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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE A MOMENT OF CELEBRATION, THEN ON TO BUSINESS.

Woo-hoo! I wrote last month's column with about 90% anticipation of a great 40th rally and 10% anxiety over all the stuff that could go wrong. Well, I'm pleased to say that the 10% wasn't needed. Excluding a few rain-drops, nothing went wrong. Many people commented that they considered this to be our best rally yet. Fortunately, people's enjoyment of the rally also translated into a great financial success as well. We'll go over some details at the September meeting, but suffice it to say for now that we exceeded even our most optimistic hopes.

We took a few risks this year. We hired two bands instead of one. We bought a GPS and hoped we could sell enough raffle tickets to cover the cost. We committed to give away \$1,000 as a grand prize. And we decided to adopt a more disciplined approach to the registration fees in an attempt to minimize fee "leakage" at the risk of upsetting a few folks. All of these risks paid off in the form of higher attendance (approximately 300), a higher collection rate on registration fees, and a very nice contribution to the treasury from the GPS raffle. In other words, we had more entertainment and more stuff to give away, which led to more fun, which led to more people, which led to more funds for the club treasury, more profit for the Redbank Valley Park, and more profit for the vendors and local concessionaires. A sincere and per-



The hunt is on: Post Offices from A to Z. Photograph 'em with you and your bike! Make sure their name is in the picture; send the picture to BMR Point Mistress Diane!

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SEPTEMBER MEETING INFO

The next meeting of the Four Winds BMW Riders will be held at Leo Stanton's, 3015 Walton Rd in Finleyville, PA, on Sat., Sept. 16, 2006 from 2–5PM. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. Members are asked to bring appetizers, side dishes, and desserts according to your last name: A-H: side dish; I-P: dessert; Q-Z: appetizer.

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MEETING SCHEDULE 2006

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

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

September 16, 2006 — 2-5PM at Leo Stanton's, 3015 Walton Rd. Finleyville, PA

October, 2006 — TBA

November, 2006 — TBA

December, 2006 — No Monthly Meeting

2006 SHACK SCHEDULE

Keep an eye out on the web site all you lady and gentleman wrenchers and attendees out there, for the Shack locations and dates coming up later to help keep us smiling through the winter, and keep 'em rolling!

sonal thank you goes to our Rally Committee (Kevin Hart, Dan Weaver, and Tom Primke) for leading the team of people who came up with these ideas, as well as to my fellow Board members for having the courage to take these risks. And another thank you goes to all of the volunteers who organized, led, and participated in the rally activities. As part of the member survey conducted in January, we asked you what you wanted in this year's rally. I hope you'll agree that we listened and delivered.

While we take a moment to bask in the afterglow of the rally's success, we also need to turn our attention to the future. Nominations for the 2007 Board of Directors will be taken at the September meeting. A number of current Board members have served multiple terms and need a break. I am one of them, and I won't be running for a position next year. Vice President Ed Syphan is leading the charge to recruit nominees, and a few of you have expressed your interest to him. But the club needs more people to step up. If you think you might be interested, but want to know more about a particular position, please contact me or the incumbent board member holding the position you want to know more about. Any of us would be happy to tell you everything we can about our

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

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

Sun, Sept. 17 — South at the Roadside Restaurant, Rt 51, 10:00 AM

Sat, Sept. 23 — 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.

position's responsibilities. If you already know you want to run, please contact Ed as he is developing a slate of nominees for the September meeting. We will take nominations from the floor during the meeting as well.

See you in September.

SCOTT



**FOUR WINDS BMW RIDERS
CLUB MEETING MINUTES
JULY 2006**

Date: 7/15/2006

Location: Tony Capriotti Residence, Verona, Pa.

Time: 2:05 pm

Scott Bassin welcomed the members present and thanked Tony Capriotti for hosting the meeting. The club provided Hamburgers and Hot Dogs with members supplying appetizers and deserts.

