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"The virtue of deeds lies in completing them." Arabian Proverb

"The greatest works are done by the ones. The hundreds do not often do much, the companies never; it is the units, the single individuals, that are the power and the might." Charles H. Spurgeon

"Life's tragedy is that we get old too soon and wise too late" Ben Franklin

"Two things are infinite: the universe and human stupidity; and I'm not sure about the the universe." Albert Einstein

"A joy that's shared is a joy made double." English Proverb

"This American system of ours, call it Americanism, call it capitalism, call it what you will, gives each and every one of us a great opportunity if we only seize it with both hands and make the most of it" Al Capone

President's Message

Dave Rosen

It's really hard to believe that the end of summer is quickly approaching. For most of us, this is a good time to get out on the roads as the summer heat is slowly subsiding. For others the heat, the rain, the dark or even the snow won't stop them. What usually prevents all of us from riding as much as we wish we could, is likely the lack of time. When I think about all of the adventures on rides that I did squeeze in so far this summer, I also think about



what I had to miss in order to have those experiences. It is always the case. I do however, truly appreciate hearing from fellow riders and club members stories of their adventures. How phenomenal the roads were at this rally, and how great the weather and accommodations were at that rally. I allow myself to live vicariously through them, even just for a moment. With the Salty Fog and Finger Lakes Rallies just passed, as well as the AMA Championship races @ NJMP, I am hoping to hear some stories at the next club meeting. If you so choose, post your stories up on our Yahoo! Group to share with the other members. If you'd like to submit a story for our newsletter, as I urge all of you to do every so often, send it our way. We want to hear from you.

We've got quite a bit brewing for the rest of the season, so keep checking our calendar and message board for events. The details of the big tri-club rumble are to be finalized at the meeting and we absolutely need your attendance and participation to make this just right. Your input, ideas and volunteerism is what is needed to guarantee the best event of the year.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at Schneider's on Wednesday.

New Sweden - Last Chance Rally, September 23rd-25th and West Virginia, September 25th to ?

Editor

Our fellow NJ club – New Sweden BMW Riders is holding their annual Last Chance Rally this month, at the same site as last year – the Yogi campground in Elmer NJ.

I will be attending as will several other joint-club members. I'd like to invite our members, especially the ones who like to camp, to one of the really fun local rallies. If anyone is interested in riding down with me on Friday the 23rd, I'll be doing an all-backroads ride to the rally. It really is a don't miss the fun rally.

I'm also thinking seriously about taking some time in Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia right after Last Chance.

I'd be leaving from the rally on Sunday and heading to Stephen's City VA by back roads to the Comfort Inn there (have stayed there many times on southern adventures.) On Monday morning – I'll head west toward the Peaks of Otter, WV and see if the motel at Green Bank is open. If so - that's Monday night, if not – Cass and Snowshoe aren't far away. Tuesday – heading further south and west should bring us somewhere around Charleston WV area. Wednesday – head northeast toward Canaan Valley WV, which has always been a very enjoyable destination. Then Thursday or Friday toward home..

I will NOT be camping. I will be staying in decent motels, and I know where to stay and where good food is. If anyone is interested in joining the ride – please contact me. (deilenberger@verizon.net)

HOT HOT HOT but FUN, Bloomsburg PA

Roger Trendowski

At one time it read 104 degrees at the MOA Rally in Bloomsburg PA. Lucky were the club members who chose to room in air conditioning

at the University condos and motels. For us who chose to tent-it, the temp was a bit warmer at night.



Former Club Prez Glenn Martin and Janet Muller



MOA attendance was a few more than 7300 and short of the 10,000 expected -- Clearly the weather had a major effect.





Our club along with New Sweden and Skylands clubs helped in registration on Friday 12 noon shift.

It was definitely hot under the huge open-sided tent but all worked hard which helped keep the waiting line short. We had fun too.

Threats - August 5

RD Swanson

Faced with the threat that Don would use the newsletter to tell us the details of his western trip and his son's wedding, I felt compelled to write something.

So to begin. Are we to have a "Big Rumble" this year or will it follow the path of the "First Chance Rally" and the club picnic? We seem to be drifting.

