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THE PRESIDENTIAL VIEW

By Rick Gzesh

Spring is finally here! The snow is gone. My skis are put away. It is now RIDING time! Unlike most politicians, I am going to keep my campaign promise to put the RIDING back into the Four Winds Riding Club!

To start things off, later this month I have arranged a joint club ride with the local RAT Pack, of which I am also an active member (details elsewhere in this issue). May's meeting will be a "Ride To" meeting at beautiful Moraine State Park (ride leaders needed!). Other "Ride To" meetings will follow throughout this riding season.

I would also like to encourage everyone to take seriously my plea for a safer riding season this year. We got the ball rolling at last month's meeting with a wonderful safety seminar given by fellow Club Member and retired MSF instructor Tony Capriotti. Tony offered some great tips to start your riding season off on a positive note. Tony and I share a firm belief in continuing education, as it relates to your riding skills. If you haven't taken the MSF Experienced Riding Class lately, or even the Beginner Class, I urge you to do so. It is a great way to refresh your riding skills. Plus, if you have recently purchased a new bike, the Experienced Course is one of the best ways to get acquainted with your new mount.

If you have already taken the Experienced course a couple of times, perhaps you are ready to take it to the next level and attend a track class, which is something I have wanted to do for a long time, and I am finally going to do it! Elsewhere in this issue (p.7) are the details of Sport Bike Track Time's Track Days to be held over Memorial Day weekend at BeaveRun. I hope that some of you will decide to join me in what I expect to be an educational and exhilarating weekend.

As this riding season unfolds, if you have an idea for a day ride, weekend getaway or for one of our Breakfast Rides, I would like



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APRIL MEETING INFO

The next meeting of the Four Winds BMW Riders will be held on Sat., April 16th, 2005 in the 'Trolley Car' at the Spaghetti Warehouse, 2601 Smallman St., Ph: 412.261.6511, from 1:30-4PM. Meal will be \$13/person. Those who order food are asked to please bring the correct amount of cash.

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MEETING SCHEDULE 2005

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

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

April 16, 2005 — 1:30-4:00PM
Spaghetti Warehouse

May 21, 2005 — Moraine State
Park Pavilion

June, 2005 — TBA

July, 2005 — TBA

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

September, 2005 — TBA

October, 2005 — TBA

November, 2005 — TBA

December, 2005 — TBA

2005 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!

to encourage you to think far enough in advance to put an announcement in our newsletter as well as a post on our website. That will help you attract enough riders to make your planned ride a success. If you have never led a ride before, don't be afraid to volunteer. All it takes is a destination (food and ice cream are always good) and a route to get there. Throw in a little common sense and a dab of sunshine and you have a recipe for a fun filled day! Don't forget to write a Ride Report for the newsletter to let those who missed it know what a good time everyone had.

However, the ultimate success of this year's riding campaign still rests with you, our membership. I am going to challenge each and every member to consider planning and posting one ride at some point during this riding season. If you have a great idea for a ride but are not comfortable leading, there are many members who will gladly help you out. All you have to do is ask!

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

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

Sun, Apr 17 — South at Bernie's Restaurant, Rt 51, 10:00 AM

Sat, Apr 23 — East at Dick's, Rt 22, 9:00 AM

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

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

Finally, all members should try to attend at least one of these club rides per month. It can be the monthly meeting ride, a weekly breakfast ride, or one of the posted rides that perhaps you are planning. If everyone does their part, there should be many rides to choose from and one of them should fit your style just right. If you participate, in addition to the coveted BMR points, you just might make a new friend or two.

So what do you say, "Are you ready to RIDE?"



RICK



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

President, Rick Gzesh, called the meeting to order at 1:45 PM.

Old Business - Ed Syphan gave an update on club member, Tim Pears, who is hospitalized and recovering from an auto accident. Tim is healing well, learning to use crutches and hopes to be discharged soon. There is still much rehab ahead. The club wishes him well.

New Business - BMW of Pgh will be holding a seminar on Group Riding on Tues., 3/29 at 6 PM. It will be led by an MSF Instructor. Interested parties can RSVP to James at the shop. There is no charge.

