map on p. 9. GPS Coords: N40.68424 W80.11049

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MEETING SCHEDULE 2008

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

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

April, 2008 — Uno Chicago Grille, 1294 Freedom Rd, Cranberry, PA

May, 2008 — Tony Capriotti's, Penn Hills

June, 2008 — President's Ride to Foxburg Inn

July, 2008 — TBA

August, 2008 — **Friday, August 15 to Sunday, August 17 41st Annual Four Winds Rally!**

September, 2008 — TBA

October, 2008 — TBA

November, 2008 — TBA

December, 2008 — No Monthly Meeting

APRIL SHACK

Will be held Wednesday, April 16th from 7-10PM at Leo and Holly Stanton's, 3015 Walton Rd, Finleyville... Get on PA51 and take the Ridge Rd Exit. Head West on Ridge Rd. Turn Left onto Dale Rd. Turn Right on Walton Rd. Leo and Holly's will be about .1 mile on your right as you head West. GPS Coords: N40.27308 W79.93028.

pancakes and sausage with fresh local maple syrup is yummy. According to the schedule listed on the website, the best events will be held on April 4-6.

On April 18-20, Mosites Motorsports will be offering test rides of the very unique Can-Am Spyder. There is a waiting list to buy one of these wild looking 100 hp Rotax powered 3-wheelers from Quebec. If you'd like to test ride one, contact Moto Mitch at 724-864-2800 and make your reservations.

Sunday April 20th marks the 3rd Annual Region 6 "Meet and Eat" at Dennys Beer Barrel Pub in Clearfield, PA: home of the Worlds Largest Hamburger is Sunday, April 20th. We'll meet up with 100+ riders, mostly from the Pittsburgh area, but some people

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

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

Sun, Apr 20 — South at King's, 3049 Washington Pike, off Exit 54, I-79, Bridgeville, 10:00 AM

Sat, Apr 26 — East at Dick's, Rt 22 Westbound Side, Monroeville, 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.

make a weekend of it and ride there on Saturday, spend the night at nearby lodging and ride home on Sunday after lunch. Join up with Moto Mitch and Dave "Deer Slayer" Thomas at Panera Bread in Monroeville at 9am. Come earlier if you need to get caffeinated before the ride. We will take back country roads and hope to arrive in Clearfield around noon.

If you think your bike may be cursed by demons, you can get it exorcised along with several thousand riders at the Murrysville Alliance Church for their annual "Blessing of the Bikes."

The weekend of April 26-27 is the Spring Track Day event at BeaveRun sponsored by European Motorcycles of Pittsburgh. Go to <http://www.bmwpggh.com> for the link and sign up. Cost is \$130 per day or \$250 for the weekend.

And of course the first weekend of May brings the first major rally of the season is the Georgia Mountain Rally in Hiawasee, GA.

The April meeting will be at Uno's Chicago Grille in Cranberry at 2 pm. Until then, ride safe and I'll see you on the road.

Mitch



**MARCH MEETING MINUTES
FOUR WINDS BMW RIDERS
MARCH 15TH**

Location: Bella Luna Trattoria, Monroeville
Board Attendance: Mitch Kehn, Jay Singh, Tom Primke, Ralph Meyer, Joann Barr, Diane Pears

President Mitch Kehn called the meeting to order.

New Business: President Mitch's new job at Mosites Motorsports requires him to work on Saturdays, therefore alternating board members will chair the monthly meetings. He will attend as many of the Sunday breakfasts and rides as possible to keep in touch.

New Members & Visitors: Alex Walters of Murrysville joined. Tom and Bethany Flury from Springdale attended for the first time after contacting us on the web site and recently acquiring a Bumblebee.

Shack Pack This Wed.: A reminder that the March Shack is at Gary Smith's garage this Wednesday, the 19th from 7 - 10 pm. Sadly this may be the last shack held at this venerable BMW shrine, marking the end of an era, as Kay and Gary announced they will be moving to Florida.

