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President's Message

Mike Palmer, President

I'm back from a 2,756 mile May ride through the South. Only 1 day of rain and 11 days of sunshine. I got 1 warning for speeding on the Blue Ridge. A new recruit from the Park Service testing out his new found authority. It felt good to get the scooter out and get some mileage behind me early in the season. She running like a top with 24,000 miles on her. While she is running good, should I hit the showroom and kick some new tires? Maybe something with a 1250cc motor and cruise control. How long will the 650cc last? Sounds like I'm talking myself into a trip to Edison.

It's Memorial day and the weather is great. Let's get out and ride.

I haven't heard anything about an Ice Cream social ride this year. Who wants to volunteer and coordinate some evening rides to various shops?

Don't forget that June 12th is the 3 club rumble at Parvin State Park just west of Vineland sponsored this year by New Sweden begins at 12:30pm. I will be leading a ride down there through the Pine Barrens. We will meet at "our" Wawa at Great Adventure just off I-195. We will meet at 10:30am. Our speaker Dr. Izzy was well received by the club last month. I have an appointment to see him in June to set a baseline on my hearing. Thanks Don E. for the suggestion and Claus for finding Dr Izzy.

Next month we will have a talk from Jerry Friedman on motorcycle insurance. Be sure to bring you policy cover page for him to look over.

The Moribundi lunch this month is at

"There is no better way to see the world than to ride the world. Riding a bike removes the need for clutter, toys, rubbish that other men have to take on holiday."

Dan Walsh

"Anyone can but not everyone needs to. Maybe the potential is enough. To them, the bike's garage clutter. To us, it's a Beretta, half a mil in cash and a forged passport hidden under the floorboards. Its a great escape route. And whether its used or not, that choice is always there."

Dan Walsh

"When I take stock of life, I realize how important the personal contact is, how much more they are worth than the invention of machines, because [people] allow us to expand our view of things, and open up thousands of experiences which we would otherwise be unable to understand."

Soichiro Honda

"Are we going to say sorry for our lack of customer service? Absolutely not."

John Leary (RyanAir)

"Once the travel bug bites there is no known antidote, and I know that I shall be happily infected until the end of my life."

Michael Palin

Rod's in Sea Girt. He is back open after extensive remodeling.

Our meeting is at Woody's on the 8th. Hope to see you there

Last Month's Club Meeting Minutes

By Mike Palmer for Jim Thomasey

There was a guest speaker before the meeting officially started. Dr Izzy Kirsh talked about audiology and hearing loss as we age. He spoke for about 40 minutes and then there was a large response with many questions being asked from the floor. His talk was well received.

The regular meeting was started at 7:30 pm by President Mike Palmer.

Minutes from the previous month were approved by Don E. & 2nd by Henning.

Treasurer Joe reported we have \$1,096.30 in the bank

Membership said that we did not lose any members.

There was no Old business to discuss.

New Business: 3 club rumble on June 12th hosted by New Sweden will be held at Parvin State Park just west of Vineland, NJ at 12:30 pm.

There was a new member introduced - Joe ??? (sorry I didn't catch his last name)

There was a mention of another guest speaker for the future, Jerry Friedman on proper insurance needs for motorcycles. He has accepted and will be at the July meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm by Mike Palmer

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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

June

- June 8 Club meeting 7:30PM (6PM to eat) Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale
- June 12 3 Club Rumble – see announcement
- 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 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 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 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

3 Club Rumble

It's that time again.. actually it's several months early, but since New Sweden likes to do the Rumble early - there you go.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE!

The famous 3-Club Rumble is about to be held for the 20th time (or something like that.. not exactly sure how many we've done but it's a bunch.) This years Rumble is hosted by the New Sweden BMW Riders. They've chosen to hold it again at Parvin State Park, located in the misasmal swamps of Southern NJ. While the location can't compare to the sites the other clubs hold theirs at - the New Sweden Riders try to make up for it by the amount and quality of their food (and condiments). So far - I believe they've succeeded, and it is an affair to attend just to eat. I've heard rumors that the menu this year will include CHEESESTEAK! They always accompany the main course with a great selection of sides, and beverages, and despite having to swat mosquitoes non-stop, the event is a GOOD TIME.

