

October 2005 NEW JERSEY SHORE BMW RIDERS Inc

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"Too late, I found you can't wait to become perfect, you got to go out and fall down and get up again with everybody else."
Ray Bradbury, *Something Wicked This Way Comes*

Angela: When I was little I, like, worshipped Halloween. And truthfully, part of me still does. 'Cause it's your one chance all year to be someone else. My So Called Life – TV series.

President's Message

I would like to extend a thank you to the club members who participated in the September 17th Methaney School Ride in Peapack/Gladstone. Our club, along with the Skylands club made a wonderful turnout to greet the disabled kids and by giving them a ride on the sidecars and trike. A special thanks from our club to the members who gave the kids a ride around the parking lot and to those who helped the kids get in and out of the sidecars. To Joe and Betty Christy, thank you for setting it up.

There was a lot going on this past month and much more planned for October and November. The big trip over October 6-10 is (was) the RA National Rally in Shelbyville, TN. Judging from the hands-up response at our last meeting, it appeared that 1/3 of our membership was planning to go. Hope the weather is better than last year. We wait with anticipation for the trip reports at our October 12th club meeting.

There have been a number of planned and unplanned rides since last month. Sometimes the spontaneous ones are the most adventurous. We look to our ride co-chairs, Skip Palmer and John Malaska for more, more, more.

Dennis Swanson has been keeping us up-to-date on

the tri-club rumble challenge. Rumble may be a misnomer. For new members who have not heard of the event, it is really a challenge to see which club can muster the most members. Its proposed that we meet at Don Gordon's (Skylands President) hangar at Sky Manor Airport, Pittstown, NJ at 1100 Hrs. on Sunday October 16, 2005. Coffee and donuts would be served, the numbers tallied, pictures taken, etc. Dennis will detail the latest plans at our 12th meeting. So, LETS GET READY TO RUMBLE, on 10/16.

Club dues are due. All members are set for 11/01 renewal. Bring \$20 check or cash to the meeting with the renewal membership form. We would like to have everyone fill out the form again to update your address, email, telephone and bike info. If you cant make it to the meeting, send your check to Carl Cangelosi, JSBMWR Treasurer, 20 Beechtree Lane, Plainsboro, NJ 08536. The dues are \$20, same as in 2005.

Finally, Club elections are upon us again, thank goodness. Anyone who would like to take over the helm, or wants to nominate someone (with their concurrence, of course), tell one of the club executive committee before the next meeting. We need a slate of nominees before then. Changing the officers is beneficial from several perspectives: 1) no one wears out, 2) change in approach to running the club, 3) new blood new ideas, and 4) share the power¹, share the pain. As Martha S. says, Its a good thing.

See you at the next meeting, 7pm, October 12th at Schneiders in Avon, NJ. – Roger Trendowski

¹What power? I didnt know there was any power!



Betty and Joe prepare Jason for a sidecar ride

The kids patiently awaited their turn for a sidecar ride, more patiently than the average kid would.



A real face of joy!



If the opportunity presents itself to join in the next ride – do it. Don't question it, don't worry about being uncomfortable – just do it. You'll get hooked just like the rest of us are.

"Big Rumble" Set for Oct. 16

Dennis Swanson – Cub Reporter and Instigator

It's that time again. How swiftly does time fly. You ask, "What time? And I answer that it is the time to again prove that the Shore Riders are the best BMW Riders in NJ. You ask, How do we do that"? And I answer that you show yourself in all your riding finery atop your shiny mount at Sky Manor Airport on the 16th.

Skylands Riders will supply coffee and donuts at around 11AM. If you want to eat breakfast there, you are advised to arrive by 9Am at the latest, since the restaurant there is not large enough to handle a big crowd. After checking numbers, throwing water balloons and taking photos, the three or four clubs will ride to Alpha for field events. And that's the other thing you can do. You can practice slow riding, eating a hot-dog while riding or some other silly exercise which will prove your riding ability.

This event got started a few years ago when Max Monaco, then Skylands president, challenged me, then Shore Riders president, and George Hickman, then New Sweden president, to meet at Van Sant Airport for a "rumble." It was great fun.

I really don't remember which club turned out the most members, but it was a "good show!" We did it again at Sky Manor and then again last year at the American Grill outside Easton. I guess that this makes it the fourth year.

