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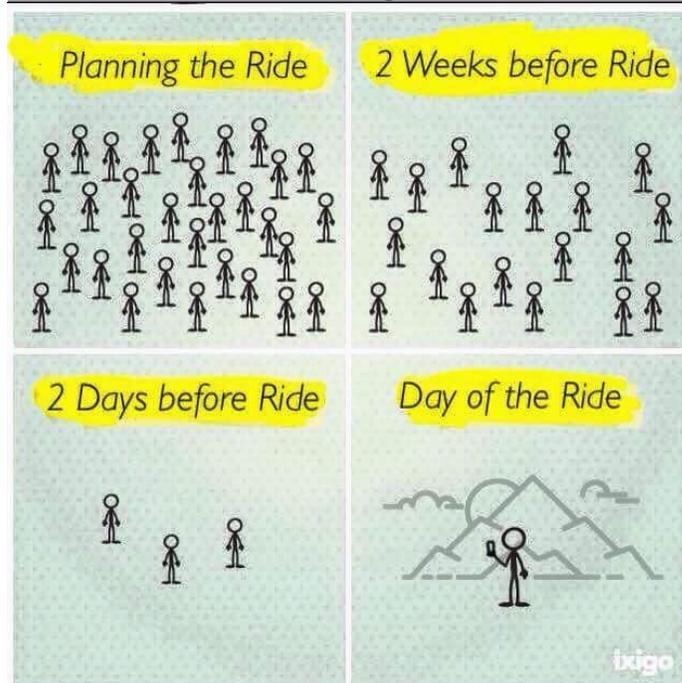
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President's Message:



If you only do what you know you can do- you never do very much. *Tom Krause*

There is nothing more frightful than ignorance in action. *Johann Wolfgang von Goethe*

Don't wait. The time will never be just right. *Napoleon Hill*

Action conquers fear. *Peter Nivio Zarlenga*

Many fine things can be done in a day if you don't always make that day tomorrow. *Winston Churchill*

It is better to wear out than to rust out. *Cicero*

Only as high as I reach can I grow, only as far as I seek can I go, only as deep as I look can I see, only as much as I dream can I be. *Karen Ravn*

Let us not be content to wait and see what will happen, but give us the determination to make the right things happen. *Peter Marshall*

Let us put Germany, so to speak, in the saddle! you will see that she can ride. [Ger., Setzen wir Deutschland, so zu sagen, in den Sattel! Reiten wird es schon können.] *Karl Otto von Schonenhausen Bismarck*

When choosing between two evils, I always like to try the one I've never tried before. *Mae West*

You might notice a theme in this months quotes. The theme is pretty simple – make it happen.

What's that mean? It means lets make rides, events, club functions HAPPEN.

Lets not let time pass us by – it's the most valuable thing we have, so make the very most of it that you can. Get out and RIDE. Spring is here officially, weather has been quite moto-friendly, there really isn't a good reason (and I've heard almost all of them) not to take some time to adjust your mental health and get out and ride.

We have several member submitted articles this month – from members who made it happen. Take these as good examples of people who did something interesting, made memories, friends, saw things they wouldn't normally see and just actually lived life.

So – what's been happening in the club?

We're making progress in revising our club by-laws for the 21st century. Thanks to Roger Trendowski for providing the impetus. Roger came up with a great outline of what we needed. A few of us have filled in some details where needed, others have commented on and corrected where necessary. I hope to have a proposed version available at our April club meeting – to be introduced to the members for comment. Once that's complete, the proposed bylaws will be published here, and voted on at a future meeting.

I've received more info on what sort of entertainment we might expect for our Oktoberfest weekend (Sept 16-18th) at the Crystal Brook Resort in Round Top NY. I'd like to ask for some help in publicizing the event with other local clubs in NJ and NY (and perhaps VT, CT.) Anyone like to help? We could use someone with some graphic skills to make up an ad we can place in various motorcycle (BMW and otherwise) publications.

