

**April 2019**

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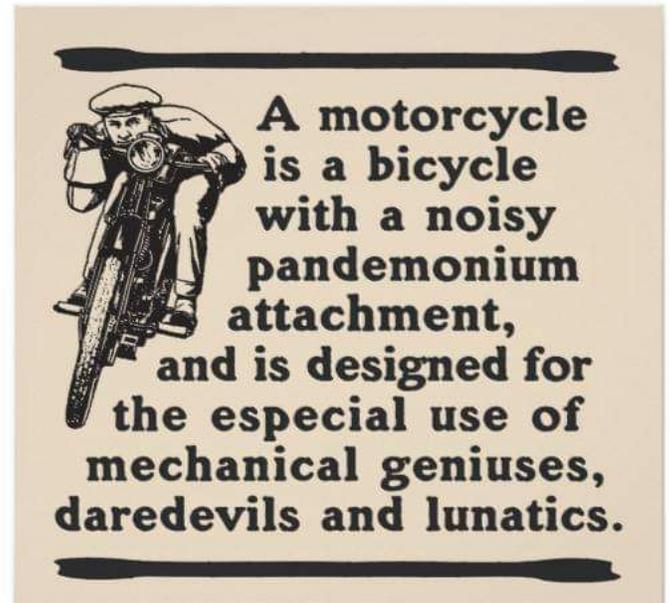
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## **President's Message:**



## **Co-Prez Message**

**Bill Dudley – April President**

Have we finally broken out of the "constant rain" weather pattern? It seems like it's been raining almost constantly for the past year. The ground is super-saturated, I've got puddles in my lawn that never dry out, I had a bike transmission \*ruined\* by the high humidity last spring, and it seems like I haven't had a run of sunny days until the last week or two.

Let us pray, or offer animal sacrifices, or something, to get better riding weather this year.

In other news, I've been "fighting" with the tank and petcocks on my "new" Moto Guzzi, the white 1993 Sp3. (I know, it's not a BMW. But it's almost the same as an old airhead BMW, so let's go with "it's close enough".) I actually ran out of gas rid-

The more you find out about the world, the more opportunities there are to laugh at it. *Bill Nye, Interview with Wired.com, April 2005*

[Spring is] when life's alive in everything. *Christina Rossetti (1830 - 1894)*

An optimist is the human personification of spring. *Susan J. Bissonette*

If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant: if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome. *Anne Bradstreet (1612 - 1672), 'Meditations Divine and Moral,' 1655*

A little Madness in the Spring Is wholesome even for the King. *Emily Dickinson (1830 - 1886), No. 1333*

A generation of men is like a generation of leaves; the wind scatters some leaves upon the ground, while others the burgeoning wood brings forth - and the season of spring comes on. So of men one generation springs forth and another ceases. *Homer (800 BC - 700 BC), The Iliad*

To be interested in the changing seasons is a happier state of mind than to be hopelessly in love with spring. *George Santayana (1863 - 1952)*

ing up to Red Bank last month. That was embarrassing; I haven't done that in a long time. In my defense, one of the petcocks was non-functional; I think assembled wrong by the previous owner. I had never tested the second petcock, so that's on me. Anyway, a nice man gave me a ride the half-mile to a gas station, let me use his gas can, and gave me a ride back to the bike. So only about 30 minutes lost.

That left me with the job of (this week) taking apart the petcocks and "sorting them out" as the Brits say. Both had a bit of crud in them, but nothing serious. Oddly, the left petcock has some kind of "gas gauge" thingy built into it, and this prevented me from completely removing the petcock from the tank; the most I could do was get it to hang from the bung by this brass tube "gas gauge" mechanism. Quite mysterious. Oh, and of course, the gas gauge thingy doesn't actually work. It's electrical apparatus on an Italian bike, so I wasn't expecting much, and I wasn't disappointed.

Once all reassembled, I find that both petcocks are "reserve" petcocks; this means I'm going to have to keep a close watch on trip (tank) mileage to prevent getting stuck in the middle of nowhere with no gas.

I'm still having an internal debate about which bike to take on the next cross country trip. The "new" Guzzi is great fun, but the seating is cramped for the two of us. Surprisingly, the most comfortable bike in the garage is the old Guzzi, the 1971 Ambassador. But we took that cross country last year; it's time to put big miles on one of the other ones.

