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SPECIAL EVENTS AND RIDES FOR AUGUST, 2009:

43rd Annual 4 Winds Rally from Noon, Friday, August 14th through Sunday Morning, August 16th. at the Redbank Community Park, New Bethlehem, PA.

Sunday, August 8, 10:00AM: Ride to the Cajun Festival at Campbell Pottery, Edinboro, PA. Meet Ed Syphan (AKA The Syphoon), ride leader, tanks full, etc. at the Exxon Station on Rte 68 just west of the Zelienople Exit on I-79 (Exit 87). Spicy Food (Cajun), music, and beautiful hand-blown glassware, plus a nice ride through fine PA back roads will be featured.

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MEETING SCHEDULE 2009

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

All meetings are on the 3rd Saturday of the Month; sites are tentative. Please check the web site and newsletter for changes and updates.

August 14-16, 2009 — Noon, Friday, August 14 to Noon, Sunday, August 16
43rd Annual Four Winds Rally at Redbank Community Park, New Bethlehem, PA!

September 19, 2009 — Leo and Holly Stanton's

October 17, 2009 — Uno's Pizza, Cranberry

November 21, 2009 — TBA

December, 2009 — No Monthly Meeting

January, 2010 — Annual Banquet



AUG. 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, Aug 2 — North at King's, I-79 & Rt 910/VIP Dr., 10:00 AM

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

Sun, Aug 16 — South at King's, 3049 Washington Pike, off Exit 54, I-79, Bridgeville, 10:00 AM

Sat, Aug 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> .

