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What a wonderful bike was the Münch.
Of displacement it had, oh, a bünch.
And the view from the seat
Was Germanically neat
But a Z-1 would eat it for lünch.

*Only known Münch Mammoth limerick, published in
Cycle magazine in 1975. author unknown*

How did it get so late so soon? Its night before its
afternoon. December is here before its June. My
goodness how the time has flewn. How did it get so late
so soon?

Dr Seuss

Spring being a tough act to follow, God created June.
Al Bernstein

He was but as the cuckoo is in June, Heard, not
regarded.

William Shakespeare

There are two seasons in Scotland: June and winter.
Billy Connolly

Oh, my luv'e's like a red, red rose, That's newly sprung
in June; Oh, my luv'e's like the melodie That's sweetly
played in tune

Robert Burns

There are three good reasons to be a teacher -
June, July, and August.

anonymous

Early one June morning in 1872 I murdered my father -
an act which made a deep impression on me at the time
- *Ambrose Bierce*

BMW Motorcycle Club
New Jersey Shore



Co-President's Message:

Bill Dudley, June President

The weather isn't quite what it should be, but at least it isn't raining every single day. Zhao and I rode down to Maryland for the Classic Motorcycle Day, then stayed a second day to be tourists in Washington, DC, riding home Tuesday, and the only rain we saw was while we were having dinner Saturday night.

This month (June) has the **big** rally in Tennessee. I wonder if it will get the turn out that we had at the 2009 rally in TN. That year saw about 9600 attendees, which I think was a record for an MOA rally.

We (Zhao and I) will once again enter the "longest distance rider" awards at the rally, except the prize we think we have a chance at is "oldest combined bike+rider+passenger". We both collect Social Security and always show up on a bike that's over 40 years old, so our "score" this year will be 180. Somewhat surprisingly, we usually lose to a couple in their nineties who arrive on a much younger bike.

Regardless of that outcome, we hope to see many of you at the rally. Some of us are once again volunteering to do registration on Friday afternoon. That's more fun than it sounds, as you get to meet lots of BMW people from all over the country.

P.S. Thanks to me for editing this month's newsletter.

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!

- **June 5** Moribundi lunch at 12:30PM, Patrick's Pub, Neptune City Shopping Plaza

- **June 7-9** Americade, all day, location Lake George, NY
- **June 12** club meeting at 6PM to eat, 7:30 meeting, location Our House Restaurant, 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

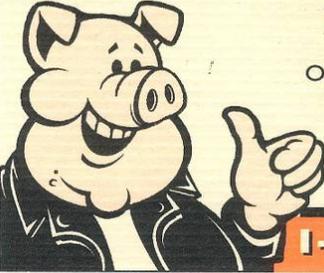
- **July 3** Moribundi lunch at 12:30PM, location TBD
- **July 10** club meeting at 6PM to eat, 7:30 meeting, location Our House Restaurant, 420 Adelpia Road, Farmingdale
- **July 12-14th** BMW MOA Pocono Getaway, all day, location 1 Manor Dr., Pocono Manor, PA
- **July 17** Evening Ice Cream Ride, Ben P at 6PM, location TBD

- **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 Restaurant, 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

- **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 Restaurant, 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

- **October 2** Moribundi lunch at 12:30PM, location TBD
- **October 9** club meeting at 6PM to eat, 7:30

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meeting, location Our House Restaurant, 420 Adelpia Road, Farmingdale

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

- **December 4** Moribundi lunch at 12:30PM, location TBD
- **December 11** club meeting at 6PM to eat, 7:30 meeting, location Our House Restaurant, 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
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.

June 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 (?)
 - b) Morton's Spring Fling recap (?)
 - c) New Sweden Nifty 450 recap (Herb)
 - 6 - NEW BUSINESS
 - a) ice cream night June 19 - Ben
 - 7 - Open Floor – Anyone?
 - 8 - 50/50 drawing (Joe K)
- END - Adjourn and stand around talking for 30 minutes or so.

