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President's Message

Mike Palmer, President

I am writing this letter from sunny Daytona Beach, Florida and 80°.

One week from now this town will erupt into an all out bike invasion. They are already starting to come into town. I saw 2 bikes from NJ at breakfast that are Boss Hogs with V-8 engines. 1 had an 8-ball hand shifter. I can't believe that anyone can straddle that motor. I will be home before the invasion. I was here in the late 90's. We stayed 1 day and left as fast as we could. This venue is not my thing.

But it does make you think about getting out and riding again in the northeast. We had a Saturday morning breakfast ride to Long Branch. It was my 1st ride since my knee replacement. It held up well, thank goodness. 11 guys showed up, 10 on bikes and 1 Porsche. The temperature was 66° and sunny. The next day we had 3" of snow in Jackson, welcome to NJ crazy weather. Let's hope better weather will come in March.

I still have maps laid out on my desk and I am planning some trips for this Summer. I want to beat my mileage from last year. Who will win the mileage contest this year? With Covid behind us, I hope that we will get the club out and riding.

Well it looks like the tiki bar on the Beach is open. It's 5 o'clock somewhere. See you at our next monthly meeting.

"It was for times like this that I loved riding my bike. Those moments when all thoughts of the past and future slipped away and I existed entirely in the present, the miles rolling past beneath the wheels on my big BMW, the morning light clear and golden, throwing shadow bands across the road as I carved my way around the world"

Elsbeth Beard.

"A guy cant take off and spend four months as an irresponsible saddletramp without arriving home to a certain amount of chaos, but of course, there's a certain amount of chaos inside me, so it.. balances"

Neil Peart

"When someone cooks for you, they are saying something. They are telling you about themselves: Where they come from, who they are, what makes them happy"

Anthony Bourdain

"The journey was not about destinations, but the travel in between. Arriving is just something that happens"

Robbie Marshal

December Club Meeting Minutes

Jim Thomasey, Secretary

After reading and approving the minutes from the January meeting, the dozen members at the in person meeting heard committee heads reported we now have about \$1500 in the treasury with some bills still to be paid, and we now have 41 paid members.

Vince Kelly who is our regional representative for the MOA, contact the club seeking info about our activities in an effort to cross pollinate with other clubs to build participation. This will be further discussed at the March meeting.

There was discussion of Skylands offering a Slow Ride safety class to anyone wishing to attend. Herb Konrad was presented with his mileage award from last year by Roger. These awards are usually presented at the Holiday dinner which Herb was not able to attend.

Henning spoke of the upcoming MOA get away events including those at Fontana and Ontario Canada. Henning was also the lucky winner of the 50/50 pot.

Club Calendar

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

March

- March 2 Moribundi Lunch 12:30PM Harrigan's Pub, Sea Girt
- March 9 Club meeting 7:30PM (6PM to eat) Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale

April

- April 6 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM TBD
- April 13 Club meeting 7:30PM (6PM to



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eat) Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale

- April 22-24 MOA Getaway all day Fontana, NC
- April 24 27th "Gathering of the Nortons" 10AM-1PM Washington Crossing Park, PA

May

- May 4 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM TBD
- May 6-8 MOA Getaway all day Coeur D'Alene, ID
- May 11 Club meeting 7:30PM (6PM to eat) Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale
- May 13-15 MOA Getaway all day Los Osos, CA
- May 20-22 MOA Getaway all day Sante Fe, NM
- May 20-22 MOA Getaway all day Dillard, GA

June

- June 1 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM TBD
- June 8 Club meeting 7:30PM (6PM to eat) Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale

July

- July 6 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM TBD
- July 13 Club meeting 7:30PM (6PM to eat) Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale
- July 20 Ice cream ride (summer only) 6:30PM TBD

August

- August 3 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM TBD
- August 5-7 MOA Getaway all day Guelph, Ontario, Canada
- August 10 Club meeting 7:30PM (6PM to eat) Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale

- August 17 Ice cream ride (summer only) 6:30PM TBD

September

- September 7 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM TBD
- September 9-11 MOA Getaway all day Sugarbush, VT
- September 14 Club meeting 7:30PM (6PM to eat) Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale
- September 16-18 MOA Getaway all day Cedar City, UT
- September 21 Ice cream ride (summer only) 6:30PM TBD

October

- October 5 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM TBD
- October 12 Club meeting 7:30PM (6PM to eat) Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale
- October 19 Ice cream ride (summer only) 6:30PM TBD

November

- November 2 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM TBD
- November 9 Club meeting 7:30PM (6PM to eat) Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale

December

- December 7 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM TBD
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BDR Film at CCBMW

Roger T

BDR for those not familiar is the Back Discover Routes organization. It is an adventure-based group that creates outstanding off-road rides all over the United States. See <https://ridebdr.com>

BDR is a non-profit organization like MOA, RA and most local clubs. Their rides start

with months, if not years of research on the best route from point to point within a region. In the past they've created, videoed and published routes in WA, CO, IA, NV, UT, AZ, NM, MA (mid Atlantic, several states), CA (south), NE (North East), and WY.

