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President's column

Can you believe this weather, 70's in March and now snow in sight. I might have to pull out my mesh jacket and wash the salt off my bike. Take advantage of the weather while you can.

Speaking of weather, it should be in the upper 60's this Saturday so consider joining Ed Syphon for a ride to the Packard Museum this weekend, should be a great time. Look on the web site or newsletter for more details.

The Memorial Day ride is set up so call and get your room reservations now while you can. For those of you with a more primitive inclination, there is camping near by also.

We have a rally chairperson, Bethany Furey (with backup from Tom and the rest of us), but we need to come up with a pin/t-shirt design soon so if you have any artistic ability, create something and send it to Bethany. Remember that we need it soon so don't procrastinate.

I guess that is it for now and I should get ready to go to work. Now, if I leave 30 minutes early, I know several "long" ways I could ride to the office. Any day on the bike is better then a day in a "cage".

RIDE HARD, RIDE SAFE,

SEAN



**EUROPEAN  
MOTORCYCLES  
OPEN HOUSE  
SATURDAY,  
APRIL 21ST 9:00  
- 2:00**

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#### APRIL MEETING INFO

The next meeting of the Four Winds BMW Riders will be held on Sat., April 21, 2012 at the Walnut Grove Restaurant, 12599 Perry Hwy., Wexford, PA 15090, Phone: (724) 933-8410, from 12–3PM. The meal will be from the menu.

## PUBLICATION INFO

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**Pictures and graphics:** Submit in JPEG or TIFF format with clearly marked locations in the article.

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## MEETING SCHEDULE 2012

**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, 2012** — Walnut Grove Restaurant, Wexford, 12599 Perry Hwy, Wexford, PA 15090, Phone: (724) 933-8410.

**May, 2012** — Bonfire Restaurant, 5739 Leechburg Rd., Leechburg, PA 15656, Phone: (724) 845-4961 (near Tom Furey's new Hi-Viz Store location)

**June, 2012** — Laurel Highlands Rally, Pioneer Park Campground, 273 Trent Road., Somerset, PA 15501, Phone : 814-445-6348

**July, 2012** — TBA

**August, 2012** — **Friday, August 17 to Sunday, August 19 45th Annual Four Winds Rally!**

**September, 2012** — Leo Stanton's House, 3015 Walton Rd., Finleyville, PA, Phone 412-384-8229

**October, 2012** — Sharp Edge Beer Creekhouse, 288 West Steuben Street, Pittsburgh, PA, 15205 Phone: (412) 922-8118

**November, 2012** — Cornerstone Restaurant, Aspinwall, 301 Freeport Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15215 Phone: 412-408-3420

**December, 2012** — No meeting

## 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 1 — North at Eat 'n Park, I-79 & Rt 910/Brandt School Rd, 10:00 AM

Sat, Apr 14 — West at Bob Evans, Rt 60 & Campbell's Run Rd, 9:00 AM

Sun, Apr 15 — South at Eagles Landing, Rostraver Airport, Rte 51, 10:00 AM

Sat, Apr 28 — 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.



### WHAT IZZIT?

According to Al Vangura, this is a new, experimental punctureproof Michelin auto tire, prepared initially for military use that may possibly show up for civilian consumption.





## Four Winds BMW Riders March 17, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Location: Bella Luna Trattoria, Monroeville, PA  
Board Attendance: Sean Barrett, Kevin Hart, Diane Pears, Tim Pears, Bethany Furey, Tom Furey

The meeting was called to order by President Sean Barrett at 1:00 pm with 22 people present.

**Treasurer's Report:** None given

### **New Business:**

Rally Coordinator – Bethany Furey

Rally T-Shirt Designs Wanted — Please submit any ideas or sketches for T-shirt designs as soon as possible.

Club Business Cards – Going to printer with new logo, 1000 ordered.

### **Upcoming Events – See More Details in Newsletter:**

**Sat. March 24 — Ride to Packard Museum in Warren, OH.** Departing promptly at 8:45 am from Zelienople Exxon station right off the Rt. 79 exit. Rain or shine, come by car if necessary. This year's exhibit spotlights Isle of Man and ISDT racers. Presentation given by Paul Danik of Mars, Pa. at 11 am. Paul competed in the ISDT twice, once taking a rare Gold medal.

