

# February 2007 NEW JERSEY SHORE BMW RIDERS Inc

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Talk Show Guest: According to my source, the end of the world will be on February 14th, in the year two thousand and sixteen.  
Dr. Peter Venkman: Valentine's day. Bummer.  
*Movie - Ghostbusters*

## President's Message

PLEASE NOTE: This month's meeting will be on Tuesday Feb 13, regular time, regular place in order to allow for the 'Love Birds' in our group to do just that...love their birds on Valentine's Day. So mark your calendar for Tuesday Feb 13 6:30 - 7 PM.

During last month's meeting we discussed the 'Mileage Awareness' organized by Roger T. Please see his article within and get the mileage numbers in to him. It should be fun to track your mileage for the year with opportunity to win a trophy at the Holiday Party in December.

We also discussed the 'destination ride' concept; generally within 200 +/- miles, a theme, an overnight and a well planned out course by our ride co-captains. Please look for Skip's article within on the three initial choice and vote for the one, two or three you'd like to participate in.

Our trustees attended the New Sweden meeting in January showing interest and support of their rally scheduled for Sept. NW is currently negotiating a new site that should be attractive to a wider group of riders offering heated dorms, spacious camping sites, great food...a wonderful three day deal of riding, socializing



and occasional yoga classes. Will keep you posted on developments so you can mark your calendar. Keep entire month of Sept open!!

March is around the corner so a word on Daytona Bike Week. March 3 - 10 is packed with all types of action, from AMA flat track and road course racing, stunts, vendors, fishing (?), manufacturer demo rides and displays, cole slaw wrestling, hanging on Main St 'seeing and being seen'...you name it, Daytona's got it.

Accommodations can be from penthouse suites to camping with the BMW group 10 miles north of town. See Skip (penthouse in middle of action) and Roger (camping in the real Florida) for additional information. As part of my club duties, I'll be there taking notes and snaps for the April newsletter.

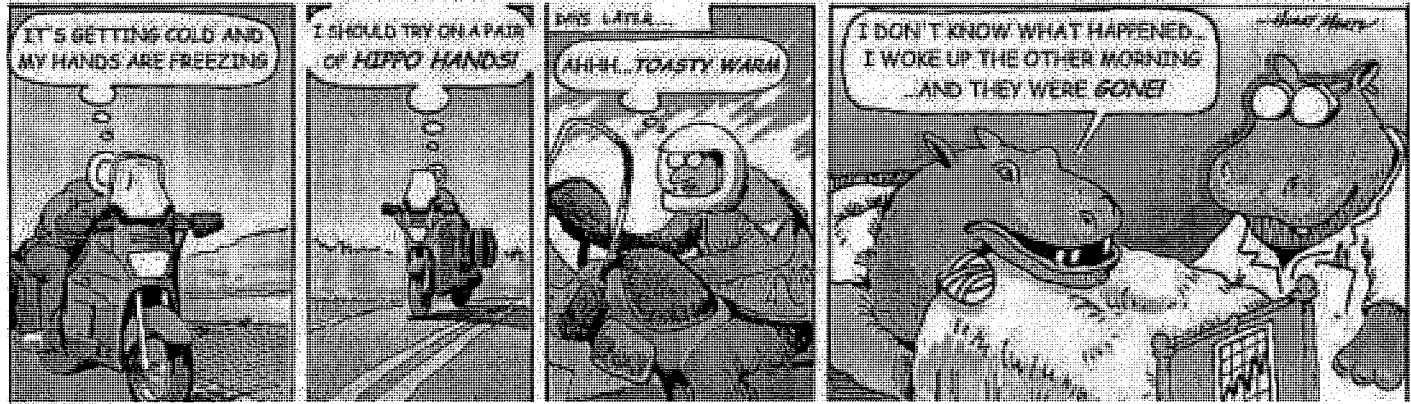
Cross Country has been a sponsor of our club and newsletter for years and elected to support us in other ways in '07. Please keep CC in mind when shopping for bikes and service. They've been a good partner.

Starting either this month or next, DeSimone Motorsports will be our primary advertiser offering multi-lines of bikes, goods and services. We look forward to this relationship being beneficial to the membership and DeSimone. Stay tuned for additional info and support our sponsors.

This is your club; comments of events and your interests should be funneled to me or our trustees in order to better serve your needs.

Check out the ride schedule, mark your calendar and join in. Ride safe!!

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easy drive with little traffic, but the parking cost \$60. Expensive perhaps, but beats the long tedious train ride.

## CLUB MILEAGE CONTEST for 2007

Roger Trendowski

At our January club meeting we introduced a new event for 2007 a club mileage contest. We will run the event from Jan 1 through the end of November this year.

It concludes at the end of November so that we can have the results in time for our 2007 holiday club dinner. (The MOA mileage contest runs from April to Oct and therefore misses several good months of our riding.)

Even though we are introducing the mileage contest through our second club meeting, we would like to have your best estimate of starting mileage as of January 1. We will count your total mileage on all your motorcycles.

I'll take input through the February club meeting. You may input via paper at the club meeting or snail-mail or via email. So, please send me the following information:

Your Name, telephone number, email address.

Bike 1 description (e.g., 2004 R1150GS) and odometer mileage on Jan. 1, 2007.

Bike 2 description and odometer mileage as of Jan 1, 2007.

