



Just to catch everyone up as to what has happened this year.

**Sat. April 28, 2012 Dave McLellan** With a lot of memories of wet and snow from rides of past. Today was the exact opposite. It was down right nice and warm...

There were about 28 bikes on the ride and it was nice specially when we remember one week ago we had about 15 inches of snow and I was worried if I was going to be able to get the bike out of the basement and get my new tires on.

Chad gave a nice speech on how we ride as a group and what the functions of the Tail Gunner and Corner markers do. We had a good time of fellowship at the function and then promptly at West Bank Noon (12:30) departed.

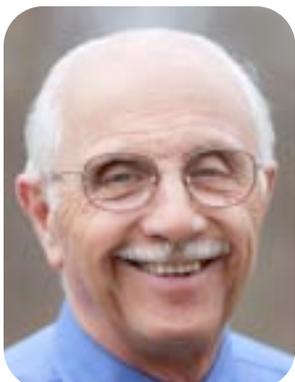
Everybody kept together and we has a nice smooth ride. But when we went near Lake Minnetonka with all the ice in place you could really feel winters last death griop. Arriving at my home there was a total of 34 bikes and 5 cages. My wife pat and daughter Terri and Tima has a great lunch prepares and no body went away hungry. It was agood to see old friends.



Thank you for all coming and a special thanks to Chad for his personal attention to my wife and for her hard work. DM  
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Ride Reports (some creative license was used when ride reports were not available, actually quite a lot)

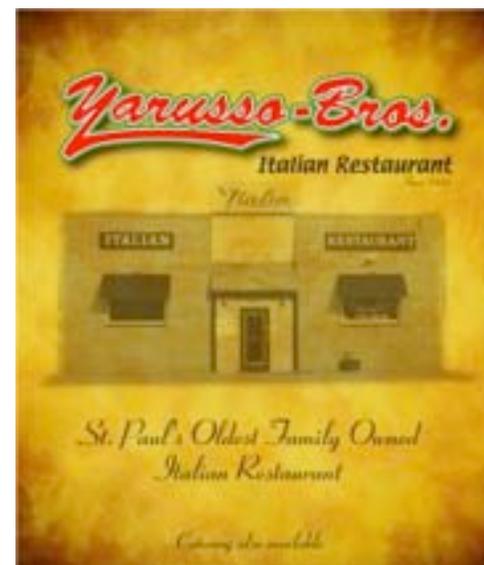
**May 8th Mayslack's "Nobody Beats Their Meat"** Harald Nenza No one stepped up for this ride; the clouds looked like they may start leaking... What to do. A few options were discussed but as time dragged on there was no one taking the lead. Getting late so it's gonna be Mayslack's via the parkway - Mount up... Was a surprisingly smooth run up the parkway. No traffic and about a plus 10 clip. Not a lot of open space at Mayslack's but we all managed squeeze in to get our wing and things orders in. Nice night with maybe a drop or two of drizzle with the dark clouds speeding by. HN



**May 11th Little Bar, White Bear Lake**  
Another one of those days when there were lots of destinations thrown out but no agreement.

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Little  
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popping in and out.

Much of the talk centered around what looked to be a rainy ride – but maybe not.

Not sure how I got the ride but it turned out to be a very good thing for those that tagged along.

Just in case of rain I stayed on the main byways. I believe there was a sprinkle which quickly evaporated.

On approaching the Little Bar I remembered – It was Customer Appreciation Day – Free Beer and Food.

All the West Bankers, small group that we were, quickly lined up for some very good dogs, brats, fixings and suds.

Now this is what the old West Bank Motorcycle Club is all about – Outside with beverage and chow.

There was also plenty of duck watching. Dozens of chicks scrambling to keep up with mom and pop duck as they meandered back and forth across the little lake behind the Little Bar.

Oh ya - I don't think anyone bothered to pick up the horse shoes for a round of ringers.

Sipping, eating, watching people and ducks – so ended the day.

Again we lucked out on the weather – storm clouds stayed to the west until late in the day. Don't think I got wet on the way home.

Next time you are at the Little Bar remember to tell them how much

we appreciate their sponsorship and Customer Appreciation Day.

**May Snowed out** Everyone gets a credit. It may not have been that bad but bad enough for a lot of candy asses to pout and stomp their feet.

