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"If there comes a little thaw,
Still the air is chill and raw,
Here and there a patch of snow,
Dirtier than the ground below,
Dribbles down a marshy flood;
Ankle-deep you stick in mud In the meadows
while you sing, "This is Spring."
Christopher Pearce Cranch, A Spring Growl

Spring is when you feel like whistling even with
a shoe full of slush.
Doug Larson

Every winter, When the great sun has turned
his face away, The earth goes down into a vale
of grief,
And fasts, and weeps, and shrouds herself in
sables, Leaving her wedding-garlands to de-
cay-- Then leaps in spring to his returning
kisses.
*Charles Kingsley (1819 - 1875), Saint's
Tragedy (act III, sc. 1)*

"The ides of March are come."
*William Shakespeare, Julius Caesar (Caesar
act III, I)*

October is one of the peculiarly dangerous
months to speculate in stocks. Others are July,
January, April, September, November, May,
March, June, December, August and February.
Mark Twain (1835 - 1910)



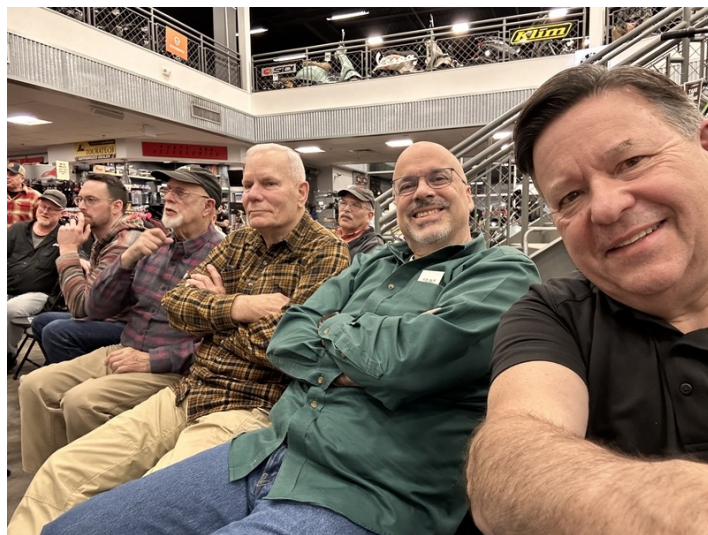
President's Message

Jeff Diorio, President

Hello all

It's March and very hopefully winter is receding
and good riding weather is coming soon.

Several of us went to see the Northern California
BDR film showing at Cross Country Cycles.
Roger, Joe, myself and our new member Rob all
made it. It was great. People in attendance in-
cluded Vince Kelly who you see in this photo with
the rest of NJSBMWR attendees. Also in atten-
dance was the BMW Motorrad representative
from North Jersey and Tim the president of the
BDR who narrated the film.



I was so impressed with the movie, the effort that
went into creating it, the course/views and of
course the riding. Frankly I thought to myself
"I'm a little old to be trying that". But then I real-
ized most of the riders were older than me. One
thing I got from the movie that I will be doing is to
refresh my first aid skills and creating a small
first aid kit for my bike. Last month I talked

about maintenance and your road repair kit. After watching 2 of these very skilled riders get broken bones (one hit a deer), through no fault of their own, I thought good thing someone there had a first aid kit with splints etc. Also realized solo riding means you have to depend on strangers for help. So another take away is if you are doing any kind of extended riding, always good to have a buddy or two riding with you.

We also had a chance to see the new BMW line up. Several of the new 1350 GS' were prominently displayed. Vince told me his 1350 was still being shipped and he is eagerly awaiting it. Oh boy, were they attractive.

Last meeting we talked about doing more local rides and perhaps creating a Sunday Lunch ride to go with the Saturday breakfast ride. Please think of locations and ideas for this. The intent is to go on a longer day ride. I mentioned New Hope PA restaurant I know of that has a parking lot, we also discussed Sweetwater Marina down near Batsto Village as good destinations. Please think of rides we can do as the sun comes out more.

We are also working on variations of the Fluffy Butt for this year. We have the "13 NJ light houses" and Roger has put together some other locations. I think I have a GPX already for the covered bridges in eastern PA. I'm thinking of trying some easier segments of the MA BDR or the newer PA BDR X loop. Let us know if you have other ideas for local rides?

Happy motorbiking in March to all of you.

