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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

The bike is in the garage and I am starting to think about what needs to get done on it this winter. Although I probably will continue to ride during the winter, it is also time to catch up on maintenance.

This is a good time to remember our local dealer, European Motorcycles. If we want them to be there when we need them, we need to support their business now. Lee Marks, owner, gives us a discount on purchases, donates door prizes for the rally and sets up track days at BeaverRun. He will be putting our brochure in with the paperwork on all of the BMW's that he sells and has always been interested in supporting the club. So, let's return the favors and support his shop.

Consider Lee's for the big purchases: new bike, helmets ect, but don't forget the little things. If you are working on your bike and need some parts, rather than ordering them on the computer, call the parts department and see what they can do for you. They are more than willing to mail your order to you so you don't have to drive over there to get it. Keep in mind that if you need to get work done on your bike, have it done this winter and avoid the spring rush. Lee Korcynski, in service, can schedule a pick up for you bike if you are within 30 miles of the shop. There is a fee but it may be waived if you are having major work done, talk to Lee about the details. If you are in the neighborhood, stop in and see what is new.

The banquet is coming up, so mark the 3rd Saturday in January and we will see you then.

RIDE HARD, RIDE SAFE, SEAN



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DECEMBER (NON) MEET- ING INFO

There will be no club meeting in December. Mark your Calendars: the next meeting of the Four Winds BMW Riders will be the Banquet on Sat., Jan. 19, 2013 at Peter's Place on Washington Pike in Heidelberg beginning at 6:00 PM; Buffet supper begins at 7:30 PM. **Registration form is on p. 13.**

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MEETING SCHEDULE 2012-13

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

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

December, 2012 — No Monthly Meeting

January 19, 2013 — Annual Club Banquet, 6:00-11 PM, at Peter's Place, 1199 Washington Pike, Bridgeville, PA

February, 2013 — TBA

March, 2013 — TBA

April, 2013 — TBA

May, 2013 — TBA

June, 2013 — TBA

July, 2013 — TBA

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

September, 2013 — TBA

October, 2013 — TBA

November, 2013 — TBA

2012-13 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 us smiling through the winter, and keep 'em rolling!

NEW WEB SITE WARNING FORUM END-OF-LIFE ALERT

From Gregory--New Web Site Programmer

Please be advised that when the new site is launched it will contain a new Forum.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR MEMBERS AWARE THAT ONCE THE NEW FORUM IS LAUNCHED CONTENT FROM THE OLD FORUM WILL NO LONGER BE AVAILABLE. IT WILL BE PERMANENTLY DELETED.

This is unavoidable as your old forum component (FireBoard) and the new forum ([Kunena](#)) are incompatible. FireBoard has long ago ceased to be supported by its developers.

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, Dec 2 — *North* at Eat 'n Park, I-79 & Rt 910/Brandt School Rd., 10:00 AM

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

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

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

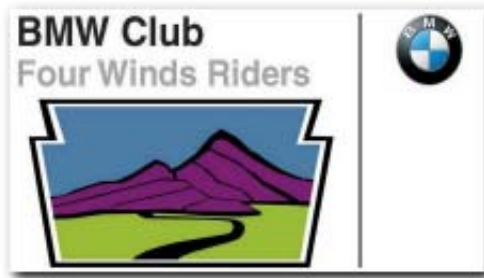
If you're going to a breakfast ride, you might want to notify others:

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.

If any postings need to be saved for some reason, the interested members will need to go to the current forum and copy the posting text to their own computer BEFORE the new site launch.

I know from past experience that members will ignore this warning so you'll need to repeat it to them several times.





FOUR WINDS BMW RIDERS

NOVEMBER 17, 2012 MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Attendance: 25 members, no visitors

OLD BUSINESS

Website: Update given. Moving ahead. Address size limitations regarding pictures.

Tri-fold: Checking cost of printing. Sean Barrett will check if Lee Marks is willing to contribute to the cost. He is also checking if the MOA is willing to distribute to MOA members.