1. Old Business

- o President's Ride: Scott thank all that attended and recognized Ed Syphan for helping with the route.
- o GPS Ticket Sales continue. With this being the last meeting before the rally all the money collected to date was turned into the Treasury. Tickets will be sold at the Rally. The GPS will be purchased shortly — within the next several weeks. Kevin reported that the latest price on the 2720 is \$709.00. We have collected enough money to cover the purchase. Any members wishing to sell or purchase tickets please contact Kevin or Bill English. If you have tickets stubs and money to turn in please send it to Kevin or Bill.
- o Four Winds Decals are available. Please see Shirley Hart at the Rally or contact her.
- o Reminder: Club Meeting Minutes are now available on the Website under "Member Services."

2. New Business

- o Congratulations to Leo and Holly Stanton on their wedding. Leo and Holly tied the knot with a small group of family and friends in Murrysville with a celebration afterwards at the Churchill Country Club. Congratulations card was available to sign.
 - o Paul Stanton. With sad news we must announce the passing of Paul at 5:15 AM on July 14th. Paul's viewing was held at the Finney Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers please make donations in Paul's name to the Oncology Department of Jefferson Hospital. Paul did attend Holly and Leo's celebration. A sympathy card was passed around.
 - o Dan Weaver. Dan's grandmother passed away and will be laid to rest in Johnstown, Pa. Club Business Cards will be reordered in the near future. Suggestion made to use the new club decal design by Mitch Kehan.
- 3. Rally Report** Rally Program was provided for review at the meeting: Thanks to the efforts of Tom Primke, Sean Thomas and Paul White. We have a full weekend of events to enjoy. The Rally Program will appear in the August Newsletter and on the Website for downloading. *See You There!*
- 4. Members and Events** No new members present. No events announced.
- 5. 50/50** No drawing
- 6. BMR Awards** No report. Suggestion was made to have Diane Pears post the latest results of the program at the Rally.

Meeting Closed at 2:14 PM

SUBMITTED BY SHIRLEY HART, RECORDING SECRETARY



RALLY AWARDS:

RIDERS AND DISTANCES:

- Long Distance Male - Craig Remus (2,744 miles)
- Long Distance Female - Helen Barber (1,340 miles)
- Long Distance Couple - Dick & Sharon Hautau (632 miles)
- Oldest Rider - Orval Conley (77 years, 4 months)
- Youngest Rider - Thomas Seay (17 years, 11 months)
- Oldest Combination (rider only plus bike) - Ron Crookston (67 years, 10 months on a 1966 R69S)
- Oldest BMW Ridden - Bill Crookston (1961 R50/2)

FIELD EVENTS:

- Barrel Wrap - Park & Molly Cover (12 pennants)
- Keg-O-My Heart - Chris Procter
- Busta Balloon - Dove Schmidt & Joe Vaerewski
- Slow Race - Chris Procter

RALLY PRIZE WINNERS

The Garmin Streetpilot 2720 GPS: Bill English. **Bill's son was chosen to pull the ticket for the GPS drawing, and when he pulled his Dad's name, Bill offered to turn his ticket back in and have a redraw, but Scott wouldn't allow him to do this as the ticket was drawn fair and square. Congratulations Bill, on winning the GPS and especially on being a great guy!

The \$1000 Grand Prize for the 40th Rally: Paul Farinholt from Minnesota. Congratulations, Paul, on the win and for coming such a fine distance to participate!



HELP!! PHOTOS NEEDED!

Scott Bassin

Linda Heddon (AKA Helen Twowheels) needs our help with pictures of our rally for a piece Vince Winkel of BMW ON asked her to write about our historic 40th 4-Winds Rally. She really enjoyed the rally, and this is a great opportunity to get some positive exposure for our club. If you can help her out with some pictures, you might just see your photography in an upcoming edition of the *Owners News*. Note that **she needs the pictures no later than *September 8***. Higher resolution is preferred over lower resolution, and the pictures can be digitally e-mailed directly to Helen at h2w@bmwmoa.org. Helen has a high speed connection so size DOESN'T matter! But as usual, bigger is better for magazine reproduction. Please copy me, Scott, as well so we can use them for other club purposes.

