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Nobody believes the official spokesman... but everybody trusts an unidentified source. - *Ron Nesen*

And the day came when the risk to remain tight in a bud was more painful than the risk it took to blossom. - *Anaïs Nin (1903 - 1977)*

Age is mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter. - *Satchel Paige (1906 - 1982)*

In a networked world, trust is the most important currency. - *Eric Schmidt, University of Pennsylvania Commencement Address, 2009*

The only people for me are the mad ones, the ones who are mad to live, mad to talk, mad to be saved, desirous of everything at the same time, the ones who never yawn or say a commonplace thing, but burn, burn, burn like fabulous yellow roman candles exploding like spiders across the stars. - *Jack Kerouac (1922 - 1969)*

Nice guys finish last, but we get to sleep in. - *Evan Davis*

Tis foolish to fear what you cannot avoid. - *Publilius Syrus (~100 BC)*

There is danger from all men. The only maxim of a free government ought to be to trust no man living with power to endanger the public liberty. - *John Adams (1735 - 1826), Journal, 1772*



President's Message:



May 1st – Spring Has Sprung!

I'm sitting here at my desk looking out a window where the sun is shining, mild breezes and the temps are predicted to top 75F. Right now – it's a balmy 69F.

Quite the difference a month makes. The rest of the week looks equally spring-like. Tomorrow is the Moribundi – I think I'll ride.

Next project on my plate is – go for a ride – then come back and start the 36,000 mile service on my R12R making it ready for long trips and great adventures.

Our new meeting place seems to be working out. The management is cooperative and seems to appreciate our being there. There are some small

service bugs still to work out – but I'm sure the 3rd meeting it go even smoother. The food has been great!

It's the time when club rides/plans all start to come together. Our first longer ride will be to the Morton's Spring Fling in Natural Bridge VA. I expect about 10 club members to make it this year. It's a great event – we usually make a long weekend of it – leaving Thursday and most people return home Sunday or Monday. Lots of good riding in the area.

I haven't decided where I'm going after Morton's yet. Could be west (BTD 2x now) or maybe it's not too hot yet in Key West. Never been there. If I did Key West I have people to catch up with.. Jim Hoehl, Roland Marchetti, John Welch, Skip Palmer and others – all could sorta be on the route down or back. Then maybe I could head a bit west for a while (New Orleans again?) before starting north (Great River Road along the Mississippi?) and east. I end up spending hours with Google maps planning these things out.

BTW – Google maps on Android, and to some extent now the browser based web one – now allow breaking up trips into segments. I don't think you can specify things like "No Highways" by segment – yet – but bet it's in the plans.

Don (Get out there and ride!)

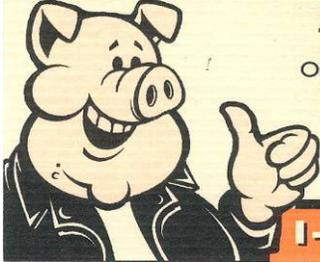
Gathering of the Nortons April 15th

Don



It rained heavily in Monmouth County....

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Schedule of Events – 2018!

Please send additions and corrections to the editor!

May

- May 2nd – Moribundi Lunch
- May 9th – Meeting, Tony's. Farmingdale
- **May 18th -20th – Morton's Spring Fling, Natural Bridge VA. See Don for details.** This is a favorite of shore riders.
https://www.mortonsbmw.com/springfling_2018.htm
- **Mat 19th-20th** – New Sweden 450,
http://www.newswedenbmwridders.com/New_Sweden_BMW_Riders_of_South_Jersey/450.html
- May 20th – British and European Classic Motorcycle Day, Clarksburg, MD

June

- June 2nd – Moribundi Lunch
- June 13th – Meeting, Tony's. Farmingdale

July

- July 4th – Moribundi Lunch
- July 11th – Meeting, Tony's. Farmingdale
- July 12-15th – **BMW-MOA Rally**, Des Moines, IA
- July 20-22nd – **BMW-RA Rally**, Wellsboro, PA

August

- August 1st – Moribundi Lunch
- August 8th – Meeting, Tony's. Farmingdale
- August 31st- Sept 3rd, 44th Annual Finger Lakes Rally – see Roger T.

