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President's Message

Mike Palmer, President

The heat is on. I've been riding trying to complete more Fluffy Butt rides, but the temps have slowed me down a little. I have to get up early (not easy for an old retired guy) and try to get back before the 100 degrees temps get to me. The trouble is that I completed all the local stops and now the ones furthest away take more time.

This week I'm in Maryland dog and cat sitting for my daughter and son-in-law. So I got in touch with club member Herb Konrad who lives in the next town over. He had a terrible accident with his tractor and he rolled down a hill and it dumped him in the bay behind his house. He got banged up pretty good and is now recovering. He looks good in a neck brace. We chatted for a while and then he invited me to go for a boat ride on the Chesapeake Bay with his boat. We had a good time. I hope he gets back to riding and attending our meetings soon.

There is ride coming up in September to a barn in Harleysville, PA. The guy has 100 bikes in his barn and then there will be a picnic. I'll get more information to you if you are interested. There will be several BMW clubs attending.

See my email to Elio about 2 rides to 2 different Sullivan Counties, 1 in NY and 1 in PA. I did the PA one 2 weeks ago and stayed over 1 night in Montoursville, PA. The trip was about 600 miles over 2 days. This is beautiful country out there.

Don't forget the meeting at Woody's on Aug 10th and our monthly ice cream social on the 17th. Rick Shapiro is hosting this one.

Keep the greasy side down.

"I may be going nowhere, but what a ride."

Shaun Hick

On a bike.. I am hurtling toward what I imagine is a fearful future, but I am using a fearless means to do so. It's odd as hell"

Melissa Holbrook Pierson

"It takes 37 muscles to frown, 17 to smile, 7 to twist the throttle"

Unknown

"A motorcycle functions entirely in accordance with the laws of reason, and a study of the art of motorcycle maintenance is really a miniature study of the art of rationality itself."

Robert M. Pirsig

"People are more violently opposed to fur than leather because it's safer to harass rich women than motorcycle gangs."

Alexei Sayle

"The reason I do it is because if you do it wrong, it will kill you. If you think it's too dangerous then go home and cut your lawn and leave us to it."

Guy Martin (Isle of Man TT)

Last Month's Club Meeting Minutes

Jim Thomasey

The meeting began on time and a motion was brought up and passed to accept the minutes from the June meeting.

We had Jerry Friedman, "The motorcycle attorney", as our guest speaker for the July meeting. Jerry only handles motorcycle accidents and discussed the important need to check your policy for necessary benefits. The most important one is checking that you have uninsured and under-insured coverage on your policy. You may have it listed on your auto policy and it may not apply to your motorcycle coverage due to industry specific language and exclusions. There is a plethora of details which may lead you to believe you are covered which can lead to confusion if you are involved in an accident. To confirm that you have the coverage you think you have, Jerry offers to look at your declaration page of your policy and will offer his suggestions to keep you covered properly. Many members had their policies with them and Jerry did a review and evaluation on the spot.

The treasurers report showed we have just over \$1100 and our membership stands at 56 paid members. The next Ice Cream run was planned and is discussed elsewhere in this newsletter. Comments were made about the excellent job the New Sweden members did with the 3Club Rumble recently held in their home base.

The 50/50 portion of the meeting was extended to include swag from the recent MOA Rally in Springfield, so in addition to Klaus winning half the pot, we also had items going to Jeff Diorio, Gary Shunk, Tom Suhocki and Mike Naghski

Club Calendar

Note: Events may be canceled or modified. Check your email or the club website for updates



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August

- 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 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

Shore & Central NJ - Great Riding+

Roger T

Most of my friends and I say: “from our area of NJ it takes an hour to get to good riding areas “.... Into Pennsylvania or at least north-western NJ. That’s because it’s flat around here. Yeah, we have a couple hills toward the Highlands... and we have a few dirt roads in Marlboro and toward Atlantic Highlands. Then, of course, we have the Pinelands if you like SAND. Most of our Saturday breakfasts and Wednesday ice-cream runs take us through the flat lands of NJ. So, where do you find good riding conditions at the shore and central NJ? The answer is easy and obvious. RIDE THE FLUFFYBUTT (FB). The routes will take you to a bunch of interesting places you haven’t been before.

