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"Before you judge a man, walk a mile in his shoes. After that who cares?... He's a mile away and you've got his shoes!"

Billy Connelly

"There are only two places in the world. Over here and over there"

George Carlin

"I look my best when I take my helmet off after a long motorcycle ride. I have a glow and a bit of helmet hair."

Eric Bana

"The wisest man I ever knew taught me something I never forget. And although I never forgot it, I never quite memorized it either. So what I'm left with is the memory have learnt something very wise that I can't quite remember"

George Carlin

"I asked God for a bike, but I know God doesn't work that way. So I stole a bike and asked for forgiveness."

Emo Philips

"98% of all Harleys ever sold are still on the road. The other 2% made it home."

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President's Message

Mike Palmer, President

Well, it's Thanksgiving weekend and almost all the turkey is gone. One holiday down and a big one yet to come. I hope everyone survived the family talks and no relations broken up over football, or politics.

There are still a few nice days to get a ride in. I plan to try this next week so I can get my new bike "Big Blue" in the shop for its 600 mile checkup and my highway pegs installed. I haven't used my electrics in few years, so I'll check them out too. It's time to start racking up miles for next year's mileage contest.

We'll see you rode the most at this year's Holiday party at Woody's on the 4th of December.

We will have elections of new officers at our regular meeting date at Woody's in December. We don't want any hanging chads to recount. We will have a calendar planning meeting in January.

I'm planning my 1st big trip on Big Blue for April. Probably heading down South where it will be warmer. Then maybe a trip through New England and maybe Nova Scotia this Summer. I love the planning process with maps spread out all over my desk and Google Earth on the computer.

Ride safe and see you at the Party.

Club Calendar

Note: Events may be canceled or modified. Check your email or the club website for updates.

December

- December 4 Holiday Party 6pm Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale
- December 7 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM, Peking Pavilion, Freehold
- December 11 Toy Run, 10:00 AM, starts at Lakewood Inspection Station
- December 14 Club meeting 7:30PM (6PM to eat) Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale

January 2023

- January 4 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM
- January 11 Club meeting 7:30PM (6PM to eat) Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale



BaseCamp

Roger T

BaseCamp program from Garmin has always been a challenge for me. Since I am an avid Garmin GPS user, I have always tried and partially succeeded using their software to help

create routes and trips. The key word here is "partially." First there was the program called MapSource. I ultimately figured out how to use this one but unfortunately it was discontinued by Garmin around 2010. Luckily I still am able to use it when I quickly want to review a GPX file/route someone sends me. I find MapSource more intuitive however it doesn't interface newer GPS units and has a lot fewer features. I can still create a route quickly using MapSource but since it doesn't upload to my BMW Nav 5 and 6 or Garmin 660 GPS's, I have to copy and paste (Microsoft Windows PC terminology) to a connected GPS GPX folder rather than just clicking on the MapSource upload button. BaseCamp software is completely different and improved? It uses more graphics features and feels more like the newer PC Windows software of today. BaseCamp also interfaces my newer GPS's so I can upload way points, routes, points of interest and map directly from my laptop to GPS. There are other manufacturer's software that do similar route creation and display (playback) and may even interface Garmin GPS's however I believe the Garmin BaseCamp does the best job (even though complex and confusing). Of course the simplest and quickest method to create a route with a few way points is to do it directly on your GPS. However, this doesn't allow you do create complex routes with many way points and share them with others.

Awhile back I saw a BaseCamp tutorial written by Ed Conde from the New England Riders (mixed bike riding club): "Learn Garmin BaseCamp for PCs" It is very good. <https://www.newenglandriders.org/learn-base-camp/#>

Because BaseCamp is complex, it takes a long while and a lot of determination to get through the training. **Part 1 Tutorial starts** by providing Garmin references to videos and manual. The initial training is oriented to PC Windows ... but he also provides MAC version in separate training presentations. His tutorial contains plenty of examples of creating routes and way points using the software tools. He describes detailed explanation of the screens, icons and software procedures. While going through the tutorial, it is suggested that you load and update BaseCamp to the latest version and that you connect your Garmin GPS to your PC.