September

- September 5th – Moribundi Lunch
- September 12th – Meeting, Park Nine, Freehold
- **Sept 14th 16th – NJ Shore Oktoberfest 2018 – Crystal Brook Resort, NY**

October

- October 3rd – Moribundi Lunch
- October 10th – Meeting, Tony's. Farmingdale

November

- November 7th – Moribundi Lunch
- November 14th – Meeting, Tony's. Farmingdale

December

- December 5th - Moribundi Lunch
- December 8th - **Club Dinner** - RD Swanson
- December 9th - **Toy Run**, Children's Hospital - Jim Thomasey
- December 12th – Meeting, Tony's. Farmingdale

The calendar is also available here, with more detail: www.njsbmwr.org/calendar.cgi

There are also the regular Saturday morning "Breakfast Club" meetings, announced via the club email group list.

Moribundi lunch locations are announced via email, and are at 12:30PM, the first Wednesday of every month.

May 9th Meeting Agenda

- 1 - Call to order (7:30 - Don)
- 2 - Welcome new/returning members (Don)
- 3 - Treasurer's Report (Joe K)
- 4 - Secretary's Report on Membership and renewals (Jim T)
- 5 - OLD and CONTINUING BUSINESS
 - a) Morton's Spring Fling – Don
 - b) Club Oktoberfest – discuss (Don)
 - c) MOA Rally – Roger
 - d) RA Rally - Don
 - e) Rumble Expenses (Greg W)
- 6 - NEW BUSINESS
 - a) None..
- 7 - Open Floor - Anyone
- 8 - 50/50 drawing (Joe K)

END - Adjourn and stand around talking for 30 minutes or so.

Minutes – April 2018 Meeting.

Minutes from NJSBMW Riders monthly meeting held at Tony's Restaurant and Pizza in Farmingdale, NJ

Meeting was called to order promptly at 7:30 PM by President Don and the first order of business was a presentation of a beautiful plaque to Johann Schneider and his wife Bev to thank them for over 18 years of hosting the club at their restaurant in Avon by the Sea. Johann made a

short heartfelt speech about how he and Don came to be friends and he spoke of his appreciation of the club using his facility for so many years.

Next item was the upcoming Morton's Spring Fling to be held in Natural Bridge VA.

Oktoberfest will again in the fall in the Catskills. Wendy has already been contacted and is looking forward to hearing from even more members of the club and Don encouraged all to attend. There was discussion about door prizes this year, so sign up early.

The club is trying to dominate the MOA mileage contest and many members brought their forms to the meeting so they can be sent to the MOA.

The BMW-RA National Rally will be held nearby in Wellsboro PA and there is a college nearby offering very affordable rooms for attendees.

The Gathering of the Nortons will be held this Sunday April 15 in Washington's Crossing PA and those in attendance were told to meet at our WAWA at 10 AM for the short ride to PA.

The floor was opened to discussion, the 50/50 was called and the winner (Kenton Seydell) was enriched. Meeting adjourned at 8:05

Meeting adjourned, and stand around talking for 15-20 minutes (and telling lies..)

Letter to the Editor

Don,

The Schneider's Family and Staff wish to express our sincerest gratitude for being Honored at the April Meeting. "Breaking Bread" with you and receiving a fantastic plaque was above and beyond.

We were humbled after reading the words you had transcribed on the plaque.

We enjoyed having the New Jersey Shore BMW Riders as monthly guests. Amazing how fleeting eighteen years can seem. It was pure delight looking forward to your 2nd Wednesday monthly meeting. Never thought that, just maybe, that you also enjoyed being part of our extended Family.

Everyone coming through our doors (front or "special" rear entrance) left a mark on us. Fortunately we have many, many wonderful memories that we have to take with us.

Each was unique but the BMW Club takes Top Honors!

