

New Jersey Shore BMW Riders

CLUB NEWS - September-October - 1998



Berkshire Mountain Weekend The BMW-RA National Rally August 27th-30th

Despite the gloom and doom of the weather guessers ("Hurricane Danny at 11.. stay tuned!") The club again made a good showing at a national rally - members attending were: *John Aubin, John Welch, Glenn Martin, George Hickman, Don Eilenberger, Mr/Mrs Klaus Huenecke, Mr/Mrs Glenn Larson, Mr/Mr Bob Lonegran, Julia Shirley (and Mr Shirley), Erik Miner, Mr/Mrs Bill Mara* (did I miss anyone?). Looks like 16 members and spouses attended - a record for the club!

We had as many routes to and from the rally site as members attending. Some routes were better than others, but I didn't hear anyone complain about their route, sounded like everyone had a good ride up and a good ride back.

Highlights I remember are:

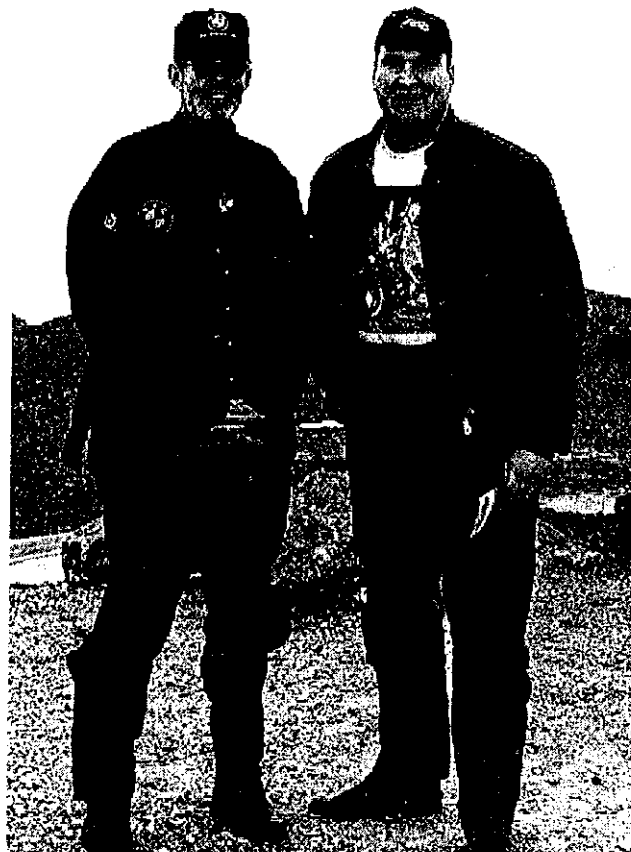
The vendors booths really grabbed our attention, I even bought something. One club member bought (and sold) a bike (hey Erik!).

The public introduction of the new R1100S - even got to hear it run (no - sadly - it wasn't part of the demo fleet, but sources tell me one of them did get run around the Berkshires a bit). I want this bike - got a 1999 on order for 2005!

David Robb - BMW's chief motorcycle (and car) designer was made available by BMW for both a tech session, and casual chatting as he stayed at the rally site all day Saturday - talking with whoever walked up to him.

The Presbyterian Church Ladies (formal rally title) were a big hit with 500 homemade apple pies - and Presbyterian ice cream (vanilla) to go with it. Seemed like if I was looking for

someone I knew to talk to - I'd always find someone at the Church Ladies booth!



John and Glenn on top of Mt Washington

Our club dinners (two - Thursday and Saturday nights) were a great time for us to relax and BS a bit - we were joined by the

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President's Corner

New Tires

Wear-bars poked to the top of the Metzler Laser on Special-K, and prompted George Hickman to say, "Hey Buddy, looks like it's time for a new one."

We just finished making camp at the RA Rally site in Greenfield, MA and were testing out the camp furniture. "Jeez, I just put a new one on at Fontana last year!

