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Beware the autumn people...For some, autumn comes early, stays late, through life, where October follows September and November touches October and then instead of December and Christ's birth there is no Bethlehem Star, no rejoicing, but September comes again and old October and so on down the years, with no winter, spring or revivifying summer. For these beings, fall is the only normal season, the only weather, there be no choice beyond. Where do they come from? The dust. Where do they go? The grave. Does blood stir their veins? No, the night wind. What ticks in their head? The worm. What speaks through their mouth? The toad. What sees from their eye? The snake. What hears with their ear? The abyss between the stars. They sift the human storm for souls, eat flesh of reason, fill tombs with sinners. They frenzy forth. In gusts they beetle-scurry, creep, thread, filter, motion, make all moons sullen, and surely cloud al clear-run waters. The spider-web hears them, trembles—breaks. Such are the autumn people. Beware of them."
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President's Message

I took Roger Trendowski's advise and got to the park at 7:30 (Roger said be there by 7) and waited so I could be first in line to race to the picnic grounds and lay claim to the shelter. There was no line. There wasn't even a park ranger to open the gates until 8:15 (must be state cutbacks). So, armed with paper tablecloths I was a lone sentry standing post against the anticipated attack of

communist guerrillas and girl-scouts. No attack was to come on this fine Saturday. With the exceptions of a thermos of coffee, a granola bar and a paperback I had the entire park to myself for about 3 hours.

About 11:30 the cavalry arrived. Grant Duncan rode in on a fiery steed bearing barbeque tools and liquid refreshment. No WMD (weapons of mass destruction) could stop us now. Shortly afterward Mike Kowal showed up with a F350 loaded down with food and beverage. We even had a silver chafing dish for the BBQ chicken thanks to Paul Walzer, who was extra vigilant in making sure no one tried a sneak attack using germ warfare. No salmonella here.

A big thanks to Art and Mikey the mechanic for shopping duties and supplying enough food for a small army (a small round army). Also a big thanks to chef Grant whose expertise on the grill kept the party rolling.

Like a good many of our activities this year, the club picnic at Allaire State Park was a small event. That however didn't stop about twenty members and guests from gorging themselves and swapping lies. You should have been there.

The weather was there, I wish you were beautiful. Or something like that.

-- Jerry R.
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A Day at Thunderbolt and Lightning NJ Motorsports Park, Millville NJ

John Malaska

Deciding to dust off the cobwebs from my K75 and the atrophy from my brain, Jim Thomasey & George Roberts joined me on a ride down to Millville on 8/16 to check out New Jersey Motorsports Park. The Shelby American Automobile Club ("SAAC") had scheduled its national rally there that weekend, so it was a good opportunity to not only take a look at the track facilities, but also to check out some vintage sports cars from an earlier era.

Absent my GPS, we slabbed down via I-195, the NJ Tpk, I-295, NJ-42, and NJ-55, which took us less than two hours. After paying \$30 at the NJMP entrance, we rode into the Thunderbolt track facility.

There was a large display of both competition- and concourse-level Shelby's and other similar performance Fords. Vintage and modern Ford GT-40s, a few Daytona Coupes, original and reproduction Cobras in a variety of engine configurations, lots of historic and modern Shelby Mustangs, and some other Shelby and high-performance Fords, such as the prototype V-8 Griffith, a Ford-powered Pantera, several Sunbeam Tigers, and a few vintage Boss 302s and Boss 429s. Rare stuff.



Shortly after we arrived, the competition cars took to the track. It was apparent that some of the drivers were babying their valuable machines while others, in full race setup, were really pushing them. There was an occasional off-track excursion or breakdown. In the next track session, the street machines went out. While it was nice to see and hear all of these cars on the track, it resembled a parade, as there were few places where the SAAC allowed drivers to overtake.

We then agreed to relax and enjoy Thunderbolt's haute cuisine. It's comforting to know that racetrack food hasn't changed much either through the years. Still expensive and bland. But at least the upper deck of the

concession building offered a decent view of some of the track. (More on this later.)



We then decided to go over to NJMP's other track, "Lightning", via the free trolley that was available. Conveniently, the New York Sportbike Association was having a trackday event there, and we watched the instructors lead and supervise their groups of riders.

We then walked over to the adjacent F1 go-cart facility. There, you can rent a cart and driving suit, and take to the small-but-interesting track to compete with fellow competitors for eight laps. Not sure of the prices, but this could be a interesting future club activity.

We trolled back to Thunderbolt, and started for home. Traffic was miserable on I-295, so we exited near Mt. Holly and took CO-537 to Our WaWa and then back to the Shore.

Some Observations:

1. NJMP is a nice facility with its twin tracks, but it still has some work to be done. Spectating leaves something to be desired, as there are no grandstands yet, and even when they're constructed, the view is partially obstructed, due to the guardrails being so close to the track. Maybe they'll build some spectator mounds in the future. Also, it appears that most of the spectating is from inside each course, rather than the outside perimeter.
2. Both tracks are very dusty, as construction is still going on. Hopefully, they'll get some grass seeded this fall.
3. There's only one entrance into NJMP, off of Dividing Creek Road. And then only one lane in and out of each racetrack, over a bridge. I wonder what traffic problems this'll create for some of the bigger spectator events.
4. Guided by GPS units, many spectators will probably drive through Millville to get to NJMP, and I anticipate some traffic problems there as well, due to the

bottleneck where NJ-49 crosses the Maurice River. If you plan on attending an event, consider using an alternate route from the west.