Also, please see the flyer Holly sent in for the Sept. 9th 3 River Riders' Ovarian Cancer Run (URL: <http://4windsbmw.org/events/2006/ocf.pdf>) and the Brochure Conrad sent in for the Pedal-N-Metal (URL: <http://www.habitatwashpa.org/events/bike.php>) Washington County Habitat for Humanity Ride in this issue. Both rides benefit very worthy causes so please ride one or the other if you can!

SCOTT

SAFETY PIX

Sent in by Jürgen Brune



Where not to park yer bike...

or,

How many things can you think of that the rider did wrong* to park his/her bike here and him/herself in the hospital (we hope not elsewhere)?

- 1 thing: Ya get 1 point. You're thinking safe.
- 2 things: Ya get 2 points. You're thinking safer.
- 3 things: Ya get 3 points. You're thinking safest.
- 4 things: Ya get 4 points. You've gotta be Ms. or Mr. Safety in Person!**

*wrong: any rider's action that results in getting instantaneously up close and personal with a cage or immovable object.

** "Don't ride a motorcycle" doesn't count! If you thought this, you lose all your points and have to keep oil in an AMF Hardley for a month!



AMA APPLAUDS NEW RULES FOR FEDERAL MOTORCYCLIST-SAFETY GRANTS

Tom Lindsay

PICKERINGTON, Ohio — The American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) applauds federal traffic-safety officials' new rules for motorcyclist-safety grants, and urges motorcyclists to ask their states to apply for the grants.

The final rule was issued by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The rule took effect on July 19 and implements the Motorcyclist Safety grant program authorized under section 2010 of

the "Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A legacy for users" (SAFETEA-LU) for fiscal years 2006 through 2009.

A state's eligibility for the grants is based on six criteria: existence of a motorcycle-rider training course; a statewide program to increase motorists' awareness of motorcyclists; a reduction in motorcyclist fatalities and crashes; a program to reduce impaired riding; a reduction in fatalities and crashes involving impaired motorcyclists; and the use of fees collected from motorcyclists for motorcycle programs.

To receive an initial grant, a state must demonstrate compliance with at least one of the six grant criteria. To receive a grant in subsequent fiscal years, a state must demonstrate compliance with at least two of the six grant criteria.

Under the last of the criteria, a state must have a process under

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.

Gadgetguy.com: <http://gadgetguy.net/index.html> . Neat mounts and other things for comfortable riding and touring.

BMWBMW Rocketman's 4-Winds 40th Rally Report: <http://4windsbmw.org/forum/viewtopic.php?t=632> . A great read and look at our 40th rally. I think he liked it!

which all fees collected by the state from motorcyclists for the purposes of funding motorcycle training and safety programs are to be used for motorcycle training and safety programs.

"We're pleased with how easy it is for states to qualify for motorcyclist safety grants, and we believe that every state should be able to take full advantage of the program," said Edward Moreland, The AMA's Vice President for Government Relations.

"This new rule will allow states to get more for a wider variety of safety programs than was possible in the past," Moreland said, "which is good for all of us."

The grant amounts available are a minimum \$100,000 and are to be used for motorcyclist safety training and motorcyclist awareness programs. The states don't need to match the funds.

This new grant program was a primary focus of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation.

