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President's Message:

It's March 1 as I write this and it's merrily snowing away. Good thing I got my R100RS from Mikey's garage yesterday, during the "warm spell", when the temps got all the way up to about 30. Aside from that 8 miles yesterday, I haven't ridden in weeks, and I'm really missing it.

The movie "Idaho Backcountry Discovery Ride" at Cross Country BMW Friday night was pretty good, except that now I miss riding even *more*. Not that I'm real hot to do that ride. It looks great, in the abstract. But realistically, my off road skills aren't all that great, I've got a fragile left knee, and I'm not very brave. I think the only way I could do that trip would be on my little 250cc dual sport, with no luggage except for a rain suit and a credit card. It doesn't seem like there are a lot of motels on that route, so that means I'd need a chase vehicle with the camping equipment, too. Sooooo, not happening. Still, fun to think about when there's snow on the ground here.

At last month's planning meeting, we put "Tech Day" on the calendar for March 18th, which is the third Wednesday of the month. We haven't discussed anything concrete about this, so we need a venue and a tech theme for the event. So please be thinking about that, and if you have any thoughts on it, don't be shy, send them to the club mailing list so we can discuss.

I hope to see you all at the meeting on March 11, and to hear your suggestions for the March 18 Tech Day.

President Dud

The shortest distance between two points is under construction. *Noelie Altito*

Whoso would be a man must be a nonconformist. *Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803 - 1882)*

Habit is necessary; it is the habit of having habits, of turning a trail into a rut, that must be incessantly fought against if one is to remain alive. *Edith Wharton (1862 - 1937)*

Difficulties are meant to rouse, not discourage. The human spirit is to grow strong by conflict. *William Ellery Channing (1780 - 1842)*

If we let things terrify us, life will not be worth living. *Seneca (5 BC - 65 AD), Epistles*

You don't get to choose how you're going to die. Or when. You can only decide how you're going to live. Now. *Joan Baez (1941 -)*

A man who wants to do something will find a way; a man who doesn't will find an excuse. *Stephen Dooley, Jr.*

Fear is that little darkroom where negatives are developed. *Michael Pritchard*

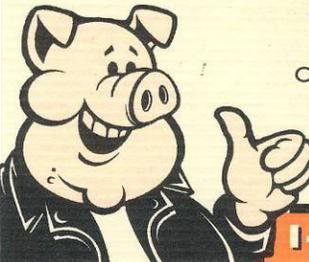
You can't expect to hit the jackpot if you don't put a few nickels in the machine. *Flip Wilson (1933 - 1998)*

Live as you will have wished to have lived when you are dying. *Christian Furchtegott Gellert*

Most people rust out due to lack of challenge. Few people rust out due to overuse. *Unknown*

When you come to a fork in the road, take it. *Yogi Berra (1925 -)*

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Supertech – Feb 20th – 22nd

The Maryland Airhead BMW club held a "Supertech" on the weekend of Friday, February 20 through Sunday, February 22. In past years, the Pennsylvania Airheads have run a highly popular Supertech up in Boyertown, PA, so the Maryland Airheads had a high standard to live up to.

What is a Supertech? It's a weekend of seminars about various aspects of Airhead ownership, mostly maintenance related. The leading lights of the Airheads community volunteer to teach the seminars. In addition to the seminars, the Supertech includes a Friday night "meet and greet/pizza and beer party", and a Saturday night dinner.

Mike Kowal and your author, plus a few other New Jersey Airheads attended the weekend. The venue was the Tuckahoe Steam and Gas Association, which is a museum devoted to steam engines, old machinery, and early 20th century American rural life. It's located on the Delmarva peninsula, right on route US50 as it heads south to it's eastern termination on the southern end of Delmarva.

Tuckahoe Steam and Gas is comprised of a number of barn-sized buildings, one devoted to old machine-shop apparatus, one devoted to early 20th century rural life, one to shelter the steam tractors, etc. The volunteers who run Tuckahoe Steam and Gas agreed to open the museum buildings, turn on the heat and lights, and gave us a tour of the machine shop and rural life buildings on Friday.