Thank you & kindest regards,

The Schneider's Family and Staff
Mrs. S, Johann, Bev, Ioana, Jorge, Tiffany, Leo and Jennifer.

Did You Know?

Roger T

Revolutions occur from time to time. Some you are aware of and some not: revolutions in countries, in businesses, in technology.

Over the past several years of bike traveling and staying in AA to C level hotels across the country, I never really noticed this "revolutionary change."

Most free hotel breakfasts include toast, bagels, waffles, or something requiring "butter." On my recent trip to Colorado Springs I noticed "fake butter" was being served... but not as blatant as this.



The picture of the top of a butter cup is clearly labeled as SPREAD CUPS.

In the past I've noticed that most hotel breakfasts and restaurants serve "fake butter" as an option but now in most hotel places, this is the only offering. It is not: butter spread, butter taste, butter color, or imitation butter. This spread cup is mostly water however it says that 48% is vegetable oil from soybean, palm and other miscellaneous sources.

Be careful if you pack some in your tank bag. It needs to be "refrigerated" for best quality... Really? Better quality than what? Water and Oil? When is the last time you refrigerated your bike to insure the quality of engine oil and radiator water?

What motorcycle?

Abe Garwig

Stuttgart is the hometown to Bosch, Mercedes and Porsche. Known as the city holding the most patents in the world. Besides the Mercedes and the Porsche Museum, this city is the gateway to the Black Forest.

As luck has it, my daughter lives not even 25 miles outside of Stuttgart. My son in law had to travel extensively earlier this year, hence my wife decided to spend a few months in Germany. Besides helping out, she was able to play with our granddaughter Liya (almost two). She had left in mid January, so after ten weeks, I did miss her quite a bit. I had a Europe business trip overdue and decided to add a week vacation time. This way I could spend Easter with my wife and daughter's family.

With flights booked and appointments confirmed, I opened my collector car & bike magazine. What I read, made me a happy man! While I was on vacation in the Stuttgart area, a collector car and motor cycle exhibition was in town. Retro Classica is the largest one in Europe to be exact!

Did I mention that my son in law and his father are crazier about cars and bikes than most of us? Rico, my son in law owns a Ducati and a Harley plus seven collector cars. His father is the president of the German Harley club.

Now these two had planned to surprise me with

this show. Shocked to know that I was aware of it, they presented three tickets for us to attend it. The show itself was about 5 times larger than the NY Auto Show. Some car and bike clubs displayed their treasures. Also BMW, Mercedes & Porsche had some of their awesome museum pieces on display. The rest of the bikes, cars and parts on display were for sale! It was like paradise! Vehicles you either never saw, or dreamed about with price tags. Some offered by dealers, others by their owners. Some are barn finds and others are in like new condition.

I saw awesome vehicles, but got stuck at the Siebenrock booth. Most of us know Siebenrock for his awesome BMW airhead kits and upgrades. What caught my eye? Two perfect Muench bikes!



Also on display was a beautiful BMW 327 cabriolet and several 30's to 90's BMW airheads. The booth was so busy that I decided to drive to Siebenrock after the exhibition. Their dealership is only twenty minutes west of Stuttgart. Three days after the show I drove with my wife to Wendlingen. Right in front of the dealership, were seven mint condition airheads welcoming us!

A black 1984 R80 almost knocked me out of my shoes. This bike looked like new. The R80 was 100% stock and showed no wear. Amazing!

I needed to find out more! Inside a friendly young sales associate welcomed us with a cup of coffee. Petra Oberender turned out to know more about airheads than most anybody else I know. She owns an R80GS and loves riding on and off the Black forest backroads! It took a while to get the

bike started. With salt on the road, a test drive was not permitted. I did get the chance to ride the bike on the dealership lot.



That was enough to light my fire! What a bike! The bike had just over 20,000 miles on the odometer. The first owner was born 1936, the second owner was twelve years younger. Both seemed enjoying washing and waxing the bike more than riding it.



Did I buy it?

I had a few sleepless nights over this bike. At the end of the day the bike would cost over \$ 6K.

