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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We just concluded the September monthly meeting at Leo Stanton's house near Finleyville. Leo says there has been a monthly meeting at his house since 1977. Our Treasurer, Marge Humphrey presented the final 49th annual rally report. We made the usual fair amount of money and increased rally attendance to 243 people this year. We experimented with some new things in preparation for next year's big rally. Next year is the 50th annual rally and plans are already underway for stepping up the club's rally commitment to make it the best ever. We expect support from MOA and RA and a large 2016 event on August 19, 20, 21. Glenn Kidd is leading the effort to gather the club's history to submit an article to the BMW MOA magazine in celebration of our historic 50th rally next year. Anyone who wants to help, please contact Glenn or any club officer. We have a general planning meeting for the 50th rally at the October meeting at Humphrey's house. If you are interested, please stay after the meeting to help organize the rally plans.

So far this year, we have 91 paid members. We only had 76 members paid last year, so I am very pleased with the increase of paid dues and new members. My main goal as club president was to market the club, increasing the membership and participation. It's important that we get new, younger members with energy and enthusiasm to actively

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'EM!**



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OCTOBER MEETING INFO

The next meeting of the Four Winds BMW Riders will be held on Sat., Oct. 17, 2015 at John and Marge Humphrey's Home, 180 State Rd., Valencia, PA from 12–3 PM. Meat and Drinks will be provided. **Members by last name first initial are asked to bring: A-H: Side Dish; I-P: Appetizer; Q-Z: Dessert.**

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MEETING SCHEDULE 2015

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

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

October 17, 2015, 12-3 PM — John and Marge Humphrey's, 180 State Rd. Valencia PA
November, 2015 — TBA
December, 2015 — No Monthly Meeting

2015 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!

participate in the club and volunteer to help. My secondary goal was to use today's technology to improve the convenience and value to our members.

It takes a lot of volunteers to keep any club going for 50 years. Four Winds is no exception. I want to thank our two outgoing officers for all their volunteer work:

Joyce Elk has been Corresponding Secretary for many years and had done a great job keeping us informed about meeting notices, and special events. Mary Hetzel has volunteered to be the new Corresponding Secretary.

Ralph Meyer has been Newsletter for 12 years. As I said at the meeting, Ralph has done a great job keeping all the news in one place for so many years. Assembling the monthly Newsletter is a big job, and his dedication will be missed. For several years, we have been unable to find a volunteer to take on such a difficult job. It is my hope that his knowledge of the club history and writing skills will continue to be available. The monthly newsletter will end in December of this year. It will be replaced by a "Club News" section on the website where articles, like this one, will be posted regularly.

Marge and I attended the Finger Lakes BMW Rally over the Labor Day weekend. We rode around the Finger Lakes and beautiful wineries with Tim and Diane Pears and Mark and Linda Loesch. It was nice just at-

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, Oct. 4 — *North* at King's Family Restaurant, I-79 & Rt 910/VIP Drive., 10:00 AM

Sat, Oct. 10 — *West* at Bob Evans, Rt 60 & Campbell's Run Rd, 9:00 AM

Sun, Oct. 18 — *South* at Eagles Landing, Rostraver Airport, Rte 51, 10:00 AM

Sat, Oct. 24 — *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.

tending another rally and relaxing and enjoying it. The weather was hot, like our rally. The ride was hot, too! We needed to ride a short distance on I-80 to connect up our route, coming back. We got stuck in construction traffic near Clarion. Cars were moving at walking speed for many miles, which made balancing the bike a challenge. In addition, it was over 90 degrees, sunny, no wind and nowhere to hide! The Finger Lakes Rally is a well-attended and well-organized rally. We got a great plug for our 50th rally at their closing ceremony.

At the meeting, Sean Barrett talked about the third year of the Tommy Myers' Tygart Lake Weekend. It's a great weekend ride in beautiful West Virginia. There are sleeping rooms inside or pitch your tent in their yard. Tygart Lake State Lodge is full, so you need to find other hotel rooms or stay at Tommy's. A hospitality donation will be requested from those attending this event. Information was recently sent via our new mailing program along with info on the web site.

We only have a couple of red, 49th rally T-shirts left on the web store. Look for embroidered hats, shirts, jackets and logo coffee cups, and more, coming to our club web store by the end of the year.

More and more information is available on the 4windsbmw.org web site for upcoming monthly club meetings, forum and more, so keep checking in for the latest news and information.