The author starts with a discussion of GPX files and how they work within BaseCamp and your GPS. Did you know that GPX files consist

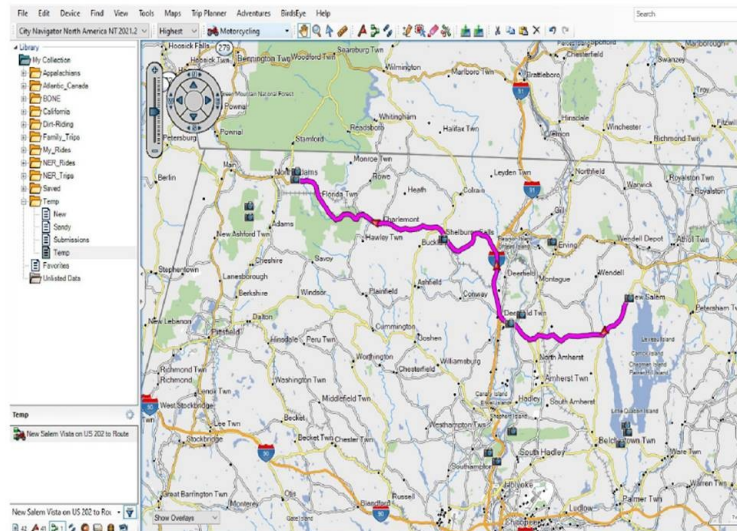
only of way points and are not actually routes? When you move a GPX file to your GPS or load a file into BaseCamp, the software computes a new route. That's why a route that you or someone else creates may not look exactly like the one that appears in your GPS or in BaseCamp. If you have, for example, a hundred mile route with a lot of twists and turns but only use a couple way points, your GPS software or BaseCamp calculates a new route based of parameters of fastest time or shortest distance and whatever other parameters you preset. The more way points you use in creating a route in your GPX file, then the closer your route will look like the original version. The Author describes the BaseCamp screen layout and all the icons. He also describes the Folders and Lists layout on the left side of the screen... with suggestion on how to organize and label it for this training session and future use. He describes how to move around the MAP as well as create and edit routes. The best thing I got out of the training is the examples he presents. Detailed examples of "how to do a function" are really an important element of learning.

Part 2 –Advance Routing (separate file) of the training) is broken down into "Creating great routes from scratch" and more detailed examples. He starts with identifying "what is a great route for him." For instance, few cross streets, low traffic, curvy roads, parks, good payment (or dirt), scenic views, lunch stops. The challenge is to figure out how to integrate these preferences and other routing elements into creating a "great route" using BaseCamp. He suggests tips:

- Place points just after turns (not before) so that the GPS announces the turn with plenty of notice.
- Use enough points to force the route to go where you intend. Never rely on the GPS to draw the route for you unless you want surprises.
- Schedule restroom breaks every 90 minutes or so.
- Remember gas stops. Combine with restrooms and food if possible.
- Set a start time and then plan your stops and lunch at the desired times.
- Zoom in to place route points accurately. Place these points so that they display an actual street address. If intersections or roadside attractions are chosen, they may be dropped by some GPS's.

- Use shaping points for newer Garmin GPS's with Trip Planner. Shaping points prevent these GPS's from splitting large routes into smaller routes.
- Make sure that the route start, end, and stops are saved as way points. If riders have to detour or change plans, they can go directly to these way points.

I need to go through the training session again to more completely understand the nuances. You should probably start off by creating a smaller, less complex route to understand/utilize what you've learned. By the way, you can download the tutorials from NE Riders website in order to study them off-line. (This tutorial is much better than the Newsletter article I wrote in 2021.) Good Luck.



BaseCamp screen with all the components (map, file system, icon tools, search box.) Example of creating a route with waypoints is discussed in detail.

A new start after 60: I wanted to do something stupid when I turned 70 – so I learned to ride a motorbike

Paula Coccozza
The Guardian, Oct 2022

Even the instructor was shocked when Ron Williams announced how old he was

When Ron Williams turned 70, he had the

urge to do something stupid. “People have this concept of 70, and it did worry me,” he says. “People think of a 70-year-old as elderly. I thought, ‘Right, well, I’ll try and knock that one on the head and do something that isn’t fully expected of an elderly gentleman.’” So he signed up for motorbike lessons.



