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NOTES FROM THE QUEEN MUM

Season's Greetings To All!

January is always a time for change. A new year brings thoughts of things that were and things that may be. People look back at the old year and resolve to eat better, live better, BE better. Spirits are high. Changes are made, or at least attempted.

The same thing happens with the Four Winds. The outgoing board (happily!) relinquishes the reins and the new board grabs them, fresh and ready to take up the task ahead. New ideas will be tossed around and the club members will make decisions. Changes? Maybe. We have experienced and not-so-experienced members on the board this year. Old ways and new will merge. Come to the meetings! Make suggestions. Don't sit in the back and gripe. Make your voice heard. And, equally as important, let us know when were doing something right!

I have already heard some thoughts from club members. You want to ride more? Consider leading a ride to or from a meeting.



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ANNUAL BANQUET INFO

The Annual New Year's Banquet of the Four Winds BMW Riders will be held on Sat., Jan. 17, 2009 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 164 Fort Couch Rd, from 6–11PM. The Buffet Dinner will be served at 7PM. Cost is \$25/person. Our banquet speaker will be Lee Marks, owner of European Motorcycles of Pittsburgh. **The registration form is on p. 3. Deadline for registration is January 10.**

PUBLICATION INFO

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Long articles may be split between issues.

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Newsletters in color PDF format are at the Four Winds Site, www.4windsbmw.org. Download a free Adobe PDF reader by clicking the 'Get Adobe Reader' button at www.adobe.com and following the directions thereafter provided.

MEETING SCHEDULE 2009

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

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

January 17, 2009 — Annual Club Banquet, 6:00-11 PM, at The Crowne Plaza Hotel, 164 Fort Couch Rd.

February 21, 2009 — 2:00PM Bella Luna Restaurant, Rte 22 East, Monroeville

March, 2009 — The Church Brew Works, Liberty Ave.

April, 2009 — TBA

May, 2009 — TBA

June, 2009 — President's Ride - Begins in Zelienople.

July, 2009 — Tony Capriotti's, Penn Hills

August, 2009 — **Friday, August 14 to Sunday, August 16**
43rd Annual Four Winds Rally!

September, 2009 — TBA

October, 2009 — TBA

November, 2009 — TBA

December, 2009 — No Monthly Meeting

2008 SHACK SCHEDULE

Keep an eye out on the web site all you lady and gentleman wrenchers and attendees out there, for the Shack locations and dates to help keep us smiling through the winter, and keep 'em rolling!

Want to see something different at the rally? Join the rally committee and help out. Change...it can be good or bad, but it comes from within. You reap what you sow.

Along those lines, a handful of people have worked out the particulars so we can all get together and have a good time at the annual banquet. No strings attached. Just come and celebrate the old and the new. Food, friends and fun! It doesn't get any better 'n 'at! Unless it's warm enough to ride...
See You January 17th,

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, Jan 4 — *North* at King's, I-79 & Rt 910/VIP Dr., 10:00 AM

Sat, Jan 10 — *West* at Bob Evans, Rt 60 & Campbell's Run Rd, 9:00 AM

Sun, Jan 18 — *South* at King's, 3049 Washington Pike, off Exit 54, I-79, Bridgeville, 10:00 AM

Sat, Jan 24 — *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.



NANCY

The Four Winds Annual Banquet
at the

CROWNE PLAZA PITTSBURGH SOUTH

164 FORT COUCH RD. * PITTSBURGH 15241
(412) 833-5300

Saturday, January 17, 2009

6:00 - 7:00PM - Cash Bar

7:00PM - Buffet Style Dinner

Dinner followed by Entertainment 'til 11:00PM

\$25.- /pp

(Members, Associate Members, Laurel Highlands Members, Guests, Non-Members)

(special 'Four Winds' Room Rate available: \$95)



Directions to the Crowne Plaza Pittsburgh South:

From Downtown Pittsburgh, the East and North:

Take I-279 south. Take exit 5A for Banksville Rd. and merge onto US-19. After approx. 3.0 miles turn left at Cochran Rd./PA-121/US-19. Continue to follow US-19 for another 3 miles. Turn left at Fort Couch Rd. and after 0.3 mi make a U-turn at Oxford Dr. Go back approx. 0.2 miles and arrive at the Crowne Plaza.