Recap of May Meeting

Jim Thomasey

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Roger, who encouraged the new and recently new members to introduce themselves. First time attendees included Phil Lewis, who rides a 2015 GS and also has a K1600 and an R1150R. Phil is also a "refugee" from the North Jersey BMW club who has moved the Manchester, and so joins us as his "near-by" club. Ron Lignelli and Debbie were also first time dinner visitors, with Ron riding a K1600. Manny C. and Yannis were also welcomed again to the dinner as "recently new members."

We continue to have an ever growing group for the monthly dinner, with about 23 members enjoying the Wednesday night gathering. Joe K. reported our bank account to be \$1265.33, while Jim T. noted the paid membership to now be over 62 people.

Herb Konrad spoke about the recent Fontana BMW getaway trip, which included a description of the nearby ride to the Dragon, and encouraged everyone to participate in upcoming BMW getaway weekends. Roger and Rich C. then visited the Barber Motorcycle Museum in AL. After stopping there, Roger then continued to a BMW MOA event in Houston, TX with a side trip to Grand Isle, LA, south of New Orleans. Roger had a remarkable 2 week, 3,500 mile trip without any rain. After his official duties in TX, Roger traveled back eastward to visit the Unclaimed Luggage center in Scottsboro, AL.

Bill Dudley said the Gathering of the Nortons still had a respectable showing of vintage British iron even though the weather was gray and overcast with a few rainy moments. About a dozen of so of our club members met at our WAWA for the short ride to PA for the bike show.

Upcoming events discussed at the meeting:

- The Metheny School ride on June 13, for the benefit of the disabled children who attend school there.
- The 4-day MOA national rally in TN to be held June 13 through June 16, which will host over 125 vendors, 100's seminars, thousands of volunteers and 4,000 to 6,000 BMW riders and guests.
- Cross Country demo ride days to be held May 17 and 18
- The Morton's Spring Fling to be held May 17

through May 19

- The New Sweden 450 (also the weekend of May 17 through May 19) which will begin in the Cherry Hill area and loop around the Bloomsburg, PA area before returning back to the Cherry Hill area.
- An Ice Cream ride will take place May 15th at the "Ice Cream on 9" facility located on Rt 9.
- Also coming up soon is the Finger Lakes Rally on Labor Day weekend in Watkins Glen, NY, and the Pocono MOA Getaway ride rally taking place the second week of July.
- The Ride for the Cure fundraiser to benefit prostate cancer research will take place on August 11 at CCBMW. Details about the ride will be released on August 1. It will be a self-guided ride, similar to a scavenger hunt, with each participant getting credit for each spot visited.

The 50/50 was won by Arthur G. and the free dinner coupon was won by our new member Phil Lewis.

NJ BMW Airheads Tech Day

Bill Dudley

On Saturday the 11th, I rode up to scenic Phillipsburg, NJ (almost in the shadow of High Point) for the spring Tech Day held by Dave Cushing. The weather forecast had been "partly cloudy" but it was actually sunny and beautiful all day.



There were a couple of us from New Jersey present, including club member Kenton S., a bunch from Pennsylvania, and a few from New York, including Kat and Paul Connell, who hosted last month's Tech

Day.

Various projects were completed: a top end was re-assembled (bike trailered in, started at the end of the day), a set of tires swapped, and more that I missed. Personally, I enjoy the schmoozing.

Dave and Ellen supplied a great lunch of BBQ chicken, hot dogs, potato salad, etc.

BMW Demo Day at Cross Country

Ed Gerber

On Friday morning, May 17, Jim Thomasy and I rode up to Cross Country Cycle for the BMW Demo Days to promote both our upcoming Ride for the Cure and our club. The Cross Country folks were most cordial and their Market Coordinator, Jonathan Giacchi, set up a table for us. He immediately noticed that our poster and fliers had Cross Country's name wrong. Needless to say, we hung up the poster anyway.

