

# The Tarheel Traveler

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## Coffee Stop



### Normal Hours of Operation

7:30am - arrive and set-up

8:00am - ready to serve first cup

LUNCH TIME - Pitch In Pot Luck - good eats,

4 or 4:30 pm - breakdown and depart

Saturday Dinner—local

Sunday - repeat all but Saturday Dinner

On the dates of March 10 & 11th, The BMW-NC Tarheel Travelers organization will conduct a Coffee-Safety Break at the southbound I-95 Rest Area (mile marker 48) (GPS N 34° 59.611' W 078° 50.213) in Cumberland County near Fayetteville, NC from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. . The purpose of this event is to provide a friendly relaxed break for travelers, both motorcyclists and motorists, who are southbound on I-95, no matter their destination...Bike Week or someplace else.

We will provide coffee and hot tea, and will offer any assistance we can to help travelers. For more information Contact Steve & Belva at [Steven-Belva@Embarqmail.com](mailto:Steven-Belva@Embarqmail.com). If you can only make it for one day, just make sure you make time to join in the Pitch In Lunch/March Meeting. Nothing like a Family Reunion Style Lunch to make the day enjoyable and Saturday evening we will gather at a local eatery for dinner.

..Going Strong since 1976...never been???...Time to shine.

## Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup

Saturday, February 11th



Need someplace to go, something to do, give back to the community, meet new friends and have a good time?? Roadside cleanup is calling your name. Join other TT'ers and special guests on Saturday, 9:30am at the Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church parking lot,

3491 Pleasant Grove Church Rd—the road where we do the cleanup. After a few short hours, your done before you know it, time to invade a local eatery—Jason's Deli or another delightful location for fellowship & food.

## RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW

TT memberships expire at the end of each calendar year so renew yours now.....

WORDS 4 THE NEWSLETTER  
PLEASE....

## **Tarheel Travelers Membership Renewal**

*Note: You can elect to omit all, or some of your membership information in the membership directory. Check the omit boxes in those fields you do not want listed.*

Member Name ( <input type="checkbox"/> Do not list us or any of our information in the directory.)		Date of Birth (Year Optional)	
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List BMW Motorcycles Owned (changes from last year)			
BMWMOA #		BMWRA #	
<i>Please circle option for which payment applies ↘</i>	Printed and Mailed Newsletter	Electronic Newsletter	Notes
Renewing Member	\$20	\$10	Due in January each year
Patches and stickers can be ordered for \$3 each or 2 for \$5.			
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Dear Friends:

I was diagnosed with a serious and permanent disease some time ago. I thought you should know about it so as to better understand my actions.

Thank you for your understanding.

Motorcycle Addiction, or MA

Even more serious than the mania to count in chocolate, is the growing epidemic of MA, or Motorcycling syndrome. Don't laugh because you might be it's next victim. Just to give you a possible heads up in case it's creeping up on you, here are a few questions to quietly answer for yourself.

How many of these apply to you?

1. I have gone riding when I was depressed, or to cheer myself up.
2. I have gone on riding binges of several tanks of gas or more in a day.
3. I ride rapidly, often 'gulping' roads.
4. I have sometimes ridden early in the morning or before work.
5. I have hidden bikes in different places to sneak a ride in without being seen.
6. Sometimes I avoid friends or family obligations in order to ride motorcycles.
7. Sometimes I find myself analyzing sections of roads as if I was riding even while in cars.
8. I am unable to enjoy myself with others unless there is a bike nearby.

9. At a boring party, I will often slip off unnoticed to go riding.
10. Riding has made me seek haunts and companions which I would otherwise avoid.
11. I have neglected personal hygiene or household chores until I have finished a ride.
12. I have spent money meant for necessities on accessories instead.
13. I have attempted to complete an Iron Butt ride.
14. Most of my friends are heavy motorcycle riders.
15. I have sometimes passed out from a night of heavy riding.
16. I have suffered 'blackouts' or memory loss from a bout of riding.
17. I have wept, become angry or irrational because of a road I have ridden.
18. I have sometimes wished I did not ride so much.
19. Sometimes I think my riding is out of control.

If you answered 'yes' to three or more of these questions, you may be a motorcycle addict. Affirmative responses to five or more indicates a serious problem.

Once a relatively rare disorder, Motorcycle Addiction, or MA, has risen to new levels due to the accessibility of higher quality motorcycles at a relatively low expense since the end of the Second World War. The number of motorcycle addicts and abusers is currently at record levels.

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## Motorcycle Addiction—continued

### SOCIAL COSTS OF MOTORCYCLE ABUSE

Abusers become withdrawn, uninterested in society or normal relationships.

They fantasize, creating alternative worlds to occupy, to the neglect of friends and family. In severe cases they develop bad posture from riding in awkward positions or carrying heavy tool bags. In the worst instances, they become cranky bike mechanics in small towns.

