

# THE NEW JERSEY SHORE BMW RIDERS

December 1999



## Note from President Dennis

The season of joy is upon us and I hope to see you at our annual holiday party at Eggiman's Tavern on Thursday, December 16th at 6:30 PM. The food there is reported to be very good. We will have a nicely decorated room with a fireplace and festive music all to ourselves.

The cost of \$15 per person is being subsidized by the club and you will have a choice of one of three items off the menu. You can choose either chicken Florentine, stuffed flounder or steak. This is a complete meal from "soup to nuts." For those who partake, there is a cash bar.

So why not come out and share the year's riding experiences with your friends? We will also be presenting some dubious awards to those who may or may not deserve them. You might even be one of those persons.

Hope to see you there. We are counting on you!

If you plan to attend the holiday party please send a check for \$15 for each person attending to Don Eilenberger (address on cover). He needs to receive 'em no later than December 10th.

## November Election Results:

President- Dennis Swanson  
Vice President & Rally Chair- Jan Tricarico  
Secretary/Treasurer- Don Eilenberger  
Editor- Glenn Martin

## Canyon Dancing Mike LoGalbo

**The Pennsylvania Grand Canyon.** Sounds like an oxymoron, doesn't it? Maybe Pa suffers from "canyon envy." Maybe they named theirs first and were just bad marketers, but I somehow doubt it. Having an empty weekend dance card, visiting the Pa GC served as a good excuse for an early November weekend moto-getaway.

When planning my winter overnights, I modify a couple of things compared to warmer weather trips. First, they are last-minute, weather-dependant journeys; I don't need to know how Uma performs in the snow. Second, the routes are shorter, hopefully fitting into the available daylight. Third, well, there really isn't a third; the trips are still backroad oriented and hotel based. So too with this trip -- I plotted a

circuitous 335 mile route taking us on the more remote Pa backroads at a time of year when they are still clear of the salt/sand/crap Pa uses so freely in the winter, and that makes riding these same roads in the spring so, ahem, "exciting." The weather for the weekend looked promising: partly cloudy (I prefer, however, partly sunny) both days with a Sat temperature spread of 35/55, and a Sun prediction of a chilly 25/45. As a result, Mr. Widder, Mr. Gerbing, and Mr./Ms. Fuzzy Wuzzy were all invited to come along. Glenn Martin, Bill Schroeder, and Janet Muller went too.

Have you ever wondered what makes you ride? It's not particularly comfortable, convenient, inexpensive or safe. Therefore, I guess you could say that it's not particularly rational. For me, however, it satisfies a myriad of desires like no other activity. It provides a unique perspective of the areas you ride through, allowing all your senses to "experience" the traveling. It puts you out in the environment for all to see, creating opportunities for local interaction. It requires forethought and flexibility to overcome the weather obstacles, challenging your capability. It harkens back to a simpler time, forcing you to pack light (except for Glenn) and look for things that do double duty. Finally, it demands skill, attention and focus, taking your mind off the clutter of everyday life.

Maybe it's this last point that is most important. I read today that it takes the average person 3 days before they start to "relax" on their vacation. Not me; whenever I ride, whether for an hour or a week, I find it instantly relaxing. Because concentration is required to do it well, riding forces me to put aside all the other concerns I (we all?) carry around as baggage. Funny how something that many would look at as "work" can be so relaxing; there's nothing like an uphill, decreasing radius, 120-degree left hander rushing up at you to focus the mind. Thinking about how you have to clean out the basement at that moment won't cut it; in fact, it can be downright hazardous to your health.

This morning it's the smell I notice most. The leaves are past peak, with many on the ground and some in neat little piles in front of the houses with fastidious owners. The air is cool but damp because we're riding along the Delaware, so you're hit with that semi-sweet wet leaf smell -- do you know it? It fades after we jump on 78 for a short blast west, replaced by a different inquiry: what's the wind chill when the ambient temperature is 48 degrees and you're in a 75 mph gale? The answer: low. My left hand drops down to the thermostat velcroed to the 'stitch and turns the little knob slightly clockwise, bathing my torso, neck and hands in warmth. Remember what I said about forethought? Thank you Pat Widder.

