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The more you find out about the world, the more opportunities there are to laugh at it.

Bill Nye, Interview with Wired.com, April 2005

[Spring is] when life's alive in everything.

Christina Rossetti (1830 - 1894)

An optimist is the human personification of spring. *Susan J. Bissonette*

If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant: if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome.

Anne Bradstreet (1612 - 1672), 'Meditations Divine and Moral,' 1655

A little Madness in the Spring Is wholesome even for the King. *Emily Dickinson (1830 - 1886), No. 1333*

A generation of men is like a generation of leaves; the wind scatters some leaves upon the ground, while others the burgeoning wood brings forth - and the season of spring comes on. So of men one generation springs forth and another ceases.

Homer (800 BC - 700 BC), The Iliad

To be interested in the changing seasons is a happier state of mind than to be hopelessly in love with spring. *George Santayana (1863 - 1952)*

BMW Motorcycle Club
New Jersey Shore



President's Message

Mike Palmer, President

At the end of February and in early March we had some teaser days, weather wise, for firing up the bikes and do a little riding. One day I was in the slow lane of route 36 and a lady in the fast lane wanted to move over into my lane. She didn't see me and I was forced onto the shoulder. No big deal, but it brings to mind the fact that folks haven't seen bikes on the road for months now. As the weather warms and we get out more, it is important to remember to ride defensively. There are a lot of distractions in our cars these days. We have cell phones and most new cars have an I-pad type screen in the middle of the dashboard. One of my cars has one and it is tempting to play with all the available apps. From adjusting the climate control, to finding the right XM channel, etc... So, please be aware of people not seeing bikes.

I see that there have been a few Saturday morning breakfasts and of course monthly Moribundi lunches. It is good to see members participating.

Bill Dudley is moving our emails to a new server, njsbmwr@groups.io. Please use his invitation to join, so you don't miss out on any notices and meeting dates and rides.

As I write this there is a snow squall warning coming over my cell phone. Let's hope this cold spell breaks and we can get out and ride.

See you at Woody's in April.

January Club Meeting Minutes

Jim Thomasey, Secretary

Vice President Rick Shapiro called the meeting to order and welcomed one of our newest members Charles Maida and a former member Bob Truex. After a brief introduction from both, the committees reported membership to be 44 paid members and the treasury stands at just under \$1000.

The assembled group then discussed donating \$100 to the BMW MOA Foundation for their exemplary work supporting rider safety training. This led to a discussion of all the benefits of MOA membership and the good causes for which they advocate. After discussion, the motion to vote was raised and passed.

Roger spoke of the upcoming MOA events including the Getaway at Fontana in April. There are many of these Getaways planned and all members were advised to review and take part in them. The MOA national rally will be held this year in Springfield, MO on June 16 through 18 and if you plan to attend, please volunteer to help. Did you know the People's Choice Bike Award event will be chaired this year by our own Roger T and Joe K? The national rallies always offer seminars and a great variety of vendors and on-site services, as well as the chance to meet old friends. Did I mention free camping, too? Later in the year there are rides planned to Ontario, Canada and Vermont. Seems like a good year to shake off the dust, get out and take advantage of some great planning by the MOA.

With the important items taken care of the rest of the evening's talks concentrated on BMW keys, the Bethlehem Steel factory complex, and the current state of the road surfaces in the tri-state area. The 50/50 was won by Jerry S.



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Club Calendar

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

April

- April 6 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM Vic's Bradley Beach
- April 13 Club meeting 7:30PM (6PM to 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 Santa 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
- June 16-18 BMW MOA National Rally, Springfield, MO

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

December

- December 7 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM
- December 14 Club meeting 7:30PM (6PM to eat) Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale

MOA Upcoming Rides

Roger T

Spring is a great time to start serious riding again....not only around here but longer dis-

tances. I enjoy the MOA rallies including get-a-way rallies and National Rally. A few of us have already registered for MOA Rallies in April and June. The first get-a-way is in Fontana NC, April 22-24. The "Tail of the Dragon" in the Great Smoky Mountains brags 318 turns in 11 miles... Excellent ride especially in early morning before the police patrols are out. It's a hotel-based event hosted at Fontana Village; two meals and door prize drawings are included with the MOA fee. Hotel is extra reservation. The Rally is close to the Dragon, Cherohala Skyway, and many other great riding near Robbinsville, Cherokee and the Blue Ridge Parkway. What is nice about this destination is the **ride to/from** it. Last year five of us headed down a zig-zag route into the New River Gorge in WV, rode up the iced tree-line Mount Mitchell near Asheville, toured through Wheels-thru-Time Museum in Maggie Valley (4th time over the years), and then of course rode the Dragon and Cherohala Highways. This year after the rally I hope to go down to Birmingham, AL to see Barbers MC Museum.

The MOA National Rally is in Springfield, MO on June 16-19. As always, there will be over 100 MC vendors, seminars, bike/riding training sessions, plenty of food and entertainment. All is being held in the Fair Grounds which MOA rents for the week. Of course the key event for Joe K and me is volunteering to run the Peoples Choice Bike Judging/Show held on Saturday. This is where 40-50 bikes are arranged in 10 classes. Rally goers vote for the best bike per class. See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZVddaTPVBIE> for last year's event video. We will arrive at the rally a few days early to volunteer to help setup and do what-ever is needed. I'm still planning the routes down and back but am looking at the Corvette Museum in Bowling Green KT, and possibly Greenbrier (WV) the bunker that "Congress never used."