The April 16th Four Winds meeting will be held at the Spaghetti Warehouse in the Strip District beginning at 1:30 PM. A flat rate of \$13 per person will be charged.

The May 21st meeting will be the first "ride to" meeting of the year. Volunteers are needed to lead rides to the meeting site. See a Board member to post your ride. We will have the shelter all day, so members are encouraged to arrive early and make use of the State Park facilities.

Club member, Jurgen Brune, handed out flyers for the Beemer Boneyard, a used BMW parts dealer with free shipping for Four Winds Members. Several people in attendance had favorable experiences with this group.

Club Member, Walt Halaja, reminded everyone of the Blessing Of The Bikes, to be held on Mar. 20th.

Riding season is here. Ideas for rides, weekends... are welcome and should be put into the newsletter and posted on the website. Don't forget to write up your ride experience for the newsletter when you return.

The RAT Pack, a group of Triumph riders, has invited Four Winds members to join them on a ride to Lee Mark's Open House on Apr. 30th. The 115 miles ride will leave from King's on Rt 286 PROMPTLY at 9:30 AM.

Sport Bike Track Time is sponsoring a track day at BeaveRun on Memorial Day weekend. Check The Four Winds website & newsletter for more information.

A reminder that the MOA Rally will be held in nearby Lima, OH in July. The Club with the most attendees will receive a trophy so be sure and include Four Winds on your registration form.

Announcements:

Rally Report - Flyers for the Aug. rally are now available.

Rally T-shirt & pin designs need to be to Rally Chair, Tom Primke, before the Apr. meeting, so the members can vote on a design. Anyone wishing to help as a Rally Co-chair this year, to find out what is involved in the job, should contact Tom or any Board member.

Many Rally volunteers are needed. Contact Tom Primke and see what needs to be done before all the good jobs are taken!

2005 dues are past due. Send your money to Treasurer, Margaret Weaver.

Six guests were introduced. There were no new members at this meeting.

The 50/50 was won by Bob Wyner.

Rick introduced our speaker, Tony Capriotti, who spoke on "Getting Your Head Back Into Riding."

The meeting was adjourned at 3PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

NANCY BARRETT, RECORDING SECRETARY



ALMOND, NC, PART 3

SEPTEMBER 2004

Kevin & Shirley Hart
Continued from March...

Hurricane? Hurricane? What Hurricane? ...With T&D watching from the deck we begin our last trip out the stone driveway. Careful to take my time with the UniGo and riding two up, I let everyone go before me. We agreed to check the bikes over one last time at the top of the hill at a BP gas station on Rt. 28. I had no problems loaded two up with the trailer. In fact the bike really handles pretty well with it. The ride is a little weird when heading into corners and the trailer makes for a longer wheelbase feel, but adjusting your entry apex solves that and in no time it's just plain fun. But something now was bothering me and I felt like the bike was just being held back. I checked gauges and determined that it was just the extra weight of the UniGo, and not being used to the load. Or was it?

We entered the gas station and, when I came to a stop, it was apparent something was seriously wrong. I could smell smoke and it was rising substantially from the rear of the bike. Shirl quickly dismounted and I began removing the side cases thinking perhaps that one of them had slipped its mount and was rubbing the tire. That was not the case. For another second I thought it was the wiring harness to the trailer. With all the rain it was exposed to I began thinking that a short had developed.

There was heat and smoke coming from the caliper and the disk which was now melting the rear drive boot rubber seal and it was dripping onto the ground. Mark came over and he quickly began sorting out tools from his kit. We waited while the disk cooled and then removed the caliper. Everything was discolored but we could see no reason for why the caliper may have frozen. The fluid had boiled off but after a while most of the brake pressure returned. Mark, aka MacGyver, reinstalled the caliper and I took off for a quick ride to help cool down the rear wheel assembly. It felt fine, but I had lost most of the brake and decided that I would not use it since we could not determine what the cause was. When I returned home I disassembled the entire caliper and the only thing I could see was small stones similar to the driveway at the Whistle Stop. They were imbedded into the disc holes and along the outer edge of the caliper piston boot. It's been fine ever since with new pads and a fluid bleed. I think that driveway bit me.