Annual Syria Shriner's Poker Run: Alex Walters invited the Four Winds BMW Riders to take part in their largest annual fund raiser event on July 6th. It is a 100 mi. ride with food & prizes. Cost \$15.

Rally:

- Caterer* - Investigating 322 BBQ in Brookville
- Cups* - Insulated Travel Mugs to sell at cost
- Seminars* - *European Motorcycles of Pgh.
 - *Maybe Al Vangura?
 - *Eric Trow volunteered to do a Safety and riding seminar if he is available that weekend
- T-Shirts* - Design is in process. Request for a light color and Ts with pockets has been noted
- Music* - Satellite radio & pre-recorded instead of band

Sat. Night - Eric Trow is willing to do an encore presentation from the banquet IF his schedule is free.

Chairman - Still needed . . . as well as many volunteers

1st Annual Clem's BBQ Challenge: Ed Syphan will be organizing a ride to Hog Fathers'. Watch the website for date.

The March meeting will be at Uno's Chicago Grill, Freedom Rd. in Cranberry.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

DIANE PEARS

RECORDING SECRETARY



ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBS



Picture caught by our Roving Pittsburgh Correspondent, Paul White (Alias "PW")

Among our many members are several unassuming folks who both recognize great bikes (BMW's) as well as protect our city and our homes and businesses... they're those fellows and gals who are known for charging into dangerous heat and flame to fight it when everybody else runs out to get away from it. They truly have proud traditions, and the annual St. Paddy's Day Parade is one of them... and look who PW Caught a-marchin' to the pipes and drums and wearin' and carryin' o' the Green! Erin go Braugh, Capt. O'Halaja! Hooray for you and all our firefighters!



EAST BREAKFAST RIDE SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2008

Sonny Robison

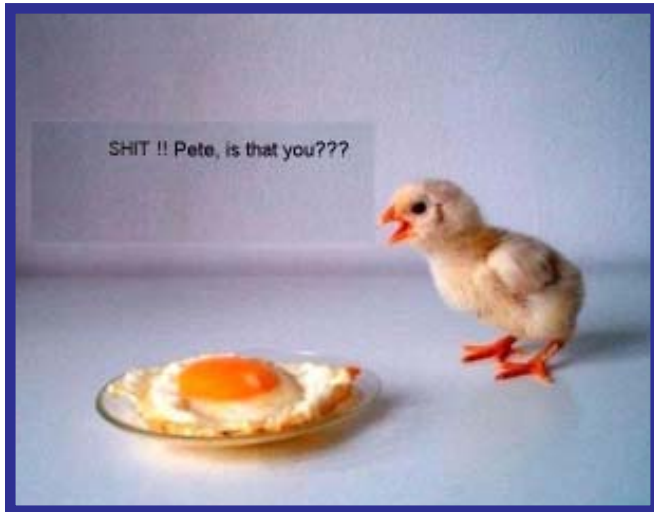
There were four at Dick's this AM. All came in their cages due to the weather. PW., Walt, Eric Trow, and I. We talked and fed our faces etc. for about an hour and a half. What else can be said about the most enjoyable association that happened on a snowy morning at Dick's Diner, in Murrsville, at the East Breakfast gathering. Fortunately, no Trash appeared (except the left overs from the food 'N-at). We discussed bikes, computers, 4 Winds members' lack of participation in various club happenings, and some construction techniques for garage installation, and just general enjoyable BS that left no visible piles to be removed after we abandoned the site.

So as uninteresting and brief as it appears above — That is the report on the East B-ride for 02/23/08. [The camaraderie sounds pretty interesting to me...wish I could've made it—editor] — Have a good day! Bye now!



IT'S TO LAUGH...

Picture sent along by Walt Halaja.



MOTORCYCLES IN GUADALAJARA

Ralph Meyer

Rosemary and I spent 2 weeks in the middle of February at a lovely B & B with a former colleague and friend of Rosemary's. The agenda while there could be labeled “inexpensive sightseeing, eating, and observing.” Unfortunately (in a sense for me—initially I would rather have ridden the Beemer) we flew down and back. After being there a bit, though the itch to ride remained, I decided not riding down was really the better part of valor after all. Reasons?

