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"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover." — H. Jackson Brown Jr., P.S. I Love You

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— Oscar Wilde

"There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle." — Albert Einstein

"Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter, and those who matter don't mind." — Bernard M. Baruch

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"Two things are infinite: the universe and human stupidity; and I'm not sure about the universe." — Albert Einstein

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

— Maya Angelou



President's Message

"I wish you would put as much effort into spring cleaning around the house as you do cleaning your bike", yells the wife. I would answer, except I am in the midst of chasing out every drop of the remaining water, from every nook and cranny, with my specialty heated motorcycle blower and do not feel like yelling over the noisy motor.

Honestly, I am not the greatest detailer but am far worse and less motivated to clean around the house when the nice weather hits and it is time to ride. It's not like my ride is a Harley with miles of chrome; I ride a 2018 RT with tons of plastic and just a bit of shiny stuff showing; cleaning time is about 30 min. For many of my fellow riders, I've noticed that having a filthy bike is indeed a Badge of Honor, earned by "real riding" through all types of weather and terrain and many miles.

I am not sure when this obsession with cleaning began, but my first new ride was a Honda CB750 with two beautiful chrome pipes. Before taking my younger cousin for his first motorcycle ride, I prepped him by showing him where to place his feet and telling him not to lift his feet until I said so. After riding for about an hour, we stopped to take a rest. I told him it was okay to come off the bike. To my dismay, he had placed his feet on the pipes instead of the metal footrests.

After I wrestled his melted sneaker lose, I was horrified to find a blob of melted sneaker rubber adhered to the pipes. Perhaps since this story sticks (no pun intended) in my mind decades later, it shows my proclivity to liking things pristine.

I am that guy that complained to my BMW salesman that my pipes on my RT were bluing. I am that guy who pulls out a 16 ounce can of plastic cleaner on the road to wipe the bugs from my

windshield and fairing. Feel free to give me shit; I am used to it. I will put a hoop-earing in my left earlobe, and with my wonderful bald-head, you can all call me Mr. Clean.

This is a beautiful time of the year for riding in NJ, with perfect temperatures. As Covid-19 is becoming less prevalent and more rides and events are opening, I look forward to riding with you all and getting my RT filthy.

The club has some great rides, events, and challenges coming up. The best way to hear more is to join us at our monthly meetings.

I am pleased to announce we have a new venue for our monthly meetings. Starting in April, we will be meeting at Woody's Roadside Tavern in Farmingdale. Meetings will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. See you there!

Regards, Rick

Schedule of Events – 2021

<u>May</u>

- May 5, Moribundi Lunch @ 12:30 Place to be determined
- May 15 & 16, New Sweden 450
- May 19, <u>LIVE</u> Club Meeting 6 PM Dinner, Meeting 7:30 Woody's Farmingdale

<u>June</u>

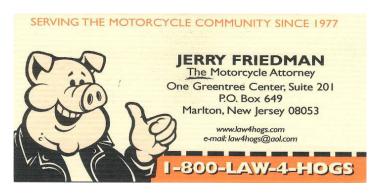
- June 5, Moribundi Lunch @ 12:30 Place to be determined
- June 16, Club Meeting 6 PM Dinner, Meeting 7:30 Woody's Farmingdale
- June 24-27, National MOA BMW rally Great Falls Montana

<u>July</u>

- July 7, Moribundi Lunch @ 12:30 Place to be determined
- July 21, Club Meeting, 6 PM Dinner, Meeting 7:30 Woody's Farmingdale
- July 30 August 1, BMW MOA Pocono Getaway. Skytop Lodge.

<u>August</u>

- August 4, Moribundi Lunch @ 12:30 Place to be determined
- August 18, Club Meeting 6 PM Dinner, Meeting 7:30 Woody's Farmingdale



September

- September 1, Moribundi Lunch @ 12:30 Place to be determined
- September 3 -6, Finger Lakes Rally, Watkin Glen, NY
- September 15, Club Meeting, 6 PM Dinner, Meeting 7:30 Woody's Farmingdale
- September 17-19, BMW MOA Warren VT Sugarbush Resort
- September 24 26, New Sweden's Last Chance Rally
- September 24 -26, Oktoberfest Crystal BrookResort Round Top NY

October

- October 6, Moribundi Lunch @ 12:30 Place to be determined
- October 20, Club Meeting, 6 PM Dinner, Meeting 7:30 Woody's Farmingdale

November

- November 3, Moribundi Lunch @ 12:30
 Place to be determined
- November 17, Club Meeting, 6 PM Dinner, Meeting 7:30 Woody's Farmingdale

December

- December 1, Moribundi Lunch @ 12:30
 Place to be determined
- December 15, Club Meeting, 6 PM Dinner, Meeting 7:30 Woody's Farmingdale

Keep track of announcements on the club email list to find out what's actually happening in 2021.

