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**HOLIDAY MESSAGE FROM THE
PREZ**

Well good boys and girls, its that time of the year again. That time of the year when we make up our wish lists of pricey motorcycle toys and wait with anticipation by the tree, only to get nothing on our list because our non-rider relatives can't believe Helen 2Wheels is a real person and everything else on the list costs over \$200.

But this year I don't want material things. All I want for Christmas is peace on Earth and to have all the children of the world hold hands together and sing a song of joy. Well, that and a Garmin Nuvi 770 model GPS with a 480 x 272 pixel display and a RAM MOUNT system.

Come to think of it, peace on Earth just ain't gonna happen; it is has been on back order for 6,000 years of recorded history, so all I REALLY want for Christmas is to have all the children of the world hold hands together and sing a song of joy and a Givi E52 Maxia Monokey topcase and an F680 Monorack mount to store my wifes things on those long trips.

And if Santa is willing, I would like him to cover my jaggoff former boss with painful pustulent boils that never heal and bring me a new boss who is not a sociopath. That would truly fill my heart with tidings of gladness at

**ANNUAL
BANQUET:
JANUARY 26 AT THE
GEORGETOWN CEN-
TER. RESERVATION
DEADLINE IS JANUARY
14TH. THE RESERVA-
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JANUARY BANQUET INFO

The Annual Banquet of the Four Winds BMW Riders will be held on Sat. Jan. 26, 2008 at the Georgetown Center, 526 Bruceton Rd., Pittsburgh from 6:30–11PM. Buffet Mea at 7PM. Cost is \$25/person. **Reservations are required by Jan. 14th. See p. 5 for reservation form and menu and p. 4 for map and motel accomodations.**

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MEETING SCHEDULE 2008

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

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

January 26, 2008 — Annual Club Banquet, 6:30-11 PM, at The Georgetowne Center on East Bruceton Rd. off Rte 51 S.

February, 2008 — TBA

March, 2008 — TBA

April, 2008 — TBA

May, 2008 — TBA

June, 2008 — TBA

July, 2008 — TBA

August, 2008 — **Friday, August 15 to Sunday, August 17**
42nd Annual Four Winds Rally!

September, 2008 — TBA

October, 2008 — TBA

November, 2008 — TBA

December, 2008 — No Monthly Meeting

JANUARY SHACK

Wed. Jan 16th 7-10PM at Tom Myers's., 7516 Noblestown Road, Oakdale, PA 15071, Ph.: 412-860-6559 (Cell)

Directions: From I-79 Take US 30 West, then McKee Rd (Orange Belt) South to Rte 978 South. In Oakdale turn Right on State Street; turn left on Noblestown Road, and follow the left turn staying on Noblestown Rd where Whittengale Rd runs into it. Continue to follow Noblestown Rd. Tom's house will be on your right about 1.4 miles after the Right turn in Oakdale from the Orange Belt (978) onto State Street.

From I-279 take the 22-30 exit toward Oakdale, turn left (South) onto the Orange Belt (McKee Rd.), keep straight onto SR 978 (Orange belt), keep straight onto SR 978 (Clinton Av), turn Right (West) onto W. State Street, bear Left (West) onto Noblestown Rd.; on the right side of the road, see the Tom Meyers trucks in parking area.

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 — January:

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

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

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

Sat, Jan 26 — East at Dick's, Rt 22 Westbound Side, Monroeville, 9:00 AM

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

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

this special time of the year. But mostly, I just want to see all the children of the world hold hands together and sing a song of joy this holiday season.

Well that, and maybe a Gerbings jacket liner, pants, gloves, socks and a Gerbings patented Portable Dual-Temp Controller. And to the heck with the kids holding hands and singing. Can you imagine the sheer logistics of getting all those kids to hold hands and sing? Billions of children and hundreds of different languages and time zones? Sure, it's

a sentimental idea, but let's get real. So scrap the thing with the kids and give me an Aerostich Darien jacket with matching pants.

"We're doing a Secret Santa gift exchange this year and the price limit is \$25???? Okay, put me down for slippers." ...Just kidding.

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P.S. Enjoy your holiday, Happy New Year, and I hope to see you at the banquet January 26th, 2008 at the Georgetown Centre.