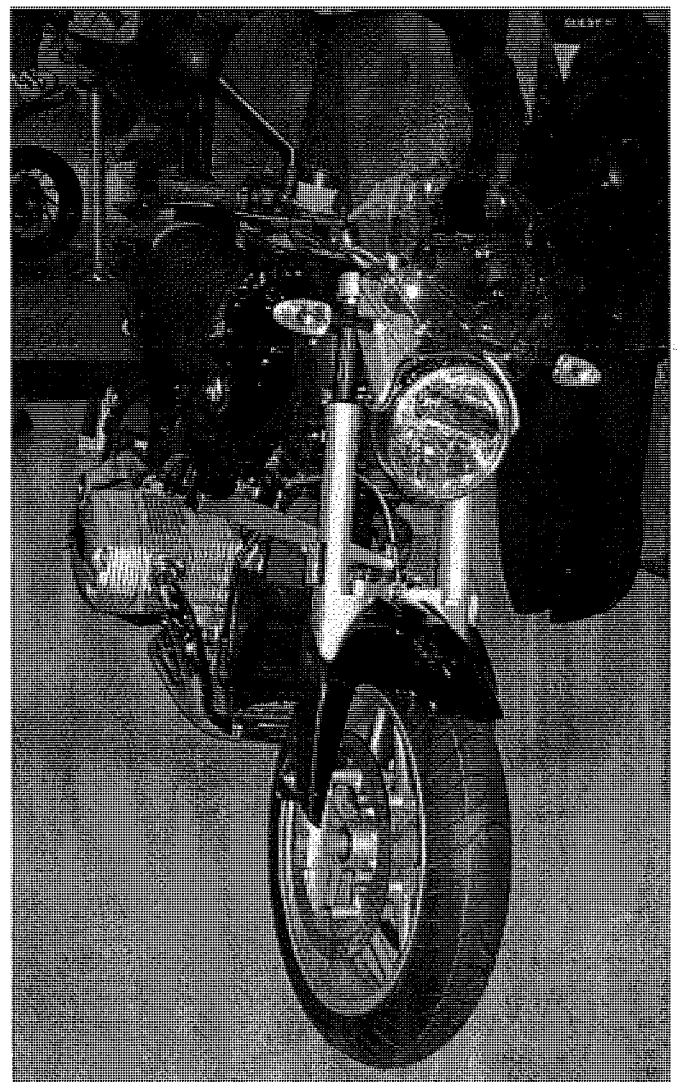
Thanks and good riding.

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## New York MC Show, Jan 19th

Dennis Swanson

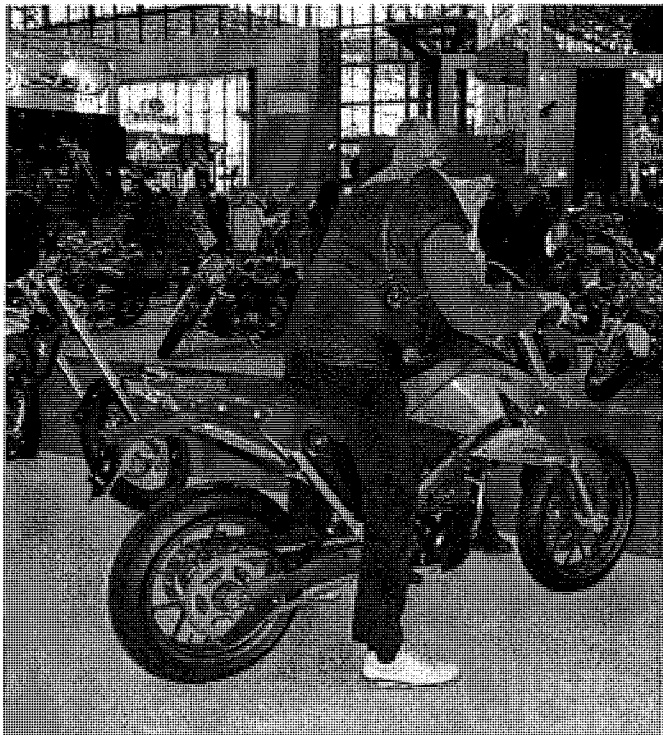
Capt. Don, J. Grant and I drove up to the show and parked a few blocks from the Javits Center. It was an



New R1200R Roadster – a very popular bike at the show

Don and I were volunteers at the MOA membership booth and as usual, had a good time signing up new members. Grant toured the show with his new digital

SLR camera. Hopefully he will have photos that will supplement my inadequate descriptions.

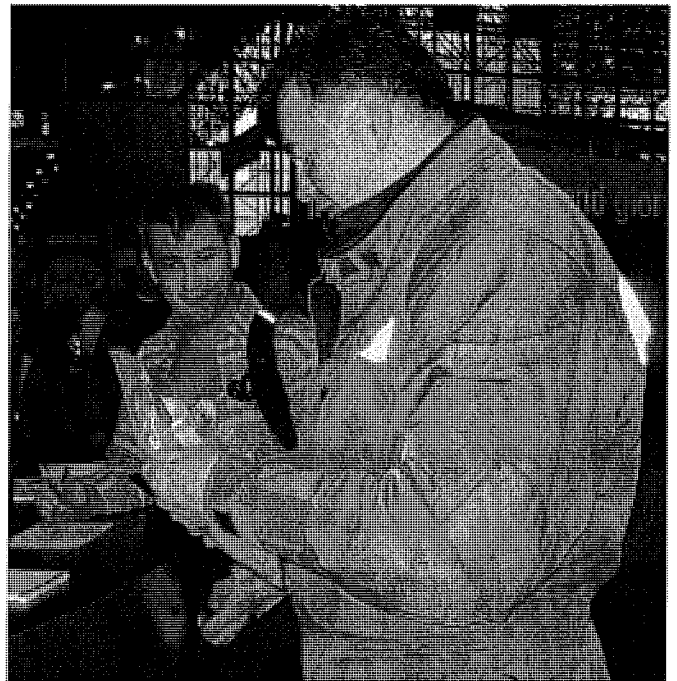


**Don Gordon of Skylands, talking to Dan Notte whilst sitting on the new G-X.**



**F800**

The newly introduced F 800 BMW models were on hand to inspect. They were nice looking and attracted a lot of attention. They also had the new R1200r, which seems like a neat ride. All of the reviews I have read give it a definite "thumbs-up."