Breakfast is at a local place on Route 100. After coffee, food, more coffee, conversation and a potty stop, we head back out. Glenn's trying to figure out how to bungee a few Pennsylvania Dutch pies to the back of the R-RS, but is unsuccessful. He therefore vows to return. On the road again. And what roads they are. Route 339 is a tight little roller coaster that grabs your attention fast and holds on tight. It winds its way along a ridge then cuts over the mountain. You've got 'yer sweepers, 'yer switchbacks, 'yer hairpins, and 'yer straightaways, with not much else. But, what else do you need? It seems to be warming up, or maybe it's the adrenaline. Routes 487, 87, 973, 44 and 414 are more of the same and eventually deposit us in Wellsboro.

I can't end a riding day without cleaning the bike. Yes, it's silly and anal retentive, but otherwise I won't get any sleep. Maybe it's the "you've got to take care of the horse" thing, maybe it's a pride of ownership thing, but it's always been my thing, ever since I started to ride. So Uma gets a bath, shine and cover, then I do the same for myself. Now it's time to stroll "downtown Wellsboro," another obvious oxymoron, for dinner. The group decides on the Penn Wells Hotel dining room, replete with mucho blue hair. The food, wine and company are first rate, but the waitress has no sense of humor. Her loss.

Our round table after dinner discussion: What would you like to improve about your riding? 'Fess up now, and be honest. Some answers from our group: confidence in slow speed, deep lean angle turns; turning left as confidently as right; handling downhill twisties, especially in traffic; the ability to smoothly match revs on downshifts. As hard as it sometimes is to admit, none of us is possessed with the riding ability of Mick Doohan. It was a lively discussion that produced several suggestions; try it with the folks you ride with. I think the saying is that the first step to correcting a problem is recognition that it exists. What's your weakness?

Sunday morning is not as cold as originally expected, with a weather channel verified 34 degrees at 7 am. Rather than head right out, we breakfast first at the world famous Wellsboro Diner (so proclaims the billboard on the way into town), direct from the '50s. It's complete will all the stainless steel, porcelain and formica available in northern Pa, plus a Chuck Berry soundtrack.

Route 6 west takes us to 144 south, directly through the forested canyon. Pick ups with orange clad occupants constitute the only traffic, and there's not much of that. The occasionally mid-turn gravel keeps us from charging as aggressively as we otherwise might, which is probably a good thing anyway. We're treated to more beautiful views as we again climb up and down the mountains.

After a lunch stop at Bucknell University's Student Union (boy will this make you feel old), Glenn's alma mater [Class of '74], and a brief hello to one of my daughter's previous sitters, who is a current student there. We cross the Shamokin Dam and find our way onto Route 125. 125 should be on your "must do" road list -- it's "Smokin"! We finally intersect with 78 and begin the blast home, with Glenn and Janet taking all slab, and Bill and I exiting at 611 for another trip down the Delaware to home. Uma slides into the garage, her weekend dance card completely full.

### Cross Country BMW OilHead Tech Session

Don & Lois Notte will host a free tech session at 7pm on Wednesday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. A complete 6,000 mile service on an R1100 bike will be demo-ed. All options and accessories for the R11 bikes will be reviewed, too.

**20% Discount** on all parts & accessories bought that night. Pizza and soft drinks will be served.

Future sessions will cover K bikes, the F650, & Tire Repair  
Call 732-635-0094 for directions or info

### Holiday Warmth

Glasgow, Scotland- A policeman who suggested a stranded biker should urinate on their engine to free up an iced carburetor *was puzzled when the rider refused.*

So the officer unzipped his fly and did the honors himself -- and restarted the bike. A few days later the officer received a letter from a local doctor who said: "Thanks for helping my daughter."

### Combined Charity Toy Run

The NJ Shore BMW Riders and the New Sweden BMW Riders are doing a combined club "Toy Run" for Deborah Hospital in December.

If you don't know about Deborah - it is one of the premier heart-lung hospitals in the USA - and patients are never charged - it is free to anyone. They specialize in pediatrics - and this is where we hope to help.

**When:** 10 AM, Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>,  
Rain/snow date December 12th

**What:** Toy run to Deborah Hospital  
Browns Mills NJ

**Meet:** WAWA, Rt 537 near I-195 (Great Adventure exit), 10 AM to ride to the Fort Dix Club (*NOTE - this is a changed time from our former announcement - we decided we want to EAT with the New Sweden Riders!*)

**Who:** Any rider, BMW or Non-BMW

**Bring:** An \*unwrapped\* toy suitable for child 2-12 years old

We will ride to the Fort Dix Officers Club, where we will meet the New Sweden BMW Riders for the outstanding brunch the Dix Club offers. Cost of the brunch (full breakfast menu, plus steak, carved meats, etc) is about \$9/head.

