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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

It is time to start thinking about club officers again. The board usually presents a slate of officers at the September meeting and then we take further nominations from the floor. Based on the results of this, we have an election with the results being tallied at the October meeting.

Talk to current board members and see what is entailed in the job. If you have enjoyed the club, then it is time for you to do your part and help run the club. I will be retiring from the board his year but will still be around to help out.

Well, I had better get to work so I can justify going riding this weekend. I had considered going to the Chicken Rally in Alabama but I think Vince G. and I will just go down to Kentucky for a couple of days and see what good roads there are down there.

RIDE HARD, RIDE SAFE,

SEAN

**NOTE: NORTH
BREAKFAST RIDE IS
NOW AT KING'S
FAMILY RESTAU-
RANT, VIP DRIVE
@ WEXFORD, I-79/
910 EXIT.**

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JUNE MEETING INFO

The next meeting of the Four Winds BMW Riders will be held on Sat., June 15th, 2013 at the Laurel Highland BMW Riders Campout at the Pioneer Park Campground near Somerset from 1-4PM. Bring your own sack lunch and your own drink or stop at a restaurant on the way there and purchase take-out.

PUBLICATION INFO

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Long articles may be split between issues.

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MEETING SCHEDULE 2013

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

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

June, 2013 — Laurel Highlands Club Rally--Pioneer Park Campground

July, 2013 — Water's Edge Restaurant, Beaver

August, 2013 — **Friday, August 16 to Sunday, August 18**
47th Annual Four Winds Rally!

September, 2013 — Leo Stanton's home, 3015 Walton Rd., Finleyville

October, 2013 — John & Marge Humphrey's Home, 125 Deer Meadows Lane, Valencia

November, 2013 — TBA

December, 2013 — No Monthly Meeting

2013 SHACKS

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

DINER CONTEST

OK all you 'Eat and Riders,' here's how you can ride, eat (though not absolutely necessary for the contest), photograph diners with your bike and/or you and maybe win a prize. Find a Diner (traditional railcar-like one or a restaurant with 'Diner' in its name in a regular building). Get a photo of your bike (and you if you're handsome or pretty enough not to break the camera), and e-mail the photo to Ralph at meyer@zoominternet.net, making the subject of your mail "Diner Contest".. He will keep track of the number of diners you have found and photographed and, at the end of the riding season for 2013 (December 31st, 2013) he will report the list of members and their respective numbers of diners found and photoed to the board and then the club at the banquet. Who knows? You might win a hot dog with everything on it includ-

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, June 2 — *North* at King's, I-79 & Rt 910/VIP Rd., 10:00 AM

Sat, June 8 — *West* at Bob Evans, Rt 60 & Campbell's Run Rd, 9:00 AM

Sun, June 16 — *South* at Eagles Landing, Rostraver Airport, Rte 51, 10:00 AM

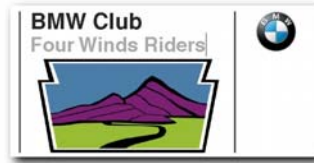
Sat, June 22 — *East* at Dick's, Rt 22 Westbound Side, Monroeville, 9:00 AM

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.

ing a quart of fries at the famous "O" near the Pitt Campus! (or something even better!). So, find those Diners, Folks... And if you know Rick Sebak of WQED, I'll betcha he knows where every one of them is!





FOUR WINDS BMW RIDERS MEETING MAY 18, 2013

Officers Present: Sean Barrett, Ralph Meyer, John Humphrey, Joyce Elk, Jeff Harlich, Tim and Diane Pears
Location: Rochester Inn Hardwood Grill. **Attendance:** 23 Members

Treasurer's Report: Given by John Humphrey

Breakfast Rides: North location leaving Eat N Park and moving back to Kings Restaurant in Wexford. June 2nd at 10:00 am

West Virginia Ride: Tom Meyers says the indoor sleeping space is on the floor – no bunks. Bring sleeping bags & pads.