The Northern US Weather I'd have had to have ridden through coming and going, the country roads in Mexico—only the main highways seem well paved and that's accompanied by speed bumps in oddly unexpected places, and Guadalajara traffic, which, on any day



of the week, in many places generally resembled 5th Avenue in New York at rush hour. It didn't matter which: Lopez Mateo, Avenida 18th Septiembre, Avenida Juarez, de las Rosas—they



were all well fitted out with cars, taxis, busses, bikes, and other vehicles all going elsewhere from where they happened to be at the moment at a great rate of knots—until the ubiquitous speed bumps were encountered whence brakes were jammed on, the slow up and down dance over the bump was manipulated, which, having been navigated, resulted in an immediate application again of pedal to the metal. Mexicans, it seems, were always in a hurry to get somewhere

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.

Great Australian Bike Tours: Interesting in planning to cycle tour “Down Under”? Check out <http://www.chapelaustrianbiketours.com>. We have a DVD from them that's available to anyone who would like to see it. Ask a board member for it.

The new Indian Motorcycle... One more time!: <http://www.indianmotorcycle.com>.

A good links to everything page: http://www.k12rs.com/web_resources.html

Jay Leno's Garage: <http://www.jaylenosgarage.com/>

else. Even on residential side streets marked 30 Km/Hr. Sedate paces seemed disallowed. Even for such trundling vehicles as the ubiquitous stick-shift Mercedes busses.

The weather, if not the traffic, was delightful: dry, high 60s to 70s and sunny every day. One late afternoon dark clouds accompanied by high winds and about 15 drops of rain passed over, which winds were sufficient to put out the electricity in our B & B's locale from 6PM on. That was Saturday night. Figuring the old Mexican Mañana Myth would probably be in force, and the electrons would not begin to march again 'till the following week some time, we were pleasantly surprised to discover that it came back on some time after 2 AM Sunday Morning—2 AM was when I went into the bathroom to get a drink of water to soothe my parched throat (did I mention the air was very dry?) and it wasn't on then. But it was at breakfast.

Meals were wonderful, but it took a little getting used to and a couple of courageous gulps

to order something like a sea food Molcajefe at \$95.00, not counting Margarita, Agua Purificado in Botelle (you don't drink water out of



the tap unless you want Moctezuma to get his revenge on you down there for being one of those white-skinned devils who took his kingdom and gold away from him to haul back to Spain—no amount of arguing that one is of North European extraction transplated to the Oooh Esss of Aye does any good in that regard), and so forth. Lunch bills for the 3 of us often just about broke a \$500 bill. One only stopped blanching at the check when one reminded him or herself that in Mexico, you write pesos with a dollar sign, and if you want to figure the approximate amount of the bill in USDs, you just moved the decimal point 1 place to the left. Made things look a heckuva lot better: Molcajefe: \$9.50 USD. Very reasonable! And, very delicious! We ate well. Very well. Avoided McDonalds like the plague. Went to places like Mariscos, and with names like Madre Margarite's. Even watched the lunch crowd get their tortillas by the pound at a hole-in-the-wall tortilla factory next to Momma's where you could watch the tortillas pop off the steel belt into a palm leaf basket. Neat place. Eat where all the natives hang out and the food's invariably bound to be good: that wisdom straight from "Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance". It works.

Although yet outnumbered by cars, cabs, trucks, and busses, there are still a whale of a lot more motorcycles on the road in Guadalajara than one ever sees in the U.S. even at the height of summer. One couldn't walk down a street without finding several parked on the

walks or just inside the doorways of the shops the owners either ran, owned, or worked in. And no block of cars and busses etc. in the ubiquitous traffic was ever without them. Usually one would see 2 or 3 or more weaving their way through the traffic and, during grid lock and at stoplights, lane splitting with just inches to spare to get to the front of the line so as to beat the heavier vehicles to the next corner or patch of grid lock. Lane splitting is *de rigueur*.