I know; "first world problems" and all that.

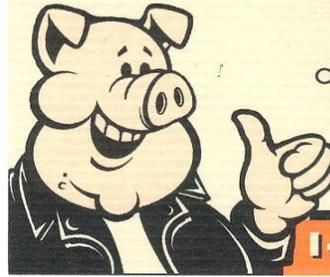
I hope to see you all at the meeting on April 10!

## **Schedule of Events – 2019!**

*Please send additions and corrections to the editor!*

**NOTE: Various repeating events, such as the weekly breakfast will be announced via our Email list. One can assume the weekly breakfast takes place every Saturday AM when we're in town, usually around 9:45AM. Watch your email for announcements of where!.**

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- **April 3** Moribundi lunch at 12:30PM, location TBD
- **April 10** club meeting at 6PM to eat, 7:30 meeting, location Our House Tavern, 420 Adelpia Road, Farmingdale
- **April 26-28** BMW MOA Fontana Getaway, all day, location Fontana Village, Fontana, NC
- **April 28** The "26th Gathering of the Nortons" at 10AM-1PM, location Washington Crossing Park, PA – Watch the email list for a group ride!

- **May 1** Moribundi lunch at 12:30PM, location TBD
- **May 8** club meeting at 6PM to eat, 7:30 meeting, location Our House Tavern, 420 Adelpia Road, Farmingdale
- **May 18-19** Morton's Spring Fling, all day, location Natural Bridge VA
- **May 18-19** New Sweden BMW 450, all day, location NJ and PA
- **May 19** Classic Motorcycle Day at 10AM-4PM, location Firemans' Carnival Grounds, Mt Airy, MD
- **May 22** Evening Ice Cream Ride, Ben P at 6PM, location TBD

- **June 5** Moribundi lunch at 12:30PM, location TBD
- **June 7-9** Americade, all day, location Lake George, NY
- **June 12** club meeting at 6PM to eat, 7:30 meeting, location Our House Tavern, 420 Adelpia Road, Farmingdale
- **June 13-16** BMW MOA National Rally, all day, location Lebanon, TN
- **June 19** Evening Ice Cream Ride, Ben P at 6PM, location TBD

- **July 3** Moribundi lunch at 12:30PM, loca-

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- **July 10** club meeting at 6PM to eat, 7:30 meeting, location Our House Tavern, 420 Adelpia Road, Farmingdale
- **July 12-14<sup>th</sup>** BMW MOA Pocono Getaway, all day, location 1 Manor Dr., Pocono Manor, PA
- **July 17** Evening Ice Cream Ride, Ben P at 6PM, location TBD

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- **August 7** Moribundi lunch at 12:30PM, location TBD
  - **August 11** NJ Ride for the CURE!
  - **August 14** club meeting at 6PM to eat, 7:30 meeting, location Our House Tavern, 420 Adelpia Road, Farmingdale
  - **August 21** Evening Ice Cream Ride, Ben P at 6PM, location TBD
  - **August 30** Fingerlakes Rally, all day, location Watkins Glen, NY

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- **September 1-2** Finger Lakes Rally, all day, location Watkins Glen, NY
  - **September 4** Moribundi lunch at 12:30PM, location TBD
  - **September 5-8** BMW RA National Rally, all day, location Woodstock, VA
  - **September 11** club meeting at 6PM to eat, 7:30 meeting, location Our House Tavern, 420 Adelpia Road, Farmingdale
  - **September 18** Evening Ice Cream Ride, Ben P at 6PM, location TBD
  - **September 20-22** New Sweden BMW Club's Last Chance Rally, all day, location Buena NJ
  - **September 20-22** Oktoberfest, Catskills - Don, Dan and ALL the club! More Info Here, all day, location Crystal Brook Resort, Round Top, NY

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- **October 2** Moribundi lunch at 12:30PM, location TBD
  - **October 9** club meeting at 6PM to eat, 7:30 meeting, location Our House Tavern, 420 Adelpia Road, Farmingdale

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- **November 6** Moribundi lunch at 12:30PM, location TBD
  - **November 13** club meeting at 6PM to eat, 7:30 meeting, location Our House Tavern, 420 Adelpia Road, Farmingdale

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- **December 4** Moribundi lunch at 12:30PM, location TBD
  - **December 11** club meeting at 6PM to eat, 7:30 meeting, location Our House Tavern, 420 Adelpia Road, Farmingdale
  - **Date to be determined** – Club Holiday Party, more to come.
  - **Date to be determined** – Club Toy Run, Children's Hospital, Toms River. More to come!

