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SPECIAL – Covid19 Issue!

The inactivity forced on the club by the ongoing pandemic, and the social restrictions addressing it – have resulted in not a lot happening.

Meetings have been moved to ZOOM meetings, with miserable and declining attendance. Rides have been arranged rider to rider – nothing group focused has really happened. Planned events like the MOA National Rally have been postponed – some for a year.

So this issue will reflect that. Submissions were sparse. And my interest in trying to make something out of nothing is waning.

Enjoy this newsletter – no idea if or when there will be another one. Maybe in some future time we'll do things interesting enough to write about and share.

Don

President's Message

Email: edgerber1@verizon.net

The MOA has announced a new program to increase membership, for every local club member who joins or renews their membership the MOA will give \$9/\$7 to that club.?? The MOA is rolling this out month by month to align with club renewal time so we are looking to have this in effect this coming November or December.

We'll keep you posted. According to Roger T. only about 50% of our members belong to the MOA so this could mean extra money for the club picnic, holiday dinner or what ever else we choose.

Membership includes a professional monthly

I wanted change and excitement and to shoot off in all directions myself, like the colored arrows from a Fourth of July rocket. *Sylvia Plath (1932 - 1963)*

It is no measure of health to be well adjusted to a profoundly sick society. *Krishnamurti*

Statistics show that we lose more fools on this day than on all other days of the year put together. This proves, by the numbers left in stock, that one Fourth of July per year is now inadequate, the country has grown so. *Mark Twain (1835 - 1910)*

The gods are just, and of our pleasant vices make instruments to plague us. *William Shakespeare (1564 - 1616), King Lear, Act V, sc. 3*

Deceivers are the most dangerous members of society. They trifle with the best affections of our nature, and violate the most sacred obligations. *George Crabbe (1754 - 1832)*

Clothes make the man. Naked people have little or no influence on society. *Mark Twain (1835 - 1910)*

A nation is a society united by delusions about its ancestry and by common hatred of its neighbors. *William Ralph Inge (1860 - 1954)*

There is no nonsense so gross that society will not, at some time, make a doctrine of it and defend it with every weapon of communal stupidity. *Robertson Davies*

We live in a society exquisitely dependent on science and technology, in which hardly anyone knows anything about science and technology. *Carl Sagan (1934 - 1996)*

magazine, a towing program (with tire replacement) , on-line market place with free as placement, anonymous book & app (a list of member volunteers who will assist you on the road), etc.

Product Evaluation of a Atlas Throttle Lock

Having suffered painful wrists and shoulders on multi-day trips I opted to buy Honda NC750X DCH a bike with an automatic transmission and no clutch.?? But the bike has no cruise control so I recently installed an Atlas Throttle Lock. I have hand guards on the bike so I couldn't find a compatible throttle lock to install on the outer end of the hand grips. the Atlas unit installs inside of the and grip, see pics, and is compatible with the hand guards.



The Atlas unit is made of quality materials and as long as you follow the directions is easy to install. Unfortunately I didn't follow them and prematurely tighten a small set screw and I had to drill out that screw. The unit came with an extra set screw so everything worked out fine. The unit comes with several self-adhering friction pads of different widths.?? When you engage the throttle

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lock the friction pad presses against the inner flange between the hand grips and switches.



I practice the throttle lock takes firm pressure to lock in place, but does its job. What I like about the ALtas unit is that in an emergency it's easy to overcome the throttle lock and close the throttle even while the throttle lock is engaged.

I have noticed that initially at highway speeds on occasion even with the the throttle lock disengaged the throttle will stick every so slightly but as the friction pad has worn in this is diminishing. I purchased it through Touratech for \$135

Ride Safe, Ed

Schedule of Events – 2020

Due to the Covid-19 Virus and the limitations on any gatherings that has resulted – chances are a lot of these events won't be happening. We can hope that June brings a lessening of the danger of the virus – but there is no guarantee.

Keep track of announcements on the club email list to find out what's actually happen-

ing in 2020.

Club meeting or breakfasts, moribundi, etc. in June will be done via ZOOM. See emails for details!!

