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"Talent hits a target no one else can hit. Genius hits a target no one else can see"

Arthur Schopenhauer, German Philosopher

"There is only one thing more painful than learning from experience, and that's not learning"

Laurence Peter, Canadian Educator (famed for the "Peter principle"

"Don't worry about people stealing your ideas. If your ideas are any good, you'll have to ram them down people's throats"

Howard Aiken, American Physicist

"Common sense and a sense of humor, are the same thing, moving at different speeds. A sense of humor is just common sense, dancing"

Clive James, Australian Critic and Journalist

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President's Message

Jeff Diorio, President

I can't believe how fast this year is going. Hopefully you are all doing well and getting in lots of fun rides. Today I rode down to the bank. While I wanted to ride much longer distances, I did pick a branch a few towns over. Hoping you all find excuses like that to get out for a ride.

Roger, Joe, Dan, and I think a few others, went to the MOA getaway in Fontana. Figure you will see an article from Roger detailing the trip in an upcoming newsletter. I know a bunch of us are talking about the New Sweden 450 and Distinguished Gentlemen's Ride which are both on weekend of May 17. Which to do?

If you can't do a longer ride, Scott Drew (mechanic of old English bikes) is going to be racing at AHRMA (American Heritage Racing Motorcycle Association) weekend of June 20-22 down at New Jersey Motorsports Park in Millville, NJ. He said the Friday practice runs are a chance to see more bikes run in a short period of time than on the official race days of Saturday and Sunday. I will probably try and do that as it's a good day of riding and fun to watch the old bikes compete.

My thought for the month on the joys of riding a motorcycle: Unlike driving a car, riding requires your entire being. You can't zone out. Your mind, body, and senses are engaged fully: eyes scanning the horizon, hands feeling vibration and control, body shifting with every curve. This is a form of active meditation, a space where the noise of daily life fades into the rhythmic hum of tires and wind. It demands awareness—and in return, it gives clarity.

We are always looking for new members

so please tell a friend to join.

Do share your plans for short or longer rides so we can enjoy time together.

Make sure to come to this month's club meeting. I got a summer riding jacket contributed by my body shop we will be giving away.

Hope that none of you were impacted by the fires down in Ocean this April.

Happy May and here is to a fun spring and summer of riding.

April Meeting Minutes

James Thomasey, Recording Secretary

The meeting began on time with a visitor from the lovely seaport community of New Mexico, Bill Dudley's son. He was visiting the east coast for what seemed like another yearly visit. It was great to see him again and catch up on the world of antique bikes.

The minutes from the last meeting were approved and entered into the history of the club with all members voting yes to approve. The treasury holds just under \$800 with membership at 39 paid members.

The club was well represented at the recent Open House held at Cross Country Powersports in Metuchen. We had our own table near the BMW sales area staffed by members on Friday and Saturday. We were offering free 6-month memberships, and we had 4 takers who will get the newsletter by email and hopefully choose to become paying and participating members. Thank you to Joe, Roger, Dan, Don and Jeff and all the members who manned the tables on those two days.

Joe and Roger will be attending the Fontana rally and stopping in at Bob's BMW in MD to visit the BMW museum on the way down. Other members have been invited to visit the museum as well making a back-and-forth trip from MD if they don't want to go the rally. The Gathering of the Nortons will be held the last Sunday on April and there will be a story elsewhere in

this newsletter about it.

The 50/50 was won by the club secretary with Nick and Art acquiring some MOA swag for their collection.