*The calendar is also available here, with more detail: [www.njsbmwr.org/calendar.cgi](http://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.*

## **April 2019 Meeting Agenda**

- 1 - Call to order (7:30 - Roger)
- 2 - Welcome new/returning members (Roger)
- 3 - Treasurer's Report (Joe K)
- 4 - Secretary's Report on Membership and renewals (Jim T)
- 5 - OLD and CONTINUING BUSINESS
  - a) PCa Fundraiser Status - Don
- 6 - NEW BUSINESS
  - a)
- 7 - Open Floor – Anyone?
- 8 - 50/50 drawing (Joe K)

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

## **Recap of March Meeting**

*Jim Thomasey*

Meeting began promptly at 7:30 and was co-hosted by Roger and Bill. We welcomed a new member, Manny C who rides a K1600B.

Joe K. reported the treasury holds about \$1075 and the present paid membership is about 55 members.

Roger spoke about the Fontana rally to be

held the end of April around the same time as the Gathering of the Nortons in PA. This ride has long been considered the clubs unofficial first group ride of the season.

Not to be confused with the Norton's is the Morton's Spring Fling in VA which is also around the same date as New Sweden's "450" ride. The weekend of May 17th-19th

Bill D. reported that he and a few other members attended the bike show in Boyertown, PA. where they saw a Crocker motorcycle valued at \$700K!!

Roger and Jim T. went to the Backroad Discovery Route presentation at Cross Country BMW saying how exciting and challenging the off road riding adventure would be.

Roger attended a BMW MOA meeting in Saratoga Spring, NY where 10 of the 16 local clubs sent a representative. The main idea gleaned from the meeting was the MOA 's intent to improve relationships with the local clubs and how to best achieve that goal.

There was also an update on the progress of the prostate cancer fundraiser which is reported elsewhere in this newsletter.

## **NJ Ride for the Cure! March Update**

*Don E*

Things have been moving along on planning and implimenting the prostate-cancer fundraiser being held in memory of Harold Gantz. We had a brief meeting after our regular March club meeting.

The club members currently involved with this effort are: Don E, Dan T, Joe K, Ed G, Jim T, Mike K, Art G, Kent S, Greg W. Colin T, Dennis S, Herb K, RDS, and Pete Lisco from New Sweden. The other NJ clubs are "in" but don't seem to have a lot of interest in actually helping in organizing the event - so that falls to us.

Thankfully we have a great team and I imag-

ine it's going to be an outstanding event. I'm hoping to use the other clubs to get the word out.

### **Progress report:**

I met with the representative of ZeroCancer, Shawn Supers on Monday the 25th to discuss what we can do for them, and what they can do for us. Shawn offered to have them setup an event specific webpage where people could donate to ZeroCancer and we'd receive the information of who and how much was donated.

I spoke with the representative of the Prostate Cancer Foundation via phone a number of times this month. They're basically offering the same as ZeroCancer - a custom page for our event, allowing people to donate directly to their cause with us receiving an accounting of who and how much they donated.

The reason we want the information on "who and how much" is - that could form the basis for door prize tickets to the event. We need to decide an amount, but I'd say for every \$10/ donated - the person will receive 1 door prize ticket.

I've also been giving thought to the "challenge" part of the event, and I'm sort of circling in on NJ lighthouses. As many know there is a lighthouse-weekend every year with the challenge being to visit as many lighthouses as possible in one weekend. That happens in the late fall (usually October) so that wouldn't work for us. Instead I'm proposing that we make our challenge "ride" to visit as many lighthouses as the rider can, starting on some date a few weeks before the event at Cross-Country. Proof would be a cell-photo of them and their bike at the lighthouse. Each lighthouse visit would award the rider another door-prize ticket. Comments on this would be welcome.