**Sat. May 26 – Mon. 28, Memorial Day Ride to Hocking Hills, OH area.** Tom Furey reported two hotels in Athens available, 10 rooms left, call to make your own reservations for the nights you want. Holt BMW dealer in Athens, possible demo rides, good Mexican restaurant.

**Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix 30<sup>th</sup> Anniv, July 21 – 22.** Ted Sohler asked for participation in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of their vintage / classic / antique motorcycle and scooter show displayed on the golf course all weekend.

**50/50 Drawing Winner:** Leo Stanton

**April 21 Meeting and European Motorsport's Open House:** Walnut Grove, Wexford, PA  
Restaurant chosen near Wexford to accommodate both events.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tim Pears, Recording Secretary



**NORTH BREAKFAST RIDE  
MARCH 4TH., 2012  
NON THREATENING SNOW FLURRIES?**

*by Walt Halaja*

I posted I would be there if there were non-threatening snow flurries around. Well, Sunday morning I checked the weather pretty close; I thought, “Temps. in the 30’s, wind will be out of the West at approx. 11 AM—now that should cut off the Lake affect,” Right? The road surface is too warm for the snow to stick if it would snow, right? OK it’s a go for me all the way!” I was thinking “just breakfast, then back home,” but you know how some of these breakfasts go, huh?

Well, it didn’t turn out quite like that for me. After breakfast my good ridding buddy, “2 Spark,” who rides many miles to just make the breakfast, wanted to ride, so I offered to do some back roads with him towards his home turf. We asked Frank if he wanted to join us, but he said no because he had his side car rig & just wanted to return to his nice warm and cozy home. So Dave and I started on some of the same roads we have traveled before—on through Sewickley and across the Ohio river. Then, all of a sudden on Beaver Grade Road the snow flurries went from non-threatening to down right “threatening!” I almost pulled over to ask Dave if he just wanted me to take him to Rt. 79 ASAP so he could high tail it Home. But I didn’t—maybe because I wanted to be like my good friend, Reddy-K, who posted “I ain’t no Wimp.” ...Just kidding Reddy K.—but I did like that post!! Well, after another minute we did run out of that snow squall & moved along running through a few more squalls & another big one on Old Steubenville Pike. we stopped there at Rt.18 for a pit stop where I took a photo of Dave’s bike. We hit Rt. 50 off of Rt. 18 in Hickory & turned left there & we split at Rt. 50 & 519 where Dave headed South & I headed back home on 50 to Rt. to 978.

About 12 miles before my home I hit another squall “Big Time” starting on 978 & lasting all the way home. Believe it or not, it



stopped as soon as I pulled up to the garage! I still like to to ride in non-threatening snow flurries, but this ride was a bit more than that! I haven’t spoken with Dave yet, but I trust he made it home with less snow than I did!

The Temps. ranged from 30 to 35 degrees; and we started around High noon with me arriving home around 2:30 PM with about 75 miles from Eat ‘n Park.

If the cold is no problem for you, try a ride in non-threatening flurries one day, “it’s Fun”, and I’ll bet you will see no other motorcycles on the road, except maybe for Frank, Dave, or me

*WALT*

PS: In the group photo of all who made the breakfast, the BMW “cage” in the foreground is John Allen’s new 2009 BMW. Now he has Beemers and a Bimmer! Neat!

PPS: Ralph couldn’t make it because he came down with a Bug. “Go Away Bug!” and get well soon Ralph!



**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.

**On Motion Induced Blindness**, from Kev Hart: <http://www.msf-usa.org/motion.html>

**Largest Car Collection in the World by a head garbage collector**—from Walt Halaja <http://www.komone.com/news/local/New-museum-celebrates-Americas-love-affair-with-the-car-134569683.html?tab=video>



### BMW MONTANA FOR SALE

Sonny Robison is selling his like new, well cared for BMW Montana. If interested, contact either Sonny or Eric Trow. Anyone who knows Sonny knows what this bike is like: Pristine! It includes side cases, etc. as shown in these pictures. If interested, you can get in touch with Sonny at: [pegsonr@aol.com](mailto:pegsonr@aol.com).