THE WAY WE WERE BACK WHEN JANUARY, 1998

Prepared by Walt Halaja

1) "Editor's Excuse" (it's only late if you expected it sooner) via Brian Livermore

I think I have figured out what is happening to the computers of the Four Winds newsletter editors. You see the past three editors (myself included) have had some terrible problems with our computers soon after taking on the job of editor. It started with George Mastovich. He managed to get out two copies before he let the smoke out of his computer. It is a little known fact that smoke is what actually makes computers work, and that if you let the smoke out of them they don't work anymore. Jeff Dunkle's machine didn't have any major malfunctions, but did have a long stretch of minor glitches that prevented Jeff from pulling together an issue. I should have realized that my computer would have problems too. After my third issue (11/97) my computer started behaving abnormally, failures occurred while reading and writing to disk, and starting up & shutting down seemed to take forever. OK so what does this all mean, you ask. Well I'll tell you! Remember when George used to write about a Witch Doctor with some great mystical powers. I think George managed to tick-off the Witch Doctor and he has put a curse on the Four Winds newsletter. I don't think that the curse is intended to prevent the publication, but to just delay each issue a week or two (or three or four as the case may be). So remember that when future issues are late, don't blame the editor, blame the Witch Doctor. (Note: this is condensed & not word for word or the whole article)

2) "THE ROAD TO TRAVEL" (OR NOT) via Sean Barrett

As club members, we frequently tell each other about great roads we have "found", but we usually aren't in a position to write the details down at the moment. By the next morning you are not sure whether Dan said Rt. 356 or 342 and you realize that another great road is lost from the previous night's gathering. This column will be an attempt to save that knowledge and put in print for all to use.

Although I know many good roads, I will not be able to keep this column going myself, so I am asking for input. Don P. (Poremski?): send me a copy and/or a description of the ride we took this past summer to Ohio. Ed Syphan, you should be able to keep this column going by yourself. Gary Smith: how about a write up on the roads of north central Pennsylvania. Everyone who has ever ridden a bike should be able to contribute something locally or nationally. The flip side of this subject are those terrible roads that we wouldn't curse or wish on our worst enemies--they should also be included in this column. (Note: this is also condensed and not the whole article.)

3) California Highway Patrol to Ride BMW Police Motorcycles "reprinted from the daily news 7 Nov. 1997 via Motorcycle Online Staff"

BMW of North America announced Tuesday that the California Dept. of General Services has agreed to buy 150 1998 R1100RT-based police motorcycles for use by the Highway Patrol. BMW was selected over Harley-Davidson and Kawasaki in the bidding process.

4) Rider Dossier via Dan Doerr: Rider "Carolla Zap": Lifetime mileage 30,000, current & favorite bike 1975 R90S and Carolla adds "I own it," Q - What bike would you like to see BMW build? A-Something along the lines of a speed Triple or Monster: fast & light, Q-What is your Favorite local ride? A-Beaver Reservoir.

I e-mailed Doc. Sean about Carolla, & asked if he knew her. Turns out that he did, and he also shared the following added information and allowed me to add it to the above Dossier of Carolla. May it be a tribute to her life as a motorcyclist!

"From Doc Sean": Unfortunately Carolla died several years back. She was a good friend of Dave Celento and a patient of mine for several years. Hard core rider that ran with some of us and with the Youngstown BMW group. She developed stomach cancer and eventually died. As per her wishes, Nancy and I rode down to Key West after Daytona several years ago and met up with her boyfriend, Ted. Clark Luster and a bunch of other BMW riders had a memorial for her. She wanted her ashes scattered, so Ted (her boyfriend) rented a biplane and scattered her ashes off the beach while we watched from the shore and then went back to Clark's to "celebrate." I have a photo of my riding her R-90 back from the beach. (See the photo at the top of the article -- that's Doc Sean on Carolla's R-90.)