I don't know what the price of gas was at the PeMex stations (there are no others—say "Exxon" and people just look at you with a blank stare or ask "¿Como esta es, por favor?") but 99 and 44/100% of the bikes there sip fuel and probably cost their owners little to



run. They're mostly 125 and 150cc-ers, many of which I've never even seen advertised or sold in the U.S.: Honda "Cargos", little Yamahas, strangely named scooters, and so forth. Most also have a



Milkman's bottle box or some other similar large volume carrier bolted, welded, or tied onto the seat behind the pilot. While these folks ride like GP racers, apparently they aren't using the bikes for 'sport,' but for what motorcycles

first started out as: very convenient, very economical means of transportation. Even the 'family' motorcycles piloted by well-rounded paterfamilias with their (very) wide (very) buxom spouses cum niños perched behind were but little 150cc guys.

In all the time we were there, and despite my finely tuned antennae that will vibrate at even the distant presence of a Beemer, they only vibrated once: for a grey R1150RT that was headed the other

FOR SALE

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

Arai Helmet for Sale: Model: Signet GT, Size: XXL, Color: blue/silver, Condition: very slightly used (about 200 miles), Price: \$100, Drop me a note at fbeatrous@gmail.com

way on one of the major highways out of town our bus took when we toured Lake Chapala and the towns of Chapala and Ajijic (Ah-hee-heck--this latter a mecca for Canadian and American "Snowbirds"-- Housing prices: \$66,000USD-\$400,000USD+ - wouldn't be bad if those prices quoted were in pesos, but sadly, they aren't).

Harleys? I have a sneaking suspicion that the Policia have a corner on the market of them. I never saw a civilian Harley. Nor for that matter did I see any Harley even approaching the size of a nice Road King. Nor even a Softtail. The police bikes, all outfitted with the usual radio, siren, and wheeliebird red light, but no windshields or fairings were, to a bike, Sportsters. I saw no dealers with large bikes on their lots. A 500cc bike appeared to be something that would have been considered an unneeded monster, unneeded probably because it didn't get nearly as many Kms per Liter as the little guys. Mexicans, it would appear, are frugal motorcyclists.

Would I take my bike to Mexico? I'm not sure. As I mentioned, out in the country the only paved roads seemed to be the mains. Side roads that here would be blacktopped, there are dirt. And dusty. We watched a pickup head off to a nice looking house a half-mile off the main road to Tequila and it looked like the rooster tail of dust behind him would have taken a half hour to dissipate. There were some nice curves where the mains went up and down the mountains, and not a few switchbacks in those spots. But then trucks use those main roads too and a loaded 18 wheeler grinding up the hills out of Tequila wouldn't be an enjoyable thing to follow, even on nice switchbacks, and the traffic in Guadalajara was the kind that you'd love only if you thought downtown city driving was all the rage. And the little country towns? The main roads through towns were often the only ones blacktopped, but if the town had been there any length of time, and most towns in Mexico have been where they are for loooooong lengths of time, all the rest of the streets were cobblestoned narrow streets. And the cobblestones were like large round river gravel. Riding on them you wouldn't need a Harley Sportster to



vibrate your teeth loose. A soft cushy Goldwing would do on that stuff very nicely. Beautifully picturesque old towns indeed, but not the kind of place that would be my first choice to ride in.

But it was fun. I wish we had Guadalajara weather back here around the 'Burgh in February, but that's too much to wish for. But I'll take our roads and traffic any day of the week and twice on Sunday to what the folks down there 'enjoy.' It was fun to go. But more fun to get back. Now where are those warmer, sunny days?

RALPH



GUADALAJARA'S MINERVA

TEXAS REFRIGERATOR HAUL



Only in Texas! ...after all, look at what's in Washington doing dippy doodle things. In any event, it's possible that this method of haulage would also work if one had a K-LT bike. However, one would need a "very small person" with very strong arms in order to fit in a Beemer's top box and yet maintain control of the fridge.

