

New Jersey Shore BMW Riders

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Into the Pines

The Pine Barrens don't offer hills and curves, but within easy reach they do offer the little open space left in NJ.

So it's a good place to ride on a late winter day when there is accumulated snow in all directions and you are suffering from a severe case of cabin fever.

The phone rang at 7:15AM. The wind had been blowing steadily out of the north for at least a week. A cold wind that cut right through the cracks in the garage door or the window left open. A wind that wouldn't stop because you just got a new motorcycle and wanted to ride it.

Grant said it was nice out and we had to go riding. I didn't think so but could never say no to the prospect of a good ride. I told him I would be at his place by 8AM and made it 5 minutes early. Going over the bridge from Point to Manasquan, the cold chilled my face and I thought I should have worn the full-face helmet, but I wasn't going back. Grant was almost ready and we were soon heading west on Route 70.

The early morning traffic was light and we were soon having a good breakfast in a diner in Lakehurst. People in the diner kind of gave us the once-over. I guess they thought it was too cold for motorcycling, but they didn't know about heated grips and heated Gerbing jackets.

Out again on 70 and past Crestwood Village where you cut a left onto Rt539 through the Pasadena Wildlife Refuge. The road is almost perfectly straight and there are no side roads, so it's a place where you can open it up if you are willing to take a chance. I guess we took a "little chance". At the traffic light you intersect Rt72 and take it west. It's more of the same if you still want to "goose" it a bit. A few miles down you cut left onto Rt532 toward Chatsworth. This stretch has a bit of a roller coaster effect, but it's pretty straight and has few or no intersecting roads and no traffic. Use your imagination.

At the stop sign in Chatsworth you turn left onto Rt563 toward Jenkin and Green Bank. This is an area of cranberry bogs on both sides of the road, a few canoe rental places, lots of pines and not much else.

We stop at the Green Bank Tavern at 10AM. They are just opening, but a few regulars are already at the bar. This a great place for local color, a beer, and pretty good food at very reasonable prices. In the warm weather the motorcycles are usually lined up in front of the place, but today there



are none. Off again on 563, across the Mullica River toward Egg Harbor City-a nice little town- and onto Rt30 east toward Atlantic City.

Into AC we go to the Trump Plaza Casino because Grant thinks that Donald doesn't have enough money and he wants to give him some of his. It costs us \$2 each to park on the 5th level of the parking garage. Soon we are in the midst of the tables and slot machines where the noise is so intense you wonder why any one would ever go there for enjoyment. But they are there. If you look at their faces, they don't really seem to be having fun, but I guess they are.

Grant goes looking for Donald. I tell him I will meet him outside on the boardwalk. I guess it took him about an hour to drop off his money and we are soon on the way out of AC.

The temperature is rising and the wind has finally stopped. We consider taking off the electrics, but there is still enough bite in the air that we don't. West on 30 to Rt9 north toward Port Republic, but it's slow going with houses and cages, so we turn left and west back into the pines. Gas up and take Rt539 toward Warren Grove and gradually the houses and cars recede. There is a big fire in the distance, and we learn later that it is controlled burning and not the forest fire we thought it was.

We reach Lower Bank and stop for lunch at a bar filled with guys with beards and big stomachs. It's a friendly place with pretty good food and Murphy's Irish Stout. There are a couple other riders there and we trade stories. Back on the trail we take the same roads back and are soon back into the congestion of Rt70 in Bricktown and the Jersey Shore.

It's been a good day! The weather turned out pretty good and we charged our batteries and look forward to warmer weather and longer rides.

Dennis Swanson, Point Pleasant Beach

Daytona 1999

After making several last minute phone calls to various leads (Bimota motorcycles Pittsburgh PA) (Jack Silvermans race team from of Aspen CO) finally MuZ motorcycles out of Ormond Beach Florida, I managed to put together a ride for this years Daytona bike week races.

The ride was a new model the manufacturer came out with recently called a MuZ Mastiff. It looks like a dirt bike with street tires, designed to compete with bikes like the KTM Duke for sales.

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Meeting - April 14th, 7PM, Bedrock Cafe!

Daytona 99 - continued from front page..