### BIKES FOR SALE!

**MUST SELL 3 BIKES. \$1000 Price Reduction!!**

1980 Yamaha SR500 approx. 3k miles \$1500  
 1984 BMW R65LS 70k miles \$2500  
 1988 BMW K75S 24k \$3500

Call Holly at 724-610-1723,

or e-mail: [Hemarcheck@comcast.net](mailto:Hemarcheck@comcast.net)

### FOR SALE

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

**'06 K1200S**, 10.2k, silver/gray, all factory options. Newly installed Akrapovic Ti/Ti/CF full exh, Evoluzione race intake, dual compound rear tire with Dynojet runs on each change totaling +12rwhp. Dealer installed clear strobe turn/brake lights, CF trim, panniers w/ liners and tank bag, center stand, June 2012 extended unlimited mi warranty. Dealer maintained w/records. Adult owned, never down, immaculate condition. \$13,900/obo, Peter: 724-516-1260(PA)

**1988 K75S rolling chassis. 5300 miles.** Previous owner CUT the wiring harness to get a computer (fuel, I think). He has a new computer & harness. Baby literally needs new shoes, so he wants it out of his way. \$750. Yes, seven hundred fifty USD. 724-863-6424 ask for Shawn.

**Twofer Sale: Two K75s:** (1) 1988 K75S 28,000 M Titled; (2) 1987 K75 for Salvage or parts: Sold as a package: \$2500. Call 724-736-2884 and ask for Al.

**Red 1982 R100RS** 62K miles. New tires & battery. \$3500. Ask for Shawn at 724-863-6424.

# FOUR WINDS BMW RIDERS

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Even though the weather has not been the most cooperative factor so far this year, folks are still out there riding. Every time the mercury rises you see the motorcycles out in force. I have a tendency to look at them and wonder where they are headed. Are they riding to or from work? Playing hooky? Maybe they are on the way to some motorcycle - related function, or to a place far away from home. Maybe they just washed the bike and are "riding around the block so it will dry. Honestly, Honey!" Where ever they are going you can be assured that they are having a good time.

Motorcycle riders have been planning their riding season for months already. Some have already been to Florida for Bike Week or to other warm spots. Many riders have their entire summer arranged around when and where they're going on the bike. There's a lot of stuff out there to choose from; rallies, charity rides, club rides, racing, national events. The yard work may NEVER get done!

Where are you going this year? Are your trips all planned? Are you riding alone or do you have riding buddies? Is there room for more? Maybe you like to ride alone, but would love to have some company once you get there. Maybe you have no clue how to get there and you're looking for someone to lead the way. Whatever your plans are, why not include the Four Winds? You don't need to take us all along, unless you want to, but how about jotting down a couple paragraphs when you return?

How long did it take? Which way did you go and how were the roads? Was it worth the ride? Did you find the restaurant with the best homemade desserts? (Okay, that last one was a personal favorite!)

Wherever the roads take you this riding season, first and foremost remember to ride responsibly. Watch out for those potholes. Have fun. And don't forget to write home when you get the chance!

See You At The Meeting,

*Nancy*



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### April Meeting Information

The next meeting of the Four Winds BMW Riders will be held on Saturday, Apr. 21 at Tambellini's Restaurant in Bridgeville, PA. Plan to arrive at 3:00PM. The buffet meal will consist of veal, chicken and fish dishes, plus soup/salad, veg/potato, ice cream and a beverage. **We will be served at 3:30 PM SHARP!** Price is \$13.00 per person, including tax & gratuity. Money will be collected at the restaurant. The meeting will follow the meal.

## *FOUR WINDS BMW CLUB*

March 16, 2002

The meeting was called to order by Nancy Barrett at 3:15 pm.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

The minutes of the last meeting were approved by the attendees.

Larry Berner reported a balance of \$6852.24 as of this date.

Jeff Dunkle stated that magazine ads are going out in regards to the rally. He is looking for a volunteer to do graphics for the t-shirt design.

Frank Beatrous is interested in getting any pictures of rides or meetings to be put on the website.

Conrad Rossetti is looking for a volunteer to make arrangements for the banquet in January. He is also looking for any suggestions of meeting sites.

Eric Trow was the Bio of the Month. Paul Cronin was the winner.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Four Winds Club is a charter member of both BMWMOA and BMWRA. BMWRA is interested in knowing how many members of the club are also BMWRA members. A show of hands was called for by Nancy and approximately 10 members raised their hands.

Nancy presented embroidered long-sleeved T-shirts that can be purchased. The shirts come in four colors.

Lee Marks thanked everyone for coming and making his first year a success. He invited everyone present to enjoy the refreshments.

Guests were introduced and the 50/50 was pulled.