Our thanks to Jürgen Brune, our Spokane, WA correspondent for the pictures!

MARK'S NEW BIKE



Mark Tiedemann has finally been enticed by, and has gone over to, the "Dark Side": He just bought himself an R1150RT! Weep away all ye who think Crotch Rockets are the thing!

Sunday, July 6, 2008
SYRIA SHRINERS
1877 Shriners Way, Cheswick, PA

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	Buddy Driver	First \$50	Second \$20	Third \$10
	Passenger	First \$50	Second \$20	Third \$10

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Oldest Driver – Driving the Poker Run

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Pre-Registration Form

Make Checks Payable to Syria Motor Corps and send to:

Tony Battilana
1584 Arndt Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15237
412-367-1201 tonybat1@Verizon.net

Please Print

Driver's Name: _____ Club: _____

Driver's Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ E-Mail Address _____

DRIVER- \$20.00 PASSENGER- \$15.00

Pins For 1st 1000 to reg.

Driver Pre-Registered Before July 1st- \$15.00

Proceeds from this event are used for Motor Corps functions .

"The official registration and financial information of Syria Shriners A.A.O.N.M.S. may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free within Pennsylvania 1-(800)-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement"

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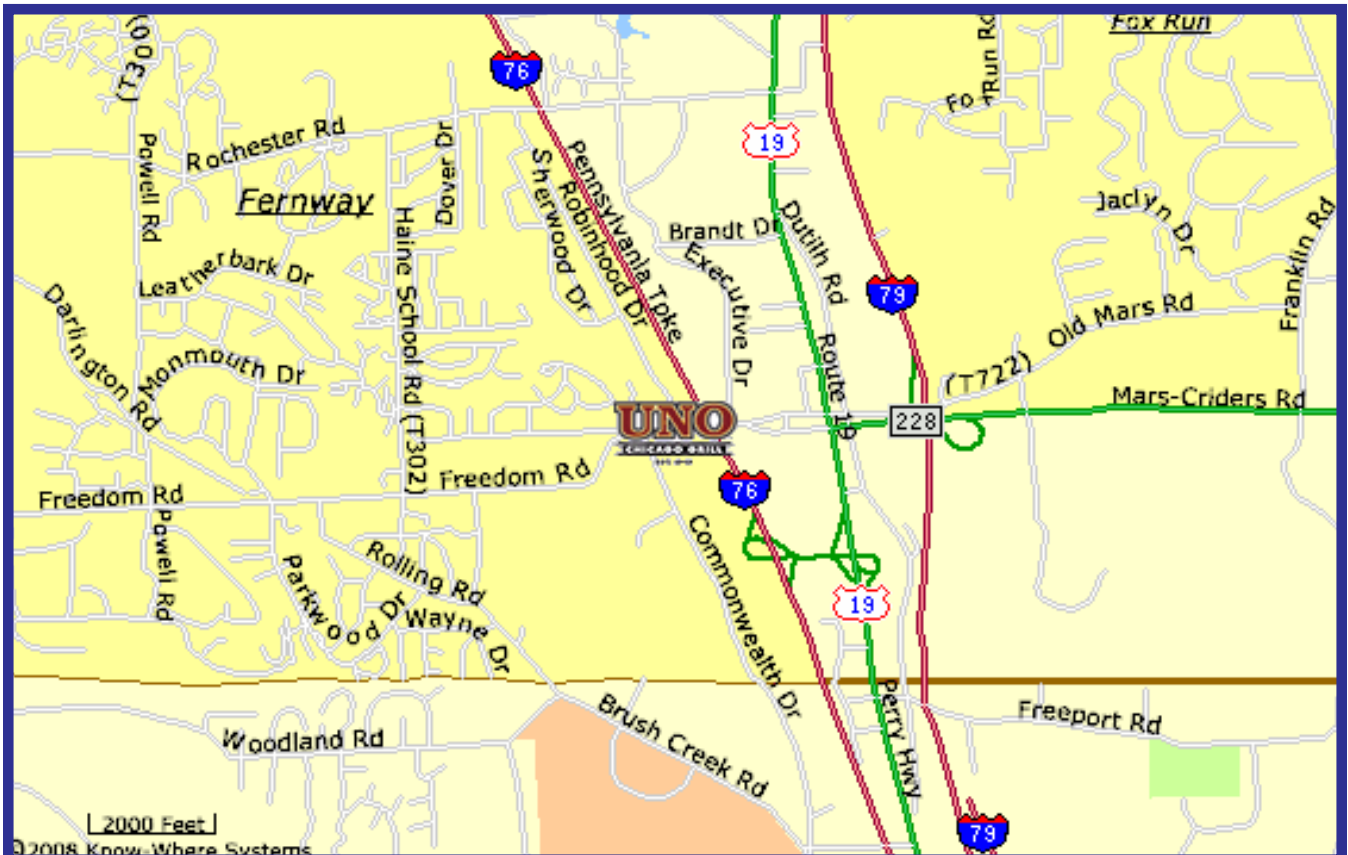
HARLEY LIMOUSINE