- **July 11** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. Shore Good Pancake House, 34 Lanes Mill Rd, Brick
- **July 18** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. On Third Cafe and Coffee Co, 1300 3rd Ave, Spring Lake
- **July 17-19** Black-Diamond Beemers Rally, all day, loc. Chets Place, Endless Mountains, PA
- **July 25** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. Park Nine Diner, Rt 9 and 524, Freehold
- **July 31** MOA rally at Skytop PA. See Rieger for details.
- **August 1** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. Princess Maria Diner, 2044 State Route 35, Wall Township
- **August 5** Moribundi Lunch at 12:30PM, loc. TBD
- **August 8** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. Shore Good Pancake House, 34 Lanes Mill Rd, Brick
- **August 12** club meeting at 6PM to eat, 7:30 meeting, loc. Our House Tavern, 420 Adelpia Road, Farmingdale
- **August 15** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. Acropolis Cafe, 506 Main Street, Belmar
- **August 22** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. The Buttered Biscuit, 700 Main St, Bradley Beach
- **August 29** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. Allenwood General Store, 3208 Allenwood Lakewood Rd, Allenwood
- **September 2** Moribundi Lunch at 12:30PM, loc. TBD
- **September 5** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. The Kitchen @ 35, 2601 Route 35, Manasquan
- **September 9** club meeting at 6PM to eat, 7:30 meeting, loc. Our House Tavern, 420 Adelpia Road, Farmingdale
- **September 12** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. Mariner's Cove, 712 Union Ave, Brielle
- **September 19** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. Ray's Cafe, 523 Washington Blvd, Sea Girt
- **September 17-20** BMW RA National Rally, all day, loc. Waynesville, NC
- **September 26** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. The Mug Rack, 70 W Veterans Hwy, Jackson
- **October 3** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. Allenwood General Store, 3208 Allenwood Lakewood Rd, Allenwood
- **October 7** Moribundi Lunch at 12:30PM, loc. TBD
- **October 10** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. The Peach Pit Cafe, 152 Main St, Manasquan
- **October 14** club meeting at 6PM to eat, 7:30 meeting, loc. Our House Tavern, 420 Adelpia Road, Farmingdale
- **October 17** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. The Turning Point, 2150 NJ-35 #3, Sea Girt
- **October 24** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. Toast Asbury Park, 516 Cookman Ave, Asbury Park
- **October 31** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. Allenwood General Store, 3208 Allenwood Lakewood Rd, Allenwood
- **November 4** Moribundi Lunch at 12:30PM, loc. TBD
- **November 7** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. Corner Post Diner, 2791 Hooper Ave, Brick Township
- **November 11** club meeting at 6PM to eat, 7:30 meeting, loc. Our House Tavern, 420 Adelpia Road, Farmingdale
- **November 14** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. John's Cracker Barrel, 1 S Riverside Dr, Neptune
- **November 21** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. Allenwood General Store, 3208 Allenwood Lakewood Rd, Allenwood
- **November 28** club breakfast at approximately 9:45AM, loc. TBD
- **December 2** Moribundi Lunch at 12:30PM, loc. TBD
- **December 5** club breakfast at approximately 9:45AM, loc. TBD
- **December 9** club meeting at 6PM to eat, 7:30 meeting, loc. Our House Tavern, 420 Adelpia Road, Farmingdale

FILLER: Back in the old days, before the advent of computer typesetting, newspapers used to insert "filler" at the bottom of columns so there wasn't blank space starting at the readers.

SEE: <https://tinyurl.com/ya4tdrfu>

I think I may re-institute that tradition.

Minutes of the NJ Shore BMW Riders Meeting, June 10th, 2020

Jim Thomasey, Secretary

About a dozen members joined the ZOOM meeting Wednesday night, June 10. Some of the topics discussed were the treasury holds about \$1600 in our coffers and it was brought up that we are a club registered as a non profit with monies to be used for the benefit of the members.

The Three club Rumble was discussed with the possibility of having it at the "Our House" restaurant and using their food and parking lots for our use.

Henning told all (residing at home) of his use of and happiness with, his noise canceling ear buds, Don told of a ride he took with Dan Thompson and his new bike, and Roger got a new on bike camera and seems to be enjoying its features. Matt S. and his wife Kathleen rode to Hot Dog Johnnies to stay socially distant while still having a good time.