TOM



QUINCY POST OFFICE RIDE 8/13/06

Ralph Meyer

"Q" —the 17th letter of the alphabet... written like an "O" with a squiggle at the bottom, or, in older times, like a "2" with curlycues. As post offices and names of towns go, it's probably the next to least liked letter of the alphabet with which to begin the name of one. It's possible to explain this phenomenon perhaps because very few people

named their later-famous sons or daughters with a name beginning with "Q." In any event, finding a post office in a town with a name beginning with "Q" is only a slightly less daunting task than finding one with a name beginning with "X." Of the latter, post office-wise, there are only two, count 'em, 2, in the entire Ooh Ess of Ay. On the "Q" side, there is, of course, the Quincy, Massachusetts where John Adams lived and after which he seems to have middle-named his son who later, also like his father before him, became a U.S. president. In Vermont, there's a Queechee, no doubt using an American Indian name for a geographic feature of the place. Ohio sports a Quaker City (unlike Philadelphia which was originally a city of Quakers who preferred to name their newly founded village on the Delaware River for Brotherly Friendship instead of by the derogatory term by which good High-church Anglicans at the time referred to them). There is a Quakake in Pennsylvania, doubtless another Indian monniker and a Quinwood in West Virginia which, if Latin is behind the name, might evidence 5 kinds of trees. By far, however, there seem to be at least a few Quincys. Ohio contains one North of Dayton, and Pennsylvania sports one just a bit north of Waynesboro.

Having gotten Quaker City and Xenia, Ohio on our 500 mile test run in prep for the IBA Saddlesore, and the Xenia in Illinois on said Saddlesore, Walt and I still needed, of hard post offices to get for our second round, another "Q." Quincy, OH, Quakake, PA, and Quinwood, WV are hikes and a half and then some, being around 500 milers all... round trip, that is. Quincy, Massachusetts, on the other hand, would serve well for another Saddlesore, at 484 miles one way from the 'burgh as the crow flies. Then, there was Quincy, PA. Just north of Waynesboro. A nice, short, run. Only about 400 miles round trip. And, to top it off there were some fine post offices betwixt here and there we could use. And, after all, they each count 2 BMR points, so what-the-hey? Anyway, Sunday, the 13th of Augustus Caesar's month (not quite the Ides, but what're ya gonna do?) looked good weatherwise, so we posted on the 'net expecting other 4-Windsers needing a "Q" to join us in a mad rush to ride, have fun, and photograph this rare bird, providing they hadn't more important things to do.

Ah well. They all must've had more important stuff on the dockets. Nobody showed but us.

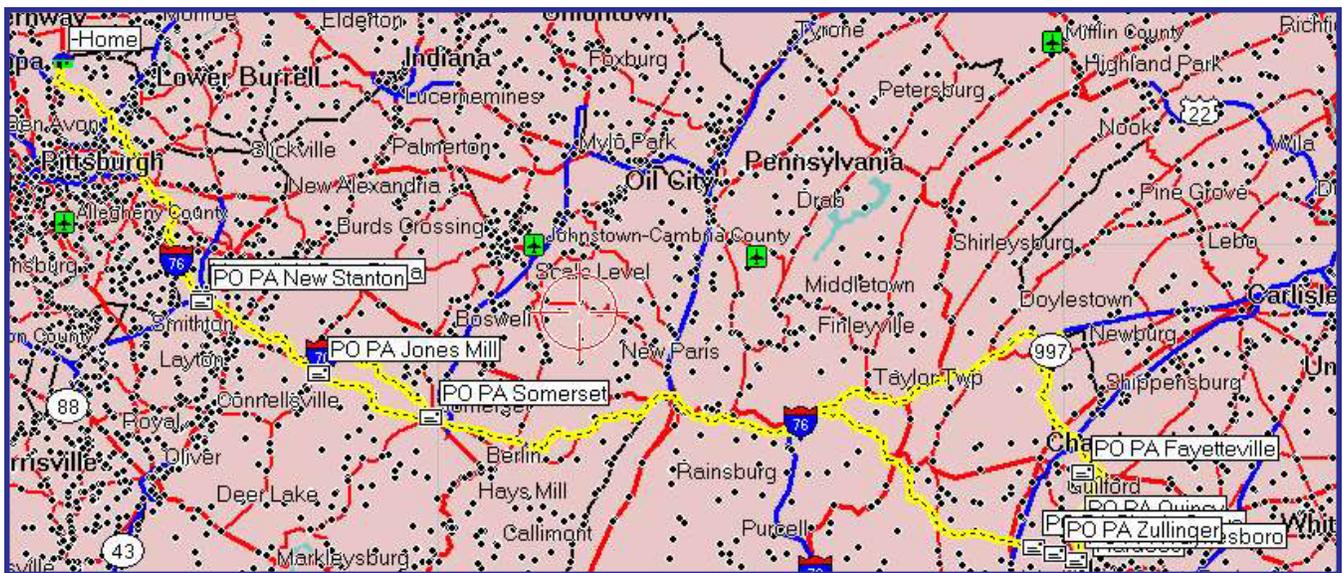
Sunday we arrived at Hempfield Service Plaza on the I-76 slab within a minute of each other, did a pit stop, hung around a bit discussing whether to go long or short (that is, get more or less post offices) while waiting for other riders. No one else arrived, so, having decided to do the 'long way 'round, we headed back out to the New Stanton exit a quick dog-paddle East of Hempfield, and got the New Stanton post office. One down. We needed a "J" so after getting on and hopping back off the 'slab again at Donegal, Jones Mills was next. Two down. Then, 31 being much nicer than the 'slab, Walt took over and led us East to get Somerset on the way back to