Note on the Club Calendar – obviously all items listed on the calendar are subject to change thanks to Covad-19. We're hopeful that Covid will be in our rear-view mirrors by summer of 2021.

Club Meeting – April Minutes

Jim Thomasey, Secretary

On Wednesday evening of April 14 about 10 of our 74 paid members attended the club ZOOM meeting. Topics discussed included the reveal of our treasury holding a bit under \$2000 and the ensuing comments about how to use the money. Jonathan offered to manage a "take a ride and a picture" event which would run from May till October which would be similar to the Fluffy Butt events Don organized a few years ago. The idea is to get folks riding more by posting/supplying a list of places to go and incentivizing the rides somehow. We may give more "points" for certain areas which are further away or more difficult to find. Early suggestions going to spots mentioned in Weird NJ magazine, for example, as well as spots in Eastern PA and southern NY.

Also discussed was again having someone come to speak to the club about accident scene management. While no one wants to think about being involved in an accident, everyone wants to think that whomever comes upon you first knows what to do and not to do. This will be researched and reported on again.

The 3 Club Rumble is ours to host this year and we are still looking for a place and a lead person to run the event. Sign up soon!

One of the more serious discussions to take place was gauging the members feelings and comfort level about getting back to in person meetings at a restaurant. Choices included being together but in an outdoor setting or being spaced apart while indoors.

New Members

Please welcome to the club:

Yvonne McManus 19B Powderhorn Court Woodbridge, NJ 07095

Joseph S Goias 347 Park Ave Union Beach, NJ 07735

New River Gorge and Fontana/Dragon Ride – April 19-27th

James Nanfeldt (cnjpropertiesllc@yahoo.com)

If you are like me, you read, listen, ride, and learn, while trying to imagine, from the conversations you have, articles you read, typically while amongst folks you really do not know all that well.

I signed up for this year's MOA getaway event along with Herb Konrad, and Jersey Shore Riders, Roger Trendowski, Joe Karol and Henning Von Der Wroge. We all met at Herb's house on the northern most part of the Chesapeake, near North East, MD. We enjoyed a boat ride out to a dinner place where we actually sat down at a table and enjoyed dinner with Herb's boat moored outside and a view of the Susquehanna River before us. A great start for a great ride about to begin.

The next morning, we saddled up and plotted our course to West Virginia to get to New River Gorge, a newly minted National Park, courtesy of Senator Byrd in 2014. The third longest bridge somewhere I think the sign I read said. To avoid an eight hour drive to get somewhere, they built this bridge.

We enjoyed the wonderful riding weather. While en-route over northern WV, we journeyed up and down the Appalachian mountains, interstate style. Thank you again Senator Byrd. We rode well together, seeing the lane changes, some 400 miles the first day.

On Wednesday the weather forecast was not good. After Spring like wonderful riding the day before, we were to see the leftovers of winter in the AM. We left early and rode hard in the 40 degree rain. Lots of bragging about who had the best pair of gloves. I forgot to turn my heated vest on at the start. When I found a red light that was convenient, I did the motorcycle dance of zippers and reaching and squirming to find that damn switch.

Ten minutes later I was saying Ahhhhhh. We ate breakfast just past the weather. Henning was a great leader, looking at the radar and our route. So nice to just have to not run into the guy ahead of me and give my "thumbs up," when I think they care.

We progressed into the mountains of extreme western NC. Some of us took a detour onto the Blue Ridge Parkway at its extreme southern end. We rode up the highest mountain east of the Mississippi River, Mount Mitchell, at over 6,500 feet. At the summit, the temperature dropped to 25 degrees but were rewarded with spectacular views of ice coated tree limbs on the windward side of the mountain while enjoying completely clean roadways. We overnighted in Asheville, NC.

The next morning we set course to a museum, that others had seen more than once, "Wheels Through Time." It is a wonderful example of someone before us that tried, and did, preserve a lot of the history of two wheeled travel. I really enjoyed seeing the WWII examples of what they were used for and why so many Americans came home to ride motorcycles, the brand they had seen in the trenches of war.

