

THE NEW JERSEY SHORE BMW RIDERS

July 1999

Notes from President Dennis

Well, here we are at the beginning of July and the height of the rally season. Since I have not attended a rally to this date, I don't know who may have been this place or that.

This evening, as I packed the motorcycle for the Udder Nonsense Rally, I realized I had not used my camping gear since returning from the Finger Lakes Rally last September. I realized that I had better get going because the summer doesn't last forever. How about you? Are you planning to attend the national rally at Rhinebeck? The club will be represented and we plan to have our July meeting there.

Jim Cavallo has the banner and will be bringing it there. Look for it so we can spend some time together. If you want to volunteer to assist at the rally, contact Don Eilenberger. Don is in touch with the national organizers. I expect to attend and I know many other members also plan to attend. If you want company on the ride, pick up the telephone and call someone [member list is in this issue]. Call me, Don, Grant, George Hickman or someone else and we'll try to organize a group or groups.

If it's anything like the national at Missoula last year, it's certainly worth the trip. It's a chance to meet [over 8,000] BMW riders from all over the country, see all kinds of BMW motorcycles, visit with vendors, take demo rides, have a few beers with your new and old friends, and just have a good time! Hope to see you there.

-Dennis Swanson, Pt. Pleasant Beach, NJ

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**THE 1999 BMW-MOA  
INTERNATIONAL RALLY**  
The Rally in the Hudson Valley  
Final Update June, 1999  
Michael Friedle and Josh Ascher  
Rhinebeck Rally 99 Co Chairs

The planning is finally done...it's almost Show Time, and what a show it will be! This year we have a lot new ideas and offerings for you to enjoy.

We hope you can partake of the many seminars, tech sessions, motorcycle displays and judging, vendor activities and much more being offered on



the magnificent grounds of the Dutchess County Fairgrounds. Make sure you save time to visit the Tourism Booth and the MOA Hospitality Committee, while you are depositing your door prize tickets, for lots of information on the area's scenic, historical and tourist attractions. Buy lots of our beautiful T-shirts as gifts for all your friends. Don't miss the air show at the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome on Wednesday afternoon. Plan to take advantage of that riverboat ride.

Will that be you up in that hot air balloon or buzzing the Fairgrounds in the biplane?

Visit the Cyber Cafe and say hello to the folks back home who aren't going to be fortunate enough to be in Rhinebeck with you. Take a nap so you can enjoy the great nightly entertainment after a delicious meal at any of the fine local restaurants.

Enjoy the demo rides from BMW, Triumph and Moto Guzzi. Just point your front wheel in any direction and go for a ride on the fine roads of the Hudson Valley region. Don't miss the Awards Ceremony, maybe you will win one of the three motorcycles or many trips we are giving away this year.



You might want to get really involved in the Rhinebeck Rally 99. It is not too late to sign up as

a Rally volunteer, in fact you can even sign up at the front gate when you arrive. See the Volunteer Committee at registration for job openings. The pay might not be so good, but the benefits are outstanding.

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**Club Classifieds, For Sale:**

**1994 BMW K75S**, 3,000 miles, Blue, garaged and in excellent condition. Maintained by Frank at Sun Cycle. With BMW saddle bags, & 3 helmets, \$5,000. Russell Tompkins, 732-449-0573, Spring Lake, NJ

**R100 Police Bike**, Very nice, call Eric Landmesser, 732-349-6185 Pine Beach, NJ

**'78 R80**, 41K miles, exc. cond., new rings and valve job, strong runner, choice of seats & handlebars. **See picture in this issue.** Call Phil 973-236-6665 (W) or e-mail <psikora@att.com>

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Visit the club web site at:

<http://www.monmouth.com/~deilenberger>

Mail your photos to Don to get 'em in there

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**The Rolling Rally**

or

**How To See The Countyside At Your Own Pace and**

**Still Have Gearheads As Dinner Companions**

The Gaspé Peninsula, New Brunswick, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine

Mon-Sun, August 9-15, 1999

There's a natural tension between the choice to do a solo trip or a group ride. On the one hand, going solo allows you to set your own schedule, pace and itinerary. On the other hand, a group ride offers comradery not available when riding alone. Decisions, decisions. Taking a page out of the Edelweiss tour book, the Rolling Rally offers the best of both worlds.

