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# NEW JERSEY SHORE BMW RIDERS Inc

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## **President's Message**

*Mike Palmer, Co-President*

Today is February 15th and it is 72 degrees in Jackson. So, what to do? How about take Big Blue out for a ride. Not a cloud in the sky and 100 miles later I made big loop into Pennsylvania along the Delaware river and back through Princeton. It felt great to get back out and ride. This time of year we will get glimpses of nice days, so take advantage of them.

New Sweden BMW Club is sponsoring their 450 ride on May 20-21, 2023. Here is link to download the application: [https://newswedenbmwrider.com/forms/450\\_Flyer\\_2023.pdf](https://newswedenbmwrider.com/forms/450_Flyer_2023.pdf) .

I am planning on attending. It is a 2 day event. You can camp for free or hotel of choosing, not included in the fee.

Did you know the Texas Hot Dog was invented here in N.J.? Manny's Texas Wieners is in Vauxhall (Union) 2580 Springfield Ave. Sounds like a lunch stop sometime.

<https://www.mannystexasweiners.com>

Tomorrow, Feb. 23rd is supposed to be in the 70's down South. So Big Blue and I will be heading down through the Pine Barrens and points South. I'll let you know if I encounter any adventures. Well, the weatherman was right for once. I left in 46 degree foggy weather from Jackson. By the time I reached Chatsworth it was clear and the temps hit 58. By the time I hit Egg Harbor City the sun was strong and it was 67. Rode back home into clouds and 50 degrees.

We are still chasing down some members who have not paid their dues. Please get it done or be dropped from our newsletter in March.

*The shortest distance between two points is under construction. Noelle Altito*

*Whoso would be a man must be a nonconformist. Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803 – 1882)*

*Habit is necessary; it is the habit of having habits, of turning a trail into a rut, that must be incessantly fought against if one is to remain alive. Edith Wharton (1862 – 1937)*

*Difficulties are meant to rouse, not discourage. The human spirit is to grow strong by conflict. William Ellery Channing (1780 – 1842)*

*If we let things terrify us, life will not be worth living. Seneca (5 BC - 65 AD), Epistles*

*You don't get to choose how you're going to die. Or when. You can only decide how you're going to live. Now. Joan Baez (1941 - )*

*A man who wants to do something will find a way; a man who doesn't will find an excuse. Stephen Dooley, Jr.*

*Fear is that little darkroom where negatives are developed. Michael Pritchard*

*You can't expect to hit the jackpot if you don't put a few nickels in the machine. Flip Wilson (1933 - 1998)*

Don't forget our meeting at Woody's on March 8th.

## **February Meeting Minutes**

Jim Thomasey, Secretary

The NJSBMW Riders meeting was held Wednesday February 28 beginning on time with a light attendance. A motion. . was brought up and subsequently passed to accept the minutes from the January meeting.

Discussions which took place included the upcoming Gathering of the Nortons in April, the New Sweden 450 in May and the Square Route Rally being held June 2,3,4. The 48th Annual Square Route Rally will be held at the YMCA Camp West Mar in Maryland's Catocin Mountains. It's an ideal site with bunk houses and acres of comfortable grass fields or a mature tree canopy for those who enjoy tents. It also has a large dining hall, an open pavilion with picnic tables that serves as Beer Haus & Seminar Central, and large spacious bathrooms & shower houses.

The 50th MOA Rally will be held near Richmond, Virginia, June 8-10, 2023 at Meadow Event Park 13191 Dawn Blvd, Doswell, VA 23047. Additional information can be found on the MOA website or by calling (804) 994-2800. A number of members will be attending this year's MOA Rally since it is on the east coast, come to the meeting to discuss how you can ride down and participate as a volunteer, too.

All those at the meeting sent good wishes to Jack Riepe who is recovering from a recent health issue.

At the February Moribundi lunch there was discussion of either a long one day or possible two day trip to Bill's Bike Barn in PA. While a few NJSBMW Rider's have already visited it sounds like a great club ride destination. Nestled in a wooded grove on the hill behind his parts shop, Bill Morris began to fulfill his life long dream and established Bill's Old Bike Barn in 1998. Years later he has close to 200 amazing vintage motorcycles in a 55,000 square ft building filled with some of the most extraordinary antiques from all around the world. The museum is in a constant state of evolution as new items and collections are added regularly.

After welcoming Ed Cohen to his first meeting, the 50/50 was held and won by Don E.

## **Club Calendar**

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

### **March 2023**

- March 1 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM, Rod's Tavern, Sea Girt
- March 8 Club meeting 7:30PM (6PM to eat) Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale

### **April 2023**

- April 5 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM
- April 12 Club meeting 7:30PM (6PM to eat) Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale
- April 21-23 BMW MOA Getaway, Fontana NC
- April 24 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering of the Nortons, location TBD (ask dud!)