Better call Frank[SunCycle] when I get back. Don will tell you more about RA Rally, but I did my best to wear out the rear tire too, while in New England.

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MEETING - October 14th, 7PM, Bedrock Cafe!

Berkshire Mountain Weekend Continued

New Sweden Riders on Saturday night.

Our Friday morning breakfast run into New Hampshire was special - we found (thanks to a reference from a waitress the night before), a great old-fashioned diner/resturant - apparently specializing in breakfast.



George Hickman relaxing..

Riding in the area was great. Some of our members took off on Friday headed for Mount Washington (see if you can spot the bikes with the stickers on'm), others did local riding. The rally committee (and congrats to Yankee Beemers on a great rally - well organized, well run, and well received by the local people* AND police!) made up a terrific route sheet of their favorite local roads and favorite local eateries - I attempted to visit ALL of them - roads and eateries.

Found a few really NICE roads all by myself. Drove through historic Deerfield Village several times (and one of the really nice roads is right at the south end of Deerfield) - imagine a Williamsburg without the crowds and not over-restored (real people live in Deerfield). It's on my list of places to revisit with the family.

Rt 100 in Vermont to me didn't really live up to it's billing (apparently the upper part of 100 is the 'good' part - the lower part had not-so-good pavement and lots of little towns and intersections), but Rt 8A (MA to VT) was spectacular, Route 9 from Brattleboro to Rt 112/100 was great - the Hog Back lookout gives a view of over 100 miles of Vermont and Massachussets hills.

Rt 112 heading north from Northampton went from a quiet college town local Main Street to a wonderful wide open sweeper

road - weaving through valleys and streams - even I exceeded the speed limit on it. GOOD riding everywhere we went.

My personal highlights - seeing and not hitting/being hit by 2 deer, 1 dog and one chap in a Honda on the way up. Seeing NONE of the above on the way back. Seeing lots of old friends from all over the country was again one of my forms of excitement - the Internet is a great way to make friends! A great 2 day ride up with John Welsh, an enjoyable solitary ride back (but I *do* wonder why I picked the route I did, it ended up being about 80 miles longer than anyone elses route and took 6 hours.. but it was still fun!)

A note on the weather - despite the best efforts of the weather media (complete with hushed deep voices warning of imminent doom), the only rain I experienced was about 1/2 hour of rain on Weds on the way up to the rally - and it was a welcome relief from the heat. The entire 'official' rally timeframe was rain free, clear but hot. Not a drop of rain to be seen! Most days - not a cloud to be seen. POO on the weather guessers!

By the way - Klaus Huenecke and Bob Lonegran both won awards at the vintage judging. Klaus for his R90S and Bob for one of his sidecar rigs. Great going guys!

Don Eilenberger

* as three of us were walking into a local resturant, all of us card-carrying AARP members, two very tiny elderly ladies stopped us. One turned to us and said "It's SO nice having you boys here! Have a WONDERFUL weekend!" It didn't remind us at all of Fontana last year!

Sad News

"PoPs" (Bill) Penschow, 57 - a member of Skylands BMW Riders, and a friend to our club passed away of a sudden heart attack on September 4th.

PoPs is probably best known to our club members as the guy who came forward and HELPED last year when we were trying to run the Jose Poker Run. Without PoPs help - I doubt if we could have had as great a success as we did.

PoPs was well known in the NJ cycling community as the guy who went to every Polar Bear run - rain or shine or snow, who had a big mouth and an even bigger heart. We received the help of both his mouth (as our PA system at the rally) and his heart (in helping to explain to us HOW to run a poker run, how to score a poker run, and then generally just doing whatever needed to be done, whenever it was needed).

His help with new motorcyclists is legendary - everything from trailering bikes to taking them for their driving exam.

No one ever had to ask PoPs to help - he seemed to look for the opportunity to help others, and made many many friends in doing so.