**Event location** and such: I've talked to Dan Notte at Cross Country. Dan has offered to open his facility specifically for this event on

August 11th (a Sunday) or August 18th (rain-date, also a Sunday.) He felt Sunday was preferable to a Saturday since the parking lot won't be full of regular customers. Dan has also offered to provide food and a grille to cook the food on. We'll need some cooks - but I'm sure we can come up with a rotating group of volunteers. **A big THANKS to Dan and Cross-Country. Dan also mentioned he'd be contributing some door prizes.**

Ed Gerber has started the process needed to create a 501(c)3 charitable organization. Funding for this is being donated by a private organization Ed is associated with. So far we have our EIN number (Employer Identification Number) from the IRS. Ed is moving ahead with the rest of the process with the IRS and the state of NJ.

I've also been spending time soliciting door prizes. I've approached about 65 companies so far via on-line forms, and email. I've received a response from about 10 of them so far. Significant responses were from Rider Warehouse (Aerostich) and BMW-Motorrad USA. While I don't know yet what they might donate, I suspect it will be significant. Klaus has offered to make a donation from EPM. Backroads has promised to do whatever they can. Machine Art Moto has promised a door prize. Sargent Seats is sending discount coupons (50% off), Roadrunner Magazine is offering several free subscriptions, Helite (air-vests) thanks to Bill D is offering a coupon with \$300 off one of their vests. Avon Tires is sending T-shirts and tire-tread-depth gauges.

I have approached several track schools that run track events at NJ Motorsports Park about donating a track day - but so far haven't heard from them.

The only refusal I received was from Schuberth AG in Germany who emailed me that they don't have donations in their budget so they're offering nothing. I'll remember that next time I need a new helmet.

I've also been working on some publicity materials. **We desperately need someone who can design a logo for NJ Ride for the Cure.** I gave it a shot and it was awful.

Greg Wright has mentioned using "Constant Contact" to try to target motorcycle riders in the area. Since this is a brand-agnostic event - that sounds perfect to me. As soon as we have a settled plan, a working website and some decent advertising material I think we should go ahead with this.

I've registered the URL "NJridefortheCURE.org" and at the moment it points to a temporary website on one of Bill D's servers.



Once we have a 501(c)3 document from the IRS, there are a number of web hosting companies that offer a completely free website hosting for charitable organizations - and we'll be taking advantage of that. The hope is to have an interactive website that is usable with a PC or laptop or tablet or phone. Cross-platform compatibility is difficult to do by ourselves - but these host servers have templates available that should make it doable.

Finally - anyone - who wants to join in is more

than welcome. I'm sure we can find something for you to do..

## **Meeting Notes II - March**

*Bill Dudley*

Roger called the meeting to order at 7:29 PM. New member Manny Carabel lives in Marlboro and rides a new K1600B.

Joe reported that we have \$1074.20.

Jim T. reported that we have "55 to 60" members. About 23 get paper mail delivery of the newsletter, and about 40 get it via email.

Bill mentioned the Martin Motorsports MC Show which was first weekend in March.

### **Upcoming events:**

Gathering of the Nortons April 28 (several are attending)

MOA Fontana Getaway April 26-28 (3 attending)

MOA rally in Lebanon, TN in June (many attending)

MOA Mt Pocono Getaway is happening in September (?)

New Sweden 450 is same weekend as Morton's Spring Fling (May)

Someone (Jim T?) reported on the BDR Movie showing that happened at Cross Country BMW.

Roger announced that Our House Restaurant would give us ONE (1) free dinner every meeting, starting tonight.

Dave Rosen (who doesn't look at all like Mike Lamberti/Lombardi) won the 50-50.

Jim Thomasey won the drawing for the free dinner. Meeting was adjourned, and then Don met with the people organizing the Prostate Cancer Foudation Fundraiser.

## **Tourniquet information from the February meeting.**

*Jim Thomasey*

Here are the website addresses if you are interested in getting the equipment mentioned by our guest speaker during our February meeting.

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## Rayhyde Adventures

Greg Wright

It all started 11 years ago. I was riding a R1200R at the time. The bike took me from the NJ shore to as far away as Alabama. It was a great bike. I thought to myself that no other bike could surpass its overall look and performance.