For the second year Jonathan Blair has created an excellent riding competition for our club. The game consists of 39 objectives around NJ, Eastern PA, Southern NY, and even DE. You will navigate to the objective and take a photo of your vehicle with the objective in the background to prove you captured that objective. Each objective is worth a number of points. There are also opportunities to obtain points by going to places like rallies and club meetings.

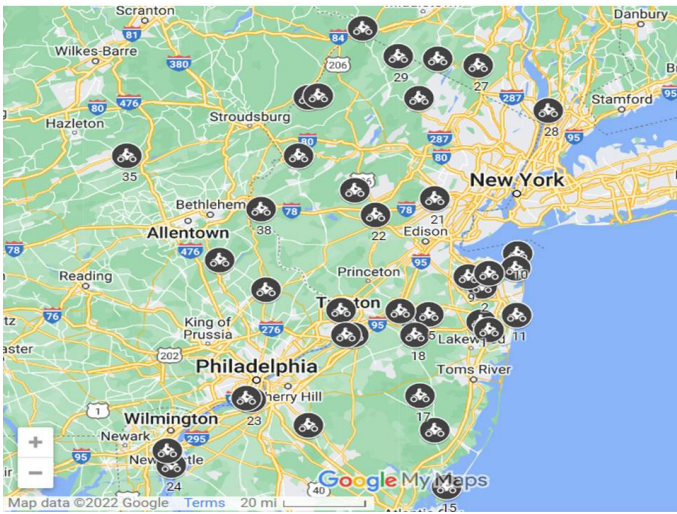
The objectives are sometimes interesting places you could visit and sometimes just an excuse to get out there. The FluffyButt is the perfect opportunity to ride back roads in our part of NJ in order to find and take pictures of the FB site. Using your cell phone (or GPS) you will be taken on back roads from FB site to FB site.... roads that you probably have not been on or neighborhoods you haven’t seen before. Some places may spur your interest and you may want to research before or after your visit. Where did this come from? How did it get here? Why? Last year, the Edison monument near Sparta/Ogdensburg sparked my interest. In the woods on top Sparta Mountain was a plaque for Thomas Edison. He owned a large coal mine complex where he used electromagnets to crush iron ore rock. This FB site still amazes me since I think of Edison and electricity but not coal mines. <https://www.njskylands.com/history-mines-sparta-mountain> Take time to visit the places you’re in-

terested in. Check out the map before you go and plan out a nice multi-FB ride, taking advantage of the interesting areas that many objectives are in.

Finding a FB site is easy. Once you load and save the FB Map, all the FB sites appear on the map. On your cell phone, zoom-in to identify the one you want. Touch on the FB site (circle) and you will see a picture of Jonathan’s bike in front of the plaque/sign/scene you need to have in your picture. Again, on your Cell phone, click START or GO TO and Google Maps will plot a route to get there. This year he doesn’t need your face in the pix, ... just your bike and the sign/scene. (I like to make a selfie picture so my wife knows that I am still alive and moving.) Make sure you read the accompanying note below the pix as it may give you additional clues/instructions on the FB site. I took a picture of FB # 18 Prospertown Lake but didn’t notice that I didn’t have the Great Adventure roller coaster in the background. The Note said to include it. I had to make another trip to get it right. Email your pictures to Jonathan at fluffybutt@casano.com. Make sure you identify the site numbers and your name to make it easier for him. Jonathan will update the game spreadsheet within a few days so you can check your results vs. other members. Go to: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/19wGalwIu9OTAP1YvSyBdqhISbTzymFiIXwSqsL8ndf0/edit#gid=67581015> or just read his instructional pdf with links. (On the spreadsheet, select the “participants” tab at the bottom.

