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President's Message:

Oh, this and that

Spring is finally here. That week of temps around 80 had me faked out, I thought we'd have another year with no spring, just winter directly into summer, but now it's back to spring weather again. Rain on the weekdays, sunny weekends, good if you're a working stiff but us retired guys like to ride every single day.

My son William Three-Sticks came east to visit for 10 days, some of you know him or met him this visit. He's a dedicated rider and wrench, he restores vintage scooters at home (as a hobby) and works in a scooter shop. He was nice enough to work his way through my "collection" and get them all running and put fresh gasoline in them, even the ones that hadn't turned a wheel in a couple of years. Plus, we teamed up and got the brakes on the Baby Ninja "rebuilt", and then got the motor started, so that bike is nearly finished.

I don't know if I'll put the Baby Ninja on the road quite yet. I kinda bought it on spec: it was parked in a garage about 1 half mile from my house for the last 20 years, and I've been bugging the guy to sell it, just because I've got a soft spot for 250 Ninjas. Finally talked him into selling it a few months ago for \$500. It's a 1992 that's only got 3380 miles on it, believe it or not. I did buy a lowering kit for it so Zhao can ride it, when she's ready (and that'll be a while from now).

William's girlfriend joined us for the end of his visit, and the four of us (Zhao and I, William and Lisa) rode three of my bikes to the Gathering of the Nortons. Afterwards we stopped at the Yardville Inn in scenic Yardville, NJ for lunch, with three of my buds that we picked up at the Gathering. The Yardville Inn dates back to at

May, queen of blossoms, And fulfilling flowers, With what pretty music Shall we charm the hours? Wilt thou have pipe and reed, Blown in the open mead? Or to the lute give heed In the green bowers.

Lord Edward Thurlow

But winter lingering chills the lap of May.

Oliver Goldsmith

Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May, And summer's lease hath all too short a date.

William Shakespeare

Every year, back comes Spring, with nasty little birds yapping their fool heads off and the ground all mucked up with plants.

Dorothy Parker

We know the past but cannot control it. We control the future but cannot know it.

Claude Shannon

Lots of people go mad in January. Not as many as in May, of course. Nor June. But January is your third most common month for madness.

Karen Joy Fowler

A little knowledge may or may not be a dangerous thing, but it certainly going to be more expensive.

Vikrant Parsai

The only way to spend New Month's Eve is either quietly with friends or in a brothel. Otherwise when the evening ends and people pair off, someone is bound to be left in tears. W.H.Auden

least 1799, so it's worth a visit just for historical interest, even if you're not all that hungry. It's at the intersection of NJ 130 and (Mercer?) County 524.

President dud

Dining Review

Ben Paraan

As a cyclist, I always lived by the saying "I ride because I eat". As a motorcyclist, it seems that the phrase took on a different meaning. I always head out on the motorcycle because I knew I would get to an eating destination before I head back home. My most recent memorable experience is in Robbinsville, NJ. It's Dolce and Clemente's Gourmet Italian Market (2 North Commerce Square Robbinsville, NJ). They offer sandwiches and paninis listed on 5 big boards above the deli section. They also sell desserts, olive oils, pastas, salads, and what not. But for me, the reason I come here are for the sandwiches, and their bread is a standout. Simplifying a description by saying that the crust is crispy and the inside is soft doesn't do it justice. Read the reviews on Yelp to get a sense of this place. Better yet, head on down and try it for yourself. I do have to mention that they have tables/chairs outside on the sidewalk. They used to have a sitting area inside but the dessert area took it over.

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21st Gathering of the Nortons

Bill Dudley, future ex-prez

The 21st Gathering of the Nortons was April 27, and once again we had fine weather and a massive turnout. And by "we" I mean the Delaware Valley Norton Riders, the group that organizes this event every year. Yes, the weather was a tad cold, but it was dry and sunny and the turnout was simply amazing. I understand that we had 550 motorcycles in the "main" parking lot by 10:00AM, and that was the official start time of the event.

I think this is my favorite event of the year. I meet so many old friends here, some of whom I only see at this event. The bikes that show up are always interesting. Plus, the ride to and from my home in Jackson is long enough to be entertaining and doesn't cover ground that I'm tired of riding.

The Boy Scouts do a decent job of providing food and drink, so the DVNR only has to do traffic control and run their own merchandise tent, so it's not a difficult event to run.

I did my best to make the event more surreal by bringing my fake Velocette (a Honda GB500 in drag) and my new fake Norton Rotary race replica (a Honda CBR in sinister black costume). The fake Rotary got a lot of attention, which was the point, after all.