The winner of the Rumble is the club with the most members there. Our club has

always won this. Winning it continuously has taken some creative counting and fudging of the count - but we won. Every time. And if anyone asks - just repeat this: NJS won. Hands down. Every damn time.

To assure that we win again in 2022 - we request that every club member make an effort to attend. Even if you're not riding anymore. We'll have handicapped parking arranged for the guys with walkers.

The club is anticipating having a group ride of hundreds of motorcycles (or everyone who shows up), leaving from OURWAWA (the WAWA on Rt537 in Millstone, just west of I-195 and just east of the Great Adventure entrance. The group leader has yet to be designated - if you're interested in leading, please make it known to an officer of the club.

SO:

3-Club Rumble - Club Ride
Leaving from: OurWawa
When: 10:30AM, June 12th

Destination, Parvin State Park,
<https://goo.gl/maps/5PS8eyrK49C4cDfu6> -
Thundergust Lake Picnic Area - by 12:30PM.
Please RSVP to the club mailing list at njs-bmwr@groups.io - we should try to give them a headcount.

Greenbrier Bunker, WV

Roger T.

In April, four of us headed to the MOA Get-a-way Rally at Fontana Village (Joe Karol, Herb Konrad, Jim Nanfeldt, and me. After a long day 475 mile ride to West Virginia, we settled in at a Q-Inn in Lewisburg. WV has outstanding roads, mountains, and unusual scenic spots. Last year we rode a 1-lane, 1-way, serpentine road down under Rt 19 New River Gorge bridge. This was a great zig zag route which passes over New River on a one lane bridge at 750 feet below the Rt

19 4-lane bridge. For a change this year we decided to hit a tourist spot at Greenbrier Resorts, White Sulphur Springs, WV. It hosts a previous top secret emergency Cold War fallout shelter, an underground bunker that was created for the U.S. Government. Until the early 1990's it was a total secret and even most members of Congress didn't know about it.

Housed under the West Virginia Wing of The Greenbrier Resort, this top-secret, super-sized bunker was built to relocate members of the Senate and House of Representatives and their critical staffs during the Eisenhower era. The Greenbrier has been welcoming guests from around the world since 1778, including 26 presidents and countless celebrities. The Greenbrier Bunker is now open to visitors interested in learning about its history. Ninety minute tours provide a unique and in-depth look behind the hidden doors – including dormitories, meeting areas and more.

Construction on the bunker began in 1958, which was built 720 feet into the hillside and not really under The Greenbrier. Once it was completed in 1961, the facility was constantly maintained by a small group of government employees working undercover as audio and video technicians.

During its Eisenhower-Era use, the bunker provided the following:

- Four entrances; three to The Greenbrier's grounds and one to the main building
- 25-ton blast door that opens with only 50 lbs. of pressure
- 5 foot thick reinforced concrete walls, floors, and ceiling
- Decontamination chambers
- 18 dormitories, designed to accommodate more than 1,100 people
- Power plant with purification equipment and three 25,000-gallon water tanks
- Three 14,000-gallon diesel fuel tanks
- Communications area, including televi-

sion production area and audio recording booths

- Clinic with 12 hospital beds, medical and dental operating rooms
- Laboratory, pharmacy and intensive care unit
- Cafeteria
- Internal police force incase any of the 1100 people became unruly.
- Food, water, supplies for 60-90 days
- Maintain if atomic strike 30 miles or more away
- Couple hundred miles from Washington DC... accessible by auto, train nearby small airport.

The site, the tour and WV riding locations are well worth while. Our tour guide was very knowledgeable and continuously kept us interested and answered all questions. (He couldn't tell us where the President and Vice President would be taken in an emergency.) There was never any hard-sell on anything. White Sulfur Springs is located near some great riding roads... paved and unpaved. If I went again, I would spend a couple days riding the area. We stayed at the Q-Inn located about 12 miles away... because \$450 to \$2500 per night at The Greenbrier was a bit too much.



