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“Despite all I have seen and experienced, I still get the same simple thrill out of glimpsing a tiny patch of snow.”

— *Edmund Hillary*

“I know a little more how much a simple thing like a snowfall can mean to a person.”

— *Sylvia Plath*

“To appreciate the beauty of a snowflake, it is necessary to stand out in the cold.”

— *Aristotle*

“People often trust low-res images because they look more real. But of course they are not more real, just easier to fake... You never see a 10-megapixel photograph of Big Foot or the Abominable Snowman or the Loch Ness Monster.”

— *Errol Morris*

“Snowmen are the best kind of men. When you get tired of them, you can just turn up the heat”

- *Unknown*

"If you rebuild a carburetor enough times eventually you'll have two."

—*Ray Magliozzi*



President's Message

Mike Palmer

What to do in a blizzard except muse about riding my bike on 80 degree days? So I'll write a letter for the newsletter, while my wife shovels and cleans off the car. I'd help but the knee replacement is still an excuse. Hey it's cold out and the metal in my knee can't handle it.

I've got a few maps spread out on my desk. I'm thinking of a trip to Canada, now that it is back open to Americans, but the deep south sound's warmer. I guess it will come down to the flip of the coin again.

I thought because of the cold I'd plug the bike battery in to trickle charge it. It took a few minutes to locate the charger and untangle all the wires and plug it in. Talking about tangled wires, I guess I should to take down the Christmas lights outside. Oh wait they are under a 3' drift. Another job avoided. Back to the charger, it went green in 3 minutes. Who would have thought? Now I do have an inside job I can do, unfreeze the kitchen pipes!

I was doing some random Googling and came across an article about a new internal combustion engine.

<https://www.autoevolution.com/news/omega-1-is-a-game-changing-internal-combustion-engine-too-good-to-be-true-179507.html>

It's a rotary style engine without the problems

of Mazda's Wankel. It produces 160 hp and weighs just 39 pounds. It can be ganged together to give you more power. It has no emissions. It has no gaskets for liquids to leak out. It idles at 1,000 rpms and tops out at, get this, 25,000 rpms. Must sound like a jet engine. It is perfect for motorcycles. Oh and get this, it burns all kinds of fuels.

At our January Zoom meeting we had 10 people, not enough for a yearly planning meeting. So, please come to Woody's on the 9th and bring ideas for the club.

Back to looking over my maps.

December Club Meeting Minutes

Jim Thomasey, Secretary

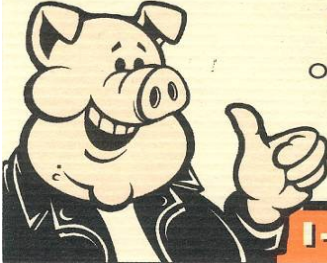
January's meeting was held on a ZOOM call to accommodate those who didn't want to have an in-person meeting during a Covid flare-up. Ten members signed in to hear we have just under \$1500 in the treasury with some receivables due. Some beginning of the year items needing care included paying our Corporate fees and website maintenance fees.

Roger T. spoke about the benefits of MOA membership and touched upon some upcoming events such as MOA Getaways and Rallies. The MOA has about 26,000 members nationwide who enjoy a host of benefits including tire replacement and access to the MOA Marketplace for bikes, parts and equipment.

Also discussed was the possibility of having interested members attend an Accident Scene Management class. Here one would learn the do's and don'ts about handling an accident scene until professional care arrives. While many of us are CPR TRAINED, there is more to know about what to do if you are first on the scene of a mishap.

There was discussion of planning a track day

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at NJ Motorsport park for only our members or joining a group of others.

The year ahead planning events include the continuation of the Fluffy Butt program, Ice Cream runs, Moribundi lunches and Saturday AM breakfasts.

Also discussed was creating and asking for someone to become a Ride leader to plan and lead weekend rides. This position can be rotated between members, so no one feels overwhelmed by the position. Further discussion is warranted, and the rides will be in the 200 miles from start to finish range with the obligatory food break included.

Club Calendar

Note: Due to the pandemic, events may be canceled or modified. Check your email or the club website for updates.

