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*If everything seems under control, you're not going fast enough. Mario Andretti (1940 - )*

*Do what you can, with what you have, where you are. Theodore Roosevelt*

*The future is much like the present, only longer. Dan Quisenberry*

*Things are more like they are now than they ever were before. Dwight D. Eisenhower*

*Camping is nature's way of promoting the motel business. Dave Barry – channeling RD Swanson*

*I think we agree, the past is over. George W. Bush*

*A little bad taste is like a nice dash of paprika. Dorothy Parker*

## President's Message

### **NOTICE!**

As President of the legendary BMW Shore Riders I have declared that the riding season has officially begun! We may get a few dustings of the white crap or some downpours but they will be a non-event. Why, because we have all spent way too much money on our motorcycles, our heated clothing, our helmets, our navigation devices, our panniers, our insurance not to mention the little white lies to our beloved about how long our rides will be. So with that said, check your oil, your tires, your brakes, tighten up fair-



ings, spokes and mirrors, go to Mike's and get some abuse, and lets ride!

In all seriousness gentleman, don't waste an opportunity to enjoy even a short ride in cold air, it's invigorating and remember you're doing something so unique that 95% of the world still shakes their head from left to right but secretly wishes they could do it.

Please make every effort to attend the next meeting on March 13th.

Thanks, Rev'n Mike

## **Modern Classics MC Show – Boyertown PA, March 3<sup>rd</sup> Take-1**

*RD Swanson*

Did you know that Boyertown has the world's largest Walmart? It's a store so large you could purchase anything you would ever need (maybe not dancing girls). In fact they should probably call it Walmart Town because there's not much else there. It's right next door to Martin Motorsports which is also a large retail store, although on this day it was devoted to motorcycle esoterica.

Vice Prez Bill Dudley, Capt. Don, Harold and I made the trip on a typically gloomy March day. The scenery on the way out reminded me of East Germany during the Cold War, but you probably knew that. Never mind. The show made the trip worthwhile.

There were about a hundred motorcycles I had never seen nor ever knew existed. A '57 Moto Rumi, a '49 Gilero Saturna, a '61 Moto Parilla, a '57 Moto Isla Carrera and Don Gordon's 1960 Rumi were some of the brands on display and give you some idea of the variety.

Cafe racers, classic street bikes, track specific designs, two-stroke road racers, motocrossers without suspension and time-bending drag racers provided an interesting perspective of motorcycling of the past fifty years or so.

Saw Eric Suhr and George Panichas from Skylands(they rode) and George Hickman, Miles Cannon and Dean Fasek from New Sweden(they didn't). We saw Harry's R1200r out in the lot, but never saw Harry. Otherwise the crowd was all Pennsylvania. And you know they really look different than a Jersey crowd. I tried to figure it out but couldn't. They just seem alien. Different and more exaggerated features, very pale skin, strange clothing and unintelligible speech provide part of the answer but there's more to it than that. Imagine what it must be like in Kansas.

So it was a good time. What did you do? Go to the mall?

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## FluffyButt-II Announced!

*Don Eilenberger (FB Coordinator/Judge)*

FB-II will commence on April Fools, and end on Halloween.

The theme this year is NJ Oddities and Sights.

As promised I've added a few twists to the contest, and I think it's gonna be awesome.

There are 100 sites listed in the basic FB listing. These sites include notable sights in NJ (some tourist, some just very odd) and some museums I found of interest (usually with a quirky exhibit) and places I thought would be just plain fun to visit.

I've based my choices on places I'd like to see, plus input solicited from other members of the club (thanks guys!)

For some of the sites - beside the base points earned for simply riding to the site, there are bonus points available. Usually the bonus points are for actually stopping and visiting (or touring) the selected site. Usually these are museums, but sometimes not - restaurants with an odd-ball theme, catacombs beneath churches -- lots of interesting stuff to do. Sometimes you can earn multiple points by visiting a single site (as in some graveyards.)

It will be up to the participant to plan their ride so the site is open for touring/business, and it is their responsibility to provide proof of the tour/visit/grave (photos, ticket-stubs, restaurant receipts.)