Ben got a new windscreen for his electric scooter saying he is getting more miles per charge because of the improved aerodynamics. Paul Cook said he has been fixing Triumphs with a new coil system and there was a lively discussion of types of tires available in the motorcycle market place. On to the Ice Cream run!

FOR SALE!

President Ed forwarded me an email from a chap who met Dennis Swanson's son at Sun Cycle, who owns a BMW he's selling. (Is that complicated enough?)

The bike is a 2002 K1200RS. This is the last of the flying bricks, and took care of a lot of the problems the bricks were plagued with (like excessive heat.) It's been de-ABS'd (this was the intro of whizzy ABS, and they were problematic.) Looks nice in the picture. 38K miles. Recent repaint.

He's looking for \$3,000 OBO. Contact Gordo at 732-814-0037

This is a little tiny filler. Usually they can be edited for the to fill the size needed like this was.



Update on Video Camera

Roger T.

Last month I analyzed how I selected a sport video camera for my bike. I actually think I spent more time deciding on a camera than I did on my new F850GSA in December.

My process was a typical engineering analysis... figure out what features/capabilities are important (prioritized) and then find several cameras that might fit the bill.

Using a spreadsheet approach, I listed features down the first column and camera choices horizontally across the top of the sheet. A lot of reading and analysis was required to fill in the blanks. After evaluating everything including price, I chose the Dragon Touch Vista 5 and also chose Amazon vs. WalMart based on best delivery date and price. (This unit is a GoPro look-a-like.)

Now that I've played with it over the last month, here are my impressions:

1) Video quality when mounted on my F850GSA is very good to excellent. The previous camera (about 5+years old) showed jittery waves on the screen due to 2-cylinder engine vibration, especially when starting up from a stop and shifting.) This is minimal with the Vista 5. I'm using the same RAM mount as with my previous camera. The new camera's electronic stabilization works! This fulfills my #1 requirement.

2) Its remote control switch also works for taking a photo (button 1) or video (button 2). However the remote does not turn the camera Off or On. You still have to push the ON/Off button on the

camera. The camera goes to sleep when not in use for awhile and turns Off after a long while... it has adjustable intervals. When the screen is blank (asleep) you have to push the remote button or a camera button twice... once to wake up the camera and another time to take the pix or start the video.

3) The 4 x Zoom works but it's not easy to change 1x to 4x on the fly since you have to press a camera button and read the 2" screen to do this.

4) I really like the touch-screen capability when selecting different camera settings. This is much easier than with my old camera where I had to remember what sequence of camera buttons to push to select menu options.

Here is what I wish worked better:

1) When recording video, a red flashing "dot" is displayed in the upper left of the screen... can't see it very well from my sitting position. I'm going to try using a sun shade cover around the camera much like GPSs have.

2) When I push the remote pix/video button to wake up the unit... sometimes the unit wakes and sometimes it doesn't. You have to look at the camera screen to determine if it is ready to record or already recording ... and maybe push the button again if it didn't sense the button pulses. Again, this is where the visibility of the red recording indicator is important.

Two batteries were included with the Vista 5. Based on my month's use, it appears that each is good for 45 minutes or so. To change the battery, you have to remove the camera from the waterproof case to access the battery slot. I found that I can still use the camera when charging it so it may be possible to connect a USB cable to the camera from the nearby bike accessory port.... but would have to drill a hole in the waterproof case (idea under consideration).

I also tried the iPhone app for camera control and monitoring. The iPhone screen is much larger than the 2 inch camera screen which makes it easier to see what's going on and to take pixs and make videos. However this would require an iPhone handlebar mount and possibly an auxiliary charging power wire. (idea under consideration).

Overall I am very satisfied with my Vista 5 Dragon Touch camera. Video quality only deteriorates when a bug splats the lens.

Editors comment: I have a GoPro that I used a lot the year or two after I got it. I now rarely even think about it. Things that kind of tempered my enthusiasm:

1. Operating it is distracting. Not good to be trying to tell if it's still on or not while riding.

2. Editing requires watching ALL that video you shot to extract the 2-3 minutes of "good stuff". Since you're riding you can rarely anticipate when the good stuff will appear, so the camera tends to stay on until the battery dies.