Planning a fancy “occasion”? Need a stretch limo to haul friends and family? Are you into Fresh Air and double potatoes? Here’s a fine take on an alteration to one of the Motor Company’s latest and greatest.

Picture found and sent in by our Beaver Correspondents, Tim and Diane Pears.



MAP TO THE APRIL MEETING





**Mountaineer BMW
Riders, Inc.**

Mountaineer BMW Riders

Memorial Day Weekend

May 23, 24, & 25, 2008 (Fri, Sat, and Sun)

Boyer Station Campground

Come and join the Mountaineer BMW Riders as we reflect on the freedom we enjoy as Americans and remember the sacrifices made by so many to preserve our freedom. This year the Cass Memorial Day rally will again be dedicated to providing everyone the opportunity to relax, slow down and explore this beautiful region of West Virginia. A few of the areas attractions are: Cass Scenic Railroad (steam train ride), Green Bank Radio Observatory (tours), Spruce Knob (highest point in the Mountain State), Seneca Rocks (rock climbing and spelunking)-all linked by the excellent motorcycle roads whether it be on the pavement or dirt.

At the campground, we will provide hotdogs until they run out on Friday evening until 21:00, dinner Saturday evening and coffee, tea and hot chocolate around the clock. This rally is small and friendly. Our goal is to foster a family of satisfied patrons. BMW riders, their guests and like minded motorcyclist are all invited to attend.

Information:

Evening 614 471-1418 (Charlie & Betty)

charlie1@elektro.com?Subject=Cass%202008-Rally

Daytime 304 864-4192 (Mike Harper)

motoman1150rt@hotmail.com?Subject=Cass%202008-Rally

Daytime 304 473-0525 after April 1st (Rich Page)

wangler6831@msn.com?Subject=Cass%202008-Rally

Motel reservations (if available) (304 456-4667) Boyer Motel

NOTE - rates yet to be confirmed

1 dbl bed - 2 people \$35.97

2 dbl bed - 2 people \$45.78

3 people \$49.05

4 people \$52.32

Good food & friendly service

Rally Fee -

Adults- \$40 per adult

Children-\$20 per child (10-15)

(under 10 free)

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Saturday dinner
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Reunion of old friends & meeting of new ones
Excellent roads to interesting places

Camping Services for the CASS Rally!

Mayberry's Sherpa (<http://www.sherpamayberry.com>) Service - Ted Mayberry provides transport, set up, and teardown of various camping items such as tents, sleeping bags, air mattresses, chairs, pillows, towels, and many other useful items. Please visit <http://www.sherpamayberry.com> for more information. If you don't want to pack your tent and sleeping bag, this is the way to go! People using Ted Mayberry's service at the 2006 Cass rally were delighted.

Directions to the Rally campground

The Boyer Motel / Campground is in Boyer WV, on Rt28/Rt92.