The Road, 2 miles of Stones one way

We bid farewell to Jim who was heading in the other direction. Not a very good way to see a friend off, but he had a long ride ahead

and the situation was going OK. Rick and Cheri had already passed the gas station with a wave good by and the "GS" horn blowing. They were oblivious to the problem Shirl and I had with the "RT".

With M&T and Nicky in tow we start making our way north. Our first attempt was to head east on Rt. 19 then north to Rt. 40. We wanted to see more of the Smokey Mountain National Park and 40 would have been a great road had it not be for the State Police that greeted us just south of Iron Duff. The road ahead was completely closed to traffic. The detour routes being offered didn't seem logical, so, with everyone in agreement, we turned around and headed back south on 40. Continuing east we next tried to use the Blue Ridge Parkway. We could not have made it past the crossover to Rt. 70 when we were again forced to come to a stop. Ahead of us were flashing warning signs that the road was closed, and further up we could see high tension power lines down and across the road. That was an eerie situation and, as Nicky and I review maps, Mark walks up the road to take a look. Being a lineman for Duquesne he has experience with high voltage and reported back that the power was indeed off or the lines would have been snapping and crackling on the ground.



Shirley - The Blue Ridge Parkway

Our last remaining option now looked to be the interstate, so we decided to turn around and head south to get back on Rt. 40 with our next attempt to head north to be over by Statesville and north on Rt. 77. Obviously not the type of riding we intended, but we needed to make up time and Nicky had plans for Sunday that she had to keep. She had already planned riding the entire trip home in one day and we agreed to stay with her for as long as we could. The pace was hampered by the high winds that remained all along the ride for the day. The buffeting at times was extreme and the open areas of the interstate had large trucks swinging wildly at times.

As night fell, we found ourselves near Sutton, WV and the cold evening temps had started bothering Terri and Shirley. Terri had on extra sweatshirts and Frogg Toggs but the chill was getting to her and she spoke to Shirl about stopping for the night. We discussed stopping to find a place to lie over, but agreed to continue on. By now the winds had subsided and the evening was calm but cool with the temp probably in the low 50s. I was behind M&T with my PIAA's lighting up the night when Mark waved me past. I figured that the light was probably blinding him and I would do better out in front anyway so I took the lead. Before I knew it M&T were taking the Sutton exit and I was too far ahead to swing over. Apparently Terri

had enough and they were heading off to find a place to stay. To our second amazement, Nicky followed them. Shirl and I now alone faced the dark open road alone with little traffic.

In Weston, just off Rt. 79 north, Shirl and I pulled over to take a break and to don our Electric Vests. Plugged in and on the road we made it to Morgantown, WV and a fuel stop. Shirl's legs were chilled, but the vest was keeping her warm and we were making great time. My plan was to warm up at the Bob Evans and see what she thought about continuing on to home. We gassed up and headed up the hill to Bob's, and to our astonishment the place was closing at 10 o'clock. Shirl persuaded the host to get her a cup of coffee to go and we stood inside the doorway warming ourselves and watching the employees close up. I thought Bob Evanses stayed open 24 hours, but this was not the case.

Knowing we had little more than an hour of fast riding, I decided to make a run for it and continued on to home. I had fought the winds all day and kept the "RT" and UniGo on the road, so I was keyed up and had long since gotten my second wind. With the cool evening I was still feeling fresh and just wanted to get home and for us to sleep in our own bed.

The warmth of the Fort Pitt Tunnel greeted us on our way into Pittsburgh. We emerged from the portal having no idea of the devastation that had taken place the day before from Ivan. We found out later that the tunnel itself had just reopened an hour before our arrival. We could see the water level on the Monongahela was extremely high and the water was moving fast. The parkway was clear and we exited off at the Edgewood Swissvale exit onto Greendale Avenue and found the first signs of serious flooding. The road was covered in debris and muddy water. Piles of trash along the curbside extended the entire length of the avenue. Heading up the hill past the Edgewood Borough building we could see activity with the Fire Truck out and men working with safety equipment. Our local newspaper reported that many of our Volunteer Fireman remained on duty for over 48 hours straight.