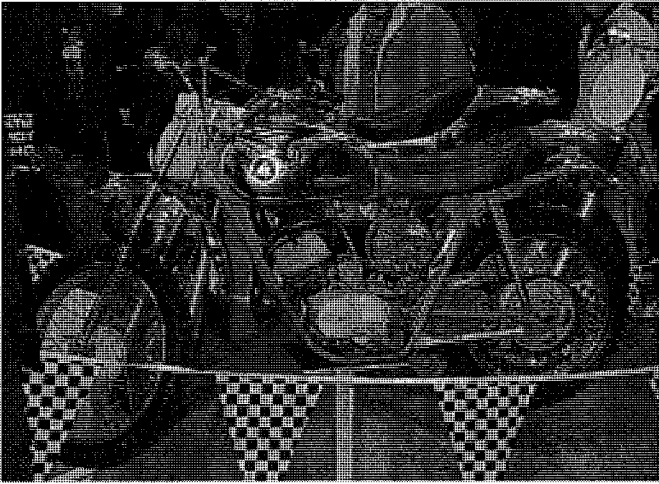
**Alex E and John R seen at the show on Friday**

To my eye the really neat motos were the Royal Enfields, particularly the sidecar rig. Made in India, they evoke a classic look of yesteryear. Prices are low, but I don't know that I would really want one. Same with the Ural, they have the old-time look, but I'm led to believe reliability might be a problem. The MV Agustas were adjacent to our booth, but they had nothing new. Having said that, however, they are still the most beautiful of bikes on the planet.



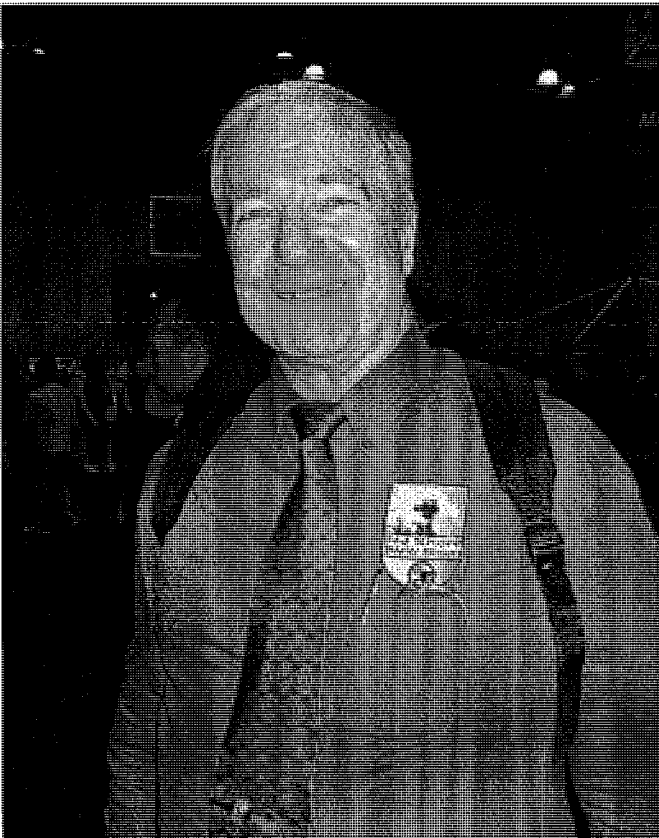
**Odd juxtaposition of two competing motorcycle organizations**

I tried my best to buy something, but was stymied. Vanson Leathers had some nice riding jeans, but nowhere to try them on. They advised me to attend their open house and I might do that. Anyone interested? I think it might be in April. The factory is in Mass.



**Capt. Don's first bike.. all 100cc's of it.**

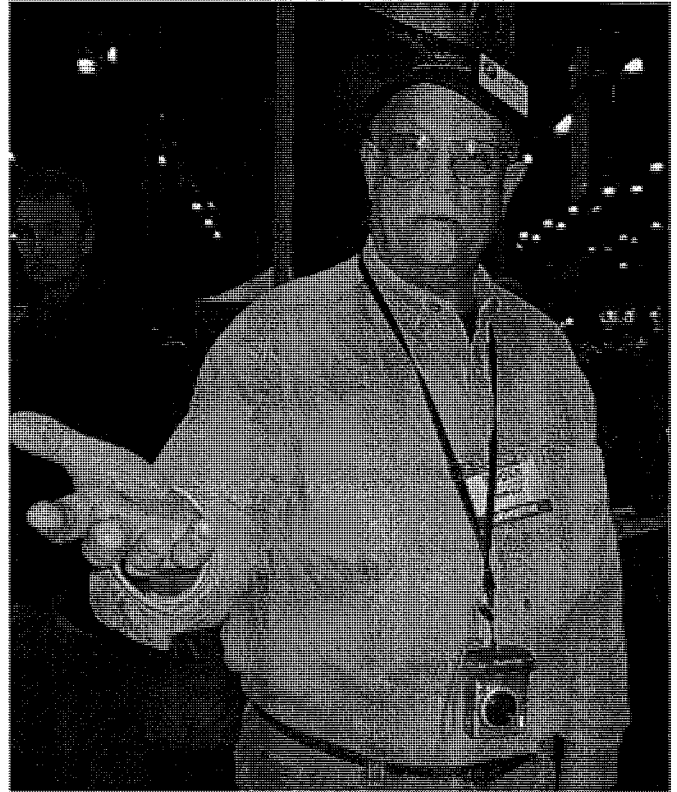
Didn't see any Shore Riders except Karen Cook, Roger T., Dan and Colin, and Harold Gantz.



**TB McFadden was seen on Friday..**



**Gruesome threesome on Saturday, working the MOA booth.**



**Roger T on Saturday**

All my valuables left in the car were there and intact when we returned to the parking lot and the ride home was quick and easy. All in all a good day!

### **Letter to the club volunteers**

*Michael Friedle, MOA booth chair*

Hello All,

First let me once again thank everyone for the time and effort you volunteer to the BMW MOA to help ensure our outstanding representation every year at the Cycle World show. Our presence there is just as important to our existing club members as it is to recruiting new members to our MOA family. A large part of our ability to recruit new members is due to your efforts as existing members to convey the sense of what the BMW MOA family is all about....it's far more than just a magazine and your enthusiasm makes that evident.

This year we had a total of 70 transactions recorded over the three days of the show. 49 new members were welcomed into the family and 21 existing members had their memberships renewed. Of the renewals, the vast majority were lapsed members who likely would not have taken the effort to rejoin had we not been present at the show. Only two of the renewed members were done on the pre printed forms the "home office" sends out to all current members. Well done!!