A couple towns you can probably see on most maps are Elkins on US33 and Durbin on US-Rt250/Rt92. If you follow Rt219/Rt250 S from Elkins you will see where US-Rt250/Rt92 splits off going East at Huttonsville. As you follow Rt250/Rt92 east past Durbin, it intersects with Rt28. Most maps will show Rt28 going NE and Rt250 going SE. Before (west) of that point Rt28 joined Rt250 from the south. That road is actually Rt28/Rt92. If you follow it south about 6 miles it goes through Boyer, and the campground is on the left as you are going south. A few miles further south, Rt28/Rt92 goes through Greenbank, the site of the Greenbank Radio Astronomy Observatory. Because of the radio observatory, the entire valley is radio emission free (meaning no cell phone signals).

Cass 2008 BMW Rally Advance Registration Form

Please print this .pdf document and fill in the form at the bottom of the page. Mail it with a check or money order to the indicated address. By registering in advance you will assist us in determining the number of friends who will attend the Cass reunion so that we may plan accordingly and serve you better. Thank you,

2008 Cass Rally Registration Form

(PLEASE USE SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH VEHICLE)

Name _____ Passenger's name _____

Address _____
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Number of adults (over 15) _____ X \$40 = _____ check or money order payable to: Cass Rally

Number of children (10 to 15) _____ X \$20
= _____
mail to: Cass Rally
P. O. Box 494
Washington, WV
26181

Total enclosed \$ _____

THE WAY WE WERE BACK WHEN FROM THE APRIL 1998 NEWSLETTER

Prepared by Walt Halaja

1) Presidents Message "Nancy Barrett" "Ah! The warm weather is finally here. And we all know that means the riding season. Time to get the bike out of storage, gas it up and GO! I know that some of you are saying "Riding season?", "Storage?" I realize that some of you diehards ride all year and never put your bikes up, but I try never to ride when the temperature is below freezing. It's not that I'm a fair weather rider, mind you. For awhile it seemed that every time we had a trip Planned it rained..... Sometimes I think that I attract the strange weather. There was the time we sat under the overpass in W.V. watching the hail bounce off of the interstate. And the TWO separate occasions that we came upon recent tornado damage. Oh yes, and the "worst flooding in the History" that accompanied the RA rally in Quebec, along with gale force winds. I was pretty sure that if my helmet had flaps, I would have been "the Flying Nun!" (Emphasis on the flying, not the nun!) Of course, the pleasant riding experiences far outnumber the foul weather trips, but they don't make nearly as interesting a story.

2) Riders Corner "Ed Syphan" A round of thank you's goes out to everyone who participated in last Sunday's ride from Heritage BMW. Especially to Craig, James, Bill Tony, Marianne and Marcel who were on hand to roll out the red carpet, along with coffee and doughnuts.....Approximately twenty riders were treated to a great trip along some roads that even I hadn't been down before.....every place that we stopped at for lunch was closed! Anyone who has ridden with the 4 Winds knows what a catastrophe that could have been. Marianne came through with a perfect place nearby Ligonier. It was a fine way to kick off the upcoming riding season.....Ed also listed these up-coming rides April 24th. Al Vangura will lead a ride to Bob's BMW in Jessup, MD....April 25th. Adrian Marini will lead a ride toward Ligonier.....May 3rd. Ed will lead a ride to explore the back roads of West Moreland county.....May 9th Steve Goldring will lead a ride to Greene County and to W.V. ...Ed ends with "Most of all, get out there and do some riding. Look for me out there, I'll be the one riding the spotless pristine /7 at the posted speed limit!

