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President's Message

It is human nature to stick within your comfort zone. I've found this to be true with my weekend rides of late. I am hitting the same routes and stopping at the same places for breaks, gas, and food. Don't get me wrong, I've accumulated some beautiful local scenic routes, and really getting to know a road allows me to more aggressively attack the curvy stuff. That being said, I realized I was in a bit of a rut.

Along comes Fluffybutt to the rescue. Fluffybutt is a club contest that provides points and a chance to win a prize for visiting 50 destinations within and around the state. A GPX file and a Google Map is available with all the destinations. All you need to do is visit the destination and take a picture of yourself and your bike in front of a designated landmark. The Google map provides a picture of the landmark where the picture should be taken as well as links to interesting information about the location.

I've enjoyed the overall process of planning for these rides. I use the GPX file within Garmin Basecamp to plot my route for the day. Within Basecamp all 50 locations are easy to see. I just drag a route between destinations and let the route be created for me. I then go in and modify the route to my liking. I've come up with a regular routine when it comes to selecting routes. I avoid any highways and tolls, reroute around any roads that have a lot of residential and commercial buildings, look for lakes, rivers, state land, and state parks and plot my course beside or through them. I also consider elevation in my planning as more often than not, higher elevations lead

"In lang, lang days o' simmer, When the clear and cloudless sky Refuses ae weep drap o' rain To Nature parched and dry, The genial night, wi' balmy breath, Gars verdue, spring anew, An' ilka blade o' grass Keps its ain drap o' dew." *James Ballantine Quotes, Source: Its Ain Drap o' Dew*

"Summer time an' the livin' is easy, Fish are jumpin' an' the cotton is high. Oh, yo' daddy's rich, and yo' ma' is good-lookin', So hush, little baby, don' yo' cry." *Summertime, a song in the play "Porgy and Bess"*

"Here is the ghost Of a summer that lived for us, Here is a promise Of summer to be." *William Ernest Henley Quotes, Source: Rhymes and Rhythms*

"Every man, wherever he goes, is encompassed by a cloud of comforting convictions, which move with him like flies on a summer day." *Bertrand Russell (1872 - 1970)*

"Summer afternoon - Summer afternoon... the two most beautiful words in the English language." *Henry James (1843 - 1916)*

"Why, this is very midsummer madness." *William Shakespeare (1564 - 1616)*

"Ah, summer, what power you have to make us suffer and like it." *Russell Baker (1925 -)*

"Thanks to the Interstate Highway System, it is now possible to travel from coast to coast without seeing anything." *Charles Kuralt*

"Before he sets out, the traveler must possess fixed interests and facilities to be served by travel." *George Santayana (1863 - 1952)*

to interesting and curvy roads.

Because stopping and taking pictures is required, it allows for a break and time to explore and learn more about each location. It also makes one realize how many little and sometimes quirky points of interest we pass by without realizing it. I've discovered great new areas and roads throughout the state that I probably would never have hit if it was not for this contest.

Great thanks to our own Johnathan for putting this together. The effort is outstanding. Johnathan rode to all locations, obtained GPS coordinates, took example photos of each spot, created a Google Group for the submission of rides, created a GPX file and other supporting documentation.

It is not too late to join this contest. Whether you intend to hit all 50 locations or just a few, I guarantee you will have a good time.

On another note. The Three Club Rumble is happening on September 12th at Seven Presidents Oceanfront Park in Long Branch. Let's make sure we outnumber the other two clubs; it is a rumble is it not!

The Club Meeting for August is this Wednesday, the 11th, and will be held at Woody's Roadside Tavern, Farmingdale. Dinner is at 6:00 PM and the meeting begins at 7:30 PM. The Club Meeting is held on the second Wednesday of the month. I look forward to seeing you all there!

Regards,
Rick

Schedule of Events – 2021

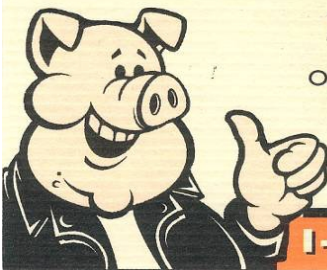
August

- **August 4**, Moribundi Lunch @ 12:30 Harrigans's Pub, Sea Girt
- **August 11**, Club Meeting 6 PM Dinner, Meeting 7:30 Woody's Farmingdale

September

- **September 1**, Moribundi Lunch @ 12:30

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Place to be determined

- **September 8**, Club Meeting, 6 PM Dinner, Meeting 7:30 Woody's Farmingdale
- **September 12, 3-Club Rumble**, we're hosts. Seven-President's Park, Long Branch.
- **September 17-19**, BMW MOA Warren VT Sugarbush Resort
- **September 24 - 26**, NJSBMW - Oktoberfest Crystal Brook Resort Round Top NY
- **September 24 – 26**, New Sweden's Last Chance Rally

October

- **October 6**, Moribundi Lunch @ 12:30
Place to be determined
- **October 13**, Club Meeting, 6 PM Dinner, Meeting 7:30 Woody's Farmingdale

November

- **November 3**, Moribundi Lunch @ 12:30
Place to be determined
- **November 10**, Club Meeting, 6 PM Dinner, Meeting 7:30 Woody's Farmingdale

December

- **December 1**, Moribundi Lunch @ 12:30
- **December 8**, Club Meeting, 6 PM Dinner, Meeting 7:30 Woody's Farmingdale
- **December X**, possibly a holiday party?