The Rolling Rally is simplicity itself. This is a 7-day event targeting an area of the country as the general objective. Specific nightly destinations and hotels are chosen in advance; each rider is only responsible for getting from one location to the next and, of course, for making their own reservations at the chosen hotels. Or, for you campers, find a campground nearby and swing by the host hotel for dinner/drinks. Each rider can pick any route that looks good, and can join up (or not) with other riding partners with similar desires/riding styles/body clocks. You can ride from place to place at a

sporting pace, or sleep in and smell the roses in the win(d). Hit the highway, cruise the backroads or do it in the dirt. It's your route, your time, your choice; you are your own ride leader. The only suggestion is to show up for an 8 p.m. dinner each night so we can swap lies. If you can't make the whole trip, fret not; because we'll know in advance where each night's stay will be, just show up for the days you can and leave when you want. Flexibility and individual choice are the concepts here. I guess that's why, if memory serves, these used to be called "gypsy tours."

Vermont is quintessentially quaint, NH more rugged, but still beautiful, and northern Maine truly is the "undiscovered country." Gaspé means "land's end," and one look at the map will show you why. Plus, you'll get to practice your French and enjoy a very favorable exchange rate. Some potential sights along the way: numerous New England "notches"; a floating bridge that will put your tires in the river; the world's smallest Ducati dealer; a motorcycle shrine; Cap Chat's vertical windmill (the largest of its kind in the world); and Perce Rock.

Monday, 8/9 -- NJ to Stowe, Vermont.

Commodores Inn, 802-253-7131

Tuesday, 8/10 -- Stowe to Rivière du Loop, Quebec, Canada. Hotel Levesque, 418-862-6927

Wednesday, 8/11 -- RdL to Perce. Les Trois Soeurs, 418-782-2183

Thursday, 8/12 -- Perce to Miramichi, New Brunswick. Country Inn & Suites, 506-627-1999

Friday, 8/13 -- Miramichi to Rangely, Maine. Rangely Inn, 207-864-3341

Saturday, 8/14 -- Rangely to Killington, Vermont. Killington Pico Motor Inn, 802-773-4088

Sunday, 8/15 -- Killington to NJ.

If you're interested, get out your maps, plot some routes for yourself, and make some reservations. See ya on the road! - Call Mike LoGalbo 609.395.8991

**Product Review**

**Works Performance Shock for the K75S by Mike LoGalbo**

Let's cut to the chase: the Works shock earns 4 1/2 out of 5 "springs" from this reviewer. A stock K75 shock is singularly underwhelming in its ability to control the bike at a sport-touring pace, especially loaded and after 22,000 miles, the condition I found myself in at the end of the BRP 99 tour. Hence, the need for some aftermarket help.

The Works shock appealed to me for several reasons: First, it's built to your specifications. When

you order the shock, they want your weight, the weight of your passenger, the percentage of time you carry a passenger, the way the bike is used, your riding style and ability level. Your shock is then custom made around these requirements. Second, the ARS system allows you to adjust the shock for varying loads quickly and, as importantly, with no tools. Third, it's completely rebuildable, thereby preserving your investment. And fourth, at \$379 it's a good value when compared with alternatives like Progressive, Fox or Oh-Oh-Oh-My-God-I-Can't-Believe-It's-That-Expensive Ohlins.

