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"Excess on occasion is exhilarating. It prevents moderation from acquiring the deadening effect of a habit." W. Somerset Maugham (1874 - 1965)

President's Message

The holidays are finally over and I hope you all had safe and happy holidays. We had some excellent cycling weather on January 1st and 2nd and I hope you took advantage of it.

Skip Palmer did a super job as our president this past year and I know we all appreciate his hard work and leadership. The great thing about our club is that everyone pitches in to help. That is no exception with Skip and others who volunteered last year, and are now offering to serve the club in different ways this coming year. Thanks to all who led events and chaired committees in 2004.

I would like to congratulate our other elected officers and appointees for 2005. They are: Dan Thompson - Vice President, Carl Cangelosi, Secretary/Treasurer, Don Eilenberger Newsletter Editor and Trustee, John Welch - Membership and Trustee. As you'll see in forthcoming articles and schedules, several other members have already stepped up to planning and running our other club committees and events.

We have a head start on a number of things as a result of the special club planning meeting held last month. As shown in newsletter articles in this issue, we have proposed new club events and dates for picnic, club rally, etc. We also have updated the Yahoo group calendar with club and non-club events including Polar Bear Rides, major national and regional rallies. With our co-road captains, Skip Palmer and John Malaska, I know we will have many interesting local and not-so-local weekend rides.



I hope to continue joint activities and coordination this Skylands and New Sweden clubs. It worked well last year and the camaraderie really adds to the enjoyment of the sport. I also would like to further improve our on-line communications channels to insure everyone knows the latest details of an event as well as who is leading it.

Thanks to all who suggested new activities for this coming year and to those who volunteered to run them.

Roger Trendowski

Year's End Christmas/Hanukah Party.... December 5, 2004

Dennis Swanson

The party was held at Rooney's Crab House in Long Branch. We had about 75 to 80 members in attendance at this nice restaurant on the boardwalk with delightful ocean views. The food and drinks were good and the company in a festive mood. Much to the delight of our wives and girlfriends the conversation revolved around the topic of motorcycles.



Bev and Johan, and incoming President Roger

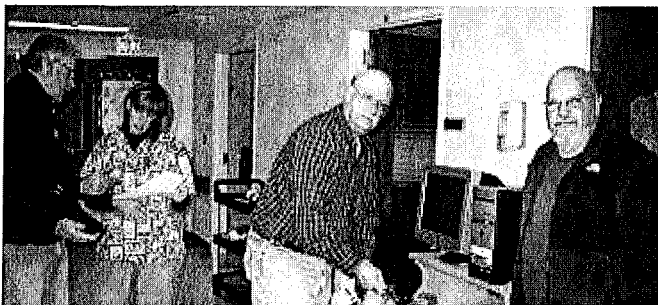
Toy Run Babblings from Biker Tom

Dr. Tom Spader

So . . . a day (December 6th) after the Holiday Party at Rooney's Crab House which featured December weather in the sunny 60's, Club Pres Skip, Pres elect Roger, newsletter publisher and Toy Run Committee Chair Art Goldberg and I kicked off the Christmas gift giving season. On the dreariest mid-afternoon of the year to date weather wise, we caged our way to the Children's Specialized Hospital off Stevens Road in Tom's River bearing holidays gifts for the kiddies.

We met with Laurie Leithauer, associate director of recreation therapy who hosted our visit, provided a brief tour of the facility and smiled the entire time.

Skip's SUV was literally filled to the rain gutters with games, videos, CDs and other items that today's youth enjoy. Roger's van was stuffed with a new computer, speakers, printer, software, a half eaten salad and a digital camera for use by patients and staff.



While Laurie and Skip handled the paperwork, retired engineer Santa Roger and Managing Elf Artie quickly assembled the electronics and gave demonstrations using the NASCAR On-Track Driving Experience software. None of the club participants who tried it were able to keep the race cars off the wall . . . so tire screeching and car crashing sounds filled the hallways of the hospital.... much to the delight of several patients and staff that gathered to watch the 'pros'.



