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Recycled images, riding in low temps, and a Sunday gathering brighten the coldest days By Paul Elwyn



es, you've seen this month's cover photo before. David Griffith's snowcovered side cases first appeared on the cover of the January 2010 Apex.

This issue is the first for which I have not received any photos or articles, so I pulled out one of my favorite photos, taken on December 5th, 2009, which was a Saturday. Page 3 of this issue of *Apex* carries other photos from that morning.

Our group features some really hardcore riders as recorded by the camera many times through the years.

John Rice in this month's MOA magazine makes the



John Rice on a snowy Saturday morning.

point that for him there is no choice to make. He simply MUST ride. Nothing to think about. This is a great article, as usual, with really good photos. John always says well what many of us think but have not written.

This is the season for special motorcycle moments, rides that possibly do warrant a little study in advance. I turn 65 this month, and I now draw the line at 30 degrees. I will ride at 30 degrees, have already this year many times, but the pavement must be free of ice and snow, for me.

Years ago I worried too much about road salt attacking my bikes and cars, but at this stage of my life I have arrived at the conclusion that all of my bikes and cars will outlive me, regardless of how much foul weather they experience. The machines likely stand a better chance of survival than do I at this point.

Speaking of motorcycle moments, those of us who purchased tickets to the Brannon Crossing screening of *Why We Ride* are looking forward to a motorcycle theater experience this Sunday, December 8th, at 2 pm. If you have not already purchased tickets, they are available, 19 seats remaining, at http://www.tug.com/ events/6856 . Act fast and join us for *Why We Ride*, today's *On Any Sunday*.

So this meager issue of Apex, such as it is, celebrates those who ride regardless of the weather, as captured in Page 3 photos.

The season does offer terrific story-building, and still lots of memorable riding. Three people, Roy Rowlett, John Rice, and Bob Walker, did ride to breakfast on November 30th, braving temperatures in the 20's, but I failed to get a photo.

At any rate, it's good to be vertical and still able to ride, but if you back off in the winter, that's fine. Luckily, we are not a group out to prove anything and make others feel less manly if they choose to drive instead of ride. So don't hesitate to show up on a Saturday morning in a car or truck. The conversations will be just as good, regardless.

Hope to see you next Sunday, if not on Saturday.

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A snowy Saturday at Frisch's

Snow on December 5th settled on bikes during breakfast to offer a more interesting ride home for these hardcore Bluegrass Beemerphiles (top left to bottom right): Stan Horsley, David Griffiths, Geoph Jones, and Lee Thompson.



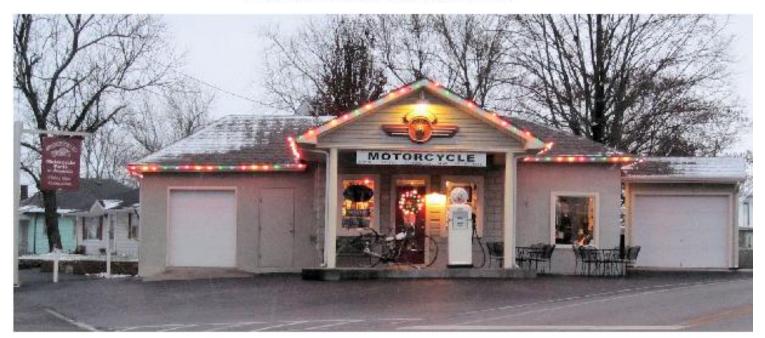








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Merry Christmas to alland to all a good ride! Ray, Lynn & Maggie Ray, Lynn