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Know the true value of time; snatch, seize, and enjoy every moment of it. No idleness; no laziness; no procrastination; never put off till tomorrow what you can do today.

Lord Chesterfield

It is better to have loafed and lost, than never to have loafed at all.

James Thurber

President's Message

Another year has past with numerous opportunities for racking up the miles with and without your fellow club members. I have certainly enjoyed 2005 as your Vice President and as your President for 2006, I hope for a productive and enjoyable year of riding and fellowship. With that said, I trust everyones holidays were pleasant, and your New Years Eve was festive.

I would like to thank those who participated in our annual toy run. Not only did we have a fantastic representation from NJSBMW riders, but heartfelt thanks goes out to the Skylands and New Sweden clubs for their generous support and presence. We were also fortunate to have some independents join in to make this event a winner. Of course, after our ride from the Lakewood inspection station to the Childrens Specialized Hospital, a leisurely jaunt to Farmingdale was enjoyed by all. I would be remiss if I did not extend a special thank you to our toy run Chairmen, Art Goldberg, for his tireless participation in organizing this event. It goes without saying, this is a special cause, one in which we can all be proud in taking part.

Along with my VP Tom Spader, I welcome any and all suggestions and support for the upcoming year of events. As of this newsletter, I have asked some of you to continue in your current roles, and have invited others to chair events. I know I can count on every

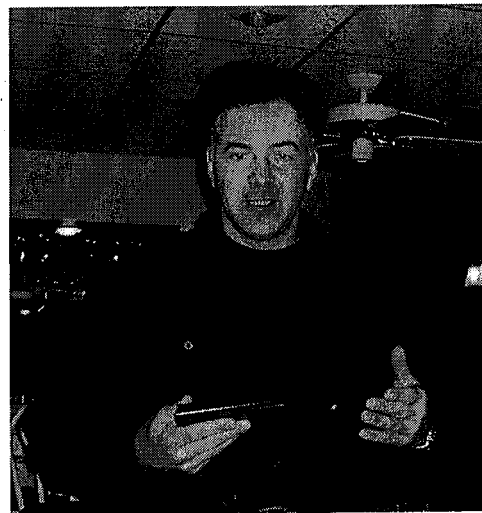


member to make this year an enjoyable and safe riding season (year). I will have a list compiled no later than February, to include chairpersons, and executive committee members. If you have thought about leading a ride, or chairing an event, or would like to feel more involved in any of these events, let me know. I can truly say that by joining in and getting involved, I have made many new friends and have increased my enjoyment on and off the bike a 100 percent. So get involved and stay involved, it is your club to grow and enjoy.

Thank you and ride safe.
Dan Thompson

Christmas/Channukah Party, Dec 11th

Dennis Swanson

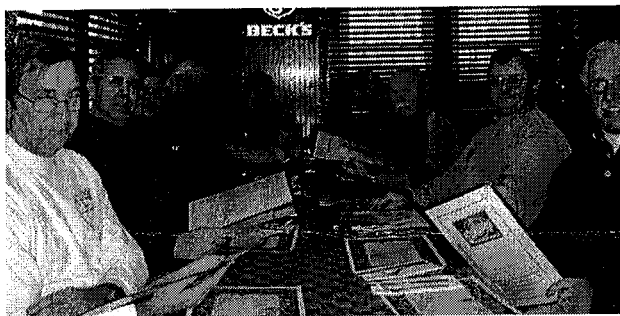


Many thanks to John Malaska who arranged this party at the Casey Jones Restaurant in Long Branch. We had

The hospital once again provided tours for those who wanted to see the work they are doing, and they expressed appreciation for everything the clubs have done for them.



After the ride was over – our group took a leisurely ride to Mulligans in Howell Township where we had a relaxed lunch.



Lunch at Mulligans



Nancy G stole Santa's Chair

Great day and great way to start off the holidays!

Free GPS Routes from TrekNow

Glenn Martin

from <http://www.treknow.com/free/index.htm>

I don't ski. My winter hobby is route-planning for next year's riding season. A recently acquired Garmin Quest makes this more efficient. I can plan and save dozens of routes. Some I know I'll ride, some I may not. But the anticipation helps me pass the winter months.

I know many of you have or are thinking of trying one of the excellent bike-friendly GPS units. Maybe Santa brought you one. (Personally, I think I'll always use a paper map too.) These gadgets are a big plus, especially in some situations, like finding the nearest gas station or burger joint.

I found this web-site while researching my Continental Divide trip. In August 2004, Janet & I hauled the dual-sport bikes to Montana. We rode the Great Divide forest roads through Montana from the Canada to the Wyoming border. We used a very basic Garmin eTrex Legend & topo maps. We navigated o.k., but an auto-routing Garmin along with these files would have made things much easier.