A lot of my friends rode different bikes. One had a K75. The other a K1200GT and two others, a R1200GS. Out of all the bikes, the GS was my least favorite to look at. It was very utilitarian. It had big metal boxes as panniers. It had a funny looking front fender that looked like a bird beak. It just didn't have the sex appeal that could stroke my macho ego.

Then one day, while riding the pines, a friend of mine insisted that I ride his R1200GS. Reluctantly I jumped on the thing. I took off I never wanted to give it back. The freakin thing flew. It handled as well as any crotch rocket. It was comfortable and yes, if I had balls enough, drag knees into corners. I fell in love with the way it handled.

I loved the way it rode so much that I put my money down on a 2016 R1200GS Triple Black.

You know, after a while, the bike started taking on a coolness factor. The one where you walk out to your garage with a glass of wine in your hand and stare at it sitting idle. You think to yourself "Man that's a cool bike".

I have ridden this bike for roughly 14,000 miles, all on tarmac. Ok, once in a while, I would venture down a groomed dirt road here and there. But I never really took it off road. Then one day, Grant Duncan, told me about Raw Hyde Adventures. I thought, wow this might be a very cool thing to do. Never did I think I'd sign myself up. It wasn't convenient to get to and the cost was relatively expensive. I placed the thought of Raw Hyde on the back burner as a "One day I'm going to" and left it at that.

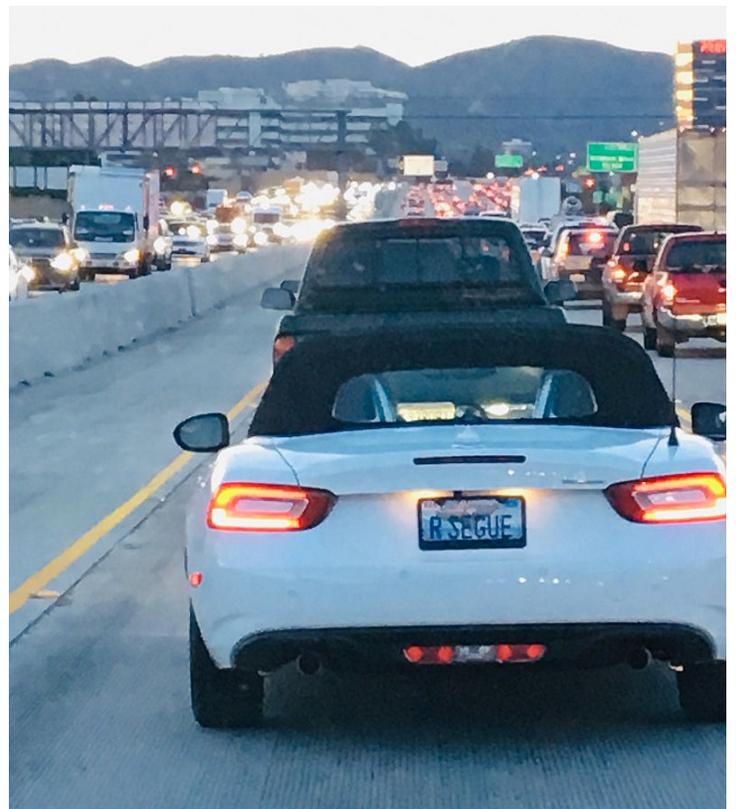
I hate winters. Long cold nights, unpredictable weather during the days. Cabin fever is a motorcyclist worst companion. I was told about a movie night that Cross Country was hosting in Metuchen. It was the perfect get away from the winter doldrums. A few of us decided to meet for dinner be-

forehand, then head on over. The movie was about a thing called the Mid-Atlantic Back Road Discovery Route, or Mid-Atlantic BDR for short. We witnessed, folks in their 30's to 70's using their GS's off road. They traveled from NC to the border of New York on 90% Dirt Roads, Double Track and Single Track. What a way to use the bike for what it was designed. I said I must do this. I know just the place to get some off-road training, RawHyde.

I quickly got excited and tried corralling my buddies to see if they wanted to go. All wanted to, but because of either time, money or health couldn't do it. I got on line and picked the Mohave desert location. I figured that it mimicked the DAKAR and I wanted to get the experience in all its glory.

Even though I grew up on dirt bikes ranging from a 50cc to a 400cc Motocrosser, I signed up for the beginner class and a thing called Base Camp Alpha. I figured I really didn't know how these big bikes handled off road, so I'd start from the beginning. Boy was I glad I did.