Okay, you can be Earnhardt

Roger custom made 'wallpaper' for the computer screen that consists of logos from the three contributing clubs and featured a group shot of 100 attendees from last year's Rumble on the Mountain, won by

NJSBMW. Many thanks to Skylands and New Sweden club members for again being a part of this year's charitable event. I wish everyone could have been there to hear the chuckles, laughter and see the grins, smiles and happy faces of the recipients. I know that I'll remember this 'ride' for a long time as it was rewarding in another way.

Dec. 12th AMA Polar Bear Ride to Schock's Harley Davidson, Snyder'sville, PA, aka Yesterday's Ride..

John Malaska, Boy Reporter

... was a lot of fun, especially after not riding the K75RT for two weeks. Skip & Mike spiritedly (<<< EDLY.. get it?) led us north up 579, which is one of the nicest m/c roads in New Jersey. Then I-78 & the chaos at the toll plaza into Pennsy, then Rt.33 north thru Wind Gap.

After the Skylanders finally arrived at Schocks' (nice dealership), Alex & I left the group to head down to my mom's in Hackettstown for lunch. Rode I-80 down through the "Gap" which, although I found most impressive as a geological feature in my youth in Warren Co., pales in comparison to, say, the Virgin River Gap on I-15 between Nevada & Arizona. (Just an observation.)

Left I-80 for old Rt.46 along the river. Alex was interested in sampling several of Leo's hot dogs in H'town, but sadly Leo's is closed on Sunday. So we opted for #2, Hot Dog Johnny's, along the Pequest in Butzville. Mobbed! Talked to many families, who consider getting a HDJ tubesteak (or 3, as Alex and I insisted) part of the "getting the Christmas tree" tradition. OMYMY! Things certainly have changed in Warren County.

Back on Rt. 46 east, which, between Butzville & Great Meadows, has some very fast, sparsely traveled, well-paved sweepers, paralleling the Pequest. After chatting with Mom, its south on 517 through Long Valley to Oldwick (another great m/c road, especially descending down to Oldwick.) Then, onto I-78, I-287 (avoiding a trooper in the median past Rt.22), from where Alex departs on Easton Ave.

For me, down to the GSP. Home at 3:30 in time to watch the Jets tenaciously battle (and ultimately lose to) the Steelers.

The Rest of the December 12th Ride's Story..

Skip Palmer

The ride to the Wawa was a cool 41 degrees, and overcast, but the opportunity to ride was all I was concerned about. The cast of characters included: Matt

8. \$558.62 was dedicated for the purchase of switches and games that are specifically designed for the children's special needs.

Thank you again. Please know that the children enjoyed a better holiday season because of your generosity.

Sincerely,
Skip Palmer
President, New Jersey Shore BMW Riders, Inc.

Chili-Chili Not So Chilly...Jan.1, 2005

Dennis Swanson, Cub Reporter, photos by Babbling Tom

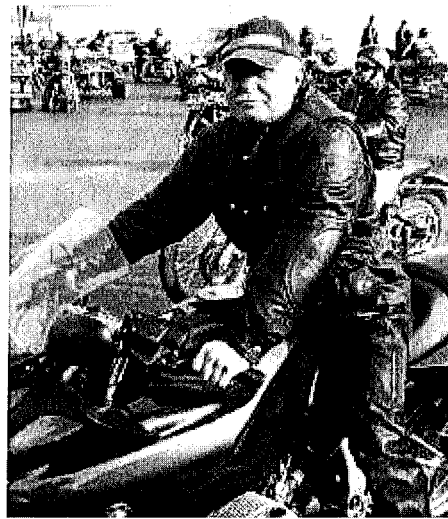
Prez. Roger was waiting when we arrived at the Cheesequake Rest Area on the GSP. This was his inaugural ride as new Grand Pooba of the Jersey Shore Riders and he wanted it to be memorable; I think.



Dave Mason, just in from Alaska wonders exactly WHERE the cold is..

In any event, the nine riders and one passenger were Dr. Tom Spader, Bobby Truex, Alex Edey, John Malaska, Joe and Betty Christie, John Welch, Dave Mason, Roger and myself. Roger led us north up the GSP to routes 78 and 80 and assorted side roads to Ogdensburg. The roads were wet and salt covered and made a mess of motorcycle, helmet and apparel. We arrived at the firehouse for this benefit event and were waved into the lot and surrounded by Harleys and Harley riders.