Jonathan is active with the Ride of Distinguished Gentlemen in Asbury Park, which also raises money for prostate cancer. I had thought the ride was for classic bikes but he said that all bikes are welcome.

Once the table was set up Jim was off to demo a R1250GS while I manned the table. We were on the second floor in the BMW section. It was a weekday and foot traffic was sparse. I engaged the few people who passed by and a few took a membership application and/or a flier for the ride, but that was it. When Jim returned from the ride he was really impressed by the GS.

I then demo'd a 750 GS. I'm in love. The bike is so light and nimble compared to my R1200RT. We never got to ride over 65mph but at the speeds we were riding, it was quick. Can't say what it would be like at higher speeds. The transmission was flawless. There is minimal vibration in the handlebars at 65 and the speedo/tach/info screen is terrific, super bright clear and easy to read. Oh well....

BMW Demo Day at Cross Country

Jim Thomasey

On May 17 and 18 Cross Country BMW hosted the BMW demo fleet and I was fortunate to attend on Friday. Ed Gerber and I rode up to Metuchen arriving before 11am. I immediately went to the sign up tent and I was able to confirm my reservation and get set up for the noon ride. Ed set up the table for "Ride for Cure" offered to us by the dealership. BMW had all the new models ready to ride and it seems I was one of the few folks not waiting for the S1000RR or any of its iterations. I told the rep I just

wanted to try an R1200 model since my previous BMW's were K bikes. With no further requests on my part, I was assigned the 2019 R1250GS Adventure. After a 15 minute rider's meeting we were told that there will be no shenanigans and to keep both wheels on the ground during the 30 minute ride. This did not stop people from asking if the traction control will kick in during a wheelie or during an intentional rear wheel lock up. Yes and yes, but don't do it. The rep then spoke about the electronics and various rider's assistance features the bikes offer. The new bikes also have "keyless go" which allows you to push a button to wake up the bike and another push to start the bike. Very nice idea and no paint to scratch.



Demo van and riders

With 14 riders and three guides, we took the back roads out of the dealership and found our way to the hinterlands of Middlesex County. The course gave me plenty of opportunities to accelerate, roll off the throttle and get a feel for how wonderful the GS is. It absorbed the road seams and bumps of Raritan Center making for a really smooth ride. The newest version of this bike (and most other R bikes) allows for no clutch up-shifting and downshifting as well. Once you get used to not feeling like you will grenade the transmission, it's really fun. No need to drop the revs, just hold your speed and toe the shifter up. Instant next gear. Works going down, too. Representatives said as long as you are around 4K RPM's or higher, no bucking.

It wouldn't be New Jersey without car drivers seeing 17 bikes with "DEMO" across the windshield and still try to break up the group. This happened as we got back onto Rt 287 with me as the sweep. Two other guys and I had to play catch up and get back in line and the GS was ready for its close up. Quickly accelerating, I was able to find the group and get back in line for our return parade trip to the dealership. I

now understand why people love this bike, it checks off a lot of boxes for speed, comfort and storage. There was no off-roading included in this test ride, but I am sure the GS excels there, too.

Classic Motorcycle Day 2019

Bill Dudley

On Sunday the 19th the annual Classic MC Day was held in Mt Airy, MD. The weather was perfect; a nearly cloudless day with temps around 80F. Zhao and I rode “down” there on Saturday and got a motel in Frederick, MD. It made for a short ride over to the event Sunday morning.

As we arrived at the venue, who should we find but Grant, Greg, and Tommy just parking up. Then, a short while later, who should roll up but Mike K and Klaus, pulling a trailer with Klaus’ Munch and his “new” Zundapp.



Zhao with Klaus’ Munch

The show this year for the first time encouraged Japanese motorcycles to enter the concours, and that in turn helped with the event turn-out. While we didn’t see some of the exotica that I have come to expect at this event (e.g. Vincent Black Prince), there were still plenty of beautiful vintage bikes on display.

This is a judged show, with approximately 20 or 30 different classes across different marques and decades. The judges are local volunteer experts on the various classes.