### **May 2023**

- May 3 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM
- May 10 Club meeting 7:30PM (6PM to eat) Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale
- May 11-14 BMW RA Southern Alps Weekend, Little Switzerland, NC
- May 20-21 New Sweden 450

### **June 2023**

- June 7 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM
- June 8-11 BMW MOA National Rally, Doswell, VA
- June 14 Club meeting 7:30PM (6PM to eat) Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale

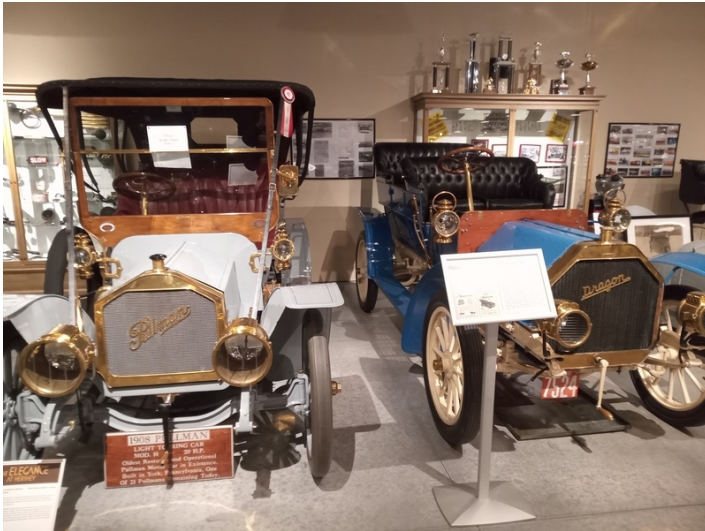
## **BMW Airheads SuperTech**

*Bill Dudley*

The PA Airheads again hosted the Airheads SuperTech event during February 10<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>. This is a weekend of schmoozing and eating and, most importantly, seminars about the mainte-

nance and understanding of the “airhead” BMWs. Even though BMW made air cooled motorcycles from their very beginning in 1923 until the last one was produced in 1995, the Airheads club is concerned with those produced from 1970 until 1995 (the /5, /6, /7 and later models).

The venue was the Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles, which is a massive space that was originally a truck factory, and that dates back to the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. So between classes, one could wander around and look at a wide assortment of great old cars and trucks (and a handful of motorcycles).



*Some really nice old cars*



*one of the few motorcycles in the museum*

Part of Supertech is the “cutaways”, which are parts of the motorcycle that have been sectioned so one can see the gubbins (insides). The Mary-

land Airhead club even made an entire cutaway motorcycle.



*A cutaway /5*

The keynote speaker on Saturday night was Bob Henig of Bob’s BMW, which is a large BMW dealer near Baltimore. Bob’s BMW started out with Bob selling used BMW parts from his house, and has grown into a huge operation, including Bob’s own BMW motorcycle museum. In fact, “Bob’s BMW” official company name is still “Bob’s Used Parts”, I believe.



*Bob addressing the multitudes*

The SuperTech event included catered lunch and dinner on Saturday, and a pizza party on Friday night. Just like the Gathering of the Nortons, it’s a great opportunity to hook up with your motorcycle buddies you haven’t seen since the previous season. Attendees come from mainly the North-



east US, including a sizable contingent from Virginia, but we also had one attendee from Nevada and another from, I think, Oklahoma.

I presented a seminar about the Airhead electrical system (how to troubleshoot it, what tools and components to use, etc.). There were also seminars and demonstrations about replacing wheel bearings, roadside flat tire repair, the bike's charging system, and many more (15 in all).

## **Club Breakfasts**

*Roger T.*

We have held Saturday morning Club Breakfasts for quite some time... certainly for the past few years.

For our club members, it seems like a reasonable and acceptable thing to do. Ride to nearby breakfast and then ride further if the weather is good and members want to continue. We've had various levels of participation in the past few months due to weather or maybe competition with Saturday activities.



*brekky at the Mug Rack in Jackson*

In any case the past few Saturdays have been good. Shown below are pictures from Mug Rack in Jackson on Feb 18th. A few of us ventured out on this 30 degree day. Joe K, Bill D, Herb K and I rode our bikes. Herb and I traveled about the same distance, 35 miles. I came from Middletown and Herb from Mt Holly. Joe made it from the shore while Bill achieved had to travel all of 6

miles.



*Ray's Cafe, Manasquan*

The other picture with 8 of us was on Feb. 11 at Rays Café (Manasquan). Herb definitely got the distance prize coming all the way from his home in Maryland.

Maybe the rides aren't that long, but the conversation is excellent and well worth it. Our January 1 st breakfast at Park 9 was outstanding with 17 or 18 members present. (I think the newsletter published a picture of this one.)

I would encourage members to come out and ride on Saturdays. When summer hits we will probably be traveling longer distances and won't have a chance to meet up with club members as much. An announcement email will be sent out on Friday afternoon announcing time (usually 9:45) and place.