BANQUET OVERNIGHT LODGING
LOCAL OVERNIGHT LODGING WITH DISTANCES FROM
THE GEORGETOWN CENTER:

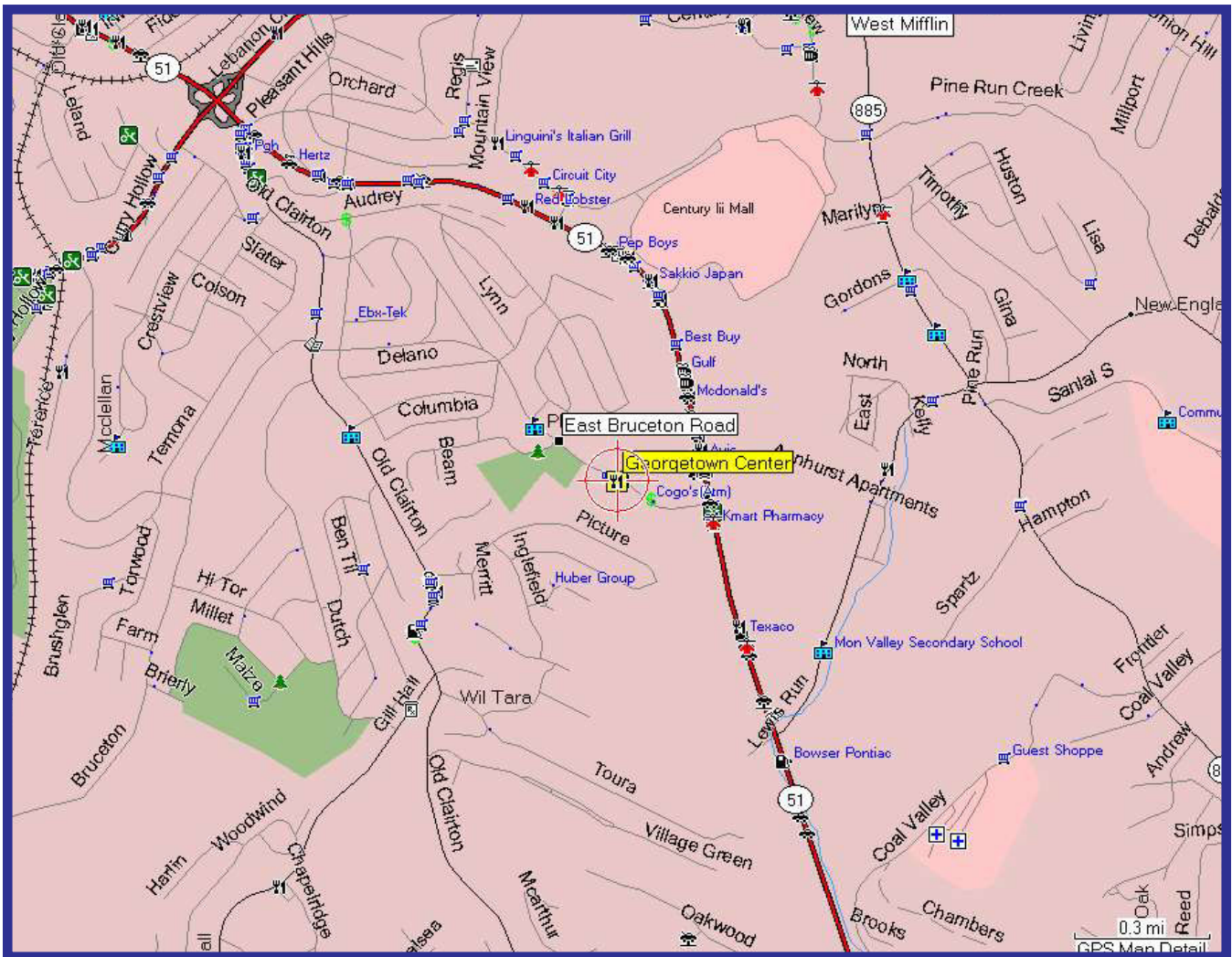
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 1000 Regis Ave
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BANQUET LOCATION MAP

Here is a map of the Georgetown Center's location where our 2008 banquet will be held in the Dorchester Room. For those coming from a distance, above the map are the locations and phone numbers of various motels that are near the Georgetown Center, should you want to obtain overnight lodging the night of the banquet. With the exception of the South Hills Motel which is North around the corner on Rte 51 from the Center, the others are East on Lebanon Church Road North up 51 and then East on Lebanon Church Road.