Excessive riding during pregnancy is perhaps the number one cause of moral deformity among the children of Road Racers, Tourists and Posers alike.

Known as Fetal Motard Syndrome, this disease also leaves its victims prone to a lifetime of vertigo, daydreaming and emotional instability.

### HEREDITY

Recent Harvard studies have established that heredity plays a considerable role in determining whether a person will become an abuser of motorcycles.

Most abusers have at least one parent who abused motorcycles, often beginning at an early age and progressing into adulthood. Many spouses of an addict become addicts themselves.

### OTHER PREDISPOSING FACTORS

Fathers or mothers who are road race fans, collectors, or heavy leather wearers; parents who do not encourage children to play games, participate in healthy sports, or watch television (other than Speedvision) in the evening.

### PREVENTION

Premarital screening and counseling, referral to adoption agencies in order to break the chain of abuse. One percenters in particular should seek partners active in other fields. Children should be encouraged to seek physical activity and to avoid isolation and morbid introspection.





# What Happened & What Might Happen



## Elections:

Unfortunately, no one was willing to step up to the Prez position and that office will be vacant until someone expresses an interest.

Benefits of the position:  
FREE membership

Prez@tarheelbmw.org e-mail address

And other fun things during your term as President.

Articles Articles Articles  
need your words or lots of scratch  
paper next month.

Blank pages do not a newsletter  
make.

## January's Meeting & 2011 TT Awards:



Out with the old and in with the new. By now we've adjusted to writing 2012 on things and lament on where 2011 went. Some hardy souls braved the NC weather conditions and embarked on a the Ride In The New Year. Ok, the weather was not that daunting, enjoyable and always remember "some days are better than others" no day riding is really that bad.

**January's Restful Meeting Place**, the site for the TT 2011 Awards. Kevin Nipper rode home with the Overall High Mileage Award, Steve Brunner garnered most BMW miles and Pete Osta reclaimed the Participant Plaque by achieving the highest Participation Points.



**Charging Station:** We welcomed the chance to see the latest addition of green technology at NC Rest Stops—Charge Point. You'll notice that some thought it a great place to plug in their Gerbing Heated Clothing for a charge. Little did we know, another form of charge was required, as in charge card.

Old Photo Time  
Can you answer the guesses:  
Who, What, When, Where & Why



# The *Restful* Meeting Place – February 19th

**Interstate 95 Rest Area**  
**Cumberland County I95, Southbound Location: Milepost 47/48**  
**Coffee Stop—Rest Stop**

## From the North:

From I-95 head south—below Fayetteville 24/210 exit 49. One more mile and your there.

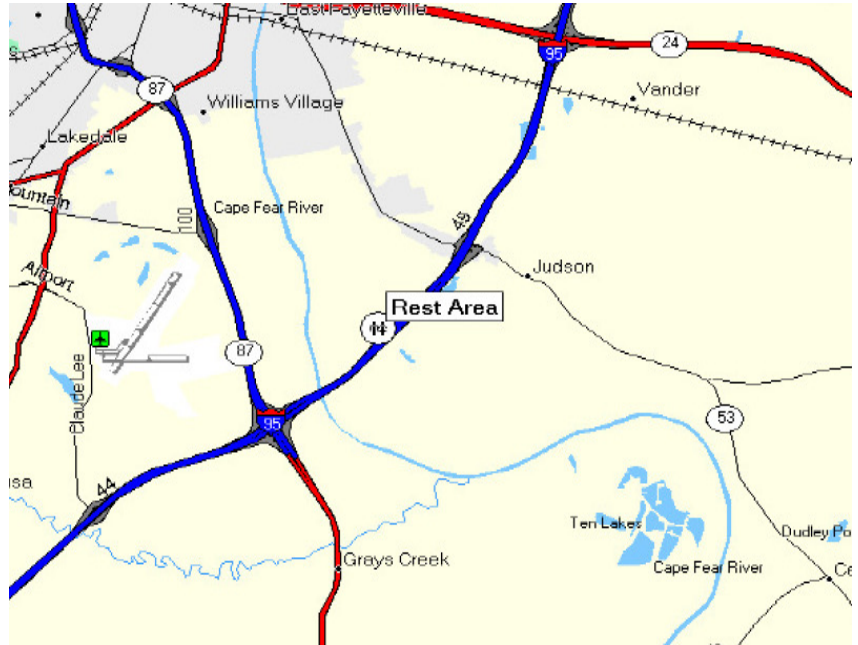
## From the South:

There is no access to the southbound Cumberland County rest stop while riding northbound. The closest entrance onto southbound I95, is at NC 210 exit 49.

