

# THE NEW JERSEY SHORE BMW RIDERS Inc

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## March 2002 Issue



### From Our President...

On February 23 & 24th, Touch Of Class BMW had the Grand Opening of their new facility.

I rode with George Hickman and 10 other riders for the trip up the Pennsylvania side to Easton and across the river to Phillipsburg. The event was catered and the food was excellent. Many new bikes and accessories on display.

At our next meeting on 3/13/02, we will have Richard Frost of New Jersey Motorcycle Safety as our guest speaker. I urge your attendance. I understand Mr. Frost is an entertaining speaker.

I was successful in speaking with Frank Stevens of BMW North America. He would like to invite our club in May to their tech center for a tour of their facilities. More details on this exciting visit will be in your next newsletter!



Dennis Swanson checking out the Clarksburg Inn for camping and beer drinking facilities

We are trying to arrange our 3rd First Chance Rally at Clarksburg Inn. We need several volunteers to assist with this event. Using the Clarksburg Inn minimizes the work that the club will need to do to put on the rally, but we still must plan for some guided rides in the area, door prizes and perhaps field games! **Please step forward and offer to help – it is actually a lot of fun!**

*John Welch*

**MONTHLY MEETING – March 13<sup>th</sup>,  
7PM Schneider's Restaurant Avon NJ**

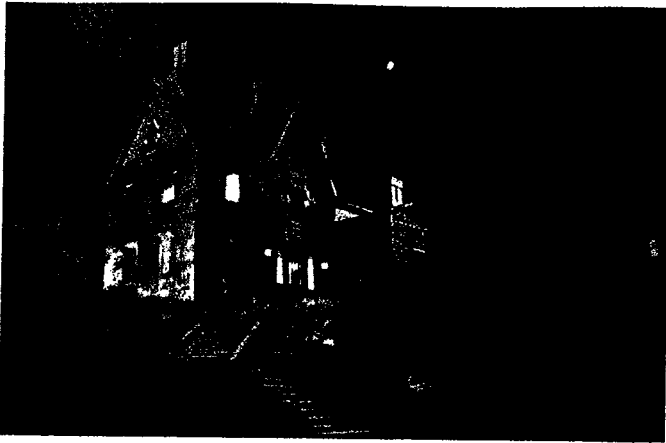
**TECH SESSION – Sun Cycle Rt 71  
Manaquan NJ – RaceTech Cartridge  
Emulator Installation by Don  
Eilenberger. March 20<sup>th</sup>, 7PM, club is  
buying pizza!**

### Winter Run to Florida, Feb. 19th-28th

Never having taken a long distance winter ride, I had some reservations when Skip Palmer asked if I was interested in a trip to Florida. Nevertheless, I decided to give it a try.

Skip and I met to plan the trip about a week before we left. Skip's a lot more detailed and organized than I am when it comes to these things and had a route pretty much planned.

Roughly speaking we would head south to Key west, head north along Florida's west coast, take a left to the Florida panhandle and then go north to Nashville and the East to NJ. It didn't work out that way.



### Skip returning from the resturant/bar

Next day the rain continued without stop. We watched the weather channel regularly to see when it would stop and as predicted, it did stop the next day. But we also realized that a cold front with rain, snow and sleet was coming west and south.

Prudent thought<sup>2</sup> suggested it might be better if we abandoned our plans to head west and north toward Nashville. So the next day we left Venice—a really beautiful fresh as springtime morning—and again crossed central Florida by a different route (I75 to Ocala and Rt.301 to the Georgia border.) This is a really nice area with rolling countryside, good old boys, fields and farms. We made Fayetteville, NC that evening a distance of 702 miles.

The weather was mostly in the 50's and 60,' but surprisingly it takes a lot out of you. I immediately headed for the motel hot shower to soak the cold out of my no longer warm and tender body. As with the trip down, the traffic seemed to move along at 90mph. all day and we didn't see anyone pulled over.

Next morning it was 28 degrees, my seat was frosted over and I had to pour hot water on my sidecase to free the lock. We left at 7AM and were home by 330PM.

Not much to report on the interstate race to stay ahead of the trucks except that it moved quickly and without obstruction by the troopers. As the little suction cups on my EZ Pass holder didn't seem to work well in the cold, I velcroed my it to the front of my bike and even though it was upside down it worked well.

