

April 2004 NEW JERSEY SHORE BMW RIDERS Inc

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"Willy: A way out here, they got a name, for rain, and wind, and fire. The rain is Tess...the fire Joe...and they call the wind Maria!" – *Movie – Paint Your Wagon*

President's Message

March is the month that transitions us from winter to spring and the new riding season. Last weekend, seventeen bikes and nineteen riders finished the Polar Bear season with a ride to Cape May. This winter, the weather kept most of our bikes off the roads for almost two months. In spite of this, I was able to ride to about a dozen events with another half dozen days on the road by myself. During this "off season", I enjoyed over 6,500 miles of great riding. Coupled with last fall's RA Rally in Birmingham, my total was over 9,000 miles for the past six months. I want to encourage those of you who put your bikes away in the fall to consider joining us next winter.

The Rally Committee has set the First Chance Rally date for the weekend of June 11th, 12th & 13th. The rally will held at Crown Engineering in Farmingdale. At the April meeting, we will discuss and finalize details of the rally.

The April edition of "BMW ON" contains the ballots for new officers. John Ryan, one of our most active members, is running for Secretary of the MOA and deserves our support. Please take a moment to review the candidates' resumes and send your ballots in. John has recently completed a double "Iron Butt" ride from Jacksonville, FL to Eugene, OR (3,000 + miles) in under forty-eight hours. Then, for some unfathomable reason, he

turned around and went back to Jacksonville in less than forty-eight hours. Congratulations John!

Glen and Janet Martin will be our featured speakers at the April meeting. This winter, they toured Costa Rica and will share their photos and experiences with us. You do NOT want to miss this meeting.

Skip Palmer

Polar Bear Ride - March

Polar Bear Ride to Augusta...March 14...It's snowing heavily as I write this article. The weather on Sunday for the Polar Bear ride was cold and gray, but at least it was not snowing. Skip and I waited at the Jackson Wawa for a while after 9, but no one else showed, so we pushed off for Augusta in Sussex County with the hope that the sun would come out and the temperature would rise.

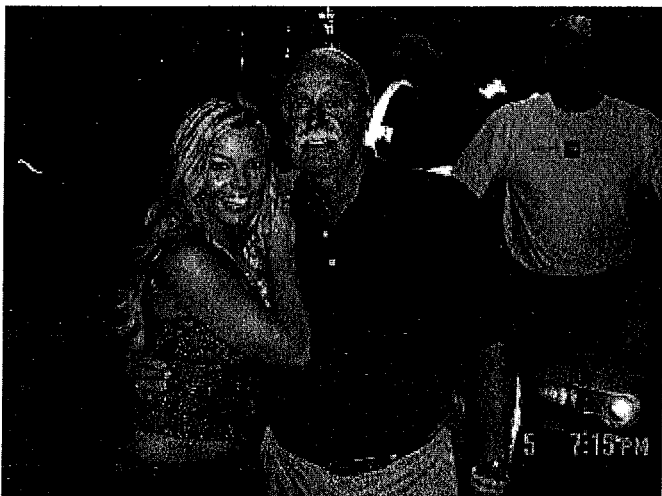
West on 195, then north on 29 to Frenchtown and then north on 519 almost to our destination, we encountered little traffic, one of the benefits of winter riding. Another plus is visibility. The foliage is long gone and you can see better around the curves, spot the hidden driveways, and view longer distances for the unexpected. The countryside is all brown and beige, but it won't be too much longer before it turns green.

Let's face it, you have to have winter to really appreciate warm weather and green vistas.