Front view of magnificent Greenbrier Resorts. The resort consists of several buildings, cottages, golf courses, etc. See <https://greenbrier.com/>. It is located 63 miles from I-81 (Lexington VA) West on I-64.

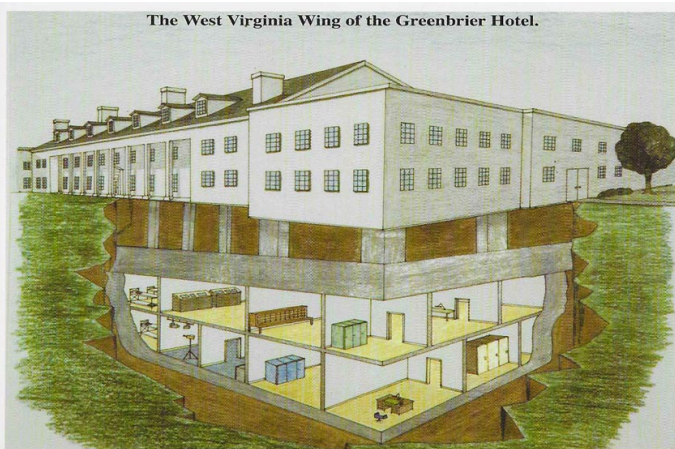


The Greenbrier Hotel lobby., Who would have thought that the government housed a secret bunker underneath?

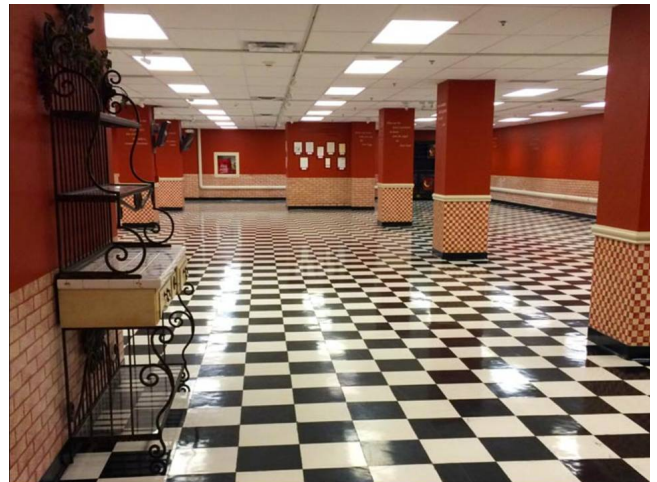
tive, the door was hidden behind a screen that made it look like it was part of the wall.



Typical living quarters for "Congress."



Artist view of the Bunker... however the actual bunker was inside a mountain and not located below the Greenbrier Resort .



Multipurpose meeting room within the bunker. Note the size of columns.... enough to hold up a 5' thick concrete ceiling.



For three decades that the bunker was ac-



One of several Congress meeting rooms.



Another access door between truck terminal and inside bunker



Finger Lakes Rally

As most of you know the Finger Lakes BMW Riders Labor Day Rally was not held since 2019. Well, the final stake in the heart of a future rally occurred on May 15th. Even though the club is continuing, they decided over the winter that they would not put on another rally. It was just too much work for the aging members. On the 15th, we met at Watkins Glen Park to clean out the club shed. We did in one hour.... hundreds of feet of AC cables which were used to light up the tents/vendors, over 50 garbage cans, canopies, signage, grill, coffee percolators and supplies, and left over flea market merchandise. It was all donated, taken by club members, or left for the park dumpster. All of this represented 45 years of rally-going for the club... at the peak, they had 1200 attendees although over the past several years about 600 was typical. It was a great run, appreciated by all including a lot of NJ clubs attendees.

Air Force disciplines C-130 crew for 'unplanned' landing to pick up motorcycle in Martha's Vineyard

Via msn.com and Marthas Vineyard Times

Five Air Force reservists have been disciplined after using a military aircraft to make an unauthorized landing at Martha's Vineyard in March to pick up a crew member's vintage motorcycle, the Air Force's 403rd Wing announced on Wednesday.

