



NJS-BMW-Motorcycle Riders NEWS!

This is the first issue, of what we can hope will be many more issues reporting on club activities, and announcements of upcoming activities.

A NEW CLUB IS FORMED

The impetus for forming this club was laziness. I (Don Eilenberger) am too lazy (and generally busy) to become involved with the other existing clubs in NJ - fine as they may be. The prospect of 80 mile rides either north, or southwest to a club meeting didn't appeal to me, so, I decided to see if there was any interest in forming a local chapter of the BMW-MOA.

The initial recruiting for the new club (you need 10 MOA members to qualify for a charter) was done electronically. For those who have followed the popular press reports on the "Internet" - there is a very active "mailing list" called the BMW Motorcycle List, which also just happens to be MOA chartered.

I appealed to this list looking for anyone interested in helping to charter a new chapter of the MOA, and anyone interested in BMW motorcycles and NJ.

This appeal resulted in some of our initial charter members, Jim Besette (Freehold), Tom Coradeschi (Sussex County, and future President of Skylands BMW Club), Walt Debell (Delaware), Percy (Sy) Young (Burlington NH and sometimes NJ).

Other charter members were found by hanging around local motorcycle shops - Stefan Kwiatkowski (Spring Lk Hts), Frank Young (Spring Lake) were found at Sun Cycle in Manasquan, Fred Malley (and his wife Sabina) of Fair Haven, Jim DeLucia (N. Middletown), Rick Gruber (Freehold), John Aubin (Brick) all joined after seeing flyers posted at various bike shops (Freedom Cycle in Long Branch for example).

Personal contacts, and seeing bikes and stopping to talk to the owners resulted in the membership of Lindsay Parsons (Spring Lk Hts), Dirk Reitsma (Belmar), Merrill Yeager (Monmouth Beach) and Richard Reigler (Belmar).

Other clubs also donated members - primarily the "Fossil Riders" an organization dedicated to the care, restoration and riding of older bikes (15 years or older) with Mia Dudley (Brick), Kenton Seydell (Colts Neck) and Klaus Huenecke (Tennent) being BMW enthusiasts who also happen to be Fossil Riders.

After the gathering of the first 12 names - and their BMW-MOA numbers, I applied for a charter to the MOA.

Due to changes in the volunteer club staff - it took over two months to finally receive our charter. On September 14, 1994, we officially became Charter number 239 of the BMW Motorcycle Owners of America Inc.

The club currently has 19 members (all of whom hold the title of President - to avoid politics), there are no dues (although I may pass the hat to cover mailing and charter expenses), and only ONE rule: NO ONE CAN WEAR A TIE ON A RUN!

Our First Club Activity

Was a planned ride on October 2nd to southern New Jersey. Perhaps due to a lack of good communications,

and the possibly short notice - it was sparsely attended (understatement).

Club President's Don Eilenberger and Stefan Kwiatkowski set out on their R65's towards the wilds of the Pine Barrens, only to end up in western-upper Monmouth County.

Since there were only two riders - and one was leading who'd been over the Pine Barrens route the week before - the planned route changed, and some off the cuff exploring took place.

Our route took us to New Egypt, and the New Egypt flea-market. There we were treated to the rambling reminisces of a 100 or so year old gentleman, on his life on motorcycles, and in prison (he may have been a guard - but this was never too clear). His technique of guaranteeing an audience was effective - stand in front of the only way out of the spots we'd parked our bikes.

Finally escaping the ghost rider of New Egypt, we continued north-west towards Allentown. Several interesting diversions occurred during this trip, one of which required going through the same intersection 3 times from different directions - and waving to the girls in the house on the corner 3 times (I think this alerted Stefan that I was directionally confused).

Eventually we found Allentown, and to our disappointment found the German restaurant in the old mill was closed on Sundays (go figure.. touristy town, restaurant, Sunday?), so we ended up going to the only sub-shop/deli in town.

In a word - don't. I have never been treated to a sub quite like the one I got at this shop. Large chunks of tomato, lumps of lettuce didn't help to overcome the basic lack of taste of the rest of the ingredients. Cost was also a factor - a LARGE factor. A 1/2 sub was about \$5.

The ride concluded about 3PM - not without "an incident" - club President Don, while riding peacefully along at about 50MPH on back roads, made the acquaintance of a very irritated wasp. President Stefan couldn't figure out the strange hand signs Don was using - or why he jumped off his bike and started removing clothes in the middle of an open farm intersection.

Wasp survived (seen flying away) - Don survived. Motorists thought this very funny.

Great day - wish more had joined us!

Our Second Activity!

The morning of October 15th dawned bright and moderately warm (about 45F when leaving home). Meeting at the agreed upon spot (a diner in Lakewood, at the intersection of RT 9 and County Line Road) were 8 motorcycles and 11 riders and passengers. Club members were: Jim Bessette (and wife Becky), Don Eilenberger, Rick Gruber (and wife), Stefan Kwiatkowski. Guests of the club were Mark Bergman (from NYC and friend) and a friend of Marks from NYC whose name I never caught. Bill Dudley and son Willie arrived on Dud's MotoGuzzi with sidecar! A member of the Fossil Riders, Jim ?? also joined us on his elderly Honda 350 twin.

We were off by 10:45AM after breakfast and/or coffee was enjoyed by the participants, headed to the Chatsworth Cranberry Festival!