In the "not fake" category was one of the first NEW Norton 961's to reach America. The owner was contacted by the Delaware Valley Norton Riders and invited (begged?) to attend the Gathering, and so we all got to see a real, live, registered, brand new Norton.

Some NJSBMW folks were there; why you weren't *all* there is a mystery to me. This is the preeminent vintage event of the year in New Jersey (and maybe the ONLY vintage event in New Jersey). Is mowing the lawn that much fun?



The new Norton 961, fresh on our shores.



My fake Velocette and real Commando and participants.

not as comfortable as a pair of Lee Parks although for summer use, this Vanson would be cooler. These are my go-to hot weather gloves.

BMW Pro Summer Gloves: Goretex, lightweight, windproof and waterproof gloves with memory foam padding and an extra layer of leather for the knuckles, wiper for helmet shield, some reflective material, wrist and cuff adjustment. This is a very good all around glove, the one I wear for a majority of my seat time. It tends to be warm in the summer heat above the mid 80s but it is good down to the 40s if you run heated grips. I'm finding out that BMW makes some great gear. This one is a keeper.

--Ben



A brace of R90S's at the Gathering.

Summer Gloves Review

Ben Paraan

River Road perforated leather gloves with gel inserts in the palm: was a \$39 glove and it shows. Very thin leather was supple and perforations worked fine and the gel dampened some of my ex-Harley's vibes but it's a 1-season glove with minimal abrasion protection and no impact protection.

Vanson Engineer perforated leather short cuff glove: \$109/pr, ordered online using their size chart. Very classy and luxurious product, top quality leather (it's a Vanson after all). Quick release wrist adjustment, perforations throughout the back of the hand. Minimalist glove with few seams, no liner and no armor, padding or extra layers. Very comfortable but

40th Anniversary R90S Rally

Press Release

June 19-22 will be the Special 40th Anniversary R90S Celebration Buckingham, in Bucks County, PA.

Special Guests Include:

Hans A. Muth, Udo Gietl, Reg Pridmore & Robert A. Lutz

This rally is primarily for R90S enthusiasts, owners, and riders and will be given preference. Much is planned including a tech session by long time BMW mechanic Karl Myers, a "Covered Bridges of Bucks County" tour, special guest speakers, professional photo and autograph sessions, DVD documentary to be produced and made available by filmmaker Chad Strohmayer, cloisonné commemorative pins and commemorative posters designed by highly acclaimed artist/illustrator John Ritter. Friday and

Saturday catered dinners, door prizes, special awards and live music.

Held in rural, historic and beautiful Bucks County, PA and hosted by vintage enthusiast, collector and curator, Tony Karas. His wonderful Barn Museum containing vintage motorbikes and motorcars will be on display and serve as a nice backdrop for this event. Plenty of room for camping with grass and shade along with rest and shower facilities. A list of nearby hotels, motels, lodges and bed & breakfast locations will be made available. Complimentary and custom blended coffee brewing around the clock.

Special Guest Speakers include:



Hans Muth (kneeling) with the R100RS

The well renowned designer responsible for creating the bodywork on the R90S, **Hans A. Muth** will be joining us from his home in Germany. BMW asked Hans to create a machine with a unique presence far removed from the staid image offered by previous offerings, such as the R69S. We all agree, much more was accomplished as sales of the R90S skyrocketed. Hans later went on to design the R100RS, RT, R65, R65LS, R80GS, K1 and the Suzuki Katana. There is no disputing, Hans's award winning efforts have stood the test of time and have become true classics and highly collectible among riding enthusiasts around the world.

The highly talented Superbike builder and tuner **Udo Gietl** has agreed to attend and will be riding one of the back-up and highly modified R90S racing machines with him. It was through Udo's many hours of hard work and efforts that led to the

extremely successful Superbike Championship in 1976.

Udo started his career as an electrical engineer working for the NASA Space Program and Polaris Submarines before accepting a position with BMW importer, Butler

Smith. After much success with motorbike racing, Udo later went on to enjoy years of successful sailboat racing. Udo, as you can imagine, has plenty of colorful stories with which to entertain the crowd.



Pridmore and McLaughlin racing their R90Ss.

Three time AMA Superbike Champion **Reg Pridmore** will also be joining us. Reg was born in London, England and later moved to southern California to pursue a career in motorbike racing. He was the Superbike Champion in 1976 on a modified R90S and was recently named to the top ten list of all time Superbike Champions and is in the AMA Hall of Fame. Reg is still active and travels around the country teaching better street riding techniques with his CLASS Motorcycle Schools. Reg is also an aviator and enjoys flying with his wife Gigi when time allows.