Tygart Lake State Park Lodge: Phone: 304-265-6144, is a couple miles away if you prefer a regular hotel room and want to make reservations there. Photos are on their website.

Website: New site should be going by early June. Should be a big draw for new people and greatly improve communications, especially for people who cannot get to the meetings.

WARNING: Do not panic! There may be a week at the end of May through early June when there is NO website. Slight time lapse between old and new hosting providers.

Tri Folds: More were printed and are on their way to Lee's

Business Cards: Take some and put them on any BMW bikes you see

Diner Contest: Start sending pictures of your bike with a "Diner" to Ralph. He is the designated arbiter whether they qualify. The question was asked from the peanut gallery if closed ones count. The answer is YES.

Rallies: Sean is going to the Chicken Rally in Alabama. The Cass, WV rally is this Memorial Day weekend also. People are encouraged to attend the Laurel Highlands Rally in June. The RA Nat'l. rally in June at the Biltmore in Asheville, NC will be spectacular as it was last time. Anyone who would like a 4 Winds Banner to take to a rally, call Sean.

Guests: Well Almost!! Fred Maskrey and Bob Stuckert. Good to see you guys!

50/50 Winner: Nancy Barrett

Next Meeting: **TIME CHANGE!** Will be held at Laurel Highlands Rally pavilion June 15th at 1:00 p.m. to give people more time for a nice ride up there.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

TIM PEARS, RECORDING SECRETARY

MAY MEETING PICTURES
AT THE ROCHESTER INN AND GRILLE
Pictures by Ron "Reddy K" Latkovic and John Bauerlein...Thanks, guys!





WOULD YOU, COULD YOU...AT THE LAST MINUTE?

By Don Poremski

Some of the best laid plans aft gae aglae, as someone with an accent [The foine Scottish Poet, Rrrrrrrrobbie Burrrrrms] once said. And so it was at the end of April. How many guys want to go apex strafing? There were eight responses, but that was mid April. Come departure day minus two and the number had shrunk to three. Well, the lodge at Hungry Mother State Park was reserved, so the call went out for more attendees.

So let's see. Who could drop everything for the next three days and cover at least 1,100 miles in the process? And the "Spontaneity Prize" goes to.....Roger Pivonka. There wasn't much sense in going to the Pittsburgh area to begin the ride with Trent, Dan and the author, so Roger got the details and went for it on his own to meet us at the lodge. Malodetz, Roger!

For the Pennsylvania contingent doing this run for perhaps the 10th or 11th time, it was ride the route from memory. I got to use my old R80RT for the trip. It has much better carrying capacity and does not have the brick of a saddle like that on my '82 Yamaha Seca, the only two wheeler I currently own which runs.

The route is rather mild, even irritating (the slab parts) until we try a run through Summersville without cadging a speeding ticket. The roads improve gradually from that point on with the culmination coming in Tazewell, VA. The group that has ridden this route calls this the beginning of Up/Down times three. It takes you to a point five miles north of Marion VA and it is challenging. Challenging because it is VERY technical and it comes at the end of about seven hours of riding of all sorts.

The PA riders has seen about an hour and a half of rain at the start, but nothing from then on. But, when you have trees shading the road at these elevations, the moisture lingers on the road. Thank-



fully, the riders encountered surprisingly little of debris in the apexes to that point, but wet yellow lines remain treacherous. At least two of us discovered that experience counts when one wheel or the other touches these strips in a turn. Thank you automatic reactions!

The middle day dawned dry, but breakfast must come first. Darn! The Pioneer Restaurant went out of business. Local help revealed another possibility over near the 81 freeway. Good substitute! And they tried their first basted eggs with much success. Great bacon, too. We'd use it on day three as well.

Well, four guys who traipse into a restaurant with riding gear always generates interest among the locals. It's fairly obvious that we're not from those parts, so the group gets more than one furtive glance. Then, when it's apparent that those strangers are having fun, others attempt to glean the experience. One gentleman, having finished his meal, had to stop by our table. With a dead pan delivery he said, "I was told that a motorcycle rider was an idiot looking for death. (pause) And I was told that every year." Yuks all around.