JOHN



IT'S TO LAUGH

from Walt Halaja

A Virginia State trooper pulled a car over on I-64 about 2 miles south of the Virginia/ West Virginia State line. When the trooper asked the driver why he was speeding, the driver said he was a juggler and was on his way to do a show at the Shrine Circus. He didn't want to be late.

The trooper told the driver he was fascinated by juggling and said if the driver would do a little juggling for him then he wouldn't give him a ticket. He told the trooper he had sent his equipment ahead and didn't have anything to juggle. The trooper said he had some flares in the trunk and asked if he could juggle them.

The juggler said he could, so the trooper got 5 flares, lit them and handed them to him. While the man was juggling, a car pulled in behind the patrol car. A drunken good old boy traveling from Tennessee got out, watched the performance, then went over to the patrol car, opened the rear door and got in.

The trooper observed him and went over to the patrol car, opened the door asking the drunk what he thought he was doing.

The drunk replied, "You might as well take my ass to jail, cause there ain't no way I can pass that test."



FOUR WINDS BMW RIDERS SEPT. 19, 2015 MEETING MINUTES

Location: Leo Stanton's House, Finleyville
Board in Attendance: John & Marge Humphrey, Tim & Diane Pears, Glenn Kidd, Joyce Elk, Jeff Harlich, Joann Barr

The meeting was called to order by President John Humphrey at 1:50 pm. Beautiful weather brought out 31 people — thanks to Linda Rodman for grilling, and kudos to Leo for hosting the September meeting at his house for 39 consecutive years!

Treasurer's report: Was given by Marge Humphrey.

Rally Report: Weather was perfect, 243 total attendees, 2 new members, 17 paid with credit cards at registration, \$9, 280 in expenses paid, and other statistics. Thanks to our rally chairs, Tom Furey and Vince Gianetti, the Board and other volunteers who worked very hard to make another successful rally happen! There are only two size Large T-shirts left.

Tom Myers' WV Camp Weekend: Sean Barrett explained about the goings on for next weekend. See details on website and emails. \$20 donation if staying at Myers' house, \$10 donation if staying elsewhere. Please let Sean know if you're going to get a head count.

New Emailing Set Up: After exploring various avenues, John Humphrey set up a "Mail Chimp" account to make sending group email notices much easier.

NOMINATIONS: Many of the board are willing to continue their service next year. Joyce Elk would like to be replaced as Corresponding Secretary and Ralph Meyer is retiring as Newsletter Editor. John thanked them both for their work over the years. John welcomed three new "Advisors" to the board: Mark and Linda Loesch, and John Hetzel. No other nominations were received. The 2016 Board will be:

President:	John Humphrey
Vice President:	Diane Pears
Treasurer:	Marge Humphrey
Corresponding Secretary:	Mary Hetzel
Recording Secretary:	Tim Pears **
Director at Large:	Glen Kidd
Director at Large:	Jeff Harlich

** Due to some confusion, John said a Recording Secretary was needed. Patrick Barret volunteered. After the meeting, it was clarified that Tim Pears had not resigned and would continue in that position. Patrick withdrew his nomination.

Banquet 2016: Is going to be the 3rd Sat. of February this year to give more time buffer after the holiday rush. Question was asked about how important it was to hold it in a hotel vs. a regular banquet facility, if that would bring the cost down. Quality of food was important. Hotels nearby would suffice. Everyone liked where it was last year. The club has been subsidizing the banquet meal at about \$10 per person for many years. Next year only members will receive a discount. Non-members will pay full price.

October Meeting: John & Marge Humphrey's House, Valencia, PA

SUBMITTED BY TIM PEARS

CLUB MEETING AT LEO STANTON'S PICTURES

by Ron "ReddyK" Latkovic ... Thanks, Ron!



TOM MYERS' HOUSE TYGART LAKE, WV OUTING

When: Fri. – Sun. September 25 - 27, 2015

What: Weekend in Wonderful West Virginia

Where: 816 Boyce Rd, Grafton, WV 26354 **

*** The problem is that they recently changed the name of the road. If you use Google, they have it correct, but you might want to copy your directions before leaving since cell service can be spotty or non-existent down there. Garmin still has the address as Bath House Rd.*



Donation to Cover Food: \$20 if staying at Myers, \$10 if staying elsewhere

Feel free to donate more or bring things to share. Vince is bringing some Italian meal fixin's for Saturday night.

