

November 2005 NEW JERSEY SHORE BMW RIDERS Inc

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If you live life right, death is a joke as far as fear is concerned.
Will Rogers

President's Message

It's the election time of year – and our club candidates are not presenting the negative message that the candidates for state and local government offices are. Our candidates project a positive plan for our upcoming year and hope that all club members will join them in helping the club to grow in 2006!

Club dues are due. All members are set for 11/01 renewal. Bring \$20 check or cash to the meeting with the enclosed 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 can't make it to the meeting, send your check to Carl Cangelosi, JSBMWR Treasurer, 20 Beechtree Lane, Plainsboro, NJ 08536.

Our election will be held at our November 9th meeting – please try to attend. You must have your dues paid for 2006 to vote. If there is anyone besides the two candidates selected by the Executive Committee who you would like to nominate – you may do so the night of the election.

It was with sincere regret that I heard of the passing of Max Monaco today – he was a member of our club, a past-president of Skylands BMW Riders and a good friend to all who knew him.

See you at the next meeting, 7pm, October 12th at Schneider's in Avon, NJ.

Roger Trendowski

Max Monaco – RIP, Nov. 2nd, 2005

Dennis Swanson

It was a privilege for me to know Max Monaco. He was a good friend. I didn't know him all that long, but we hit it off right from the beginning. I'll dearly miss picking up the phone to hear Max say, "Hey RD, what's going on"? Then we would exchange the news about BMW riders, motorcycles, events and anything else that came to mind. I first met Max out at the national rally in Oregon a few years ago. Later that year when someone dropped out of the planned Edelweiss trip to Austria, he asked me if I would like to go. I did and I got to know him even better. Last year we traveled out to the national rally in Washington and had a great time losing each other on an almost daily basis. We talked in the last few weeks about putting a motorcycle trip to Italy together next year. Max knew he had a battle to face, but he faced it and told me when he was better we would make the trip.

Max was a catalyst for BMW riders in NJ. He was the originator of the "Big Rumble." He was constantly putting rides and trips together. He always had ideas for some event or affair. Sometimes he rubbed people the wrong way, but if you knew Max, you knew it was just his way to get things moving, to start discussion, to resolve issues and get things done.

The last time I saw Max was at the "Big Rumble" just a few weeks ago. He couldn't ride or drive, but he was there. He called me later that evening to tell me how moved he was by all the riders who sought him out, asked how he was doing, expressed concern and wished him well. I talked to him on the phone a few times after that. He didn't complain and he remained positive. I thought I would see him again, but life takes its twists and turns and it wouldn't happen. I wish I

sun! Mike peeled off outside Philadelphia, and Skip and I were home at about three. Despite the bad weather, it was a great trip. Perhaps two thousand miles in four days is a bit much, but if you never test yourself, how do you know what you can do? It's also sort of like hitting yourself in the head with a hammer because it feels so good when you stop.

Next year's RA Rally is in Idaho in early July. After two years of rallies in the rain, this is probably a good idea.

Report from Dave Mason

Dave Mason

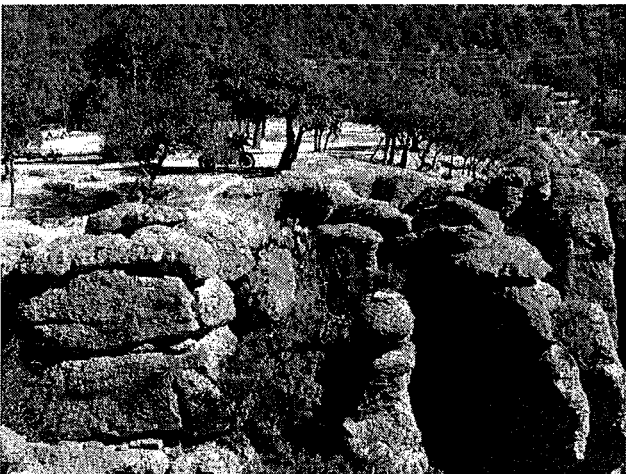
Hola

I currently be out of the country. I are in Creel, Mexico, at the mouth of Copper Canyon. I will send or bring (*dues/registration form*) when I get back.

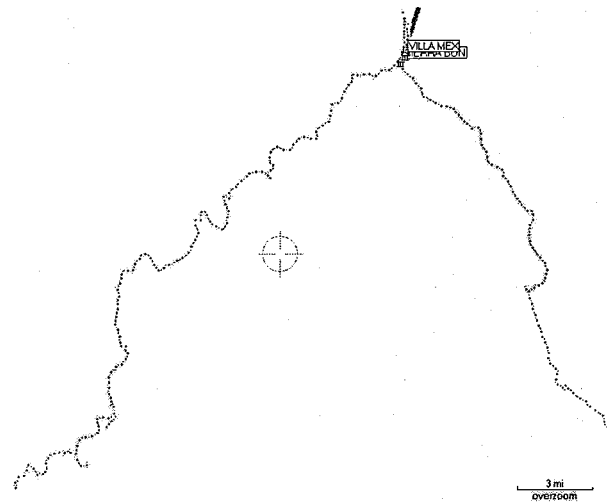
This is a great place! Today I took the road less traveled. It is less traveled because it is not as winding as the road I took yesterday. I am trying to include some pictures. I am on a slow wireless in a Mexican campground.