This middle day is used for revisiting more of our favorite local roads in VA, TN and NC. The scenery on Roan Mountain is enough to make you stop for pix, and we did. We could have had ice cream at the Switzerland of North Carolina, but hydration was all that was needed...some dehydration too, if you get my drift.

Most riders know that the Blue Ridge Parkway just can't be done at 45. We were judicious and proceeded between 50 and 60 with eyes peeled. The on-coming sport bike riders were taking advantage of it being Monday. I don't think they were "touching puck" but they surely looked cool as they blew past us in the opposite direction. Steady, bucko. Can't afford points.

Dinner that night at Macados allowed us to reminisce about what it means to be a teen-ager and we were lucky to get a table among the young throng. Darn, they were "out" of chocolate vodka AND Kaliber beer.

Forgot to mention that reviews of the day were held at the fireplace connected to the adjacent, unoccupied lodge. Remember, a fire must have a certain feng shue to be fully appreciated by the group. That leaves only the return trip.

Roger decided to jump on the interstate, but the trio left reversed our routs from Sunday. That is until we heard that a meat loaf dinner awaited us back at the barn. Interstate will get you home on time, and there is only so much a rider can take when it comes to twisties. There was an unspoken, begrudging acceptance that we'd be dealing with semi truck turbulence and brain-dead cagers and we proceeded apace. We had successfully completed yet another pilgrimage to some of the Southeast's best motorcycle roads, so there was no need to complain. No thought had entered my mind. Life, and riding a bike is rich!

DON

WEEKEND CAMPOUT
JUNE 7-9, 2013

- Tommy Myers has graciously invited members of the Four Winds to a weekend campout at his Tygart Lake retreat lodge, near Grafton, WV.
 - You can sleep under the stars in your tent (which bring!) or inside. Note Well: Inside beds, positions are on a first come first served basis.
 - If you plan to sleep indoors, it is very important that you RSVP to Ed Syphan, ASAP due to space limitations. (Esyphan@yahoo.com)
 - If inside, there are no beds, so you must bring along your thermarest and sleeping bag, as well as toiletries—wash cloth(s), towels—and incidentals.
 - Campers: You know the camping gear you'll need. It's up to you to bring it.
 - If you desire more luxurious accommodations, there are, a short distance away, motels in Grafton and the Tygart Lake State Park Lodge can provide rooms with beds, baths, etc. for those who prefer the non-sleeping bag on the floor approach. The lodge is but about a mile from Tom's, and to make reservations, the Lodge phone number is: 304-225-6144.
 - The club will provide a weenie roast with soft drinks, as well as snacks. Or, it's just a short ride back to town for restaurants.
 - There will be good riding in the area, as well as a cruise around the lake on Tom's pontoon boat. (Weather permitting)
 - On Friday, June 7th. there will be a group ride led by Sean and Syphoon, departing from the King's restaurant located off the I-79 Bridgeville exit, on Rt. 50 south about 1/4th mile from the exit on the left. Departure from the King's will be at 3:00 PM.
 - Those departing Saturday who want to ride down to Tom's as a group can meet at the King's restaurant off the I-79 Bridgeville exit (as described above) departing at 9:00 AM. This will be self guided by those who wish to ride in a group.
- **BUT Again: VERY IMPORTANT!** If you want to reserve a place inside, you **MUST** RSVP to Ed Syphan, so that no one is left out.
- For those riding down themselves, the approximate Latitude and Longitude co-ordinates for GPS are: N39.30389 W79.99753
 - Directions out of Grafton, WV are: Take 119 south to Bridge St. in Grafton. Turn left on Bridge St; go to the second cross street (Bridge St may change names to Henderson Dr when you cross Front St) which is Barrett St. Turn left on Barrett St, and continue out of town on Barrett St to where it changes name to Knottsville Rd. Continue on Knottsville Rd to Bathhouse Rd. Turn right onto Bathhouse Rd and go about 3/8ths of a mile. Tom's Lodge will be on the right, and is the first house on the right (there's just a farm at the corner of Knottsville Rd and Bathhouse Rd before you get to Tom's) after you turn on Bathhouse Rd.