February

- **February 2nd** – Moribundi Lunch, TBD
- **February 9th** - Club Meeting - Woody's Farmingdale

March

- **March 2**, Moribundi Lunch @ 12:30
- **March 9**, Club Meeting, 6 PM Dinner, Meeting 7:30 Woody's Farmingdale

April

- **April 6**, Moribundi Lunch @ 12:30
- **April 13**, Club Meeting, 6 PM Dinner, Meeting 7:30 Woody's Farmingdale
- **April 24**, Gathering of the Nortons (pandemic permitting)

May

- **May 4**, Moribundi Lunch @ 12:30
- **May 11**, Club Meeting, 6 PM Dinner, Meeting 7:30 Woody's Farmingdale

RIP – Jim Cavallo

We sadly heard the news recently that Jim Cavallo passed away due to a brain tumor. Jim joined the club in early 1998, making him a member for over 23 years.

This is what Jim submitted last March for his bio writeup:

Age:82

When did you first notice motorcycles?

When my neighbor let me ride his Honda CB 750.

Took it up the block, and never went into third, just holding the grips, so it didn't ride out from under me. WOW!

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?

I was riding my first, a Honda 250, and knew i had to move up. I was 30 at the time. A good friend, Roland Marchetti, a past member, was riding a R80/7, which became my first BMW.

When and where did you first cross a state-line on a motorcycle, and what were the circumstances? So long ago, hard to remember. Probably NY. or PA. I rode with friends of his, two of them, NJ. state troopers, which made riding, like having a security blanket over us. They all rode fast, and me with the least time riding, i stayed in the back, so i didn't slow them down.

What was your first overnight (multi-day away from home) trip? And why? With whom? Again, so long ago, it was either the York PA. national, or my first Americade. The

group was always the same, two friends, and the security blanket, a Major, and a Lieutenant.

Have you crashed? Tell more: Four times down, tip overs only. The first, was with my R100RS, which was recently painted by BMW of ST. Louis . I was making a u turn on a steep hill in Vermont, at a rally, small scratch on the side. Next, was putting the side stand down, on my K1200LT, thinking i was on the driveway, only to have it sink, into the grass, and go over, all 835 LBS., of it. Not a mark! Broke a mirror at the Tenn. National. Last one at Yellowstone Park hotel. Again, a steep parking lot, that broke my foot peg. When it's going over, FAAGAD-ABOUTIT!!!

What's the longest ride you've taken?

What's the furthest away from home ride you've taken? There were several, the longest in the saddle, was coming back from Nova Scotia, 800 miles, 16 hrs. Made two trips out west, first one to Yellowstone and Mt. Rushmore, Then, Colorado, Utah, New Mexico, and Arizona.

What sights to see. To ride between rock formations, 300 ft. high, on a single lane road, on two wheels, is humbling to say the least. When we were out on the flat lands, and nothing but rocks in the distance, some 30 miles away, you knew you were alone. Sights I'll never forget.

What's the bucket list ride you haven't done? And why not? Only one trip left for the bucket list, Rt.1, starting in northern California, into Oregon, then Washington, British Columbia, continuing on to Alaska. Dream.....

What's the fastest you've gone on 2 wheels - when and where?: Took every bike over 100, just to say they could, but did 120 on the LT. because, it could. When & where, couldn't tell you, i've forgotten friends names.

MC Security Monitoring Camera System

Roger Trendowski

For 15 years and counting I have taken pictures and videos from the cockpit of my bike. Yes, I do stop and take nice staged pictures of monuments, scenery and other bikes but I really like to take quick pictures/videos while I ride. After my rides I put together a mix of pictures and videos into one long video movie using a Windows movie maker app. In the past, I took my videos/pixs with a hand held camera; usually in my right hand with cruise control ON. It's on a lanyard so I can let go of it if I need to. The hand camera has the advantage of pointing it in any direction (forward, side and even backward). The downside is that when something quickly occurs, I usually miss it. The videos aren't very steady either. One thing I wanted is to take video from toward front and back of my bike in real time so if something happened I would have a record... eg. Deer invasion, ignorant car driver mistake, etc. Some of these straight forward/backward videos/pixs can then be integrated into my TRIP entertainment video afterward. In the past, I have hit a deer, narrowly missed numerous others, creamed a turkey, and avoided a lot of dangerous car driver moves. In all these cases, I didn't have a video record even though in the case of the turkey I was able to take pictures of the resulting carcass and feathers on the road and my hand bars. So three years ago I received a digital Go-Pro look-a-like camera and mounted it to my handlebars. It worked OK but did a poor job recording because of vibration. Because of limited battery life, I couldn't continuously use this camera. I purchased a second similar camera last year that did a better job recording forward looking videos because it had a vibration stabilization feature and better resolution. It also had a Bluetooth remote switch with buttons that I could selectively use to take picture or record video segment. The camera also has the capability of loop recording allowing continuous "security type" monitoring. This past fall I mounted both old and newer cameras like