If I keep it in Europe and ride it to the "Isle of Man" it would make sense. I may not ever find an air head, mono lever BMW this clean, no matter where I am willing to travel in the US.

So lets leave that question open. In case I do, I promise a few more stories.

Editor – my odds are on his owning it..

Mid April Trip to Colorado Springs and Fontana

Roger Trendowski

I had to make up my mind whether to travel by Air or by Bike back in February. Plane travel is the cheapest if you buy tickets a month or more early but who knows in Feb. what the weather will be like for an April bike trip to Colorado Springs. So I made a decision early-on to “bike-it” no matter what.

My goal was to attend an MOA Board of Directors meeting in Colorado Springs. The day I left from NJ on April 9th was partly cloudy and 30 degrees. At 6:30 in the morning I figured I would beat the commuter traffic---wrong! The GSP to I-287 to I-78 was very slow with stop/gos in typical places.

NJ Shore to Colorado Springs to Fontana MOA Rally to NJ 1906 miles out, 2720 miles return Total =4626 miles in 15 days



Mileage includes approx 50 miles in Colorado Springs, extra 100 miles on Kansas and Col. Secondary roads, and lots of miles in Tenn and NC at the Rally

Electric gloves and jacket compensated for the 30 degree weather all the way to Indianapolis my first night stay. No rain on this leg except for 3 hours of snow in western PA and WV. Hey... I have a GS that can go through anything... wish the rider could do the same. Indianapolis was a good stopping point at 750 miles, where I assumed the weather would eventually improve. Well, it did... Day 2 the temp was 35-40 degrees on I-70 to Kansas City MO. From Kansas City west it was progressively warmer to the high 60s in Colorado Springs.

In the past I've always traveled Interstate 70 across Kansas which appeared to be a flat boring State. Don E. always suggested an alternate route like US-40 to break up the monotony but I have al-

ways opted to cross Kansas as fast as my little F800GSA can go. So this time when I hit Salina KS (a little west of Kansas City), I turned south.

My interim goal was to take a picture in Syracuse KS (born in Syracuse NY). The extra hundred or so miles (vs. I-70) on secondary roads in KS and Colorado was worth it. There actually are houses w/people who live in remote places in KS. Syracuse KS, population about 2000, has a great biker diner that serves everything flavored “southwestern” including BBQ – Porky’s Parlor.



Traveling from Syracuse to Colorado Springs (C.S.) was an adventure since I put my GPS on “shortest route” to see what happens. Shortest Route literally computes the shortest route between two points including narrow 1-laners and dirt roads. Luckily only paved roads were in-order. I believe I did about 400 miles on secondary roads in KS and

Colorado and I met some interesting local folks including a guy driving a 1962 Monza Corvair (out in the middle of no-where). I stopped ahead of him, flagged him over and talked 10 minutes with him about his prized possession. (love the car in spite of Nader.)

Colorado has recreational marijuana. This is important to know for several reasons even though I wasn't interested in partaking of the weed. I checked into a non-smoking room in a budget motel. By midnight- the weed-smoke was penetrating my room under the door. Hallways and lounge areas were filled with an ill-smelling smog; towels

laid at the bottom of my door couldn't stop it and sounds abounded not from TVs but from neighboring rooms. "Be warned"... reserve a non-smoking hotel. The next three nights were at a nice non-smoking hotel that the MOA had reserved.



Weather in Colorado Springs was excellent... up to 70 degrees daytime but cool at night. In fact, at Deb Lower's home (another MOA Board member) in North C.S., her husband had to shovel light snow on Saturday morning while at our hotel in South C.S, it was 40ish. The views of Pikes Peak and the mountains were spectacular especially from the relatively flat area around C.S.. MOA Board meetings were held Friday and Saturday, 4/13-14 with pay-on-your-own hospitality Thursday evening. All nine MOA Board members attended as well as MOA Executive Director Bob Aldridge and a couple of his staff. Meeting agenda and results/decisions will be published on-line at BMWMOA.org.