3. People get bored watching bike videos, unless they're done by a professional videographer and edited with some music added by a pro. I do. I get bored watching mine. The Back Roads Discovery videos are done right. The vast majority of videos done by riders are simply boring. The only one I occasionally watch of mine is of our Euro trip – since a lot happened in a short period of time – and my memory isn't what it used to be.

Here is a 2.48 minute clip from the club Oktoberfest in 2016. This is the right length for most home done videos.:

<https://youtu.be/SjGHxDjMu24>

How I Started Motorcycling

I put a message out on the email list looking for content for this newsletter. I received 7 replies (less than 10% of the club members.) I was looking for a single paragraph – but sometimes I got much more.

They were interesting reading for me – hope they are for you:

Joe Karol: My first experience on a motorized two wheeler was on a friends scooter, maybe Cushman. I also had a friend with basically a motorized bicycle, possibly a Whizzer. He and I used to race each other, me on my horse,(four legged kind) and him on the bike. I would always beat him off the line but eventually he would pass

me.

When I was stationed in Kansas, Mc Connell AFB, some guys returning from Germany brought their motorcycles with them, a 50cc Tohatsu and a 165 Harley Davidson, which they allowed us to ride. I was hooked. I've ridden ever since.

Jim Thomasey: Just finished a 200 mile plus day today so I have had time to think of your topic. Here it is.

Growing up my town had a bicycle "race" during the summer to give the kids something to do, and that progressed into me becoming a fan of two wheeled adventures. I visited my local Triumph/BSA store and was approached by the salesman asking which bike I wanted to buy. Since I was only 12 or so my cash and legal license standing were both lacking, but I made sure to get a 650 Triumph as soon as I got a job and some money. My co worker at the Exxon station was going to take a cross country trip as a gift to himself for finishing his degree in Electrical Engineering from NCE in Newark and I invited myself along.

So with a few months practice under my belt, I headed to CA for what became a 6 week trip.

Best spur of the moment decision ever.

Henning von der Wroge: How I started riding

Uneventful. In Germany. I didn't get my motorcycle license until after I finished military service. That was in 1980 and you had to take professional driving lessons totaling six hours. The teacher in a car, the student on the bike (Kawa 350cc or so).

It took me another 10 years to get my first own bike - a used '76 BMW R90/6 which I kept until leaving to the US. Wish I would have brought it with me but didn't have the means to pull that off. Once here I bought a used K100RS that would have made Jack Riepe proud but eventually was replaced by an R12GSA

Roger T: When (or Why) I Started Riding

I was sucked into motorcycling with my first bike.... a Jawa 125cc wreck that an old farmer off-loaded on an unsuspecting (and poor) kid of 13. Believe it or not, this was my first "iron-butt" experience too. Without a seat or fenders or lights or throttle cable, it was a pretty basic junk bike. No problem for a kid with imagination... just put a few rags on the frame, wire the carb throttle open, pump the tires, and then bump start it down the steep driveway. It only took a few feet before the engine roared to life... I mean exploded to "full throttle life." Literally, that's where my iron butt experience kicked in. I must have had a cast-iron butt to ride the stupid bike 50 yards before my eventual crash.

It was the early sixties. I don't recall what happened to it, but I moved to more stable pieces of junk: a Cushman scooter with 12 inch wheels which had no traction in the farm lots, a MoPeds with 50cc of raw power (but lost 50% power when I installed a 2 foot chrome exhaust pipe in place of the tiny muffler under the engine), 60cc Bridgestone (new bike that I trailered to college in Florida). It was only after I married Ginna at age 21 in 1969 that we (I) could afford nice but small road and trail bikes: 175cc Yamaha CT1, 305cc Honda Scrambler, 250cc Suzuki Savage road and trail, CB500cc Honda 4-cyl. Thank goodness for marriage and two incomes.

Rick Shapiro: My first introduction to a combustion engine driven two-wheeled vehicle was at about 11 years of age, when I was given my turn to ride a friend's mini-bike. Of course, my friend only showed me how to apply the throttle and neglected to bring up braking. Putting my feet down to stop did not prevent me from running into a fence.

I took up riding at the ripe age of 30. I signed up for a rider course at Coopers Motorcycle in Robbinsville NJ. I practiced so much going around in tight little circles, in their little enclosed dirt lot, that I probably could have joined a circus.