Respectfully submitted:

*Hertha Oldenburg*



## DUTCH COUNTRY RIDERS MC CLUB



### **7th Annual ALL PA Ride “Blue and Gray in Pa” 4/1/12-9/30/12 NON-MEMBER Rider Rules**

Welcome to the BMW Dutch Country Riders 2012 ALL PA Event ! We are happy to share this wonderful motorcycling experience with you and hope that you not only enjoy learning about Pennsylvania, but also have loads of fun. Previous ALL PA Rides have consisted of locations of different types, some unusual, but most of historical significance. Last year’s event included clues to decipher and sites that were found all over the globe, thus the title “Where in the World in Pa.”

This year’s ride is a treat for history, especially Civil War, buffs. All of the sites refer to events and or persons who were pertinent to the conflict between the states. You may be surprised by the references but you will certainly be challenged and have fun. This year’s ride does reprise the “Zone” concept, with the state divided into six zones, averaging 11 counties per zone. It is done to make zones easier to complete and are geographically grouped to encourage more participation by Members and support multi-day, regional rides.

The ALL PA ride is not a competition where points will be awarded, and contested. Recognition will be given to Participants who complete at least one Zone, and the coveted “Zonemeister” appellation will again be awarded to the intrepid Members who visit all 67 locations. There will be special recognition for riders that find the four “extra” locations.

It is noted that most of the locations on the list can be found on the official Pennsylvania Transportation Map, available from your State Representative’s office or at most Welcome Centers; however, there may be villages, towns or sites that need to be located by using available mapping databases (GPS, Internet, etc.) or <http://pennsylvania.hometownlocator.com/>, Pa Gazetteer. Your mission, should you decide to accept it, is to visit the locations listed, and prove your visit photographically. As in prior years, each Participant will receive a numbered placard, which must appear with your motorcycle in the image that proves you found the site. This is not a photo contest, it is a motorcycle riding event with interesting historic places to visit. You can complete as few as 1 zone or as many as all 6 zones. It’s up to you!

*In order to participate just sign up, pay the fee and a rider number will be assigned to you. Every registered rider gets an ALL PA T-shirt with the great 2012 All Pa Ride logo (see above).*

The \$20.00 non-refundable, NON-DCR member ALL PA ride registration fee may be given to a club officer at Sunday breakfast, or given /sent to Helen Gyimesi, (h.gyimesi@comcast.net ), 717-757-7232, 578 Edgewood Rd, York, Pennsylvania, 17402, but must be by check written to “BMWDCR”. Registration will be open till May 1, 2012.

*DISCOUNT NOTICE !!! If you decide that you would like to join the DCR, then come to any general meeting, held the third Sunday of the month (except June /July), at the Chow Down Restaurant, Route 74 , Rossville, Pa, from 9 AM to 11PM, show your ALL PA ride registration stub and you will receive a \$5.00 rebate on your All Pa fee to be applied toward DCR membership.*

## The Ride

The ride will run from sunrise on April 1, 2012 to sunset on September 30, 2012, as calculated in Harrisburg. All materials pertaining to a participant's claims in this Ride are due to the Judges before midnight, Sunday, October 14, 2012. The media used to deliver the material to the judges is up to the participant but digital submissions must be readable by a computer running Windows XP.

Two additional pages will be provided to riders and available on the DCR web site to provide the remainder of the information needed to successfully participate in the Ride:

- The Zone Map
- The Location List

### RULES

1. Judging will be based on 2 criteria. Does your picture indicate that you did in fact ride to the location on a motorcycle? Did you visit all of the locations in that zone? Recognition will be based on number of zones completed.
2. The event will run from April 1, 2012 thru September 30, 2012.
3. Registration applications can begin being submitted after March 18, 2012. Number cards and location lists will be available from Helen at breakfasts, or through the mail. Contact: Helen Gyimesi, 578 Edgewood Rd, York, Pennsylvania, 17402, registration fee paid in cash or by check written to "BMWDCR". Registration will be open to May 1, 2012. Cards that are not picked up can be mailed. Make sure we have your correct address.
4. All entries must be turned in to Paul Helm, 948 White Oak Road Manheim, PA 17545 no later than October 14, 2012. Entries may be either in a picture album or on a CD.
5. Note: photos must be captioned or submitted in such a way that we can easily determine the rider, and the order and identification of the location ( see location list). In some instances, riders may need to be dedicated in order to find an identifier (church, fire hall, road sign, post office, etc)for the location.