The 2019 MOA Rally site was announced for Lebanon TN in JUNE ... a major date change. Lebanon is located east of Nashville, just north of Interstate 40. The site is excellent and the city of Lebanon is anxious to have BMWers attend. Mountain twisties are super in western NC and eastern TN.

I left C.S. at 9am on Sunday morning... late for me as many of you know. The weather forecasts showed snow hitting the Dakotas and Nebraska and east toward Chicago and NYS. Interstate 70 seemed to be the north-south dividing point for cold air. So from C.S. I headed south to Pueblo CO... then southeast on secondary roads to Amarillo TX (to I-40). It was sunnier and warmer in the south. Amarillo is the location of the famous Big

Texan Steak House. Regular size steaks are great with all the southern/Mexican fixins,,, but the free 72oz steak is overwhelming for most.

They offer a free huge steak but you have to eat the steak and all the fixings within 60 minutes... else you have to pay \$72 for it. Three idiots were attempting to eat their body-weight in meat while I was there. Two quit before time was up but the third guy succeeded. He left Big Texan left with a tee-shirt, full stomach and a barf-bag,



The route from Amarillo TX to Memphis TN was uneventful on I-40. East of Memphis I took secondary roads again to Scottsboro AL. Unexpected was that I rode through northern Mississippi on the way to Scottsboro.

Why Scottsboro?

Did you know that it's the location of the only business in the US that purchases (and sells) unclaimed contents of airline baggage? They say that 90% of the clothes are given to needy organizations and families; the rest is cleaned, pressed and tagged in their huge shore. Large selections of laptops and cell phones are fully tested, memory cleaned, and come with warranties. Inside their buildings look like a Macy's department store; very organized, clean, tags with barcodes, separate departments for goods, and even a café. Some of their goods come from freights shipments/containers. I noticed a wall display with hundreds of women/girls socks; each with an original manufacturer/designer tag.

My next destination was the BMW MOA Fontana Getaway Rally, held near the Tail of the Dragon

(Southern end of the Great Smokey Mountains in NC/TNN). The day before the Rally I met Richie Candrilli (new club member) at the Wheels Through Time Museum in Maggie Valley NC. Richie rode from his home on Staten Island via routes: Interstate I-287, I-78, I-81, I-26,... to Maggie Valley. We spent several hours touring the museum but still didn't get to see the entire collection. See the accompanying articles and videos on "Wheels..." and on our "rides at Fontana".

On Sunday 4/22 we started for home, staying overnight about 400 miles north at the Natural Bridge Hotel (the same one our groups stays for the Morton Spring Fling Rally in May). Another 400 miles on Monday got me home to Middletown and Richie home to Staten Island. My total trip was 4,600 miles; 15 days; no breakdowns, and thankfully no rain.

Bill and Zhao are on the move again.

Bill Dudley

We left the morning of April 30 on the 1971 Moto Guzzi, headed for Albuquerque and eventually, LA. The bike was rebuilt last winter by Charlie Mullendore, Guzzi expert in Maryland (think "Mike Kowal for Guzzis). It was a cold ride that first morning, temps only getting up to the mid 50's. Bill had mild frostbite symptoms in his fingertips by the time they stopped for lunch.

Fortunately, it finally warmed up after lunch, and the rest of the day's ride was comfortable. The roads in northern PA are quite nice -- decent pavement, entertaining, and not much traffic once you get out of the "cities".

Zhao mandated that our daily mileage be about 250 miles, so we'll be taking 9 days to get to Albuquerque instead of 8 as in previous rides. Also, each day we'll be hitting one "attraction" so that this won't just be a test of endurance.

Today's attraction was Penn's Cave, near State College, PA. Penn's Cave was "discovered" by an Englishman in about 1765, and became a tourist attraction in about 1885. It is notable for having a river running through it, so tours are by (electric) boat.



We arrived in the nick of time, at 4:55, as the last tour left at 5:00 PM. Tours take about an hour. They're a bit spendy at \$19 a head for seniors, but the tour guide does give a nice narration.