I am very sorry you didn't get a chance to see our new display booth, hopefully UPS will find it before next year's show, but because of your efforts the show

attendees never even know it was missing. I should also once again thank BMW-NA, especially Myrrh Davis, for helping us out with the loan of the HP2 banner as a backdrop for our makeshift booth display. All it took to obtain the banner was one request made during the time that BMW AG was setting up their own extensive display on Friday and we soon had our "booth" ready for the show. Those people who say BMW NA never does anything for BMW MOA just don't know what they are talking about.

Snow has finally fallen, it's time to go skiing, but I'll be looking forward to seeing you all on the road soon. See you in Wisconsin, and don't forget the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Airheads at the Aerodrome gathering the weekend after Father's Day this June.

Ride fast safely,  
Michael

*Editors Note: Our club members manned the MOA Booth for the entire NY motorcycle show.*

## **DeSimone's Tech Session, Jan 24th**

*RDSwanson, AKA Double-Jack*

This was a combination tech session and New Sweden Rider's meeting and food and beverages were to be served.

Who could resist? Grant Duncan, Tom Spader, Don Eilenberger, Art Goldberg, Skip Palmer, Dan Thompson and I found the lure irresistible. Departing from Crown Engineering at five, we needed two vehicles. I rode with Grant in his new Toyota retro land rover. Pretty neat vehicle it is.

The ride to DeSimone Motorsports is simple. Take I 195 west to the NJ Turnpike south to exit 4 and route 73 west and you are there in about 45 to 50 minutes. Quite easy, really. They had set up chairs in the service area for the session and the meeting. Prez Cole Mills and the members provided subs and Pepsi. The food was good and the price was right.

The tech session covered many areas. It started with tire repair and this is always a good refresher, even if you have seen it done before. The drill is to remove the screw, Ream out the hole, take the patch with some glue and stick it in. If you do it right you are on your way. Mike, the presenter, cautioned that this should be considered a temporary repair and used only to get you to a place where the tire can be replaced.

Tires damaged like this are not to be used for extended riding. RK and Mike also covered valve adjustment and then took general questions and provided answers. The coverage of battery charging was interesting and helpful to me.

This was an important meeting for New Sweden

because they were considering their annual rally and a change from Jellystone in May's Landing to a new facility called Appel Farms. This new place is quite nice (I've been there) but much more expensive and the risk of financial disaster needed to be considered. It was a lively meeting with many points-of-view presented.

In the end they seem to have decided to take the plunge. Some of our members (some being in both clubs) entered the debate. The essence of this was that we would do what we did last year with the Black Diamond Rally. That is, we would ask our membership to have our "parasite rally" at the NS Rally and ask our membership to underwrite part of the cost in order to encourage participation.

This will be a nice rally. Contrary to opinion, there are good roads in the area and some places of significant cultural and historic interest. The facility itself offers clean and heated cabins, bunks and lavatories.

We also had a chance to look over DeSimone's expansive showroom with an extensive offering of BMW, Ducati and Victory motorcycles. It's a nice place.

*Editor's Note: Capt. Dennis is slipping. I've been to DeSimones with him twice, and he's managed to leave each time without anything being purchased. I think he needs a new bike, and those new GS's look just about right for a trip to Newfoundland.*

## **Weekend Overnight Rides**

*Skip Palmer – Ride co-chair*

The Executive Committee, at the 2007 Planning Meeting, suggested the possibility of overnight trips to destinations within two hundred miles that have multiple attractions in the area. We are proposing the follow rides and need your feedback.

1. **The Lower Hudson River:** Bear Mountain State Park & bridge, Route #9D, Roosevelt Mansion, Vanderbilt Mansion, Rhinebeck Aerodrome, Mohunk Mountain House, Woodstock, Rt. #9W and West Point.
2. **The Endless Mountains:** Located in north central Pennsylvania, Upper Susquehanna River, Eagles Mere Inn, Williamsport and Tiadaghton State Forest.
3. **Harley Davidson Plant:** York, PA, Gettysburg, Amish Lancaster County, Upper MD, Havre de Grace (This trip would leave on a Thursday and tour the Harley Davidson Assembly Plant on Friday)

Please let us know if these are trips that are of interest to you so we can initiate planning and schedules.

## Upcoming Rides and Events

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.

- Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> ~ AMA Polar Bear Ride to Landslide Saloon, 1090 Rt. #173, Pattenburg, NJ 08802
- Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> ~ 7 PM ~ Shore BMW Riders Monthly meeting at Schneider's Restaurant, Main St. Avon NJ
- Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> ~ 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Southeastern Wildlife Exposition, Charleston, SC (Largest Wildlife Art Show in USA)
- Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> ~ AMA Polar Bear Ride to Hooters, 25 Rt. #23, South Wayne, NJ 07470
- Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> ~ 7 PM ~ New Sweden BMW Riders Monthly meeting ~ Casa Carollo, Rt. #73, Marlton, NJ
- Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> ~ AMA Polar Bear Ride to Bahr's Landing Restaurant, 2 Bay Ave., Highlands, NJ 07732
- Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ Ride leaves for Daytona, FL (two days)
- Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> ~ Daytona Bike Week, Daytona, FL
- Mar. 4<sup>th</sup> ~ AMA Polar Bear Ride to Firehouse Eatery, 455 Saint Georges Ave., Rahway, NJ 07065
- Mar. 5<sup>th</sup> ~ Ride to Ponce Inlet, Merit Island Wildlife Refuge, Cape Canaveral, FL
- Mar. 5<sup>th</sup> ~ 7 PM ~ Skylands BMR Riders Monthly Meeting ~ The Warrenside Tavern, Rt. #173, Bloomsbury, NJ
- Mar. 6<sup>th</sup> ~ Ride to Saint Augustine, FL
- Mar. 7<sup>th</sup> ~ Ride to Coastal Islands & Keys of Western FL on the Gulf of Mexico
- Mar. 9<sup>th</sup> ~ Ride to the DeLand Motorcycle Auction, DeLand, FL
- Mar. 10<sup>th</sup> ~ Ride Atlantic Coast A1A from Daytona to Amelia Island, FL
- Mar. 11<sup>th</sup> ~ Concours d'Elegance, Ritz Carlton, Amelia Island, FL
- Mar. 11<sup>th</sup> ~ Ride leaves FL for NJ (two days)
- Mar. 11<sup>th</sup> ~ AMA Polar Bear Ride to Long Valley Pub, 1 Fairmont RD., Long Valley, NJ 07853
- Mar. 14<sup>th</sup> ~ 7 PM ~ Shore BMW Riders Monthly meeting at Schneider's Restaurant, Main St. Avon NJ
- Jun. 7<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> ~ BMW Riders Association National Rally @ Biltmore Estate, Asheville, NC
- Jul. 12<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> ~ BMW Motorcycle Owners Association National Rally @ Washington County Fair Park, West Bend, WI
- Sep? Oct? ~ Last Chance Rally/Parasite Rally-II, with New Sweden Riders