FOR SALE

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

R1200GS/RT/R Oil Filter Wrench: Brand new. \$27.60 (What I have in it. BMW tool costs \$65.) OBO. BMR GPS/Radar Detector/Cell Phone/Satellite Radio or whatever Accessory Shelf for R1100/1150RT--make an offer. Throttlemeister--make an offer. Ralph Meyer, meyer@zoominternet.net, 724-443-4937.

1999 R1100S 14,500 miles, blue, non-ABS, engine guards, smoked shield, tank bag, TourMaster soft bags, current PA inspection, I bought a R1200CLC and don't need two bikes, you can find pics at <http://adcache.cycletrader.com/5/6/5/84420265.htm>, \$5895 negotiable.



the 'slab for a zing down to Breezewood, where we got off and jiggled our way down to some good riding on US30 and SR16 to Shady Grove, Zullinger, and Waynesboro: numbers 3, 4, 5, and 6. About then, it was time for a leisurely lunch, so we got some Hardee's goodies in Waynesboro before hitting SR997 north for Quincy, the pièce de résistance of the ride, and doing a bit of West US30 to grab Fayetteville, numbers 7 and 8. There we consulted whether to brave the misery of unsynchronized stoplights at every cross street and the wall-to-wall traffic that is always the fare on US30 in Chambersburg, decided to heck with that noise, and, as SR997 is a beautiful countryside ride thereabouts, determined to return there on 30 and go north to the Blue Mountain Turnpike interchange as the method of choice for getting on I-76 for the trip back to the 'burgh.

Which we did.

Having well learned the IBA's wisdom of "riding short to go long," we hit a couple of service plazas on the 'Way West' to get off the bikes, walk around a bit, pit stop, hydrate, and chat. Temps by then had climbed into the low 90s, so the heat at the stops was ameliorated by getting back in the wind again. We didn't have to buy gas

on the 'slab as the new RTs can go about 350 miles on a tank, and we'd fueled on US30 before heading up 997 for the 'pike and home. At the New Stanton plaza, our final 'slab stop, Walt checked with his lovely "roommate" and his son, Wayne, and decided to return to Bakerstown with me and go to Wayne's for an evening visit. And that we did, ending a great ride in fine company as a delightful Beemer way to spend a Sunday.