Saturday morning "Breakfast Club:" get-togethers have proven popular. The locations have moved around, and I'm always looking for suggestions in the general Monmouth/Ocean area.



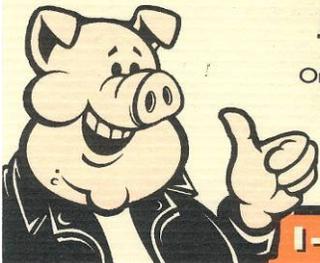
Breakfast Club in Atlantic Highlands

We have lots on our annual calendar, let's make it happen! I look forward to seeing everyone at our meeting and the "Gathering of the Nortons" on April 17th!

Ride safe!

Don Eilenberger – Recycled Prez 2016

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I didn't mean to buy another motorcycle, honest.

Bill Dudley

I was noodling around on Facebook and saw a post in the Moto Guzzi Owners Group from a guy selling a Moto Guzzi 1000 SP III. So, "out of curiosity", I contact him and ask where the bike is. Phoenix. So, not close to me but close to my son (if your definition of close is "seven hour drive").

I start to day dream about this motorcycle. Not a good sign. I decide to see if I can find one locally, just to sit upon, to see if the ergonomics fit me. Turns out, nobody owns one, that I can find, in New Jersey.

Meanwhile, I call my son in Albuquerque, and we discuss a plan for him to go get the bike and bring it back to Albuquerque. It turns out he's going to Phoenix next weekend anyway, so he'll "be in the neighborhood".

I call the owner. What a great guy! We hit it off immediately; we have very similar taste in motorcycles. He's owned BMW's, Ducati's; he's retired; he's done some big rides. He'd fit right in with my other friends.

Mike (the owner) tells me he's had one other nibble, someone who offered an R90/6 in part trade. Mike didn't bite. I decide to commit, and paypal him a deposit while we're on the phone. These bikes are somewhat rare, who knows if I'll see another one anytime soon, and it's *beautiful*.

I'll get to see my new bike when I arrive in Albuquerque around May 1. I plan to ride around (with Zhao, of course) out west for a few thou-

sand miles on my R100RS, and then ride the Moto Guzzi home to New Jersey. We've got Amtrak booked for both outbound and return trips but the tickets are cancellable and refundable.

I didn't think I'd get excited enough about another motorcycle to buy one, but I guess it's never too late for that.



On a mostly unrelated note, I'm selling my two dual sport bikes. Need to make room in the garage. 1985 Kawasaki KLR250 and 1984 Honda XL200R, both in decent shape. Both kick start only. Both "cheap".

A man's got to know his limitations

Jim Liotta

A perfect opportunity presented itself to do something I have been thinking about since I got back into riding last year. I wanted to do the road course at the BMW Performance Center in Spartanburg South Carolina and a few weeks ago I got my chance.

My Spousal Equivalent as I call her bought a home in Florida and we needed to get the last of her things, along with her dog down there. Since I generously volunteered to drive her down I figured this was my chance to take a not so short detour off our appointed route and head to Spartanburg.

The timing was right for the Florida so I scheduled myself for the Friday March 11th class. We left Thursday in a one way rental Nissan Armada, a heck of a unit BTW, at about 8:30 am

and arrived without incident at 9pm-ish. We stayed in Greer about 6 miles from facility. It was 715 miles give or take, a long day but the ride was pleasant.

The class was scheduled for 8:30 and they asked that we get there around 8 which I did.

The BMW presence is enormous it's like a small city and this is where they manufacture all the SUV type models for the entire world. They directly employ over 8 thousand people and indirectly employ close to 25 thousand. Evidence of the economic boom is everywhere, it's had an amazing effect on the area.

Lisa dropped me off at 8am and then she went and took the routinely scheduled tour of a portion of the active assembly line which she found fascinating. She said the facility was immaculate, as was the performance center.