Penn's Cave also has an attached "wildlife park" with buffalo, elk, etc. but we didn't examine that part. After Penn's Cave, it was off to the Super 8 in State College, PA. \$71/nite AARP rate, and like almost all Super 8s, a nice clean motel with wi-fi and breakfast.

More to come..

Donny, Danny and Denny Ride - April 14

RDS

Breakfast in Brielle, lunch at Sky Manor and ice cream in Allentown. What a ride! By the end of the day we could hardly get our legs over the motorcycles.

Those in the know, understand it was a nasty, brutish and long winter. So when the weather finally turned good, everyone in Jersey took to the roads. We decided to ride to the Delaware, where the trees still had not turned green.

Traffic was not bad, so it was a pleasant ride. Don led to some roads - hard to believe - that I had not ridden. Pretty nice country still exists in Jersey. You just have to seek it out. My personality does not lead to leisure riding so I have to grit my teeth and follow, it's worth it, it makes for a good day.

MOA Fontana Getaway

Richie Candrili and Roger Trendowski

Fontana MOA Getaway Rally Rides



Fontana Rally was the first of the 11 MOA Getaways this year. Getaways provide hotel-based local weekend events in great riding areas and promote group camaraderie. They are located across the country with two more events being added for 2019 in Fla and Penn. See BMWMOA.org for the complete list of events.

Fontana was a great success this year and fully enrolled with 160 attendees. Accommodations were at Fontana Village Resort, located in the lush south end of the Great Smoky Mountains and near the "Tail of the Dragon." The event started Friday April 20 and ended Sunday the 22nd. The MOA hosted Rally included numerous door prizes, two dinners, local rally route maps, and a waterproof tail bag gift. A large meeting hall/building

was used for dinner, meetings/presentations and cash bar. Several MOA and MOA Foundation board members and MOA staff participated with other attendees throughout the weekend.

Richie and I met in Maggie Valley since he rode down from Staten Island and I came from

Colorado Springs. After touring "Wheels Through Time" motorcycle museum, we headed down to Fontana Village, about 50 miles, for hotel check



in. We reserved Thursday night, a day before the actual rally start, in order to get in a full day of riding on Friday.

We rode a 135 mile loop on from the hotel, 15 miles to the "Dragon", 11 miles through the Dragon (and it's 318 curves in 11 miles), and then southwest to Cherohala Skyway. The Skyway is more fun because it has less traffic and is faster than the Dragon... with fewer police too. Between the Dragon and Cherohala Skyway we ate at a great local diner that Herb Konrad and I found last year. The Lamp Post Diner; local southern recipes, homemade biscuits and friendly waitresses. (They made breakfast only a few feet in front of us at counter-seats.) Returning to the Dragon, we had to visit the Tree of Shame... which holds (hangs) hundreds of crashed motorcycle parts (a reminder of what speed, recklessness and the Dragon could do to you).

On Saturday morning we decided to explore local roads rather than spend the time traveling around much longer 100+ mile loops. Out the back door of Fontana Resorts we found a narrow paved road (lane and half) that crossed a mountain to the west to route 129.... Probably 10 miles long, full of twisties and very narrow. After reaching Route 129 we then found, thanks to our GPSs, Yellow Creek road heading back east across the mountain. After hitting route 28 and few turns we ended up at Fontana Dam and a dirt path leading to the Appalachian Trail. (My GS wanted to take it but Richie's RT didn't.)



Watching the TV news on Saturday night convinced us that heading to NJ on Sunday made more sense than spending more days in the area or going to Barber's Museum in Birmingham. Heavy rain and wind were moving slowly from the Gulf coast north toward NC and VA. So on Sunday morning we headed north to Asheville taking I-26 north to I-81 and home. We overnighted at the Natural Bridge Hotel since it is about half way to NJ. The storm stayed behind us by 1 day all the way back to NJ. I arrived home late Monday afternoon.. No rain during the entire trip.

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Monthly Meeting – May 9th

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Eat @ 6PM
Meeting starts at 7:30PM