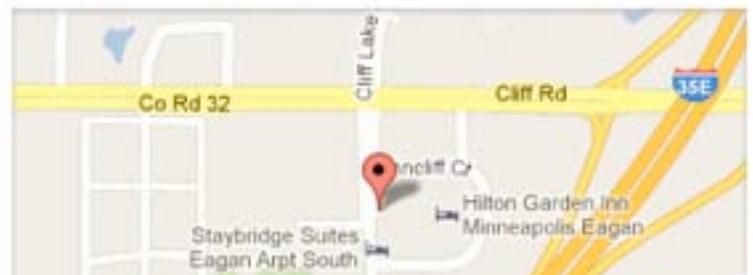
**Sat May 4 Fred Dischinger** Oh what a riotous occasion. My feet, hands and back are sore from this ride. It's like going to the moon and back only longer. The cardinal for those who don't know is about 1.5 miles away from Whiskey. No ride report available. MM

**May 15 Mike Green (Slider)** Can't remember much about this ride. The day was good and most people stayed together. I got lost and had some fun with another rider trying to catch up. Did a few roundabouts that are popping up around the twin cities and finally made it to the cutest bar you could only find if you knew where you were going. MM

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**May 18 Paul Moore** Paul wore his wanderoos and went to Wanderoos. Maybe I'm thinking of Granimals. But don't wanderoos sound like childrens' apparel?MM

**May 22 Mike McCabe** Snail Lake. OK, so it looked like rain. The same way it looks like rain every time "Tornado" leads a ride. I think there were about 9 people who rode together and a few who ventured out by themselves in hopes of finding us at the south lake parking lot. They didn't. We went through the fair. past the Dairy building where MM has a booth for his company called Great Dog Co. (shameless attempt at self promotion) Y'all come by y'hear. We wiggled through Como park, up Lexington Ave and uneventfully ended up at the lake. A quick sign in and we scattered like little daisies afraid of the rain. MM

**May 26, Mike Green** Klinkers corner. Wan't there. Hope all had fun. MM

**May 29 Clay Gordon.** Another Uncharacteristically Nice Wednesday Ride to Brookside

This year I was a little late to reserve a spot for my third annual WBMC May run to club sponsor Brookside Bar and Grill at Marine on St. Croix. Spring weather was so terrible and I had a few issues to work on before I felt ready to lead a ride. Being slightly later than previous years meant that it should be warmer and stay lighter longer to enjoy the scenery and have a safer ride home afterwards, I hoped. Since I enjoy variety, I wanted to change the route from highway 36 to 94 to eliminate stoplights and get us to the better roads more quickly. On the pre-ride, Mike Brier showed me another route change (thanks Mike!) to add scenery and curves while eliminating the straight, business district roads around the corner of Century Avenue and Wildwood Ave.

Given the cold and rainy start to the season, the warm weather that day brought out a large group of riders and some atmospheric instability in the form of pop-up storms. Before ride time there were showers on the radar to the East of St. Paul moving Southeast, but I could tell that, with my route and current radar trends, we should arrive to the destination dry, even though some folks seemed apprehensive. However, I decided to drag my feet leaving to allow extra time for more people to show, traffic to clear, and the rain to pass into Wisconsin.

Traffic was not too bad and the group was largely able to stay together until stoplights separated some of us on 120 Century Ave. Turning off Century, the curves were plentiful and the riding became progressively more exciting; Slower through Mahtomedi to Quail St. and speeding up on highways through the countryside. Trees

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with fresh leaves and wildlife were plentiful and the air was fresh, cool, and clean. My riding style is spirited, so the group spread out a bit more as we all rode our own rides through Square Lake Park. Near the end of this ride, many people I know like a route to go through the tunnel on Co. Rd. 4 near Marine, but I much prefer riding the curves, hills, and scenery of Square Lake Trail to Nason Hill Rd., as 4 is more straight and I like the challenge of going down the hill to Hwy 95.