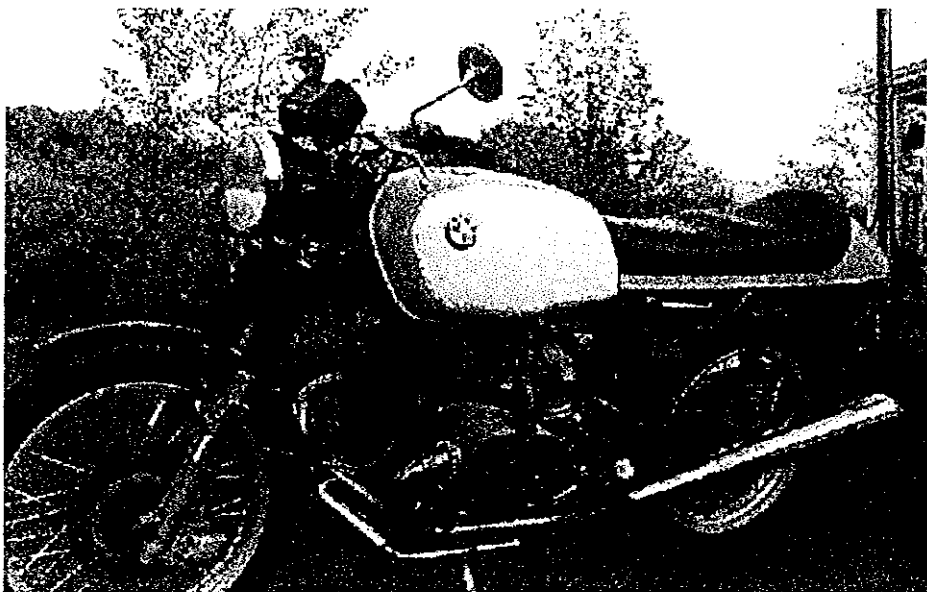
Installation is the proverbial piece-o-cake. Two bolts and the old shock is off; the same two bolts puts the new shock on. Because the Works shock has a remote reservoir, you'll have to fiddle with getting the clamps around the frame rails to secure it – no big deal, just a bit more time consuming than the two bolts. That's it.

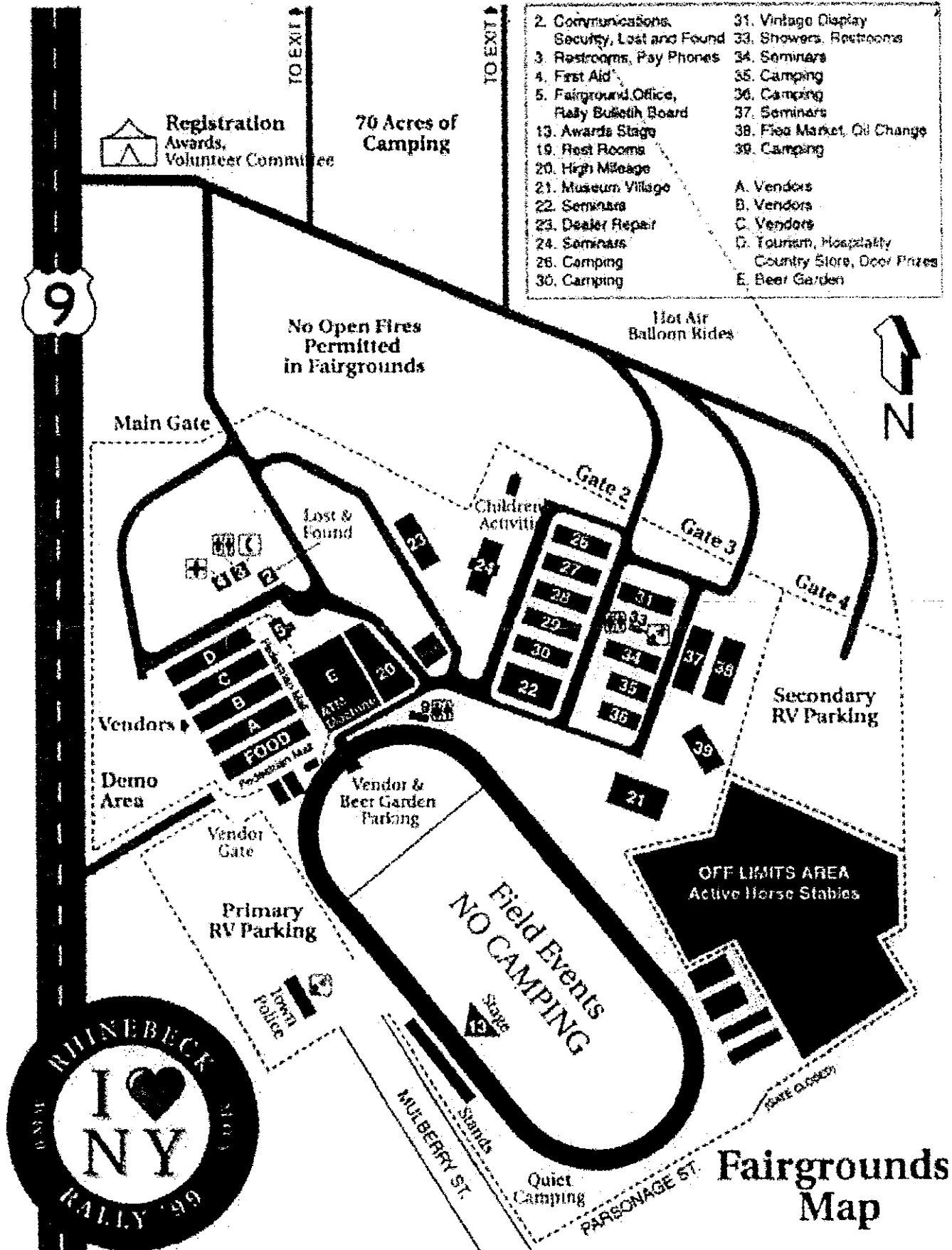
The Works shock gave the bike a "bolted to the road" feeling without being harsh. Well controlled describes the ride, the "floaty" sensation of the stock shock is gone. Hit a bump while heeled over and there's no wasted motion, thus no drama; the bike stays on line, swallows the bump and asks "What's next?" My answer: Canada!