This year's route being shown at Dealers and other selected sites is nearly 1000 miles across Wyoming. Their routes cross public roads and lands (not private property) and over paved and mild dirt roads. But many of their routes are on mountainous fire roads, rough dirt roads and trails. The routes, downloadable to your GPS, also identify "expert" rough terrain/trails.

As BDR's videos show, only 8-10 riders do the ride for video purposes. Their films EXCELLENT with professional-looking video and pictures, taken from in-front, behind, and above (a lot of drone videos), BDR provides a video trailer on their website, full video, free tracks, interactive maps, photos, as well as camping, hotel, food and gas information. Packing lists, discovery points and FAQs for each route are included. As time goes on, they publish Route Updates to insure the latest information is available.

Cross Country BMW at Metuchen was well prepared on 2/17 (Thursday evening). About 150 were in attendance. Club members who were there included Joe Karol, Dan Thompson, Henning von der Wroge, Jim Thomasey, and me. Their show room was packed with bikes, upstairs and down. (It looks like they are set for great spring/summer sales.)

The Wyoming film lasted over an hour. Hardly anybody moved once the BDR film started except for a few of us who flinched and groaned as a rider fell or crossed a particularly difficult bolder-ridden or rutted path.

One BDR rider broke his wrist after $\frac{3}{4}$ of the 1000 mile, 10 day ride. After finding a local person with a truck, he and his bike were transported out to the end-point. That left 7 others finishing the ride (4 men and 3

women). By the way, the 3 women rode BMW R1250GSs... small stature women on big bikes.

You could tell that ALL the participants were experienced off-road riders however it was noted that one of the women took training at the BMW Performance Center to prepare for the ride.



It is an excellent film. CC BMW is showing it again at the Hasbrouck Heights location on March 4th. Go to their website to register for the film. <https://www.crosscountrycycle.net/>

You be the judge: should my husband keep his motorbike in the house?

(The Guardian, Feb 24 2022)

She says the bike has got to go; he thinks it's a work of art. We air both sides of a domestic disagreement – you deliver the verdict

The prosecution: Sandy

Peter loves his bikes; we now have a garage, but he still keeps one in the house

When I first met my husband Peter, he lived in a flat and kept a large, powerful motorbike, a Kawasaki Z1, in the hall. Trying to squeeze past it with shopping was a nightmare. Then there was a smaller vintage bike, called a Gilera, in the living room and another huge bike, a Ducati, in the bedroom. I was surrounded by them.

We recently bought a house together with a beautiful garage and I thought: great, the bikes will be happy and comfortable there. But then a storm approached. Peter began to get agitated and worried that a branch would crash through the roof and damage the bikes.

Before I knew it, the Gilera had snuck into the house again. He said it would only be there for a few days. But after the storm passed it was still there and ended up staying for weeks.

A few months later, we got a puppy. It started biting everything – that's when Peter finally returned the Gilera to the garage.

I think the only reason he did it was to protect it from the puppy, not because I wanted it gone. After it disappeared I felt joy. I thought: I'm not going to trip over it or find bits of it in my kitchen. I often say Peter loves his Gilera more than he loves me. He's had it since he was 16.

Peter loves to stick bits of his motorbike into the dishwasher, which I find alarming

The two bigger bikes stay in the garage, but once the puppy stops biting, Peter wants to bring the Gilera back into the house. But it creates a mess. I've had a lot of stains on our carpets and flooring.

One time, Peter hung lights around one of the bikes to make it look like a nice art display, but something happened and he burned a hole in the carpet. We've also bought a posh dishwasher –

and Peter loves to stick bits of his motorbike into it, which I find alarming.

I'm not against Peter having his bikes – we've taken several trips with me on the back, and I go to his vintage motorbike shows. But bikes in the house are a hazard. The Gilera really needs to stay in the garage unless there's a real emergency. The bigger bikes stay out entirely

Skylands, STMC Combining

From <https://sporttouringmc.com/>

Exciting News!

Sport Touring and Skylands BMW Riders clubs are joining together to form a single club. We've been intermittently riding together for some time and the similarities between the clubs in all important aspects are very similar, and the combination is a very natural happening.