February Meeting Minutes

Jim Thomasey

The February meeting was called to order at 7pm by Jeff Diorio with about 16 members in attendance. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved and voted upon. Memberships stands at 38 with a few new members joining through the club portal. The treasury presently holds just under \$700 with some receivables due.

The 3 club Rumble will be in our court this year and plans are in the early stage of discussion. All members are encouraged to attend the next meeting to present their ideas and offer help.

The BDR movie was held at Cross Country Motors and there is discussion or review elsewhere in this newsletter. Other upcoming events include the Fluffy Butt competition which will be discussed in greater length at the next meeting. The MOA National rally will be in Redmond Oregon this year on June 13 through the 16 at the Deschutes County Fair and Expo Center. See the MOA website for details or call 541-548-2711 for information. Closer to home is the New Sweden 450 being held this year on May 18 and 19. This is a great event that takes place in the tristate area and had been attended by many NJSBMW riders in the past.

See the New Sweden website for information on signing up. BMW RA is also offering an event in Maine in the coming months.

The popular 50/50 was won by Jeff D. and the second prize was secured by Rick Shapiro. Meeting adjourned at 7:45.

Club Calendar

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

March 2024

- Mar 6 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM @ Marina Grill, Belmar
- Mar 13 Club meeting 7PM (6PM to eat) Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale

April 2024

- Apr 3 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM @ TBD
- Apr 10 Club meeting 7PM (6PM to eat) Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale
- Apr 28 Gathering of the Nortons, Performance Garage, Frenchtown, NJ

May 2024

- May 1 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM @ TBD
- May 8 Club meeting 7PM (6PM to eat) Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale
- May 15 ice cream ride 6:30PM location TBD

June 2024

- June 5 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM @ TBD
- June 12 Club meeting 7PM (6PM to eat)

Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale

- June 19 ice cream ride 6:30PM location TBD

July 2024

- July 3 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM @ TBD
- July 10 Club meeting 7PM (6PM to eat) Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale
- July 17 ice cream ride 6:30PM location TBD

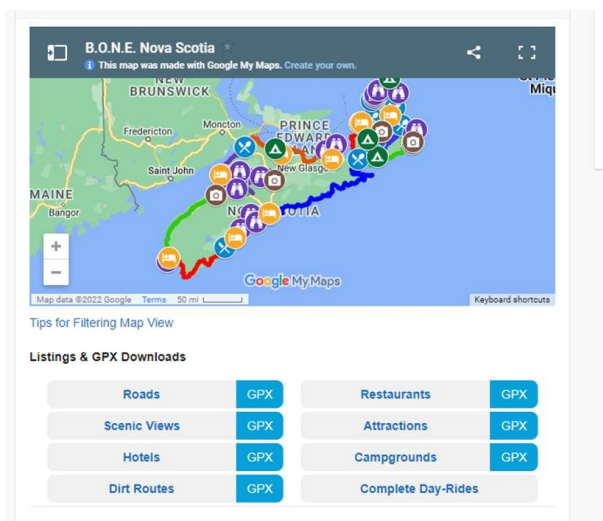
August 2024

- Aug 7 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM @ TBD
- Aug 14 Club meeting 7PM (6PM to eat) Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale
- Aug 21 ice cream ride 6:30PM location TBD

RIDE PLANNING SITE for N.E.

Roger T

How do you plan for a long distance ride? By this I don't mean "how to plan to tell your wife." I don't mean "how to plan what to take or how to load your bike." What I'm talking about is planning for best routes, hotels, restaurants, and scenic views. I typically talk to club members, look at GPS maps with points-of-interest, drag out old magazines, and even go through AAA books/pamphlets. There are also magazines that show motorcycle routes such as the MOA magazine/website and Road Runner magazine.



The challenge with this approach is that I have to look back at old magazines and web pages to fine my tar-

get area. (The good thing about the MOA is that a few months before their National Rally and Get-a-Way rallies, they publish articles and routes by local clubs.) There are also some good websites/companies that provide best routes but they may have a fee, such as Ride-with-GPS (<https://www.rwgps.com>) and [Roadrunner](#) magazine .