This was my first ride using a GPS. I was beginning to think the purchase was a mistake, but my thinking changed as I realized what this little device does. I really like setting a course and have an arrow pointing the way for me. And that's just a starter. I'm only beginning to figure out all the other features

to B.S. our way into a special parking area but the guards, by now, have heard every excuse there is, so across the street Dennis goes, but not before dropping me and Max off by the vendors....I'm no dummy. Max HAS TO visit the Honda Riders Club tent....free stuff....while I seek a drink. Max does score free tickets to the BMW dinner at 1800....FREE FOOD! It's 88F by 1400 and I'm cooking. I find a neat bike lift and buy it....I think Dennis is jealous and buys a new hat. Well, he IS retired after all. The FRS radios are put to good use keeping us together....we leave at 1700 for the dinner at the Hilton on the beach.

First Class! The ballroom at the Hilton is buzzing with promotional videos and yes, PLAYBOY PLAYMATES!



Do these guys know their market OR WHAT! The boys get photos with the girls while I feed my face on the fajitas....this new diet is rough! On to Main Street by 2000.

We have to park across the canal and walk over....ugh. The sound is deafening....we are jammed together like sardines along Main Street. It's an hour wait to cruise the main drag just once on a bike....THOUSANDS are waiting. We pass two bands at full volume but the bikes drown them out easily. Did I mention the sound? Haven't heard this much racket since Viet Nam....the rumble goes right to the bone.

Back to the car by 2130 and in bed by 2230....ahhhhh...my aching feet....It's been another good day.

More tomorrow after the races.
Pete Bartelli

Dateline: Friday PM

Racing, racing and more racing. We arrive at the track early, maybe too early at 0830. While Speedway Blvd has it's usual traffic jam, once into the track, everything runs smooth. We are parked at the Horseshoe on the infield and spot Don Gordon immediately. He's laid claim to a prime spot on the first viewing stand

(bleacher?)....we join him, afterall, he's been here more times than God, so he must know the place to be?!

The Supersport 600cc race has it's share of problems...lots of crashes and is red flagged with 3 restarts. The Hayden brothers put on quite a show. These bikes have a particular scream under full throttle....it raises goose bumps as they goes through the Horseshoe.

The Boxer Cup is next. Quite a change in sound from the 600's as they zoom by. I like this race concept. All the bikes are the same...stock, except maybe for an exhaust pipe. The race turns out to be very competitive. The Horseshoe follows a long sweeper and demands heavy braking....some boxers can't seem to brake enough and enter the 180 turn too fast for available lean angle. During the race, 6 bikes scrape the right head, lose traction at the rear and go down....all the riders are fine though. Forget the foreign advantage, an American wins.

AMA Superbike....the Daytona 200 race is thrilling. The speed, no, the SPEED, the sounds and NO crashes. Something to be said for experience I guess. Of the 38 entrants, 27 are riding the Suzuki GSX-R1000. Eric Bostrum is riding a factory Ducati 999 at the pole position having set a new track record during qualifying....over 119 mph average for the 3.56 course. Ben Brostrum, Mat Mladin, Muguel Duhamil, Yates and Zemke are the fastest riders and duke it out in some of the best racing I've seen in years. The Duc leads much of the way, but Mladin will not be denied and trades the lead with Eric several times....right up until the 999 blows it's engine. Watch the race on SpeedVision and find out what happens next.

We meet up with friends at the Ruby Tuesday for dinner taking nearly 40 minutes to go a few miles. Did I mention the traffic before?

Ahhhh, that sunburn lotion feels good as I repack for the trip home tomorrow. Hasta la vista Daytona....until next year.

Pete Bartelli

As promised – another viewpoint:

My son John ("JJ"), who is on spring break, and myself just returned from a father/son Spring Break. We flew down to Miami on Friday, and drove a rental cage up to Daytona. It was my first chance to attend BikeWeek, and I wasn't going to pass up the opportunity, even for a limited time. We rented a beachfront hotel room, and immediately walked up Atlantic Ave. to the Main Street "scene". Lotsa leather & life-saving thunder, with a few glimmers of female flesh. Then we walked over the Main St. bridge to Daytona BMW, bought a event shirt, chatted with the folks manning the MOA booth, then walked down Beach St. to the Memorial Bridge, and back to our hotel. JJ was fascinated with the concept of cars & thongs on the beach. So was his dad.

they were all out riding. Then we were off to the racetrack, which is my favorite place. Here you find the BMW trailers, the demo rides, all the displays and motorcycles of the major and minor marques, the vendors with something you might buy, foods, beverages, and rather normal people.