## POLAR BEAR REPORTS:

*Skip Palmer*

### Ride to Lake Hopatcong, Jan 14th

I woke early on Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> and checked the forecast: temps 40s to 50s, light fog, and the chance of 0.10" of rain (pretty sure the morning dew is about equal to 0.10 of an inch). I arrived at the Cheesequake Rest Area by 9 AM for some social BS with the club members as they arrived. A state trooper stopped to talk about the bike and caution me about my visibility in the fog. Our departure time of 9:30 came and passed without the arrival of any club members. Two of our friends from the Monmouth Harley Chapter, Glenn from Freehold and Bob from Middletown, arrived. Glenn recently completed both the Iron Butt 1,000 and 1,500 on a lowered Road King. He would like to talk with John Ryan. We talked till ten when they were scheduled to leave. They asked if I would like to join them since none of my friends showed. They were traveling the interstates and state highways so I declined and showed them my route of country lanes. They definitely were not interested in my roads ~ I set out alone. We left with the intention of meeting at the Wearhouse Grill parking lot.

I wanted some small, country lanes that bypassed the larger towns as well as some new roads to discover. My route took me through Bedminster, Far Hills, Peapack, Gladstone, Pleasant Valley, Ralston, Ironia, Succasunna, and north along the eastern shore of the lake. I arrived at the Polar Bear destination the Wearhouse Grill by 11:05 AM.

Don Gordon, Don Riggs, and Ken from Skylands were right behind me. Next were Carl and Dave Cushing (he had a knee replacement a few weeks ago). Cole from New Sweden was the next to arrive and joined us for lunch. Cole and I each know some members of the Delaware BMW Riders. This is a younger group, from the Wilmington area, which is primarily committed to RIDING often. We thought they might be interested in New Sweden's rally if it were less of a "trailer park" camping and beer event.

Glen and Bob arrived about ten minutes later. They couldn't figure out how I arrived before them since they were riding 70 mph most of the way (Dennis knows). My route was more direct although I had been riding more cautiously than usual because of the fog, damp pavement, and posted 25 to 35 mph speed limits.

After lunch, I rode south along the western shore of the lake toward Waterloo Road which follows the edge of the Musconetcong River. Great roads! I turned south before the congestion and traffic lights of Hackettstown. I rode through Stevens State Park, Drakestown, East Springtown, Naughtright, and Hacklebarney, to the Black River, Potterstown and Lammington. Most of these roads are too narrow to paint traffic lines on and

you have the sense that you can almost touch the trees on either side. They climb the ridges and run down the other side following some stream or natural fold in the terrain. A narrow band of pavement is dropped directly on the earth without great concern for grading, direction or even radius and pitch of the turns. These are unlike the #500 and #600 series county roads which tend to plow the tops off the hills, create long lazy sweepers, never-ending straight-a-ways, and miles of double yellow lines! That may be great for trucks; however, motorcycles need to double the posted speed limits in order to enjoy any challenge or sport while riding them.

The weather held as promised between the mid 40s and low 50s without one drop of rain. The total miles for the day were just short of two hundred.

## **Ride to St. Johns, Jan 21st**

*Skip Palmer*

Sunday morning, January 21<sup>st</sup>, was sunny with a light breeze; however the temperature was seventeen degrees! I have been having trouble with my Gerbing electrics. They have only warmed once or twice, but then cutout. Fortunately this year very ride has started above thirty degrees then reached at least fifty, even if for only a moment. My GS Adventure has proven far more protective than I anticipated. The windscreen design and tank size are quite effective at deflecting most of the wind. That doesn't make a lot of difference at seventeen degrees! Cold is still cold.

I left the shop around 9:45AM and rode east on Belmar Boulevard to the service entrance of the GSP Asbury Service Area. The electrics were not working. I was cool, but not in trouble. I used the hand grips on high and headed north to the Cheesequake Rest Area to see if anyone was around. Not a bike on the road or in sight. I left by the north service road and rode west on CR #615 through Runyon then north on CR # 675 to South River and Rt. #535 west over the river. At Dunham's Corners I turned north on Hardenberg Lane which becomes Washington Place when it crosses Farrington Lake. Sir John's is on the left overlooking the lake. The parking lot was already filling up at 11 AM with eventually one hundred-fifty plus bikes and a few cars. Impressive turnout considering the temperature!

I pulled in behind our friends from the Monmouth Harley Chapter; Glenn, Bob and a new friend Larry. They left the Cheesequake Rest Area around 10 and followed the GSP, I-287 W, Rt. #1 S, Rt. #130 S to Washington Place. I suspect they don't like turns. Even though we ride separate routes it's good to see friendly faces and talk in the parking lots.

Inside, I talked to the Gerbing sales rep. He suggested that I should use the Gerbing fused plug connected directly to the battery.

Don Gordon and Dave Cushing from Skylands were

there. I met Glenn Larson at the door and we talked for a while. In the parking lot I met Spence, from Bridgewater, who rides a RT and introduced him to Don and suggested he attend the next Skylands meeting. I also met Rod, an Atlantic City RT motorcycle police officer, who rides an LT on his time off.

