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# NEW JERSEY SHORE BMW RIDERS Inc

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## President's Message:

We're back! 7000-odd miles 2-up on vintage motorcycles, 300 miles a day on mostly 2 lane roads, a couple of "equipment failures", but we made it. There was some rain, too, but between the riding suits, rain suits, and the fairings on the bike, that wasn't so bad. Fortunately we missed the really extreme weather, the hail and frog-strangling rain. On one of the days, we checked into a motel just in the nick of time and missed a hum-dinger of a storm. I even got to park the Guzzi under the motel port-cochere.

We got home June 15, in time to do some laundry and leave for the Moto Guzzi National in New Hampshire. Had a bit of rain on that trip, but again, not so much that I wished we'd brought the car. I will admit that staying in a motel instead of camping did seem like a bright idea when storms came through in the evening.

After the Guzzi National was Airheads at the Aerodrome, a BMW Airhead rally celebrating it's 20th year. Held at a small county park/campground near Rhinebeck, NY, it's very low key; amuse yourself by going to the Rhinebeck Aerodrome or F.D.Roosevelt's home/museum/library, and enjoy the big Saturday night dinner. If you've never been to the Rhinebeck Aerodrome, that's a "can't miss", in my opinion: and airplane museum attached to a small grass field "airport", and they fly the museum pieces on the weekends.

Since it was going to rain Saturday afternoon, they wouldn't be flying this weekend, however, so Zhao (and I) voted to go to FDR's Presidential Library and Museum in nearby Hyde Park, NY. This I also recommend if you like history at all. FDR was an amazing person (Eleanor, too) and I have new respect for all that he did be-

Camping is nature's way of promoting the motel business - *Dave Barry*

Thanks to the Interstate Highway System, it is now possible to travel from coast to coast without seeing anything. - *Charles Kuralt*

**Two roads diverged in a wood, and I -- I took the one less traveled by, And that has made all the difference.**

*Robert Frost (1874 - 1963), The Road Not Taken*

Remember that happiness is a way of travel - not a destination. *Roy M. Goodman*

**Little by little, one travels far.** *J. R. R. Tolkien (1892 - 1973)*

Once you have traveled, the voyage never ends, but is played out over and over again in the quietest chambers, that the mind can never break off from the journey. *Pat Conroy (1945 - ), The Prince of Tides*

Traveling there was really boring so I headed for the ditch. It was a rough ride but I met more interesting people there. *Neil Young*

There is not a person in the world who is given the advantage of travel who does not return changed. *Laura Moncur*

**The man who goes alone can start today; but he who travels with another must wait till that other is ready.**

*Henry David Thoreau (1817 - 1862), Walden (1854)*

**The trail is the thing, not the end of the trail. Travel too fast and you miss all you are traveling for.** *Louis*

*L'Amour (1908 - 1988), Ride the Dark Trail*

cause of the Museum.

For this rally, we stayed at "Jenny's Country Manor" which is a small local non-chain motel, which came highly recommended by Michael Friedle, the rally host. A little spendy at \$150 a night, but it was clean and spacious and included a full breakfast in the morning. And since it rained Saturday night, we were (again) real happy to be there.

Anyway, it's good to be home, but we'll be on the road a lot more this year.

See you at the meeting on July 8 at Schneiders.

President Dud



## Pizza Anyone? June 17

*RD Swanson*

The second monthly pizza ride destination was Marucca's on the Seaside Heights boardwalk. We met (Dan, Jim, Joe, Dud, Zhou, Don and me) at the OB Diner where routes 35 and 88 intersect in Point Pleasant.

The ride south on 35 was interesting; new pavement with marked bicycle lanes, new homes on stilts, old cottages on stilts, and some interesting architecture on the beach. The area, as with most of the Shore has changed, mostly for the good.

In Seaside we circled around for a while and found Marucca's and then looked for a place to park. A block or two away we found some spots that required a second mortgage to finance. Two motorcycles a space are allowed, but we would have needed a couple of rolls of quarters and we didn't have any change. So a major conference was held and we decided to leave the sea-

side paradise and search for a new destination.

A few miles away we found Little Mia's Pizza in Lavalette. Parking was free out front and there were about five police officers inside so we figured either the pizza was free or it was a good place to eat. Turned out to be the latter. And the service came with many smiles from our comely server. Jim, Dan and I had a really nice arugula salad and the others filled their pie holes with pie.

As you might expect the conversation was as good as the food.

We departed as the evening light faded and the skies released a gentle rain. A good time was had by all.

Really, you might consider coming next month.