Club Calendar

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

May 2025

- **May 7** Moribundi lunch 12:30PM Siam Basil, Sea Girt NJ
- **May 14** Club meeting 6PM to eat, 7PM meeting Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale
- **May 15-18** 2025 European Riders Rally Burkesville, KY [website](#)
- **May 18** Distinguished Gentlemen's Ride TBD [website](#)
- **May 17-18** New Sweden 450 TBD [website](#)
- **May 18** Classic Motorcycle Day 10AM-4PM Mt Airy Fireman's Carnival Grounds, Mt Airy, MD [website](#)
- **May 21** Ice cream ride (summer only) 6:30PM TBD
- **May 27-31** Americade Lake George, NY [website](#)

June 2025

- **June 4** Moribundi lunch 12:30PM TBD
- **June 11** club meeting 6PM to eat, 7PM meeting Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale
- **June 18** Ice cream ride (summer only) 6:30PM TBD
- **June 19-22** Backroads Magazine Summer Solstice Rally, Shippensburg, PA, Staunton, VA [website](#)
- **June 20-22** ARHMA Weekend, New Jersey Motorsports Park Millville NJ
- **June 20-22** BMW MOA National Rally, Wilson Cty Fairgrounds, Lebanon, TN [website](#)

July 2025

- **July 2** Moribundi lunch 12:30PM TBD

- **July 9** Club meeting 6PM to eat, 7PM meeting Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale
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- **June 14** Laconia Motorcycle Week, Laconia, NH [website](#)
- **July 12** German American Club European-American Car Show 10AM-3PM Uncle Pete's Rd, Trenton, NJ [website](#)
- **July 12** Deutsch Classic 8AM-4PM Oley Fairgrounds, Oley, PA [website](#)
- **July 16** Ice cream ride (summer only) 6:30PM TBD
- **July 25-27** AMA Vintage Days Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course, Lexington, Ohio [website](#)

August 2025

- **August 6** Moribundi lunch 12:30PM TBD
- **August 13** club meeting 6PM to eat, 7PM meeting Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale
- **August 20** Ice cream ride (summer only) 6:30PM TBD
- **August 22-24** Wally Fest, Lake Wallenpaupack, PA [website](#)
- **August 29-31** VJMC National Rally Windber, PA [website](#)
- **August 29-31** BMW RA National Rally Athens County Fairgrounds, Athens, OH [website](#)

September 2025

- **September 3** Moribundi lunch 12:30PM TBD
- **September 10** Club meeting 6PM to eat, 7PM meeting Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale
- **September 12-14** New Sweden Last Chance Rally, TBD [website](#)
- **September 17** Ice cream ride (summer only) 6:30PM TBD
- **September 19-21** TENTATIVE NJSBMWR Catskills Rally, Crystal Brook Resort, Round Top, NY

October 2025

- **October 1** Moribundi lunch 12:30PM TBD
- **October 4** Van Sant Wings and Wheels all day Van Sant Airport, PA [website](#)
- **October 3-5** Barber Vintage Festival Leeds, AL [website](#)
- **October 3-5** The Race of Gentlemen Wildwood, NJ [website](#)
- **October 8** club meeting 6PM to eat, 7PM meeting Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale
- **October 15** Ice cream ride (summer only) 6:30PM TBD
- **October 18** Three Club Rumble hosted by New Sweden BMW Riders 11AM-3PM Parvin State Park, 701 Almond Rd, Pittsgrove Township, NJ

Good Day – Good Ride – Good Friday

Mike P.

On Good Friday, the weather was perfect, clear skies and warm temperatures.

Nick K. sent out an email asking if any body wanted to take a ride to L.B.I. I replied yes. Along with Nick's friend Anthony, we met up at "our" Wawa at Great Adventure and headed south. We took backroads to 539 and headed to Whiting. After Whiting we turned off onto McMahon Road which becomes Pasadena Road. That road is seldom used by cars, but bikers know about it. It runs straight through the Pine Barrens following an old abandoned railway which used to haul cranberries and blueberries and bog iron ore.

When we hit Route 72 we headed east and onto L.B.I. We then headed south to Beach Haven where we explored the N.J. Maritime Museum on Dock Street. We were met with an enthusiastic gentleman who showed us all the man displays of artifacts brought up for the depths of hundreds of shipwrecks. (see map below) The museum also has chronicled all the storms which have batted the Jersey coasts including Hurricanes and Nor'easters. We spent more than an hour exploring the museum.



When it was time to leave Nick's friend Anthony knew of a restaurant nearby, so we grabbed lunch.

The ride on the Boulevard this time of year is great. All of the traffic lights are set to blinking yellow, saving us countless stops at red lights during the 7 mile ride to Beach Haven.