Well, I just found a motorcycle website created by the New England Riders (NER) Club that provides a lot of details on places and routes in the North East U.S. and Canada. This is the same club that I wrote about last month where they published how to use the Garmin BaseCamp software. <https://www.newenglandriders.org/b-o-n-e>

More Useful Links

- [Border Crossing Information](#)
- [Motorcycle Tour Guide Nova Scotia](#)
- [Canada Maps – Nova Scotia](#)
- [Lighthouses in Nova Scotia](#)
- [Cabot Trail Biker](#)
- [Cape Breton Highlands National Park](#)
- [CBH Park Map incl Cabot Trail \(pdf download\)](#)
- [Cabot Trail Park Fees](#)
- [Video – Nova Scotia Riding](#)
- [Explore Nova Scotia Tourism and Travel Information](#)
- [Nova Scotia Government](#)

*sadly, these aren't links, but an *image* of links.*

Their Best of the NorthEast (or "BONE") presents a list of roads that have been vetted and reaffirmed by NER members over many years. You can choose 13 areas (regions) to research. Travel attractions and amenities are recommended and rated by your fellow riders, especially in relation to visiting them by motorcycle. What you get besides a map view and a downloadable GPX file for your GPS (see figure). This includes waypoints and points of interest. The downloaded GPX routes can be complex with many turns – they are best displayed and followed using good mapping software like Garmin BaseCamp or other and/or a dedicated GPS device. NER members update our listings and GPX files frequently, based on the first-hand experience and input from the rider community. Check back often to get the most recent data. You can choose items to look for: Roads, attractions, scenic views, restaurants, hotels, dirt roads, camp grounds, etc. URL links to other information are also included for border crossing info, area maps, parks and tourism

information. Good luck if you are going to the North East this year. Hope you find this useful. If you have other great planning software/sites, then go ahead and write an article for our newsletter.

BMW Airheads SuperTech

Bill Dudley

The Airheads BMW Club Supertech was held February 9-11 at the Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles in, perhaps unsurprisingly, Boyertown, PA. About 120 airhead BMW owners from surrounding states attended this event. As usual, the event was organized by the PA Airheads, with 15 classes presented on Saturday and also Sunday morning.

Topics covered the gamut of Airhead BMW motorcycle repair and maintenance: replacing push rod tube seals, lacing spoked wheels, and transmission work and more. There was a presentation by the owner of Powerseal USA about the technology and practical aspects of re-finishing cylinder walls. Yours truly gave a talk (mostly a Q&A) about working on the typical Airhead BMW electrical system.



After dinner, before the speaker's presentation.

Friday night was an informal meet and greet, which included pizza. Saturday night there was a catered dinner in the museum, and a talk by revered BMW mechanic Tom Cutter, reminiscing on his life and times.

The Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles was a truck manufacturing plant for a large part of the 20th century, and now is home to a large collection of antique cars and trucks (and the occasional motorcycle). In addition, there was a trav-

eling exhibit of Fire apparatus in the lobby. In our downtime, the attendees and presenters could walk around and enjoy the exhibited machines.



A few of the many old cars in the museum.



In addition to all of that, the local Airheads BMW Club owns a set of cutaway models. There are cutaway transmissions, engines, and the Maryland branch of the club brought their "Sliced Cycle", an entire early 70's BMW "slash 5" that has been cutaway so all the gubbins are visible.

I've been going to this event for several (10?) years, and I highly recommend it. When the weather is too cold to go riding anywhere, the next best thing is hanging out with your riding buddies learning about your motorcycle. Highly recommended.

BDR FILM AT CROSS COUNTY CYCLE/BMW

Roger T.

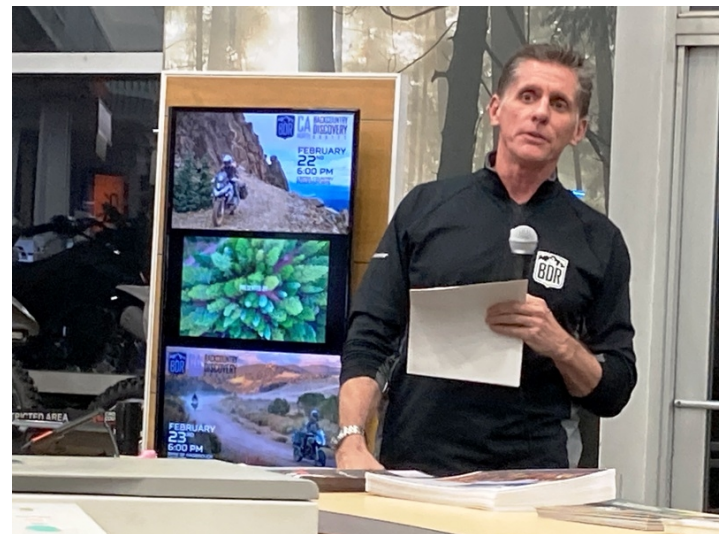
If this article sounds like the one last year,... it is, basically because I used the general front-end and added the specifics for this year's BDR.