January 2022

- **January 5**, Moribundi Lunch @ 12:30
Place to be determined
- **January 12**, Club Meeting, 6 PM Dinner, Meeting 7:30 Woody's Farmingdale

February 2022

- **February 2**, Moribundi Lunch @ 12:30
Place to be determined
- **February 9**, Club Meeting, 6 PM Dinner, Meeting 7:30 Woody's Farmingdale



Colorful sidecar rig at the MOA National – photo credit R. Trendowski



Crazy paint job on an R65LS(?) at MOA National photo credit R. Trendowski

Club Meeting – July Minutes

Jim Thomasey, Secretary

The July 14 meeting was held again at Woody's in Farmingdale and was attended by about 20 members, inside away from the pop up thunderstorm.

The treasurer reported just under \$2000 in the coffers with 66 paid members on the roster. There was discussion about the monthly Moribundi lunches which seem to always have between 8 and 10 participants.

The 3 Club Rumble will be held September 12 at Seven Presidents park in Long

Branch. Volunteers are still needed for various posts. It was also determined this will not be a combo rumble/club picnic.

Roger spoke about the recent MOA Rally in Montana. He said there were about 4800 riders there with less vendors than in the past, but all ran smoothly thanks to the great pool of people who help at the venue. There were seminars dealing with a variety of topics including personal heat management, trip planning and the benefits of charter club membership. Next year's rally will be in Missouri and some members have already secured their rooms.

We had a joint ice cream run with the members of New Sweden which was well attended and enjoyed by both clubs. Thanks to Ben Paraan for getting all the details in order for a great evening.

The Fluffy Butt contest is in full swing with members searching out 50 or so locations to ride to and document. More folks are encouraged to sign up, details in another story.

Joe K. won the 50/50 and the coveted kickstand supports were won by Klaus and Greg Wright.



Air conditioner? Photo credit R. Trendowski

Bill & Zhao's Big Adventure

Bill Dudley

A BMW rider by the name of Michael Friedle ran a BMW rally in New York called Airheads at the Aerodrome for 24 years. Sadly, before he could run the 25th rally, he succumbed to a long fight with a degenerative disease in April 2020. His widow, Karla, was going to hold the rally anyway, but the pandemic quickly put paid to that.

So now that it's 2021, and many (most?) are vaccinated, Karla went ahead and had a 25th Airheads at the Aerodrome rally in July 2021. The rally has always been held in a small county park near Rhinebeck, NY. (This is the "Aerodrome" part of the rally - it's held only a few miles from the Rhinebeck Aerodrome.) The rally would also serve as a wake for Michael.

I've known Michael for a few years, and wanted to attend the last Aerodrome rally, as well as pay my respects.

Zhao and I have essentially stopped touring, because of the large number of unvaccinated people and the Delta variant. However, we made an exception for this one event. It's in NY, which has a high vaccination rate; the rally would be outside; and we'd only be with other people for a few hours.

I agonized the days before we were to leave on weather to take the car or the bike; we'd been having some serious thunderstorms recently and so the potential for some miserable riding was there. In the end, I opted to take the bike; the storms had been confined to late afternoon, and they passed through somewhat quickly, so our chance of riding in an all day frog strangler were slim.

Weeks earlier I made reservations at the Super-8 motel in Kingston, NY (about half an hour west of the rally). and the day prior, I prepped the bike for travel. This mostly consisted of topping up the oil and putting on the backrest that Zhao likes.



Well traveled (or at least well-stickered) sidecar rig at the MOA National. Photo R. Trendowski



Both the rig and the loading mechanism are interesting. MOA National. Photo R. Trendowski

On the Saturday of the rally, we packed, saddled up, and headed north. We took 9 to the Turnpike and got off in Fort Lee, and then took the Palisades Parkway to 9W to what Google calls the Tappan Zee Bridge (now the Governor Mario M. Cuomo Bridge). From there, the Sawmill Parkway takes one to the Taconic Parkway, and that takes you nearly all the way to the rally. Once you get past Fort Lee, it's a nice ride.

The rally itself was subdued, but then Air-head events are not known for their wild behaviour, and this was a wake. Karla Friedle had all the food catered (unlike the previous 24 years, where she and friends had prepared everything.)

After the meal, people talked a bit about how much they missed Mike, and then the weather arrived. Zhao and I waited out the lightning part of the storm under the covered pavilion, and then saddled up and rode west to the Super 8.

After we checked in and changed out of our rain suits and riding gear, the rain "stopped", and we decided to go for a walk. We walked to a small strip mall about a half mile away, and browsed an independent dollar store. When we came out, the rain had started again, and it was teeming down.

We ended up asking people visiting the pizza parlor to give us a ride to the motel, and the second person I asked, agreed. That saved us from getting really soaked.