The Four Winds Annual Banquet

at



526 EAST BRUCETON RD. * PITTSBURGH 15236
(412) 655-4800 * WWW.GEORGETOWNCENTRE.COM

Saturday, January 26, 2008

6:00PM - Limited Open Bar

7:00PM - Cash Bar & Cold Hors d'Oeuvres

8:00PM - Buffet Style Dinner

Appetizer :

Potato Leek Soup

Salads :

Ziti & Depper Salad ,Marinated Cucumber & Tomato

Accompaniment :

Baked stuffed Potato, Steamed Broccoli, Wild Rice Medley

Entrees:

Chicken Cordon Bleu

Tortellini w/ Sun-Dried Tomato & Basil Sauce

Talapia Almondine or Salmon w/ Dill Sauce

Desert

Dinner followed by Awards & Entertainment *til 11:00PM

\$25.- Each

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

✂----- RSVP by January 14, 2008 -----✂

Name : _____

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

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

Tom Primke - Treasurer

512 White Birch Court

Pittsburgh, PA 15238

**PLEASE BE SURE TO GET YOUR REGISTRATION FOR THE
BANQUET, AND CHECK OFF TO TOM PRIMKE BY JANU-
ARY 14TH AT THE VERY LATEST.**

Attention all members who have submitted beginning mileage reports this spring -- you know who you are. December has arrived! Please submit your ending mileages before Jan. 13th. **Note: your Dec. 31, '07 mileage will be your beginning mileage for Jan 1, 2008! If you did not put in a beginning mileage last year, fill this out and send it in for your beginning mileage for 2008. Do 'er! Please!**

Four Winds Mileage Contest

Jan 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007



Ending Mileage Form – Year 2007

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: (_____) _____

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

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

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

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



Even if you didn't fill out a beginning mileage form last year, why not fill this one out and start the New Year off right with your beginning mileage on January 1st. All bikes count. Who knows? You may win \$25 worth of Sheetz gas next year if you win. Ride far and have fun!



DIVIDE A CAR

Picture sent in by Jürgen Brune

Looks like this fellow tried to cut the car in half with his bike. Unfortunately, he was going a bit too slow to accomplish that task--the laws of physics--Newton's Laws of Motion, and all that jazz.... But he was obviously going fast enough to crash both the bike and car. NOT a recommended activity. How to avoid this? NEVER tear through an intersection without slowing and looking for cages et al. that just might present themselves to be T-Boned by your front wheel. And just because they're stopped doesn't mean they're going to stay there either. Famous last words in these cases are invariably, "Sorry... I didn't see the bike!" Like they say, "Never ride faster than your guardian angel can fly!"



NORTH BREAKFAST RIDE 12/2/2007

Ralph Meyer

It was a dark and stormy night, when the captain said to the crew, "Someone tell me a story!"

So the first mate stood up and began, "It was a dark and stormy night, when the captain said to the crew, 'Someone tell me a story!'"

Whence the second mate got up and said, "It was a dark and stormy night, when the captain said to the crew, 'Someone tell me a story!'"

So the third mate stood up and began, "It was a dark and stormy night, when the captain said to the crew, 'Someone tell me a story!'"... and so on and so forth ad infinitum, ad nauseum...

Only...

On December 2nd, it wasn't a dark and stormy night, but a dark and rainy day with a winter storm warning out for the entire region when Beemerriders e-mailed one another and posted on the web about getting together anyway, for the camaradery and meal at least. And so we did. Five of us graced King's that morning: Ron Kranz, Paul White, Sonny Robison, Walt Halaja, and I. All of us save Walt came in cages. Walt had Traveler out... said he'd looked out, saw it was only misting, put on the riding duds, and went to get the bike only to discover that between looking out at first, getting the 'Stich

on, and wheeling the bike out of the garage, the mist had turned to drizzle, and that drizzle was by then swiftly turning to a good old-fashioned rain. However, since 'Stiches are basically waterproof, even old ones, he decided it would be too much trouble to go back in the house and change back, and so mounted Traveler and was away. He was quite dry upon removing the jacket at King's—an excellent recommendation for Aerostich togs as the rain hadn't let up all the way up to Kings.