From The Parkway West & Greater Pittsburgh International Airport:

From Pittsburgh International Airport Follow 60 South which turns into Rt. 22/30. Follow signs for I-79 South-Washington. Take Heidelberg-Kirwan Heights exit 55. Make a right onto Washington Pike. First light left onto Vanadium Road. First light right onto Bower Hill Road. Second light left onto Painters Run Road. First light right onto McMillan Road. First left onto Ft. Couch Road. Second light left into parking lot.

✂----- **RSVP by January 10, 2009** -----✂

Name : _____

attending : _____ **x \$25.- =** _____ **(enclose this amount)**

Send check (made payable to Four Winds BMW Riders) to:

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AMA INTERNATIONAL WOMEN & MOTORCYCLING CONFERENCE

— 2009 EVENT CELEBRATES WOMEN WHO RIDE

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PICKERINGTON, Ohio — Move over, guys. These days, more and more women are getting behind the handlebars in the motorcycling world. Thousands of them will celebrate their love of all things motorcycle at the fifth American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) International Women & Motorcycling Conference, Aug. 19-22, 2009, in the dramatic resort town of Keystone, Colo., just 90 miles west of Denver.

The AMA International Women & Motorcycling Conference focuses on educating, encouraging, inspiring and mentoring women in the lifestyle and sport of motorcycling, according to AMA Marketing and Special Events Manager Tigra Tsujikawa. "This event represents the best of both worlds for women motorcyclists," said Tsujikawa. "We will have the opportunity to connect with and learn from other women riders. And through seminars, activities and classes, we'll gain the knowledge and skills to ride where the road or trail leads next."

The AMA International Women & Motorcycling Conference is well timed. According to the Motorcycle Industry Council, women now account for 12.6 percent of all motorcycle and scooter riders, a 29 percent increase since 2003. As the number of women motorcyclists has risen, so has attendance at the AMA International Women & Motorcycling Conference. The last conference, which was held in Georgia in 2006, drew more than 1,100 participants. The AMA anticipates that number will double at the 2009 event, which will feature prominent women riders, racers and industry leaders. Among them is Genevieve Schmitt, founder of the online magazine, WomenRidersNow.com. "For many years, women have been saying that the motorcycle industry is not paying attention to them," said Schmitt. "The AMA International Women & Motorcycling Conference is the industry's response to that, and has been for the last four conferences. Each conference attracts more sponsors, more participation from manufacturers and vendors, and more participants. I see

the 2009 conference, with its supremely scenic location in Keystone, Colo., as being the best yet. If you're a woman and you're a rider, this is the event you need to attend."

In addition to a wide range of daily workshops, conference attendees will have the opportunity to demo new bikes, shop for the latest gadgets and gear at the vendor marketplace, and enjoy numerous after-hours social activities at the idyllic Keystone Resort, which is nestled among the majestic Rocky Mountains. Tsujikawa added that the conference is not restricted to women. "The motorcycling community is a most welcoming group of people, and the AMA International Women & Motorcycling Conference is no exception," she said. "While our focus is on women riders, women are encouraged to register their spouses or partners, who can attend all activities. Even if they choose not to participate in the conference itself, there are fantastic riding opportunities in this area, including some legendary two-lane, off-road and dual-sport adventures."

The fifth AMA International Women & Motorcycling Conference will be held at the Keystone Resort & Conference Center in Keystone, Colo., on Aug. 19-22, 2009. Lodging reservations can be made by calling (800) 258-0437; mention group code CZ0AMAW. Early in 2009, the AMA will provide conference registration information at www.womenandmotorcycling.com

Sign up for conference email alerts by e-mailing the AMA at info@womenandmotorcycling.com.

AMA FIGHTS POSSIBLE 100 PERCENT TARIFFS ON EUROPEAN MCS

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PICKERINGTON, Ohio — The American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) announced today that it has written to the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative opposing a plan that could double the cost of some European motorcycles imported into the United States.

The plan being considered by U.S. trade officials would impose a 100 percent import duty on more than 100 European goods — including two engine displacement categories of motorcycles, 51cc to 250cc, and 251cc to 500cc.

The federal measure is designed as retaliation to the 27-member European Union's continuing import ban on American beef treated with growth hormones. EU officials haven't lifted that 20-year-old ban, despite a World Trade Organization (WTO) order to end it.

If U.S. officials impose the retaliatory tariff, it would double the price of a host of under-500cc on- and off-highway machines from brands such as Aprilia, Beta, BMW, Fantic, Gas Gas, Husaberg, Husqvarna, KTM, Montesa, Piaggio, Scorpa, Sherco, TM and Vespa.