There was no escape. We had no choice. We had to dismount and take part in the event. Interesting it was to be surrounded by all the beautiful Harley babes and their significant others smoking cigarettes and drinking beer at ten in the morning. Well, only a few were drinking beer, but it was unusual.



The ritual was to look around, kick some tires and go into the firehouse, and pay your twenty bucks for some chili. This was for a good cause and judging by the numbers brought out on this balmy day (the temp would go as high as sixty-

seven degrees) the benefit would be a big success. We looked around for some familiar faces and were rewarded by the sight of Glen Larson rolling in on his new R1200GS.

Later on, Max Monaco, Matt Fretag and Bruce Kenney of the Skylands Riders made an appearance, but Max was unusually silent because Shore Riders had again topped their numbers by a significant amount.



You put your right foot in..

Perhaps we should start takeover moves again. If they can't get riders, it might help them out.



Professor Bobby advises Betty and Joe Christy

Strange but True

Glenn Martin, Internet Reporter

BMW to run in MotoGP?

from Autosport.com

Famous Formula 1 designer could help BMW in MotoGP. Mauro Forghieri formed a title-winning partnership with Enzo Ferrari.

Famed former Ferrari Formula 1 designer Mauro Forghieri could become the latest technical figure to switch his attention to the increasingly popular MotoGP series, with speculation suggesting he could be behind a bid by BMW to enter the category.

Forghieri currently works for an Italian engine specialist company, Oral Engineering, and the business is being linked with the rumored bid by BMW for an entry to MotoGP perhaps as early as the start of 2006.

A report in British newspaper Motor Cycle News on Wednesday claimed that the BMW MotoGP bike could be ready to test as early as February " with veteran racer Jeremy McWilliams being linked with a testing role.

Should the BMW project become reality, then Forghieri would not be the first F1 technical figure to make the switch to two wheels. Alan Jenkins has worked for Ducati, designing the Desmosedici MotoGP bike, while John Barnard was technical director for the Kenny Roberts MotoGP outfit.

Forghieri shot to fame in the 1960's when Enzo Ferrari put him in charge of designing the team's car and engine following a walkout of personnel. Under his guidance Ferrari won the drivers' title four times with John Surtees in 1964, Niki Lauda in 1975 and 1977 and Jody Scheckter in 1979.

He left Ferrari in 1987 to join Lamborghini and, after a brief spell at the short-lived Modena team, he joined Bugatti before taking up his position with Oral Engineering at the end of 1994.

Tomb Raider Jolie buys own MV

<http://www.motorcyclenews.com>

Screen siren Angelina Jolie is now the proud owner of an MV Agusta Brutale. And unlike so many celebs - she's bought and paid for it herself - the whole £10,500.

Jolie, who lives in the UK, appears on an MV Agusta F4 SPR Senna in the film *Gone in 60 Seconds*. And as the star of *Tomb Raider* she rode a modified CCM 644. Now she's got a bike of her own - in real life.

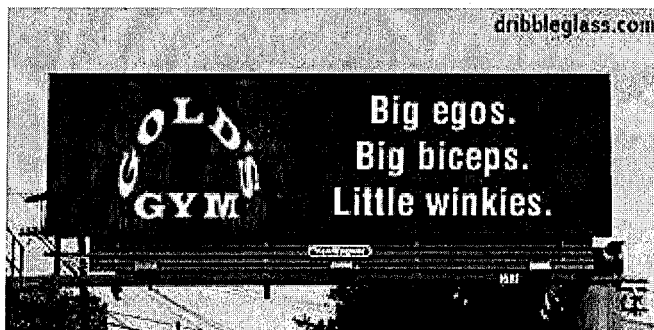
Stunt rider Ray De-Haan has been given her training in both the physical aspects of riding, and in how to look the part as an experienced rider.

"I picked it out for her because it's easy to ride, has a low seat height, short wheelbase, is easy to manoeuvre and is good in traffic," said De-Haan.

Explaining his training, he added: "As well as all the usual rider training, I teach the 'not-talked-about-stuff', such as the pressure you are under when another rider pulls up alongside you at the traffic lights"

Angelina is planning more training before hitting the road on her new Brutale. She's clearly keen on bikes and bikesport and plans to attend some race meets next year.

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