If we are to have a rumble we will need to make some decisions and enlist some volunteers at our next meeting.

First we need to decide on a location and whether or not we are going to serve food. If we are not going to serve food, picking a location is simple. If we serve food we will need a location that allows food service and is convenient for the "food volunteers" to transport cooking materials and food.

If we have no "food volunteers" then we just

choose a site. Pretty simple.

Think about it. Perhaps you will decide to volunteer. Perhaps you will cook, perhaps you will make food purchases and transport the food, perhaps you will bring the grill and utensils and perhaps you will do nothing.

Sites suggested have been Allaire State Park, Sandy Hook, Manasquan Reservoir, or other public parks in Monmouth County if food is served. If not, Max's in Long Branch, Van Sant Airport, Clarksburg Tavern, and Stewart's Root Beer come to mind.

The date at this point seems to be October 9th. Skylands will be responding to our challenge if we have a rumble. I haven't heard from New Sweden – but if it involves food they are likely to come out in force.

The Un-Rally,

John Malaska

I've found that the groups of motorcyclists at BMWST.COM are one the more active "non-traditional" BMW clubs. Besides having a very active presence on the Internet, they also organize several gatherings including two annually in Torrey, Utah, as well as their annual "UnRally." The UnRally is essentially a gathering of BMW riders at a facility with nice accommodations and good regional riding. No vendors or seminars. In August, I attended this year's UnRally at the Little Switzerland Resort in North Carolina.

The previous weekend, I rode down to visit my brother Tom in Thomasville NC. I had considered slabbing down via Interstates, but heavy traffic south of Washington DC made me detour to Gainesville VA and US-15, which worked out just fine. US-15 is a scenic, lightly-travelled two-laner that guided me to southern VA. US-360, US-501, and NC-49 then took me to Burlington NC, and cigars at JR's. It was a short ride from there to Thomasville.

On Monday, it was a 130-mile ride west to Little Switzerland. The climb up the Blue Ridge Mountains via NC-226 gave me an inking of riding opportunities to come. Once at the Resort, I completed the informal sign-in

(UnRally's require pre-registration), then took off to visit Mount Mitchell on the BRP, the highest peak east of the Mississippi River I always thought that it was Mt. Washington in New Hampshire. From there, I rode the BRP back north, then detoured south via the very-dizzying NC-80, then back to the Resort via NC-226.



The Resort had a nice pool, which I took advantage of, and an outside bar/pub overlooking the hills to the south. I can't speak about previous locations, but the UnRally organizer's selection of a central location was excellent. Good food, cheap beer (+!!), and breathtaking views. I was a little concerned that I would be treated as an outsider, but lots of folks came up to me, engaging in conversation. The Rally organizer's hosted an ice-cream social that night, which I managed to miss.

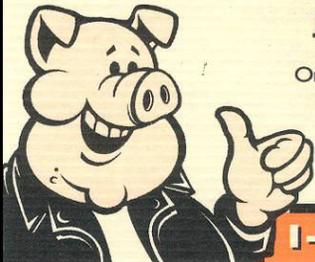


Tuesday, I decided to take advantage of the

Resort's proximity to the Cherohala Skyway, which connects southwestern NC with eastern Tennessee. The Cherohala is one of my favorite motorcycle roads, and I departed the Resort at 7:30am to get to it. I arrived in Robbinsville NC, eastern portal to the Cherohala, at 10:00am and proceeded westward. Unlike my previous ride on the Cherohala last October, the temps were reasonable. Unfortunately, clouds in the area conspired to coalesce into fog as I gained altitude. At 4,500 feet, halfway on the Cherohala, I was socked into pea-soup stuff that was downright scary. Discretion being the better part of valor, I abandoned my route and returned to Robbinsville. Riding eastward to Asheville, I detoured onto the BRP, which turned out to be a good decision. The southern portions of the BRP offer wide-open vistas. An UnRallier I met the night before had suggested taking NC-215 south of the BRP, and I took the bait. It was another NC-80 moment, where I swore I could see the tail of my R12R while I took some switchbacks. A big sigh of relief when 215 ended, then leisurely rode east on US-64 to Brevard NC. I stopped for a bite to eat at Hawg Wild BBQ (which was quite tasty), then proceeded back up to the BRP via US-276. Riding through the Pisgah National Forest was very enjoyable, since it ran parallel to a river, complete with rafters and waterfalls. Once on the BRP, it was a 75-mile ride back to the Resort. The UnRally Organizers has arranged a "beer social" for the evening, for those attendees who detested the taste of ice cream the night before. Good time!