The town of Chatsworth (about dead center of the pine barrens) normally has a population of about 30. On the weekend of the Cranberry Festival (an annual affair) - this population swells to an estimated 4-5,000.

After a scenic ride through Lakehurst Naval Air Station (site of the Hindenburg disaster), and a short jaunt down RT 70 to Lebanon State Forest, we cut over on RT 563 directly to Chatsworth.

When we arrived at Chatsworth at about noon, we agreed upon one hour for wives, children, and motorcyclists to enjoy the food, crafts and historic exhibits at the festival.

Pushing off at 1PM, we were two motorcyclists short - Mark Bergman and friends decided to stay to enjoy the festival some more.

We headed south on RT 563 passing working cranberry bogs, headed for the ultimate stromboli - located in the scenic Mullica River front town of Green Bank.

Green Bank, a delight to the eyes, also offers (on weekends during the off season) a delightful riverside pizza joint - where the owner makes what have to be one of the best stromboli's in New Jersey. The medium size is over 20" in length, and about 4" wide! We ordered several, and while waiting, motorcyclists and passengers in need discovered that the only rest facilities in Green Bank are marginal - the Green Bank State Forest (males generally used the woods - they were cleaner).

We departed Green Bank and headed slightly west towards the town of Pleasant Mills/Sweetwater. The old mill at Pleasant Mills has recently been restored into a private residence - in a style keeping with it's original function.

We cruised through Sweetwater and headed on the south side of the Mullica (often within sight) towards Lower Bank, and eventually Tuckerton.

At Tuckerton, we picked up fuel, and RT 539 north. 539 runs almost due north/south through the heart of the pines - passing through the center of the dwarf pine forest just south of Warren Grove.

At this point -the faster riders decided to take off, and a few of the R bikes stayed behind to keep Dud and Willie company with his MotoGuzzi and hack (top speed about 55 - 60 downhill). As 539 passed various turnoff spots for home, riders headed their own way.

Club Presidents Don Eilenberger and Stefan Kwiatkowski arrived back in Spring Lk Hts at about 4PM, having covered a total of about 140 miles.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Our next event will be our first club meeting - where hopefully ALL our faces can be seen in one spot.

The meeting place will be SUN Cycle on RT71 in Manasquan (just opposite the Mobil station, just north of town) in the same building as the "Mattress Factory"..

Our agenda includes a tech session on tuning the R-twin, and hopefully watching a video from the Motorcycle Safety Foundation, provided by club member (and MSF instructor) Kent Seydell.

We'll also be looking for future meeting topics and trip ideas, so please think of what YOU want this club to be!

After the meeting, for those interested, there are several interesting pubs in the area - and we may retire to one (for those driving cars) and talk bikes!

The meeting date is Monday, November 21st, at 8PM! **Please try to attend!** Without member participation, we have no club!

FOR SALE/WANTED

Any registered club members may advertise BMW related parts, equipment or accessories in this space free of charge! To place an ad - TYPE it and send it to our mailing address: NJS-BMW-MR, POB 398, Bradley Beach, NJ 07720.

FOR SALE from 1973 R75/5 LWB:

Engine, 35k w/o carbs or alternator \$400

Long wheel base, complete conversion kit including long swing arm, shaft, subframe with battery box and shocks \$100

FOR SALE from 1979 R100RT:

Main & subframe w/welded upper sidecar mounts, good title - \$200

RT fairing complete, exc. Condition w/Parabellum windshield, white uppers and blue lowers (BMW emblem colors) without gauges \$500

Swing arm w/dampened shaft \$50

5 speed tranny (75k miles) \$50

WANTED for /7 - Buy or Trade!

Luftmeister Fairing

Krauser Bags and Mounts

San Jose Fork Brace & forged upper triple clamp

Corbin Dual-Canyon /7 or "S"

/2 R26 Solo-Seat

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We would like to welcome any BMW motorcycle owners, or anyone interested in BMW motorcycles to join our club. We are BMW-MOA Chartered, and are seeking new and active members.

REASONS TO JOIN

Companionship: Other riders who share your interest in BMW motorcycles.

Group trips: Ride with the best - other BMW owners!

Parts Discounts: we have arranged with a local BMW dealer a 15% parts discount for our members. Other shops have also offer discounts.

Technical Help and Assistance: We plan technical sessions drawing on the expertise of our members and cooperative dealers and shops to help you maintain and tune your BMW.

HOW MUCH?

We presently have no set dues amount. We will be "passing the hat" to fund events as they occur.

HOW TO JOIN?

To join, call Don Eilenberger at the number given above, or send this form back to the club. You must be a member of the national BMW Motorcycle Owners of America (dues \$20/year) to join. If you are not yet a member of the MOA, we have application forms.

YES! I'm interested!

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ ZIP _____

HomePhone _____

Work Phone _____

I am/am not an MOA member
(circle answer).

If I am, my MOA number is

I ride a 19__ Model _____

**Mail to NJS-BMW-MR, POB 398,
Bradley Beach, NJ 07720-0398**

Meeting! Monday, November 21st, 1994 - 8PM Sharp!

Our first official meeting!
Tune the R-Boxer-Twin!
Motorcycle Safety Foundation Video!
Plan for our next year!
AT Sun Cycle
RT 71, Manasquan

(Just north of town, west side of 71, opposite the Mobil station)

