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The aging process has you firmly in its grasp if you never get the urge to throw a snowball. *Doug Larson*

An optimist stays up to see the New Year in. A pessimist waits to make sure the old one leaves. *Bill Vaughan*

A lot of people like snow. I find it to be an unnecessary freezing of water. *Carl Reiner*

Now there are more overweight people in America than average-weight people. So overweight people are now average. Which means you've met your New Year's resolution. *Jay Leno (1950 -)*

For last year's words belong to last year's language and next year's words await another voice. *T. S. Eliot*

Begin doing what you want to do now. We are not living in eternity. We have only this moment, sparkling like a star in our hand and melting like a snowflake. Let us use it before it is too late. *Marie Beyon Ray*

Each snowflake in an avalanche pleads not guilty. *Stanislaw J. Lec (1909 - 1966)*

The object of a new year is not that we should have a new year. It is that we should have a new soul. *G. K. Chesterton*

May all your troubles last as long as your New Year's resolutions. *Joey Adams*

Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right. *Opra Winfrey*

BMW Club
New Jersey Shore Riders



President's Message:

Spring is almost here! Well, OK, the days are getting longer even though we still have the coldest part of the winter to get through, but Spring *is coming*, eventually.

In the meantime, we've been getting our riding fix in short rides when it's not too cold out. Thirty minutes here and an hour there, ride to lunch, ride to breakfast, hell, ride to the grocery store, but at least we're doing a little riding.

It's been a "good" winter so far, if any winter can be called good, as we haven't seen squat for snow. I have all the snow moving stuff piled up on the back porch, rubber boots ready near the door, but so far, haven't needed any of it, thank Zeus! Wasn't it last winter where we had snow falls that didn't melt for weeks and weeks because of prolonged below freezing temperatures? That was sure a pain in the neck. I had to chop a path in the ice to get the bike from the garage (in the back yard) to the street in front. I'm not looking forward to repeating that.

I've been slowly getting my wife, Zhao, used to riding in the cold. She's good for a 25 minute ride in the low 30's now, and we haven't yet gotten her a heated jacket liner. That's soon to be remedied, but baby steps so far.

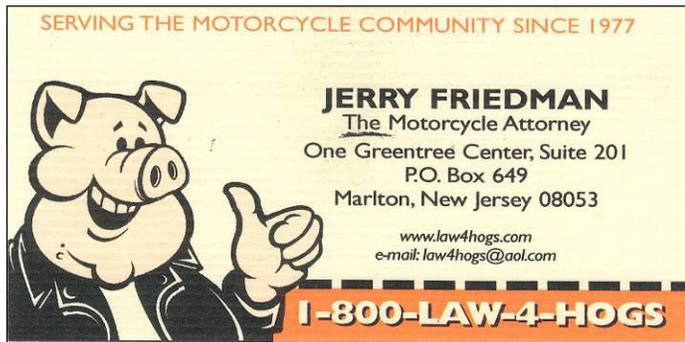
Since we aren't riding much, we're planning. We've got the trip out West to Albuquerque to visit my son, then to Tucson (to visit), then to San Diego (visit and sight-see), then L.A. (visit), then the scenic route back to Albuquerque, then home. And then there's the BMW Rally in Montana (?!?!), the Norton Rally in North Carolina, and our choice of "Vintage Days" celebrations, in either Vineland, NJ at the racetrack, or out near AMA headquarters in Ohio. And that's just

through July!

I hope you're all finding ways to keep your interest up this winter, and are planning all kinds of trips for 2015!

In the meantime, see you at the Breakfast Club, and the Club Meetings, and for some of you, the Moribundi Lunches.

President Dud



Annual Children's Hospital Toy Run - December 14th

Jim Thomasey

Sunday, December 14 dawned as an overcast, cool day with no snow in the forecast. A perfect beginning for a very well attended Toy run bike ride to benefit the Specialized Children's Hospital. Meeting at the DMV station in Lakewood, bike after bike arrived and brought members of NJSBMW, Skylands and New Sweden.