Friday Evening: Most will be coming down on Friday night for supper and the legendary bonfire in the woods. We will make plans for rides around West Virginia the next day. We may have multiple ride groups.

Saturday Options: Riding, relaxing at the house, maybe a boat ride . . . dinner and fire pit bonfire.

Sunday: Breakfast, maybe some short rides and then leave for home later on Sunday after thanking Tom and Sandy for a great weekend.

Sleeping arrangements: at Tom's vary from a bedroom to bringing your tent and camp in the yard, but I haven't seen a weekend where we couldn't get everyone inside. Bring your sleeping bag and a pad and you should be fine. There's usually always at least floor space. The nearest motel is @ 30 min away. Unfortunately, the Lodge at Lake Tygart is booked up (could always call and ask about cancellations). Do a Google search of the area and make your own motel reservations if you choose.

Let Barretts know if you might be coming so they can give Tom a head count.

If you have any questions, either post them on the forum or call or email Sean and Nancy Barrett at 724-941-1543. nancyandsean@comcast.net

To contact Sean during the weekend use Cell: 412-759-6068

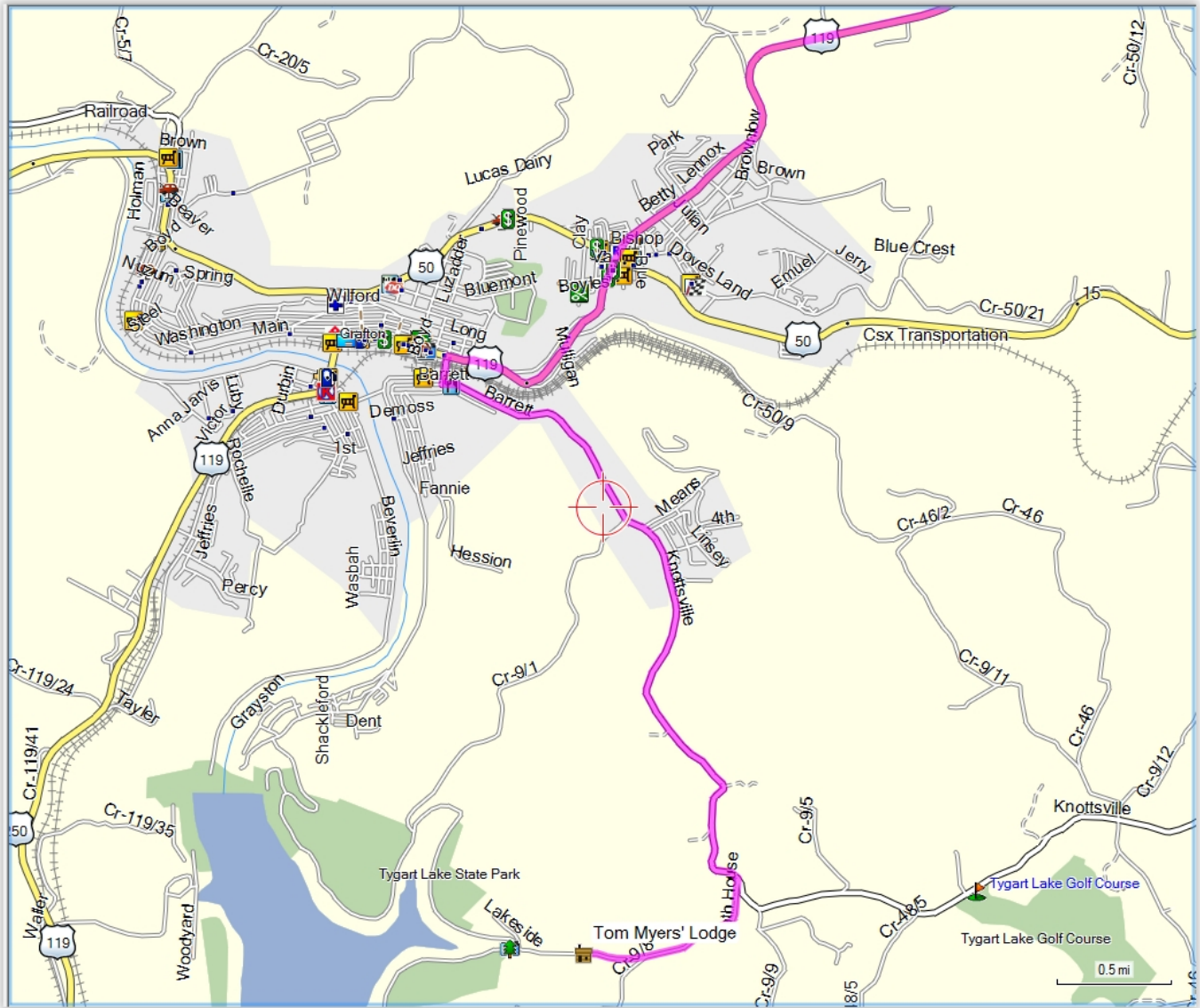
Check out photos from previous years:

<https://fourwindsbmw.smugmug.com/Rides-Events/Tygart-Lake-trip-to-Tom/>

See map and directions below.