Banquet: \$31.75 pp. Peter's Place in Heidelberg. Tom Furey is checking rates at the Holiday Inn Express, and is looking into entertainment choices. Ron Latkovic offered his singing services.

Recording Secretary: Due to time constraints, Bethany Furey will be unable to take on the recording secretary duties. Tim Pears has agreed to stay on as recording secretary.

Open positions: Seeking newsletter editor and rally chair

Activities and Contests: Soliciting thoughts and ideas, ex. mileage contest, spring ride, first bike pictures.

NEW BUSINESS

Tires: Paul Bates has two (2) knobby tires off of a GS. Yours, for a donation to a good cause.

Free Tickets: Lee Marks is a soundman for 3 bands. Ron Latkovic offered 2 free tickets for a concert for one of the bands appearing that evening at the Hazlett Theater.

Life Member: Kevin Hart nominated Leo Stanton as a life member. Sean seconded, and the motion was overwhelmingly approved. Leo has been a member since 1974.

50/50: Guess who won the 50/50. Today is Leo's day!

JOYCE ELK, SECRETARY PRO-TEM

IT'S TO LAUGH

A PASSWORD FOR SENIORS

From Al Vangura,

Especially for riders who mess with computers (and who doesn't, these days???)... Finally...a password a feller or gal can remember!!!)



"My memory really sucks Mildred, so I changed my password to "incorrect." That way when I log in with the wrong password, the computer will tell me... "Your password is incorrect"



FOR THE PLUMBERS AND LAWYERS AMONG US...

From Calvin Wilson

The plumber shows up at a customer's home who has a leaking faucet, spraying water all over the kitchen. Within 5 minutes the plumber has it under control and completely fixed. His bill for the work is \$200.

The man of the house is flabbergasted and remarked, "I'm an attorney and don't make \$200 for 5 minutes work." The plumber replied with, "When I was an attorney, I didn't either."

Touché!



THE HOTEL BILL

From Al Vangura

A lady decided to give herself a big treat for her 85th birthday by staying overnight in an expensive hotel..

When she checked out next morning, the desk clerk handed her a bill for \$450.00.

She exploded and demanded to know why the charge was so high. "It's a nice hotel but the rooms certainly aren't worth \$450.00 for just an overnight stay! I didn't even have breakfast."

The clerk told her that \$450.00 is the 'standard rate,' so she insisted on speaking to the manager.

The manager appeared and, forewarned by the desk clerk, informed the woman, "This hotel has an Olympic-sized pool and a huge conference center which are available for use."

"But I didn't use them," she said.

“Well, they are here, and you could have,” explained the manager.

He went on to explain that she could also have seen one of the in-hotel shows for which the hotel is famous. “We have the best entertainers from the world over performing here,” the manager said.

“But I didn’t go to any of those shows,” she said.

“Well, we have them, and you could have,” the manager replied.

No matter what amenity the manager mentioned, she replied, “But I didn’t use it!” and the manager countered with his standard response.

After several minutes discussion with the manager unmoved, she decided to pay, wrote a check, and gave it to him.

The manager was surprised when he looked at the check. “But madam, this check is for only \$50.00.”

“That’s correct. I charged you \$400.00 for sleeping with me,” she replied.

“But I didn’t!” exclaimed the very surprised manager.

“Well, too bad. I was here and you could have.”

Don’t mess with Senior Citizens!



THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN COMPLETE AND FINISHED...

Sent in by Al Vangura

No dictionary has been able to adequately explain the difference between COMPLETE and FINISHED.

However, in a recent linguistic conference held in London, England, and attended by some of the best linguists in the world, Samsundar Balgobin, a Guyanese, was the clear winner.

His final challenge was this: Some say there is no difference between COMPLETE and FINISHED. Please explain the difference between COMPLETE and FINISHED in a way that is easy to understand.

Here is his astute answer: “When you marry the right woman, you are COMPLETE. But, when you marry the wrong woman, you are FINISHED. And when the right one catches you with the wrong one, you are COMPLETELY FINISHED!”

His answer was received with a standing ovation lasting over 5 minutes and it entitled him to receive an invitation to dine with the Queen, who decided to call him after the contest. He won a trip to travel around the world in style and a case of 25 year old Eldorado rum for his answer.