## Matheny Medical Center Ride June 18

*Roger Trendowski*

Traveling from the shore to Matheny in Peapack NJ it was typical for a Thursday afternoon in the height of the "get-home-at-all-costs" commuter traffic. Running north on the GSP at 5pm and then west or north whatever, on I287 is always an ordeal especially. Stop and go in Bridgewater and a couple other areas is expected....in a car it's annoying... on a bike it is brutal. But the event at Matheny is worth it.

The Matheny Medical and Educational Center is a special hospital for children and adults with medically complex developmental disabilities.

I arrived at the club meeting place, Peapack Fire Department just before 6pm. Skylands Club volunteers/hosts Ken Maas and Eric Suhr greeted everyone arriving. Eric had his new R1200GSA and wife, a great combo. Ken just had his old VW convertible with a dozen half helmets stashed in the back seat for the Matheny kids to wear.

We left the fire department parking lot about 6:15pm with a fire engine leading the pack for the 15 minute ride to Matheny. I didn't count but there were about a dozen motorcycles, two

huge 3-wheelers, three side car bikes and a couple vehicles. The kids love riding in Ken's convertible as much as in a sidecar/bike.

When we arrived at the Center, the kids and staff were lined up on the sidewalk, all waiving and shouting with joy as the fire engine (siren ringing) and bikes/cars (horns blowing) drove past them. The side car rigs, vehicles and 3-wheelers lined up at the curb and staff members help lift the kids onto the seats. Volunteer drivers gave six or more rides around the property's parking lots.



There was true joy on the faces of the kids as they got in and out of the vehicles. The two 3-wheeler bikes were excellent for this type of event since it was easier to get the kids in and out of the bench seats and the bikes w/v8s made a lot of noise.



Kenton Seydell from our club gave many rides in his K100 with side-car.

## Guzzi National 2015

*Harry Costello*

For some reason my weekend MC trips are taking from Wednesday to Sunday this season, I guess I'm getting older and it takes longer to do a two day rally.

We met around noon at the last gas station going North on the Parkway and started the three hundred mile trek to Keene, NH (I know – What did you do after lunch?). Standard route to Laconia but stopping half way, we did explore a few new roads that worked out well and I'll include them in my trips to the North East in the future. I gave a somewhat modified route to the guys going into the area for the first time because the way I go is kind of convoluted.



We arrived late afternoon, met the guys from Pennsylvania and set up the tents. It was amazing how many people showed up early, I guess they were anxious to get the party started - and they did. Big difference between the Guzzi rallies and the BMW rallies is the Beemer rallies are like a gathering of people that ride the same bike but don't really want to bother with each other, preferring to stay in their motel rooms or RVs, while the Guzzi rallies are like a family reunion.

Not a lot to see in the Keene area and the roads are just nice rural roads once you're out of the developed area. Keene sits between the Green Mountains of Vermont and the Presidential Range of New Hampshire so it's a ride to get to the twisty roads. I guess you could ride back

and forth over Hogback a few times but that would get boring after a while. Most of the riding done out of the rally were just short (100+) mile loops into the local area.



There were a little over 250 people at the rally and that is about standard for a Guzzi rally on either coast, the ones in the middle of the Country seem to attract more. The rally was standard Guzzi, lots of drinking, good food, camp fires and stories (tales) of adventure, disasters and good roads.



The weather was great for Spring in the Northeast with heavy rain only predicted on Sunday (go home day). That caused many to cut out on Saturday afternoon and head home. What was left of our group decided to pack our tents while dry and move into a covered area (it would take paragraphs to describe it) and sleep on picnic tables. Think adult slumber party, Guzzi people are very close.

As predicted the rain started some time after Midnight and we woke (5 AM in my case) to a steady rain. I had parked my bike in a horse barn so I was able to finish packing and suiting up in a dry environment and was on the road at 05:30. The steady rain continued all the way

into New Jersey but the ride home was still enjoyable, with good tires and rain gear riding in the rain isn't a big problem and actually can be quite serene, in a strange kind of way.

Many BMWs show up at the Guzzi rallies and it's surprising how many Guzzi riders show interest in the R1200R bikes.

Another good rally in the books, got to see old friends, discovered two new roads and exposed two new Guzzi riders to the rally experience.

## **BMW MOA Rally, July 22<sup>nd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> Make Your Plans**

*Roger Trendowski, Registration Chair*

The 2015 International MOA Rally is coming up in Billings MN in July. The Rally site and surrounding areas will be great this year. The Bear Tooth Highway, Yellowstone, Chiefs Josephs Highway, etc are all nearby. Pictures of the area, possible rides and local sites, motel listing, and rally events are on the <http://www.BMWMOA.org> website and Rally registration is now open (for a discount). At the main MOA website page, see the QUICK NAV menu on the top right.