One of the canyons



Parked in the Shade



Short straight road on the map



Short straight road in real life

November Rides and Events

Skip Palmer

Nov. 9th Monthly meeting 7 PM @ Schneider's
Nov. 11th ~ 13th Waterfowl Festival, Easton, MD

Rumble doesn't stumble, October 16th

Dennis Swanson

This year's "Big Rumble" was an unqualified success! BMW riders from around the state converged on Prez. Don Gordon's hanger at Sky Manor Airport when they heard about free coffee and donuts. You know the quip, "The only thing cheap about a BMW motorcycle is the rider." Just kidding, but it was either the freebies, the nice weather after eight days of rain, the sense of adventure or as in the case of Shore Riders, a response to a challenge that brought out the big crowd. Whatever it was, it was a good time. Many thanks to Don Gordon and the Skylands Riders for hosting the event.



Field Events

We left shortly after the events and the group diminished as different riders had different plans. Jim, Grant, Nancy and I had a late lunch at the Stockton Inn. It was good, but a bit on the expensive side. From there it was home for a nap and the football games.

Truly, it was a memorable fourth annual rumble.

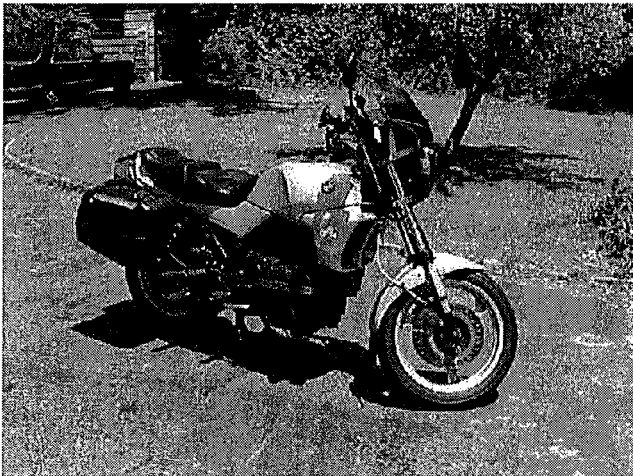
Perhaps next year we can host the event. Capt. Don said something about having everyone to his house where Eileen could cook up bacon and eggs on request.

Candidates Selected!

At our October meeting the nominating committee presented a list of candidates for next year's officers. They are as follows: Prez., Dan Thompson; V.Prez., Tom "The Doctor" Spader; and Carl Cangelosi for Sec.-Treas. Elections will be held at the next meeting. Dues must be paid in order to be eligible to vote. Additional candidates may be nominated at the meeting.

For Sale by Members:

For Sale 1995 K75 C with lots of goodies for sale. Bike has ABS & heated grips, adjustable suspension, tall windshield and custom made leg protectors for winter riding. 27 k miles. Meticulously cared for, never down. \$4200



First Polar Bear, October 30th

Dennis Swanson

The temp was 39 at 6:30 and 44 at 8:30 and predicted to rise to 65 later in the day. At this time of the year and with our current record rainfalls in mind, I suited up and headed for "Our Wawa" to meet with the multitude of Shore Riders I knew would have the same idea. Wrong on that one, I found four waiting to head for Cape May. John led us out and south on 539. It's a familiar route through the pineys, Chatsworth, cranberry bogs and Green Bank. Riding weather was perfect. Only later would it become quite windy.

Somewhere south of Green Bank we came up behind a group of about 50 Harleys doing a slow cruise south. We followed them for a few miles before I became impatient with the slow pace. Think of it. I became absolutely obsessed with the idea of passing all 50 in one magnificent burst of K1200S speed. Like a tiger waiting to pounce on its prey, I looked for that ideal stretch of road where it could be done. My opportunity came! I gave the "K" full throttle and it leaped like a tiger. Much like the tiger's prey, they never saw it coming. The "K" and I flew past them faster than a cheetah. They were like a blur. What fun! I couldn't stop. On and on I went, passing everything on the road and before I knew it I was at the polar bear sign-in.

It was the usual scene with rows of motorcycles parked along the streets. There were a few BMW's, but no group parked together. I looked about for familiar faces and came upon a bunch of New Sweden riders. As we traded stories, John arrived, soon followed by Alex and his main squeeze. John said he had lost the others somewhere on the way into the parking area. The line was long for sign-in, so I decided to wait until another date. The Giants were playing, so I decided to take the road home.

With luck I would catch the second half.

Club Trips

John Malaska

In October, I led two group rides.

On October 16, a large group of us departed Our WaWa for the annual BMW NJ Tri-Club "Rumble. For a minute, I thought we were going on a crazed sportbike ride, for mingled amongst us at the WaWa parking lot were several Ducatis and MV Agustas. We rode through Trenton, Lambertville, and Stockton to Sky Manor Airport via CR-519 outside Pittstown. Skylands Prez Don Gordon laid out a welcome carpet in the form of coffee and donuts. Lots of riders attended, including some riding vintage Triumphs and Laverdas.

It's time for the Annual NJSBMWR Holiday Party

Casey Jones' Restaurant
185 Morris Avenue
Long Branch New Jersey 07740
(across the street from the NJ Transit RR Station)
732-222-4427



Dinner Buffet

Entrée Selections being determined via poll at NJSBMWR Yahoo Group website. Vote!

plus

Stir Fry Vegetables

Salad

Dessert

Coffee or Tea

NJSBMWR MEMBERS & SO's---\$20.00 per person

Date: Sunday December 11th 2005

Time: 3pm -7pm

Please fill out attached reservation form

Registration closes at November 25, 2005

Reservation Form

I will need ___ seats (\$20/seat) = total\$ ___ included.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Please detach and mail reservation form above and a check
(Made payable to: NJSBMWR INC.) for the total number of seats to:

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