The staff at Brookside were prepared to host our group, the food and drinks were good, and the weather cooperated, at first. Lightning in the distance indicated that more storms were blowing in from the North and

West, so

I left

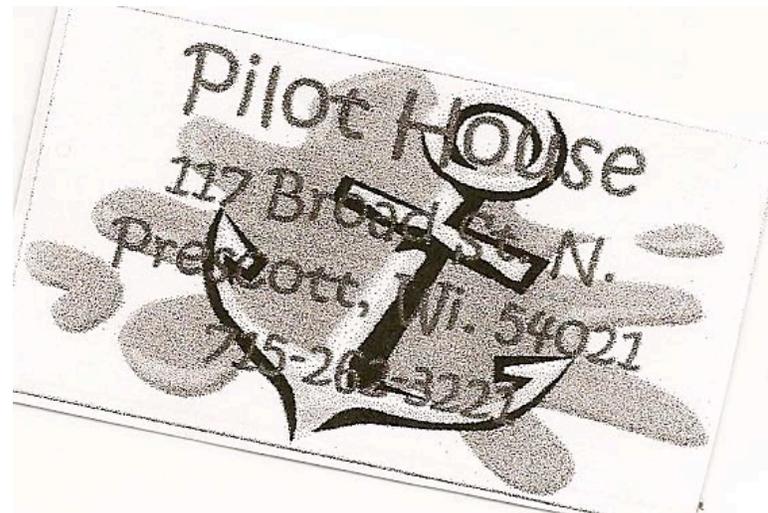
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early and ended up wet eventually. However, from my perspective the ride was awesome, if a bit slow, even though I managed to lose almost everybody on a couple of occasions. The route changes worked flawlessly and the timing kept us dry and well illuminated. As in previous years, many people reported that they enjoyed the ride and I heard no complaints after this ride. However, I imagine many of us were wet by the time we got home... CG

**June 1 Scarfy** Sort of cool a bunch of guys riding in formation down the highway. Bugs in your teeth, receding hairline getting beat by the wind. Crossing into WI seems like a bit of a vacation. Sure they are just across the big Muddy, but it seems somehow different every time you go there. Don't remember if the swing sets are at this place or not, but if they aren't go across the street and find the open lounge area (smoking section) Big wuestion of the night."Why does it cost 5 cents more for gas in WI. Is it better gas, do you get better mileage, are the roads better. Or is it MN just taxes liquor more and makes up for it.MM

**June 5 Scarfy** This Scarfy character is a stand up guy. if a ride needs a captain and no one shows up it's him who steps forward. Last year our now treasurer got plowed. Good thing there were enough friends to show him the way home. This year,who's to say how it went. The Brooklyn park VFW is close to Scarfys home than Chads.



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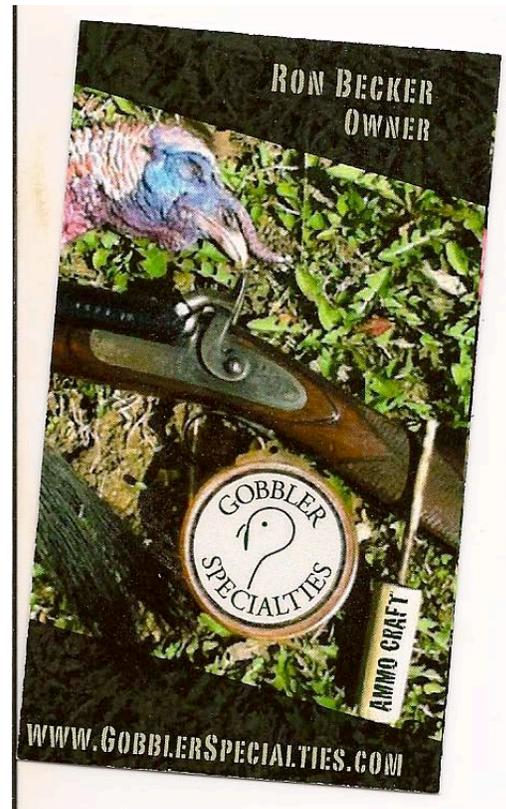
**June 9 Charles Slechta** Don't ya wish these brothers would wear name tags. The flipside Pub and Grill appreciated us parking our butts at their establishment. MM

**SIDE BAR**

I rode with a different group out of Coon Rapids. BOTTOM LINE. WBMC rocks. Here are some observations. They do leave on time. 6:30pm BANG someone stands up and says "Let's go" and by 6:35 pm the bar is empty and the predominantly Milwaukee bikes are thundering to life and clunking into first gear. They blocked all intersections, pass on the right, disregard stop signs, red lights and many "Safe" riding techniques. Nearly had a pile up crossing Hwy 96. Good bunch of guys, just different. MM