MAP TO MYERS HOUSE

Rt. 119 enters Grafton from the North



Directions: Heading south on Rt 119, upon entering Grafton, turn left on Bridge St. After crossing the bridge, turn left. You should be on Barrett St. This will become Knottsville Rd, continue on this. At about 3 miles, bend to the right and you're on Boyce Rd. (formerly Bath House Rd) Myers' house is on the left after about 0.8 mile. If you get to Tygart Park, you went too far.



Ron "The Camper" Kranz is clearly one of our dyed-in-the-wool rally goers. Your editor is not sure how many Ron has been to this year, but it's probably more than most people in the club. This is a picture he sent in representative of his trip to the MOA rally this year. Neat, huh?

RALLYING, ETC.

by Ron "The Camper" Kranz

Ralph, I read the 4-Winds newsletter with your Retread article. No excuse for me not contributing. I missed the North breakfast by being at the Finger Lakes Rally. An acquaintance from Vacaville, CA (Jerry) showed up without his riding partner. We spent some time together, but I needed to move about. Returning from Walmart, I found that acquaintances from York, PA were tented next to me. Then I had a couple from Reading, PA providing me Yuengling(s). Many others were there to mingle with. I departed the rally Sunday so that Monday I could prep the K bike for the shop. So on Monday I stripped the bike of the 'skins,' and removed the tow bar for the camping trailer. Then I replaced a broken indicator bulb inside the instrument panel. Tuesday, I turned over the K bike to Lee at European.

After returning home, a phone call greeted me. My Vacaville acquaintance, Jerry, was broke down! His 1975 R90 blew out a spark plug. Jerry bought this R90 new and now has 318,000 miles on it. I loaded tools and connected my trailer for the 85 mile trip. For \$5 we bought a helicoil kit with a reamer and tap. Jerry had wished to remove the head. I stated we could blow out the

shavings and whatever remained would do no harm. After many hours we were successful. The next day I found that he is at a KOA in IL. The engine is running great.

Lee at European telephoned stating they were unable to remove the swing arm on my K-bike. John Rupert had to saw it off. Beemberboneyard sent a used replacement. Engle BMW Motors removed the swing arm back in July 2012, 70k miles. The starter needed to be rebuilt. Also the air intake manifold is failing. On top of that, engine oil soaked the clutch. So I bought a Sibenrock clutch disk of the oil resistance type. The repairs are more then the bikes value??

Would you ever consider a Can-Am? Dick White (a Retread friend) has an RT version. I road tested one recently. It did not go well. My motorcycle skills interfered too much. Scared myself a lot. I tow the camper and need a heavy motorcycle. However, aging makes it harder to manage the weight. Maybe I can adjust to a Can-Am? Anyway, I put new tires on my camper today. I'm prepping for the RA Rally that's next.

RON



NORTH BREAKFAST RIDE 9/6/2015

by Ralph Meyer

You've heard of All Hallows E'en? Well, today was "All Laborer's Day E'en"—the day before Labor Day, the fine day celebrating, not the greedy big-money grubbing Wall Street Paper Shufflers and those CEOs that are obscenely overpaid, but the only too frequently underpaid Laboring Folks who actually get the country's work done. Not only was it the day before that nice holiday, but the weather was great for riding, and ride to breakfast at King's VIP Drive a bunch of 4 Winds folks and friends did. Those who enjoyed the ride, the weather, and choice King's Family Restaurant vittles in the front room that's always saved the first Sunday of the month for us were John Allen, Jack Bramkamp, Don & Kim Chembars, David Donley, Walt Halaja, Bob Hall, John Hawrylak, Ron Latkovic, Bob Mahalics, Larry Morley and me, the manufacturer of this bit of scribble, Ralph Meyer. This morning we were happy to welcome a couple of new riders, David Donley and John Hawrylak, to our bunch of merry two-wheeled breakfasters.