Good Luck and have fun. There are still great places to discover and ride in NJ and plenty of time to do the game. If you haven’t done FluffyButt before, ask another club FB-experienced member to ride with you to few sites. I like doing this because we always approach the site from a different direction on different roads..

Awards will be given out at our Holiday Dinner in December. Awards for the top three will be \$150, \$100, and \$50 certificates to Cross Country BMW. (Everybody needs more motorcycle stuff, don’t we?) Any questions, please email Jonathan at fluffybutt@casano.com. or if you need a copy of his original June 10th email and instructions..



inside, they are pretty small planes, the size of a regional jet. I wasn't able to stand upright in either one of them!

The museum has many other technical items on display. Vintage cars and motorcycles, planes, race cars, agricultural machines, steam locomotives, extensive military and war machinery, organs, and so on.

As I was on a business trip and had only about 2 1/2 hours to spend, I decided to check out the supersonic jets and then go through the motorcycle displays. There are so many that some of them in Hall 2 in stacked, well-lit crates and some in Hall 3, just behind a small cord. All descriptions of the exhibits are in both German and English.

Technik Museum Sinsheim

Hennig von der Wroge

Greetings from Germany! Here's a suggestion for a great museum stop when you have a chance to visit Germany. About an hour south of Frankfurt, in the town of Sinsheim, you find the quite unique "Technik Museum Sinsheim" with many milestones of technical history on display.



As you approach Sinsheim on the Autobahn, from the far distance, you can see two jets seemingly ascending - a Concorde and its Soviet-Doppelgänger Tupolev TU-144, the only supersonic aircraft models ever built for passenger traffic. Both are on display on top of (!) the large museum halls and accessible through spiral staircases. When I toured them, I realized that, on the





Here are a few highlights:

- **1939 BMW R 66** with 30 HP and 600 cc “boxer” motor (opposed pistons). Top speed almost 90 mph!
- **938 Böhmerland** motorcycle with 24 HP and 608 cc, made in the northern part of Bohemia (today part of the Czech Republic). This bike has room for four people and is 10 1/2 feet long – considered to be the longest production motorcycle in the world. They built about 3000 bikes, but not all in the long version. About 75 are still in existence.



- **1975 Hercules Wankel 2000.** Hercules was the first German bike and motorcycle manufacturer, founded in 1886. Hercules had large ambitions to be the first manufacturer of large production Wankel rotary engine motorcycles, in competition with Suzuki, Honda, Yamaha and MZ. Unfortunately, they rushed to market with a motorcycle that suffered from design flaws and wasn't tested well enough before its release, resulting in many customer complaints.
- **A motorized unicycle**, a dumpster find, with unknown heritage. The individual who found this bike in the mid seventies was easily able

to get the motor running again. He added a handlebar which initially was not part of the unicycle. But even with the handlebar added, he was not able to ride the unicycle for more than 60 feet was dropping or crashing.

- **1974 BMW R 90/6** - this bike triggered sentimental memories for me – my first bike was a 1976 BMW R 90/6! The /6 bikes had a couple of improvements over the earlier versions, including a five speed gearbox, a disc brake in the front, reinforced engine housings, and improved crank shaft balancing. My 1976 model also had a longer wheel base.

There were many more interesting motorcycles and other items on display, too much to list here. They also have a good number of Harleys, even a Harley Davidson bicycle, and many vintage American cars.

Last but not least I enjoyed a great lunch in the restaurant, which offered nice and good-quality local German food options – I went with the “Maultaschen” (filled spaetzle-like pasta pockets) and “Bienenstich” for dessert, a layered cream cake with honey and sliced almonds on the top. You could even have a beer there, but I was on a work trip and decided to skip that fun part so early in the day!





The reason: they were not legal to use on city streets.

The NYPD has seized over 2000 such illegal vehicles this year.