The entry fee for non-DCR members is \$20.00 to cover the expenses incurred in running the event, including postage, making the number plaques, and T shirts. The award event costs (such as a meal) are additional and will be paid by event attendees. If the rider decides to join the DCR, comes to a DCR meeting, and shows receipt stub for All Pa, he will receive a \$5.00 rebate toward DCR membership. **The DCR All PA and Club Banquet is scheduled for Sunday Nov 4, 2012 from 3 to 6 PM at the Hershey Italian Lodge, Hershey Pa.**

We have attempted to accomplish several objectives with this event. Keep it simple, avoid big cities, and make it fun. Recognition will be via Certificates of Completion, and the coveted "Zonemeister" award to be given out at the BMW DCR All Pa ride dinner and club party held in November , and you are invited to join in on the FUN!

Return the completed form, with fee, email and T shirt size, to Helen Gyimesi nonmember 3/2012



**DUTCH COUNTRY RIDER Motorcycle Club**  
**7 TH ANNUAL ALL PA RIDE**  
**“Blue and Gray in Pa” Visiting Civil War history in Pennsylvania**  
**NON-MEMBER Registration Form**

The 7th annual BMWDCR All-PA Ride will begin on April 1, 2012 and run till Sept. 30, 2012. This year's destinations will be locations that have reference to events and persons pertinent to the Civil War. Riders will be able to determine the match in each county by following the location sheet. In order to participate you must sign up, pay up and pick a number, which will be available at Sunday breakfasts, or you may request registration information by phone or email to Helen Gyimesi , 717-757-7232, [h.gyimesi@comcast.net](mailto:h.gyimesi@comcast.net).

The \$20.00 fee must be given or sent to Helen Gyimesi , 578 Edgewood Rd, York, Pennsylvania, 17402, payment can be cash or by check written to “BMWDCR”. Registration will be open from March 18, 2012 to May 1,2012.

When you have completed your ride/zones, turn your entry in to **Paul Helm, 948 White Oak Road Manheim, PA 17545 no later than October 14, 2012. Entries may be either in a picture album or on a CD. Note: photos must be captioned or submitted in such a way that we can easily determine the order of the location list.**

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**DCR 7TH ANNUAL ALL PA RIDE NON-MEMBER Registration Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DCR 7th All Pa # \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_ (NOTE: if you want ride updates or questions answered through the Yahoo All Pa group, you need a yahoo email address!)

\$20 registration fee PAID \_\_\_\_ (cash or check when paid in full, with completed form and release)

T shirt Size preferred (choices: Small, Med, Large, XX Large) \_\_\_\_\_

**Standard Release Form**

I understand that the Dutch Country Riders (DCR) club cannot assume responsibility for any aspect of my safety and that if I participate in any DCR event to ride, I do so voluntarily, on my own assessment of my ability, the routes, and all facilities and conditions, assuming all risk.

I release and hold the DCR, its officers and members, harmless for any injury and/or loss to my person or property which may result there from. I also certify that I am in compliance with my state financial responsibility laws regarding the carrying of proper insurance and holding appropriate license for operating a motorcycle.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature and Date



**WEST BREAKFAST RIDE  
MARCH 10, 2012  
WHERE IS FRANK M.?**

*by Walt Halaja*

On March 3rd., I received a phone call from a Frank M. who said he was interested in meeting some folks or maybe even joining our club. I said we have a breakfast on March 4th. at Eat 'N Park north, but he couldn't make that one. I then told Frank that I would try to make the west breakfast on the 10th. well I put up a post that I would go if I had seen one post from another. Well Dave "2 spark" posted so I was good to go. It only takes 2 members to start the ball rolling if you know what I mean. Ralph posted in the AM that he had about 22 degrees in bakerstown, nevertheless he would make it. Well it was only 28 degrees when I left home with "wall to wall sunshine".

Upon my arrival, there was Carl Hartz, Ralph Meyer, Dave Manfredo, Bob Hall "who had come to a breakfast some months ago", & finally 2 Spark who got stuck in traffic on Rt. 79. Well Frank M. never did show, so maybe next month! Always check the web-site to make sure someone else is going, as there have been too many times when a member would go only to find out that he/she was the only one there.