After the usual verbal kicking of tires, sharing of lies and occasional fishy stories, we all wished Bob Hall a very happy birthday, as he was celebrating completion of another encirclement of the sun this day. Upon that discovery, some schmuck tried to pass a motion to start a new tradition (besides the many fomented, foisted, and immediately forgotten over the years amongst us) to the effect that anyone celebrating his or her birthday should pay the bill for everyone at the breakfast. Needless to say, the majority (Bob!) voted that one down immediately! Actually we wished him a very happy birthday and a wish for many more accompanied by many fine SMiles! During the various proceedings, Walt announced that he had a set of Dave McLaughlin's riding pants that Carole, Dave's wife had given to him asking that he give them to whoever might be able to use them.



Following the breakfast from the new King's menu, we adjourned to the bikes outside, whence 'Capt.' Walt Halaja did the usual honors of getting the august group's picture ("I'm gonna take two, so stay where you are and keep your best face on!"), Ron "Reddy K" Latkovic having already gotten the ones of us slurping coffee, munching goodies, and sharing motorcycling technology and techniques inside.



As usual, though several of us were heading home in various directions, a goodly bunch, led by Jack "The Blue Knight" Bramkamp, headed North, no doubt by deliciously twisty roads (if I know Jack) to Evans City and Breckles fruit and veg stand on RT 68 just East outside town. From one of the pictures ReddyK sent in, it looks like some further goodies were purchased there (there was a big fresh corn sign outside which is a come-on in anyone's language). And later, it appears ride leader Jack was rescued by ReddyK from Big Foot's embrace. It seems Big Foot must hang about there, and why not? With fresh fruits and vegetables galore, and the occasional customer available for comestibles, it's understandable. Fortunately Big Foot could not withstand ReddyK's arm twisting 'persuasion,' and Jack escaped unharmed. Ya gotta watch those gizadeeches with big feet, it seems. You don't want to get too close to 'em.

Anyway as usual, it was another nice Sunday's North Breakfast Ride fully enjoyed by all. Hope to see everyone next time!

RALPH



ReddyK saving Jack from Big Foot!



FOR SALE & FREE

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

1996 K1100LT with ABS for sale. 62,000 miles on the odometer. Will take best offer. If interested, call Max Stanton at 412-400-0569.

Stuff for F800ST: 26" tall Parabellum Windshield, Touratech crash bar set, Bar Back, BMW Tank Bag. Windshields are clear and already have Velcro strips for attaching EZPass Transponder. **Rick Mayer heated Pilot Seat for 2006 K1200GT.** Asking half new price (or less). Make an offer on any or all items. 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 2013 newsletter.

THE WAY WE WERE BACK WHEN

OCTOBER, 2005

Prepared by Walt Halaja

WEST BREAKFAST RIDE

SEPT. 10, 2005

by Walt Halaja

After checking the message board at 07:15 hrs. Sat. morning, the only hit besides mine was Jay Singh's saying he couldn't make it! Not much promise for one of the best days of the year for a ride! OK. I have a little over an hour to think about this breakfast, so I will have Coffee with Mathilde first. During coffee, I thought I might just skip this one 'cause Traveler needed an oil change, since it was 250 miles over the halfway mark to my next service and I don't think Traveler had a good bath in over 3 months. Well, Mathilde said maybe I'd better take a ride up and, if no one shows, to just return home as I'm only 6 miles away. "OK," I said, "I'll go." Just as Sonny is faithful to the East breakfast ride, I try that with the West one.

About one mile before Eat 'n Park I saw a BMW rider heading the other way on a black R bike. The rider had a nice white beard, and I thought it was Fred Maskrey! Well, it wasn't Fred 'cause the same bike pulled into the parking lot after me. The rider was Dave McLaughlin on a '04 R1200GS with double spark plugs. Dave drove up from the South of Pgh., so I was glad I made it!

We had a very good breakfast, and got to know each other. Dave has been riding longer than I have; we both have experience with English bikes; and he knows a man that was very good to me years ago in my childhood days (Don Martin the owner of the Honda House on Saw Mill Run Blvd.). Since Dave was from the the South of the Burg I suggested a ride to Monongah WV as I was in the mood for a

Story continues in next column

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Subject: Re: Good Memories

Date: Saturday, August 29, 2015 1:22 PM

Walt sent this article for "The Way We Were Back When" both to me, and because it was about a ride with our good friend, Dave McLaughlin, now gone from us, to his daughter, Patty Gunzburg, telling her that the article might be in the October newsletter. When she asked me if it would be, I told her 'Definitely'! And she replied with this lovely note which I thought all of us who knew Dave would very much appreciate.