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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.

AVL GMBH Diesel MC Engine & Concept Bike: http://www.avl.com/wo/webobsession.servlet/go/encoded/YXBwPWJjbXMmcGFnZT12aWV3Jm1hc2s9dmllZyZub2RldGl0bGVpZD01MjMwMQ_3D_3D.html (The former IBL became AVL - "Anstalt für Verbrennungskraftmaschinen", Prof. Dr. Hans List (Tr.: The List Institute for Internal Combustion Engines)

Attention all members who have submitted beginning mileage reports this year -- you know who you are. December has arrived! Please submit your ending mileages before Jan. 8th.

Note: your Dec. 31, 2008 mileage will be your beginning mileage for Jan 1, 2009!

Four Winds Mileage Contest

Jan 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008



Ending Mileage Form – Year 2008

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: (_____) _____

Mail Form to:
Mileage Contest
c/o Tim Pears
555 Rose Stop Rd.
New Castle, PA 16101
or E-mail to:
timndiane@comcast.net

	Make / Model / Year	Ending Mileage
Bike 1		
Bike 2		
Bike 3		

Mileage submitted must be an honest record of the odometer readings for the Motorcycles you currently own, operate and submit for the beginning and end of the 2007 year. You can submit the mileage from one bike or all of the bikes you own. The sum of miles you attain on all of your bikes combined will produce this year's winner.

The highest mileage submitted at the end of the year will win a \$25 gift certificate to refill your tank at:



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“There is no logical link between European motorcycles and the dispute over beef,” said Ed Moreland, AMA vice president for government relations, in his comments submitted to the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative. “Imposing these stiff tariffs on motorcycles would do nothing to resolve the trade dispute, but would punish American buyers of European motorcycles.”

The AMA’s comments make a strong argument that motorcycles have no business being used as a lever in a dispute over beef. “Trade disputes residing concretely within the boundaries of the agricultural industry should not be resolved with trade sanctions levied against non-agricultural products,” Moreland said. “A 100 percent ad valorem, or higher, tariff on these motorcycles will cause serious and potentially irreversible harm to American small- and medium-sized business owners selling the vehicles. Additionally, citizens will be denied access to certain models of competition and recreation motorcycles that contribute to the lifestyle and well-being of millions of American families.”

The United States wants to impose \$116.8 million in import duties to equal the amount of money it claims the U.S. beef industry loses each year because of the ban. The WTO has agreed on that amount. Interested parties have until Dec. 8 to comment on which European goods should be subject to the 100 percent tariff in the dispute. It is unknown when U.S. officials will make a final decision.

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IT'S TO LAUGH THE PERFECT? SQUELCH

A little guy is sitting at the bar just staring at his drink for half an hour when this big tattooed trouble-making biker steps next to him, grabs his drink, gulps it down in one swig and then turns to the guy with a menacing stare as if to say, “What’cha gonna do about it?”

The poor little guy starts crying.

“Come on man I was just giving you a hard time,” the biker sneered. “I didn’t think you’d CRY. I can’t stand to see a man crying.”

“This is the worst day of my life,” says the little guy between sobs. “I can’t do anything right. I overslept this morning and was late to an important meeting, so my boss fired me. When I went to the parking lot, I found my car was stolen and I don’t have any insurance. I left my wallet in the cab I took home. When I got home I found my wife in bed with the gardener and my dog bit me.”

“So I came to this bar trying to work up the courage to put an end to my life, and you barge in and drink the damn poison.”



THE NORTH BREAKFAST RIDE 12/7/2008

We all were hoping it wouldn’t snow, so we could ride. Unfortunately, it did, and we didn’t: we drove. But by the time the dust settled and we were ensconced in the nice front room Ron “Reddy K” Latkovic had reserved for us, 8 of us had gathered around the festive board to enjoy a repast of King’s breakfast offerings, and verbally kick tires and politicians. Although none of us put a bike on the road, the number present indicates how much 4 Winds folks enjoy each other’s camaraderie. Several of us, after testing the roads in cages thought we might just have been all right to ride, but that was an iffy conclusion as those of us coming from some distance (truly from the 4 Winds--East, South, West, Center, and North of the ‘Burgh) testified that though the roads were clear in patches, black ice was much in evidence, the temp being only in the 20s, and many roads sporting an icy/snowy/slushy center between cage tire tracks--not the healthiest state of thoroughfares for riding unless one, being caught out in such stuff, has to.