We need your help since it takes almost 300 volunteers to set up and operate the registration function over 4 days.

As a registration volunteer you will meet and greet members, check them in, show them the Rally book, describe major events, provide a wrist band and answer any questions they may have. Registration volunteers provide a critical function since we are the initial face to the MOA and to the Rally as members arrive. So please consider spending a little time in "registration" by signing up for a shift using our simple volunteer website.

<http://moaregistrationvolunteer.eventbrite.com>

See you in Billings!

Roger

## Notes from the road West

Don E

As Bill threatened last month – there will be more from my Facebook daily (sometimes more often than daily) posts while on my C2C2C..

### May 26<sup>th</sup> – continued:

To continue. Serendipity depends a lot on being flexible. Not having plans set in stone. It's one of the really big joys of being a solo rider. Ted Simon and I once chatted about this over a few good beers one night. He was absolutely right. Being solo if I decide to change my plans I can just do it, without worrying what another rider wants or hopes to do. It makes acting on whims much simpler.

So.. last post I was heading to Flagstaff following Doofus' back roads route. There was something odd about Doofus' calculations. I was still 75 miles from Flagstaff with 65 of those miles on a back desert road, and Doofus had me arriving in 20 minutes. Something wrong there.

So I poked in "Lodging" under search and about 10 places appeared in Winslow AZ. I picked one and followed the route. Winslow is pretty much the pits. Standing on the corner is still popular, but the motels that were left made last nights lodging look like the Taj Mahal (I'm sure the owners from last night would love to hear that. ) The only chain motel was a lonely Best Western on the other side of I40 in the desert (really.)



In riding through Winslow a building caught my eye, called La Posada. It doesn't appear on any of the standard travel booking sites.. but it was

on Google. And it got many stars. Turns out to be the last and one of the grandest railroad hotels Fred Harvey built. It was built in 1930, and the architect was Mary Coulter who designed many of Harveys more famous hotels.



It's a grand hotel, and it cost \$10 more than the Best Western.

Serendipity. If I hadn't picked the back route, and then changed it on the fly I'd probably be staying in a Comfort Inn in Flagstaff.



The pics will tell the story.  
— at Winslow, AZ.

### May 27<sup>th</sup> - Winslow AZ to Las Vegas NV

Got tired of I40 and the truck generated turbulence, so when near Williams AZ I spotted a historic 66 sign I was off the interstate in a flash.

Found a very nice stretch of 66, complete with Burma-Shave signs.. It led into Seligman AZ, probably the best Rt-66 town, due to the enthusiasm of the crazy residents and business people.



Germans were being told what to do by their gruppen-furher, some Japanese were endangering themselves in the middle of the street doing selfies.

Oh, where was I standing in line? Delgadillos shake shop. The owner is most kindly described as eccentric. Or crazy smart.



Chilli dog with onions and cheese.



The crazy works. The town is packed, mostly with foreigners and motorcyclists. So far a couple from Oz were behind me in line, a group of



### May 28<sup>th</sup> – Las Vegas to Barstow

Live lunch report.

As usual the idea of leaving at the crack of dawn to beat the heat sounded real good. The reality is a really comfortable bed and an alarm set for 8:15AM made short order of this actually happening.



**Alien Fresh Jerky**

So on the road at 9:30, Doofus predicted I'd be in Barstow by 12.30PM. Well its 1PM and I'm almost there. About another 10 miles. And that's where I'll hide from the heat until tomorrow at the crack of dawn..



Meanwhile, a wonderful brunch, complete with an egg sammich, and vanilla shake (cold bulk.)



— at Peggy Sue's 50s Diner.

### **May 29<sup>th</sup> – Barstow CA to Canoga Park CA**



In LA at my friends Paul and Claire. Nice ride on CA-2 AKA Angels Crest. Had hoped to beat the squids, but eventually they appeared, past me, and headed on knees to the ground.

I think by the number of emergency vehicles about 20 miles down the highway one took a turn too wide and caught air. It appeared to be at least a 1,000 foot drop from the road. There had been 3 bikes that passed me, there were only two parked with the riders staring down the hillside cliff next to the road.



**And I'll quit for this month here** – I'd made it to the other coast. If there is interest (or a lack of submitted newsletter articles) – next month we'll start on the journey north along the coast and then east heading home..