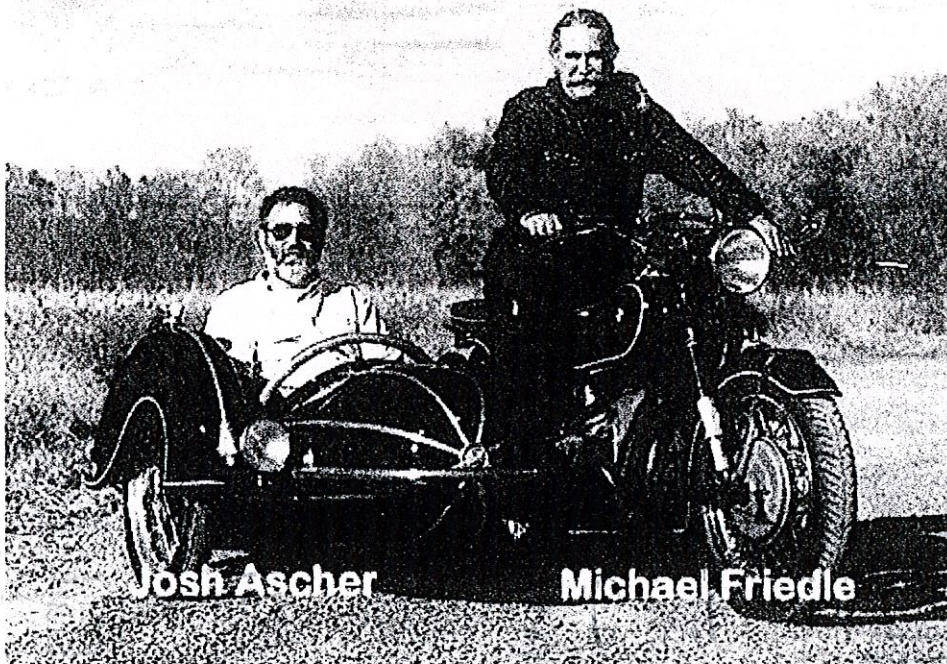
## Calendar

- **July 13-16, 27th BMW MOA International Rally** The Rally site is the 142 acre Dutchess County Fairgrounds in Rhinebeck, NY, approximately 90 miles north of NYC. For more information contact the Rally Co Chairs directly. Michael Friedle (914-473-1337) or Josh Ascher (518-785-4671)
- **August 9-15, 1999, Mon-Sun, The Rolling Rally** The Gaspe Peninsula, New Brunswick, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine. See article in this issue. Call Mike LoGalbo 609-395-8991
- **"RA In The Colonies." Sept. 23 - 26, 1999** Celebrate the **27th BMW RA International Rally** at historic Jamestown, Virginia. This event will be held at the spacious Jamestown Beach Campsites. Pre-Registration is \$20 (by September 10); \$25 at the gate. Fee includes three nights camping, rally pin, entertainment, self-guided tours, technical seminars and more! For additional information and pre-registration contact RA Headquarters at 407-984-7800

1978 R80 for sale. Call Phil Sikora 973-236-6665







Meeting:  
7pm  
Wednesday  
July 14<sup>th</sup>  
Rhinebeck,  
NY

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Meet.



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Attention : Next Club Meeting is at Rhinebeck, NY