After Breakfast 2 Spark said, "Do you want to ride a bit?" So I was stuck between going North where Ralph lives or South towards where 2 Spark lives. Chief Dave said he didn't care where he rides! Ralph said he would be OK going home alone because he was going to the Club dinner at the Thai Place in Wexford that night, which I had heard was very successful! So my hats off to Ralph for attending two 4 Winds events on the same day.

So, Chief Dave & 2 Spark Dave and I started out with me in the lead saying I didn't know which route to take, but they just said "Get going." Well we did all back roads to Monongahela to my friend's home that still has an "out house" and of course it was time by then for a little break and a pit stop for me. My friend Ed & his son Ron were home, so we chatted a bit, then headed out. On Rt. 481 at the dog leg near Sharrertown I turned Left, but 2 Spark didn't, so I turned around and he took the lead on Richeyville Rd that took us to Rt. 40-which maybe cut off 10 or more minutes to be heading west. He had tried to get my attention on Rt. 50 & 980, but failed because I didn't see his headlight flashing "High-low beam." 2 Spark really

knows the roads much better than I, but for some reason he likes me to lead Ha! 2 Spark headed South at Beallsville towards the airport, while Chief Dave and I headed home and split at Bridgeville on Rt. 79.

I arrived home at 1:20 PM with 96.5 miles from Bob Evans. The temp. range was 32 to 41 degrees. What a great day for a ride! I Like Day Rides!!

WALT



**IT'S TO LAUGH (PONDER?)  
HEAVY THOUGHTS FROM A LIGHT WEIGHT MIND**  
*From Calvin Wilson*

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I planted some bird seed. A bird came up. Now I don't know what to feed it

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I had amnesia once—or twice

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I went to San Francisco. I found someone's heart. Now what?

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Protons have mass? I didn't even know they were Catholic.

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All I ask is a chance to prove that money can't make me happy

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If the world were a logical place, men would be the ones who ride horses sidesaddle.

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What is a "free" gift? Aren't all gifts free?

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They told me I was gullible and I believed them.

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Teach a child to be polite and courteous in the home and, when he grows up, he'll never be able to merge his car onto the freeway.

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Experience is the thing you have left when everything else is gone.

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One nice thing about egotists: they don't talk about other people.

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My weight is perfect for my height—which varies.

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I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not sure.

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How can there be self-help "groups"?

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Is it me—or do buffalo wings taste like chicken?

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### EUROPEAN MCs OPEN HOUSE

European Motorcycles of Pittsburgh will be holding an open house on Saturday, April 21st (the same day as our meeting at the Walnut Grove Restaurant) from 9:00 Am until 2:00 PM. There will be lots of things to see, many goodies on sale, and other riders, and, of course European's fine staff to shoot the breeze with. And for club members one need only to run about 2.7 miles north on Perry Highway to get to the club meeting at the Walnut Grove at Noon. See you all there!



### THE ABERNATHY BOYS GREAT EARLY MOTORCYCLISTS!

*Sent in by Kevin Hart*

Louis Abernathy (1900-?) and Temple Abernathy (1904-1986) were children from Oklahoma who without adult supervision took several cross-country trips. On one trip they rode their motorcycle from Oklahoma to Manhattan in 1910 when they were 10 and 6 years old.

#### *Their Biography*

Louis Abernathy was born in 1900 and Temple Abernathy was born in 1904 to Jack Abernathy.

In 1909 the boys rode by horseback from Frederick, Oklahoma, to Santa Fe, New Mexico, and back. Louis was nine, and Temple was five.

When the boys completed their Santa Fe journey, they began planning a cross-country horseback ride to New York City, again by

themselves, to meet Theodore Roosevelt when he returned from his trip to Africa and Europe. They made that trip in 1910. They were greeted as celebrities, and rode their horses in a ticker-tape parade just behind the car carrying Roosevelt. While in New York, the boys purchased a small Brush Motor Car, which they drove, again, by themselves, back to Oklahoma, shipping their horses home by train.

In 1911, they accepted a challenge to ride horseback from New York to San Francisco in 60 days or less. They agreed not to eat or sleep indoors at any point of the journey. They would collect a \$10,000 prize if they succeeded.



After a long trip, they arrived in San Francisco in 62 days, thereby losing the prize but setting a record for the time elapsed for the trip.

In 1913, the boys purchased an Indian motorcycle, and with their stepbrother, Anton, journeyed by motorcycle from Oklahoma to New York City. This was the their last documented adventure. Temple Abernathy died in 1986.