Intelligence at the BMW tent told us that the planned dealership in Bricktown is not to be. Picking up free tickets from BMW, we drove over to the beach and the Hilton for the reception for the Boxer Cup racers. They provided a nice buffet and had Playboy's 50th Anniversary Playmate on hand. A quite beautiful and gracious lady, she sought me out for a photo. I accepted her proposal without hesitation. They also had the new R1200 GS in the middle of the floor. I sat on it and resolved not to buy one. They also said it would not be at the dealers until April. I guess I can wait. The night was not over for us. We wanted we walk Main Street to see all the sights. It was so jammed you could hardly walk as everyone was looking to be seen and looking to see. There were only a few outrageous get-ups. Most were in the standard leather costumes. The nearly naked girls danced in their cages, the bikers raced their engines, the police issued summonses, the bars charged too much, and the traffic barely moved. It's fun to see, but a relief to get out of there after an hour or two.

Last day was spent at the track. It's amazing for me to see and hear these motorcycles at speeds of 150 to 190 mph roar down the track, inches apart, decelerating into curves and accelerating out again. Make no mistake; these guys are rider's riders. They are aggressive and fearless! It's bone chilling to see a gaggle come into a curve and see three of them crash! And then they get up and walk away! Well, some do end up in the ambulance. It's amazing to see one go down at high speed only to get up, right his motorcycle, restart it and continue the race. Hats off to these guys! There were three races; the Supersport 600cc, the Boxer Cup and the Daytona Superbike 200. It was hard for me to focus my attention on them after a while, because you really have to rely on the PA system to know who is in the lead. And then, not being a race fan, I didn't know the personalities involved. I would recommend, nevertheless, a day at the races to absorb all that's exciting about motorcycling as a sport and "a way of life." Dinner was at Ruby Tuesdays. A few cold beers and some new acquaintances made a nice ending to a super day.

Next day it was back to the airport and home. It's a good way to "do" Daytona!

Footnote: Forgot to mention that Duane Kerzik was there, having ridden in on his faithful 650. Duane stayed with us on Sat. night when he was unable to find a vacancy anywhere else. He was also at the dinner in DeLand. Duane left for Birmingham on Sunday morning.

Dennis Swanson



Our last meeting – and our speaker from Cross Country

John Ryan Finishes 50CC and Bun-Burner Gold

From a March 15th email from John:

I'm back in Jacksonville after completing a 50 CC, which was easy after the Bun Burner Gold 3000.

The 50 CC was done in 46 hours, 21 minutes, with about nine hours of sleep, and two hours sitting around in west Texas after running out of gas, even with the fuel cell. Should have refilled in Ft. Stockton, but the reserve light wasn't even on yet. Next gas in the middle of the night is Ozona (sp?), which is nearly 100 miles down the road.

The Bun Burner Gold 3000 was 3139 miles in 47 hours 57 minutes. A guy named Dick Peak did one on the way into Daytona, and I think he was the 48th to complete it. I guess I'm number 49. Twenty six of those were done together on a group ride, by taking three laps around Nevada. Sounds like cheating to me. Not sure, but only a few people have done it alone, most take a partner.

John Ryan

Which inspired club muse Viagra Tom Spader:

Ode to Bike John

I once knew a biker named John Ryan
Whose Iron Horse began ah-cry'n
for a coast to coast to coast . .
Boast.

So everything went well
until his seeds began to swell
then it was John Ryan do'n the cry'n.

As he bounced down the road,
looking tired and drawn,
He thought 'For a plate frame this'
and a miss for a Miss?