I was very happy to see such a great turnout from our club which included: Grant, Dan Thompson and his brother Rob, Mike K., Harry C. Charles Manfredi, Joe Karol, Ben P, Tom Suhocki, Don E. and Greg W. Other attendees who rode and contributed were Vince Santaniello, Tom and Judy Harris, Steve S., Pete Lisko, John Pitts, Dave DonnaMaria, Eric Suhr, Bruce Gollub, Don Gordon and Randy Enterline. There may be some I have missed mentioning, but I am very grateful for all who attended.

After a short group ride from DMV to the hospital, we were welcomed and offered a tour of the facilities by the gracious Bobbi Joe, in which many members participated. Since the weather was not wet or snowy this year, we were able to have some of the children come outside where they were immediately drawn to Harry Costello's bike for pictures. After the hospital, about a dozen members went to lunch at Charlie Browns where we were seated and enjoyed each other's company after a very successful event.



Thank you to all for making this a very worthwhile event.

Annual Holiday Party, December 13th

Editor

Was a great success. I'm awaiting reports from our mileage and awards chairmen so I can expand on what transpired. Food was good.

Meanwhile, one photo follows.



Holiday Party Crowd

Two Takes on the NY Show:

NYC Motorcycle Show December 12

RDS

Nice day for a trip to New York's Javits Center for the latest and greatest in the world of two-wheeled rocket ships.

Joe Karol, Capt. Don, Charlie Manfredi, Prez Dud and wife Zhao. Jim Thomasey and I met at the train in Long Branch for the scenic trip on the coast line. After arriving we walked up the street to the Irish Pub of small Guinness glasses and less-than-savory food. Jim McFadden met us there.

Then it was to the show. The BMW display was staffed mostly with Cross Country regulars: Maere, Doc Stickel, Matt Fretag and Dan Notte. Doc is alive and well and thriving in Virginia. It was good to see him. I also saw Dave Rosen

and was told Harry Costello was there. The new R1200R is lower and faster and pretty to look at. Same with the R1200RS. The R-Nine-T was on display in all its glory and attracting a lot of attention.

There were fewer vendors than in past years but I did manage a couple of purchases. It took me about an hour and a half to wander around. It was not in the least crowded, so it was quite pleasant. Besides BMW I favor Ducatis and Triumphs, but I didn't spot anything that would seriously tempt me.

We left about 3:30 for the dreary and crowded ride south. If I had to do it on a regular basis I would be seriously depressed. I did have a nice conversation with a stranger from Asbury Park which helped pass the time. He thought Sherlock Holmes was a real person and seemed quite disappointed when I told him he wasn't.

Editors note – it wouldn't be a trip to NY if RDS didn't find it depressing. Go figure. Beats sitting in your rocker growing older. Must be PMS.

Now for a non-depressed view of the show:

NY Moto-Show, December 12th

Harry Costello

Well the 2015 season has started for me. The NYC show has always been the first event of the season no matter when it is. Kind of like Finger Lakes in Watkins Glen being the last rally no matter how many I go to after it. High light of the show, for me, was a tricked out airhead. Check out the Weber carburetor, interesting but I wonder what the low end is like with those long runners to the heads.



Also my new traveling companion for 2015. The duck is retired to the shelf with the rest of the old traveling buddies.



Unlike last year when Guzzi had a large display with all the models on the floor, this year there wasn't one Guzzi in the building, shame on them. Some years a dealer will bring one or two but not this year. I was interested in Avon tires and Nolan helmets but neither was represented in the kiosk area, in fact quite a few battery, helmet and tire brands that usually have displays in the kiosk area didn't show up. The major brands were all there as usual with the addition of Indian which was equal to Harley in size and number of bikes on the floor. Looks like they're here to stay. All the normal \$29 helmet, do-rag, jewelry, eyeglass cleaner and cheap leather guys were there.



One improvement (IMHO) was an increase in the number of bikes owned by just regular folks that were scattered around the aisles between the displays. Many interesting and innovative machines that could have been built in someones garage not some multi-dollar monstrosity that couldn't get around the block under it's own

power. I guess if I had to rate the show I'd have to say it didn't come up to the standard that I've come to expect.

Seems like the only group of motorcyclists that I'm involved with that had any interest in the bike show was the BMW crowd that took a train up from Long Branch, no Guzzi guys or anyone from the Harley group. Although I did go on Friday so a lot of people were working. Next year I think I'll go back to going early on Saturday as that gives me time to hit Rutts Hut in Clifton for lunch.