Robert A. Lutz, Executive Vice President of global sales and marketing at BMW in Munich, Germany from 1971-74 has been contacted and has offered to produce a DVD presentation for our group, covering his involvement in the R90S program. We all know, if not for his efforts and commitment, the R90S program would never had got off the ground. Bob has had an incredible career with many worthwhile accomplishments, not only with BMW Motorrad, but also in the automotive field with Ford, Chrysler & GM.

He also served as a jet-attack aviator in the United States Marine Corps from 1954 to 1965 and attained the rank of captain. Lutz was born on February 12, 1932, in Zürich, Switzerland.

Butler & Smith's R75/5 Factory Racer F750, built and tuned to perfection by Udo Gietl, will be on display at this year's R90S Anniversary Event.

"Road racing history has lots of fascinating footnotes, and one of these is the story of the very last motorcycles carrying the BMW badge to go racing using a factory-built race chassis. This is the story of a bike created in the U.S. with the help of BMW's domination of the early days of Superbike racing in the mid-1970's with the R90S."

"Gietl eventually extracted a claimed 98 horsepower at 10500rpm from the flat twin 750cc engine. Combined with a remarkable dry weight of 309 pounds-less than the competition 2-stroke triples and fours- this engine gave good acceleration and a top speed of 165mph on the Daytona bankings, where Pridmore retired from the 1974 200-miler on the new bike's debut with a broken valve. The improved handling, light weight and good acceleration allowed teammate Gary Fisher to qualify his Rob North BMW on the front row of the grid for the tight, twisty Laguna Seca AMA National in 1975. Fisher raced alongside future world champion Kenny Roberts' factory Yamaha OW31, and even battled with Roberts for the lead before the BMW's rear monoshock failed. But that was the end for the F750 Boxers, for the 1974 arrival of BMW's new R90S sport bike led Butler & Smith to focus their racing efforts on Production racing with the R90S."

At the moment we have owners/riders attending from all corners of the United States and Canada as well as England, France, Switzerland, Germany and Australia, so please make your plans soon before it's too late.

Rally tickets are by invite only (email Todd and ask) and cost \$85 each.

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2014 Event Schedule

Please email the editor with additions/corrections.

- May 7th – Moribundi Lunch, Four Winds Restaurant, 12:30PM, Manasquan
- May 14th - May Meeting – Schneider's
- May 16th-18th – Morton's Spring Fling, Natural

- Bridge, VA. Check with Don about details.
- May 29th – June 1st - BMW-RA Rally, Barber Motorsports Park, Birmingham AL – Club Motel: 1949 Village Dr, Leeds, AL 35094, (205) 640-5300
- May 30-June 1st – Square Route Rally, BMW-BMW, Thurmont, MD
- June 4th – Moribundi Lunch, location TBA
- June 11th - June Meeting – Schneider's
- June 14th – Antique Motorcycle Rally, Rhinebeck, NY – See Mike Kowal
- June 19-22 - R90S Rally (see article above)
- June 27th-29th – AMA Vintage Days, Ohio
- July 2nd – Moribundi Lunch, location TBA
- July 9th - July Meeting – Schneider's
- July 24th -27th - MOA Rally - St. Paul MN – See Roger T for details on volunteering.
- August 6th - Moribundi Lunch, location TBA
- August 11th – Club Picnic, Art Goldberg's, Freehold NJ. We need help with this folks!
- August 13th - August Meeting – Schneider's
- August 29th – Sept 1st – Finger Lakes Rally, NY – See Roger for details.
- August 30th – Sept 1st, Salty Fog Rally, Nova Scotia, Canada. See Harry Costello for details.
- September 3rd - Moribundi Lunch, location TBA
- September 10th - September Meeting - Schneider's
- September 13th – AMA Races – NJ Motorsports Park, Millville NJ
- September 21st – 3 Club Rumble, Sandy Hook NJ
- October 3rd- 5th – Oktoberfest Weekend, Colors in the Catskills, Round Top, NY
- October 8th - October Meeting – Schneider's (Nomination of Officers)
- November 1st – DUES ARE DUE!
- November 2nd, Flemings Junkyard Bike/Car Show – Pumpkin Run, Mays Landing NJ
- November 5th - Moribundi Lunch, location TBA
- November 12th - November Meeting – Schneider's (Election of Officers)
- November 15th, Snowmobile Museum Trip
- December 3rd - Moribundi Lunch, location TBA
- December 10th - December Meeting – Schneider's
- December 13th - Annual Holiday Party
- December 14th - Annual Children's Hospital Toy Run

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Meeting – Weds – April 9th (Eat 6-7:30PM, meeting 7:30PM)

Schneider's German-American Restaurant

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NOTE: The next meeting is Wednesday May 14th

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