Upon arrival we were treated to a delicious buffet breakfast in, as you might expect, a first class building where it seems very little expense was spared. We gathered in the dining area which included about 13 of us motorcycle guys and I would guess about 4 people who were doing a car day. It's quite exciting to see all the bikes and cars lined up outside while waiting for the class to begin.

We followed our instructors to a small class room and our program began pretty much right on schedule. The program is headed by Russ and there were 3 other main instructors and a couple of guys who helped with the cones out on the track. We had a brief introduction of everyone and then a very brief review of what the day would entail before we headed out to our bikes. We spent very little time in the classroom a few minutes in the morning and a few minutes after lunch and then a "graduation" at day's end.

All but one of us rented our bikes and I believe they were all GS's of various sizes. They wanted us to ride a bike that we normally ride which made a lot of sense to me but I was hoping to get a turn on XR or RR but they were none to be seen. Russ did mention they might be getting sport bikes for future classes but it sounded like it was a way off.

Most of us were taking the one day road course

but two guys were staying the weekend to do the two day off road course with the same instructors. Our class was all men with one father and son team and ranging in age from early 20's to me, With an average of about mid forties.



We spent a few minutes going over the controls and balancing the bikes, getting it on and off the center stand and pretty much after 20 minutes or so we were on the bikes and headed to the motorcycle track which is less than a minute away. It was pretty exciting to crest the hill and see the track before us. It's not as big as I thought it would be but as it turned out once you were on it it was all you needed.

The class was began with Russ in lead going around the track about a dozen times warming us up with various positions on the bike, side saddle, leg stretches, standing, shifting our bodies just to warm up.

The early morning mainly focused on very slow speed control, figure eights, tight circles, throttle, brake and clutch control. We progressed into higher speeds focusing on braking and

accident avoidance just before lunch. After our 1 hour break which included an excellent lunch we spent a few minutes in the classroom going over what we would be doing in the afternoon and then we went right back out.

The pace was much faster after lunch we went over body positioning, sight practice looking through the turns, and some other drills to increase awareness and become more comfortable at the higher speeds doing avoidance and cornering reps.

The day ended with us being let loose to follow Russ at a very spirited pace for about 15 a minutes or so, no holds barred it was a lot of fun. We were definitely racing each other and it was a very cool experience to open it up and pull in tight, passing a few guys as I went along.



As I look back on the experience the two things that stood out the most were the braking and the ability/balance of the motorcycle.

We did a braking exercise at 25 and 50 mph with with ABS on and off just using the back

brake at first then both and then with ABS on. The difference is huge, it's quite an eye opener to do it for yourself and watch others do it right in front of you. Without it they slid by us for a heck of a lot longer than you think they could, it's night and day really.

The other thing we were shown and practiced was how hard you can panic brake using both brakes and you never felt out of control. We jumped on the brakes at 50 plus and bike comes to a controlled stop using very little road. That drill was a tremendous eye opener not only for braking but also for acceleration, when you know the stopping capabilities.

The other thing that really struck me was just how capable the bikes are at slow speed, flat out, braking, in the corners, the complete package. I would say the class reinforced the basics, expanded my horizons and seeing what the bike is capable of in terms of helping you stay safe as possible.

In closing I think one of my favorite quotes of all time is appropriate, perfectly delivered by Clint Eastwood. "A man's got to know his limitations".

March Meeting Notes

Bill Dudley

Meeting called to order: 7:33PM as Don had to finish his ice cream.

Membership Report: Jim Thomasey No new members, but a renewal. Membership is now at 51 members.

Treasurers Report: Art G says we have money, but I couldn't hear the amount.

Breakfast Club: The next breakfast club is Saturday, 9:45, Park 9 Diner, Rt 9 and Rt 524, Freehold, NJ

Website/Yahoo: The club website is still there at <http://www.njsbmwr.org> To upload YOUR photos, you'll need to login: login is exit88, password is r1100gs

Blog: Don. No updates to the club blog since last meeting.