When Williams arrived at the preliminary road-fitness test in Douglas, the Isle of Man, 20 minutes from his home, the instructor was “rather shocked” to hear his age. “He was very worried,” Williams says. “He had a concept of a 70-year-old as well, so I had to shatter that for a start.”

After an hour, Williams was out on the road. “I was trepidatious. But it wouldn’t be a challenge if you didn’t have things to overcome.” Five months later, he took his test, but failed for going too slowly. He passed at the second attempt, in February 2014. His two daughters weren’t too shocked. “They were used to me doing slightly crazy things.”

You’ve got power under your backside ... the acceleration the motorbike gives you is exhilarating

He bought his own motorbike, and a few months later went on a road trip to visit his niece in the Netherlands. Each year he enjoys “going for a burn-up” around the Isle of Man TT course on “Mad Sunday”, when non-competitors take the route. The island has no national speed limit, but Williams picks a quiet time and keeps an eye on his mirrors for “the one that’s coming past you at 160mph”.

Now 79, Williams says he belongs to the “universal biking fraternity – which is a very nice thing”. The bike brings a feeling of freedom. “You’re totally in charge. You’ve got the wind in your face. You’ve got that power under your backside you can use to get yourself where you want to be ... The acceleration the motorbike gives you is exhilarating.”

He had learned to ride because he had thought that at 70, it was a “stupid thing” to do. But in fact, he says, “it was a great thing to do. I would recommend it to anybody.”

It was when friends came over for the Isle of Man’s Southern 100 race that the idea of learning to ride was first put to Williams, after he spent a week on the back of his friend Russell’s Harley-Davidson. But he was 68 at the time, and he laughed it off. “No! I’ve got a car. What do I want with a motorbike?”

There had been another near-miss decades earlier, when, as a student of geology in the 60s, he had borrowed his then girlfriend’s father’s motorbike to get to the interesting geological structures on the south side of the island. It is tempting to imagine him enjoying the freedom of the bike at a time of wider social emancipation, planting a long-submerged desire to have his own motorcycle. But, he says, the 60s came late to the Isle of Man. “Sorry to disappoint you – it was purely functional.”

Still, there must have been some hankering for adventure, because Williams grew up outside Liverpool, and remembers lying in bed as a child, then as a teenager, “listening to the hooting of the ships on the Mersey. It was wonderful to think of the liners going out of there. You step on board and you are on the sea and that is a pathway to anywhere in the world.”

His father was an engineer in the Merchant Navy, and Williams hoped to join too. But, he failed his entrance test because of colour blindness, and turned to teaching instead. Initially, he taught maths and physics; later, he was careers master at Ramsey grammar school on the island.

On the Isle of Man, of course, the sea is never far away, though on the bike Williams hears no honking ships, only the wind. “But I can

go down to the sea at Castletown and look out and think: ‘You could get on a boat and go.’” “Why stand still?” he says. “I’m a great supporter of Clint Eastwood’s dictum. When asked how he kept so young he said: ‘Don’t let the old man in.’” To mark his 60th birthday, Williams got a tattoo. “I’ve got 80 coming next June,” he laughs. He is working on his plan.

7 Days in Portugal & 7 Minutes in Spain

Henning von der Wroge

Part One

Two years ago, Uwe, my best friend from college, moved from Germany to Lisbon, Portugal. We had spoken many times about me visiting him there, and this November we finally made it happen. Our friendship is 43 years strong; we met during the first days in college. It is one of those friendships where you pick up right from where you left off the last time you met, even if you didn’t see each other in a while. We have partied at our weddings, we have celebrated baptisms, we have seen our kids grow up, and we were there for each other when things in life didn’t go as planned.

Uwe has a beautiful apartment in an old building in Alfama, one of Europe’s oldest neighborhoods and on one of Lisbon’s seven hills. Alfama was not much affected by the disastrous earthquake in 1755, and Lisbon never saw wartime destruction as many other European cities. Therefore, many of the buildings are quite old and still beautiful. Uwe’s apartment is on the second floor of such an old building, with a narrow stair case (no elevator...) and rooms with high ceilings, tall windows with wooden shutters (on the inside!), and a small kitchen – bringing back memories from when we shared an apartment as mechanical engineering students in college. The apartment was a perfect home base to explore Lisbon. We spent the first two days exploring the town by foot, five to six miles each day. Streets are narrow, often with cobblestones, and steep. There are no Dodge Durango’s driving through town... As narrow as the streets are, Lisbon is also well known for the prehistoric looking trams which meander through town and add a special flair to the city.