We finally came to the actual "Fontana Dam." We all stood by it. Some photos here. On the way into this place I am sure I saw this two piece sign in BIG letters, painted blue. It very loudly stated, "Fontana Dam." I remember riding by it as number three thinking that would make a great picture.



Fontana Dam

After we got to the actual dam, I announced that I would really like to get a photo of that sign. A great group of riders, "sure, take the lead." So I did.

Well, leading is not following. I looked and looked. Sad to say I really do not know where that sign was. What I do know is that the Fontana Dam really does exist, I saw it, and the roads around it are so worthy of a trip there. I see now

why they all delight in talking about a trip to "Fontana."

We finally arrived at our overnight venue of three nights, and checked into this Lodge complex, called Fontana Village.



Plenty of room to share with the folks I kept seeing in the lodge. Folks on a mission a bit more aggressive than an MOA getaway. They were walking the length of the Appalachian Trail. I think I heard them say they were at about mile 185 of 2000 plus in their journey to Maine. Back packs each, with dangling shower shoes dangling from each,...the end of the day stuff. And people marvel at us each doing what we do... We enjoyed dinner with some other New Sweden members, Ron, Jim and Wayne that had taken a different ride to the event.

So Fontana Dam is a place and a thing, in NC. The dam was created by the efforts of the CCA back in the depression. Just another place in the mountains of NC built in the day, to capture water, that has been so productive.



Within 15 miles of this place we stayed, is the other magical place I keep hearing about,...the "Tail of the Dragon." I had heard about it, I guess as an icon, you have to see and ride it. I did. I can't say I am anxious to see it again. My opinion may go against the grain. I thought the whole environment was an accident waiting to happen, and over time, many have.

Sitting on the NC side of the 11mile ride, sort of SHOW CENTER is all I could think. Lots of motorcycles of all configurations lined up, sort of the starting line. I remember this two wheeled "mini bike" is all I could describe as. Surely the owner called it a motorcycle. It had a temporary license plate, and a one gallon gas tank strapped to the rear. Obviously, an experienced rider, ready to do the "dragon." Why was I so concerned???

A gas station, several souvenir stores playing into the whole thing, a statue of a dragon we all stood under. Jim was the virgin here. All my fellow riders had seen and ridden it before. We actually came back to the eastern start point in NC after we had ridden the Dragon into TN and had lunch in an overcrowded local place for lunch.



Life in the mountains of NC and TN. I now have seen it. I did it.

Riding motorcycles is a personal thing. I have watched some personal friends do what I do. Why some of them have to keep "goosing the throttle," is a mystery to me. Maybe it is the model they ride, and are afraid it will stall? I am not. I sit fearless at the red lights, clutch engaged, waiting for the green. Anyway...just a side thought as I stood in "Deals Gap," and watched some of these folks sound really loud as they started up Route 129, right into the 30 MPH sign posted just after "show center." I bought a pin. Been there done that.

Rain came the next day. I called it a "time out" while Herb and Henning rode in the rain to visit the home office of Wunderlich, a sponsor of the event. Rain all day. Netflix were good for me. They got a free lunch by attending along with Joe and Roger by hitching a ride down. If I lost any brownie points by staying dry, so be it.

The next day, Sunday, the ride "home." A personal event. Not always to the same place. We each plotted our plan back, as we always do. We rode together, to a breakfast meeting place in the middle of no where, just off the interstate, right after the gas fill up, just before the turn to our own destinations, right after we gave the smile and "thumbs up" to each other. Lots of fun, let's do it again.

I ended up continuing further south. I went down to Greer, SC and visited a friend I had not seen in years. He lives just five miles down the road from the BMW Performance Center, located right across the street from the huge BMW auto assembly plant. Not a point lost on me. I detoured into the complex and saw some cars on the track and got a chance to follow a golf cart onto the area motorcyclists use for riding skills training. They were on lunch break.

On Monday I rode home alone doing many miles on the Blue Ridge in the southern section I had never seen. I was able to see it under the conditions our club president described to me that I could not believe, with virtually no traffic. You really can see the mountains down there at 70 mph on a Monday without any of the stress in riding the Dragon and so much more fun. That "highway" does actually have some straightaways amongst the ridge lines.

Fontana Dam. A name, a place, and another riding environment that can teach you respect and

attention to detail. It was fun, but you do have to pay attention to the geometry and physics of what we each do every time we throw our leg over these beasts, and hit the start button. Surely when you do, you are going somewhere, whether you intend to or not. Personally, my goal is just laughs at dinner, and saying to myself, "oh my, wasn't that fun." A bond we probably all share.