The result of the judging, from the club view point, is that Klaus won a first prize for his Munch Mammoth.



A brace of Ducatis.



Three R90S



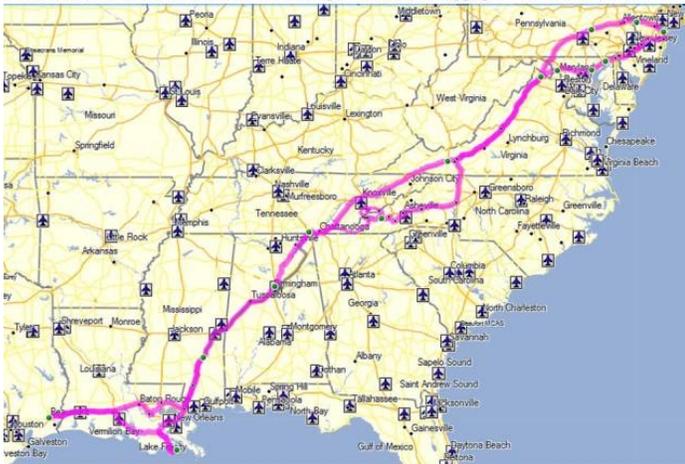
Klaus’ Zundapp, ??, an MV, and a Laverda Jota

Fontana Getaway and Beyond, Part I

Roger Trendowski

Last year starting out on April 9th I rode to Colorado Springs for an MOA Board meeting and then hit the MOA Fontana Rally on the way back East. This year our board meeting was in Houston Tx, but scheduled for May 2nd so I didn't have to endure the 35 degree weather like I did going out to Colorado. This year's Fontana MOA Get-a-way Rally was scheduled for April 26th which was the weekend before the May 2nd Board meeting so I decided to link the activities with one long ride. It was definitely a warmer ride this year mainly because of the calendar shift as well as more southerly destinations. This year I also had riding company part way which made it much more interesting than being a loner. My total 2-week ride accumulated 3,912 miles on my F800GSA.

3912 miles, 13 Days April 24 – May 7 2019 Fontana MOA Rally, Barber's, Grand Isle LA, Houston MOA Board Mtg, Unclaimed Luggage Co. Scottsboro AL



Richie Candrilli, Kevin Howland and I met at 7:30am, where else but at the Breakfast Club restaurant in Farmingdale. After a quick infusion of caffeine we headed to Herb Konrad's home near Northeast, Maryland. (Can you believe that Herb didn't want to add "mileage contest" miles by coming up to Farmingdale?) Instead of following the shortcuts that Herb suggested, we followed "Doofus", my GPS. The two and a half hour ride probably took 30 minutes longer because of a bunch of stop & goes after exiting I-95 in Maryland. Following a grand tour of Herb's place on the water and a quick breakfast at the local diner, we all headed South; first South on I-95 then west on I-695 (North of Baltimore) then Routes 340 and 7 over to I-81. This skirted us around both Baltimore and Washington DC.

Our "heads down" route took us down I-81 past Roanoke VA, South on I-77 into North Carolina, West on I-40 to Asheville. Just as we started up the mountains on I-40, we stopped dead in our tracks.



The travelling "breakfast club"

As far as we could see no traffic was moving. Eventually in a mile or so we were able to take an exit into the foot hills of the Smokey's.... Doofus the GPS indicated a path back onto the interstate in 10-12 miles. Doofus was correct but with a bunch of other cars we did stop-&-go on I-40 again.



Group (less me) arriving at Fontana Resort/Lodge on Thursday afternoon. We arrived 1 day early to take advantage of more riding in the area.

If you head South from Ashville toward South Carolina on I-26, the Blue Ridge Parkway crosses in about 10 miles. In August last year I followed the parkway West for several miles but because of heavy rain and fog, couldn't see anything from the overlooks or anything more than 100 feet in front of me. The unique part of this route is the numerous tunnels. Well, this year was much different....great weather, scenic overviews and grand stone-faced tunnels. We followed the Parkway for 30+ miles until reaching local highways leading us 60 more miles to Fontana Lake and the rally lodge. The last 10 miles to the lodge on Rt 28 along Fontana Lake were both

excellent and challenging with tight curves and switchbacks.