Hello Ralph,

This article being in the Oct issue would be lovely. It surely was written from the heart. Walt really captured the adventure perfectly. I pictured everything he spoke of as a movie going through my head. Dad loved riding (and not slow, or straight) He also loved eating, so they must have had a perfect day. He bought a '68 Triumph Bonneville when I was a child. I was always on the back of it. He told me to never get on the back of a bike with anybody other than him. To this day I have not, even with my husband, who has a couple bikes of his own. I have Dad's Triumph now, which I plan to restore. I was born a Gear Head Girl. I have my Dad to thank for that! Attached is a picture of the Triumph for your viewing pleasure...haha.

Thanks again & ride safe,

Patty Gunzburg

See the picture of Dave's Triumph Bonneville that Patty sent me at the top of the next page of "The Way We Were Back When"...

long ride and a South ride would shorten his return home, and Dave agreed. Dave suggested I lead and said it didn't matter what speed I did as long as it wasn't slow. So I took that as the advice, "Don't lolly gag around." During breakfast I found an extra ingredient in my omelet: a piece of paper from the pepper jack cheese. The Manager took our bill and only took off mine so Dave paid and I didn't. Dang it, and I thought he was going take care of the whole bill!

We started at 10:20 hrs. West bound on 22 & 30 with an exit at Rt. 30 & 978. Left on 978 to the north branch then right about 4 or 5 miles, left at the McDonald sign and into McDonald where we picked up 980 to Rt. 50 West to Rt. 231 South. No matter my speed, Dave was always in sight. We were making very good time and hit Claysville at 11:30 hours where I needed a pit stop. We then continued on 231 South and hit a detour on the south side of Rt. 70. We took the detour which led us to Rt. 221. So we gave up on 231 and did 221 to Rt. 19--one of Dave's favorite roads. From this point, Dave really knew the way better than me, but he kept me up front. We passed through Waynesburg where Dave made sure I got onto Rt 218 South by taking the lead through town. Traveler couldn't pull away from Dave's double spark GS--he really doesn't ride like one in his 70s! We made Farmington WV at 13:05 hrs for a break at a monument of a mine disaster on Nov. 13, 1954. The No. 9 Explosion cost 16 miners their lives. Finally at 13:37 hrs. with 114 miles altogether, we hit Monongah, WV, the site where, on the 6th of Dec. 1907, a mine disaster--the worst in our nation's history, took the lives of 361 coal miners. And the four who escaped died of injuries.

Dave asked if I liked hamburgers, and of course I said yes, so he said he knew of a place. We decided to backtrack up Rt. 218 to Waynesburg instead of slabbing it. So, just within the limits of Waynesburg Dave took the lead and stopped at a Sunoco station as Traveler was in need of fuel. The price was good--\$3.30 for 94 octane--so I went for it. Dave snaked through Waynesburg and picked up Rt. 19 north. Traveler was very happy that I fed him 94 octane cause Dave's double spark GS wasn't playing any games and Traveler needed all the energy he could get to keep up! So at 15:15 hrs we arrived at Rudnicks bar, 1143 Ten Mile Rd. in Marianna, PA.: GPS N40' 00.767" W080' 07.688" if you want to get the biggest cheeseburger you will ever get for a little over \$4.00. Of course, I ate all of mine, but Dave only ate half of his, and he is no flyweight. Oh, there are a few flies you might have to contend with, 'cause this eatery is nothing like the Priory! I'll bet my friend Don Good would love this place! I loved it and will have to get Ralph down there some day! What do you say Ralph, are you in? [Editor: You Betcha, Walt!] How about you Don? Maybe you and John will take a ride down to Rudnicks some day!

Dave and I left at 16:14 hrs. and he got me to 79 northbound and did one exit with me, then turned me loose. I arrived home at 17:07 hrs. with 217.5 miles from Eat 'n Park. No rain, and the Temp. was 82 degrees at 30% humidity: a most perfect day for a ride with a great rider I met today! Thanks Dave!

So, may I end as Sonny does again by saying, "That was my ride--how was yours that day? See Ya! Bye!"

WALT





DAVE McLAUGHLIN'S BONNEVILLE!