With downed branches and more debris we headed up behind the Western Pa School for the Deaf to our home. It felt great turning into that driveway just past 11:30 pm on the clock. Travel time for the day had to be over 13 hours. We had no signs of damage, but later we would find water on a windowsill upstairs. It was time for hot showers and off to bed. We both slept in very late the next day and when I awoke Shirl was talking with our neighbors, who were giving her an update on the weather and the devastation around SW Pa. The sun was out and it was a beautiful day and very hard to believe what others were facing at that time. I snapped the last photo of the trip recording the GPS log.



Last Shot, 2112 Miles, 40 plus hours of riding!

So what can you say to the friends that we just spent an incredible week of riding and socializing together with? ...THANKS! Let's do it again. SOON!!

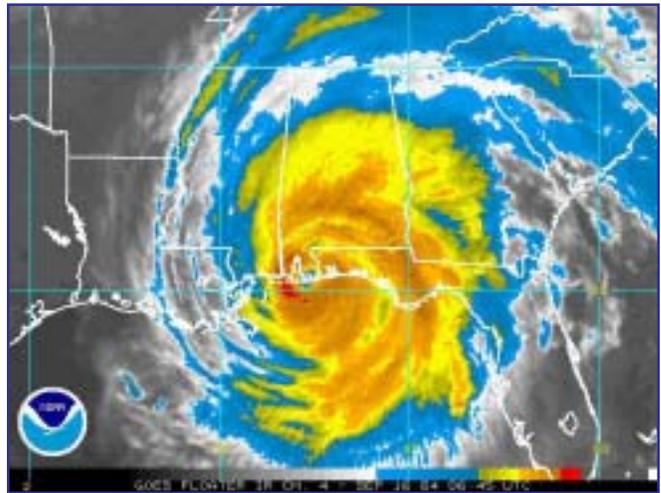
How about New England??

THE CAST OF RIDERS, BIKES, AND TWO UPS:

Jim & Nicky, Honda 1100 ST, BMW R1100 R
Tim & Diane, BMW 1200 LT w/ UniGo
Ed (Syphoon) Syphan, Yamaha FJ 1100
Mark & Terri, BMW R1100 RT
Rick (ANYRD) and Cheri, BMW R1150 GS
Ron Kimble, BMW /5
Paul Reihing, BMW R1100 RT
Kevin & Shirley, BMW R1100 RT w/ UniGo

and

Hurricane Ivan, Category 5:



One mean bastard!

KEVIN AND SHIRLEY



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.

RAMS RIDE

by Jim Linneman

Greeting to my fellow Four Winds club members from the deep South. I recently joined the RAMS club (Riders Association of the Mid South) located in the Memphis, TN area. I have been attending their meetings for the last five months and would like to share with you their format.

This is a regional club with members within a 100 mile radius of Memphis so it is similar to Four Winds. The monthly meetings are hosted by a member each month. At the beginning of the year, a sign up sheet is passed around and members volunteer to host one month's meeting. The meetings rotate around the area depending on who is hosting. Some of the meetings are held at public restaurants and



MC HAND SIGNALS

The last of the Mohicans: (See the March and February issues for the rest)... What your ride leader may mean when s/he waves her/his appendages around:

Fuel - arm out to side pointing to tank with finger extended



Refreshment Stop - fingers closed, thumb to mouth



Comfort Stop - forearm extended, fist clenched with short up and down motion



everyone pays for their own meal. Others are held at residences or public parks and the host pays for the food and asks for voluntary donations of covered dishes or cash.

The most appealing aspects of the meetings is that they almost always include a club ride. In March, the meeting was held near Jackson, TN, about 90 minutes east of Memphis. A group met in Memphis and rode to the meeting place. From there a 2 1/2 hour ride was led through the area by local members. It was a great ride with a high level of participation by club members. We returned to the home where the meeting was being held after the ride. We had a short 30 minute meeting and spent another two hours socializing and enjoying the beautiful day.

The club rides have a good turnout and are well organized. They really add to the enjoyment of the day and provide a good topic for conversation afterwards.