Stickers: Art G is still selling reflective club stickers at \$1 each.

Publicity/membership drive: Greg Wright. AWOL so no publicity/membership drive report.

Club shirt: Grant says the first vendor is unresponsive, will try another vendor.

Movie night was only partly successful. The DVD that Don brought, about Penton, was actually a Blu-Ray and we didn't have a Blu-Ray player we couldn't watch it. The pizza was good, however.

Oktoberfest: Don spoke with the lovely Wendy of the Catskills about Oktoberfest, the weekend of Sept 16-18 is free. Price will be \$166 to \$188 per person for 48 hours, with additional days at \$81 to \$91 per person per day.

Bylaw review committee: still trying to get our own bylaws distributed to the committee. Abraham G gave Don a copy of the Porsche club of NJ bylaws, which are also on dead tree so not easy to collaborate on.

Monthly ride. it's getting that time of year, time for this to happen.

Tech session. Don has been mulling that over, no plan as yet.

BMW MOA Rally, Hamburg, NY - Roger T wants volunteers for registration duties. NJ Clubs are working either Friday 12-4PM or Friday 4PM-8PM. Roger will email a link to the volunteer page on the MOA web site so you can sign up for a shift, which is NOT limited to those Friday shifts. The registration area is air-conditioned, so you won't be sweltering, in theory.

MOA News: The new MOA Regional Coordinator is a surprise, and seems not well thought out. The Ambassadors feel (rightly) like they're being ignored. The Coordinator's "duties" involve visiting EVERY SINGLE BMW dealership in their area once a month! Also supposed to visit every single MOA chapter.

The Coordinator that Don spoke to, Frank Florio of Saratoga, NY thinks visiting us is "too far".

Mr. Florio is also supposed to create an MOA "event" in his area, and he was thinking of a track day at a venue near him. Don is trying to move him to pick our Octoberfest in September (see 5g, above) as the MOA event.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57PM.

NEW SWEDEN 450

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We will provide you with free camping, great dinner on Saturday night, Prizes, a 50/50 drawing, a light breakfast on Saturday and full breakfast on Sunday morning, and a finisher's patch. Route sheets will be provided at the starting location, directions will clearly indicate mileage, turns, and gas/eating spots. *GPS uploads available (Donations accepted).

This is not a group ride or a parade,

Participants can elect to ride in groups, with friends or solo. You decide your own pace.

Ride starts at Cycle-Gear in Cherry-Hill, NJ and ends at PJ Whelihans. Sign-In between 8:30-10 am Saturday, May 14th at Cycle-Gear. Cycle-Gear is located at 2070 Rt. 70 (East) Cherry Hill, NJ 08003 and PJ Whelihans is located at 1854, Rt 70 (East) Cherry Hill, NJ

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BMW Motorcycle Club
New Sweden Riders



Group Ride to Key West And Dealing With Variable Weather

Ben Paraan

Some friends from Virginia invited me for a motorcycle trip down to Key West, Florida. Six of us met in northern Virginia, 4 with BMWs and 2 with Harleys (trailed until we got down to Jacksonville, FL).

The plan called for 350-mile days (or thereabouts) with stops at hotels in Fairfax, VA, Lumberton, NC, Jacksonville, FL, Coral Springs, FL before we spend 2 days in Key West.

The return leg included a KOA cabin in Naples, FL, and hotels in Jacksonville, Lumberton and Fairfax. One of the guys worked for the Marriott corporate office and was able to secure us great rooms at deeply discounted rates. So much for a travelogue, we rode down, we rode back home.



The little details of what we carried along to deal with the logistics, communications and changing weather provided some thoughtful insight to what works during these long trips.

The two most prominent issues were (lack of) communication and riding gear selection to deal with weather forecasts from the high 80s down to the high 30s and the threat of rain and snow.