After lunch, we headed back to 539 and headed north toward Monmouth County. It was a Great day to get out for my 2nd ride of the season. Thanks, Nick for putting the ride together.

Gathering of the Nortons

Bill D.

Sunday April 29, Zhao and I rode up to the Gathering of the Nortons, held at Performance Garage Club in Kingwood, NJ (which is a wide spot on Rt 12 between Frenchtown and Flemington). The weather started out chilly, just under 10C, and didn't get much warmer. We kept our motorcycle gear on and zipped up all the time we were there. The Sun was intermittent.

But of course, the weather isn't the point, it's the motorcycles. Once again, the Delaware Valley Norton Riders had great turn out for the event. The main parking lot was full of vintage bikes of all types, and the driveways and overflow parking lots were also busy.

Klaus and Feridah rode up there in Klaus' Domani/Krauser sidecar rig, which is an amazing looking machine. I call it the "space ship". I didn't see anyone else from NJSBMWR, though I did run into lots of folks I know from other clubs (Moto



Guzzi folks, Norton folks, Airhead BMW folks, etc.)



Club Breakfast Record Attendance?

Roger T, Bill D

"Eggcellent" weather and keen need to hop into the riding season ensured a record turnout for the Club Breakfast at the Colts Neck Eatery over the Easter weekend.



Special thanks to our waitress Jen, who was suitably dressed for the occasion, provided superb service and kindly adjudicated the informal "Most Sci-Fi Bike of the Morning" competition.



Breakfast at Mug Rack in Jackson.... my club announcement must have worked even though it showed the 28th, the wrong date.



Club Breakfast and Martin Moto Ride

Roger T

To say it was a great riding day on March 29 is an understatement: eighty to 84 degrees, sunny, no percep in sight, and light traffic. My route took me West on I-195 and then Rt-1 south and after a while, secondary roads northwest to Boyertown PA and the Martin Moto vintage bike show. The day started with our traditional Club

The Mug Rack is an excellent breakfast/lunch place with reasonable prices, substantial sized meals, and tasty too. Six of us attended: Robert Sherman, Paul Cooke, Joe Karol, Bill and Zhao Dudley, and me. Afterward Bill/Zhao and I headed toward the Martin Motorcycle vintage bike show while and the rest of the folks went their independent merry way.

My Garmin VI was all cleaned out and loaded with super secondary roads to Boyertown. Then Bill said he was somewhat familiar with the area due to being over there for the recent Airheads Supertech session. So he loaded the Martin Moto destination into his trusty cell phone and off we went; I-195 to Trenton, across the Lower Trenton (metal) Bridge, then on to Route 1 south followed by a northerly chunk of I-476 and then secondary roads. Like I said, my route was more secondary roads off of Route 1. My GPS kept on yelling at me to turn right, turn left, make a U turn, recalculating, ... recalculating. Bill's and my trip equipment finally came into sync about a mile from Martin Moto when heading north on Rt 100 and after entering the parking lot. Next time I will just unplug by GPS or kill power to my communications system.

We parked in a lower lot which was a short uphill walk to the show. I have no idea how many bikes were there but at least 500 cluttered the parking areas and surrounding access roads. As soon as someone packed up and departed, another bike rolled in to the empty space. There was a lot of churn of people throughout the day



Made it to a lower level parking lot at Martin Motorcycle... Their parking lot was full so we and hundreds of others parked in someone else lot. Police were chasing bikers from parking on the access road (located behind Bill in the picture).

and I suppose for both days it was open. I bet they had well over a thousand enthusiasts. The bike show was excellent... I'll leave Bill D to reminisce over the bikes.... He probably owned similar vintage ones over the years....or maybe he still has many of them packed away in his garage... Nortons, Honda s, BMWs. Bill and I took off in different directions. From Martin's I headed north on Rt100 to Allentown Pa and home on I-78. I stopped at Cross Country BMW to check out our team and the club table at the

open house session. I also purchased a pair of vented riding pants for this summer. You can view my trip video including bike show exhibits on Youtube: <https://youtu.be/x0sZGSfrxZE> Overall, from my home in Middletown, I did 225 miles in about 8 hours.