PoPs will be missed greatly by anyone who got to know him, and the club is making a donation to the Motorcycle Safety Foundation in his memory.

**President's Corner,
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Trips up spectacular Vermont 100 and through the Green Mountain Gaps to the "World's Smallest Ducati Shop", and an accession on Mt. Washington, NH with John Albin and "Grizzly Adams"* more that doubled the distance traveled to Greenfield.

Next time I see you, I'll tell you all about it.

There was still enough tread left this weekend though, to make my annual trip to the Freemansburg (PA) Hillclimb.

Thanks to Don for circulating the info at that last meeting. Four of us** met at the Jackson (NJ) Wawa at 9am then scooted to Miel's Cafe, Stockton, where Harold Gantz was de-bugging his windshield, and waiting for a coffee.

The route was one plagiarized from a "Stan's" poker run, mostly through Hunterdon County. Harold was pleased to find we passed the covered wooden bridge that has eluded him in his motorcycle wanderings. After lunch at a burger joint, three of us continued to the race site.

It was the first time for Muncie, so I told him my strategy.

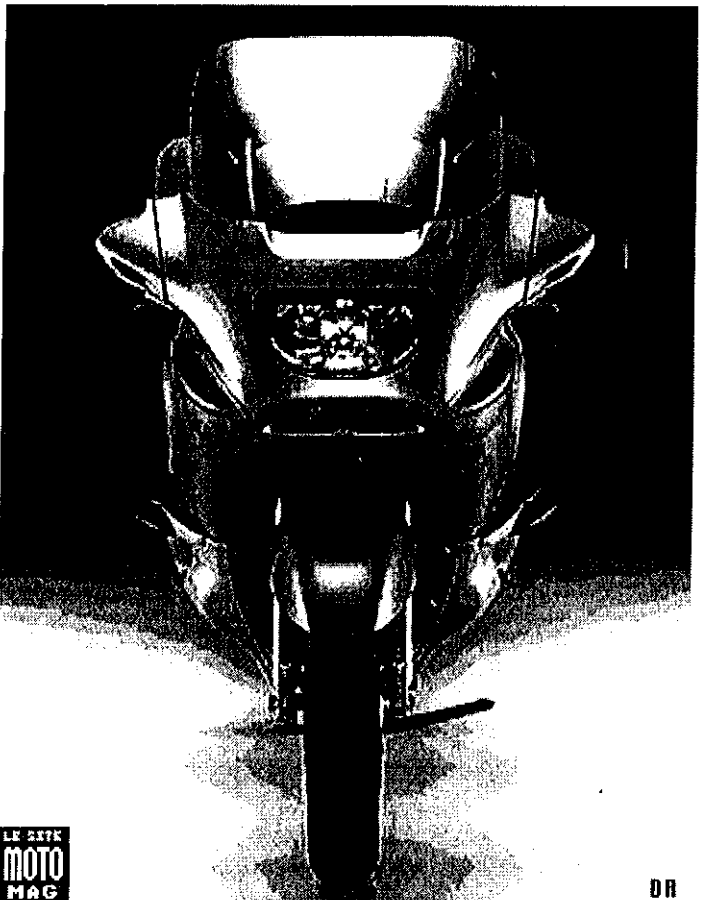
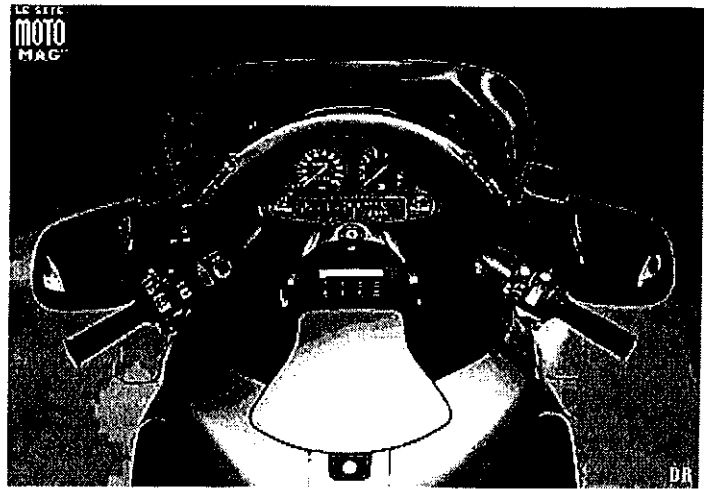
First, cruise the parking area.