I know that one wish of many of the Four Winds members is to spend more time riding and less time meeting! It works well down here and it would probably work well back in the 'Burg.

Keep in touch and I hope to see you soon!

JIM



IT'S TO LAUGH! THE SMART OLD GEEZER

An elderly man in Florida had owned a large farm for several years. He had a large pond in the back, fixed up nice: picnic tables, horse-shoe courts, a volleyball court, and some apple and peach trees. The pond was properly shaped and fixed up for swimming.

One evening the old farmer decided to go down to the pond and look it over, as he hadn't been there for a while. He grabbed a five gallon bucket to bring back some fruit.

As he neared the pond, he heard voices shouting and laughing with glee. As he came closer he saw it was a bunch of young women skinny-dipping in his pond. He made the women aware of his presence and they all went to the deep end.

One of the women shouted to him, "We're not coming out until you leave!" The old man frowned, "I didn't come down here to watch you ladies swim naked or make you get out of the pond naked."

Holding the bucket up he said, "I'm here to feed the alligator."
SEE ~~~~~Old men CAN still think fast!!!





*Whazzis???... An RT invasion of a Hardly Davidson convention or a Sheriff with a sense of humor... or both?
--Discovered by Kev Hart--*



**WHO WANTS TO JOIN ME FOR A
MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND
TRACK DAY
?**

By Rick Gzesh

Do you know how fortunate we are to have a track such as BeaveRun so close to home? For years I have wanted to take a track class to help hone my riding skills. But, until recently the closest track to Pittsburgh that offered a track school was Mid-Ohio. Taking a track day there would require at least two nights in a motel and perhaps a

trailer. Now that we have BeaveRun, a track is only an hour from Pittsburgh making overnight stays optional, even for a 7:30 AM roll call.

For this Memorial Day weekend I have signed up for Sport Bike Track Time's track course at BeaveRun and I can hardly wait! Now, I have already been to a couple of track days at BeaveRun, but those were fairly loose track days with only basic safety instructions. What I am excited about is enrolling in a formal track class that will teach me to become a better rider, allowing me to explore the limits of my motorcycle in a controlled environment. No oncoming traffic, no side traffic, no dogs, no gravel and absolutely no cell phone talking drivers!

Before signing up I did some research and spoke with a few riders who had taken their course and recommended it. I called and spoke with one of the owners to confirm what I had read on their website concerning their Novice class. The Novice class is the most structured of their 3 levels, with Intermediate and Advanced the other two.

The Novice class alternates 30-40 minutes of class room time with 30 minutes of track time along with some rest thrown in. They have good track coach to student ratio. Their course follows a progression of exercises designed to improve your skills for the street as well as to make you feel more comfortable on the track, guaranteeing that you will have a fun and exhilarating day. There are two days available, Saturday May 28 and Sunday May 29th. You can sign up for either one or both. You also must join Sport Bike Track Time which is a \$30 yearly fee but includes a t-shirt, stickers and coupons good for discounts at several shops. One day costs \$165.00 or \$310.00 for both.

As with any track day, your bike will need to pass a safety inspection. You will also need to wear appropriate gear and of course, unsafe riding will not be tolerated.

So who else wants to improve their riding skills? I would love to have you join me. I shouldn't have all this fun by myself!

For complete information on Sport Bike Track Time, please check out their website at: www.sportbiketracktime.com or call Bonnie at 888-390-4020.

WANNA RIDE?

Here are some good ones coming up!!!

**RAT RIDE
SATURDAY APRIL 30TH**

By Rick Gzesh

What is a RAT Ride you ask? It is a ride sponsored by the Riders Association of Triumph's, of which I am also a RAT paying member. Local RAT Pack Leader Garry Simmons has invited the Four Winds Club to their RAT Ride on Saturday April 30th for a 115 mile ride that will end in Wexford at Triumph, BMW & Ducati of Pittsburgh for their open house to check out the new models. We will then find a place to eat some lunch and to talk some more about bikes. Those who are able will continue riding into the afternoon.