In any event, we had a nice and delightful morning, those who were getting their BMW books got them (I wonder what will be on the docket for the afternoon...reading perhaps, or like me... looking at terrific pictures). In other words, another fine Breakfast Ride.... Welllll, breakfast at any rate, which none of us there, John Allen, Jack Bramcamp, Walt Halaja, Ron “Camper” Kranz, Ron “Reddy K” Latkovic, Ralph “Pctn Tiger” Meyer, Sonny Robison, and Paul “PW” White, had to cook. Nice!

RALPH



BANQUET SPEAKER

Lee Marks, owner of European Motorcycles of Pittsburgh (formerly BMW Motorcycles of Pittsburgh), now the only dealer of BMW motorcycles in and around the ‘Burgh has graciously agreed to be the featured speaker at our January 17th Banquet at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Lee will be telling us a bit about what it’s like to be a Motorcycle Dealer in general, and a dealer in our favorite Marque, BMWs, in particular. We’ve sometimes heard it said that the cheapest part of a BMW is the rider. And, of course, most of us look at the activities of a dealership from the point of view of the purchaser of our bikes and service for them. Often we do not realize the pressures, exigencies, responsibilities, and requirements on dealers’ shoulders. It will be good to hear someone with vast knowledge and experience tell us what it’s really like to work ‘the other side of the fence’ as it were. That European Motorcycles of Pittsburgh remains an upscale, successful, and friendly place committed to providing us not only the best of our Marque, but friendly and caring service to boot speaks much for the folks at its head. It’s a pleasure to welcome Lee to our Banquet Speaker’s Podium.



POLS AT IT AGAIN!

NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL UNFAIRLY TARGETS MOTORCYCLE SOUND

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PICKERINGTON, Ohio — The New York City Council is about to give final approval to a bill that the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) says discriminates against motorcyclists and imposes severe, out-of-line penalties.

The AMA also complained that the measure languished in the Council for two years and then, in a surprise move, was revived just a week before the scheduled final vote, allowing little opportunity for public comment.

“This is outrageous. This is no way to operate in a democracy,” said Imre Szauter, AMA government affairs manager. “The Committee on Public Safety considered the bill on Dec. 14, 2006, and then suddenly approves it and sends it to the full Council on Dec. 10, 2008?”

The measure, up for full City Council approval on Thursday, Dec. 18, would make it illegal for any motorcycle to be on city streets unless it has an exhaust system with a stamp that states it is approved by the federal Environmental Protection Agency. Essentially that means the bike must have a stock exhaust system. Motorcyclists caught without an EPA-stamped exhaust system would face fines of up to \$1,000 for a first offense and temporary forfeiture of the motorcycle until the fine is paid. A second offense would result in a fine of up to \$2,500 and permanent forfeiture of the motorcycle.

City officials apparently believe that requiring motorcyclists to have EPA-approved exhaust systems is easier than trying to prove a motorcycle exceeds the city’s vaguely defined 80-decibel sound limit. Szauter stressed that the AMA has long opposed excessive motorcycle sound and has funded information and public relations campaigns in support of quiet motorcycle use.

“The issue is that the New York City Council is unfairly singling out motorcyclists because motorcycles are the only vehicles covered under the bill,” he said. “If New York City officials believe they have a sound problem, then the problem should be handled through the existing noise ordinance and not through piecemeal legislation targeting specific modes of transportation.”

Szauter added that requiring motorcycles—and no other motor vehicles—to have a stock exhaust system is particularly discriminatory. When the muffler wears out or breaks on a car, the car owner can go to a local muffler shop and get an aftermarket system that costs much less than an original equipment system. The proposed New York City law wouldn’t allow a motorcyclist to do that, forcing the motorcyclist to potentially spend hundreds of dollars more for an original equipment system, assuming that system is even still available.

“If a motorcyclist can’t find a stock system, then the rider faces stiff fines and forfeiture of the machine, Szauter said. “These penalties are too severe and out of line when compared with other city laws.”

Szauter urged all New York City motorcyclists to contact their City Council members immediately and ask that they reject this discriminatory measure.