When we made plans for the visit, I told Uwe that I was planning on renting a motorcycle. I had attended a Portugal session during the BMWMOA rally in Springfield, Missouri, and was hooked. Portugal is not a large country but nevertheless offers great motorcycle riding. It also has amazing food, especially seafood, is very affordable, and easy to get to from the US.

Uwe doesn’t ride, so I made a reservation to rent a BMW bike for three of the seven days. I chose a R1250GSA as the closest relative to my 2006 R1200GSA, just much younger and prettier... I had looked into booking a guided or self-guided tour including accommodation but thought I’d be more flexible riding on my own. November and December see a good amount of rain in Portugal and I didn’t want to be stuck with a fixed itinerary. This turned out to be the right decision – I learned quickly that November weather can change on the fly. The “Weather” app on my phone seemed to be struggling with how quickly a rain shower was popping up or how clouds could turn dark and scary looking out of nowhere. On the other hand, temperatures were moderate – there were days with hardly any fluctuation between day and night, often only varying by 4F or 5F.

For my first riding day, I stayed local to the Lisbon area. Our walking days in Lisbon had beautiful weather but it was raining when I picked up the bike at IMT Bike’s office. Paulo had the bike ready to go, with GPS holder and Aluminum cases. He asked about my riding background and seemed to be satisfied that I could manage the bike. I mounted my Garmin 660 and loaded my bags into the cases – everything fit as expected and I was ready to go in no time. I had bought the “Western Europe” map set for my Garmin for little money on eBay and it worked just fine. I also had brought my own helmet to be able to use my iPhone for navigation and music. Paulo explained the toll system (there are different systems in Portugal, depending on where you travel) and recommended “just don’t use toll roads” – this was easier said than done, as I found out later... He also warned me to be super cautious when riding on cobblestone – when wet, the white cobblestone is “extremely slippery” and the gray cobblestone is better but also “very slippery”. I tried to not find out the difference. I managed to get out of town okay, somewhat getting used to the bike and to Lisbon’s narrow

streets and dense traffic. I followed the southern coast line going west on small roads. After about an hour of riding the rain stopped and the sun occasionally was able to peak through the cloud cover. I stopped in Cascais for my first photo stop and to plan the trip for the rest of the day.



I decided to continue on to Cabo da Roca, the westernmost point of Europe's mainland. The roads offered a beautiful scenery and were small but well maintained. Cabo da Roca is a rather remote location with a light house and a tall monument with a cross marking the point. Here, the coast line is about 400 ft above the average water level of the Atlantic ocean, offering some dramatic views.

This part of Portugal's coast line is known as a surfer paradise with monster waves that can be up to 90 ft tall, especially in November and the winter months. I went north and stopped a few times at overview points to take it all in. It was windy and the waves impressive. Overlooking the Ribeira d'Ilhas beach in Ericeira is a beautiful bronze sculpture with a surfer dude called "The Guardian".

On the way back to Lisbon I found local roads with some real nice twisties. At the end of the day, after about 120 miles of mostly country roads, I made it back to Uwe's apartment. Parking is a challenge in an old city like Lisbon, but there are a lot of dedicated motorcycle spaces. The one in front of Uwe's building even had steel rings embedded in the road to lock your bike!

Riders leave their chain on the ground for the day, locked to the ring, to mark and keep their spot.





To be continued!

A Motorized Christmas Carol

Paul C

Its Christmas Eve and we find ourselves in the company of a die-hard R1250GS owner quietly sipping 12yr old scotch, contemplating the deeper significance of the opposed twin configuration and value adjustment intervals.

A Ghostly voice echoes around the room...

Voice: You will be visited by three Ghosts.

Owner: Uh?

Voice: The Ghost of Motorcycles past, the Ghost of Motorcycles present and the Ghost of, well whatever it is you end up riding in 2023.

Owner: Hang on. This is blatantly a Dickens rip-off and I've heard it all before. You should know better that to disturb me in front of my 70" LED

flat panel TV and Internet sourced continual loop open wood fire video. For what its worth, the internal combustion engine wasn't even invented when he was alive and the outfits those guys wore wouldn't fare at all well if had been and they came off. Top hat and waistcoat on a bike? Just doesn't cut it. And its always snowing on TV when they show that movie and I don't ride in snow.