I guess the show is getting kind of pricey as of late but it is something to do on a winter weekend, with gas/tolls, parking, ferry, show cost and lunch it gets close to \$100 for the day.

New Year's Day Ride-2015

Harry Costello (posted to the New Sweden forum)

Good turn out from both groups. Didn't have time to say hello, had my head together with Cam Conklin (Guzzi Club) about a Spring Ride we're putting together for the Guzzi Club. When I went to say hello everyone was gone.

We finally relented our seats to a few members of the growing black leather and HD T-shirt crowd and when we went outside their were only two bikes in the lot, a Beemer and a Goose. I guess those 'other' bikers parked their mounts in the weeds or had them hidden somewhere because they were afraid the Euro bike guys would damage them.

Great day for a winter ride and an 'interesting' location.

Thanks for posting the ride, we were blessed with a great day. BUT- Be aware that the Jersey Shore guys answered the call to arms and turned out to defend their turf, a reactive foray into the deep South or West might be in the works.

Editors additions: The shore club whopped butt, and got there early getting all the good seats. Herb Konrad was first to arrive. A group ride left from OurWAWA and wandered through the pines to the swamp the bar was located in.

Seen in attendance: Herb Konrad; Me (Don E); Dan and Colin Thompson; J. Grant Duncan; Greg Wright; Ben Paren and of course Harry Costello.

The ride started with 29F temps – and I learned just how cold it could get at 29F going 70MPH when my heated liner came unplugged half-way across I195 to OurWAWA. It can get very cold very quickly. Arriving first at the WAWA – I found the problem and was soon toasty warm again. Shortly after Dan and Colin arrived, followed by Grant and Greg. We headed south on 539, picked up Ben at the DunkinDonuts at 539/70, and then headed down Pasadena Road to Chatsworth, picking up 563 to continue south.



Greg and Grant wade through the swamp..



Wayne Reiss and Grant enjoy the atmosphere..

The venue (picked by New Sweden) is pretty

much a red-neck bar out on the wetlands of Great Egg. It's apparently a popular Harley destination, but there were none to be seen strangely. Food was decent, and it's good to see a place that isn't all about being fancy. Waitresses/barmaids were friendly, and a bit overworked.



I'll propose that next year we pick the spot – and my suggestion would be the Oyster Creek Inn (not far from this venue) – Oyster Creek has tables and a large dining room, plus great fresh seafood.

2015 Event Schedule

Please email the editor with additions/corrections.

- January 14th – Monthly meeting at Schneider's
- January 21st 6 PM - annual planning meeting at Crown Engineering. **FREE PIZZA!**

Planning Meeting – 6 PM January 21st

Will be held at Crown Engineering, 550 Squankum Yellowbrook Road (Rt 524A), Farmingdale, NJ 07727. **PLEASE attend** – we need your input to plan our next great year!

Cold Weather Riding 101

Bill Dudley

If you're not riding when it's "cold" out, you're missing out on a lot of saddle time. Cold weather riding doesn't have to be an ordeal, you just have to prepare properly for it.

In the bad old days, before electrically heated gear, big alternators; heck, before armored textile riding suits, I used to ride in a snowmobile suit in the winter. I was warm, but if I'd ever crashed in that suit, it wouldn't have protected me at all. Fortunately, this is the 21st century, and we have a world of great riding gear and specialized motorcycle cold weather gear.

To start with, it helps tremendously if your bike offers wind protection. A big fairing, hand guards, lowers (leg fairings) all keep the wind off you, which in turn keeps you from losing heat rapidly. Of course, if you don't have a faired bike, there's not much you can do about it. (Although in the bad old days, I would add a "Plexi-fairing" to my "standard" motorcycle in the winter, and take it off in the summer.)

If your hands get cold when riding, you have a few choices of ways to keep them warm. One simple way, if you've got a "modern" bike, is to get the optional grip heaters installed. These can also be retrofitted to most any bike, though you have to be a little handy (or know Mike K's phone number) to hook them up.