**Tire Kicking 11:00am**

**Meeting 11:30am**

**Leaving shortly after meeting**—short ride to , Pier 41 Seafood, Lumberton. Yes, they have MORE than just seafood.



## 2010 Meeting Hosts

Feb: I95 Rest Stop, Southbound Cumberland County	Jun: Harris Park Picnic
Mar: <b>Coffee Stop—Saturday</b>	Jul: Open
Apr: Open	Aug: Daniel Boone Rally
May: <b>Jimmy &amp; Cherrie, Willow Springs</b>	Sep: Open

## New Members

Jerry Dockery & Barbara Bach  
Kure Beach, NC

Ron & Shelly Coddington  
Willow Spring, NC

Peter Cartwright  
Durham, NC

Welcome to the family.

# Forum Chatter

## Re: [NC Tarheel Travelers] Re: The Bistro at Duplin Winery

I did not do a pre ride so a good bit of the middle section of the ride I only saw on map-source. Don't know where next month will take us.  
Pete

Thank you for once again leading the monthly ride. I enjoyed the route down there and look forward to the next ride.

Kelly

Larry, Kelly, Dan, and I had a good ride down to the Duplin Winery and back. The food at the Bistro is still excellent. I have posted the route in the reasonable day section of the files. One destination that we will do this year is to the Charlotte BMW shop, just not sure which month yet. If anyone has a destination they would like to go to please let me know.  
Pete

## QUICK PASS ISSUES

Since the sticker transponder will not work with any of the other systems (EZ-Pass, etc.) I would opt for either the hard case or exterior transponder. I still maintain an EZ-Pass account, and they issued a specific Motorcycle transponder. It may have been just for billing reasons where some tolls were lower for bikes, but it's possible that the transponder worked differently. They shipped the transponder with strips of 3M Dual Lock and I would snap it onto the windshield or the nose under the shield and pull it off when I parked or when I wasn't traveling.  
Michael

Anyone have success using the Quick Pass Sticker transponder? I've placed mine at three different locations on my windscreen and on my tank bag and it simply does not register on the tollway sensors.

Think I need to order the hard case transponder.

Mike

## IMS Charlotte 24-26 Feb

Weather will make the decision to go via 4 or 2. From Fayetteville, there is not a great way to travel to Charlotte. We is planning on visiting IMS on Saturday, nice three hours to get there and walkaround and return home. Chatter has others going - routes, link up location??  
Steve

See you guys there. I am leaving Friday and spending Friday night and Saturday night. I will have my cell; lets meet at the cafe inside the venue at 1:00 PM.  
Jerry Dockery

It is 3 hours there from Raleigh no matter the route. Right now I am leaning towards going in 4 wheels heading down US 1 then pick up 24/27 and follow that to 74 which dumps into downtown Charlotte pretty darn close to the convention center. Leave here around 8am.  
Pete



What year was this picture taken? Not 2012  
Not complaining, where is winter??

**Large Sized Riding Gear - too many items to list: jackets, boots, helmets, gloves and other items.**

**Philip's contact info:(919) 387-0735**

**pmyers@bellsouth.net**

## Tarheel Traveler Calendar

**2/4— 1st Saturday Ride, 10:00 a.m.** Gassed up and ready to ride at 10:00 a.m. at **Capitol BMW**, 4209 Atlantic Avenue, Raleigh, NC, (919) 834-5111, (GPS N35 84.075 W78 60.148) and at **Carolina Euro**, 2407 Greengate Drive, Greensboro, NC (GPS N36 01.592 W79 48.083)

**2/8 - 2nd Wednesday TT Dinner, 7:00 pm.** Sweet Tomato 2310 Walnut St. Cary, NC 27511 919-851-4333

**2/11—Adopt A Highway Cleanup.** 9:30am Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church parking lot. 3491 Pleasant Grove Church Rd

**2/12 - 2nd Sunday Ride - 10:00 a.m.** Breakfast at 9:00 a.m., gassed up and ready to ride at 10:00 a.m. **McDonalds**, 36 Lowes Drive, Pittsboro, NC 27312 (N35 44.664 W79 09.934)

**2/15 - 3rd Wednesday Dinner - 6:30 p.m.** Freddy's Fish House, 520 N McPherson Church Rd, Fayetteville, NC 28301 ((910) 568-5880 (N35 04.723 W78 57.353)

**2/18 - Destination Ride - 9:00 a.m.** Gassed up and ready to ride at 9:00 at the BP Station, 5016 Spring Forest Road, Raleigh, NC ( GPS N35 51.359 W78 33.399) The ride is cancelled if it is raining.

**2/19 - Monthly Meeting - 11:00 a.m.** tire kicking, 11:15 am meeting then ride to lunch, I95 Rest Stop, Mile Marker 48

For additional event/rally dates be sure to check the TT website [www.tarheelbmw.org](http://www.tarheelbmw.org)

February 2012						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 1st Sat Ride
5	6	7	8 Sweet Tomato, Cary	9	10	11 Adopot A Highway Cleanup
12 2nd Sunday Ride	13	14	15 Feddys Fish House Fayetteville	16	17	18 Destination Ride
19 TT Meeting	20	21	22	23	24 IMS Charlotte	25 IMS Charlotte
26 IMS Charlotte	27	28	29			





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