Tunnel on the Blue Ridge Parkway

Fontana Village Resort is located in the mountains at the foot of Fontana Lake. The main lodge sits at the top with restaurant, stone fireplace, and numerous rooms; additional hotel-buildings, conference rooms, lounge/restaurant and cabins are located down the hill. Not bad for walking down to the festivities... but miserable walking uphill on connecting trails in the dark especially after a few drinks. Richie and I stayed in the Main Lodge where we checked in, with large fireplace hearth, numerous lounge chairs and couches, 24Hr coffee and breakfast restaurant. Our room was on the main floor of the 2 level lodge. We could look out our room's sliding patio door toward several hotel buildings located down the hill. We saw Herb and Kevin keying into their suite in the building below.



Kevin with the heart-shaped bathtub

Their room was gigantic with sofas, lounge chairs, and "heart-shaped" tub. Yes, it was the Honey Moon Suite which was the only hotel room that Herb could

secure since all others were reserved early in the season. The one king bed would suffice because Kevin laid out lounge-chair cushions on the floor for a make-shift bed. Eventually he got a blow-up mattress from house-keeping. On the first day Herb asked several couples if they would trade rooms but all his inquires were met with raised eyebrows.

Friday was our first full day in the area. Kevin decided to take a break from riding while the rest of us took off for a quick 30 mile excursion. We headed out the backend of the Lodge and followed a loop what we called a mini Dragon. ... narrow asphalt roads with plenty of tight curves. It led us West to Rt 129 but then we looped East again back to Fontana Lake. We first rode across the Dam and then traveled several miles to approach the dam from its base.



The boys in front of the "Tree of Shame"

On Saturday we kicked off at 7:30am toward Cherokee, a bustling town with Harrah's casino, and better yet, Granny's a super smörgåsbord restaurant. (Breakfast was about \$8 plus coffee.) After a payload of eggs, biscuits, bacon, sausage, French toast, fruit and grits, we slowly waddled our way to the bikes and took off northbound on NC421 into the Great Smokey's. Great ride, great weather, and

great curves,... until we entered “Herb’s Loop” which was described in last month’s newsletter. After completing that ordeal, we worked back to the correct route and missed turn, made it through the Dragon, and back to the hotel. At the South end of the Dragon we had to stop to see the “ Tree of Shame” that holds all the Dragon crashed-bike parts. Fontana Village Resort is only 10 miles away.

The MOA Get-A-Way rally provided some great benefits for the 2 ½ day hotel-based event: a bag of goodies, tee shirt, two dinners, ticket drawing for a Cardo Pactalk communications system, and drawings for many additional gifts (MOA tee shirts, hats, mugs). Most of all, it provided an opportunity to meet many old and new friends. The volunteer hosts provided several ride maps and list of places to eat and visit. On the first evening entertainment included the recording of the POD cast interview with Wes Fitzer, President of the MOA Board. During the festivities I finally met one of our Club’s “remote members,” Dorothy Gulla who resides in Fort Meyers FL. (Dorothy won our Club 2018 Mileage Contest with 35,471 miles.) See May 2019 newsletter for our group picture at Fontana.

Sunday morning Herb and Kevin headed home to

MD and NJ. Richie and I headed to Barber’s museum in Birmingham AL. So far, we had not ridden in any rain. There was some rain Friday morning and afternoon but our short loop ride was between showers. We traded text messages Sunday and Monday to insure that we all made it to our destinations and therefore didn’t have to call out the troops.



View from the BRP. Last August in the rain and fog, I couldn’t even see the sign.

Monthly Meeting – June 12th

Our House Restaurant

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Eat @ 6PM

Business meeting starts at 7:30PM