Tuckahoe Machine Shop Museum

Friday afternoon was the optional tour of the museum buildings, and then Friday night there was a pizza and beer meet and greet, followed by a showing of the movie "The Best Bar in America". That film is the story of a writer riding a 1960 BMW R60/2 around the Western US, attempting to chronicle all the bars he finds, and his adventures whilst doing so. Not bad, and unlike a lot of motorcycle movies, non-motorcyclists might enjoy it.

Saturday was devoted to the seminars: three venues times two seminars before lunch and two after lunch. Your humble author offered a seminar on "Electrics for Airhead Owners". Other seminars included front end maintenance and valve adjustment. Lunch was salad, soup and chile.

The organizer of this event was Mark Lipschitz, a Maryland Airhead who wanted this Supertech to have "better food" than the PA Supertechs. Ambitiously, he (with helpers) prepared an Indian cuisine dinner for Saturday night. Some of us don't do well with spicy food, and he fortunately had a non-spicy option available for those of us who mentioned our reservations about Indian food beforehand.

Sunday morning there was a final set of seminars, passing out of the door prizes, and then everybody hit the road for home. Fortunately, Sunday was warm, and the drive home (at least into central NJ) was wet but not snowy or icy.

**Toy Run - Children's Specialized Hospital
Tom's River, NJ NJSBMW Club Dec 16, 2001**



**Contest.. FREE ICE CREAM!
see photo above**

Tom Spader

This annual event on December 16, 2001 started with donuts and coffee at the DMV station...same format as in current use and concluded successfully at a Charlie Brown's restaurant on Rt 70 for lunch.

The first three members to identify all the participants will win a dish of ice cream at our next club meeting... the ice cream is on Tom..

EMAIL your answers to:
Tom Spader <harleetom@yahoo.com>

**Cross Country BMW Movie
Night – Feb 27th**

Roger Trendowski

Several of us planned to attend the Cross Country BMW movie night on Friday the 27th of February. Bill and Zhao Dudley, Don Eilenberger, and me.

Given that CC would probably have snacks rather than real food, four of us stopped at the world famous (at least locally famous) Harold's NY Deli in Edison. It was a bit of a challenge to find this place for the first time because of the merit of I287/440 and Woodbridge Ave intersection loops and in the proximity of I95.

Harold's is actually across the road from Raritan Center Industrial Park and co-located in a large hotel. For you-all who have not eaten at

Harold's before.... All menu items are GIGANTIC serving size. Four of us ordered their signature Pastrami sandwich for about \$50.

Instead of a traditional salad bar, Harold (the owner who continuously walks the floors, inspecting and giving orders) provides a great pickle bar (the worlds LARGEST) with numerous types of pickles, relishes and breads. We picked up extra slices of bread and when the 20 pound (exaggerating) sandwich arrived. After removing the 12 inch wood daggers which held the stacked meat together... we made our own right-sized meals.

The picture below shows Zhao and Roger T with the "sandwich remains" ... we already enjoyed the other half.



"Big Meat"

Cross Country was setup for the movie with probably 100 or more folks attending.

We met fellow club members Dan Thompson and Jim McFadden For about 45 minutes there was "looking" and "talking" and "snack-munching" until the show started.

The movie: **Idaho Backcountry Discovery Route** (IDBDR). As their website states: "The IDBDR is the fifth route developed by the Backcountry Discovery Routes organization for dual-sport and adventure motorcycle travel.

The IDBDR is a south-to-north route across the state of Idaho covering over 1,250 miles of mostly non-paved track. The route begins in the old western town of Jarbidge, Nevada and me-

anders through the west side of the Idaho Rocky Mountains on the way to the Canadian Border at the Idaho Panhandle.