My Ride Stats:

- 397.7 miles home to home.
- Mvg Time: 7:14:10
- Mvg Avg: 55.0mph
- Max Speed: 89.6mph
- Lv home: 08:05 hours
- Ar home: 19:20 hours

Walt's ride home to home:

420.7 miles

RALPH



**GPS-ING AROUND IV
DOWNLOADING WAYPOINTS TO THE GPS**

Ralph Meyer

In last month's article, we discussed putting desired waypoints into a Mapfile in Garmin's Mapsource program. Now we'll discuss downloading them and later on in the series, using them on the road. You

will, of course, have saved the file you put your waypoints in by giving it a name so you know what it's about, and by putting it someplace on the computer so you know where it is and can access it again easily. Mapsource helps a bit in the latter regard because, at the bottom of the 'File' menu on Mapsource's menu bar, Mapsource keeps a list of the last 4 mapfiles you've had open. If you want to use the waypoints on one of them, all you have to do is click on that file's name to open that map again for further manipulation or use.

Along with creating waypoints in a mapfile, as a preliminary you must also have loaded (as we've mentioned early on in this series) the requisite driver for your GPS, and have attached the communications pigtail by which you can connect the GPS unit to the computer so the Mapsource program and your unit can 'talk' to one another. With all that out of the way, here we go...

Downloading waypoints for use

You can do a number of things with mapfile waypoints. The major thing, however, besides laying out routes on a map in Mapsource

using waypoints in order to find out how long a trip will be (in miles and timewise—more on routes later), is to download them to one's GPS unit for use on the road. To download waypoints you've created to your GPS unit, make sure the unit is connected to the computer via its pigtail. Turn the unit on and wait until it has gone through its bootup sequence, which takes a few seconds. Once it is fully up and running, with Mapsource running on your computer and the map with the waypoints you desire loaded in Mapsource, either click the 'Download to unit' button on the toolbar (the one with a miniature unit with an arrow pointing down at it), or, on the menu bar, click 'Transfer' and click 'Send to device.' A dialog box will appear indicating the program is looking for the device to which to send the information. Once your GPS unit's name appears in the 'Device' box, put a check mark in the checkbox next to 'Waypoints' if there isn't one already there and click the 'Send' button. A 'Transfer complete' dialog box will appear when the transfer has been carried out. It has a check box labeled 'Turn off GPS after each transfer.' If you want the GPS unit turned off automatically, click in this checkbox. Click the OK button, and your transfer is complete. That is, you will have loaded into the GPS the waypoints you marked on the map in Mapsource. They are now on the GPS unit for your use.

An important note on waypoints and detail maps:

Many GPS units have limited memory, and are incapable of containing all the data necessary to identify and draw all the detailed streets and locations in the U.S. and Canada, not to mention other countries (Some of the newer units don't suffer this limitation, providing you're willing at present prices to part with a thousand bucks or better—if you have one of these you don't have to worry about detail map downloading). (Your GPS unit user's manual will generally tell you how much memory you have available for various things, including detail maps.) In consequence, Mapsource maps are broken down into localized maps the size of which depends on how much information the localized map must carry for a given area. Pittsburgh, in V. 6 of Garmin's City Select map for example, needs 4 localized maps just to cover the city and close suburbs, and that doesn't include the larger outlying areas, whereas the map containing Johnstown and the country around it covers an area about 16 times the size of one of the 4 Pittsburgh localized maps. In order for some units to contain all the local streets that you may have waypoints on, you must also have downloaded to the unit the maps on which those waypoints are to be found. Using the map tool in Mapsource (by clicking on the button that contains a little polygonal figure—after which, clicking on a detail map will select it and place its name in the map list for that mapfile), you can click on the various localized maps your waypoints are found on as well as the maps, if any, between the places you'd be coming from and going to so that all the necessary detail maps are highlighted (they turn pink when chosen). You must then download the maps to your unit so you have all the local roads available to you when you go to use the unit and those waypoints to go someplace. Keep in mind that if you don't download the localized maps, your unit will most likely contain only a generalized map of interstates and major highways. Without those localized maps downloaded to your unit, local streets, names, etc. will not appear in or on it. Neither will it be able easily to route you to a spot on a local street as it won't know where that street is.