#### *Their Legacy:*

Although they were noted celebrities at the time of their travels, they have almost disappeared from history. Frederick, Oklahoma, celebrates their Santa Fe ride each year and has erected a statue of the boys and has dedicated part of the Chamber of Commerce website to promoting the boys' memory. Temple Abernathy's widow, Alta Abernathy, wrote "Bud and Me," a book about their adventures.

The above information from Wikipedia: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Louis\\_Abernathy\\_and\\_Temple\\_Abernathy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Louis_Abernathy_and_Temple_Abernathy)



### HOW TO INSTALL A SOUTHERN STYLE HOME SECURITY SYSTEM

*From: Ron Latkovic*

1. Go to Goodwill and buy a pair of size 14 -16 men's work boots.
2. Place them on your front porch, along with a copy of Guns & Ammo magazine.
3. Put four giant dog dishes next to the boots and magazine.
4. Leave a note on your door that reads :

Bubba ——

Bertha, Duke and I went for more ammo and beer.

Don't mess with the pit bulls.

They got the mailman this morning and messed him up real bad.

I don't think Killer took part, but it was hard to tell from all the blood.

Anyway, I locked all four of 'em in the house.

Better wait outside.

I'll be right back.

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## AMA NEWS

### NEW VIRGINIA LAW BARS MOTORCYCLE-ONLY CHECKPOINTS

PICKERINGTON, Ohio — In a victory for motorcyclists, Virginia is the latest state to bar motorcycle-only checkpoints, the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) reports.

On Feb. 28, Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell signed into law H.B. 187, which was introduced by Delegate C. Todd Gilbert (R-Shenandoah). The new law, which takes effect July 1, prohibits law enforcement agencies from establishing checkpoints where the only vehicles subject to inspection are motorcycles.

The measure was introduced after the Arlington County Police Department set up a motorcycle-only checkpoint during the Rolling Thunder ride on May 28, 2011, that brings awareness to prisoner of war/missing in action (POW/MIA) issues.

Similar laws have been enacted in New Hampshire and North Carolina. "Officials say they set up these motorcycle-only checkpoints to pull over motorcyclists to check for safety violations," said Rick Podliska, a Virginia resident and AMA deputy director of government relations. "But if officials are really concerned about motorcyclists' safety, then they need to stop discriminating against us with these checkpoints and start supporting programs that prevent motorcycle crashes, such as rider safety training and driver awareness programs."

The AMA opposes motorcycle-only checkpoints and has been tracking the discriminatory practice since it first appeared in New York several years ago.



### 'PHOON'S NEW RIDE

That's right! Note the stuffed kitty in our famous Ed Syphan's (AKA Syphoon, 'Phoon) hand. It's to keep his new ride from feeling lonely. What's the new ride? A Triumph Tiger of course! Rowrrrrrr! Ed says he loves the bike.

### IT'S TO LAUGH

#### A FARMER'S TESTIMONY

*From: Walter Halaja*

A Minnesota farmer named Ollie had a car accident. He was hit by a truck owned by the Eversweet Company.

In court, the Eversweet Company's hot-shot attorney questioned him thus: 'Didn't you say to the state trooper at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine?'

Ollie responded: 'Vell, I'lla tell you vat happened dere. I'd yust loaded my fav' rit cow, Bessie, into da... '

'I didn't ask for any details', the lawyer interrupted. 'Just answer the question. Did you not say, at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine!''?

Ollie said, 'Vell, I'd yust got Bessie into da trailer and I vas drivin' down da road... '

The lawyer interrupted again and said, 'Your Honor, I am trying to establish the fact that, at the scene of the accident, this man told the police on the scene that he was fine. Now several weeks after the accident, he is trying to sue my client. I believe he is a fraud. Please tell him to simply answer the question. '

By this time, the Judge was fairly interested in Ollie's answer and said to the attorney: 'I'd like to hear what he has to say about his favorite cow, Bessie'.

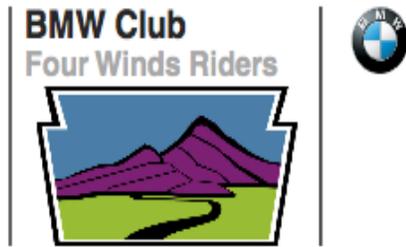
Ollie said: 'Tank you' and proceeded. 'Vell as I vas saying, I had yust loaded Bessie, my fav' rit cow, into de trailer and was drivin' her down de road vin dis huge Eversweet truck and trailer came tundering tru a stop sign and hit me trailer right in da side pye golly. I vas trown into one ditch and Bessie was trown into da udder ditch.