Prior to the UnRally, the Organizers provided GSP routes for some suggested roads in the region. Early Wednesday morning, I decided to take one of them. About 10 miles into my ride, I realized that the Organizers must spend their lives on roller coasters. This was not for me! I

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abandoned my pre-planned route, and instead headed north via US-19E. Then took US-321 until I was detoured onto NC-67, then US-421 west (aka "The Snake" ... which was all it was trumped up to be.) Once outside Johnson City TN, I rode down to TN-107, which joined into NC-226 and back to the Resort.

That evening, the Organizers had the "closing ceremony" dinner. Featuring BBQ (with both Lexington & Kansas City sauce, chicken, turkey, and plenty of sides. There were a few speeches, but mostly just good camaraderie, and closure to a good event.

Thursday I was away early, as I planned to get as far north as possible. Initially, I took the BRP until it detoured off at Laurel Springs, then to Sparta. Rather than getting back on the BRP, I headed northwest via US-21 (another good road) to Wytheville VA, and I-81. Traffic was heavy, and there were a number of substantial delays. But I reached Hagerstown MD by 3:00pm, which provided ample time to ride down to the Antietam Battlefield NP and tour that Civil War site.

Friday, I departed Hagerstown, avoiding most of the I-70 Baltimore commuters, and arrived at my sister-in-law's on LBI by 11:00am. Arrived home on Sunday in torrential rain.

It was an enjoyable week of riding. New roads, new event, new acquaintances. There's talk that the 2012 UnRally will be out West. Will seriously consider making the trip out there. The UnRally is a non-frills alternative to more substantial events like those hosted by the MOA or RA.

2011 Event Calendar

John Malaska (please send events to John!)

September

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| 16-18 | Black Diamond Beemers Rally
Honesdale, PA |
| 22-25 | Last Chance Rally, New Sweden
BMW Riders, Elmer NJ |
| 25-?? | Don's WV Ride – contact Don |

The above does not necessarily mean that the Club will organize a ride to these events. Consider it more of an "FYI". Feel free to inquire on the Yahoo Group whether any members are interested in a ride to an event.

Ballad of the Two Mikes

Rev'n Mike, the second Mike

Once there was an arrangement made days in advance.

The first Mike didn't want to waste time nor get ripped off so the date was set as was the time to have his motorbike set straight.

Days went by, the second Mike cleared out his garage to make sure there would be no wasted time fixing the first Mike's motorbike as he is very efficient and timely!

On that special day, early in the morning the second Mike waited and waited and waited

Ahh but alas no first Mike to show, finally not wanting to be rude but yet seeking to be practical the second Mike called the first Mike to say with great politeness what were his intentions.

The second Mike indicated he was looking forward to the service date on Thursday and since it was Tuesday he wondered why the phone call... in the same breath he heard the second Mike say: IT'S THURSDAY KNUCKLEHEAD! AND YOU'RE FOUR HOURS LATE!

The second Mike insisted that it was Tuesday when his daughter quickly corrected him. The second Mike felt like a Harley broken down on Route 66 without a cell phone. The First Mike being the better Mike of the two, simply said come when you can.

The second Mike arrived five hours late humbly and as quietly as he could to the second Mike while begging for mercy.

The repair went smoothly as usual, the second Mike got schooled by the first Mike and he is now a better man for it. I was stirred and shaken.

NOTE – no wedding photos were used in the production of this newsletter. But.... it was VERY close.. Thanks to all who contributed last minute! EDITOR..

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MEETING: September 14th – Meeting at Schneider's

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