IT’S THE DOOR!

“Wow, I was starting to become petrified that my memory was going downstream due to my increasing ‘maturity,’ but it wasn’t me at all!...”

The Door Made me do it!

Ever walk into a room with some purpose in mind, only to completely forget what that purpose was?

Turns out, doors themselves are to blame for these strange memory lapses.

Psychologists at the University of Notre Dame have discovered that passing through a doorway triggers what’s known as an event boundary in the mind, separating one set of thoughts and memories from the next.

Your brain files away the thoughts you had in the previous room and prepares a blank slate for the new locale.”

It’s not aging, it’s the damn door!

“Whew! Thank goodness for Research University studies!”

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.

A great bike trip--from Al Vangura.: http://www.youtube.com/embed/4T4vc1QqiPM?feature=player_embedded

FOR SALE

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

‘06 K1200S, 10.2k, silver/gray, all factory options. Newly installed Akrapovic Ti/Ti/CF full exh, Evoluzione race intake, dual compound rear tire with Dynojet runs on each change totaling +12rwhp.Dealer installed clear strobe turn/brake lights, CF trim, panniers w/ liners and tank bag, center stand, June 2012 extended unlimited mi warranty. Dealer maintained w/records. Adult owned, never down,immaculate condition. \$13,900/obo, Peter: 724-516-1260(PA)

Motorcycle Lift: Heavy duty, hydraulically operated. Asking \$375. For information, contact Ron Kranz at 724-935-1875 or e-mail ronmcb@yahoo.com. For a picture, see p. 8 of the September newsletter.

THE WAY WE WERE
BACK WHEN - DECEMBER, 2002
Prepared by Walt Halaja

Caching In - November 9 Breakfast Ride

by Holly McMunn

It was 55 degrees and cloudy. The weatherman said no rain, but I wasn't so sure as I headed down RT51 and out the Parkway West toward our West ride meeting point, the Eat 'n Park restaurant at the Rt 22-30 interchange in Robinson Township.

Good riding days were getting scarce and 6 other riders felt the same way. For some unknown reason we all tried to cram into one booth... Sonny, Leo and me on one side, Ted Sohler, Rick Modery, and Walter Halaja on the other side. That, in itself, was quite an accomplishment. Rick's friend Charley also joined us.

After nourishment and some good-natured waitress harassment, we left the restaurant around 10 am. Our mission, to find three caches and pick up two of them. None of us had GPS but Sonny and Walter had their trusty compasses! And it helped that Sonny had actually already found the caches. Oops! Was I supposed to say that? Actually, Sonny led us to the general location, which was the easy part, and then let us squirm for a while as we read the compasses. Usually, we had at least 5 different opinions on where the caches lay. Then Sonny would come to our rescue.

Our route took us on Beaver Grade Rd. to Broadhead Rd. to Rt. 18 to 51 North to Brady Run Park [Northwest cache] near Patterson Heights Pa. We arrived at 11AM, 30 miles into the trip.

The Northeast cache was next. We took Rt. 51 South to Rt. 65 to the Orange Belt at Sewickley, Pa. There, Rick and Charley broke off. No, they weren't sick of us, they just had other commitments. Following the Orange Belt through Sewickley, we saw how the upper crust of Pittsburgh lives. Honestly, I don't get to that part of town too often, OK, well never, so I was shocked at what I would call the mansions and estates! Wonder what those people do for a living? Wonder how many new bikes I could have if I had their money?

The route through Sewickley to Duff City Rd. to the Red Belt was beautiful. Who cared if the skies stayed gray all day! We headed east to Little Deer Rd. and back on the Orange Belt to Deer Lakes Park near Russelton, Pa., the site of the cache and hometown of my mom. We arrived at about 12:50 PM with 85 miles in the trip! The cache was somewhere on the other side of a cornfield, now harvested. We literally beat the bushes looking for the darn thing! We took our direction from the corner of an outhouse and came to a conclusion that someone moved the outhouse from the time that Dana placed the cache!