Meet at the Kings restaurant on Route 286 in Holiday Park near Monroeville. Please be gassed and ready to leave at 9:30 AM. Allow appropriate time if you will be having breakfast. See you there!

RICK

AMA'S 'MEMBERS TOUR 2005' KICKS OFF OUTDOOR SEASON AT DAYTONA

Tom Lindsay tlindsay@ama-cycle.org

PICKERINGTON, Ohio — The American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) has announced that "MembersTour2005" will kick off its 19-event outdoor season at Daytona Bike Week in Daytona Beach, Florida, from Sunday, March 6 through Saturday, March 12.

The MembersTour2005 tractor-trailer rig, which will be the center of AMA activities at Daytona Bike Week, will set up across from Daytona International Speedway near the north end of the pedestrian bridge.

AMA representatives will be on-hand to greet AMA members and other motorcycling enthusiasts, and to discuss the important issues facing American motorcyclists. Programs to be highlighted include:

- Ride Straight — Alcohol and motorcycling don't mix — statistics have shown that more than 40 percent of fatally injured motorcyclists were impaired. This program educates motorcyclists about the dangers of drinking and riding.
- Loud Pipes Risk Rights — Few things contribute more to prejudice against American motorcyclists than excessive motorcycle noise. This program conveys the message that the motorcycling community benefits when we ride with respect for our fellow citizens.
- Justice for All — What's a reasonable sentence for a driver who kills or seriously injures another motorist? This program shows motorcyclists how they can help focus the public's attention on the disturbing trend of inadequate sentencing.

MembersTour2005 will offer the opportunity for motorcyclists to join the AMA at Daytona Bike Week, and current AMA members can renew their memberships. Also, the MembersTour2005 display will feature a hospitality area and a free "jacket-and-helmet check" exclusively for AMA members.

Between now and November, MembersTour2005 will visit a series of other major motorcycle events, including **Americade, Laconia, AMA Vintage Motorcycle Days, Sturgis, the Golden Aspen Rally, and Biketoberfest.**

For more information about MembersTour2005, visit <http://www.amadirectlink.com/joinama/membertour/2005/index.asp> or call 1-800-AMA-JOIN.

The American Motorcyclist Association: rights. riding. racing. Founded in 1924, the AMA is a non-profit organization with more than 260,000 members. Its purpose is to pursue, protect and promote the interests of motorcyclists, while serving the needs of its members. For more information, visit the AMA website at www.AMADirectlink.com, or call 1-800-AMA-JOIN.

TOM LINDSAY



FOR SALE

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

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

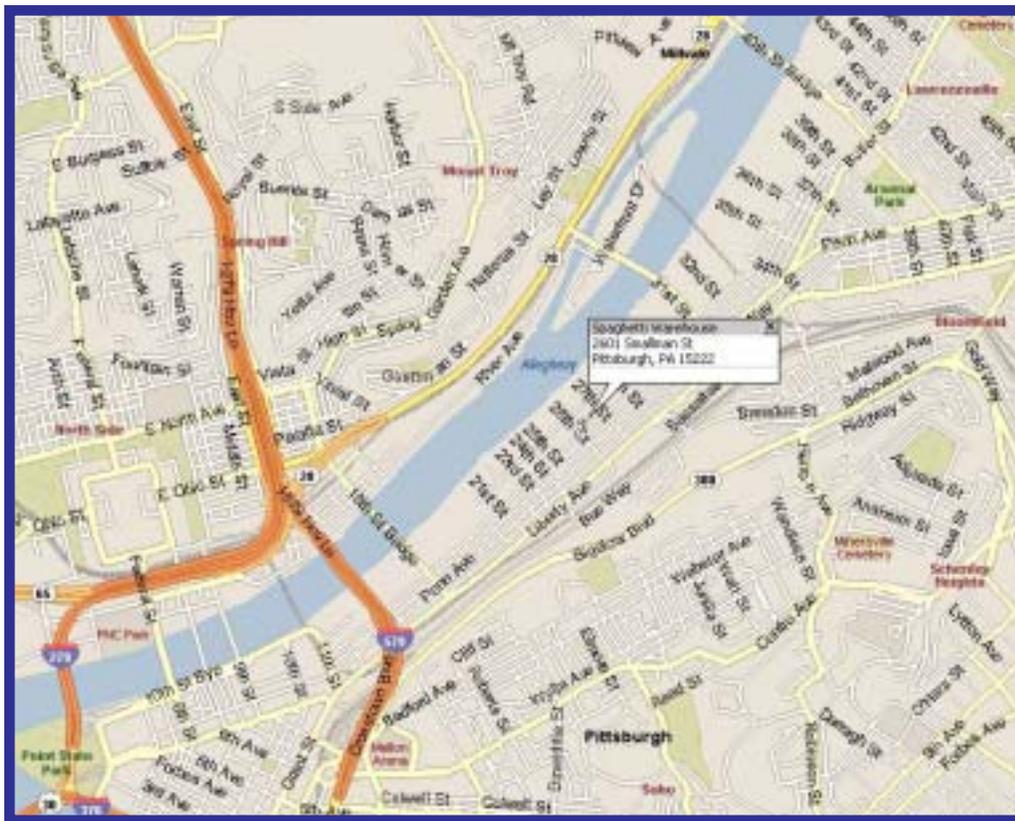
BMW Sport Riding Gloves Men's Sz. M/L - Leather BMW Sport Riding Gloves - approx. Men's size 8 1/2, between a Med. & Lg. Soft black leather w/5mm padding on fingers & back for protection, comfort & maximum grip. Reinforced leather index finger & textured nylon lining. Long cuff w/Velcro fastener. Like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