The total maximum points that can be earned on the basic 100 sites is 255.

To take care of making sure no ties occur - there are an additional 45 points available. These can be earned by participating \*by bike\* in various BMW and club events held during the contest period. There are NO extra points for finishing first.

There are also will be points awarded for newsletter contributions:

- 250 word of more story about a FB ride - 3 points (max 2 per newsletter)
- Photo of a FB ride or tour - 3 points (max 2 per newsletter)

A PDF of the sites and bonus events can be found on our Yahoo website under the "Files" section. As the date draws closer I'll be putting up an Excel spreadsheet and a Garmin POI file. We can go through how to upload the POI file to your Garmin at a club meeting.

Start researching and planning now. April Fools is only a bit over a month away!

As last year - Prizes, Award Certificates and Trophies will be awarded at our Annual Holiday Dinner. There are no state prisons included on the list!

**DISCLAIMERS:** Early submissions will not be

accepted, proof of the visit date shall be determined by the EXIF information embedded in the photo. Contest only open to dues-current club members. Decisions of the Judge(s) is(are) final.



*Fitting for the new Concept-3 "PRO" helmet is quite precise.*

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## Filler

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*Mike L*

Heck, I don't know about the rest of you guys but I see fewer and fewer young men on BMW motorcycles.

It appears that BMW has decided they are not worth the effort to engineer an affordable, easily repaired motorcycle. I guess the number crunchers in Germany are short term thinkers. I recently spoke with a group of Nippon riders, and to be sure they love the German marque but can't afford the bikes and equally important the lack of dealership support from a location perspective just does not make sense.

As one young buck said, "the Suzuki 650 with hard bags is one hell of a deal."

As you have seen at Schneiders, our own Jim

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Thomasey who owns one always pulls up with a big smile. The bike is agile, fast, well built and cheap\$.

I think its time that BMW motorcycle clubs start to speak up for the next generation. With Europe in deep austerity, they just might listen. Let's chat at our next meeting about what we can do.

President, Mike



*BMW-MOA national rally 2012*

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## Volunteers needed for BMW-MOA National Rally!

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*Editor*

The BMW 2013 National Rally is being held at the Oregon State Fairgrounds in Salem Oregon, July 18th-21<sup>st</sup>. As has been traditional for the past many years, the NJ clubs have been volunteered to handle registration on Friday afternoon (one of the peak times for registration.)

Roger Trendowski is in charge of registration this year, so he'd love to see the NJ clubs turn out in force on Friday. Many members who have done registration in the past have said it was the most memorable (and sometimes enjoyable) thing they did at the rally. The registration staff are the first people that arriving rallygoers see when they get to the rally, so it's a great chance to promote our NJ clubs, and at the same time meet interesting people from all over the US.

Please contact Roger if you can help out. There are some advantages to being a rally volunteer – you can arrive early and for the campers among you – pick a primo camping spot.

There are a number of club members making plans to ride to the rally this year – if you're interested, it will be discussed at our March meeting.

## Modern Classics MC Show – Boyertown PA – Take 2:

*Bill Dudley*

Harold, RDS, Don, and Dud drove up in Dud's car to the Martin Motorsports show in Pottstown, PA. It's a two hour drive each way and with temps hovering around 40F didn't seem like a fun ride, especially spent on I-195 and the Turnpike, so we car pooled.

The show was, as usual, well organized, and the bikes chosen carefully so as to cover good range, i.e. few duplicates. The bikes were generally divided into street bikes and competition bikes, and attendees (\$7 each) could vote for their favorite street and competition bike.



The street bikes ranged from 1950's to about 1990, and ran from the usual British bikes (BSA, Norton, Triumph) to Japanese bikes about 1969 to 1990 to Ducati and Moto Guzzis from 1967 to 1990, and only three BMW's: a slash-2 (R69?), an R75/5, and an R65LS, if memory serves.

The competition bikes included a number of tiddler race bikes (Italian 125's and 150's), a couple of Jawa speedway bikes, and a handful of larger road race bikes (from pre-Bloor Triumphs to 1980's two strokes like the Suzuki RG500). In addition there was a dirt bike area on the mezzanine.