The last leg of the trip brought me full circle... to the East cache and home. We continued on the Orange Belt to Boyce Park to cache in on the last cache of the day. We arrived at 2 pm with 103 miles the last stop. We all headed home from there happy from a good day riding and the enjoyment of the hunt.

Two keys to our success were Sonny and the county beltway system! I had read all summer about the caches and it sounded like a fun adventure and excuse (who needs that?) to ride. I would have been too intimidated without the group to head out on my own to find them. I really had a good time and learned a lot, too! I'm planning on buying a compass for next year's caches!!! Thanks, Dana, for all your hard work in making this such a fun experience.

THE INNER OR OUTER LANE?

By Conrad Rossetti

As President elect, I felt you all need to know what you've got yourselves into with my being elected to high office. (Well, just kidding) First, and foremost, I am truly humbled, as a relatively new member, to have gained your support for this elective office of leadership with our club that has such a long heritage of strong and effective leaders and club members. We all have every reason to be proud of what Our club has represented and contributed to the world of MOA and BMW accredited clubs everywhere. Our club rallies, hosting an unprecedented string of 36 years, is just one of the more major tributes to the exceptional talent that exists in our membership. So here is the deal: 1. Do we rest and feel good about staying in the "outer (safe) lane", with the participation of the same active member core, or work together to throttle forward in the "passing Poremski* lane" for the direction of our club with the membership talent we have not yet experienced. 2. My contribution and direction will be subject to the will of the majority based on open communication. In business levels, I like to refer to it as: SSP (No Secrets, No Surprises, No Politics). 3. My background and core values in sales management over the years have always followed earned credibility and teamwork. 4. My only expectation is to listen, challenge, and help where I can to guide our club to 'the next level'. Your input, ideas, talents, and participation will take us there.

Above all, as stated in our By-Laws, "the objective of this organization shall be to enhance the enjoyment of BMW motorcycles while maintaining the image of respectability long associated with BMW motorcycles and their riders. We shall nurture sportsmanship and fellowship. We shall sponsor group events and social functions. We shall condone only courteous and responsible riding." As Gary Smith said in his past article recapping the history of Four Winds BMW Riders, 'This is a good time to be involved.'

"I have seen that in any great undertaking it is not enough for a man to depend simply upon himself." Lone Man (c. 19th century) Teton Sioux

** Footnote: For newer members and those not yet aware, the inner passing lane is the only lane Don Poremski knows. How else do you think he can make all our monthly meetings from his home base in Uniontown, OH., and on time!*

A mechanic was removing a cylinder head from the motor of a motorcycle when he spotted a well known heart surgeon in his shop. The surgeon was there waiting for the service manager to come take a look at his bike. The mechanic shouted across the garage, "Hey Doc, can I ask you a question?" The surgeon, a bit surprised, walked over to the mechanic working on the motor cycle. The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag and asked, "So, Doc, look at this engine. I open its heart, take valves out, fix 'em, put 'em back in and when I finish, it works just like new. So how come I get such a small salary and you get the really big bucks, when you and I are doing basically the same work?" The surgeon paused, smiled and leaned over and whispered to the mechanic ... "Try doing it with the engine running!"

submitted by Terry Boots



F800ST FOR SALE

I have a 2007 F800ST in blue metallic in excellent condition with 14,114 miles on the odometer. The motorcycle is all stock with heated grips, Rox bar risers, lowered seat and top case. This bike has been adult ridden and garage kept.

This bike is a little too fast for me and I would like to sell it over the win-



ter and look for an older R100RT. If you have any interest in the bike, please call me at 412-279-3609 or email me, Larry Berner, at bernerbl@msn.com.