Heated grips are great, but I find that the backs of my hands get cold when it's really cold out. The solutions for this are: heavier gloves, heated gloves, or "Hippo Hands" (which was a Vetter trademark). Hippo hands are "bags" that fit over the ends of the handlebars. Your hands fit inside, and because they're out of the wind, you can wear lighter gloves in there. Some people use summer gloves with Hippo Hands and turn on their grip heaters. Hippo Hands were sold by Vetter decades ago, but you can buy several different knock-off versions these days, so the idea lives on, even if Vetter is no more. Search "motorcycle hand warmers" on Ebay, for example.

If your torso, arms, or legs are getting cold, you can buy heated liners for your riding gear.

Gerbing was the industry leader, maybe they still are, even after a change of ownership, but Gordon Gerbing has started a new company (Google Gordon's Heated Clothing), First Gear makes some, and there are several "no-name" heated clothing makers. Some of this gear runs off an included battery, some is designed to plug into your motorcycle's electrical system. If you have a modern "CAN bus" bike, you may need help doing the wiring so you don't freak out the CAN bus controller.

If your feet get cold, you can buy heated socks (battery or hardwired), or heated insoles (again, usually battery or hardwired).

You don't have to buy all this gear at once. Gently experiment with riding in colder and colder temperatures, to determine what is your biggest "cold problem". Solve that one problem, discover you can now ride comfortably at a formerly uncomfortable temperature, and start experimenting with even colder temperatures. Before long, you'll be a top Polar Bear rider!

When you've been cold on a bike, and now you have heated gear, it's a fabulous feeling to discover that you can be warm on the bike even at temperatures that would have previously had you uncontrollably shivering.

21 NJ Counties Fill-Your-Pie-Hole Challenge - January 2015

RD Swanson

Last time I checked there were 21 counties in the Garden State. So the challenge will be to ride to each and have a meal in each throughout the year.

Of course you will have to report on it in the newsletter, at a meeting or via email. You will need to attract some attention in some way. There is no point system but an interesting and informative account will be rewarded. A spectacular find would attract attention. A new hot dog place might elicit rewards.

I'm not sure I have even been to all the counties. Unlike the states where I have been to all the lower 48, I'm not sure about our counties.

Just as you have no great desire to visit Nebraska, the same may be true of Hudson County.

Extra rewards will accrue to those who ride to some of our exotic cities. Say Union City, Harrison, Camden, Hoboken or Hammonton. You could probably consider Elizabeth, Newark, or Demarest. Maybe even Buena in the pestilential swamps of South Jersey. I think that's in West Bum***k County. Some of these places would not be easily accessible on a motorcycle. Think of the challenge!

At our annual party at Rod's on December 12th 2015 you might receive special recognition. Perhaps a solid-gold trophy or an engraved certificate. Imagine a "Fill Your Pie Hole" trophy on the mantle. Imagine the congratulations from your mother in law. Think of the wonder of it all!

So riders, put your brains to work and try to meet this greatest of all Shore Rider challenges.

The exact rules and stipulations and rewards and stuff on this challenge will be discussed at our January planning meeting.

Advanced Rider Courses

Double-Jack Swanson

Among the many displays and booths at the NYC Motorcycle Show at the Javits center was an area promoting the various courses offered by Rider Education of NJ. My interest was in the Advanced Rider Course. This is a one-day course " that complements rider's basic skills and helps with personal risk assessment". It is available for those who have taken the Experienced Rider a Course (ERC), now called the Basic Rider Course 2.

Some of us took the ERC some years ago. It was offered to Shore Riders as a special event. The site was the army base at Sea Girt. Aside from being a fun day for the club, it was an invaluable experience that made me a better rider. I still carry with me some of the skills I learned that day. The closest location now would be at Brookdale College. As we all know, a refresher is needed from time to time. We forget.

I will contact Rider Education when they return from vacation to see what they might offer as a club event. And what requirements they may have.

In the meantime give it some thought. The tuition is \$150, but it will be a wise investment.

In addition to the above, they offer the following: Basic Rider Course, Basic Rider Course 2, 3 Wheel Basic Rider Course, 2 Up Rider Course, and the Advanced Practice Rider Course. More information may be found at www.renj.com.

EDITOR'S NOTE: One of the New Sweden members is an instructor for RENJ - he might be approached for more info.



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**Meeting – Weds – January 14th (Eat 6-7:30PM, meeting 7:30PM)
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