Since the race bike was already down in Florida the only thing I needed to do was get me and my racing gear there, so I decided to ride my R1100GS to Daytona. The snow falling the day I was ready leave prevented such a ride. Thanks to



my race sponsors, the crew from Bike Worx out of Maynard Mass. pulled over and stuck the GS in their trailer until somewhere in the Carolinas, where I unloaded and rode the remaining distance. After a visit with the people at MuZ we took the Mastiff over to Deland municipal airport where AHRMA ran a one day race on a temporary road course set up on the run ways. I placed fourth in the MuZ Skopion cup race and mid pack in the SOS (sound of singles) supermono race.

Then we moved onto the super speedway for round two of the national AHRMA race schedule, practice sessions were smooth for me and I was getting the bike dialed in a lot better than it had been at Deland.

The Skorpion Cup race was the first for me in the day and I managed to get the jump on the pack to lead the first lap until shortly after it was red flagged because of a hard crash on the track behind me. At the restart I did a repeat and lead the pack until we got up on the high banking and not having a fairing to hide behind left me a little aerodynamically challenged (not to mention a few other things?) so a couple of skorpions cruised on by. I managed to reel them in on the infield sections but couldn't make a pass stick!

The race ended with me finishing in a lonely third place. The leaders broke away and fourth was way behind me. My partner Galen Miller owner of Bike Worx won the race.

The surprise was placing six in the super mono race, a class of super modified single cylinder machines dominated by the Ducati Super Mono motorcycle. My bike, due to the Skorpion cup class rules is totally box stock and way down on HP to the other machines on the grid.

Over all it was a very successful trip!

I managed this year to keep expenses way down by staying at Bulow camp grounds for six nights (what a mistake that was if you actually want to get some sleep!) at only ten bucks per night and I found a seven dollar smorgishborg restaurant in Ormond Beach, made some future business contacts, and also won enough money in the races to payback my entry fee,s.

I worked with MuZ, Laverda, and MotoGuzzi for a day helping run the demo rides outside the speedway then packed up my gear on the GS and rode back to N.J. I did an all day ride from Bruswick GA about 900 miles one of the longest I've done to date.

This was my eleventh trip to Daytona Speedway in thirteen years of my road racing career, previously on a lot faster and more powerful machinery, but it still ranked high as one of the finest times to be had at such a legendary place.

Other races this season include Loudon AMA National Pro thunder race, Mid-Ohio vintage days and AMA Pro, Park City Utah street course with AHRMA.

Help and Donations - greatly accepted and needed. Thanks!

See you shortly either at a upcoming meeting, or out and about someplace this coming riding season.

Club member and long time BMW rider, *Bob Wrublewski*.

For Sale/Swap

Items listed here are listed free for club members. Non-club ads have been placed as space allows and donations have been made to our treasury.

BMW Brand Items for Sale

K1100 Motorcycle Cover \$ 50.00 Excellent condition, very little use, with storage bag.

K1100LT Soft Luggage bag/trunk liners \$150.00 Very good condition, 3 pieces

K1100 Tank Bag \$ 50.00 Huge, 1 to 3 compartments, w/rain cover

K1100LT Trunk \$150.00 Special edition navarra violet color, padded back rest, w/passenger stereo speakers

K1100LT/RS Right Mirror \$ 25.00

Other Items

K1100LT CB/Intercom/Stereo \$600.00

Uniden 40-Channel CB wired to Sonic rider/passenger intercom with complete wiring harness to interface with BMW FM-AM/Cassette stereo. Fits compactly into right fairing storage area. CB handlebar mount push-to-talk switch. 2 J&M helmet headsets w/cords. Separate volume controls for headsets. Complete installation instructions.

K1100 Dunlop Brake Pads, New \$ 50.00, 3 pairs - 2 for front; 1 for rear.

"Back Off" Flashing Brake light module \$ 45.00

Contact: Randy Sweeting, 1804 Midsummer Lane, Jarrettsville, MD 21084-1200, Phone: 410.557.0203

E-mail: randysweeting@prodigy.net

For Sale

Front and rear complete wheel assemblies for a 1976 R90/6

Never crashed. I removed them to install a pair of Lester Magnesium wheels.

Price is \$350 for the pair, shipping/freight included.