Henning does; one located near my headlight on my F850GSA and not on the handlebar so as not to be conspicuous. I modified both camera mounts to include USB cables so I wouldn't have to depend on internal batteries. I stuck my other older camera onto my pannier facing backward. USB power cables ran from both cameras to a USB double output power brick underneath the seat. Both cameras turn ON when I start the bike and turn OFF when I stop because they were connected to an ACC switched power source. By having USB camera cables coming to one location under the seat, I could also use my Laptop PC to review and download video files from one spot. My problem with this arrangement is that the cameras are exposed and vulnerable to theft. In addition, one of them is old, prone to vibration and recorded video files in a different format (AVI rather than H264 like the newer camera). They were not inconspicuous. Rather than spend another \$60-70 for another newer Go-Pro type camera, I decided to look at a new system designed just for motorcycles. My goal was to find a system that I could use for recording videos/pixs for my trip videos and also for real time riding surveillance.

In my typical engineering way, I laid out a PC Excel matrix with features down the left side of the spreadsheet and product alternatives horizontally across the top. These are the most important capabilities/features to me:

- Two waterproof cameras and waterproof DVR. If I purchase an LED Screen system, then waterproof screen.
- Separate DVR recorder, centralized with one SD card recording both cameras views simultaneously.
- Blue tooth or WIFI connectivity APP to iPhone or Laptop to recover/view/download video and picture files.
- Continuous power source for equipment; no batteries. Switched power to turn ON when bike starts.
- 1080p camera resolution and recording to be able to see details (license plates, deer's eye color)
- Loop recording in x minute segments.

Oldest file overwritten when SD card full. 3 or 5 minute file segments to be able to quickly find video segment.

- Camera view field width (130 degrees or greater)
- Ability to take a picture and/or Freeze/protect video file (when I see something special in front or behind). Frozen files cannot be overwritten when SD card is full.

Of lesser importance are these features

- H264 or avi video file format (although H264 is newer, better, more compressed)
- Display size or NO display at all. Since I'm recording events continuously I don't really need another device on my handlebars to divert my attention. My iPhone can display the camera views in real time if I want to use my iPhone on the handlebars for that... but iPhone can also connect when I want to review and download an important video file or pix file (after I stop to empty my pants).
- G sensor collision detection where the video will be turned ON and video freeze will occur if abnormal collision/hit is detected. I figure that if a collision occurs when I'm riding, the system is already recording.
- Size of SD Card (32G is minimal...and may slow up DVR processing/actions w/iPhone. 128G and 256G is better, also fast technology SD chip (>100mps xfer rate)

Not relating to a camera system I think these are also important:

- Where I buy it (safe credit card processing). I'll use Amazon rather than eBay or other)
- Easy return place and policy (I can return Amazon items down the street at Wholefoods store)
- Price and warranty period

My Choice

After researching a half dozen camera systems, I purchased the VSYSTO B6 DVR

Camera System. It is shipped from Amazon (but not sold by Amazon). It comes with and without various sized LED screens. As mentioned above, I don't need another screen on my F850GSA (BMW TFT display and GPS and all there menu choices are enough without adding another screen device on my handlebars.) When I travel I still carry a hand held camera on a lanyard around my neck (to take side and other pixs) and occasionally my GO-PRO Look-a-Like camera fixed to my handlebars via RAM mount. So I purchased the VSYSTO camera system without a screen.