FROM ED SYPHAN (RIDE PLANNER)

WANNA RIDE?

Here are some good ones coming up!!!

Riders' Charity Fundraiser Events--see the URLs for Information:

June 7 - 9 - Lake Erie Loop, for pediatric burn victims

<http://lakeerieloop.com/rideinfo.html>

June 23 - Tour de Cure

http://main.diabetes.org/site/TR/TourdeCure/A3WPA-PittsburghWesternPAArea?pg=entry&fr_id=8616

July 14th - Shriners Run

http://www.syriamotorcorps.org/poker_run_flyer_201203.pdf

August 4th - Pediatric Brain Tumor Ride for Kids

http://pbtfc.convio.net/site/TR/2013RideforKids/General?pg=entry&fr_id=1290



**DAVE "2 SPARKER" McLAUGHLIN'S 80TH
APRIL 27, 2013**

It should be noted that another of our 4 Winds BMW Riders' club

members has reached that becoming mark of having joined those of our Homo Sapiens 2 Wheeler persuasion aboard this Blue Green Space Ship we call Planet Earth on which we all travel, who have circumnavigated the 13 billion year old atomic space furnace we call the Sun, 80 times. In this Dave, known variously as the "2 Sparker," or "The Old Curmudgeon" (though his cheery self is hardly curmudgeonlike!) has joined that magnificent group that includes Sonny Robison and Al Vangura, both of whom preceded Dave to the 80 mark. In celebration of this sterling achievement, Carole, Dave's wife, set up a delightful celebration for the event at the Seven Springs Mountain Resort in the Laurel Highlands.

The weather gods were propitious, as the day and evening turned out to be eminently rideable, and several attendees arrived on their bikes. Among the Four Windsers there were Sean and Nancy Barrett, John and Joann Barr, Don and Kim Chembars, Leo Stanton and Holly Marcheck, Ed and Michelle Syphan, Ron Kranz, Ed Tatters, Walter Halaja, and I and probably others [The author's apologies if he missed anyone!]. A number of members of Dave's family were there, and we had the delightful opportunity to meet his daughter and her family, and beyond doubt, numerous members of the Miata club to which Dave belongs were there to enliven the party as well. Held in the spacious Alpine room, there was a free bar, a delicious dinner with salad, entrée, and dessert buffets and much

enjoyable camaraderie among all attendees. What a wonderful way to celebrate an 80th Birthday! We all thank you, Dave & Carole, for the invitation to join in the celebration. Thanks too to Joann Barr for the fine pictures!

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.

Rollie Free's Vincent Black Shadow sent in awhile ago by Al Vangura: http://www.historicvehicle.org/This-Car-Matters/TCM/Videos/TCM-Videos-4?utm_source=ExactTarget&utm_medium=email&utm_term=&utm_content=HCCTV&utm_campaign=Episode%2035

FOR SALE

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

25" tall Cee-Bailey Windshield for F800ST - Clear. Already has Velcro strips for attaching EZPass Transponder. Asking \$125.00, OBO. Contact: meyer@zoominternet.net .

Big Al Vangura's Kymco for sale: We are selling Big Al's Kymco Scooter. If you are interested or know anyone that would want to purchase this scooter, please contact us or pass this message on. This is a 2009 Kymco 250 Ri Scooter. We are asking \$3,500 or best offer - It has on it 19,940 miles, and includes an extra long wind shield, Special brake light, cover, and Top trunk. If interested, please call: 724-736-2884 or 724-557-0802. Dee Vangura. Please see the pictures of it and its accessories on page 16 of the March newsletter.

DAVE McLAUGHLIN'S 80TH BIRTHDAY

Photos by Joann Barr... Many Thanks, Joann!



THE WAY WE WERE BACK WHEN...