**June 12 Richard Hickey** Did this guy get a new bike. Ask him. Looked like he knew the route. We had over bikes ride with the group. Well planned, corners marked, no incidents. The

Cloverleaf seemed a bit overwhelmed but kept the libations flowing and I don't think we scared the existing clientele any. MM



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**June 15 Mike Green** The secret ride. It was

advertised as "Who knows where we'll go, but it will be cool. I hope it was. MM

**June 19 Scarfy Harmon** He does it again. Steps up when needed. MM



**June 22 Chris Jaworski** Don's little bar has been great to the WMBC'ers



**June 26 Mike Green.** Destination. Moose Bar Lillydale. Maybe it's the beer but doesn't Mike Green get better looking with each new wife. Kidding, love ya buddy. Send in a ride report. MM

**June 29 Dale Schultz** Destination Carbone's Pizza and sports bar- Burnsville. Don't know if this is a chain but I remember a Carbone's in Roseville. They'd serve us beer before we were 18. Gotta have ya some beer with the pizza. MM

**July 3 Dale Schultz** Maynards Its all in how you plan the route. There are so many ways to get from A-B. This time Dale bested himself. Lots of unused lanes, and just a few miles on the highway.

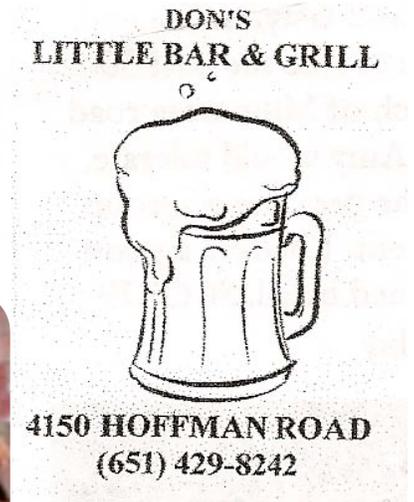
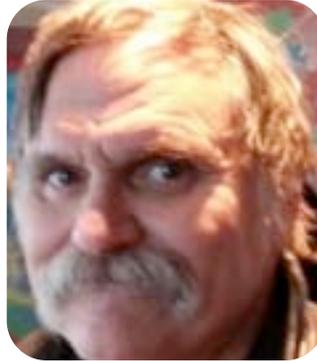
## WEST BANK MOTORCYCLE CLUB NEWSLETTER

JULY 22, 2013

You can't beat Lake Minnetonka this time of year. If only motorcycles could navigate water. Maynards is a great place to bring a group. The waitstaff is numerous and quick to respond to any fried food request. MM

**July 13 Milo Kendall** We went to Milos stomping ground in St Boni. and got wet. MM

**July 17 Neil Tessier Sherri MaCrae (pad warmer) Destination. Floyds** The ride started around 7:00PM due to heavy traffic. We tried to get out of town quick but ran into the Aquatennial traffic on Highway 94. Once we got onto 394 West in the HOV lane, we had a smooth ride out to lake Minnetonka. The ride around the winding roads through the lake was beautiful and thanks to a short rain shower before we arrived, the heat dropped dramatically. When we left Whiskey Junction it was 93 degrees. I'd guess it was in the mid 80's going around the lake. We arrived at Floyd's in a great show of about 35 bikes and around 45 people. They had a cool band playing and the outdoor patio and rooftop deck were great spots to hang out. I apologize for Sherri and I getting the last two platters of King crab legs. I can assure you they were delicious! I didn't hear any complaints about the food at Floyd's. It's always good. We got several group pictures and many others that are included.



Several of us went to Maynard's bar afterwards in Excelsior and



had a good time. The weather was perfect for night riding and we only ate a few bugs on the way there. Ron helped us all out by providing a nice smoke show / fogger at one of the lights. :)

Thanks everyone for making it a great and safe ride!

**STURGIS IS COMING UP.** A lot of us are going that way and I suggest keeping in touch and meeting there on WED. August 10 at 6:00pm.