After lunch, I rode northwest circling around New Brunswick and picked-up Westin Canal Road (CR #623) heading southeast through East Millstone and Griggstown to Kingston. In Princeton I turned onto Rt. #571 S through Hightstown and Roosevelt joining Rt. #524 E at Clarksburg then back to Farmingdale by 2:30 for a total of about one hundred miles.

The weather warmed to only twenty-five degrees; however the sun made for a pleasant if cool ride. As soon as I arrived at the shop I pulled the BMW adaptor plug out and direct wired the new fused battery plug. We'll see if that solves the problem.

## **Ride to the Fort Dix Club, Jan 28th**

*Skip Palmer*

Sunday morning, January 28<sup>th</sup>, I arrived at Crown Engineering, in Farmingdale, by 9 AM and waited until 9:30. When no one showed I left taking some back roads toward Smithburg on Monmouth Road (Rt. #537) and rode west to our Wawa. I waited until 10:30 and left when no one arrived.

The directions on the Polar Bear website said to use the west gate at Generals Circle: however I wasn't keen on riding all the way around the fort since the Fort Dix Club was closer to the main gate at Wrightstown. Also, I had not been through that gate or on the military base since my discharge there in 1973. After 9-11 access to the main gate and the base has been restricted for civilians. As I approached the gate the guards stopped me and asked the obligatory questions then shifted their interest to the bike, GPS, etc. I produced some photo ID with an explanation of my former involvement on the base and they waved me though. Cole Miles, Shore Riders member and President of New Sweden Riders, pulled in the parking lot right behind me.

While I was pulling off my riding gear Dan Lines came over to talk about the bike. He is interested in upgrading from his R1150 GS. Dan lives in Jacksonville and is member of the Northeast Florida BMW Riders who sponsor the January rally at Camp Blanding each year. Dave Cushing came over to say hello to Dan. They have been friends for years since Dan was an executive with Moto Guzzis North America after retiring from the Army as a pilot and CWO. I promised to call him next month while I am in Florida to join us at the Concourse d'Elegance on Amelia Island.

At lunch, I joined Rod, the Atlantic City RT motorcycle officer, who I met last week at Sir John's in North Brunswick. Glenn Larsen and Roger Trendowski joined us at the table.

After lunch, Roger and I rode through the military base and back out the main gate to Wrightstown and took Sykesville Road (CR666) to Rt. #537, Monmouth Road east. Roger turned off at I-195 S while I continued to Ely Harmony Road (CR 641), across the Manasquan Reservoir on Georgia Tavern Road, right at West Farms Road and back to Farmingdale. I had the bike back in the shop by 2:30 with a total of about seventy miles for the day.

## **Ride to the exchange, Feb 4th**

Skip Palmer

Sunday morning, February 4<sup>th</sup>, I had planned a later start with the hope of someone joining me for the ride to The Exchange in Rockaway, NJ. It has been five consecutive weeks since any of our club members have ridden on the club's planned rides. I was becoming discouraged, but I realized that we have only about twenty club members that actually ride their bikes and of those riders approximately five that are year round riders. The truth of the matter is that I am going to ride each week anyway and planning the routes is still necessary.

The sun was brilliant with deep blue skies: however the temperature was in the teens with gusty winds. The ride up the parkway was pleasant, but you had to watch for the wind gusts. Fortunately, I had resolved the problem with my Gerbing electrics last week. It turned out the rheostat temperature controller was malfunctioning. I purchased an on/off switch and was glad to have heat this morning. This week because of the recent snow storms and cold temperatures I planned two routes; one on the interstates and another on my preferred little country lanes. When no one showed at the rest area by 10:10 AM, I was pleased that I could try the tougher route without worrying about another rider if the roads became too hazardous with snow or ice on them.

I took I-287 to Bernardsville and rode Pleasant Valley Road to Hilltop Road north into Mendham. The ground was covered with several inches of snow and now the snow was starting to show-up on parts of the road as I climbed the ridge. At the bottom of the hill I stopped for two Goldwing riders talking at the side of the road. They decided to return home. Mountain Ave. and Combs Hollow Road climbed another ridge and the amount of snow on the road surface continued to increase, especially in the shadows and wooded areas. However, there was always enough exposed pavement to carefully continue on. Calis Road brought me to the town of Mount Freedom and Millbrook Road north. At the top of the hill I turned onto Shongun Rd., Mountainside Drive, Openaki Road and finally Franklin Road into Rockaway.

The route was fairly direct, but the road conditions made for some cautious riding. I covered the distance in one hour and seven minutes; the GPS predicted one

hour and forty minutes (go figure). There were about one-hundred bikes in front of The Exchange. However, they were all coming off the Interstate and surprised to see me come down the hill into town. I shared lunch with Rob, from Atlantic City, and visited with the usual crowd.

The ride home was on the more cautious route (I-80 E, I-280 E and south on the GSP). I arrived back in Farmingdale before 2 PM. The total ride covered approximately two-hundred miles.

The ten to seventeen degree temperatures in the morning warmed to only twenty-five degrees; however the sun made for a pleasant if cool ride.

## **Ride March 2<sup>ND</sup> ~ March 12<sup>TH</sup> to Florida; Daytona Bike Week and Concourse d'Elegance**

*Skip Palmer*

Friday morning, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will leave for a two day ride to Daytona Beach. The first day we will ride approximately 550 miles to Lumberton, NC for the night. This is over half way to our destination at the Marriot Fairfield Daytona at Ocean Walk on A1A (300 Ocean Ave. @ Main St.).

I have reserved room #523 in the north tower, a three bedroom luxury condominium overlooking the ocean. Check-in is 4 PM. We have a full kitchen, living room, dining room, 2 ½ baths, washer/drier, TV/HBO/VCR, and a balcony overlooking the beach and pools. The property has a seven story garage with security, four pools, two hot tubs, a lobby bar, two restaurants, exercise equipment, and a glass enclosed walkway over Ocean Ave. connecting the Ocean Walk Mall and Cineplex. We are centrally located just one block from Main Street with the bars and side-show, two blocks from the Convention Center with the vendors, and 3.5 miles to the track where the manufacturers have displays & demo-rides. The cost is \$1,000.00 per person for the week or \$175.00 per night (with a two night minimum). The condo sleeps five to eight people; I still have some beds available.