BDR for those not familiar is the Back Discover Routes organization. It is an adventure-based group that creates outstanding off-road rides all over the United States. BDR is a non-profit organization like MOA, RA, Airheads and most local clubs. Their rides start with months, if not years of research on the best route from point to point within a region. In the past they've created, videoed and published routes in WA, CO, IA, NV, UT, AZ, NM, MA (mid Atlantic, several states), CA (south), NE (North East), WY, and OR. This year's route being shown at Dealers and other selected sites is 940 miles across Northern California. Their routes cross public roads and lands (not private property) and over paved and dirt roads. But many of their routes are on mountainous fire roads, rough dirt roads and trails. The routes, downloadable for your GPS/phone, also identify "expert" rough terrain/trails. As BDR's videos show, usually 7-10 riders do the ride for video purposes. The film is EXCELLENT with professional-looking video and pictures, taken from in-front, behind, and above (a lot of drone videos). BDR provides a video trailer on their website, full video, free tracks, interactive maps, photos, as well as camping, hotel, food and gas information. Packing lists, discovery points and FAQs for each route are included. As time goes on, they publish Route Updates to insure the latest information is available. Most of the BDR route videos are now available for viewing on their website... for free. Just select the Route and the video is shown along with GPS tracks, Q&As, and other. <https://ridebdr.com>

Cross Country Cycles/BMW at Metuchen was well prepared on March 22 (Thursday evening) www.crosscountrycycle.net. About 150 were in attendance. Club members who were there included Prez Jeff Diorio, Joe Karol, Robert Sherman and me. Our club's MOA representative, Vince Kelly, also attended. The show room was packed with bikes upstairs and down as well as several located outdoors. Three new 2023 R1300GS' were lined up at the front door. It looks like they are set for great spring/summer sales.

The Northern California BDR film lasted over an hour. Hardly anybody moved once the BDR film started except for a few of us who flinched and groaned as a rider fell or crossed a particularly difficult bolder-riden and rutted path. The 940 mile Backcountry Discovery Route was a multi-day off-pavement ride designed for adventure and dual-sport motorcycles. It happened in September - October 2023. The route started from far-east of San Francisco and explored north to the Oregon Border, Challenges included a lot of rocks, silt, sand, and arduous mountain roads. Compared to other BDR routes, this one appeared to have more rocky sections requiring intermediate to expert off-road skills.

Their route took them to several fire observation towers... climbing up winding hair-pin turn rocky fire roads where they eventually enjoyed looking for miles over the surrounding mountainous and wooded terrain. Of course the real challenge was coming down several thousand feet around the same hair-pin turns which were littered by rocks and wash-outs. These downhill stretches were the only place that they didn't ride close to each other. We all cringed on these steep downhill curves since there was no-where to quickly stop if you had to.



Tim James, the presenter, is also the Board President of BDR. He was an excellent speaker as well as very experienced BDR rider. He has been on most of the BDR rides.

There were thirteen riders in all including two women. The bikes included 3 BMWs, 2-Zeros, Suzuki, Honda, and KTMs. Two riders were hurt, one with leg injury and another with wrist issue but neither had to be ambulated out. The cam-

era man hurt his leg. There were no more over-head drone videos after this point in the video. Electrical charging the Zeros wasn't a problem as presented in the video and discussed afterward. Most of the motels/Inns had electricity for charging with Tesla chargers available in many locations. The BDR chase vehicle also brought a generator that was used once and extra gas for the bikes with smaller tanks. One bike hit the dust... a Suzuki and another's chain broke without a spare master chain link on the bike. Luckily the chase vehicle had a spare bike and provided a large selection of master links. It is an excellent film.



A lot of the route was very rough, with all size rocks/boulders. Because most of the riders were experienced (and expert), overall average speed was only 25-35 mph.



Northern California BDR Route, 940 miles, 9 Days. I think it actually took quite a bit longer due to filming and weather delays.



Plenty of water crossings... hidden rocks caused several drops.