## **Virginia Guzzi Rally June 26-28**

*Harry Costello*



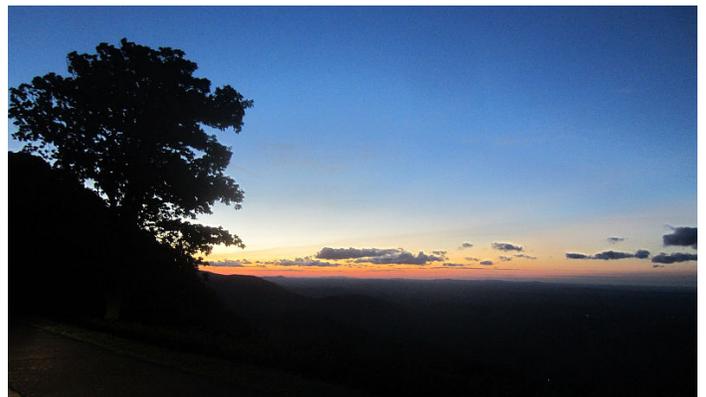
Started off at 05:00 on Wednesday and noticed that some of the traffic lights on Rt70 were not working, not much of a problem because there was no traffic. After I crossed the Barry Bridge the same condition existed in Pennsylvania plus many gas stations were closed. Some of the roads were closed so I had to abandon my route

across Rt851 and drop down to Maryland and do the 136/137/138 route to Frederick. From Frederick I followed route 340 to Waynesville and jumped onto the Blue Ridge parkway. At milepost 180 I got off in Meadows of Dan, 11 hours and 500+ miles. My GPS says it can get there in seven hours but I imagine that's all super slabs.

I was two days early getting to Willville motorcycle only campground so I spent the time riding the local roads and visiting with some local Guzzi riders I've known for a long time.



The rally officially started on Friday and food was provided on Friday and Saturday night but other than that there was little structure to the rally which is standard for Guzzi rallies. Small groups went for rides along the fine motorcycle roads in the area while others just hung out and enjoyed each others company. It rained mid afternoon on Saturday and amazingly stopped raining when people were about to line up for dinner, after everyone was finished eating the rain started again, the folk running the rally were extremely relieved. The attendance was slightly above 80 and door prizes were available for everyone including four very nice grand prizes.



Sunday started off damp but cleared up as the sun came up. I jumped on the BRP which is only a mile from Willville and headed North. I never use the Parkway in the morning because of the animals and the fog that is standard in the Spring and Summer.

This time I gave it a shot, leaving a little before sunrise I was rewarded with a spectacular sunrise coming over the mountains to the East. The down side was between Meadows of Dan and Tuggles Gap (10 Miles) I had five deer cross in front of me and had a mid sized bird of some sort bounce off my fairing. I got off and went West to Rt81 and took it the 100 miles to Waynesboro where I stopped to eat and pick up my route on back roads.

This type of rally is disappearing from the motorcycling scene and will likely be gone by the next decade. The folk that run them are getting old and the younger folk don't seem to have any interest in picking up the tradition. Also a lot of MC owners although they talk of camaraderie and brotherhood don't see the attraction of camping and sitting around a campfire at night choosing rather to isolate themselves in a motel room.

Beemer riders are always welcomed at Guzzi rallies so don't worry about pulling in on a BMW or anything else..

## 2015 Event Schedule

Please email the editor with additions/corrections.

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### 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. Federici's on 10th. 7-5 10th Ave Belmar
- Wednesday, July 22nd-Saturday July 25th. BMW-MOA National, Billings Montana. See Roger for details.

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### 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. Tom Spader's back yard in Point Pleasant Beach. Bring swim gear.
- Wednesday, Aug 19th - 3rd Wednesday Pizza Run. 6PM. Vic's Italian Restaurant, 60 Main St, Bradley Beach.

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### 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. Carmen's Pizzeria at Pete & Eldas, 96 Woodland Ave and Rt 35, Neptune City
- Friday, Sept 25th-Sunday Sept 27th - New Sweden Last Chance Rally. Same campground as last year, in Elmer NJ.

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### 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.

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### November

- Wednesday, Nov 11th - Meeting. Schneiders, Avon. Eat and chat 6PM, meeting starts at 7:30PM.

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### December

- Wednesday, Dec 9th - Meeting. Schneider's, Avon. Eat and chat 6PM, meeting starts at 7:30PM.
- Friday-Sunday Dec 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> - 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.

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**Meeting – Weds – July 8<sup>th</sup> (Eat 6-7:30PM, meeting 7:30PM)  
Schneider's German-American Restaurant, Rt 71-Main St, Avon NJ  
Travel Pics and Discussions?**

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