If someone has a favorite spot, please send the info to [rtrendowski@verizon.net](mailto:rtrendowski@verizon.net). See you at the next one.

## **The Gathering of the Nortons**

*Bill Dudley*

The Gathering of the Nortons may or may not be held this year, or it may be held in a new location. The Pennsylvania Park Service is giving the local Norton club a hard time\* about this event, despite the fact that we have held it for over 25 years, and *never* had any trouble or complaints about the way it's been run.

As a result, the Delaware Valley Norton Riders (the club) is looking for a new venue for the event, or, failing that, possibly “cancelling” the event.

Venues being considered are: Trenton State College, a park in Frenchtown, and Van Sant Airport.

If the club decides to “cancel” the event, that won’t, of course, prevent people from showing up at the old venue. In fact, it would seem to be impossible to prevent dozens, perhaps hundreds of motorcyclists showing up there if the weather is decent.

(\*) One of the impossible demands from the Park Service: that we somehow prevent “event attendees” from parking in some other parking lot (not the “main” lot the event is held in.) How the hell are we supposed to do that?

I will, of course, let y’all know what the outcome of this is, as soon as there is a resolution.

## 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: 1996 Triumph Thunderbird.** 885cc triple, 5spd. As seen on occasion at club events. Somewhat standardized, original seat, bars etc..available to return it to stock. Contact Paul bmt213a@gmail.com

**For Sale: Gasoline Generator 3500Watts** max./3050W constant load... Excellent condition, Outputs: Two 120Vac, 12Vdc; with manuals. Used very little, starts quickly. Bought this from my neighbor whose husband passed away. We purchased two of these together... they work great but I don’t need two. They have enough power to handle refrigerator, TV/internet router, and lights. I even wired my gas/hot air furnace to be run by generator and this works fine too. Contact Roger T at 732-306-6182



*Roger's 3000W Harbor Freight Generator*

Lacking more content, below are more nice old cars from Boyertown

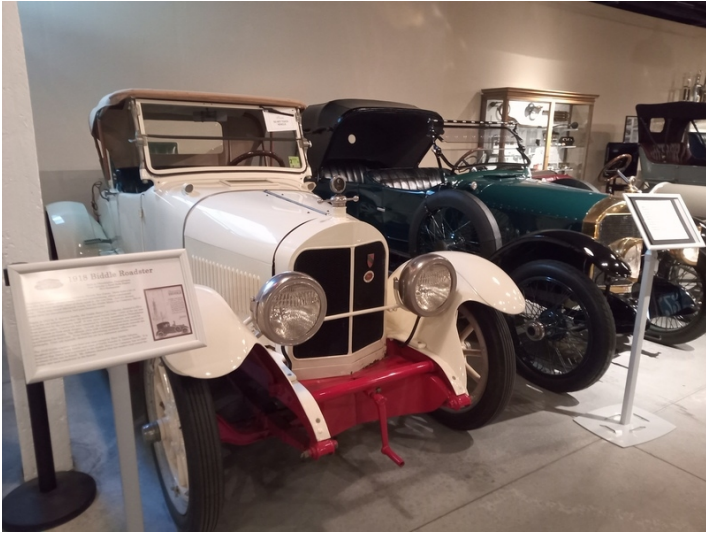
Most of the vehicles in the Boyertown Museum were manufactured in Pennsylvania.

The first photo is an Airhead item, not part of the-Boyertown Museum.

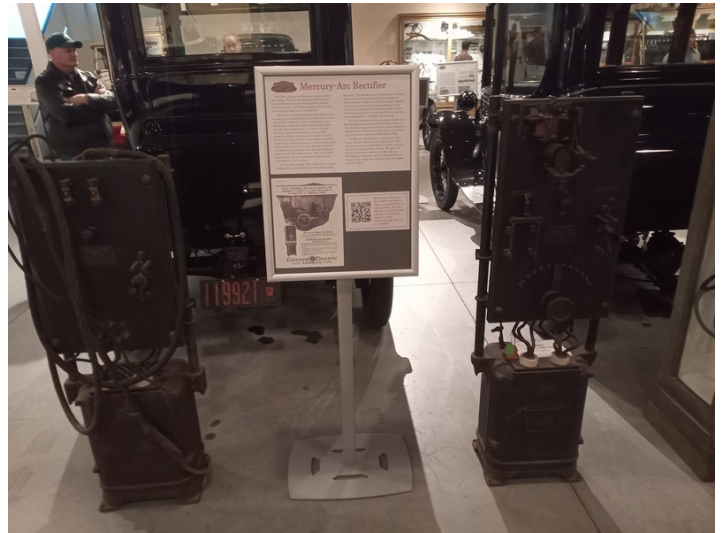


*The Airhead cutaway models*





*two electric cars. Who knew there were many electric models in those days?*



*100 year old car charging stations.*



*Electric van made in this Boyertown factory in the 1970's*