Mike, Mike, Mike, Jim, Chuck, Mark, Jerry, and at least 10 more people I know are out there during this time. I have prepared a little article of what are some highlights. hope you find it interesting.



**Here is my INSIDE TRACK** on the biggest motorcycle rally in the world. Here it is.

August 6th- 12th, 2013 are the official dates but Sturgis itself is just a small sleepy town 50 weeks of the year. A town that gets packed to the gills with over 100,000+ bikes for about a week and a half. Bars are everywhere, the hardware store changes into leather clothing store full of Tee-shirts for 2 weeks. Stroll the main street butt to nut with other black leather decked

guys. This is NOT a kid or pet friendly environment. The few women ranging in age from 25 to 65 may have minimal bikerish clothing, but no naughty bits are showing...in town. The heavy presence of local and imported police regulate strict nudity guidelines. Altercations involving police are mostly limited to drunk and disorderly, bike theft, drug sales and [road death](#). Yes there are between 2-6 people who die yearly at the event. Alcohol is pervasive in the Sturgis experience.



The original idea for the motorcycles in Sturgis started with 'Pappy' Hoel. A founding member of the Jack Pine Gypsies (JPG) A bunch of GOB's getting together for fun, flat track racing, riding and a bit of mischief. Suicide shifters, hard tail, leather helmets, flexible frames held together with bubble gum and baling wire. This group has been pushed aside by corporate sponsors, the town organizing committee and the quest for cash. The JPG is still around, you can't beat their inexpensive breakfasts and sign up for an exceptional organized rides. Talk with the old timers like me and you'll get an earful of what it used to be like.

[Sturgis](#), normally a sleepy town close to nowhere has grown to a 10+ day destination and experience with everything a biker could want. 24 hours a day there is something going on. Outside of the main street is where a lot of the large vendors and corporate sponsors. BMW, Harley, Yamaha, Victory, Ducati and others have mega-plexes to show off the latest and greatest product. Talk with the techs sign up for a short demo ride and see what your next bike might be. The overwhelming majority of riders are driving Harleys 10 to 1 and in the past a sport bike would have been an unwelcome anomaly. That is changing. Motorbike build offs and window gazing at some creative bikes abound. Plan well to take as much in as you can. Get your oil changed then bike washed by sudsy bikinied women. They don't do a good job, but who cares they are in bikinis.



Bikinis and inhibitions seem less prevalent at the campgrounds. The most famous campgrounds are [Buffalo chip](#) (close to town) and [Full Throttle Saloon](#) (12 miles from town. It is past Bear Butte a

sacred area to native people who often have “Inipi” Sweat Lodge ceremony and “Vision quest” experiences on the sacred mountain.) Prices at campgrounds are cheap, reservations easy to make, facilities are good and clean. You can even book a 36 camper in advance if you want real comfort. You name it they have it: Wi-fi, burn out pits, name band entertainment, bars everywhere, tattoo parlor, swimming hole with rope swing, beauty contests, private label Tennessee Moonshine, and zip wires. All within the confines of the camping area. If you have a tent no worries, just remember you may be to great people or not. The day can begin when the first person yells “ Good Morning all you Mother Fuckerrrrs” and never really ends for days. At campgrounds clothing etiquette is dismissed and it is not uncommon to have an impromptu mini parade of naked, tattooed, and painted people riding their bikes, sucking on a beer and “doin the rounds”. It is all just a bunch of uninhibited fun. If you have decided to find a hotel you are probably to late or have a lot of money. Search the hotels or Travel sites including: [Expedia](#), or [Travelocity](#)



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Once you have had your fill of the town the riding options are wonderful. Check out these sites. [HD forums.com](#), [or](#), [or](#). Must do's for the first timer include Needles Highway, ( there is a great corner that people hang out at to see everyone go around and scrape their footpegs on. Lots of fun) a trip to Mt Rushmore (a lot smaller than you may think), maybe Crazyhorse (huge but mostly incomplete), and [Custer state park](#) in the early hours (Bison everywhere, don't be stupid and get too close) No matter where you go, watch out and be prepared for deer particularly in the morning and early evening hours.



BOTTOM line I suggest getting together August 7, 6:00pm (Wednesday) in Sturgis at an agreeable location yet to be determined. If you are in, give a call in advance.

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Aug 17th is Hell hole more info to come.