The crew members are part of the 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron based at Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi. Also known as the 'Hurricane Hunters,' the 53rd flies modified transport planes called WC-130Js into tropical storms to gather essential weather data for planners across the East Coast. This particular crew was flying in the New England area on March 25 when they made a stop at Martha's Vineyard, unbeknownst to their leadership at the 403rd Wing at Keesler, to pick up a crewmember's 1970 BMW R75/5 motorcycle. The aircraft was spotted by local residents eating lunch at a restaurant near the airport, and the story soon went national after being reported first by the Martha's Vineyard Times.

"Don't see that every day," local resident Doug Ulwick told the Martha's Vineyard Times. Witnesses said the loud turboprop plane was on the ground less than 20 minutes before taking off again and continuing their official mission to Mather, California, according to the 403rd Wing. Located outside Sacramento in northern California. Mather had some equipment that the 403rd Wing needed for its atmospheric river mission, where the Hurricane Hunters track massive bands of moisture over the Pacific that cause large amounts of rainfall and flooding on the West Coast. That tracking enables better forecasts, the 403rd Wing explained in its statement.

When wing leadership found out about the

motorcycle incident, they grounded the crew at Mather and sent another crew to pick up the aircraft and crew on March 28. All five of the crew members "were downgraded on crew qualifications and administrative actions have been served," the 403rd Wing stated. The wing's chief of public affairs, Lt. Col. Marnee Losurdo, said it was not Air Force policy to release specifics on nonjudicial punishment. The motorcycle remains in California.

"This personal stop was an abuse of government assets," said Col. Stuart M. Rubio, commander of the 403rd Wing, in a statement. "We hold our reservists to the highest standards of conduct and these actions are not tolerated."

Gas prices are still too damn high, so it's hard to blame the air crew members for making a pit stop in the neighborhood. Even so, there's a reason why Air Force Manual 11-202 compels aircrews to "ensure off-station training achieves valid training requirements ... and avoids the appearance of government waste or abuse." The reason is because aircrews have made far more wasteful pitstops for personal reasons in the past.

In 2018, the commander of the Vermont Air National Guard was booted from his job after using an F-16 fighter jet to fly to Washington D.C. for an interstate booty call. Even further back, in 2006 two airmen from the New York Air National Guard pleaded guilty to narcotics charges after smuggling more than 200,000 pills of Ecstasy from Germany aboard their C-5 Galaxy cargo jet. There was also that time a Marine helicopter pilot landed his Super Cobra on a baseball field in Bar Harbor, Maine so he could run across the street to a bar and pick up his cell phone that he'd left there. Besides the financial cost of fuel, there is always the safety risk of something going wrong during an unauthorized personal flight.

The crew being downgraded also comes at a tough time for the 53rd Weather Recon-

naissance Squadron, which is just now gearing up for another busy hurricane season. The 53rd is the only unit in the military that hunts hurricanes, providing data on humidity, wind speed, wind direction, temperature, air pressure, dewpoint and other elements that satellites can't pick up as closely or at all. That data then helps scientists at the National Hurricane Center figure out where the storm is heading and when it will get there.

Sometimes the Hurricane Hunters have to land in unexpected places to accomplish their mission, "thus, aircrews go to various locations to train and operate and these locations are chosen based on training value," the statement explained. That may have been why the aircrew was at Quonset Air National Guard Base, Rhode Island the day before flying to Martha's Vineyard.

One thing the press release definitely confirmed was a Martha's Vineyard resident's skill at identifying motorcycles. Tristan Israel, a local county commissioner who was eating lunch at the Plane View Restaurant on March 25 told The Martha's Vineyard Times that he guessed it was pre-1972 BMW based on the logo.

"I used to own old vintage BMW motorcycles, so that's how I know," he said. "I was eating next to the window ... We looked out and we saw the plane. We saw people walking a vintage motorcycle up to the plane."

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For Sale: 1995 BMW R100RT – call Jerry at 908-472-8585

For Sale: 1973 R75/5 that has been garaged and covered for almost 30 years since last being ridden. The gentleman's name is Bill Shera and can be reached at 856-745-2031 or wgshera@yahoo.com Bike is located in Gibbsboro, NJ

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