By yimminy yahosaphat I vas hurt, purty durn bad, and didn't want to move. An even vurse dan dat, I could hear old Bessie a moanin' and a groanin'. I knew she vas in terrible pain yust by her groans.

Shortly after da accident, a policeman on a motorbike turned up. He could hear Bessie a moanin' and a groanin' too, so he vent over to her. After he looked at her, and saw her condition, he took out his gun and shot her right between the eyes.

Den da policeman came across de road, gun still in hand, looked at me, and said, 'How are you feelin'?'

'Now wot vud you say?'



## **Four Winds BMW Memorial Weekend Ride to Hocking Hills May 26 – 28, 2012**

### **Holiday Inn Express**

Contact: Karen  
12916 Grey Street  
Logan, Ohio 43138  
Tel: 740-385-7700

*\$129 rate reserved under 4 Winds BMW, must be reserved by April 15<sup>th</sup>*

### **Baymont Inn**

Contact: Valerie  
12819 State Route 664 South  
Logan, Ohio 43138  
Tel: 740-385-1700

*\$125 rate reserved under 4 Winds BMW, must be reserved by April 1<sup>st</sup>*

**Holt BMW** in Athens has invited us to stop down on Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> they have bikes to ride and fun to be had. Their Saturday hours are 10-4. We can eat dinner in Athens on Saturday night at Casa Nueva.

Sunday and Monday will be all about the riding.



### W. PA AIRHEAD SHACK

*From Wes Biery*

On Saturday, April 28th, beginning at 8:00 AM, the Pennsylvania Airheads will be helping each other get ready for the riding season by wrenchin, spinnin, droolin, drainin and toonin as needed. We'll gather at the home of Wes Biery. Wes has a nice garage and a fair amount of tools. The usual rules apply, bring your own fluids and call if you have a big job or need anything special. Coffee and fat pills in the morning and probably something made by his wife for lunch.

*His contact info is as follows;*

Wes Biery  
102 Black Oak Dr  
Cheswick, PA 15024  
412-965-6950  
[biery@comcast.net](mailto:biery@comcast.net)

*Directions:*

*From Route 28 North or South* take the Harmerville Exit. Take 910 West a couple miles. Right onto Cove Run Rd. Left onto Eisele Rd.

Left onto Black Oak Dr. Second Driveway on the Right. Wes will have some signs out for you to see.

*From Route 8 North or South* take 910 East. Left onto Cove Run Rd, etc, etc...

*From the PA Turnpike East or West* take the Cheswick exit. Right after Toll booth and follow down to 910 West.



### BIKE BLESSING

The Murrysville Alliance Church, 4130 Old William Penn Hwy in Murrysville, PA plans to hold a blessing of bikes on Sunday April 22nd at 12:30PM. If you want some free donuts, a ride pin, and year bar, and have a motorcycle you want blessed (for something other than skinning your knuckles when the wrench slips during an oil change), you're welcome to attend. Their flyer says this shindig will be held rain or shine.



# DIDJA PAY YER DUES YET? IF NOT, GIT 'ER DONE!

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

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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](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 THE APRIL MEETING:**

The Saturday, April 21st, 2012 meeting from 12:00 PM\*\* to 3:00 PM will be at the Walnut Grove Restaurant, 12599 Perry Hwy. , Wexford, PA 15090, Phone: (724) 933-8410. The Walnut Grove is on the left as you travel North on Perry Hwy about 2.7 miles north of European Motorcycles of Pittsburgh, and about 9/10ths of a mile North of Rte 910.

*From The South:* Take I-79 North to the Rte 910/Wexford Exit. Travel East on 910 to Rte 19/Perry Hwy. Go North on Perry Hwy about 9/10ths of a mile and the Walnut Grove will be on your left.

*From The North:* Take I-79 South to the Rte 910/Wexford Exit. Travel East on 910 to Rte 19/Perry Hwy. Go North on Perry Hwy about 9/10ths of a mile and the Walnut Grove will be on your left.

*From European Motorcycles of Pittsburgh:* Take Perry Hwy North about 2.7 miles and the Walnut Grove will be on your left.

\*\*The Board will meet at 11:00 AM.