IT'S TO LAUGH! A COLD WINTER

Sent in by Walter Halaja

It was October and the Indians on a remote reservation asked their new Chief if the coming winter was going to be cold or mild. Since he was a Chief in a modern society he had never been taught the old secrets. When he looked at the sky he couldn't tell what the winter was going to be like.

Nevertheless, to be on the safe side he told his tribe that the winter was indeed going to be cold and that the members of the village should collect firewood to be prepared. But being a practical leader, after several days he got an idea. He went to the phone booth, called the National Weather Service and asked, "Is the coming winter going to be cold?"

"It looks like this winter is going to be quite cold," the meteorologist at the weather service responded.

So the Chief went back to his people and told them to collect even more firewood in order to be prepared. A week later he called the National Weather Service again. "Does it still look like it is going to be a very cold winter?"

"Yes," the man at National Weather Service again replied, "it's going to be a very cold winter."

The Chief again went back to his people and ordered them to collect every scrap of firewood they could find. Two weeks later the Chief called the National Weather Service again. "Are you absolutely sure that the winter is going to be very cold?"

"Absolutely," the man replied. "It's looking more and more like it is going to be one of the coldest winters ever."

"How can you be so sure?" the Chief asked.

The weatherman replied, "Because the Indians are collecting firewood like crazy!"



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for 2006 Vice President**



**!! Your No Ride without Rain,
Hail, and High Winds Leader !!**

*A non-paid political announcement by Kevin Hart,
campaign mgr.*

Euro and Brit bike gathering. October 10 (Mt Morris PA)



(Our thanks to Larry Kaufman for this information!)

115 Main St.

These have gone great. Due to rain and cold, the last meet was not quite as big, but we still had some new folks show up. All on BMWs! Lots of talk about who the real riders are. :) Let's have some more bikes in October to show those Beemer guys that the rest of us ride, too!

October 10 @ 10:00 am until noon. Parking will now be behind the bakery in the lower lot next to the creek. There's a FaceBook link that will have updates on local rides and meets, including the Bakery meet. On FaceBook, search for --

Cafe Racer and British/European motorcycle enthusiasts of Morgantown

This is an attitude-free coffee and conversation type meet for Brit, Euro, adventure, vintage or sport-touring types. Scooters are welcome, too. Just something a little different than the usual Cruiser-centric events.

Second Saturday of the month at Rising Creek Bakery in Mt. Morris PA. 10:00 am to about noon. Good twisty roads to get there or easy access from I-79. Casual, a chance to see other interesting bikes and bullshit.