As I always remind my 93 year old mother, "Keep it in the vertical."

Jim Nanfeldt

Hi all we had a great NJSBMW club ride today – April 18th

Greg Berger

Unfortunately small club turn out only Rick and I-lol. But we made the best of it had a great time beautiful day excellent ride to Riegelsville Pennsylvania side of the Delaware.

Northwest Jersey back roads twisty turney. Quick pitstop at Hotdog Johnnys (Roger is sure to be jealous). Actually just a bathroom break there a little rest and some water. Then on to the destinations Reigelsville Inn for great lunch outside overlooking Reigelsville Bridge on the Delaware Canal.



On the way back more beautiful back roads we then ended up on a steep narrow declining unpaved road which unfortunately at the bottom was a giant pool

as the road was about 1 foot underwater. There were a couple of BMW riders on the other side, they were contemplating crossing but they didn't and we did not either.



So after snapping some photos & a quick pitstop we pulled a U-turn and detoured our way back to the Frenchtown bridge. From there more great riding all the way back to 287 where Rick and I parted ways.

All in all I'd say we did at least 250 miles of riding. 👍 🙈

New River Gorge on our way to Fontana/Dragon

Roger Trendowski

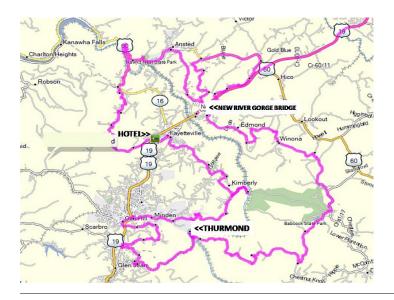
This is a description of the first part of our 8 day ride since the overall ride has been written up by Jim Nanfeldt. We left Monday 4/19 after meeting at Breakfast Club in Farmingdale. Joe Karol, Henning von der Wroge and I pushed off around noon a couple hours later than originally planned. (I had an emergency root canal at 10:45 that morning while suited up in my Aerostich at the dentist office.)

New River Gorge was the second destination of our Fontana/Dragon Ride.. The first night the three of us joined Herb Konrad and Jim Nanfeldt for a relaxing evening and dinner at Herb's home in Maryland. To our surprise Herb transported us via boat to an excellent restaurant on the Chesapeake Bay.

Tuesday we had kick-stands-up at 8am for breakfast and rode to New River Gorge, WV. Luckily we arrived in mid afternoon, early enough for a zig-zag down to the river in order to view the Rt 19 bridge overhead. The bridge is 876 feet above our heads.



The one lane road "down under" was in excellent shape as compared to a few years ago; asphalt was relatively new, no pot holes or crumbling roadway. Our overall plan was to do this riverlevel ride after a day of riding... then on the next day, ride a 100 local road loop that I put together months ago. This loop explores all types of local mountainous roads and goes down to the river at the abandoned town of Thurmond. I learned about Thurmond on the TV show "The Abandoned."





Thurmond was the heart of the **New River** Gorge, carrying shipments of coal from surrounding coal fields to industrial areas nationwide. The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway was



completed in 1873 through the area and Captain W.D. Thurmond acquired 73 acres along the railroad. Located on the river it was a strategic place to establish the town.

Activity at the town depot peaked in 1910 but continued to thrive through the Great Depression. In 1910, 75,000 passengers passed through Thurmond. Two hotels, two banks, restaurants, theater etc. provided services to the visitors and residents. In the 1930s and 40s, the transportation movement to autos and trucks, diesel train engines and improved roads led to Thurmond's decline. Restoration of the town started in 1995. Today there are over 20 National Park Service owned structures. The story of Thurmond sounded great on TV and I wanted to see it.

At the Park Information building, we found out that at least one road that I selected through Thurmond was rough dirt, not paved. So that would change our plans since, except for Hen-

ning and me (GS riders), the rest of our group rode R1200RTs. (Even though Herb who rode his old RT in nasty dirt on our Rocky Mt trip a few years ago, he wasn't as eager to muddy up his newer RT.)

So back to the 100 mile loop ride.... When we arose in the hotel near the Gorge on Wednesday morning, it was cold, raining pretty heavy and the forecast was snow by 10am. That did it. We changed our plans (abandoned the detailed loop route) and headed southwest toward the Smoky Mountains.