www.amazon.com/VSYSTO-Motorcycle-Waterproof-Separated-Recorder/dp/B07M5TBLRW

To better understand the product I found the Q&As at the bottom of the Amazon product listing very helpful. There were over 77 Q&As for this unit. Also I downloaded the product manual from the manufacturer's website before the purchase. This manual was also included with the product. Then after 3 days of playing with the unit, which was powered up on my kitchen table, I think I thoroughly understand how to effectively use it. Installation on my bike took about 1 hour with routing wires from the front of bike, under the gas tank, to my under-rear-seat location. I used the heavy duty 3M Duel Lock (Velcro type material that Ezpass uses) to attach camera and remote switch to the bike rather than supplied double sided foam tape. Therefore the items are easily removable. I have now used the system two months... **it works!** Just start the bike and it turns ON automatically. The remote (emergency view/pix switch) blinks red when recording. If in doubt or to get the "deer's license plate number" I just stop, kick in the iPhone APP and view and/or download the appropriate file for time of day. If I want to look at many files, I can remove the SD card and load the files in my laptop. This is much faster to select and view multiple files.



Main components of the 2-camera system and DVR. Both cameras have extensions. Red button switch is located in front of me near speedometer. It's used to FREEZE current video so it is not overwritten... also takes picture (JPG). Video and Pictures are taken and stored for both cameras. This remote switch blinks RED to indicate DVR is continuously recording video.



Both DVR and 12VDC power block are located under rear seat area (where my tools use to be located). Scrap blue towel is used for cushioning. Power module has + and - battery connection and yellow wire for ACC switched power. You must locate a ACC lead which tells DVR to power up when your bike starts.



Rear camera does not interfere with visibility of Tail light. Both cameras are IP68 waterproof. Camera cables are about 1 foot but have approx 4 foot extensions. Camera connectors and wire extensions to DVR appear to be secure and waterproof.



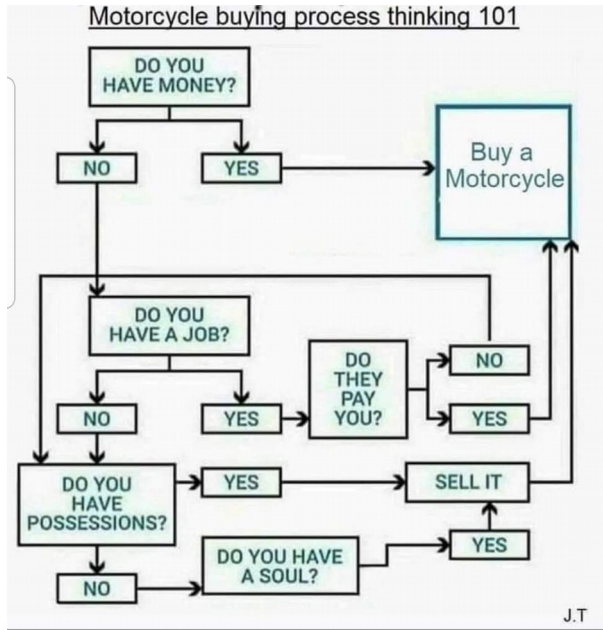
Front camera is wired to the DVR located under seat. Looks like a deer Whistle. I used of 3M Duel Lock instead of 2-sided foam tape; this allows camera to be adjusted right to left later. Camera has hinge for up-down adjustment.

Highly Classifieds

For sale: Triumph Bonneville 65 w 12 update; has orange 66 tank, professionally reconditioned. \$5000, call jerry at 908-472-8585

Advice Column

Don (last name withheld) asks "Should I buy a new bike?"



"Anonymous" asks "It's January 2022 Any key features should I be looking for on my next bike?"



Motorcycle Skis

Motorcyclists now have a new sport—"ski cycling" over ice and snow. A broad, short ski fastens to each side of the motorcycle frame. It is held at the correct level by springs which absorb the shock as the ski runs over the snow surface. As the wheels are slightly lower than the skis, they still provide traction.

The Travel Section

"A favorite" Roger T



And finally, help for those with a poor sense of direction and in need of a sign.



For those trying to figure out where this is, that's 24,859 miles, not km.