The happiest event of the day was to see Ron out of the hospital and on the way to recuperation, and to be able to enjoy his company again as we had so many times in the past at breakfast rides and other club affairs. We certainly hope that after this 'repair' the year-long numbness in his hands from which he has suffered will diminish and disappear! As ever, the other enjoyable part was the tire-kicking, politician razzing, motorcycling reminiscing and technology sharing that went on, along with the discussion of several ideas for next year's board to consider. We managed, as it was miserable out and we had no plans to go anywhere but home after enjoying each other's company, to finally meander out of King's around noon. The only ones of us with assignments to go someplace were Walt, who had instructions from his fine roommate to stop at T-Bones to pick up some of their delicious comestibles before heading back south, and PW, who said he had to hit Century III Mall for some goodies to keep his dog happy. I saw Walt in my mirrors heading into T-Bones as I was turning onto Rte 910 to head East.

Breakfast adjourned, we all went our separate ways home, having enjoyed a most delightful morning with fellow Beemerriders. You still can't beat that no matter what the weather!

RAH



THANK YOU!

TO THOSE 11 FOUR WINDS MEMBERS WHO RODE IN THE BSA PYLE DRIVER RUN

In "The Ohio Valley BSA Owners Club News" September - October 2007 issue, Jim Adams did a write up on the Pyle driver Run, and in the last paragraph writes: "Special thanks to the 4 Winds BMW Club for joining us and helping with Traffic control." So, let's remember that the professional traffic controllers we now have from our own future rides are "The Plumber," Bill Helbling, and "PW," Paul White! They did a terrific job of traffic control for the OVBSAOC Pyle Driver Ride! ...Can't wait for our next "Big" club ride for those two to keep us all together.

WAT





Kay Smith's story goes above and beyond

Kay Smith, a retired school teacher, serves as the Red Cross Disaster Action Team leader and responds to large-scale catastrophes – sometimes with only a few hours notice.

Kay's past assignments have lasted as long as 40 days and include the Pennsylvania flooding in 2005 and two trips to the Gulf Coast to assist with Hurricane Katrina recovery. Her team was one of the first to arrive and provide food and medical assistance to Katrina's victims. Kay is on-call weekdays, evenings and weekends – as many as 50 hours each month – to assist victims of local disasters.

Last fall, she received the RSVP Volunteer of the Year Award from the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Allegheny County. Kay says that her experiences with the Red Cross are some of her most rewarding of her life. She is a dedicated volunteer and an asset to society.

To learn more about the American Red Cross Southwestern Pennsylvania Chapter, visit swpa.redcross.org or call 412-263-3100



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THE HEINZ ENDOWMENTS

To nominate a volunteer or learn more about the Community Champions program, call 412-263-3534.

TIPS ON PUMPING GAS (GOOD INFORMATION)

e-mail received and sent in by Sonny Robison

I don't know what you guys are paying for gasoline.... but here in California we are also paying higher, up to \$3.50 per gallon. But my line of work is in petroleum for about 31 years now, so here are some tricks to get more of your money's worth for every gallon..

Here at the Kinder Morgan Pipeline where I work in San Jose , CA we deliver about 4 million gallons in a 24-hour period thru the pipeline. One day is diesel the next day is jet fuel, and gasoline, regular and premium grades. We have 34-storage tanks here with a total capacity of 16,800,000 gallons.

Only buy or fill up your car or truck in the early morning when the ground temperature is still cold. Remember that all service stations have their storage tanks buried below ground. The colder the ground the more dense the gasoline, when it gets warmer gasoline expands, so buying in the afternoon or in the evening....your gallon is not exactly a gallon. In the petroleum business, the specific gravity and the temperature of the gasoline, diesel and jet fuel, ethanol and other petroleum products plays an important role. A 1-degree rise in temperature is a big deal for this business. But the service stations do not have temperature compensation at the pumps.

When you're filling up do not squeeze the trigger of the nozzle to a fast mode. If you look you will see that the trigger has three (3) stages: low, middle, and high. In slow mode you should be pumping on low speed, thereby minimizing the vapors that are created while you are pumping. All hoses at the pump have a vapor return. If you are pumping on the fast rate, some of the liquid that goes to your tank becomes vapor. Those vapors are being sucked up and back into the underground storage tank so you're getting less worth for your money.