It's a bike show on its own. Next, find nice piece of grass to observe the hill from, and watch the show. That consists of specialized bike, with 6 foot swing arms, charging up a four terrace dirt hill in 10 seconds (if they make it all the way). It's so steep, the track officials have to crawl up to rescue racers who don't make it to the top. You gotta join me next year. (It'll be in the noozletta for sure).

The hill climb is really just another destination/excuse to wear out the tires in the company of good friends.

* Grizz, as we called him, tagged along on the Friday club breakfast, and kept on tagging to the top of MT.Washington.

** Dennis Swanson, Mike (from Cranbury) Logalbo, & Muncie Glenn Martin



Once Again - you'll see it HERE first! 1999 K1200LT



Well - if it wasn't for the tailtrunk.. mebbe..



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K1200LT Facts:

Reverse Gear, 98 HP (72 kW) @7,500 RPM (Euro Model), Torque 115Nm @4,750 RPM, Dry Weight (BMW supplied figure) 378 kg



Meeting, Weds, October 14th, 7PM, Eat and Meet!
Bedrock Cafe, Rt 71 (Main Street), Bradley Beach, NJ

Hot Stuff!

Upcoming events

Last Chance - Sweet 16 Rally
New Sweden BMW Riders
Mays Landing NJ, September 25-27th

A favorite with club members who have attended in the past, the Last Chance rally is one of the last of the year and one of the best local rallies.

Join us in attending - Don Eilenberger will be leading another annual (2nd!) Jersey Chowda Run on Saturday, exploring the little seen towns and villages of the southwest NJ bayshore area.

Visit towns like Bivalve, Shellpile and Down. A great rally in a motorcycle friendly part of New Jersey, it's a don't miss!

For more info - contact Don Eilenberger 732-449-1533 or George Hickman 609-298-3623. Note - although it is primarily a 'camping' rally - there are simple cabins available at the site for a nominal fee. There is also a swimming pool - bring your trunks and snorkle!

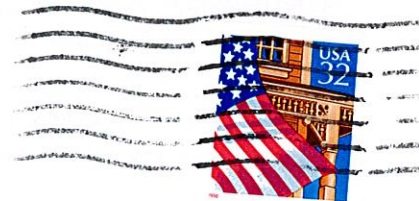
ELECTION 1998 and dues are due!

Our annual elections take place in November, and our dues are due November 1st.

DUES: It was decided by the officers of the club to raise the dues from \$10 annually to \$12 annually to help cover the cost of producing the newsletter. With over 80 issues being mailed it is now beyond the 'borrowing' of copying machines, so we are having the issues professionally reproduced. As in the past - we will 'prorate' on a quarterly basis new memberships.

ELECTIONS: Nominations are due at our next meeting, October 14th. You may nominate yourself or another member. The election will be held at our November 11th meeting. You must be present to vote, and your dues must be current. There will definitely be an opening for newsletter editor, Secretary and Treasurer. After 4 years it's time for someone else to step up to the plate. Your old officers will help anyone who is elected to an office - so you're not on your own, you'll have experienced ex-officers to rely on for help and advice. **HELP your club! Run for an office and help us move ahead into the next millenium!**

Got hot stuff? Send news, rumors, spy photos, stories and tall tales to Secty Don!



Dues OK until 11/01/1998
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