Just one part of the layout of bikes at Martin Moto. I'm not sure how anyone made money here... except for the food vendors outside, admission was free but they did sell 50/50s.

Example of one of the beautifully restored bikes: 1982 Krauser MKM1000 4-valve MC. Krauser was known since the early 1970s for it hard cases and racks. But Mike Krauser went well beyond equipment... as a racer, he enhanced the performance of BMW machines. Based on R100 engine, transmission and front forks, he and his team improved performance and wrapped the bike in a unique fiberglass fairing. Priced at twice the R100 price, only 200 were manufactured. MKM stands for Michael Krauser Motorcycles. This one is #65 and is on loan from Bob Henig's collection (Bob's BMW, Maryland).

Highly Classifieds

For Sale: 1981 BMW R100RT. My 1981 R100RT for the last 24 years had treated me well. It has a number of upgrades including charging system, electronic ignition, starter, clutch replacement 11 yrs ago, but probably less than 3000 miles ago. It has always been serviced by a NJ airhead mechanic. Since I got newer bikes, I've used this one less and less.. Runs great... ~65000 miles. Asking \$3,200 .

Since it is registered as an antique motorcycle (with an classic car insurance company), the insurance is cheap (liability, collision)

Here's a short video walking around my bike:
<https://youtu.be/9wDHXJOKu3E> Contact Roger Trendowski at 732 306 6182 or rtrendowski@verizon.net **NEW LOWER PRICE!**

For sale : 2014 BMW R1200 GSA. Details -at <https://www.advrider.com/f/threads/bmw-r1200-gsa-2014.1756245/#post-51278257>

Kenton Seydell is offering **the bikes listed below.** He can be reached at locomotion18@yahoo.com or phone: 732-567-5582. Leave message if no answer. All items are located in Red Bank, NJ

- 1994 K75 C with ABS, 6K miles, with R90S bars, hand guards, touring seat and bags. Asking \$5000
- 1993 K1100RS with 34K , ABS and bags. Euro spec. \$4000
- 1987 K100 Cafe X-LT 80k miles, \$1000
- 1978 R100/7 with 100K has title, RT spec twin disk. \$3000
- 1994 Ural sidecar, rough body shape, \$2000
- DMC Side car R Twin shock subframe assembly \$500
- DMC K-Klassik subframe \$500
- Freedom Sidecar -. 800K-Klassik K Car rear tire and rim adapter to allow car tires to be used on bike.

David Cowgill in Clayton, Delaware is looking to sell 3 BMWs. His email is cowgill@udel.edu and his phone number is: 302.354,5926. Here are the bikes:

- 1) '74 R 90s : restored inside and out; This was the Classic Raffle Bike from Ted Moyer and the MOA a few years ago; has since had new Krauser Bags installed and the tank has been autographed by Hans Muth.
- 2) '79 R100T : well maintained
- 3) '12 R1200RT: well appointed and maintained.

For Sale: 2022 BMW R1250 GS Adventure (GSA), 40th Anniversary

This is essentially a "new" 40th Anniversary 2022 GS Adventure, Option 719, with all the factory options and farkles added. This GSA is ready to ride the country Today.

Contact Vince Gill (610) 704-7611

<https://marketplace.bmwmoa.org/classified/2022-r1250-gs-adventure-gsa-40th-anniversary-black-and-yellow-option-719-486-miles-listing-34611.aspx>

And Finally..

The end result of the Club presidents numerous trips to Home Depot on the GSA have finally been revealed to the general public.

Those who have viewed the bike in person cite the Norm Abram level carpentry, carefully brushed Miniwax "American Oak" stain, and hand carved "BMW" roundels. Those who have trailed the bike on recent rides do however report a high incidence of loose wood-screw induced flats.

No details yet as to whether the finish is bug resistant or holds up in severe downpours. The bike is expected to feature in PBS's "Antiques Roadshow" over the summer.