Rawhyde Adventures is about 3 hours north of LAX. Depending on traffic, it could take 2. But, as luck would have it, we ended up in bumper to bumper traffic from LA to about San Bernidino.



Rawhyde draws people throughout the world. I was lucky enough to meet up with a rider who was coming in from Russia. There were people from Australia, Canada, Italy, Germany. They were retired, a judge, an accountant lawyer mechanic even a guy who sells parachutes. His hobby is putting on a bird suit and jumping off cliffs. There were guys, and gals some gals which would make you eat their dust. You name it, it was an off-road motorcycle melting pot.

The place was great. They had tent bunk houses that we all slept in.

A full service garage. A fully equipped kitchen and of course only the finest of bathroom facilities. All showers are unisex, and all are free to shower at the same time. I wasn't lucky enough to experience taking a shower with one of the pretty gal instructors, but overlooking the valleys has its reward just the same. Jim Hyde and his wife run the place.

They bring culinary chefs in from LA who prepare the most delicious breakfasts, lunches and dinners you can imagine. Add to that a fully stocked bar and you have yourself the makings of a great time.



*Jim Hyde*

**The first day:**

I rented a R1200GS. We weren't allowed to just get on ride, we were given instructions on an array of topics.



*Classroom*

They showed us why a GS is a GS and why they are the choice for riding expeditions from all parts of the world. Yes, parts do break. They are considered First world problems, like a broken kickstand or Third world problems where your tank is damaged, and you leak all your fuel in the desert with no way home.

That night we all gathered in the mess hall and were asked where we were all from and what do we ride and what brings us here. I stood up and said I'm from the Jersey Shore, ride a R1200GS and wanted to learn how to handle the bike in deep sand, just like in our Pine Lands.

After everyone was given the opportunity and idle chit chat, a beautiful instructor came up to me and asked if I knew where Manasquan NJ was. I said yes, I live there. She went on and asked if I knew a local fellow and again, I said yes. Turns out while she lives in LA and works for Rawhyde, her cousin is a good friend and she visits Manasquan often. She became my good friend.



*Gina*

The first day of actual on the bike riding was rewarding. We started with the basics of clutch and how to walk the bike back and forth using the clutch to riding in tighter and tighter circles until you dropped the bike. I dropped it about 5 times that day. We learned how to handle the bike, jump small logs and climb hills. It was a great experience All of this was in preparation to ride out in

the Mojave desert for about 200 miles and reach our overnight camping place, Base Camp Alpha)



*First Day*

Erin Sills joined us for the trip. Erin holds 5 world speed records for women. She was recently illustrated in the OTL magazine. It was an honor to be with her and now I can call her my friend.



*Erin*



*Trona*

If you ever see one of the car commercials where the road seems to go on and on into the horizon, this place is it. While most of the ride was off road occasionally, we had to slab it. One of the most intriguing places was Trona Pinnacles where they filmed lost in space and other movies.

In the desert the accommodations were a little on the rough side, but well worth it.



Campfires were a must at night. The sky was lit with stars. So many in fact, it was eerie. The food and drink well, these folks know how to through a party. The same culinary chefs were brought out to the desert and cooked gourmet meals. Outstanding!

The ride back to Rawhyde was adventurous.

Some took the highway, while I put my new off-road skills to the test. I followed our instructor turn for turn. 10 miles of desert whoop dee doos. Many more of harder washed out roads. To make it home before darkness, we decided to slab it. This time however, we ended canyon carving back. I didn't know knobbies could hug corners as well as any street tire. They just don't last as long.

The last day, we were shuttled back to LAX for our flights home. Rw Hyde is worth every single dime. I will be going back on my own GS of course.



*RayHyde Headquarters*



## **Gathering of the Nortons April 28<sup>th</sup>**

We'll have a group ride, most likely leaving Our-WAWA at 10:30AM. Watch your email for details!

# Monthly Meeting – April 10<sup>th</sup>

**Our House Restaurant : 420 Adelpia Rd., Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727 . Tel # [732.938.5159](tel:732-938-5159)**



**Eat @ 6PM**

**Business meeting starts at 7:30PM**

**Our House, 420 Adelpia Road, Farmingdale**