I still plan to ride the loop in the future. Even though I've ridden down to the river/gorge several times over the years, the local mountainous roads, abandon towned and railroad station look amazing.

Review Quickie: Axial Base Balaclava

Ben Paraan

I went for a ride to Cycle Gear Cherry Hill to replace my Heat-Out Cool'R balaclava. I use balaclavas to allow me to pull on my helmet without catching the top of my ears and to help filter dust and pollen while breathing. I also used the previous version of this balaclava. While they both functioned as designed, the only nice features were the low price and a right sized eyeport.

When I got to the store, a new line called Axial seems to have replaced the Heat-Out Cool'R series. The balaclava's packaging pointed out that it features 4-way stretch and a mesh front area. Materials were moisture wicking.

I've tried the Axial balaclava on several rides already. The material is very comfortable and has a premium feel. The eye cutout has a good shape and size. Even the mesh over my nose and mouth was able to filter out pollen that would usually give me sneezing fits. The one biggest drawback was that I always hear a ripping sound every time I take it off. My jacket's neck Velcro did the most visible damage.

While I liked the piece, I'm afraid that it may not last one season. Then again, at \$15, it is not such a big investment. It'll give me a reason to pop into Cycle Gear next year.

Club Member Mini-Bios

Editor

More Mini-Bios arrived. Some answered the questions directly, some more free form. Unfortunately we don't have room for all this month's submissions – so here are a few, and more to come in June...

Any way you'd like to submit one is fine with us - PLEASE submit one of your own..email to editor@njsbmwr.org

Here are the questions:

- Your name
- Your age
- When did you first notice motorcycles?
- What was your first motorcycle, and were there any objections by relatives? What's the story with how you bought your first motorcycle? How old were you when you got your first motorcycle?
- When and where did you first cross a state-line on a motorcycle, and what were the circumstances?
- What was your first overnight (multi-day away from home) trip? And why? With whom?
- Have you crashed? Tell more.
- What's the longest ride you've taken?
 What's the furthest away from home ride you've taken?
- What's the bucket list ride you haven't done? And why not?
- What's the fastest you've gone on 2 wheels - when and where..

Name: Greg Wright

Your age - 61

When did you first notice motorcycles? In 1971 at age 11

What was your first motorcycle, and were there any objections by relatives? What's the story with how you bought your first motorcycle? How old were you when you got your first motorcycle?

My first motorcycle if you can call it that was a Honda QA50. I got it when I was 11 for Christmas. My Dad and Mom both encouraged me to ride. They rode a bit themselves. I think even though my Dad went to work in a suit all week, he really wanted to hang out with the Pagans on

the weekend. I have owned many bikes over the years including Goldwings, Hodakas, Kawasakis, Yamahas, Suzuki, Indians (the fake dirt bike in the 70's), Harley and a Bultaco. Lately, a Royal Enfield and 2 BMW's.

I worked a local diner washing dishes and managed to save a hundred bucks. I bought my neighbors Suzuki 90 trail bike at the age of 13. That lasted me until I was 17, when I managed to save a bit more and sold it to buy my first boat. Which I managed to leave motorcycling for a bit for time on the water. I got back into Motorcycles by going to the bank and taking a loan for my first road Bike. It was a 1979 Kawasaki 400 LTD.

When and where did you first cross a stateline on a motorcycle, and what were the circumstances? I was 19 years old and I took the 400 up to the Pocono's and camped with buddies.

What was your first overnight (multi-day away from home) trip? And why? With whom? My first real trip was to Natural Bridge for the Spring Fling with the club.

Have you crashed? Tell more. – In the dirt, too many times to count. On the road, nothing serious, just toppling over at a light. I surely hope this doesn't Jinx me.

What's the longest ride you've taken? What's the furthest away from home ride you've taken? It was to the RA in Alabama. It was a spectacular trip with Tom Rizzo, Grant Duncan, Klaus, Dave Rosen and many others from the club. We hit 400 miles a day and loved every part of the trip.

What's the bucket list ride you haven't done? And why not? Well, to be honest, My Tinnitus is so bad that I'm thinking of giving up riding for a while. I have done a lot over the last 10 years. Riding the best roads in the country namely the back of the dragon, Cherohala Skyway, Many backroads of North Carolina and Virginia. I also crossed the Mojave desert and camped under the stars. So I pretty much have done what I want. If I do start riding more often, I think a B1600 will be my next ride. Then maybe I can do the four corners.