Please contact me by email at dstwiss@flash.net, or by phone at 619-465-6625, or mail at POB 3743, La Mesa CA 91944-3743

Riding Fat Man

I felt like Chill Wills at the end of Kubrick's "Dr. Strangelove". But, exactly how does one mount this 800-pound bomb called the K12LT?

Mike from Cranbury and I ended up at Touch of Class a few weeks ago. The "Helmet Drop" run to the Del-Mar-Va peninsula kept getting spoiled by the iffy weather forecasts. So our Saturday spin left us confronting the newest BMW tourer, with a chance to roll it for a few miles.

You'll see to many reviews of this baby in the next couple of weeks, so I keep my comments brief. It's not my cuppa tea. Great stereo, good low-down grunt, but an eerie ride sensation for a confirmed RS pilot.

You want isolation? This is it. The combination of Para-lever, Tele-lever, and Barca-lounger leaves me looking for something to do. Next time I plan on riding one of these, I'll bring a crossword puzzle. I was happy to remount Special K, for a real motorcycle experience.

Don't let me discourage you, though. If this is favorite flavor, bring some serene CD's from your collection. Maybe Brahms' Trios, Jobim, or Brubeck.

Leave the Buckwheat Zydeco and George Thoroughgood home.

Glenn Martin

Guest Editor this month - Don Eilenberger!

- Do **you** have what it takes to be a club newsletter editor? Contact Don - we need more guest editors to help spread the fun around.

Important!

Your help is needed to make our first annual flea-market a success!

We need help in running it, organizing it, finding vendors, and cleaning up at the end.

The date is approaching quickly (May 16th).

Please contact Dennis Swanson or Don Eilenberger and lend a hand!

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Club Meeting, April 14th
 (mail your tax return on the way!) **Bedrock Cafe,**
Rt 71 (Main Street), Bradley Beach, NJ

Hot Stuff!

- **April Meeting, April 14th.** 7PM Club Bedrock, Bradley Beach, NJ
- **April 11th, Sunday, New Sweden BMW Riders Flea Market.** Don will be leading a ride down. Leaving from Allenwood General Store, 9:30AM
- **May 12th, Club meeting.** Site to be announced!
- **May 16th, Sunday. New Jersey Shore BMW Riders First Annual Flea Market.** This is OUR club event, and we'll need your help! We're holding it at Cross Country BMW, and the club will have a table for club members to put/sell their 'stuff'. Please contact Don Eilenberger (732-449-1533) or Dennis Swanson (732-899-7652) to volunteer to help out!
- **May 21-23 (Fri-Sun) First Annual Non-Tent Event,** Old Forge, New York (note - there may be a conflict with this date if the above event gets rained out. We're working on resolving it!)
- **June 4,5, 6th. 25th Annual Square Root Rally.** BMW-BMW, Thurmont MD (next to Camp David). A very nice rally, nice area and great roads (only about 45 minutes to West Virginia!). Don usually attends. If you want details or need info - please contact him (732-449-1533)
- **June 9th, June Club Meeting,** site to be announced!
- **June 10-13 (Thurs-Sun) West Virginia, Loop-de-Loop,** Snowshoe Ski Resort
- **July 29-Aug 1 (Thurs-Sun) Rolling Rally,** Vt, NH & Maine
- **Jul. 03-04 F.I.M. World Trials Championship,** Watkins Glen, NY. Call Glenn Martin (732-583-3945) for details.
- **July 2, 3, 4, 5 - Udder Nonsense Rally.** A really fun rally - this year 3 bands on 3 nights! Cairo NY (near Hunter Mountain). Great riding, nice ride up and back. Contact Don (732-449-1533) if you're interested.
- **Jul. 13-16 27th BMW MOA Rally,** Dutchess County Fairgrounds Rheinbeck, NY 314-537-5511. Our club has volunteered to help out with security on the site - pre-rally. Please contact Glenn or Don for info or to volunteer!
- **There will be NO July meeting** since many of us will be at the MOA rally!
- **August 11th, Club Meeting.** Site to be announced!
- **September 23, 24, 25, 26th.** BMW-RA Rally. Jamestown VA. More info as we get it!



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