So, it was a total of 2,892 miles. What did I learn? Knowing me, not much that will stick. Winter riding is a lot more difficult. Even if the temperature is 60 degrees, riding in it all day chills the body. Riding in the rain at 70 degrees is a lot different from riding in the rain at 40 degrees. The days are shorter and the mornings are always cold. Florida roads are flat and offer no challenge

beyond avoiding the retirees moving erratically and slowly down the road.

Long trips on a motorcycle in the winter are highly dependent on the weather.

Run into a snowstorm and you could be stuck in a motel for days. If I rode to Florida again, I would take a western route through the mountains and not do it in the winter.

Nevertheless, it was a good time and a good ride and Skip and I had more than a few laughs. We saw a lot of interesting things and some beautiful scenery. We made it back safely and there is a lot to say for that.

*R. D. Swanson*

## Message Board – REMINDER!

The club now has a Yahoo message board (group) – and many of our members with Email have already been subscribed. If you were subscribed, you have gotten email explaining it. If not – please contact me or visit the board itself!

The message board has allowed us to run a mailing list using Yahoo for club discussions, ride announcements and most anything else you can think of. Copies of our newsletter will be saved as PDF's in the file area. If you've been subscribed, please make use of it. If you'd like to be subscribed, visit the board at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/njsbmwr/> and request to join.

While electronic communications are unlikely to replace our paper newsletter – the message board will allow for rapid dissemination of info to people who are interested.

It has been used for organizing several impromptu rides so far!

Any questions – email me:  
[deilenberger@monmouth.com](mailto:deilenberger@monmouth.com)

*Don Eilenberger*



Queen Elizabeth reviewing the.. umm..

<sup>2</sup> The editor has no idea who Prudence Thought was, but hope that she can make a meeting sometime.

## Upcoming Rallies and Events!

### **NEPB 2002 – April 28th**

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual North-East Presidents Breakfast (of the Internet BMW Riders) will take place at the Clarksburg Inn again this year. You MUST pre-register with Don Eilenberger to attend!

More info on the NEPB – from club member Harold Gantz – this is becoming a premier overnight event!

**Date:** Saturday, April 27, 2002 - The night before NEPB 2002.

**Time:** Evening.

**What:** Guided tour of the Air Victory Museum at South Jersey Regional Airport.

**Then What:** Group dinner at the Avion Restaurant at the Flying W Resort and Airport.

**Then What After That:** Then go to bed until Sunday morning.

**Then:** For those staying at the Flying W motel, a group ride to NEPB 2002 at the Clarksburg Inn.

**Details:** Okay, bear with me here, this is still in the planning stages, although all that needs to be finalized are head counts and specific times.

The plan is to provide an evening of wonder and camaraderie prior to this year's NEPB. Although initially planned to accommodate out-of-towners requiring a place to sleep for the night, this is the perfect opportunity for a bunch of gear heads like us to inspect and learn about some WWII through Viet Nam era military aircraft and then enjoy a leisurely dinner, again in an aviation setting.

Most of my riding buddies and I spend some of our Sunday rides hanging around airplanes and airports so I bet some of you do, too.

The activities listed here may interest you. Even if you are reasonably local and don't need a place to stay for Saturday night, please join us for memorable evening and a good time

The plan (all times are not firm yet) is to meet at the Air Victory Museum located at the South Jersey Regional Airport at 68 Stacy Haines Road, Lumberton, NJ at around 6:00 PM (next to Medford on the map).

Mapquest can show you where this is. The museum also has a web page at <http://www.airvictorymuseum.org>.

Note - If you arrive early, and I recommend it, feel free to wander across the street and watch the Jersey Pine Barrens model aviation club fly their radio controlled airplanes and helicopters. They usually fly until dusk.

When we gather together at the museum we will receive a guided, narrated tour (our group only) of the exhibits on display inside, which includes an F104, F4 Phantom, F14 Tomcat, A4, F86 Sabre, A7, and a P80. Inside there are also many scale models, uniforms, engines and other exhibits. Outside we will view an E2B and an HH53 (note - the outdoor aircraft are sort of gutted). The donation for the museum tour is approximately \$4 and is expected to last an hour to an hour and a half.