3) Observations From Bike Week "Tom Barnhart" Was Making extremely good time (best way to ride a motorcycle on the 3 lane interstate is in the extreme left lane approximately 10 MPH faster than the other traffic-here that translates into about 90). About 60 miles south of Daytona I hit a torrential downpour that virtually stopped traffic. After an hour of this it cleared and everything dried out....I met up with a number of 4 Winds and YBMW folks. Al Vangura, Ed Taters, Ross Baker Ted Beiter who spent time at Bulow on a day pass, Rabbit, Beth Ann, Clark Luster, Corolla Zap, Ron Krantz plus other YBMWers were camped at Bulow.....Unfortunately, Al and I didn't join Clark in the ride to southern Cross at Key West.....Started south on I-95 into a horrid head wind, 20-30 MPH, with gusts to 50. Low fuel light came on but I thought I could make it home-WRONG. Ran dry midway between the longest spaced exits on 95. Pulled off the helmet, drank some water a waited while gold Wingers, BMW Riders and other assorted bikers ran past and waived. Finally two guys riding Harley Sportsters stopped. Bled half a gal. of gas from one bike and was on my way. Ran out of gas again 100 yards from a gas station. Combination of the head wind and high speed yielded less than 30 MPG on the K75.....Bike week is great fun. You can see every imaginable type of bike and biker. The nude chicks and bar scenes are generally overrated, but fun to see once. The races and race prep is great. However, the best part of the whole event is the BMW campout at Bulow. Typical BMW rally activities and a lot of great people.

3) The Road To Travel (Or Not) "Sean Barrett" This months ride is part of Pete Naser's covered bridge tour. This ride is over all kinds of roads, from good to fair. An occasional area of dirt but no real gravel. This is a scenic ride not a sport ride.....The three of us , Kieth ?, Gary ?, & I started at (Rt. 19 and I- 70) to finish (Rt. 18 and Rt. 231) was approximately 70 miles and took 3 hours, not counting extended stops.

4) "4 Winds BMW Riders Placelets April thru October" Rules Take a picture with your bike & or helmet, mail picture to club with your name on it etc. 25 Placelets were listed, exp. A State park, a post office beginning with a vowel, A fort in Pa., A State border sign etc. etc.....The winner will receive a new motorcycle helmet at the Jan. banquet

5) Two other articles written in this issue are "90 Years Of Trouble- Part 2 1997 Isle of man TT" via Clark Luster, &"Foam butt 50" via George Mastovich

6) Rider Dossier via Dan Doerr Rider Ted Beiter 1st bike Indian, current bikes BMW R65, BMW R100R, Moto Gussi 850T. Yamaha 500 enduro, Favorite BMW R100R. Question-What is your favorite local ride? Answer Rt. 6 across PA.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

WALT



WINTER RIDE BEAUTY



Picture by all year rider, John Allen

This is the kind of beauty those of us who ride all year long (Riding season begins January 1 and ends each year on December 31st) get to see that the "Other Riding Season" folks only get to witness from the inside of a cage. If one is well outfitted with Widder or Gerbings electrically heated riding togs, and BMW's heated handgrips and seats, winter sights from the seat of a bike like this are things of beauty and joys forever...wellllll, until the weather warms up and the trees leaf out and the whole aspect of the landscape changes. Winter scenery is unique..

**Four Winds BMW Riders
c/o Ralph Meyer, Editor
6056 Meadow Lane
Bakerstown, PA 15007-9720**

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

To join, 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. 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 THE MEETING:

April 19, 2008 meeting from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM at the Uno Chicago Grille, 1294 Freedom Road, Cranberry Township, PA 16066, Ph.: 724-772-1711 FAX: 724-772-1712:

From the South: Get on I-79 North and take exit 78 (the SR 228 exit) and turn left at the light onto SR 228 headed West. Continue straight across Perry Hwy (US 19) onto Freedom Rd. The Uno Chicago Grille will be on your left after the two strip malls on Freedom Rd.

From the North: Get on I-79 South and take exit 78 (the SR 228 exit) and turn right at the light onto SR 228 headed West. Continue straight across Perry Hwy (US 19) onto Freedom Rd. The Uno Chicago Grille will be on your left after the two strip malls on Freedom Rd.

From the East: Take the Parkway West (1376 W), take exit 2b onto the Boulevard of the Allies (SR 885) West and take the exit Ramp to I-579 North. Take the ramp off I-579 to I-279 North. Continue on I-279 North onto I-79 North, and follow the directions above in: "From the South."

GPS Coordinates: N40.68424 W80.11049