Food was available quite reasonably (bowl of chili \$4, soda \$1).

Outside in the parking lot was another show, as there were quite a number of interesting bikes ridden in by attendees.

Finally, it was a great day to run into acquaintances. Our own Harry Costello rode in and Don Gordon was showing four bikes.

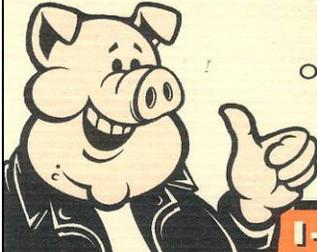
## Modern Classics – Boyertown, Take 3

*Harold Gantz*

Sunday, March 2 was the third annual Modern Classics Motorcycle Show at Martin Motorsports, a multi-brand dealer located in Boyertown, PA.

I've been to the first two Modern Classics shows and enjoyed looking at the bikes from the '60s and '70s that initially got me interested in wanting a motorcycle. Previous shows consisted mostly of early Hondas, Yamahas, Suzukis, and Kawasakis with a smattering of European bikes

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thrown in to make it interesting.

I initially had no plans to go this year but I saw Don E's offer on the yahoo email list to fill a seat in his car so I called him at the very last minute to bum a ride. Little did I know that Bill Dudley would be chauffeuring himself as well as Don and Dennis. They picked me up at the MacDonald's next to Our WAWA and through the magic of two GPSs, dead reckoning, and wishful thinking we ended up in Boyertown around noonish.



Turnout at the Modern Classics show has increased steadily over the past three years due to the word getting out and the quality of the bikes on display getting better each year. The bikes are always displayed spread out enough to allow the crowd to walk around each bike and admire them from all sides. A placard is attached to each which describes details of that model and includes a short story of each individual bike. There is also a professional photographer on site who this year brought a photo booth to take glamor shots of each bike which will be assembled into a great coffee table book in the upcoming months.

The underlying theme of this year's show was "racing bikes" and about half of the motorcycles on display were either motorcycles which have been raced or models that were built for racing. Of special interest to me were the Italian small displacement models that are not normally seen except in places like the Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum (Birmingham, Alabama). Examples are the "little" bikes from Ducati, Moto Guzzi, MV Agusta, Moto Parilla, and Moto Rumi. Club member Don Gordon had four of his bikes on the display floor.



It was interesting that this year the number of Japanese bikes on display could be counted on one hand. In previous years there were numerous Dreams, Benleys, Super Hawks, Scramblers galore and most of the common tiddlers that we remember from our youths.

Also seen at Martin Motorsports were Harry Costello (who rode there like a manly man), George Hickman, Miles Cannon, Dean Fasick, and a few New Hope breakfast buddies. The bike show in the parking lot was interesting too. Don oogled a Moto-Morina 3½ and I was intrigued by a home-built three wheeler powered by a great sounding V- twin that was not a Harley (it was watercooled).



By 2:00 PM it was time to go. I have no idea how we got back to Jersey because I dozed most of the way. But Bill D dropped me off at my car back at the MacDonald's so I was happy. I'm looking forward to next year's Modern Classics show.

Next show on this spring's schedule is the Gathering of the Norton's bike show on April 21. See you there.

## **BMW-RA Rally in North Carolina, June 20th-23<sup>rd</sup>**

*Don Eilenberger*

The annual BMW-RA Rally returns this year to the Biltmore Estate in Asheville NC. This was the site of a very successful RA national about 7 years ago.

There are club members planning on attending. The rally site is about one mile off the Blue-Ridge Parkway, so if you want a scenic ride to the rally this will be hard to beat. I'm planning a two day down and two day return ride – taking back roads as much as possible. There may still be motel rooms available in one of the several motels right outside the Biltmore entrance – see me at our next meeting for more details!

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**Schneider's German-American Restaurant, Main St. Avon, NJ**

**Movie Night – Crown Engineering – 6PM February 20<sup>th</sup>**

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