You might take note with respect to downloading maps that each unit only has so much memory available to contain maps. All units have some built in memory and some, such as Streetpilots, and the GPSmap 276C also allow one to store maps on memory sticks (purchaseable in various amounts of memory [and money!] from Garmin). When choosing your detail maps to download to the unit, you'll notice in Mapsource that as you select maps and they appear

in the map list for that mapfile, Mapsource shows you a running tally of the memory the set of maps you have chosen require. It doesn't pay to choose more maps than the memory of your unit and/or its memory stick can hold as, before downloading the maps, Mapsource creates an on-the-fly index of the data in the mapset you've chosen—and this takes a REAL chunk of time. If, when the mapset starts to download, Mapsource finds there is insufficient memory in the unit to handle the maps chosen, it will quit with an error message that will inform you that you haven't enough memory to load all the maps in that mapset. You may not get this message 'till a good half to three quarters of an hour later: computer (and your) time that will have been royally wasted. Also take note that when you download a mapset to your unit, that the mapset that was formerly on the unit will be erased and the new set will take its place. You might want to keep that in mind. I usually try to keep a mapset aboard my unit that covers most of the places I'm interested in so that I don't have to keep loading different mapsets very often. Saves a lot of time.

When downloading waypoints, you'll have noticed that the Download Dialog Box has a checkbox for Maps. If you have a mapset selected, that box will appear checked. You download mapsets the same way you download waypoints (and routes) and all from the same dialog box. Note too that downloading mapsets takes a LOT longer than downloading waypoints and routes.

Having made sure before downloading the waypoints you've created that you have the detail maps they're on and that you need between where you'll be coming from and going to, and having made sure you haven't selected more maps than your GPS unit's memory can hold, make sure in the "Send to Device" dialog box that appears that you have a check mark before 'Waypoints' in the 'What to send' box. Be sure you've checked 'Maps' too if you've chosen detail maps to send to the unit. If, furthermore, you've made up some routes you wish to travel (we haven't covered that yet... more about routes later), make sure that checkbox is checked too. With everything ready to go, and your GPS unit's name in the "Device" box, click the "Send" button, and give the program some time. Your waypoints (and maps and routes) will be downloaded to the unit for use on the road. When all the data is downloaded, a download complete notice will appear, and clicking OK on it will shut all the download dialogs. Your download is complete with your waypoints (maps, etc) now on your unit ready to go.

Although next time we'll talk about using the waypoints in more detail, the quickest and easiest thing to do with them, once downloaded to the GPS unit is to start the unit, press the 'Find' button, choose, out of the list of things the GPS will let you find, 'waypoints,' and then highlight the waypoint you want to go to. Once highlighted, press the 'Enter' button, and you'll be asked if you want to 'Goto' the waypoint, 'Map it' (i.e., show it on the map in the GPS), or 'Delete' it (you don't want to do the latter at this point!). Highlighting 'Go to' and pressing the 'Enter' button again will pop up a 'Route Preference' dialog box in which you can select 'Faster Time,' 'Shorter Distance,' or 'Off Road.' Faster time uses an algorithm that combines road distances with average speeds for the type of road (Interstate, Limited access highway, feeder road, local street, etc.) to determine a route that will get you to that waypoint from where the GPS knows you are (via connection to satellites) the quickest way possible. Shorter distance uses... the shortest distance... which may take more time (usually does), and 'Off Road' will aim you in a direct line at the waypoint, irregardless of trees, lakes, sheer 1000 foot cliffs, etc that may be between where you are and where the waypoint is. Clicking on either "Faster Time," or "Shorter Distance," will result in the unit's figuring out a way to get to the waypoint you've selected, and then giving you specific driving directions as to which direction to ride in, and what turns to make as they come up.

Please note that the paragraph above is kind of the 'down and dirty' (but often most used) method of utilizing downloaded waypoints, just so you don't have a bunch downloaded without knowing quite what to do with them once they're in the unit.

Any questions, e-mail meyer@zoominternet.net and I'll try to answer them either by e-mail or by another article in the series.

Coming up in future: More on using waypoints downloaded to your GPS.