It's good to see our fellow BMW riders from around the



The fee for the rally was \$60, but it not only included the fee for the cabin or camping – it also included 4 full meals, two dinners and two breakfasts. Food was good and plentiful. Not gourmet food – but good food for a rally.



Al and George

Besides the cabins – the rally site had an exceptional camping area. The camping area was adjacent to a cabin dedicated for their use (for sanitary needs and in case someone decided camping wasn't such a good idea.)



Camping Area at Dawn

Saturday some of us took advantage of some route sheets the rally organizers had made up and took a nice 100+ mile trip through the Poconos. We found roads that would rival Deals Gap for twisties – without the traffic that Deals Gap has.

Dinner Saturday night was followed by awards and door-prizes – lots of door-prizes. George was the big winner for the club.

The rally was a test for the Black-Diamond Beemers. They weren't sure they could pull it off, and the owner of the camp wasn't sure if they'd like having motorcyclists for guests (think – loud pipes..) The rally went so well that it was a success – with over 200 people in attendance, and the camp owner loved the group and invited them back.



Sunset on the lake

combination of weight, space requirements, efficiency and service life in this performance class.

Engine

The engine is also a completely new design. It was developed in cooperation with Bombardier-Rotax GmbH. It is manufactured in the Austrian Rotax plant and is delivered to the Berlin production line ready-for-assembly.

The first two-cylinder inline engine in the history of BMW Motorcycles features a four-valve design. High 12:1 compression and a combustion chamber designed similarly to the one used in the new K-engine ensure effective and low-emission combustion, as well as efficient fuel consumption which will be considerably lower than that of the competition.

Mass compensation for the crankshaft balances unwanted vibrations without foregoing the vigorous characteristics associated with two-cylinder engines. The compact engine unit with integrated 6-speed gearbox has been designed for balanced power delivery and uncomplicated riding pleasure. A peak output exceeding 80 bhp with respective torque will also satisfy a sports-rider's needs.

The new BMW F 800 S will be presented to the international press and then the public for the first time at the EICMA Motor Show in Milan on 15 November 2005. The price has not yet been set.

Filler – tasteless? It depends..



Mr. Bates? calling Mr. Norman Bates.....

Twenty years with mother's corpse

*By Omar Farooq
BBC News, Hyderabad*

A man in southern India preserved the corpse of his mother at home for 20 years until his death last week.

Syed Abdul Gafoor, a teacher, had the body of his mother, Rahmat Bi, embalmed on her death in their home in the state of Andhra Pradesh in 1985.

He then kept the body in the family home in Kadappa district, until his death after a long illness on Saturday.

Neighbors say Mr Gafoor, was intensely attached to his mother, refusing to bury her according to Muslim customs.

The family has now buried the bodies of mother and son in a local graveyard.

'Eccentric'

After his mother's death, Mr Gafoor, a professor of English, took the body to the southern city of Madras (Chennai) in neighbouring Tamil Nadu state and got doctors there to embalm it with chemicals.

He was so eccentric that he would let anybody to even look at the glass casket in which the body was kept

Mr Gafoor returned home and kept his mother's embalmed body in a glass case in a room in the family home in Siddavata village, some 450km from the state capital, Hyderabad.

"In the large ancestral home, he lived in one room and the body was kept in another one. He had made it clear to us that the body should be buried only after his death," said Syed Noor, a nephew of Mr Gafoor.

"He was so eccentric that he would not allow anybody to even look at the glass casket in which the body was kept."

A local resident said neighbors were unhappy with what Mr Gafoor did.

"There were several protests. But he remained adamant that the body would remain with him till his last breath," said local revenue officer M Prabhakar Reddy.

Neighbors say that Mr Gafoor divorced his wife six months after their wedding after she had a fight with her mother-in-law.

Villagers said Mr Gafoor would continue to "consult" his mother after she died.

"Before doing anything important, he would write 'yes' or 'no' on two pieces of paper. Then sitting near the embalmed body, he would draw lots and decide," said Syed Noor.

Neighbors said that Mr Gafoor was a "highly respected man of letters".

He had picked up degrees in English literature from Cambridge and Madras universities. He was head of the department at a college in Tamil Nadu when he took voluntary retirement in 1987 so that he would not have to spend so much time away from his mother's body.