Concerned motorcyclists living outside the area, especially those who work in or frequently visit the city, should contact Speaker of City Council Christine Quinn by telephone at (212) 788-7210; by letter to City Hall, New York, NY 10007; or by e-mail by visiting <http://council.nyc.gov/d3/html/members/home.shtml>. To see the measure, go to <http://webdocs.nycouncil.info/attachments/75452.htm>

Editor’s note: While few BMW riders, if any, would be affected by this legislation if passed, since BMWs are known for being quiet bikes, and since the “Loud Pipes Save Lives” crowd are notoriously those chopper or Harley Davidson poseurs that try to play into the “Bad Biker--Look At Me” image promulgated by Hollywood and/or the Motor Company, nonetheless legislation that discriminates against and unfairly targets motorcyclists as opposed to legislation that applies properly and fairly to all vehicles sets a dangerous precedent that is ultimately harmful to all riders. Discriminatory legislation passed in one place can become a model for discriminatory legislation elsewhere, and about different issues. If one can it’s best to try to nip any sort of thing like this in the bud, before it gets a chance to spread elsewhere.



WEST BREAKFAST SAT. DEC. 13, 2008

by Walt Halaja

I said I would ride up on 2 or 4 wheels if someone was going! Ralph said he would make it and bring the two BMW books I lent him, so that was good enough for me. It was about 19 degrees out with ice and snow, so you guessed it, 4 wheels for Ralph and me. Actually all who attended caged it, so this was the 2nd week in a row with no motorcycles at all at a breakfast “North or West”. Carl Hartz who doesn’t do computers was already there when Ralph and I arrived, so it was the 3 of us. Carl said his good friend “Tom Myers” might show up, but had some work to do and would be a bit late. Well believe it or not we didn’t talk much about motorcycles, it was about stuff/things that happened over 50 yrs. ago in our lives, you know like “Carl said, he had to get the chickens ready to eat, he would go out and pick one, chop it’s head off then watch it run around with it’s head chopped off”. Ha I said I remember seeing a chicken run with it’s head off but never had to chop a head off. Ralph and Carl are both a bit older, so I guess I lived a sheltered life Ha.

Well, lo and behold, Tom finally made it with his good buddy Don Bigley! NICE! That made 5 of us. As soon as Tom and Don arrived we did start talking “Big Time” about motorcycles! Mostly about some of our experiences with the different cycle shops that we had dealt with over the years, about good and not so good things! Tom has a very high energy level and was fun to have breakfast with. At one point, Tom said that he and Don were riding their LTs on a trip and Tom intercommed Don and asked what his speed was and Don said, “105”! “Heavy Duty!”—a little too fast for me. Well, it was good to attend without my bike and we BS’ed for about 2 hours: that was the longest ever for me at a 4 winds breakfast—Ha!...almost as long as a club meeting.

PS.: John Allen started the breakfast post, but I think he may have ridden Sunday, maybe with “Snarkey Spy,” a visitor who posted on our web-site that the good weather would be on Sunday instead of Saturday, so I would hope they had a good ride!

WALT

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**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 BANQUET:

The Annual 4 Winds banquet will be held Saturday, January 17th, 2009 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 164 Fort Couch Road across from the South Hills Village Shopping Center, from 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM. Cash bar from 6-7PM with buffet banquet thereafter..

From the East: Get on I-376 W (the Parkway West) and drive west. Take exit 2B to the right onto Blvd of Allies towards I-579/Liberty Bridge and Liberty Tubes. Take the I-579 N ramp and keep left. In about 1/10th of a mile, take the ramp to the left towards Pa-51S/US-19S/Liberty Bridge and Liberty Tubes. Cross the Liberty Bridge and enter the Liberty Tubes continuing straight onto US19 on exiting the tubes. About 5.7 miles from the South end of the Liberty tubes, turn left onto Fort Couch Rd. Go about 2/10ths of a mile and arrive at the Crown Plaza Hotel & Restaurant on the left across from the South Hills Village Mall.

From the North: Get on I-79 S and drive south. Keep Left onto 279 South. Take exit 8A to the right onto I-579 S towards Veterans Bridge. Keep left onto I-579 S. Continue towards and over the Liberty Bridge and through the Liberty Tubes onto US19 South. About 5.7 miles from the South end of the Liberty tubes, turn left onto Fort Couch Rd. Go about 2/10ths of a mile and arrive at the Crown Plaza Hotel & Restaurant on the left across from the South Hills Village Mall.

Note: There are alternate directions on the registration form on p. 3.
Take the ones that seem best for you.