The free GPS routes available for download from TrekNow are all in the Garmin City Select North America v6 format. You will need an Garmin auto-routing GPS instrument and the appropriate unlock codes to use these routes. Each route file follows the original source layout, i.e., if the route was routed from west to east then that is how the route was done using MapSource.

Happy planning!

Year's End Meeting.....Dec.14

Dennis Swanson

The club's last meeting of the year was devoted primarily for planning. Skip Palmer chaired most of the meeting because of a conflict in Prez Roger's schedule.

Basically it was a review of the monthly events throughout 2006.

Next step will be to ask for volunteers to chair these events and to make plans for the various rides and rallies. The turnout was light, but enthusiastic and the meeting accomplished much.

When Prez Roger arrived he made a presentation concerning the liability insurance issue. Essentially, many members have expressed concern about exposure to lawsuits that might occur from club activities and the risk to members and officers of the club.



Chili-Chili

While the roads were clear of snow . . . there was some salt, gravel, sand and other schmutzen here and there. A one mile section over the infamous Frenchtown Mountain Range was actually packed ice with potholes, some mud and deer blood which gave Roger and his GS their first big thrill. "Finally something more than my gravel driveway" he was heard to mutter afterwards. John's LT and my RT survived the gauntlet but both looked as though a cement truck puked on them. John and I planned to stop at the spray car wash before putting ours away for the night. . . Roger thought his GS finally looked authentic.

So it was 255 smiles for me except for the last 40. My electric outlet connector pooped out blowing fuses for the heated grips, directionals, Gerbing jacket liner, clock and horn producing a less than neat finish. After arriving home and warming up a bit it was time for my First Day Ride. The 'event' consists of riding all my bikes on New Year's Day. . . so the 'Busa and LT got about 25 smiles each before being tucked in until the next club or Polar Bear ride. Two bicycles and a tricycle each enjoyed a lap around the lake waiting for spring.

Chili-Chili Ride – a 2nd viewpoint

Tom Coradeschi, Skylands

Well, the weather conspired to defeat most of the Skylands BMW Riders who had intended to go to this year's Chilly-Chili ride. A half-hour's work with the snow blower and some rock salt did the trick for me, fortunately. I made it up to Ogdensburg on two wheels and Bob Kurzweil made it there on four (his plow truck wouldn't start, so his bike was snowed in at his shop) and we comprised the Skylands representation this year.

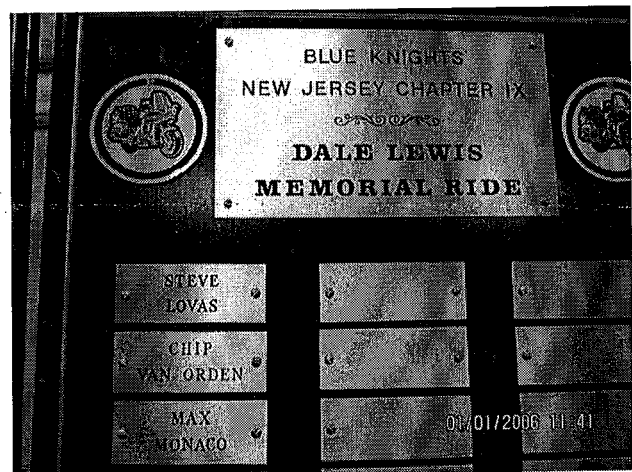
The turnout was very light - about 100 bikes were

registered, quite a bit different from last year's 1000 or so. Generally speaking, the roads were in good shape, although the back roads were very gritty from the salt & sand which had been spread the night before. As in past years, my preference is to show up around departure time, watch the bikes pull out, toss some money in the kitty for the Karen Ann Quinlan Hospice, have a cup of coffee and head on out before the riders return. While chatting with folks, I learned a couple things about the ride.

First, while it's colloquially known as the Chilly Chili Ride, the real name of the ride is the Dale Lewis Memorial Ride. Dale owned a bar in the area and was looking for something to do on New Year's Day about 30 years back. The rest is history.

Second, the Blue Knights have a plaque memorializing riders who have gone before us. This year they added Max Monaco's name to it. See the attached photos.

Regarding the here's a couple of photos in today's Star Ledger, and the NJ Herald has an article about the ride at <http://www.njherald.com/23592785189842.php>.



Got about 80 miles worth of riding in for the day - K bike and Widder gear worked great. A nice way to start the year.

Which GPS is Best?

Roger Trendowski.