Prepared by 'Capt.' Walt Halaja
(from the June 2003 Newsletter)



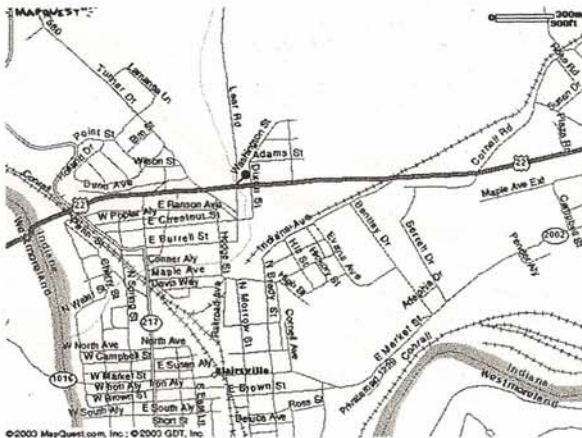
FIRST ANNUAL PRESIDENTS RIDE And MONTHLY MEETING



Join President Conrad Rossetti
and the 4 Winds Board
Members as we ride to:

Clem's Cafe
Route 22 West
Blairsville, PA 15717
724-459-8334

Saturday, June 21st, 2003, 3:00
P.M. for the Monthly Meeting.



**Join up with us for a ride or
organize you own.**

To meet up with the President
and the Board be at the Rt. 51
and Rt. 70 Crossroads Sunoco
Gas Station at 12:30 P.M. We
will leave by no later than 12:45
P.M. and ride through the
Laurel Highlands arriving at
Clem's at 3 P.M.

Ride, Eat and Socialized.

We will order from the Menu
Individually. **CASH ONLY.**
There is a pavilion that will hold
at least 50 people and inside
seating for 30.
*We can not reserve seating and
may share it with other
customers.*

The Menu is *Ribs, (Racks and
Rack of Ribs).* Chicken, Pork &
Beef Sandwiches, Mashed
Potatoes, Bake Beans,
Coleslaw, and Potato Salad.

**Contact any Board Member for Further
Information.**

11th Annual Laurel Highlands BMW Riders Campout 2013

June 14, 15, 16, 2013

Name Rider _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

Miles ridden to Rally _____

Make & model, year _____

Name Passenger _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

Club affiliations: _____

Camping: Yes _____ No _____ Motel (-\$5.00 pp/pn) _____

Number of Attendees _____ X \$45.00 at gate - \$40.00 if preregistered by 5/31/13

= _____ Pd. Cash _____ Pd. Check # _____

Please read and sign the following release:

I understand that the Laurel Highlands BMW Riders cannot assume responsibility for my personal safety in this event. I choose to participate in this event voluntarily, based on my own assessment of my abilities, the route conditions and facilities, and therefore assume all risks. I release and hold harmless LHBMR; it's officers, agents and members from any and all injury and/or loss to my person or property that may result from my participation in this event. I further certify that my vehicle and I are in compliance with all applicable license, insurance and financial responsibility laws applicable to my participation in this event.

All participants under 18 years of age must have their parent or guardian sign the following additional release. As the parent or guardian of the above participant, and being informed or familiar with the risk normally associated with motorcycle events, I hereby consent to his or her participation in this event, and accept and adopt all the representations and assumptions of risk set forth in the foregoing release.

Rider _____ Parent or
Signature: _____ Guardian _____

Passenger
Signature: _____

Make Checks payable to LHBMR and mail to:

Stacey Papinchak
840 Basin Dr. Windber, Pa. 15963

11th Annual BMW Riders Campout

Somerset, Pa
June 14, 15, 16, 2013

11th Annual Laurel Highlands BMW Riders Campout

Father's Day Weekend. Bring Dad, bring the kids!

We return to Pioneer Park Campground located in south central Pennsylvania. Pioneer Park is a terrific full-service camping resort with excellent showers and facilities, minutes away from the Pa. Turnpike Exit #10, Somerset, Pa. or the Donegal exit #9.