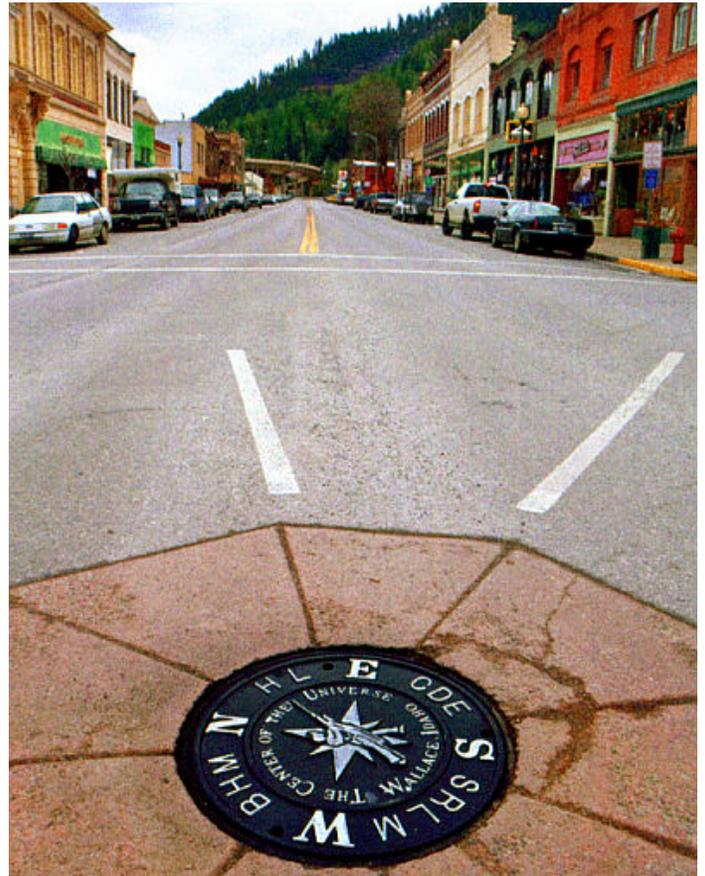
Two stunning and historic backroads are part of the IDBDR - the Magruder Corridor and the Lolo Motorway. Several small mountain towns in Idaho are visited along the way including Yellow Pine, Burgdorf Hot Springs, Elk City, Avery, Wallace, and Clark Fork."

Website:

<http://www.backcountrydiscoveryroutes.com/IDBDR>

The site shows numerous pictures, video trailers and GPS tracks. I think they said 6 riders started the adventure and one washed out on Day 1 with a broken leg* due to unexpected sand on a gravel road. The movie was very good... good quality video and excellent pics, interesting content keeping the audience focused for 1½ hours

** - the rider who broke his leg was Mr. Klim of the expensive moto clothing of the same name.*



The Center of the Universe

Editors note: During the IDBDR movie – a significant bit was filmed in Wallace Idaho.

A few years ago whilst motoring cross-country, SWMBO and I somehow wandered into Wallace. I suspect the reason was – it was one of those “business-route” detours that I so love.

Imagine our surprise to find that we'd arrived at the “Center of the Universe!” It had to do with a dispute with the EPA.. I'll quote from the very informative and entertaining webpage:

<http://wallace-id.com/centeroftheuniverse.html>

The Mayor's Proclamation

I, Ron Garitone, Mayor of Wallace, Idaho, and all of its subjects, and being of sound body and mind, do hereby solemnly declare and proclaim Wallace to be the Center of the Universe.

Thanks to the newly discovered science of "Probalism" - specifically probalistic modeling, pioneered by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Health and Welfare, and peer-reviewed by La Cosa Nostra and the Flat Earth Society - we were further able to pinpoint the exact center within the Center of the Universe; to wit: a sewer access cover slightly off-center from the intersection of Bank and Sixth Streets.

Upon discovering this desecration of the Center of the Universe, we proceeded forthwith to remove said manhole cover and replace it with this fine Monument, directing all who come upon it to the Four Corners of the Universe, these being the Bunker Hill, the Sunshine, the Lucky Friday and the Galena Mines. Let the courses of all who foray upon these vectors into the known and unknown be forever illuminated by the brilliant, shimmering gleamings of silver, lead and zinc to their destinations, wherever they may be.

*The science of Probalism has its roots in the 2002 EPA Coeur d'Alene Basin Record of Decision, and as a syllogism expresses itself thusly: **if a thing cannot be disproven, it is thereby proven.** Thus if the communities of the Silver Valley cannot absolutely prove themselves to the EPA's satisfaction to be good and healthy places to live, then this is proof that they require the EPA's continued meddling in their af-*

fairs.

Similarly, after a search of the literature, our government-contracted scientists in Moscow, Boise and Seattle have, after years of diligence, been unable to unearth one scintilla of proof that Wallace is NOT the Center of the Universe. In the absence of such proof, we are compelled to conclude that Wallace must therefore BE the Center of the Universe.

And it is hereby so ordered and declared, this year 2004, this date, September 25th, this hour, 9:00 PM WUT (Wallace Universal Time).