From the Officers Club we will have an MP escort to the edge of Fort Dix, and then a police escort to Deborah Hospital.

After the visit to Deborah, we hope to again gather at the Dix Club. We also will be donating \$150 in 50/50 proceeds and a generous donation by the Fraternal Order of Police to a fund for a larger gift for the older children (Nintendo, or something similar) - this will be coordinated with the New Sweden Riders.

**PLEASE tell any riders you know about this event - BMW or Non-BMW.** It will bring cheer to the faces of children who have or will face serious surgery. Deborah is a non-profit, anyone welcome world famous heart/lung center.

More info: Contact Don Eilenberger 732-449-1533

NJ Shore Riders Web Site :

[www.monmouth.com/~deilenberger](http://www.monmouth.com/~deilenberger)

## Calendar

- **Sun., Dec. 5, Toy Run Charity Ride** for Deborah Hospital, with New Sweden Riders, Browns Mill, NJ.
- **Wed., Dec. 8, 7PM Cross Country BMW Oil Head Tech Session**, demonstrate a complete 6000 mile service on an R11 bike.  
**20% Discount** on parts/acc'ys bought that nite.  
Free pizza and soft drinks by Cross Country.  
732-635-0094
- **Thurs. Dec. 16 NJS-BMW-R Holiday Party**, Eggiman's Tavern 2031 Rte 71, Spring Lake Hts. 732-449-2626. We'll have a 3-choice sit-down dinner, soup to dessert. \$15 plus gratuity per person. Cash bar. Mail checks to Don E.

- **Cycle World Motorcycle Shows**  
**January 21- 23, 2000**  
Philadelphia Convention Center  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
**February 4- 6, 2000**  
Jacob K. Javits Convention Center  
New York, NY

## Polar Bear Runs

It is not necessary to be a member of the Polar Bear Club to do these rides. There is generally food at the destination and if you just want to go for a nice ride and join other folks feel free to attend. The cost to join the Polar Bear Club for the 1999-2000 season is \$15. and can be paid when you do your first ride.

Call **908-722-0128** to check on updates & cancellations.

### December 5

SCHOCK'S HARLEY DAVIDSON, Snyder'sville, PA, Ph# 717-992-7500. Take Rt #22 through Easton to Rt #33 North to Snyder'sville exit, at stop turn left, go over Rt #33 Schock's Harley on right (corner of Rt #209 & Rt #33)

### December 12

MONTGOMERYVILLE CYCLE CENTER, Rt #309 Montgomeryville PA, Ph 215-699-7511. Take Rt #202 into PA. to Rt #309. Make right on Rt #309 go approx. 5 miles. It will be almost straight ahead.

### December 19

THE CABIN, Rt #33 Howell, NJ Ph 732-780-4744. On Rt #33 Howell Twsp. Approx 5 miles west of Rt 34 (or East of Freehold, NJ) (CHRISTMAS PARTY. BRING A TOY FOR THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL. PUT CHILD'S AGE AND SEX ON GIFTS.)

### January 9

I.A.M.A., Long Branch, NJ Ph #732-222-9750. Take Rt #36 to Long Branch exit (this is Broadway & Rt 537) to last traffic light (first light after split approx. 2 miles from Rt #36) turn right on Ocean (also Rt #57) look for Red Windmill & 7-11 Sign on West End Ave, go three blocks, over railroad tracks I.A.M.A. on right.

### January 16

MILLSTONE PUB Rt. 537 Clarksburg, N.J. Ph 732-926-6600 From Trenton take Rt. 195 East to Exit 16. Make right on Rt. 537. Go approx. 1/2 mile. Millstone Pub is on the right 1/2 mile east of Great Adventure.

### January 23

MIGNELLA'S RESTAURANT, Hopewell, NJ Ph# 609-466-9856. From Somerville take Rt #206 South to Rt #518 to Hopewell (approx 9 miles) at Hopewell go to second traffic light, make right on Greenwood Ave, go 2 1/10 miles Mignella's on right.

### January 30

RED APPLE REST, Rt #17 Southfields, NY, Ph 914-351-9838. Take G.S.P. to exit 163 to Rt #17 N, go approx 23 miles, Red Apple Rest on right.

### February 6

LANDSLIDE SALOON, Rt #173 Pattenburg, NJ Ph# 908-735-6919. Take Interstate 78 West to exit 11, follow Rt #173 West 1/2 mile. Landslide Saloon will be on left.



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Holiday Party: 7pm Thursday December 16th  
Eggiman's Tavern / Celebrate !!!