NORTH BREAKFAST RIDE SUNDAY 11/04/2012

By ze editor

As usual, the North Breakfast Ride at the Eat 'n Park on Rte 910 and Brandt School Road was graced by a nice gathering of 4 Winds Riders. Three came in cages, and five on bikes. Although the weather prognosticators said that Mostly Cloudy at 8 AM would segue into Mostly Sunny by 10 AM with 46-7° temps by then, the Pittsburgh version of Muther Nature said 'Unh unh!' and the temp never got much above the high 30s and the clouds...well, the clouds never did anything but cloud up and hang about. They never even allowed Ol' Mr. Sol to have a peek at the land, much less let us have a peek at him. The E 'n P, however was bright and cheery as usual, the waitresses seemed younger and prettier than ever, and the breakfast buffet and other comestibles were out and available in full force for our enjoyment and delectation. Altogether, John Allen, Jack Bramkamp, Walt Halaja, Ron Kranz, Dave Manfredo, Dave McLaughlin,

Larry Morley, and I (Ralph Meyer) had a fine and well filled time. Given that a number of us went for seconds at the buffet and the fact that we arrived around 10 and didn't finally drag ourselves away from the table 'till nigh on Noon, none of us left unfilled, or less rotund than when we arrived. In short, a good meal and time was had by all.

Returning to the vehicles ausser Haus, Walt did the honors in getting a couple of photos of the cheery bunch, and after a due and requisite amount of further tire kicking and conversation under the grey but dry overcast everyone headed out. From where I sat on my F800ST, it looked like maybe a ride was in the offing as although the rest of us seemed to leave singly, Walt and Dave Manfredo looked like they took off together after what appeared to be a discussion of some enjoyably rideable roads more or less in the direction of their domiciles. Me? I arrived home back in Bakerstown around 12:20 PM after what I considered a morning well spent in order to enjoy perusing that most philosophical section of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette—the comics.

RALPH



NONPARTISAN JOKE

From Al Vangura

While walking down the street one day a US senator is tragically hit by a truck and dies.

His soul arrives in heaven and is met by St. Peter at the entrance.

“Welcome to heaven,” says St. Peter. “Before you settle in, it seems there is a problem. We seldom see a high official around these parts, you see, so we’re not sure what to do with you.”

“No problem, just let me in,” says the man.

“Well, I’d like to, but I have orders from higher up. What we’ll do is have you spend one day in hell and one in heaven. Then you can choose where to spend eternity.”

“Really, I’ve made up my mind. I want to be in heaven,” says the senator.

“I’m sorry, but we have our rules.”

And with that, St. Peter escorts him to the elevator and he goes down, down, down to hell. The doors open and he finds himself in the middle of a green golf course. In the distance is a clubhouse and standing in front of it are all his friends and other politicians who had worked with him.

Everyone is very happy and in evening dress. They run to greet him, shake his hand, and reminisce about the good times they had while getting rich at the expense of the people.

They play a friendly game of golf and then dine on lobster, caviar and champagne.

Also present is the devil, who really is a very friendly guy who has a good time dancing and telling jokes. They are having such a good time that before he realizes it, it is time to go.

Everyone gives him a hearty farewell and waves while the elevator rises...

The elevator goes up, up, up and the door reopens on heaven where St. Peter is waiting for him.

“Now it’s time to visit heaven.”

So, 24 hours pass with the senator joining a group of contented souls moving from cloud to cloud, playing the harp and singing. They have a good time and, before he realizes it, the 24 hours have gone by and St. Peter returns.

“Well, then, you’ve spent a day in hell and another in heaven.

Now choose your eternity.”

The senator reflects for a minute, then he answers: “Well, I would never have said it before, I mean heaven has been delightful, but I think I would be better off in hell.”

So St. Peter escorts him to the elevator and he goes down, down, down to hell.

Now the doors of the elevator open and he’s in the middle of a barren land covered with waste and garbage.

He sees all his friends, dressed in rags, picking up the trash and putting it in black bags as more trash falls from above.

The devil comes over to him and puts his arm around his shoulder. “I don’t understand,” stammers the senator. “Yesterday I was here and there was a golf course and clubhouse, and we ate lobster and caviar, drank champagne, and danced and had a great time. Now there’s just a wasteland full of garbage and my friends look miserable. What happened?”

The devil looks at him, smiles and says, “Yesterday we were campaigning....Today you voted.”



RON'S SHOW HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED. "RONNIE JAY" (OUR VERY OWN RON LATKOVIC) SINGS THE OLDIES.