Fire road leading up to one of several fire monitoring stations they visited.



Two injured BDR riders. The camera man hurt his leg. See the BDR chase vehicle/trailer in the background with spare bike and parts.



Part of the group resting at the end of the 9 day journey.



Jeff Diorio's photo of the presentation at Cross Country BMW.

Highly Classifieds

For sale, 1999 BMW K1200LT. A great bike. 65,788 miles and counting. It's drivable now as it is, however it needs a fair bit of work. This is probably best for someone that's mechanically inclined or is willing to spend a bit. I was still riding it until very recently when I got another GS. In fact, I took it on a multi-state, two-week tour through the northeast this past October and it had no issues. I just don't have the time or funds to invest in it right now to bring it to where it needs to be.

The major repair it needs is a new clutch. It slips when accelerating hard, mostly when on the highway in a higher gear. This is a big job on the LT.

Contact **Jonathan** simplyabsurd@Gmail.com if you have any questions. I can also provide a Google sheet

with my service history.

Wanted: - a not quite dead 12V motorcycle battery. One you weren't comfortable with when you were leaving on a big ride, so you replaced it, but it's too good to throw out and you'd feel guilty sneaking over to Mike's to leave it on his pile'o'batteries.. Let me know what'cha got.

Don Eilenberger 908.216.7867 (text)
deilenberger@gmail.co

And Finally..

Simon Whitelock holds the Guinness World Record for the functional vehicle with the most cylinders.

Now just to be clear, the record covers all motor vehicles not just motorcycles, and amazingly the bike is 100% road legal in the UK. That prodigious engine was built using 16 Kawasaki KH250 three-cylinder two-stroke engines arranged into six banks of eight cylinders, or 2 2/3 engines per bank.

Fast Facts – The Whitelock “Tinker Toy” Motorcycle
The Whitelock “Tinker Toy” 48 cylinder motorcycle was built by Simon Whitelock of Britain and first unveiled back in 2003. Videos of this motorcycle being started up and run have been circulating online for over 20 years now, always attracting a great deal of attention.



The Whitelock 48 cylinder motorcycle in all its glory.

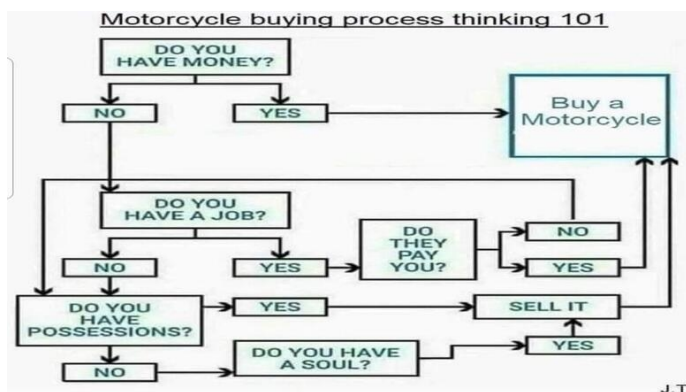
That wildly complex engine has a total displacement is 4.2 liters and though the power isn't listed, each of the engines was originally capable of 32 bhp.

Theoretically the Tinker Toy engine could produce 512 bhp, though this seems unlikely.

There is actually a 49th cylinder, a single 125cc two-stroke that is used as the starter motor. The bike has a custom frame, a Honda Goldwing front end, and a custom rear.

The Whitelock Tinker Toy holds the Guinness World Record as the functional vehicle with the most cylinders, a record that seems unlikely to be broken any time soon. The bike is now being offered for sale by Bonhams as part of their Spring Stafford Sale in April. The price guide starts at \$51,000 USD.

Editor's note: There's another maniac in Britain with similar skills: Allen Millyard. He's built 5 cylinder Kawasaki two strokes, V-12 motorcycles (from two inline sixes) and other insane motorcycles.



can you see me now, m----- f----- ?



Indo-Tibetan Border Police personnel ride on a motorbike as they perform during India's 73rd Republic Day parade on January 26, 2022, in New Delhi, India.

April 28, 2024
Gathering of the Nortons
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Admission Free
 Donations Appreciated
 50/50 Drawing @ Noon

Show Opens 10AM to 1PM
 Check website for updates: DVNR.org
 Rain Date May 5, same time

Unlike the other things on this page, this is a real event and you should attend it.