One of the most important tips is to fill up when your gas tank is HALF FULL or HALF EMPTY. The reason for this is, the more gas you have in your tank the less air occupying its empty space. Gasoline evaporates faster than you can imagine. Gasoline storage tanks have an internal floating roof. This roof serves as zero clearance between the gas and the atmosphere, so it minimizes the evaporation. Unlike service stations, here where I work, every truck that we load is temperature compensated so that every gallon is actually the exact amount.

Another reminder, if there is a gasoline truck pumping into the storage tanks when you stop to buy gas, DO NOT fill up—most likely the gasoline is being stirred up as the gas is being delivered, and you might pick up some of the dirt that normally settles on the bottom.

Hope this will help you get the most value for your money.

SONNY



IT'S TO LAUGH... MCDONNELL DOUGLAS WARRANTY CARD INFO

Sent in by Jim Linneman

This was allegedly posted very briefly on the McDonnell Douglas website by an employee there who obviously has a sense of humor. The company, of course, does not have a sense of humor, and made the web department take it down immediately.

Thank you for purchasing a McDonnell Douglas military aircraft. In order to protect your new investment, please take a few moments to fill out the warranty registration card below. Answering the survey questions is not required, but the information will help us to develop new products that best meet your needs and desires.

1. Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss Lt. Gen. Comrade Classified

Other First Name:

Initial:

Last Name:

Password: (max. 8 char)

Code Name:

Latitude-Longitude-Altitude:

2. Which model of aircraft did you purchase?

F-14 Tomcat F-15 Eagle F-16 Falcon F-117A Stealth
 Classified

3. Date of purchase (Year/Month/Day):...../...../.....

4. Serial Number:

5. Please indicate where this product was purchased:

Received as gift / aid package
 Catalogue / showroom
 Independent arms broker
 Mail order
 Discount store
 Government surplus
 Classified

6. Please indicate how you became aware of the McDonnell Douglas product you have just purchased:

Heard loud noise, looked up
 Store display
 Espionage
 Recommended by friend / relative / ally
 Political lobbying by manufacturer
 Was attacked by one

7. Please indicate the three (3) factors that most influenced your decision

to purchase this McDonnell Douglas product:

Style / appearance
 Speed / maneuverability
 Price / value
 Comfort / convenience
 Kickback / bribe
 Recommended by salesperson
 McDonnell Douglas reputation
 Advanced Weapons Systems
 Backroom politics
 Negative experience opposing one in combat

8. Please indicate the location(s) where this product will be used:

North America
 Iraq
 Aircraft carrier

- Iraq
- Europe
- Iraq
- Middle East (not Iraq)
- Iraq
- Africa
- Iraq
- Asia / Far East
- Iraq
- Misc. Third World countries
- Iraq
- Classified
- Iraq

9. Please indicate the products that you currently own or intend to purchase in the near future:

- Color TV
- VCR
- ICBM
- Killer Satellite
- CD Player
- Air-to-Air Missiles
- Space Shuttle
- Home Computer
- Nuclear Weapon

10. How would you describe yourself or your organization? (Indicate all that apply:)

- Communist / Socialist
- Terrorist
- Crazy
- Neutral
- Democratic
- Dictatorship
- Corrupt
- Primitive / Tribal

11. How did you pay for your McDonnell Douglas product?

- Deficit spending
- Cash
- Suitcases of cocaine
- Oil revenues
- Personal check
- Credit card
- Ransom money
- Traveler's check

12. Your occupation:

- Homemaker
- Sales / marketing
- Revolutionary
- Clerical
- Mercenary
- Tyrant
- Middle management
- Eccentric billionaire
- Defense Minister / General
- Retired
- Student

13. To help us better understand our customers, please indicate the interests and activities in which you and your spouse enjoy participating on a regular basis:

- Golf
- Boating / sailing
- Sabotage
- Running / jogging
- Propaganda / misinformation
- Destabilization / overthrow
- Default on loans
- Gardening
- Crafts
- Black market / smuggling
- Collectibles / collections
- Watching sports on TV
- Wines
- Interrogation / torture
- Household pets
- Crushing rebellions
- Espionage / reconnaissance
- Fashion clothing
- Border disputes
- Mutually Assured Destruction

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this questionnaire. Your answers will be used in market studies that will help McDonnell Douglas serve you better in the future - as well as allowing you to receive mailings and special offers from other companies, governments, extremist groups, and mysterious consortia. As a bonus for responding to this survey, you will be registered to win a brand new F-117A in our Desert Thunder Sweepstakes!