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RALLY NOTES

Dan sez the rally, despite Mother Nature's ministrations, was very successful, with 298 Attendees! Place looked like a brightly colored mushroom farm despite the often dreary clouds overhead due to the number of campers and their sundry sorts of pop-up, pup, and pavilion tents. Rides went off as planned. Ranger Rick and his GS crowd I suspect were in their glory... not only could they get dirty, but downright wet and muddy as well... if they wanted. He gave me a 'thumbs up' when I said, "I'll betcha that instead of just getting dirty, you can get downright schlucky with the rain this morning." --That thumbs up: a sure sign of a dyed in the wool ANYRD GS rider! Despite the rain, I noted no dampened spirits a-tall--a few dampened bods maybe, when the Maskrey/Stuckert/Poremski Mayhem Committee rolled out their traditional Water Howitzer (Mum Nature wasn't doing her water thing hard enough at the time to please 'em, apparently!). Though Poremski said that if it was rainy and wet the field events would be called off, no call off came, and they were held with great gusto as usual. A couple of riders did the Thomas's Hare and Hounds Ride, and Gary and Ed (the Syphoon's) Historical and Scenic rides went off on schedule and had fun as planned (if the smiles on the riders faces as they returned were any indication). I didn't see Sean Thomas's Winery ride come back in, but trust they were all smiling too and weren't weaving the bikes.

Holly and Leo did something different with the door prizes (of which there were a slew, including, wouldja believe it, an Arai helmet). Everybody got 10 tickets, and you could put as many of your 10 in whichever envelope representing whichever door prize you'd like to win that you wished to try. Didn't see anything but smiles on the winners' faces at this new twist. The GPS raffle went off without a hitch, providing our own Bill English with his own on-bike map from here on out, and Scott EmCeed the 'doin's' at the banquet with his usual aplomb and skill. The evenings were topped off with some fine music, with Ed Amann and Implied Logic on Friday evening, and with Saturday evening's being provided by our own Ted Sohler and the Mavens. Good stuff all 'round.

"Motel" Maggie and Dan kept registration flowing gently through sweet Afton (well... through the wet and dry of Redbank) while keeping the Security bunch on their toes and, along with Diane, getting photos all over. Shirley and Niccolette seemed always to have a crowd around the T-Shirt Sale Tent, and the piles of those appeared to keep diminishing in size from where they were Friday at noon. Dr. Sean, Jeff, Gary, Tony, Linda, and Mike kept attendees well informed and up-to-date on the latest and best in their fields on keepin' 'em rollin,' healthy, packed, technologically aware, and safe, providing some really enjoyable and eminently useful info sessions.

Though as usual we got the aforementioned rain, we hope no sleeping bags sloshed overnight and that all got their needed or desired shuteye.

Incidentally, next year, try the veggie soup at the concession stand. Everything else was great, but that was downright outstanding!

By the way, too, if you're on the site, read and look at the nice write-up from Rocketman of our sister club in Washington, DC on the site under 'Rally.' Great write up. Great pics too! (he caught the Mayhem Committee in a couple of incriminating positions. No doubt there who was running the 'Water Howitzer'!)

As usual we all owe special thanks to Kev, Dan, the Rally co-chairs and Tom, our previous Rallymeister and this year's advisor, and to all the rally committee leaders. They played that favorite old rally tune with aplomb and flair and gave us another fine rally to remember. No wonder 4-Winds has been doing this rally thing successfully for 40 years! Well, heck, after all, 4 Winds was the first to do a Beemerally in the Ooooh Esss of Ayyyy! Right? Yeahhhhhh!

RALLY RIDE HOME...

Or..., what to do if you don't have to go straight home after the Rally: ...howsabout grabbing a few Postoffices?



Photos by Walt.

By the way... Thanks for the lunch tip on Sugar 'n Spice in Waterford, Ed! Grrrrreat restaurant! ...But we still haven't figured out how you got to know all these places!

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