Date: Friday, December 14, 2012

Time: 7 PM to 10 PM

PLACE: The Coffee Buddha

964 Rt. 19, Perry Hwy.

Pittsburgh, PA 15237

one mile north from West View

Come and enjoy "Mike and his staff's" delicious different blends of teas, coffees, and pastries. Then, sing along with me to some Christmas music and oldies. I also offer an open mike to anyone to sing their own tape or CD. Hope to see ya there.

RONNIE JAY (AKA REDDYK) AKA RON LATKOVIC

AL'S SCOOTER TRIP TO BOB'S

A few weeks ago, Big Al Vangura, Scooter Ruder, and some other friends did a weekend trip to Al's friend, Bob Henig's BMW in Jessup Maryland to give the new BMW Scooters a look and try-out. Al got some photos of the bunch and the scooters. And here are the photos. You might want to note too that Ron "ReddyK" Latkovic and Jack Bramkamp were at European not too long ago and found that Lee had gotten a couple of the new scoots in too. If I recall correctly, they gave 'em a test ride as the guys who went to Bob Henigs were able to do too. They all say they're a sweet ride! And now, da pickschers...



Attention all members who have submitted beginning mileage reports this year -- you know who you are. December has arrived! Please submit your ending mileages before Friday, Jan. 1st 2013.

Note: your Dec. 31, 2012 mileage will be your beginning mileage for Jan 1, 2013!

Four Winds Mileage Contest

Jan 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012



Ending Mileage Form – Year 2012

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 / Yea	Beginning Mileage (ONLY if not sent in last January!)	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 2012 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 Sheetz gift certificate to refill your tank:





THE NEW F 800 GT

Gleaned from the BMW on-line introductory page.

The new F800GT coming to our favorite dealer soon sports the same F800ST/S/GS 90 horsepower liquid-cooled 2-cylinder in-line 798 cc engine. It will continue use of the smooth toothed-belt drive found on the ST. Sporting a longer rear-wheel swing arm and tighter suspension the bike is stated to provide high ride stability.

The new F800GT will offer optional ESA (Electronic Suspension Adjustment) and will be available in three different seat heights to fit individual riders better. The optional ESA has button adjustable rear rebound-stage damping to accommodate changing road conditions. It appears also that the seating/handlebar ergonomics are less crotch-rocket and more touring oriented than the F800ST with the GT handlebars appearing to have both more height and pull-back than the OEM handlebars on the S/ST versions of the F800. It is said that the new bike will include an adjustable touring windshield.

For color, the F800GT will be provided in Valencia Orange metallic, Dark Graphite metallic, or Light White.

With respect to braking safety, the GT supports every brake maneuver as standard with dual-channel ABS - claimed to be the most sophisticated system in a mid-range motorcycle. For additional safety ASC will be available as an option.

Further accessory options will include side-cases that appear a good bit larger than those, even when opened fully, now present on the ST, the small top case (as is now available for the F800ST), a center stand, a tank bag, & the BMW GPS, all, of course at a cost added to the MSRP.

For a gander at the new bike and more information, surf over to: http://www.bmwmotorcycles.com/us/en/index.html?content=http://www.bmwmotorcycles.com/us/en/bike/tour/2012/f800gt/f800gt_overview.html¬rack=1



THE FOUR WINDS BMW RIDERS'
Annual Banquet

Peter's Place
1199 Washington Pike
Bridgeville, PA 15017
Phone (412) 221-5000

Saturday, January 19, 2013

Cocktails & Mingling from 6-7
Buffet Dinner from 7:30 – 8:15
Awards & Entertainment from 8:30 – 9:30
Fun & Games from 9:30 - ???

Holiday Inn Express Bridgeville

3053 Washington Pike
Bridgeville, PA 15017
Tel: (412) 914-2000

Located just 1.4 miles South of Peter's Place—for those who wish for a place to stay overnight after the Banquet!