Our club should have approximately half a dozen members camping in the swamps about twelve miles to the north, near Flagler Beach. Remember the newsletter pictures two years ago with the water half-way up the tent poles and the bikes with their motors submerged. Some other members will be staying with local friends throughout the area. There are also several active and retired members; Michael Mulroy, Roland Marchetti, Vic Commune (and his son Vic), Matt Dobbs, Jim Hoehl, and Dave Davidson who live in Florida and the Carolinas during the winter months. I hope they will come out to ride and visit with us while we are in the area. Don Gordon and another half dozen Skylands riders are staying in DeLand about eighteen miles to the west. We will be riding with them during the week and attending the motorcycle auction

on Friday and the Concourse d'Elegance on Sunday together.

Sunday morning, we will visit the track and the various motorcycle manufacturers' displays. Later in the day, we will park the bikes in our garage and walk across the street to the Convention Center to see the accessory vendors. That evening, we will walk along Main Street and marvel at the "freak show".

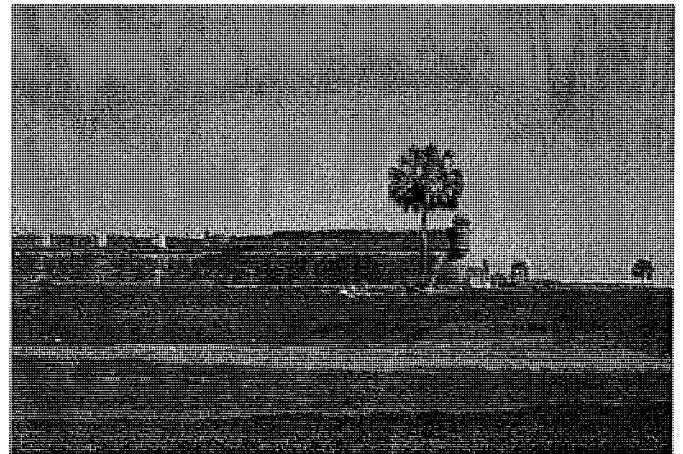
Monday, our goal is to ride A1A south along the beach to Ponce Inlet and the lighthouse. We'll ride further south on coastal Rt. #3 to Merritt Island National Seashore and Wildlife Refuge. From there, we can see the launch towers of Kennedy Space Center on Cape Canaveral and possibly some manatee in the rivers of the wildlife refuge.

On the ride back, we can stop at the Cabbage Patch for a beer and watch the world famous coleslaw wrestling featuring lovely Harley biker babes! Trust me one beer will be more than enough, quickly followed by a shot of common sense. You would have to drink all night before the girls get pretty. The only good thing about a biker babe lifting her shirt is the shirt covers her face.



Tuesday, our ride takes us 54 miles north along coastal route A1A to Saint Augustine, the oldest city in the United States. The restored original Spanish Fort, Castillo de San Marco National Monument, is located in town directly opposite the inlet. Adjacent to the fort is the historic old town. The original Flagler Hotel is now

part of Flagler College and worth a visit to see the unique Spanish architecture, mosaics, and detailed woodwork. Located just south of the city is the lighthouse and museum. We will have dinner on the coast and an evening ride back to the condominium.



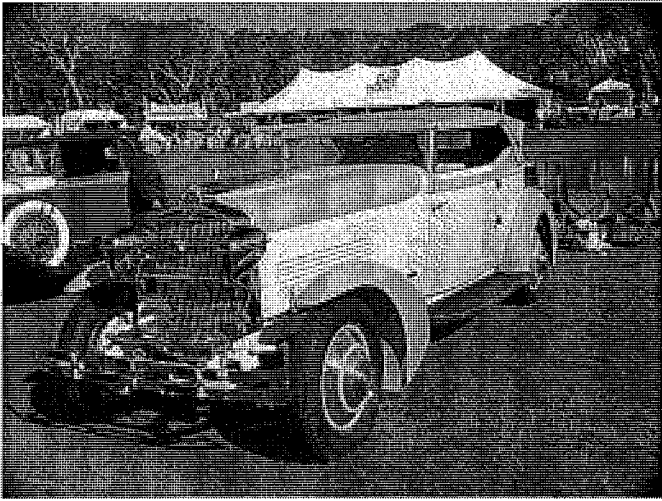
Wednesday, we will ride across the state (150 miles) to the Gulf of Mexico. Interstate #4 will take us to the Tampa Bay area. From there, we will cross the bay on the eleven mile causeway to Clearwater and see the barrier islands/keys that protect the gulf shores. Gulf Boulevard (Rt. 699 S) follows the beach on Treasure Island, Long Key, the Pinellas island group to Mullet Key and Fort DeSoto State Park. Next we cross the mouth of Tampa Bay on the fifteen mile long Sunshine Skyway Bridge to Bradenton and Anna Maria Key. We'll ride FL Rt. #789 S to Longboat Key and Bird Key before returning to the mainland at Sarasota. Our return trip home will bring us to Daytona that evening.

Friday, we are going to join the Skylands group and attend the DeLand motorcycle auction.

Saturday morning, we will check-out of the condo and ride north along the Atlantic coast on A1A approximately one hundred twenty-five miles. We will ride through Ormond Beach, Flagler Beach, Palm Coast, Saint Augustine, Ponto Vedra Beach, and Atlantic Beach. Where we will board a ferry and cross the Saint Johns River to Fort George Island.

We will continue our ride north through Fort George Island, Little & Big Talbot Islands (all three are state parks), and finally Amelia Island. Amelia is the northernmost island in Florida. There, Civil War Fort Clinch and lighthouse are located in one of the nation's top ten State Parks on the Saint Mary's River and the Atlantic Ocean. The restored Victorian town of Fernandina is on the North Amelia River. After having dinner in Fernandina, we will spend the night just off the island near Yulee.