Voice: Ah... a skeptic. Well let's see. Remember that ad you replied too mid-year for the Honda step thru scooter?

Owner: Ah, so you're the first guy, the what-ch-ma-call it of motorcycles past. You mean that plastic encased thing with all the retro graphics? We only replied to that ad after after 5+ beers and a very heated discussion on whether you could get a set of two wheels that averaged over 100mpg. Gas was like \$23/gallon, so we were waaay motivated. It didn't say "BMW" on the side though so no way could I ever own it. I mean, full face tinted Schuburth and an Aerostich make you pretty anonymous, but people would figure out who owned it eventually!

Voice: I think it was a few more beers than that. But it's the Holiday Season, so I'll let it go. Red wasn't it? Like that one next to your sofa?

Owner: What the.. "

Voice: Forgive me for not gift wrapping it. I wanted to surprise you with the full fairing, dashboard GPS, heated grips, accessory lights, electronically adjustable suspension, and built-in Kuerig coffee maker. All aftermarket of course, possibly Weathertech or Flexseal. I didn't handle the ordering, so I cant be sure. Martha, one of our retirees sorts all that stuff out. At least when she's not gabbing on the phone or bitching about Medicare. Bells, Holly and Silver bows are seasonal by the way.

Owner: Only an old lady going to the super market would be seen on that!

Voice: Careful, we're pretty good at finding old bikes, but Gender reassignment takes a lot longer and (I'm told) is painful.

Owner: I'm not riding that tonight. No way.

Voice: There are deliveries to be made.

Owner: Pizza?

Voice: Still skeptical I see. Well, cast your mind back. Remember the one you had as a teenager? Fired up in any weather, thrived on neglect, gladly got you back and forth to class? Brought a big grin to your face when (wind and gradient permitting) you pegged the throttle and attempted to break that night's world commuter speed record? The one that made you a BIKER!

Owner: Yeah.

Voice: The one you rode when the bug hit you?

Owner: The VW? That bug had government mandated 10mph bumpers. I deny any contact.

Voice: The riding bug! Stay focused. Still not convinced I see. Well I have another friend I'd like you to meet. He's keen to stop by. He was in the service – made it to the rank of Major. Odd name – Byke Wrepaiz. Goes by the nickname "Expensive". Likes being addressed by his full salutation – "Expensive" Major Byke Wrepaiz

Owner: AKA the Ghost of Motorcycles Present. I get it.. I get it. Let me guess, the other guy is Mr Not-Enough Money? One way or another, you want me riding the step thru tonight.

Voice: Finally.

Owner: Well is it gassed up?

Voice: No. this 2022. Its an electric conversion. Just be cautious with the Christmas light strings. They are LEDs but, well, we went a bit overboard with them. You've probably go about 10mins of lights or 12451 mi of range, but not both.

Owner: Dickens never had these problems

Voice: I see you need yet more motivation. Heard of "Mariah Carey"?

Owner: You wouldn't?

Voice: I could. 365 days of "All I want for Christmas" is possible.

Owner: OK, OK, OK.

Voice; Remember those first few rides all those years ago. The thrill, the joy, the grins, the smiles, and suddenly everyone in the family knowing they had to buy you riding gear for Christmas. Go, light up the world. Throw a leg over (or thru), turn the key, peg the throttle, ride into the night, deliver and spread some joy!

Owner: Hold my Scotch. I'll be back shortly. Merry Christmas dear scootering ghost.

Voice: Ride safe and try to avoid any (Rein)Deer.

Highly Classifieds

For Sale: Triumph Bonneville 65 w 12 update; has orange 66 tank, professionally reconditioned. \$5000, call Jerry at 908-472-8585

For Sale: 1995 BMW R100RT – call Jerry at 908-472-8585

For Sale: 1973 R75/5 that has been garaged and covered for almost 30 years since last being ridden. The gentleman's name is Bill Shera and can be reached at 856-745-2031 or wgshera@yahoo.com Bike is located in Gibbsboro, NJ

And Lastly...

Dessert, 9 out of 10 R1250GS Owners families this Holiday Season.