MOA registration slots are filling up for the get-a-ways but hotel reservations may be harder to get unless you want to share. The

get-a-ways are usually capped at 150 attendees. There is no registration limit for the National Rally. Typically 5000 attend. Camping is included and there are numerous hotels in Springfield. The MOA has many other get-a-ways scheduled for 2022... some in the east, one in Canada, and others much further west. Henning and I are planning to attend the Delta Guelph, Canada as well as Sugar Bush, VT get-a-way rallies. Contact us if you have any questions. See <http://www.bmwmoa.org> under the Rally tab and Events tab for info. As per my recent email, a free MOA membership is still available for a limited time through our MOA Regional Coordinator Vince Kelly. (Thank you Vince.) MOA registrations are discounted for members.

Asphalt/Dirt Ride on 3/16

Roger t.

I saw a Skylands BMW Club ride scheduled for Wednesday 3/16. It was advertised as an asphalt/dirt ride by Walter Barlow, an avid Skylands ride leader. Skylands runs at least one ride per week if the weather is good enough. On Wednesday 3/16 the weather was great (60's, blue sky). Walter loves off-road (dirt road) rides but has occasionally given-in to lead a mixed asphalt/dirt route at the pleading of his club mates. He rides a KTM with knobbies with almost all the accessories removed. His bike doesn't have a panniers, or tank bag... just the basics (short windshield and an old GPS with wired ear-phones) to keep weight to a minimum. It's perfect for off road.

I showed up at Jerry's Brooklyn Deli in Whitehouse Station NJ (off of Rt 22) at 11 to eat and ready to ride to noon. This is a nice place for a meal any time of the day... breakfast to dinner... plenty of seating and breakfast bar. We traveled less than 3 miles on asphalt before we hit the first dirt road. Most of the dirt roads were mild gravel with no mud or sand like we have in South Jersey. I've been on other rides with Walter with non-GS

bikes riding with ease on these roads. I was amazed at how many secondary and dirt roads there are in this area. There were also beautiful homes built way out in the boon-docks too. We must have re-routed a half dozen times from Walter's original GPS route due to "bridge construction." Of course we tried going past the barricades to see if we could by-pass the construction... no way... as you can see in the picture below. Overall I put on 145 miles from Middletown. It took 50 minutes to reach Walter at the starting point, then another hour and quarter to ride home. We spent only a couple hours riding the back roads before I headed for home up Rt 202, Rt287 and GSP. You can see my short video at: https://youtu.be/KoEb_HxT-xk



Bridge out on a road paralleling Rt 202. Not much chance is jumping this one!

Asphalt/Dirt Ride, version 2

Roger T

The 3/16 asphalt/dirt roads were so good that I decided to do them again. So on Tuesday 3/22, Joe K and I headed to White House Station to begin Walter Barlow's route; Joe on his single cylinder (off road thumper, 1999 Kawasaki KLR 650) and me on my F850GSA. We hit the same dirt and very secondary (one lane) asphalt roads to Frenchtown where we ate at Bridge Street Café. This café overlooks the Delaware and the narrow metal bridge that connects PA with NJ. By the way, our first food break stops at Sky Manor

Airport and French Town Café were futile as they were closed on Tuesday. (I think both are run by the same folks.) From Frenchtown, we headed to the shore via Rt 29 to Trenton and then I195 rather than finish the original dirt/asphalt route from the previous week. I put on 184 miles on this ride.



Fortunately, open on Tuesdays



Great dirt roads; no mud or sand; occasionally, loose gravel.



Element E50 Fire Extinguisher

Bill Dudley

Recent chit chat on one of the Airheads BMW mailing lists discussed gasoline fires and how they can ruin your day. Even new bikes are susceptible to this – remember the plastic quick disconnect gas lines on recent BMWs? (That Mike Kowal replaces with metal ones?)

One product which was suggested is a fire extinguisher that looks and works like a road flare, in that you strike the tip with the cap to ignite it. It then emits a jet of fire-retardant magic smoke for about 50 seconds (in the case of the mid-sized version). For reference, a nominal 5lb ABC extinguisher (which weighs about 7.5lb) is good for about 15 seconds of use.

The Element E50, being “solid state”, has no gas or liquid to pressurize, so it will last practically forever. Since it’s the size of a road flare, it will fit in a tank bag or perhaps even under the seat.

The drawback of these is that they are non-refillable – once you fire it off, you get 50 seconds of magic smoke, and then you throw it out. The 50 second model sells for around \$75.

Here is a video of Jay Leno and the spokesperson for Element talking about and demonstrating the product.

[Element Fire Extinguishers - Jay Leno's Garage](#)

There are additional Youtube videos about this product, showing it actually putting out a gasoline fire.

This is the manufacturer’s web site:
<https://elementfire.com/>

They also make smaller and a larger size (less and more fire-fighting time) items.

I’ve ordered two of these.

Super-Fun Joke Corner

Various contributors

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Bill and Zhao, experimenting with a cheaper way to communicate.



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