Antigravity Micro-Start XP-3 Jumpstarter

Ben Paraan Reviewer Extraordinaire

I learned about the Antigravity Microstart XP-3 in a forum discussion about dead batteries. The small size and ability to jumpstart motorcycles, cars and even small trucks several times on a full charge (there are several Youtube videos to try to convince you of this) made me decide to give it a try.



Measuring 5"x3"x1", the XP-3 is small enough to fit in the back pocket. It has a USB port to charge various portable electronic devices and an LED flashlight. It has an indicator for charge level. The XP-3 can be charged through a wall outlet or vehicle “cigarette lighter” socket and has the corresponding chargers. The kit includes detachable mini jumper clamps that have non-reversible polarity connections to the XP-3.

Optional items that I bought with the kit are a battery lead that can plug in directly to the XP-3 and an SAE adaptor to hook up a Battery Tender.

Does it work? Yes, it does and marvelously, I might add. It can jump start my Mazda Miata. I have saved the day several times for other people who found that their bikes were dead mid-ride. That starts a frenzy of inquiries as to what this device was, how to get it and pricing. It's good insurance against getting stranded. I bought mine from the Antigravity website for \$129 plus \$25 for the optional harness kit I mentioned. Amazon sells them for as low as \$80 with free shipping. Antigravity sells these jump starters with various capacities to meet your needs. Their new website is <http://themicrostart.com/>

2015 Event Schedule

Please email the editor with additions/corrections.

March

- Sunday, Mar 8th - Polar Bear, Long Valley, Watch Yahoo for details.
- Wednesday, Mar 11th - Meeting. Schneiders, Avon. Eat and chat 6PM, meeting starts at 7:30PM.
- Wednesday, Mar 18th - Tech Session. Subject and location to be announced.
- Sunday, Mar 22nd - Polar Bear, Brians HD, Langhorne PA. Watch Yahoo for details.

April

- Wednesday, Apr 8th - Meeting. Schneiders, Avon. Eat and chat 6PM, meeting starts at 7:30PM.
- Saturday, Apr 11th - Simeone Museum Philadelphia. DEMO DAY: Ford Racing. Details to be announced. Bike or car - depends on weather.
- Sunday, Apr 19th - Annual Gathering of the Nortons, Washington's Crossing State Park, PA side. Meet at 10:30 OurWAWA, ride to gathering, lunch afterward.
- Friday-Saturday, Apr 24th, 25th - Oley Antique Motorcycle Swap Meet. Oley PA. Plans to be announced.
- Friday 24th-Sunday 26th - BMW MOA Local Rally, Fontana, NC.

May

- Wednesday- May 13th - Meeting. Schneiders, Avon. Eat and chat 6PM, meeting starts at 7:30PM.
- Friday - May 15th-Sunday May 17th - Morton's 5th Annual Spring Fling, Natural Bridge VA. Don will be leading a ride leaving on Thursday and returning Monday, mostly back roads. This event requires per-registration and a hotel room - look for more details as it gets closer.
- Saturday May 16th-Sunday May 17th - New Sweden 450. A GPS guided two day event. Camping overnight is included. More details as New Sweden releases them.
- Wednesday, May 20th - FIRST 3rd Wednesday Pizza Run. 6PM Location to be announced on Yahoo.

June

- Monday June 1st-Saturday June 6th. Americade, Lake George NY.
- Wednesday, June 10th - Meeting. Schneiders, Avon. Eat and chat 6PM, meeting starts at 7:30PM.
- Friday June 12th-Sunday June 14th. Antique Motorcycle Club of America. Rhinebeck Fairgrounds, Rhinebeck NY
- Monday June 15th - Ride to Work Day
- Wednesday, June 17th - 3rd Wednesday Pizza Run - 6PM Location to be announced on Yahoo.
- Wednesday, June 24th - Don's birthday.

July

- Wednesday, July 8th - Meeting. Schneider's, Avon. Eat and chat 6PM, meeting starts at 7:30PM.
- Wednesday, July 15th - 3rd Wednesday Pizza Run, 6PM. Location to be announced on Yahoo
- Wednesday, July 22nd-Saturday July 25th. BMW-MOA National, Billings Montana. See Roger for details.