Brand New HJC Sy-Max Flip-Up Full Face Helmet. Size: XXL (fits 24 1/8" - 24 7/8" head size), Color: Black. In original box with all the literature, Helmet sack, etc. Worn once. Paid \$224 for it. Asking \$100 O.B.O. E-mail meyer@zoominternet.net or phone: 724-443-4937. Nice lid, but I'm getting too much of a collection of 'em and my son's in Chicago and doesn't ride around here any more.

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

Aeroflow windscreen to fit 97 R850R: Good condition, used to go to Seattle and back. Prefer look of stock screen, but the aeroflow really gives great weather protection. Cost new: high \$300's; sale for \$175.00. If you need a picture let me know. Dan Weaver, 724-942-1357 or gsweave@netscape.com





**MAP TO THE
MEETING
AT THE SPA-
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WAREHOUSE,
1:30-4:00PM,
APRIL 16**

**LAUREL HIGHLANDS RIDERS' CAMPOUT
PA JUNE 24-26, 2005**

LAUREL HIGHLANDS BMW RIDERS CLUB (BMWMOA CHARTER #294)

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

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

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

From Donegal, follow Rt. 31 E 12 miles.

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

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

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

Four Winds BMW Riders
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**HOW DO I JOIN
FOUR WINDS BMW
RIDERS?**

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

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:

April 16, 2005 meeting from 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM in the Spaghetti Warehouse's 'Trolley Car' at 2601 Smallman St., Ph.: 412.261.6511.

From the South: Take the parkway into Pittsburgh through the Fort Pitt Tunnels. Take the ramp towards Blvd of the Allies/Liberty Ave/Mellon Arena. Keep straight on Liberty Avenue. Go approximately 1.5 miles. Turn left onto 26th Street. Go approximately 0.1 miles. Arrive at 2601 Smallman Street.

From the North: Take Rte 8 South through Etna and take the Rte8/RD Fleming bridge straight across the Allegheny at Etna. At the 'T' at the end of the bridge, turn right onto Butler Street. Continue straight onto Penn Avenue from Butler Street. At 26th Street turn right and go 2 blocks to Smallman Street. The Spaghetti Warehouse is on the corner of 26th and Smallman on your right across Smallman. The Parking lot is off 26th Street just past the restaurant on the right.

A map for the meeting is on p. 9

A Google map on the 'Net is here: <http://www.google.com/maps?f=i-m&hl=en&q=spaghetti+warehouse+loc:Pittsburgh,PA&num=10&cid=4040556-79996111,17533252548241321842&radius=0.000000&hl=en&ie=UTF-8>