Sunday morning, we will return to Amelia for the Concourse d'Elegance at the Ritz Carlton.



I would like arrive by 9:30 to be the first to enter the grounds before the crowds. This is the second largest vintage and classic show of the finest cars in the world. They feature 250 juried cars displayed on the fairways of the Ritz Carlton golf course.

About noon, we will begin the ride home to New Jersey.

## True Stuff - Found on the Web

Glenn Martin

### NATE KERN RACING

Tentative as of 1/28/2007:

Watch for updates at [www.natekern.com](http://www.natekern.com)

Nates blog [www.nate-kern.blogspot.com](http://www.nate-kern.blogspot.com)

Tee shirts and stickers:

<http://www.houseind.com/index.php?page=clothing&category=kern>

Highly recommend using <http://www.bmwexplor.com> for comments about Nates racing and feedback from track days, dealer events, etc.

- Feb. 9-10 CCS, Homestead, FL
- Feb. 17 Mortons BMW Open House, Fredericksburg, VA
- Mar. 2-3 MOTO-ST 3 Hr. at Daytona Intl Speed, FL
- April 13-14 MOTO-ST 500K at Homestead, FL
- April 27-28 MOTO-ST 500K at VIR (Mini Rally\*), VA
- May 26-28 ASRA Thunderbike at Summit Point (3-days), WVA
- June 9-10 CCS/Team Challenge 3 Hr. Solo at Roebing Road, GA
- June 22-23 ASRA Thunderbike at VIR (Mini Rally\*), VA
- July 6-7 ASRA Thunderbike at RoadAmerica, WI
- July 12-14 MOTO-ST 3 Hr. at Newton, IA
- July 12-15 BMW MOA National, West Bend, WI
- August 10-11 ASRA Thunderbike at Barber Motorsports, AL
- Sept. 8-9 ASRA Thunderbike at Summit Point, WV
- Oct. 19-20 MOTO-ST 8 Hr. at Daytona Intl Speed, FL

The race weekends are usually two or three days, but you will need to check the race schedules for the actual day of the MOTO-ST or the Thunderbike race.

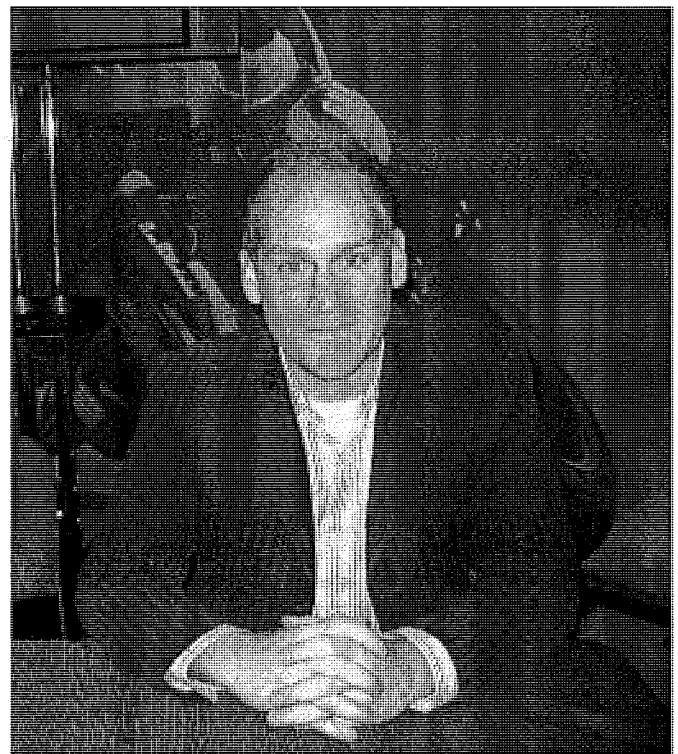
Useful links for race weekend schedules:

For Championship Cup Series (CCS) and American Sportbike Racing Association (ASRA) visit <http://www.ccsracing.com/schedules/2007/schedule.html> and click on Event Info

For the MOTO-ST Series visit <http://www.moto-st.com/Schedule>

From both websites you can connect to individual track sites for more information about the track, nearby lodging, etc. For all tracks except Daytona, your admission fee gets you down to the pit area. Nate encourages all BMW riders to find his trailer and park nearby to show support! For a day at the track, its helpful to print out the race schedule with a track layout on the back.

\*(Mini Rally, contact Rev. Willie at [Gonzorev@earthlink.net](mailto:Gonzorev@earthlink.net), see announcement in March issue BMW MOA News (or their website), and go to VIR at [www.virclub.com](http://www.virclub.com) for track details.)




Nate at the NY Motorcycle Show

**Final Editors note:** Thanks to Harry Martin for allowing the club to use his cartoons. These are copyright Harry Martin 2007 and may not be used without his permission.



Dear Roger:

On behalf of the patients, their families and the staff at Children's Specialized Hospital, we would like to express our HEART  FELT thank you to each and every person or group that added extra joy to our holiday season. Due to the combined efforts of all the generous and compassionate individuals and groups that were involved each child felt very special and had a lasting smile brought to their face.

We would like to thank you  
for your donation and the thought,  
but a dozen thank yous  
couldn't tell all the happiness you brought!

Roger, thank you so much for the time and effort used in organizing the toy and donation drive for the BMW Riders. We were glad the day was nice, and I know all the children enjoyed going outside to see the motorcycles. As always, your group was very generous, please convey our appreciation to everyone who made the day possible. The DVD players are all in the children's rooms and thanks to the BMW Riders; they will have endless hours of enjoyment from them. The toys your group brought were great. We realize that this is a joint endeavor with The NJ Shore BMW Riders, the New Sweden BMW Riders and the Skylands BMW Riders and appreciate everyone's efforts. The donations will be used to purchase special things for the children throughout the year.

We are grateful for your interest and support of our hospital and the children we serve. We wish a happy and healthy New Year to you and your group.

Sincerely,

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