Directions: From Somerset, Rt. 31 W. 7 miles to campground.
From Donegal, Rt. 31 E 12 miles.

Admission is just \$45.00 for the full weekend (\$40 if pre-registered) and includes, two nights camping, three meals, loads of door prizes, self-guided ride info and 11th Annual rally pin for the first 100 pre registrants.

Somerset is home to the new National Park at the Flight 93 crash site. Frank Lloyd Wright's masterpiece Fallingwater is 40 minutes away. You are only 30 minutes from Historic Johnstown Pa, and its Flood Museum and National Park. There is great riding in any direction with many self-guided tours available.

Friday evening enjoy Gourmet Dump Stew (bring a can or 2 to add to the pot), hotdogs & snacks till their gone. Morning Coffee & tea.
Saturday Catered dinner with Chicken & Beef, tons of door prizes.
Hearty send-off breakfast Sunday morning!

Pavilion, picnic tables, hot showers, campfires allowed-wood provided! Motels & Restaurants nearby.
Sat. night campground band!

Discount for one night, not camping or 16 or younger.
Downloadable pre registration form:

<http://www.thevuelta.com/CampoutRegistration2013.pdf>

Info: George Blackham IV,
gjbiv1stsgtusmc@yahoo.com
or Jason Kaplitz; gsjay@kaplitz.com (814) 535-8669
Pre-registration appreciated- Send check/name/
contact info to:
LHBMWR C/O 840 Basin Dr. Windber Pa. 15963



North Breakfast Ride 5/5/2013

For once, after a wintry March, and wet April, some decent weather poked its head out of the skies, and 9 riders arrived at the Eat 'n Park for the North Breakfast Ride this morning. Ron "ReddyK" Latkovic doing the honors as our fine pro photographer. Included in the happy bunch that arrived on various steeds were Gary Aul, Dave McLaughlin, Frank Beatrous, Carl Hartz, Sean Barrett, John Allen, Ed Tatters, Ron Latkovic, and myself, other regulars like Ron Kranz and Walt Halaja being 'out of Dodge' visiting relatives, or, in Walt's case, attending the graduation of his grandson at Penn State who was receiving his Master's degree. Way to go!

Like somebody said, though, "If it's not one thing, it's another": the weather was decent and the company fine, but Eat 'n



Park's concern for properly accommodating regularly returning customers was glaringly obvious by its absence. Upon

the arrival of most of us around 10:00 AM, lining our bikes up nicely outside the end of Eat 'n Park, we could look through the windows of the end room where we were to have tables sufficient to seat us. But what did we see? No empty tables, and people sitting and being seated and served where previously we had generally had enough room for all of us. After maybe 10 or 15 minutes, Several tables were cleared and pushed together, which we thought were being prepared for us, only to have a large oriental family seated there. Still no room. About 10:15 or so, after waiting to see if somehow room would bve made for us (it wasn't) we went in, and stood around like birds in the wilderness with a waitress who checked for room once and obviously didn't want to converse with us or pay us any attention thereafter who told us the wait would be 'about 5 minutes' before we could find

our usual place and get some breakfast. That 'about 5 minutes' lasted until almost 10 to 11—a good 35+ minute “5 minutes,” not counting the previous 15 or so at the beginning of which there should have been room for us. At just about 11 we were finally seated at empty tables and slowly but surely menus, silverware, and coffee were brought (not in that order, thank goodness!). During our wait standing about with nowhere to go we had asked to see the manager. A woman in a black dress more obvious for her corpulence than any friendliness or concern to accommodate good customers showed up who insisted they did not make reservations for anyone and cooling our heels as a consequence of their policy was our tough luck. —I just love the bureaucratic mind that thinks hiding behind 'policy' excuses all forms of unconcern and uninvolved with rational or decent treatment of fellow human beings. Apparently the old motto of good business to the effect that 'the customer is always right' is definitely down the tubes at Eat 'n Park. In any event, eventually we were seated and able to obtain breakfast. We just made it under the wire for their breakfast buffet whose fare is described as to be rolled up and made to disappear like the road in a heavy fog at 11:00 AM.