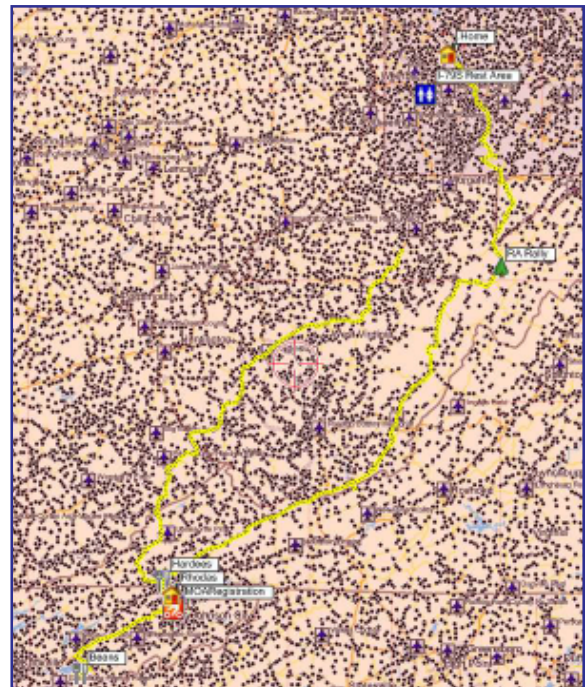
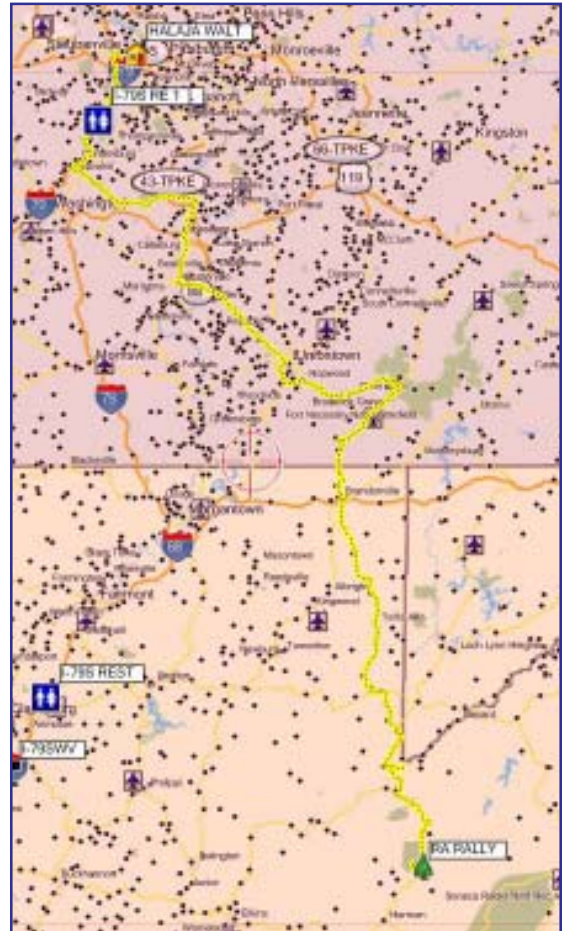
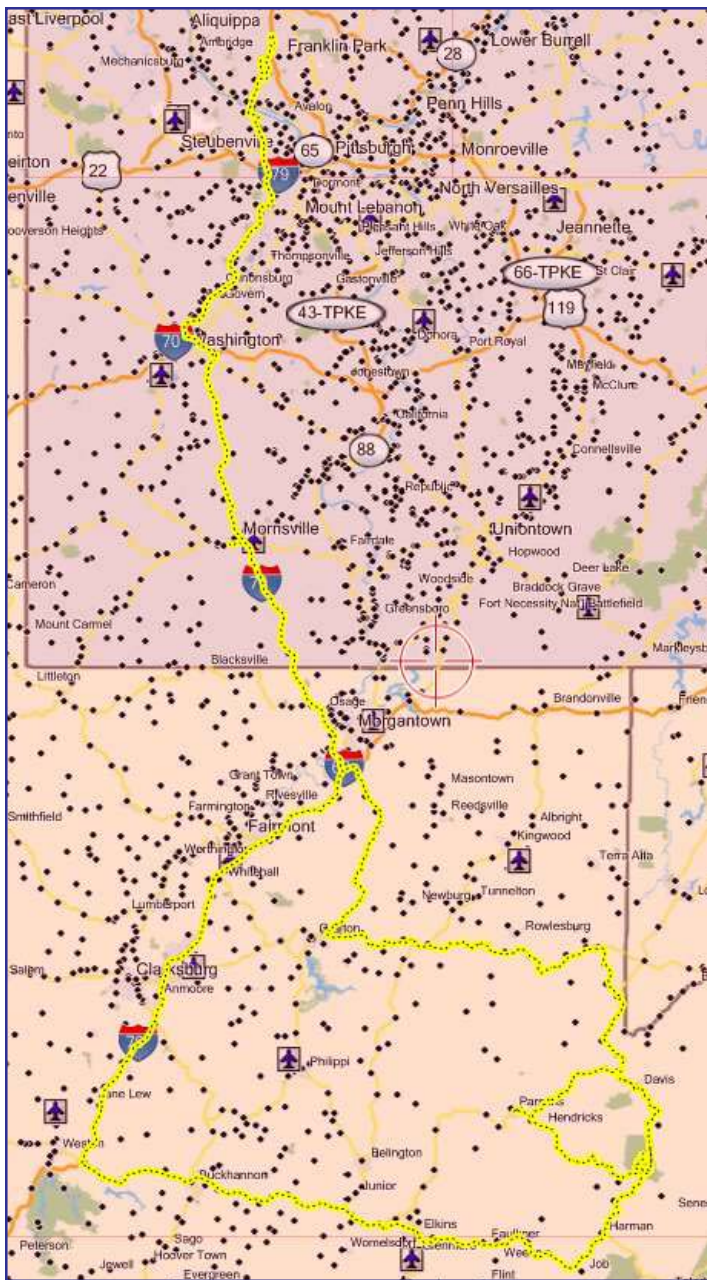
Be sure to erase your post after the ride if you can so the board doesn't get cluttered.

TOO FAST!

From Jürgen Brune, Spokane Correspondent
< The pictures tell the story. This is what comes of riding too fast (like over 100mph on a city street???) . No one got out alive.

RALLY ROUTES BMW MOA & BMW RA

THESE WERE SENT IN BY SOME OF THE MANY IN THE CLUB WHO ATTENDED ONE OR BOTH OF THE INTERNATIONAL CLUB RALLIES--THE MOA AT JOHNSON CITY, TN, AND THE RA AT CANAAN VALLEY, WV.