I purchased my first motorcycle from Coopers, a new 1994 Nighthawk CB 750. I still have the receipt, \$2,700 out the door. That bike was my one and only until I purchased my R1200RT in 2018.

Bill Dudley: I started riding motorcycles when my buddy's girl friend taught me to ride her RD250. Half an hour of instruction in a parking lot, and my girlfriend and I were off, riding two-up in Cincinnati city traffic. Of course, we had no protective gear; I don't even know if we had helmets. Somehow, we survived that day. I didn't get on a motorcycle until two or three years later, when I graduated from college and bought a Volkswagen tricycle, which was my first "motorcycle". I didn't have a proper two-wheeled motorcycle until two or three years later, when I picked up a Honda CB350. Which I chopped. Ahhhh, youth.

Much older and a little wiser.

Dorothy L. Gulla:

CITY OF RESIDENCE: Fort Myers, FL
BIKE RIDING NOW: 2020 BMW S1000 RR
BIKES GONE BY: 2013 BMW S1000 RR;
2016 BMW S1000 RR; 2018 BMW S1000 XR;
675 Daytona Triumph, 848 Ducati, ZZR600
Kawaski
YEARS RIDING: 10

Growing up in an Italian household, I never expected to be riding a motorcycle! My only experience was riding as a passenger, which I found very boring and often fell asleep. One day I decided to try out the "Rider's" seat. WOW – a light overcame me! I felt in control and had a sparkle in my eyes. Needless to say, I was hooked! Over the next few months, I got my motorcycle endorsement. However, it took me quite a while to spill the news to my Italian Mom!

I starting riding on a blue ZZR600 Kawaski, followed by a 675 Daytona Triumph and 848 Ducati.

My love with the BMW S1000 RR began in June, 2013, when I walked into the Max BMW dealership in Brookfield, Connecticut. At that time, I was living in Danbury, Connecticut. The moment I laid eyes on the red/blue/white S1000 RR, I knew it was going home with me. Luckily, Max had one available; and, I rode off with a big smile on my face!

I enjoy all types of riding: to destinations, as well as loops to experience the roads and countryside.

In closing, I would like to add that I ride because I want to live in the moment, experience Freedom, be my True Self – knowing that I CAN do whatever I set my heart upon.

RESULT: pure Bliss!!

Don (Editor): My first strong motorcycle memory was in 1953, on 6th St. in Plainfield NJ. I was a kid – about 7 or 8 years old. I heard a noise going down the street I'd never heard before. It was loud. It came down the street and stopped right across from our house. I ran out of the house to see what made this noise.

It was an Indian full-dresser motorcycle, complete with the illuminated Indian on the front fender, fringe on the saddle and I seem to recall it was red. I was impressed. I circled the bike soaking it all in, and thinking just how neat it would be to have one to ride. It was owned by a returning Korean war vet.. here to pick up his girlfriend. It sowed the seed.

My next big motorcycle-ish impression was a bunch of us high-school guys were hanging out at the Bridgewater Mall (a strip mall in the day) hoping girls would show up and attack us. One of the guys was a bit late – but he arrived on a moped – a small motorized mix of motorcycle and bike.

He was kind of a cool guy – so he let us try it out. Up and down the front of the parking lot the moped went. Each guy taking a turn. I left the Mall thinking that's EXACTLY what I needed, and went home to explain to my parents why. I was totally ignorant as to licensing requirements and such. My parents weren't impressed. I got the story "When you're married with a kid and a dog and a house, you can..." - That was the universal response to much of my thinking at the time.

So that was it – until a number of years later I watched "On any Sunday" and went out and bought my first Hodaka ACE100. At the time I was married, with a dog and a house. And some cats. Somehow I got the bike without fulfilling the "kid" requirement. I guess Eileen never asked my parents about that.

And so it goes. Great stories. Keep them coming, we need filler!

Garage Gadget

Henning

Here's a true high-tech garage gadget to hang your helmet on the garage wall when you're off the bike: the little plastic cup that comes with liquid detergent containers. The tapered shape and the diameter of the cap work well to hold the helmet either with the strap or the neck cushion and still allow for a good air gap to vent out the helmet after a long riding day.



Next meeting date - UNKNOWN

Our House Restaurant

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~~Eat @ 6PM~~

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