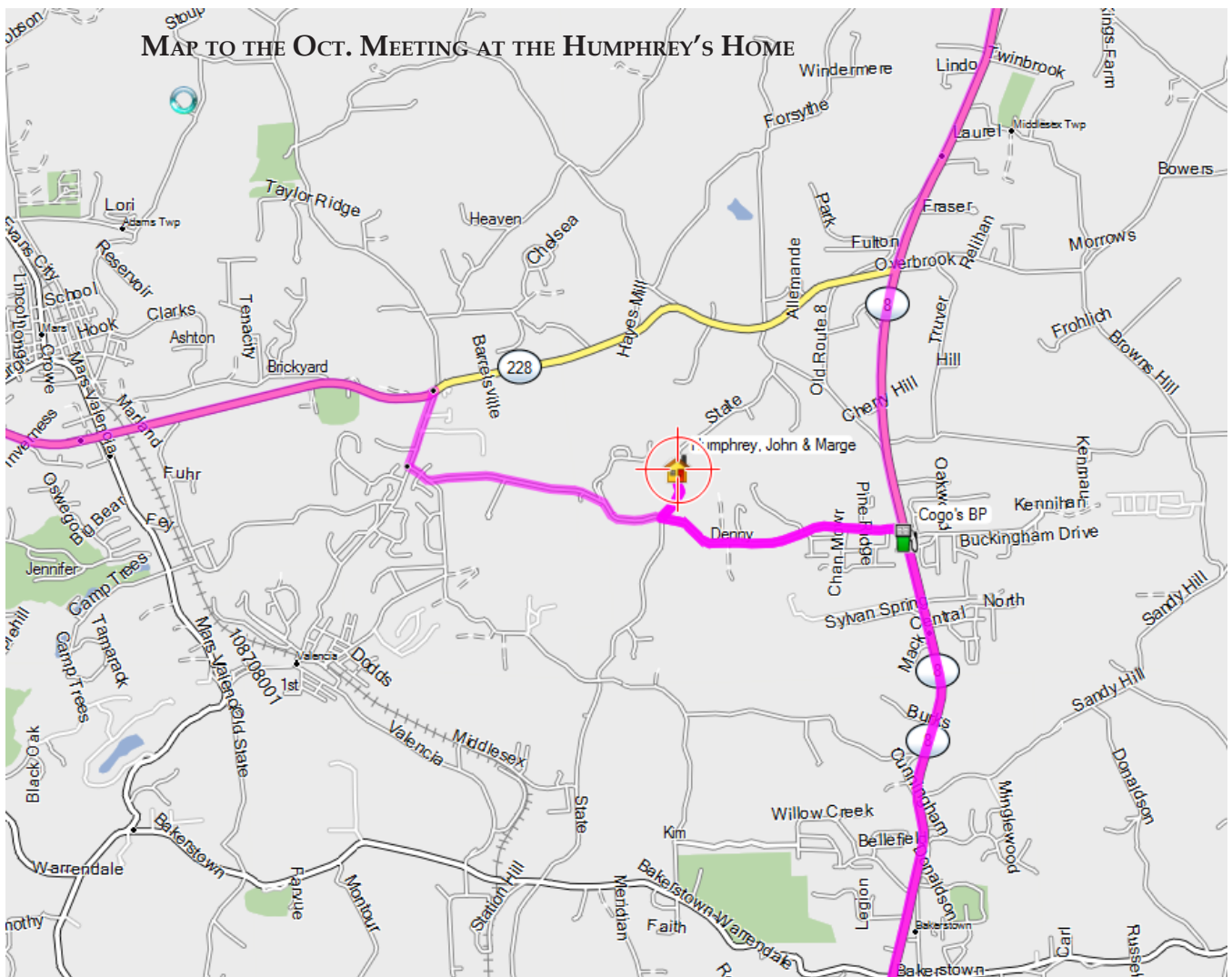
BTW, Rising Creek has excellent meals and coffee- not just a bakery. Worth a trip even if you miss the meet. <http://risingcreekbakery.com/>

PLEASE NOTE: Parking will now be at the lower lot, behind the bakery, down by the creek. When you pass the Post Office, go straight instead of turning left to the upper lot. Thanks.

You can email or text if you're interested, or just show up.



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Valencia, PA*



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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 \$20 per year for primary membership, and \$10 per year for associate members residing in the same household as a primary member.

OCTOBER MEETING DIRECTIONS:

The October 17th, 2015 Meeting will be held from 12* to 3** PM at John and Marge Humphrey's home, 180 State Rd, Valencia, PA 16059 (Phone: 412-897-1903). Meeting there Oct 17 2015. Meat & Drinks will be provided. Members by first initial of last name are asked to provide: A-H: Side Dish; I-P: Appetizer; Q-Z: Dessert.

From the North: Get on State Rte 8 and ride South toward Pittsburgh, turning right about a mile and a third past the Rte 228W stoplight onto Denny Road at Cogo's BP gas station. Continue West 1.2 miles on Denny Road to the State Road stop sign. Turn Right onto State Road and travel North about 3/10ths of a mile; John and Marge Humphrey's home (#180) will be on your left.

From the South: Get on State Rte 8 and ride North from Etna toward Butler, turning left at Cogo's BP gas station a bit less than 3½ miles after the Gibsonia Post Office onto Denny Road. Continue West 1.2 miles on Denny Road to the State Road stop sign. Turn Right onto State Road and travel North about 3/10ths of a mile; John and Marge Humphrey's home (180) will be on your left.

From Cranberry: From Cranberry Township (I-79 / Route 19 / I-76 PA Turnpike) Take State Rte 228 East about 7 miles. Turn right on Three Degree Rd (at the stoplight on the corner at Mars High School). Travel about 4/10ths mile and turn left onto Denny Rd and follow Denny Rd (Denny Rd will branch left at the start of Ridge Road—stay left on Denny Road). Head East about 1.3 miles from 3 Degree Road on Denny Rd to the stop sign at State Road. Turn Left onto State Road and travel North about 3/10ths of a mile; John and Marge Humphrey's home (#180) will be on your left.

Approx. Latitude/Longitude coords of the Humphrey's for your GPS are: N40.68782 W79.95564

* The Board will meet at 11:00 AM. **Those interested in preparation for the 2015 50th Rally will meet after the meeting.