I had the communication part covered well with an iPhone-6 and a Sena SMH10 Bluetooth headset. The problem was nobody else had a useable Bluetooth headset. The ones who did bought cheap \$60 eBay units that were uncomfortable to wear. One rode with a malfunctioning Nolan Bluetooth helmet.

It would have made for a much nicer and organized ride if we could communicate stops, routes, breakdowns, etc.

One issue I had was giving a voice command to dial someone. I had multiple contact entries for one of the guys in the trailer. Had to delete one of duplicate entries. The other problem I had was phone recognition of complex names. I had simplify one of the guys' name to Mike Madrid and change the entry to call "home" to "Mary Home". As for the Sena unit itself, it was very easy to use with simple controls, long battery life (a charge can last 3 riding days). The sound was very clear through the ear speakers and the noise from the microphone was cleaned up by the electronics. Music was clear but had no bass.

Route guidance while en route was done through GPS units while a couple of guys provided paper road maps for route verification at stops.

There were conflicts between Garmin GPS directions and smart phone GPS applications at times. They would contradict each other or send us in some seemingly roundabout manner to a destination. Most often it was an error in the entering of the destination address.

The Waze app for iPhone was helpful with real-time warnings for upcoming traffic congestion, presence of police, road hazards and others. It seemed to be more useful for navigating towns or urban areas. For motorcycle GPS users, it seemed that having the latest updates made a difference in route accuracy. RAM mounts for cell phones or GPS were popular with the guys.

Riding gear selection was very important during

the trip. We knew that Florida would be warm but we also had to account for colder weather up north and the possibility of rain.

The Harley riders wore image-appropriate gear (with minimal real protection) while the four BMW riders all wore mesh jackets. Three of us wore mesh armored pants.

We got caught in some rainy spells. I used military Goretex parka and over-pants which I was able to put on rather quickly. Huge underarm vents kept things well-ventilated, cool and comfortable but the woodland camo had to be topped by a hi-viz vest in order to be seen.

Two guys used waterproof inner liners which were a pain to put on especially when you're already getting rained on. Once on, they kept the rain at bay but trapped heat and sweat inside.

The other guy had a non-motorcycle nylon rain jacket, which he was able to quickly put over his mesh jacket but it also wasn't ventilated so it trapped heat and sweat.

My wife warned me to plan for snow and high winds coming right around the time we get back to New Jersey. I bought a Freezeout zip-up thermal shirt from Cycle Gear while we were in Jacksonville. It proved to be a good move. Coupled with my Goretex ensemble, I had windproof (with all zippers closed) protection and a warm torso.

While I didn't bring my heated gear, I was able to remain comfortable rather easily. We stayed Sunday night in northern Virginia with the hope that the snow would melt the following day (and it did).

Overall, we had a great time. Great camaraderie, shared experiences and lots of time away made the trip very enjoyable.



2016 Event Schedule

Please email the editor with additions/corrections.

April

- April 10th - Polar Bear - Cheeburger Cheeburger, Easton PA
- April 13th - Meeting
- April 17th - Gathering of the Norton's Ride
- April 23rd - Polar Bear Finale - Pic-a-Lilli Inn
- April 29th - May 1st, Georgia Mountain Rally, Georgia (See Grant and Greg)

May

- May 4th - Moribundi Lunch
- May 11th - Meeting
- May 14th-15th - New Sweden 450 - lets support our sister club!
- May 18th - Evening Ice Cream Ride - destination to be announced
- May 20th-22nd - Morton's Spring Fling, Natural Bridge VA - See Dave Rosen
- May 20th-22nd - Down East Rally, Maine
- May 27th-29th - Charter Oak Rally, Connecticut - Maybe see Don