New York City Mayor Eric Adams waved a checkered flag to start a bulldozing event, where 100 illegal dirt bikes and all-terrain vehicles, confiscated by the New York City Police Department, were crushed

In the video that turns out to be just as odd as its title, New York City Mayor Eric Adams waved a checkered flag, prompting a waiting Department of Sanitation driver to hit the gas on his bulldozer and bring doom on a pile of ATVs and motorcycles. A line of roughly 30 motorcycles and dirt bikes stand waiting while the bulldozer charges ahead to crush them. The video clip shows that the driver gets about halfway through the line before needing to reverse and unstuck a pesky motorcycle before charging back down to finish the job.



Web Link Museum Homepage: <https://sinsheim.technik-museum.de/en>

Web Link Motorcycle: <https://sinsheim.technik-museum.de/en/motorbikes>

900 ATVs and Motorcycles Bulldozed as NYC Mayor Waves Checkered Flag

Jack Fitzgerald
Reuters (@Reuters) June 22, 2022

New York City's mayor waved the checkered flag on Tuesday to end the lives of 900 illegal motorcycles, ATVs, and dirt bikes in a video shared by Reuters on Twitter.

The illegal motorcycles were destroyed by means of having a bulldozer smash them to bits.

Seizure of illegal dirt bikes, ATVs, and motorcycles has risen in New York this year as part of a public safety push by the mayor, who assumed office on January 1, 2022. According to a statement by New York Police Department Commissioner Keechant Sewell, "Since January the NYPD has seized over 2000 of these vehicles citywide. As the mayor said, that's nearly over 80 percent more than we took by this time last year."

The mayor said the city chose to destroy the dirt bikes rather than sell or donate them because it keeps them off the street permanently. In his press conference, the mayor stated that many of the bikes don't have insurance and said he is pushing for ATV dealers to request proof of insur-

ance and registration documents before selling the vehicles.

"It's reckless and it's illegal. It puts everyone at risk. Other drivers, passengers, pedestrians, and not to mention the bike riders themselves," said Sewell. Message received, commissioner.

AHRMA, NJ Motor Sports Park

Paul C

It was a "game day" last minute decision to check out the AHRMA Meet at the NJ Motor-sports park in Millville in June. It was my first time visiting the track and surprisingly, I made it there (sans GPS) with no wrong turns thanks to the somewhat decent signposting.

Being completely unfamiliar with the racing classes, the time was split wandering the pit area, perusing the very limited swap meet and watching track side as classic hardware circulated apace.

Around the pits, it was a case of snapping pics of whatever looked "interesting" and occasionally, chatting to the owners. At one point, that even included a hard sell on joining AHRMA and signing up for their 2023 racing class!

A few notables:



Hand Built Reproduction Brough SS100. Cunningly finished using "Rustoleum" black which

gave it a very deceptive period look. In conversation, the builder/owner pointed to the very limited list of items that would give it away to a trained eye. He refers to it as a "21", which usually gets interpreted as 1921. It is in fact, to the state of NJ, a 2021 bike. Guts of the motor are HD, but casings etc.. were handmade.



1948 (IIRC) Velocette. One of only 2 in the country supposedly from the late 40's

Well weathered R?? Sidecar outfit keeping the Velo company.



New Member Intro

Hi everybody, I am Alvaro Trujillo, from Colombia. I moved to the US three years ago.

I've been riding a motorcycle since I was 12 years old. My first motorcycle was a Yamaha 175, and I used to ride it on my grandparent's farm. Two years ago, I bought a BMW 1250 GS, and I loved it. Typically I ride with my wife, and we take country roads, stop in every spot we like, and drink coffee in local stores.

I am happy to be part of this club, and I am excited to meet new people with the same passion as me for motorcycles.

Alvaro Trujillo (alvaro_trujillo@)



And Lastly...

Its hot...

If anyone can ID the owners, we have a few questions to ask...



Highly Classifieds

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

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 wgsheera@yahoo.com Bike is located in Gibbsboro, NJ