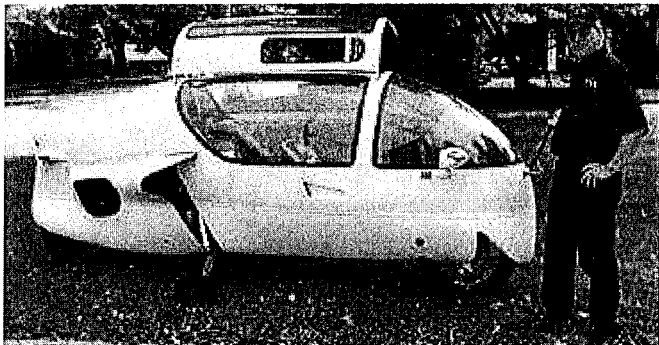
Not one to ignore the benefit of seeds
'ol JR succumbed to his primary needs.
He ditched the bike and jumped up and down
Till a smile replaced his frown,
And trousers returned to normal.

*Submitted with admiration for John's accomplishment --
Biker Tom*

NEPB is one of the premiere BMW enthusiast's gatherings in the northeast and the New Jersey Shore BMW Riders club is under represented. How can that be? Hey, if Junji Yoshida can come all the way from Tokyo, Japan to the Flying W for brunch, what's keeping you?

If Dan Whitfield can ride his Ecomobile from York, Pa, and spend the entire weekend in our back yard, why can't you at least show up for brunch?

That's right, the Ecomobile will be making an appearance at the Flea Market and at the Flying W.



www.ecomobile.com

The Ecomobile was at Charleston WV for the MOA rally and if you missed it there you've got to see it at NEPB. Send me an email and tell me if you're coming for dinner, brunch, or both.

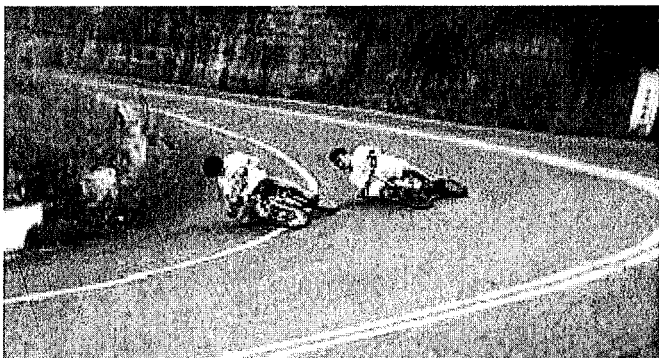
Or sit home and play gin rummy with those Skylands guys.

Harold hgantz@magpage.com

Editor's Note: There will be TWO Ecomobiles at NEPB, and one will be taking people out for rides. The Flying W has also agreed to close off the runway for some speed runs of the Ecomobile!

Strange But True

Glenn Martin, Internet Reporter



"We don't need no stinkin' knee pucks"

R1200RT Will be Next Home for Latest BMW Boxer Engine

By Dirck Edge, Motorcycle Daily

The thoroughly re-engineered Boxer engine revealed in the new R1200GS is destined for other BMW models, of course, and the sport tourer R1200RT appears to be the next recipient.

Take a look at our article dated January 15, 2004 for details regarding this all-new Boxer engine from BMW. Expect to see the new R1200RT revealed at the Fall motorcycle shows.

Job offering: Motorcycle Technical Writer

Location: Woodcliff Lake, NJ 07677, US

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APRIL RIDES & EVENTS

Wednesday Apr. 14th Club Meeting 7 PM @
Schneider's Restaurant

Saturday Apr. 24th North East Presidents Breakfast
Weekend Flying W Airport in Medford, NJ and Cherry Hill BMW Open House and New Sweden Flea Market

Sunday Apr. 25th Ride to NEP Breakfast 8 AM @
Jackson Wawa and **Shad Festival @ Lambertville Ride**
will continue after NEP Breakfast

Weekend Apr. 30th Georgia Mountain Rally



Final Polar Bear - Cape May NJ