We will be maintaining our individual online identities for a few months as we work through some consolidation mechanics. We plan to have everything finalized with a new name and online presence by later this year.

Till then- see you on the road!

I reached out to Walter Barlow, STMC President for more details:

“Over time, I recognized that the two clubs are pretty similar in many important areas with the main differences filling gaps the other had: STMC is traditionally pretty much all about the weekly Sunday Ride with a minimal social aspect; whereas Skylands has more of a social aspect and traditionally did monthly rides.

So far, things are moving along nicely; but we're doing the easy stuff first.”

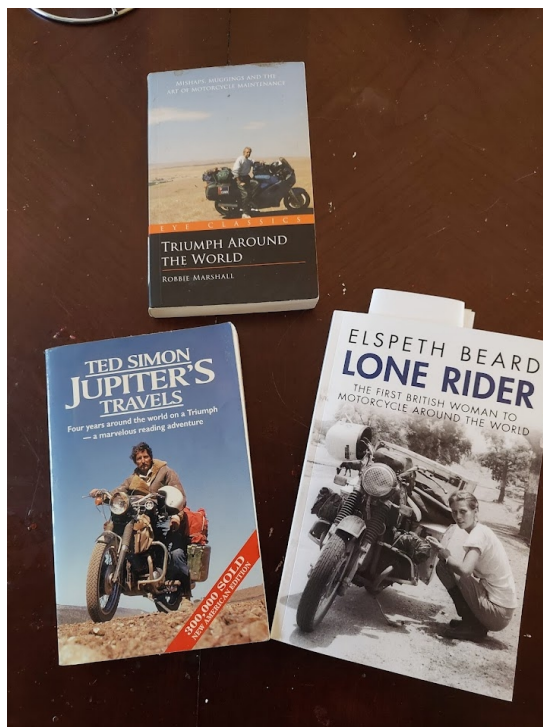
Midwinter Reading

Paul C, Editor

If the snow is deep, and the temps subzero, what's to do except curl up with a good book in front of the fire?

There should be a self help group for late night impulse purchasing from Amazon. That's my excuse, for now, anyway. Only when “Lone Rider” landed on my doorstep, did it occur to me that this would be the third book in my burgeoning new collection of Around The World (ATW) rides.

Which had me wondering (a) how many books are there about circumnavigating on a motorcycle, (b) why do all the rides seem to have their genesis in a British Pub? (c) is it obligatory to write a book about a ATW trip?



A little Google searching shows several more ATW paperbacks. Cue another impulse order on Amazon. “Got 2 Go” by Lea Rieck and “Endless Horizon” by Dan Walsh should arrive sometime next week. There's a very early trip cataloged by Zoltan Sulkowsky and Bob Dolven authored “Andiamo Full Circle” in

2020. I'll ignore Ewan and Charley for the moment. Their trip, after all, was a show before it was a book. Mr Simon, probably feeling somewhat overtaken, now has a sequel and a photo journal. I'm aware of at least one more that doesn't usually come up in the search. Chris Donaldson, who clearly has much better wrists and knees than I, rode a Guzzi LeMans 1(!) around the globe in 1979.

Probably 99% of the ideas for long-ish bike trips are born within arms reach of a beer. As a British author if you came up with the plan to ride around the world anywhere else (e.g. in the bath), you'd have a very hard time explaining why you didn't then go down the pub, proclaim your intentions and suffer the ridicule of purchasing the next round. Simple credibility says the pub has to be the starting point if you hold a UK passport.

Why write a book? Simple economics probably. How else can you pay back the cost of the backstreet bike repairs in India, bribes to border guard and the air freight between continents? Or just maybe, the trip is truly enlightening and genuinely needs to be re-told.

Be aware, should any of the ATW books prove to be as inspirational as claimed, there will be no need to save me a seat at Woodys or to mail me the 2023 membership request.

Advice Column

Worried of Monmouth County writes - "I took your advice and bought a bike last month. It yellow. Very yellow. Extremely yellow in fact. It may not even say "BMW" on the side. Do you think the members of NJSBMW will still want to be seen with me in public?"

NJSBMW: Sure. Most club meetings are after sunset anyway. On top of that, we can probably rustle up a "BMW" sticker or two from the club archives to ensure no one notices.

Webmaster56 asks- "I've lost a yellow sticky with "Password : b2EmrKlub" written in large black letters. Can you ask the club if anyone has seen it?"

NJSBMW: Try under your keyboard.

The Travel Section

"Fantastic turnout at the January Meeting. Would like to personally thanks all who decided to ride"



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