What's the fastest you've gone on 2 wheels - when and where. I was 33 I bought a 1993

Kawasaki Concourse. I think I hit 130 Miles an hour. Latest, was at the Millville Track. They hide the speedos with tape and you are clocked. We figured we hit 140 MPH on the track with the S1000RR they rented us.

Name: Jerry Schreiber

Age: 80

When did you first notice motorcycles? When I was in high school at 16

What was your first motorcycle, and were there any objections by relatives? Suzuki x 6 Hustler, no probs w relations

When and where did you first cross a stateline on a motorcycle. What was your first overnight (multi-day away from home) trip? In 1960 on a Vespa 150 GS. 1962 in Michigan with my first wife (Karen)

Have you crashed? Tell more: Got cut off on a traffic circle by a dumb blonde, she made left in front of me. Riding an AJS, I think you were there

What's the fastest you've gone on 2 wheels? 112 mph on a Vincent.

I have been on a Vespa with snow chains on a frozen Lake Lansing in Michigan, doing about 40mph

Name: Greg Angello

Your age 60

When did you first notice motorcycles? My friend Eugene had a mini bike we would ride after school in his large yard. We were roughly 13 years old at this point. Eugene would eventually loose interest in 2 wheel motorized vehicles and would study to become a dental surgeon with a thriving business. I'm still deciding on what profession to specialize in.

What was your first motorcycle, and were there any objections by relatives? The majority of my teenage years were spent in High Falls N.Y. with my grandparents. He would purchase my first motorcycle, a Honda CB 160. I would ride he and my grandmother on the back around their property. One was able to ride the local back roads and trails without a license in the 1970's, with freedom today's youth will never experience.

What's the story with how you bought your first motorcycle? The first motorcycle I purchased was a Triumph Tiger 650 for \$750 from a person in Brooklyn which died on the ride over the Verazzano back to Staten Island due to a bad battery. My father wasn't too excited to have to come rescue me when I called from a pay phone.

When and where did you first cross a state-line on a motorcycle, and what were the circumstances? My first interstate ride was to N.J. which I thought was the rest of the country back then. As I was riding, I was waved on by a group of guys on motorcycles to riide with them. They led me to Sandy Hook to browse the women on the nude beach. Little did I know.

What was your first overnight (multi-day away from home) trip? And why? With whom? My first overnight was into the Blue Ride mountains with my wife on a Kawasaki Concurs. We rode down to Tail of the Dragon, The Smokey Mountains and Tennessee.

Have you crashed? Tell more. On a Honda CB 550 a lady from Connecticut made a left turn in front of me and over the car I went and landed on my Helmet. This is why I will not ride without one till this day.

What's the longest ride you've taken? What's the furthest away from home ride you've taken? The furthest I been was with my wife to Meat Cove in Nova Scotia and saw our first school of whales

What's the bucket list ride you haven't done? And why not? My bucket list items would be Top of The World highway in Alaska or The Trans Canada Highway now that it's fully paved but time is not in my side.

What's the fastest you've gone on 2 wheels - when and where? Approximately 125 MPH while road testing the 99 BMW RS I ended up buying 3 years ago. I won't go that fast again.

More to come! I have two more bios in the stockpile for June (Mike K and Greg Berger).

Please consider sending one in if you haven't. It helps make the club more cohesive if the members know a bit about each other.

Plus – so far NO ONE has admitted to never going 100MPH on a motorcycle. Who holds the record? So far – and documented – Klaus Huenecke. Can you top Klaus?

April Moribundi



Marina Grill - Belmar

New Club Riding Challenge!

Jonathan Blair

It's time to get out and ride more. Announcing Fluffy-Butt 2021. After a break of some number of years, we're bringing back this friendly riding competition. A list of 50 sites will be provided around NJ, with some in southern NY and eastern PA. The sites were chosen for either the good roads they're on or something unique and interesting about them, or maybe even both. Some may be worth more points than others. The three riders with the most points will earn gift certificates for first, second, and third places. A more detailed announcement, including rules and detail, will be made soon via the email listsery, so keep an eye out for it

LIVE Meeting for May!

Thanks to the Governor of NJ for giving us permission to **meet in person** once again, after a long year of virtual meetings.

We've taken this opportunity to move our meeting place and date:

- ➤ The new place is Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St, Farmingdale NJ 07727. ➤ Click here for Google Map! <
- > Our new meeting date is now the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Be there or be square! More info via email.