August

- Saturday, Aug 8th-Sunday Aug 9th - Weekend overnight. Bills Bike Barn, Bloomsburg PA. Lodging at a local motel Saturday night. Slab out, backroads back. More details as it evolves.
- Wednesday, Aug 12th - Meeting. Schneider's, Avon. Eat and chat 6PM, meeting starts at 7:30PM.

- Sunday, Aug 16th - Club Picnic. Location to be determined by Picnic Committee (anyone want to volunteer a backyard?)
- Wednesday, Aug 19th - 3rd Wednesday Pizza Run. 6PM. Location to be announced on Yahoo.

September

- Friday Sept 4th-Monday Sept 7th - Finger Lakes Rally, Finger Lakes NY. See Roger for details.
- Wednesday, Sept 9th - Meeting. HARPOON WILLIES, Brielle, Rt 70. Schneider's is on vacation! Eat and chat 6PM, meeting starts at 7:30PM.
- Wednesday, Sept 16th, FINAL 3rd Wednesday Pizza Run. Location to be announced on Yahoo
- Friday, Sept 25th?-Sunday Sept 27th - New Sweden Last Chance Rally. Date is not firm yet, and they don't know where it will be held.

October

- Thursday Oct 1st-Sunday Oct 4th - BMW-RA National Rally. Harrison AR.
- Wednesday, Oct 14th - Meeting. Schneider's, Avon. Eat and chat 6PM, meeting starts at 7:30PM.
- Friday, Oct 2nd-Sunday Oct 4th - Catskills Oktoberfest. (Date subject to change.) 3 day weekend in Round Top NY at the Crystal Brook Resort and Bauhaus.. Great couples activity. We're inviting the other NJ clubs to join us. Will also include Motorcyclepedia Museum visit in Kingston NY.

November

- Wednesday, Nov 11th - Meeting. Schneiders, Avon. Eat and chat 6PM, meeting starts at 7:30PM.
- Sunday Nov 22nd - Saturday Nov 28th. Greg Wright is not available.

December

- Wednesday, Dec 9th - Meeting. Schneider's, Avon. Eat and chat 6PM, meeting starts at 7:30PM.
- Friday-Sunday Dec 11th-13th – NY Moto Show, Javits Center, NYC
- Saturday, Dec 12th, Annual Club Awards Dinner. Rod's Old Irish in Sea Girt. 6PM. Dennis will announce details.
- Sunday, Dec 13th, Annual Toy Run to Children's Hospital Toms River. More details from Jim Thomasey as he gets them.

Club Yahoo mailing list

The Yahoo email list was recently purged of inactive, non-dues paying ex-members. The headcount is now around 48 people. If you aren't on the Yahoo list – send an email TO ME, from the email address you wish to subscribe with. I will send you an invitation to join. DO NOT tell me at a meeting – it seems people often don't know their actual email address, and we have about a 50% success rate when it's done that way. Doing it ALL via email makes certain it will go through. Address to send to:

deilenberger@yahoo.com

Club Patches? Or?

Of late I've been receiving email from various places that embroider patches to order. They seem to feel our club needs embroidered patches. I'm not so sure – so I thought before I bother getting quotes I'd ask the membership. Any interest? I'm guessing these will cost \$3-5 each or so in small quantities.

And the “Or” part is – if not patches – what other club branded items would the members be interested in?

There are companies that offer all sorts of custom embroidered items. There is one that has a free digitizing of the logo if the initial order includes 6 items. They have a wide range of items to choose from that they'll embroider:

<http://cheapembroidery.com/>

As far as I could find – the first 6 items to qualify for free digitizing of the logo can be mix/match, so..

Another requires 12 items on the initial order to qualify for free digitizing – but their prices look lower for the garments.

<https://stitchamerica.com/>

If you're interested and willing to commit to at least 1 item – let me know and I'll try setting something up. It appears once setup you can order single items if you'd like.

Don <deilenberger@yahoo.com>

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**Meeting – Weds – March 11th (Eat 6-7:30PM, meeting 7:30PM)
Schneider's German-American Restaurant, Rt 71-Main St, Avon NJ**

Club Logo Stickers available!

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Thanks to an anonymous donor – the club now has a supply of self-adhesive, reflective club logos, suitable for your bike available. Price is \$1/each. See Treasurer Dan Thompson for purchase. The logo is identical to the one on the first page of this newsletter.