FROM ABOVE, CLOCKWISE:

- 1) Ron Kranz's to and from both rallies with ride(s) at them.
- 2) Walt Halaja's home from the RA.
- 3) Ralph Meyer's to and from both rallies, including the Bush bean factory ride.

**PARK NOT THY BIKE
AT THY GRANDMA'S -- ESPECIALLY IF SHE'S INTO
CROCHETTING BIG TIME!**

Pictures sent in by Dave ("2 Sparker") McLaughlin.
Fortunately, this is not Dave's GS as you will note from the appearance of the engine which appears to be clearly a UJM engine.



"WHEN YA GOTTA GO..."

KEV HART SEZ, THIS IS THE WAY TO BE ACCOMPANIED (KINDLY NOTE: THEY'RE ALL RTs!):



**AND THEN, THERE WERE
THE RALLIES**

Pictures from various attendees at the MOA and RA.

ON THE BUSH BEAN FACTORY RIDE...

A whole bunch of 4 Windsers signed up to tour the factory. After the rain riding over, it was an interesting place, and we had a great lunch after the tour. (I suspect there were more folks from our club than from anywhere else.). You'll know who they were if you see someone at a club function sporting an orange Bush's Best BMW MOA 2009 baseball cap.





THE LODGE AT CANAAN VALLEY--WHERE ALL THE GOOD LECTURES HAPPENED. THE FOOD AT THE HICKORY DINING ROOM WAS GREAT TOO. NOBODY LOST ANY POUNDS THERE, YOU CAN BETCHA!





Camping in the valley below the lodge.^

Our own Eric Trow provides Wisdom on Stayin' Safe >

And Bob Higdon & Fred Rau entertain the troops\





I ran into Big Al Vangura and had a great chat with him while we were both ogling this bike: It's an Iron Butt Rally rider's bike and clearly has everything installed that the law allows and then some. See that white round thing sticking up at the rear of the bike? It's one of those GPS satellite locators. It lets the rider's wife know exactly where he is on the road at all times so she can track his progress. This bike was wired for bear! Made a feller drool just looking at all the installed technology.

And didn't it rain (again). Fortunately, the closing RA ceremonies were held in the covered pavilion downhill behind the lodge. But if it had had sides, I suspect they'd have been bulged out, given the number of folks shoehorned under the cover. Fortunately, the rain wasn't at the moment, accompanied by more than a breeze, so most folks stayed pretty dry.



<A SISTER PA CLUB (**BLACK DIAMOND BEEMERS**)
GETTING A BIT OF ADVERTISING IN...

AND ONE OF THE LOCALS IN FRONT OF OUR
ROOMS. ✓



AND GUESS WHOSE
BIKE THAT IS IN THIS PICTURE, AND WHERE...

If you surmised John Allen's, you'd be bang on. This is a shot John got, not at either of the rallies he attended, but one month earlier in June when he rode to the top of Pike's Peak. That's right. June! Pike's Peak! To the top! He says it was a great ride and the RT handled the road very well despite the conditions accompanying the 6-8 feet of snow surrounding the road.



< This picture was sent in by Tim and Diane Pears. Several of us saw some bears crossing the road from the check in point to the Canaan Valley Lodge at the RA Rally. Don't know whether these were the same ones, though.