Which is the best? That is the question! The short answer is: "it depends." It depends on 1) previous experience with a GPS, 2) how and where you are going to use it, and 3) features and functions. During my month long quest for answers and justification (read this \$\$), I approached the problem as I do with most economic decisions... from an engineer's vantage point. You know the approach: determine user requirements, prioritize them, identify product alternatives which meet some or all requirements, investigate and fill in missing data, analyze total costs to make packages equal, evaluate results, and finally,

driven menus, menu selections large enough for hands/gloves, 3D and 2D maps, bike mount included, and best of all, Bluetooth communications to helmet headset (unit included) and Bluetooth cell phone integration. Your cell phone uses Bluetooth to the GPS which then wirelessly transmits to/from your helmet headset. The TomTom Rider has a USB 2.0 interface, as does the Garmin 2720, for faster software updates/uploads from a PC. (2610 and IWay500C have a USB 1.1 interface.) With the TomTomRider and IWay500C, you can not do mapping and route creation on your PC, for subsequent upload to the GPS. You can only upload unit software or map updates. Even though a motorcycle mount is included in the package, Touratech said they expect to introduce a substantially better motorcycle mount in a couple of months.

The Lowrance IWay500C GPS was the last one in my analysis. It contains a 20 Gig hard drive of which 10 Gig is devoted to preloaded maps and the remainder for MP3 or other format music. Lowrance tech support stated that their hard drive is designed for off-road use and therefore is very rugged. The unit has 5 buttons that are used to drive touch screen GPS menus, music player, and power. Because the unit has been in the market since the beginning of the year and since it is Christmas time, the prices have come down.

So, what did I purchase? For analysis purposes, I opted for the less expensive OEM MC mount and then added a Y cable for interface to my MP3/Autocomm system for three of the GPS'. (The IWay500C unit has a music player; therefore I don't need the interface cable.) Only 3 of the units are available through Costco.com, a high priority of mine. Costco includes a life time satisfaction guarantee on most of their products. Based on my analysis, my first choice is the 2720. It meets all of my requirements with the exception of battery power (lower priority) and Garmin has extensive experience with products used for bikes and outdoors. The TomTom Rider looks good too, but its price is high right now since it is new on the market. In 6 months it will probably be 25% cheaper due to competition. (This GPS fails my high priority need for PC uploads of routes and waypoints.) It appears to me that Garmin is clearing out their 2610 model which is a few years old. They are also starting to discount their 2720, probably due to new models coming out and holiday promotions. In the end I chose another alternative: DO NOTHING. Hey, it's winter time. Let's pay off those Christmas bills first (and my wife will probably read this article).

Editors Note: Roger also provided a very nice chart of all the GPS units he considered – but since it took up two full pages I was unable to include it in the newsletter. Attend the January meeting where Roger will be giving a presentation on GPS's and why he hasn't bought one yet. Or perhaps which after Christmas sale GPS he has bought. Attend and find out!

Upcoming Rides and Events

Skip Palmer

The following rides and events are sponsored by the AMA or other organizations and are not NJSBMWR's sponsored. Please feel free to personally arrange rides with your friends and attend.

Jan. 8th 11 AM ~ AMA Polar Bear ~ DeThomasi's East, Vineland, NJ

Jan. 9th 7 PM ~ Skylands Monthly Meeting ~ The Warrenside Tavern, Rt. #173, Bloomsbury, NJ

Jan, 11th 7 PM ~ Monthly meeting at Schneider's

Jan. 13th~15th Northeast Florida BMW Owners Rally ~ Camp Blanding, Stark, FL

Jan. 15th 11AM ~ AMA Polar Bear ~ I.A.M.A. 195 West End Ave. Long Branch, NJ 07740

Jan, 20th~22nd Motorcycle Show ~ Javits Center, NYC

Jan, 22nd 11 AM ~ AMA Polar Bear ~ Sir John's North, 230 Washington Place, North Brunswick, NJ 08902

Jan. 25th 7 PM New Sweden BMW riders Monthly Meeting, Casa Carollo, Rt. #73 North, Marlton, NJ

Jan. 29th 11 AM ~ AMA Polar Bear ~ Fort Dix Club, Alabama St., Fort Dix 08640

Feb. 5th 11 AM ~ AMA Polar Bear ~ The Exchange, 160 East Main St., Rockaway, NJ 07866

Feb. 6th 7 PM ~ Skylands Monthly Meeting ~ The Warrenside Tavern, Rt. #173, Bloomsbury, NJ

Feb. 8th 7 PM ~ Monthly meeting at Schneider's

Strange but True.. Found on the Web..

Glenn Martin

New Year Brings Array of New State Laws

From

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20051231/ap_on_re_us/new_laws_5

A strike against the *Left Lane Owners Club* !

"Legislatures sought ways to improve safety on the highways, demanding seat belt use in taxis and shuttle vans in Oregon, **requiring motorists hogging the left lane to move to the right in Florida**, and trying to discourage drunk driving in Tennessee by requiring that offenders help clean up state highways while wearing vests emblazoned with the phrase "I am a Drunk Driver" in 4-inch lettering."