June

- June 1st - Moribundi Lunch
- June 4th-5th- Race of Gentlemen, Wildwood
- June 8th - Meeting
- June 15th - Evening Ice Cream Ride - destination to be announced
- June 24th - Don's big-ass birthday
- June 26th - Motorcyclepedia, Newburg NY - Ride Leader - Dave Rosen
- June ????? - Airheads at the Aerodrome - Date to be announced
- June ?? - Ride to work day

July

- July 6th - Moribundi Lunch
- July 6th - Evening Ice Cream Ride - rescheduled due to MOA Rally
- July 13th - 2 day ride to MOA Rally - through Adirondacks – Don
- July 14th-17th - MOA Rally - Hamburg NY
- July 15th - Afternoon - Club registration shift at MOA Rally (Roger T)
- July 15th - Evening - Club dinner at MOA Rally
- July 20th - Meeting - rescheduled due to MOA Rally (someone tell Schneiders!)

August

- August 3rd - Moribundi Lunch
- August 10th - Meeting
- August 17th - Evening Ice Cream Ride - destination to be announced
- August ?? - Club Picnic? Tom Spader's backyard.
- August ?? - RA National - Laguna Seca (California)
- August 19th-21st - Annual Return to Trenton (Ontario, Canada)

September

- September 7th - Moribundi Lunch
- September 9th-11th - AMA Racing @ NJ Motorsports Park (Millville) - Dave Rosen ride leader
- September 14th - Meeting
- September 16th-18th - Oktoberfest, Catskills - Don, Dan and ALL the club! More on this..
- September 21st - FINAL - Evening Ice Cream Ride - destination to be announced
- September 23-25th - Last Chance Rally

October

- October 5th - Moribundi Lunch
- October 12th - Meeting
- October ?? - ?? Three Club Rumble - Skylands this year.
- October ?? - Barber Vintage Festival

November

- November 2nd - Moribundi Lunch
- November 9th - Meeting (nominations)
- November ?? - IDEAS??

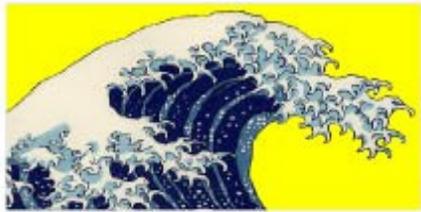
December

- December 7th - Moribundi Lunch
- December 10th - Club Dinner - RD Swanson
- December 11th - Toy Run, Children's Hospital - Jim Thomasey
- December 14th - Meeting (elections)

There are also the regular Saturday morning "Breakfast Club" meetings, also announced via the Yahoo group list. Moribundi lunch locations are announced via Yahoo, and are at 12:30PM, the first Wednesday of every month.

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BMW Motorcycle Club
New Jersey Shore



An Invitation!

The NJ Shore BMW Riders Inc would like to invite all BMW owners to a 6 month free membership in our club. There is no obligation on your part.

As a member you'll receive (via email) our monthly newsletter, invitations to join us on group rides, notices of local motorcycle events (with a BMW focus) and invitations to club only events (picnics, holiday parties, toy runs, etc.)

The NJ Shore BMW Riders was founded 20 years ago with the goal of encouraging BMW ownership and riding in the central NJ area. We meet at Schneider's German-American Restaurant in Avon NJ at 6PM on the 2nd Wednesday of every month. Membership will enhance your BMW ownership experience by expanding your riding opportunities. The club participates and attends the two national BMW owners organization rallies, runs day and overnight rides to interesting destinations, and usually has at least one international ride per year.

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By signing this application, **you** accept full responsibility for any injuries you or any guests may incur during a NJS-BMW-Riders Inc. club activity. You accept that motorcycling is inherently dangerous, and that the club officers and members are not expected to accept any liability for injuries suffered by you or any guest you invite to an activity!

I've read the above paragraph and agree to hold harmless all members and officers of NJS-BMW-Riders Inc. Yes [] No []

Date: _____ Signed: _____

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Meeting – Weds – April 13th – Schneider's Main St, Avon 6PM



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