Comments or suggestions about our fighter planes? Please write to: McDonnell Douglas Corporation Marketing Department, Military Aerospace Division



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American Motorcyclist Association

AMA HOSTS SOUND SYMPOSIUM THE SYMPOSIUM WAS HELD ON DECEMBER 12.

Nearly three dozen individuals representing user groups, manufacturers and the aftermarket industry attended an AMA-hosted symposium in Southern California on Wednesday, December 12 to discuss sound-related issues facing the motorcycle industry.

AMA President and CEO Rob Dingman led the meeting along with several AMA and AMA Racing staff members. "This was a chance for us to sit down with key industry experts and exchange ideas on how to solve the problems associated with excessive motor-

cycle sound,” said Dingman. “While excessive sound is a problem for all of motorcycling, the agenda of this meeting was to focus specifically on competition.”

The round-table format encouraged dialogue from each of the major motorcycle manufacturers, representatives from leading motorcycle exhaust system companies, technical experts, and the Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC). Topics included an overall discussion of motorcycle sound, the difference between professional and amateur events, the role of the industry in sound control and the current state of sound testing procedures. The meeting served as a source of information gathering and sharing of ideas but was not a policy-setting session.

“It is the belief of the AMA that all riders should exhibit responsibility when operating their motorcycles, particularly when it comes to sound,” said Dingman. “We also believe that as the national leading sanctioning body for both amateur and professional competition, we can establish sound limits in AMA events that set an example. This meeting was designed to explore what those sound limits should be and more importantly, how we get there. Through our ongoing dialogue and partnership with the industry, the AMA will be an important voice in this critical issue.”

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The American Motorcyclist Association: rights. riding. racing. Founded in 1924, the AMA is a non-profit organization with 290,000 members. The Association’s 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](http://www.AMADirectlink.com) . American Motorcyclist Association, 13515 Yarmouth Dr., Pickerington, OH, 43147



**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.

**Tail of the Dragon ride:** <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-6725179206609063431>

**The Paul Brodie Project**--an Excelsior Board Track Racer based on 1919 cases: <http://flashbackfab.com/pages/excel00.html>

**The finished Excelsior started up:** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yEZUB0QEKK8>

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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 BANQUET:**

On January 26th, 2008 the annual banquet will be held from 6:30 PM to 11:00 PM at The Dorchester Room, Georgetown Center, 526 East Bruceton Rd., Pittsburgh, PA, Ph.: 412-655-4800. See p. 5 for the reservation form and menu information, and p. 4 for map and local lodging near the Center..

*From the North:* Take I-279S to I-579S to the Liberty Bridge and continue through the Liberty Tunnels to the ramp to Rte 51S. Take Rte 51S approximately 7.6 miles to East Bruceton Rd. Turn Right onto E. Bruceton Rd and go approximately .2 miles. The Georgetowne Center will be on your left.

*From the East:* Take the Parkway West to Exit 5. Get on Beechwood Blvd South. Keep right onto Browns Hill Rd. Turn Right after the bridge over the Monongahela onto W. 8th Ave (Rte 837) at the Mifflin Rd ramps, get on Mifflin Rd South (Rte 835). After about .6 mile, turn Right onto Lebanon Rd (Rte 885) but keep Right and continue going West onto Lebanon Church Rd at the junction of Lebanon Rd with Lebanon Church Rd. At the Rte 51 interchange, get on Rte 51 S and go about 1.6 miles and turn Right on E. Bruceton Rd. The Georgetowne Center will be on your left in about .2 mile.

*From the South:* Take Rte 51 North to East Bruceton Rd. Turn left onto E. Bruceton Rd and go about .2 miles. The Georgetowne Center will be on your left.