—snip— **RSVP by January 14, 2013** —snip—

Number Attending x \$34 pp = _____

Names of people Attending: _____

Please Mail Check (made payable to “4 Winds BMW Riders”) to:
Tom Furey, Treasurer
1663 Beamer Ave
New Kensington, PA 15068

WHO WAS WHO IN 1923 AND WHAT BECAME OF THEM?

From Al Vangura

In 1923, Who Was:

1. President of the largest steel company?
- 2.. President of the largest gas company?
3. President of the New York stock Exchange?
4. Greatest wheat speculator?
5. President of the Bank of International Settlement?
6. Great Bear of Wall Street?

These men were considered some of the worlds most successful of their days.

Now, 88 years later, the history book asks us, if we know what ultimately became of them..

The Answers:

1. The president of the largest steel company, Charles Schwab, died a pauper.
2. The president of the largest gas company, Edward Hopson, went insane..
3. The president of the NYSE, Richard Whitney, was released from prison to die at home.
- 4.. The greatest wheat speculator, Arthur Cooger, died abroad, penniless.
5. The president of the Bank of International Settlement, shot himself.
- 6 The Great Bear of Wall Street, Cosabee Livermore, also committed suicide

However, In that same year, 1923, the winner of the worlds most important road race, the Isle of Man T.T., was Stanley Woods.

What became of him?

He won 10 T.T. races between 1923 and 1939. He lived on the Isle of Man and rode motorcycles all his life. He lapped the island circuit at 82 mph in 1957 (The Golden Jubilee) aged 54. He was a wealthy man when he died aged 90.

The Moral: Screw work. Ride motorcycles...



HISTORY ON THE ROAD

Our own club's (Cap'n) Walt Halaja says he's not an historian. I beg to differ with him. He either knows or finds more historical stuff--places, things, events that happened--while on the road than a feller could poking around Wikipedia...IMHO. Here's some of his latest pictures... gleaned from the roadside while on his ride with Al Vangura, Leo Stanton, and company to the West Virginia Buckwheat Cake Festival. Enjoy!

The Wharton Iron Furnace



And the sign below about Champe Rocks documents the home and grave of Sgt. John Champe, whom Lt. Gen'l George Washington detailed to kidnap Benedict Arnold from behind British lines--a plot that almost succeeded. History!



2013 4-WINDS DUES SUBMISSION FORM:

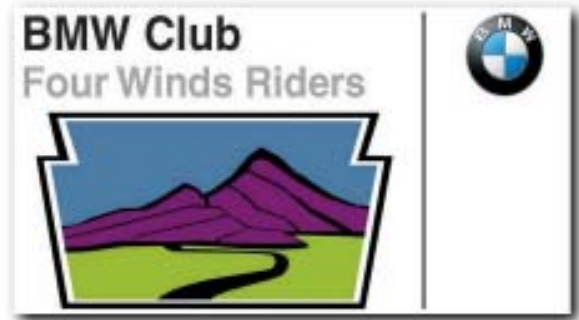
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Associate Members' Names (if any):



Number of Members' Dues submitted: _____ X \$15 = \$ _____

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Total: \$ _____

Please make out your dues check for yourself, and other members and associates in your family to "4 Winds BMW Riders" and mail it with this completed form to:

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Note: Please be sure to pay your dues before March in order to maintain your membership and membership privileges without a break.

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

To join, come to a meeting and introduce yourself. Meetings are listed here in the Newsletter and in the schedule of events on the Web Site, www.4windsbmw.org. Membership dues are \$15 per year for primary membership, and \$7.50 per year for associate members residing in the same household as a primary member.

DIRECTIONS TO THE MEETING:

Meeting? What meeting???? We never have a meeting in December because everyone's too busy getting ready for and enjoying the holidays... BUT it's not at all too early to get your 2013 dues in, and to send in your registration for the great banquet coming up on Saturday, January 19th, 2013 at Peter's Place on the Washington Pike near Heidelberg. Map and information as to how to get there (it's easy!) will be in the January 2013 newsletter! Keep an eye out and get your dues and registration off to Tom. And Happy Holidays to all! Ride safe. It's cold and ice-on-the-road time, so be careful out there!