In consequence of this situation and the expressed attitude of the management, such as she was, while we were waiting and waiting and waiting and waiting, a discussion was held as to the beneficiality of continuing to provide Eat 'n Park our trade, and before next North Breakfast Ride, Ron said he'd check with our former location, King's Family Restaurant, to see if we couldn't get our old room back as we had before. While they don't have a breakfast buffet, the service was faster, and we'd always been welcomed there with far more alacrity than Eat 'n Park had ever showed.

Anyway, after breakfast and the usual lively discussion of things of motorcycling and other import we repaired outside, with several of us planning to ride the back roads to Sewickley and points West and South, while others headed in other directions as was our usual wont. Aside from the long wait to finally get seated and Eat 'n Park's managerial unconcern and unwillingness to accommodate regularly expected customers we had a fine morning.

Please note, however, that on the next and future Breakfast rides, in consequence of our experience with Eat 'n Park's 'policy', Ron "ReddyK" Latkovic has checked with the manager of King's about returning to King's as the locus of the North Breakfast Ride. Ron said that the manager was very accommodating and said they'd be very happy to have us return to our favorite reserved front room at King's from here on out, so, Kings, here we come! Everybody, please note the change of venue back to the front room at Kings beginning with the June North Breakfast Ride. (And we'll no doubt find the service, though all from the menu, faster as well. Nice!)

RALPH



REMINDER: IBA RALLY AT CRANBERRY, PA!

Info from John Allen

The bi-annual, 2013, IronButt rally begins and ends this year on our turf at the Marriott in Cranberry. BMWs and Hondas dominate the Rally along with an assortment of the best Sport Touring rigs. All bikes are heavily modified with more toys than you can shake a stick at. There will be a couple hundred riders from all over the USA and Canada and likely a few from other countries as well. This is Kewell.

Monday, July 1, 10am

Pittsburgh Marriott North at Cranberry Woods
100 Cranberry Woods Drive
Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania 16066 USA
724-779-4216
<http://tinyurl.com/2013HostHotel>

CHECKPOINT 1 INFORMATION

July 4, 8pm - 10pm
Penalty points accrue at 8:00:01pm
Scoring opens at 5pm
Leg 2 Bonuses distributed at 6am, July 5

CHECKPOINT 2 INFORMATION

Sunday July 7, 8pm - 10pm
Sacramento area, CA
Scoring opens at 5pm
Leg 2 Bonuses distributed at 6am July 8

Sacramento Marriott Rancho Cordova
11211 Point East Drive
Rancho Cordova, CA 95742
(916) 638-1100
<http://www.sacramentomarriott.com/iba/>

FINISH INFORMATION

Finish Friday, July 12, 10 am
Penalty points accrue at 8:00:01am
Scoring opens at 5am
Pittsburgh Marriott North at Cranberry Woods
100 Cranberry Woods Drive
Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania 16066 USA

BANQUETS/EVENTS -

Start Banquet - Sunday, June 30, 5pm
Finish Banquet - Friday, July 12, 6:30pm
Both the Start Banquet and the Finishers' Banquet are open, on a very limited basis, to the long distance community. Please remember that although the Finishers' Banquet is a celebration with spectators welcome, the Start Banquet is considered more of a business meeting and is usually open only to riders and their immediate family members. But it's been quite a while since the rally started in the northeast and there is a lot of excitement so this year we are offering a limited number of Start Banquet tickets to those of you in the community who would like to attend.

JOHN ALLEN 05-R1200RT



WAYS TO REDUCE YOUR MOTORCYCLE INSURANCE PREMIUMS

From Triple A (AAA):

Buying insurance coverage for your motorcycle can be expensive as bikes present a higher risk than automobiles. They're more susceptible to accidents caused by bad weather and poor road conditions. They are also less visible to other drivers, and less stable than cars.