At the conclusion of the museum tour, we will ride approximately two miles to another general aviation airport, the Flying W (not to be confused with the way Don Eilenberger dismounts from his motorcycle).

The Flying W Resort and Airport is located at 60 Fostertown Road, Medford, NJ and also at <http://www.flying-w.com>. This airport features the Avion restaurant and lounge. In addition, a 28 room motel is located on the airport grounds next to the restaurant. The airport motel is providing rooms for us at \$79.95 for a ground floor room and \$69.95 for a second floor room. Rooms include two double beds.

Dinner will start at approximately 8:00 PM. Dinners range from \$15 to \$25. Our dinner table will overlook the runway and transient ramp so we can watch any aircraft activity taking place during dinner. The restaurant is quite good and this promises to be a delicious dinner and a good time to catch up with old/new friends and discuss the upcoming rally season or how large an Eilenvector is. It is expected that many riders from the New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania BMW clubs will join us for the evening's festivities.

There will be a section of the parking lot set aside just for our bikes.

After dinner, we can hang out in the pilots lounge or retire to the bar and enjoy the rest of the evening. For those staying at the motel, you need only stagger a few yards to your room, no need to worry about drinking and driving. The motel phone number is:

Flying W Motel - 609-267-7673 -> identify yourself as a member of the "BMW Group".

The next morning is NEPB 2002. Starting at some time I haven't picked yet, I'll lead a ride for the motel-ers on mostly scenic Jersey back roads to the Clarksburg Inn.

There you have it. Mark your calendars. Plan to join us Saturday, April 27, NEPB 2002 Eve, for an evening of aeronautical wonder and BMW motorcycle camaraderie.

**Please RSVP to any of the following.** Even if you are on Don's NEPB list, you need to RSVP for Saturday night to one of the following:

Don Eilenberger - [deilenberger@monmouth.com](mailto:deilenberger@monmouth.com)  
Harold Gantz - [hgantz@magpage.com](mailto:hgantz@magpage.com)

**National Rally** and then back to Kingston. Then it's off to 1000 Islands and a ride along the St. Lawrence River past Montreal to Quebec. On the 14th two options are offered: the first south through Vermont and home, the second continues west along the St. Lawrence to distant parts of Canada.

The **July/August** ride to the **RA National** in New Mexico, starts on the 29<sup>th</sup> in Ontario Canada, heads up the north shore of Lake Huron and the Michigan Upper Peninsula to Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and Nebraska. Then it's off to Colorado to New Mexico and into Arizona to the Canyon Country. From there the ride heads to Utah's southern canyons, through the Rockies to Sturgis North Dakota, back through Montana, Wyoming to Colorado and eventually to the Red River RA Rally on the 15<sup>th</sup> of August. On the 18<sup>th</sup> of August the ride home through the Canadian Rockies starts.

**Tech Session – March 20<sup>th</sup>, 7PM**

The tech session this month will be held exactly ONE WEEK after our normal meeting. The location is Sun Cycle on Rt 71 in Manasquan NJ.

Topic will be installing Race-Tech Cartridge Emulators in a set of K bike forks (equally applicable to any non-paralever forks).

Time will be 7PM promptly – and if our 50/50 goes well at our meeting this week – the club will be buying pizza!

**Thank you letter from the Children's Specialized Hospital**

Bill Brown received the following letter:

Dear Bill,

On behalf of all the children and staff at Children's Specialized Hospital, please extend a huge thank you to all the people who participated in coming to the hospital on December 16<sup>th</sup>. We were blessed by each person's generosity with the individual gifts they brought.

Also, we cannot thank you enough for the donation of the computer for the children. I know it will be put to good use.

The support we received from your organization warmed the hearts of our staff, patients and families. We are very lucky to have people in our community who are so generous.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you and the BMW Bike Riders a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

Laurel Leithauser, Associate Director  
Peggy Bet-Cadigan, Volunteers Coordinator

**Editors note:** We sent copies of this letter to the New Sweden BMW Riders, the Skylands BMW Riders and the Fraternal Order of Police – all of whom helped with this event. We couldn't have done it without their help!

**Politically Incorrect Space Filler**

- Parking at amusement park: \$8
- Bungee jump: \$40
- Having your picture put up on the worldwide web after you shit yourself on the jump....  
**PRICELESS**