I haven't been to a motel since 2019, and things have changed a bit. There were plastic shields up over the front desk, but not like those bullet-proof ones in the *really sketchy* motels. The morning breakfast buffet had been reduced to a muffin, a tiny fruit cup, and a tiny container of juice in a paper bag, to take back to one's room. Oh, and coffee served "normally".

Sunday morning, after "breakfast", we headed home. I told Google Maps to take us home by avoiding tolls and highways, and that worked remarkably well. The roads that Google put us on were superb.

Of note: Albany Post Road (NY 7/NY 9/NY 14) that follows the Walkill River and the Pulaski Highway (NY 6) south of Goshen to almost the NJ border. While nobody would mistake these roads for the Tail of the Dragon, they were entertaining, with mild curves and elevation changes. Trolling along at about 50 miles/hour, the R90S got 47 miles per gallon.

We stopped at a "BBQ and Mexican Grill" in Manville, NJ called the Grub Hut, noteworthy because they offered "Peking Duck", which is not your normal BBQ/Mexican fare. Zhao tried it; it was OK, but not like they make back home. Also noteworthy: the lunch specials were eye-wateringly expensive. But we were hungry and I was tired of looking for a non-chain "small" restaurant.

So it took us about 25% longer to get home on two lane roads vs the highway (4 hours) but was vastly more entertaining.

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MOA Pocono Getaway

Roger Trendowski



Yet another Moribundi

MEETING – Aug 11th

Woody's Roadside Tavern, Farmingdale

Good food, great wait staff, great meeting room – come support the club!

Food 6PM,
Business Meeting 7:30PM

**I'M AT THAT AGE WHERE
MY MIND STILL THINKS
I'M 29, MY HUMOR
SUGGESTS I'M 12 WHILE
MY BODY MOSTLY KEEPS
ASKING IF I'M SURE I'M
NOT DEAD YET.**

For 2021 there were 15 MOA get-a-way rallies planned. This rally started on July 30th and was held at the Skytop Lodge, an excellent spa and resort facility located in the heart of the Poconos. It's about one third the way between Mt Pocono and Port Jervis. Seven more similar hotel-based rallies are scheduled which include the Sugarbush Get-a-Way in Vermont. Skytop had 72 pre-registered attendees; a few didn't make it and a few arrived un-registered.

Henning von der Wroge and I arrived on Thursday 7/29 to help setup the rally. Then on Friday we greeted and helped register people as they came in. We didn't have guest bags to prepare this year as most of the boxes with gifts, badge holders and lanyards were stuck in transport somewhere.... even though they were mailed two weeks before the rally. Luckily Jackie Hughes, MOA staff person, had the roster as well as badges. With paper copies of 6 routes and "places to visit" and other MOA handouts, we had enough material to give to all attendees. On another lucky note, the raffle drawing gifts finally arrived and were presented at the closing dinner. Besides MOA tees and goft shirts, prizes included portable air pumps, Cardo PacTalk communicator and a set of tires.

I prepared the routes a few years ago with the help of Black Diamond and Skylands Clubs. Each of the 6 routes show complex but interesting paths in all directions from Skytop. They touched Scranton (for coal mine tours and Steam town museum) to Port Jervis to Stroudsburg along the Delaware, Bloomsburg, Pottsville, and beyond. A long list of places to visit and eat was provided with many more recommended locations. Some of the unusual target locations included: Bills Old Cycle Barn, Centralia, Martin Guitar Company, Yuengling brewery, Shohola Civil War Train Wreck (where 833 Confederate soldiers died on way to Elmira NY prison).

On Friday early morning and all day Satur-

day we had time to ride portions of two rally routes.. The first was to Barryville and south toward Port Jervis. This allowed Henning to pick up Hawks Nest and High Point FluffyButt sites while riding some super secondary roads in Pa. On Saturday we headed west mostly on I-80 to Bill's Old Cycle Barn. The great thing is that Bill is constantly adding and changing exhibits. A home-build airplane now hangs from the ceiling. Next we headed to Centralia, the abandoned town which was bought up and cleared by the government (due to underground mine fires). Unfortunately the graffiti laden abandoned road was now covered with gravel. In the past, the graffiti displayed pretty cool art work. We could still bike around some of the town streets... sidewalks and concrete steps were still in-place but no houses. Henning lead us over excellent secondary roads back toward Skytop.

On our trip up to Skytop, Henning and I visited 4 Fluffybutt sites; three along I-78 and one in Belvidere (near Hot Dog Johnny's, which of course we had to visit). On the way home Sunday, we rode with Rohit Manit (club member) and his 12 year old son through Port Jervis and down Rt 23 then RT 15 and Rt 206 to pick up another 3 Fluffybutt sites.

Overall, I put on about 600 miles over 4 days... mostly on secondary roads. Henning put on extra miles as he pursued another Fluffy Butt site that I had already done.



The author and Henning at the venue



At Bill's Cycle Barn.



Rally Route Map



Our heroes at Hawk's Nest overlook. Why are their heads crooked?



Henning and Jackie Hughes working registration at Pocono Getaway



Some useful hand signals for group rides.

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