In spite of this, you want to be sure you have sufficient coverage for your bike, because you've likely invested a lot of money in it. To help you find the best coverage for the best rates, the Insurance Information Institute offers the following tips:

Get seasonal coverage - Most bikers aren't road warriors who consistently ride their bikes all year long. If you store your bike for several months out of the year, there's no need to fully insure it. Many insurers offer seasonal policies that cover your bike for six to nine month periods of actual usage.

Take a motorcycle-safety course - Some states require these courses before they'll issue a motorcycle license. Even if your home state doesn't require it, you may be eligible for a 10 to 15 percent discount on your policy for completing one. Before signing up for a program, it's a good idea to contact your insurer. Some companies only recognize certain programs. If you've been riding for a while, you might be able to get a discount for taking a refresher course.

Increase deductibles - A deductible is the amount of money you have to pay before the coverage kicks in. The higher your deductible, the lower your premiums. When choosing a deductible, make sure you can afford to pay out-of-pocket for any costs that are incurred before your insurance kicks in.

Ask about multiple bike discounts - If you've got more than one bike, or live with someone else who rides, you can usually get a discount. Likewise, it might be worthwhile to insure your motorcycle with the same company that covers your car.

Install anti-theft devices - If you financed your bike, you've probably taken out comprehensive coverage. Comprehensive protects against theft, fire, and other damages not caused by an accident. Some companies offer a discount on comprehensive coverage if you utilize an anti-theft device.

Maintain a good driving record - Insurance companies analyze your driving history to determine rates. How you drive a car usually indicates how you'll ride a motorcycle. If you've only recently obtained a driver's license, you might want to wait a year or two before getting a motorcycle. If you maintain a good driving record, your rates will be lower once you're considered an "experienced" driver.

Ride with a group - Membership in a motorcycle club, such as the American Motorcycle Association, BMW Motorcycle Owners of America, Harley Owners Group or Retreads can also save you some money on your the insurance premium.

To Contact a local AAA office to speak with an agent, or click http://www.aaa.com/aaa/215/insurance/EC/quote_request.htm to request information or call (800) 207-7947.

Local AAA numbers:

PENNSYLVANIA
Century III 412-655-6110
Cranberry 724-772-1122
Downtown 412-338-4310
East Liberty 412-365-7766
Erie 814-866-0246
Greensburg 724-834-8300
Hermitage 724-981-9141
Kittanning 724-543-1924
Meadville 814-724-2247
Monroeville 412-858-4640
North Hills 412-367-7600

South Hills 412-833-5233
Washington 724-222-3800
OHIO
Chillicothe 740-702-3838
Portsmouth 740-354-5614
WEST VIRGINIA
Parkersburg 304-295-9715
Huntington 304-523-6423
Martinsburg 304-263-4619
Bridgeport 304-842-2221
Wheeling 304-233-1810



HOW TO RIDE THE FAMILY

Who sez you need an SUV to take the wife, kids, and aunt to the movies???



**Four Winds BMW Riders
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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 JUNE MEETING:

The regular June 15th, 2013 club meeting will be held from 1:00 PM** to 4:00 PM at the Laurel Highland BMW Riders' Campout at Pioneer Park Campground, 273 Trent Road, Jefferson Twp..

From the West on the Superslab: Take the turnpike, I-76 East. Take the Donegal exit—exit 91—to the right towards Pa-711/Ligonier/Uniontown. Turn left out of the exit onto Hwy 31. In about 11.7 miles, Turn right onto Trent Rd. In about .4 miles turn right into Pioneer Park Campground.

From the West on Back roads: If you don't like the superslab, figure back roads to get to Rte 31 East. Continue on Hwy 31 about 11.7 miles past the Donegal Turnpike Entrance/Exit to Trent Rd. Turn right onto Trent Rd, go about .4 miles and turn right into the Campground.

Once in the campground, stop at the store opposite the entrance to request permission to enter and to get the location of the Laurel Highlands Campout.

**The board will meet at 12:00PM

Latitude/Longitude of the Pioneer Park Campground for GPS users:
N40.02637 W79.21376.