4 WINDS RALLY

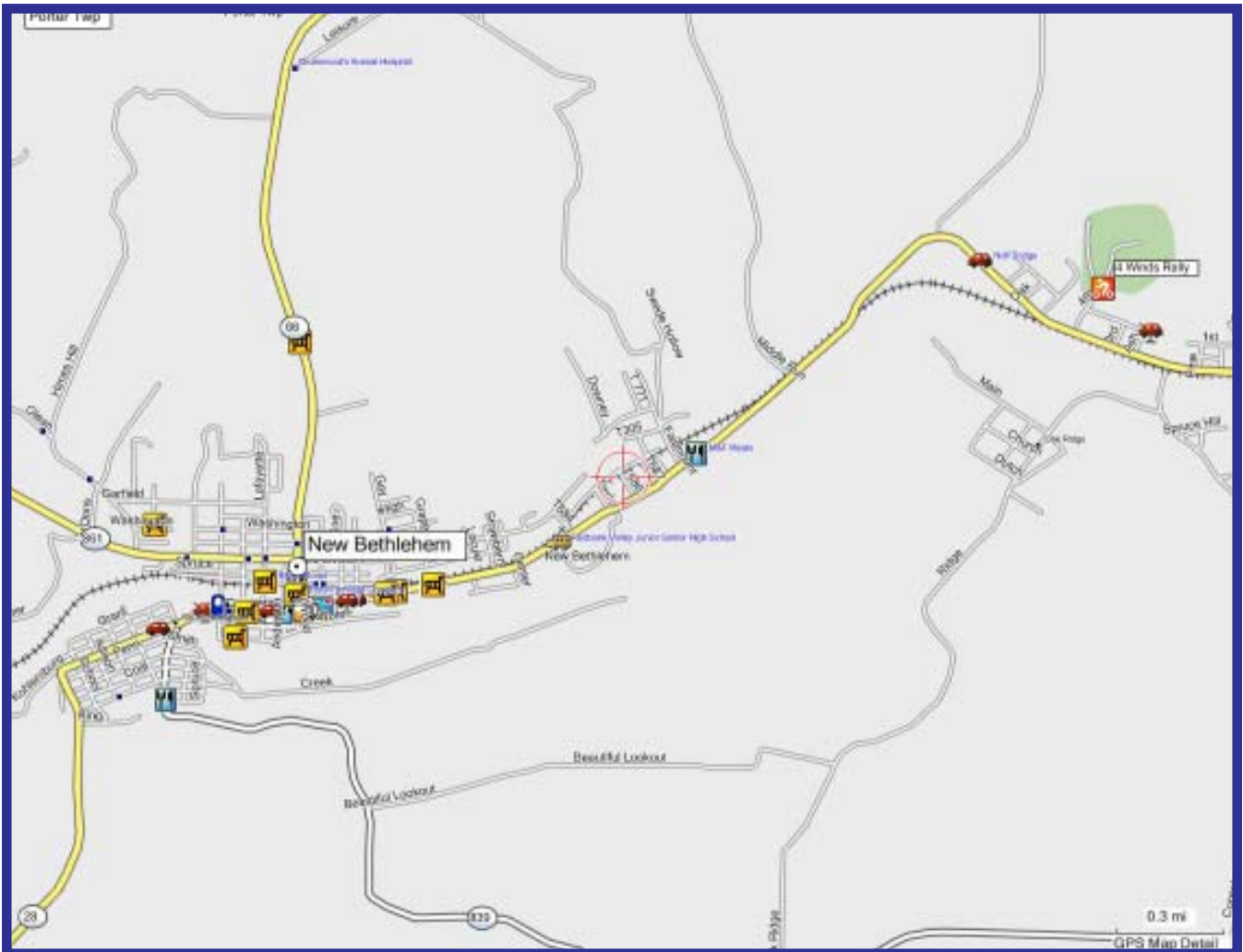
Volunteers are still needed. Contact our Rally Goddess, Maggie Weaver, and pitch your hat in the ring by e-mailing her at rallygoddess@4windsbmw.org .

How to get to the rally:

From the south: Take 28 North from the 'Burgh through New Bethlehem. From the stoplight in the center of New Bethlehem, travel about 2.4 miles and turn left onto 4th Street. Redbank Community Park and the rally will be dead ahead of you.

From the East and West, Take I-80 to the Brookville Exit (Exit 78). Take PA 36 South crossing Rte 322 at the Sheetz onto PA 28. Continue South about 17.2 miles to 4th Street on your right. Turn right onto 4th Street. Redbank Community Park and the rally will be dead ahead of you.

Below is a map of New Bethlehem and the roads to and through it with the rally site on the right hand side. Note that 28 runs north and connects directly with PA 36N at the Sheetz on the corner of US322/PA28/PA36.



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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.