I don't want to sound like NJMP is a disaster. Its still a work in progress, and the tracks themselves each have some very interesting sections to view, or ride/drive on, if you're so inclined. I hear that the really technical & twisty section of Thunderbolt has already gained the name of "The Octopus", and Lightning has some great corners as well. The entire facility shows great promise. Its nice to have a new facility like NJMP in our neighborhood.

EDITORS NOTE: For those club members attending the upcoming Last Chance Rally – it will be a short ride to NJ Motorsport Park, where they have a "Wheels and Wings Weekend."

Elections Loom!

Fall 2008

RD Swanson

You are probably weary with Obama and McCain and all the constant nonsense churned out by the news media. I know that I am. But a really important election that will not set the course for our country is just three months away.

You ask, "What?" It's the election for NJSBMW 2009 officers. And these elections will set the course for our riding club. This makes them most important.

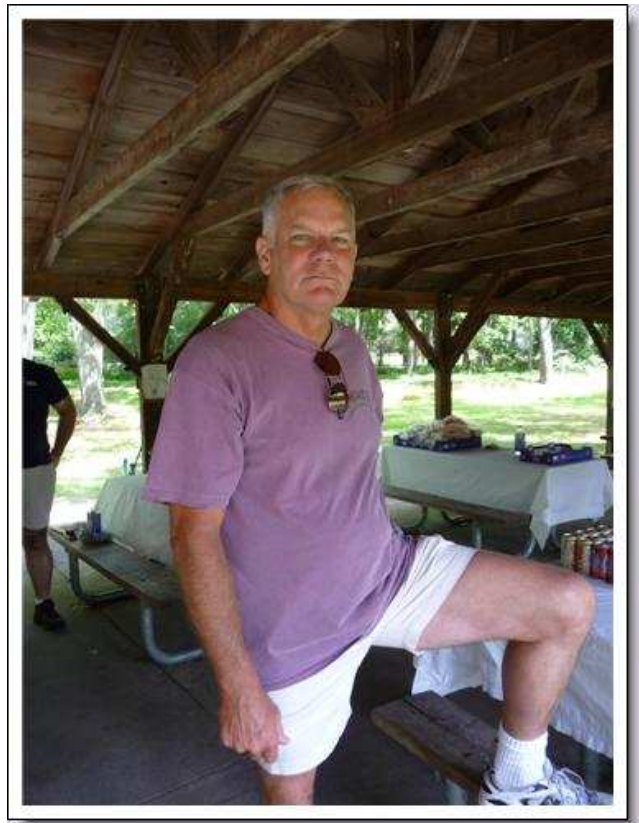
The process is as follows: Prez. Jerry appoints a nominating committee at our September meeting. The nominating committee reports with a slate of officers at the October meeting. Elections take place at the November meeting at which time nominations may also be made from the floor.

So think about it. Do you want to run? Do you have some ideas on what path the club should take in 2009? Do you want to serve? Do you have someone in mind that you think would make a good officer? Think about it and be prepared!

Picnic – August 23rd

Don Eilenberger

Prez Jerry has already commented on the light turnout for the picnic. We expected (and had food for) more people than turned out. A few people who said they were coming cancelled at the last minute, other people just never showed up. Art Goldberg, one of the organizers took some photos of the picnic that we'll share with you – making you feel even worse that you missed it.





We discussed how to avoid the club spending more money than is necessary when people say they're coming and then don't. It's been decided by the picnic committee (Art and Mikey) that future picnics will require a deposit of \$15/head to reserve a spot. No reservation, no food. If you do show up – you'll get your \$15 back. If you don't the rest of us will eat it.

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.

- Aug. 27th ~ 7 PM New Sweden BMW Riders Monthly Meeting at European Café, Rt. #73 North, Mount Laurel, NJ
- Aug. 29th-Sept 1st – Finger Lakes Rally, Hidden Valley Campground, Watkins Glen State Park, NY. *This probably actually requires riding, if by chance you're actually riding – see Roger T, he always goes.*
- Sept. 1st ~ 7 PM Skylands BMR Riders Monthly Meeting ~ Sky Manor Airport, 42 Sky Manor Road, Pittstown, NJ
- Sept. 7th ~ The Gathering at Ephrata, PA
- Sept. 10th ~ 7 PM Shore BMW Riders Monthly Meeting at Schneider's Restaurant, Main St. Avon NJ
- Sept. 19th – 21st ~ Last Chance Rally, Appel Farms, Elmer, NJ
- Sept. 26th – 28th ~ Black Diamond Rally Poconos
- Oct. 26th ~ Polar Bear Rides Start, Cape May, NJ

Riding the Catskills, Aug. 17th-19th

Don Eilenberger

Luckily, I belong to two clubs. It seems my local club (NJSBMWR) has given up on riding. I was lucky; New Sweden BMW Riders are still trying to be "BMW Riders" not watchers, lookers, or whatever.

Paul Doane of New Sweden joined me for a trip to the Blackthorne Resort in lovely East Durham NY – the Irish Alps.

It was a repeat of years past – a good (and slightly wet) ride up to the resort, clearing weather turning into great weather, some local touring, including bits of Vermont, covering the Appalachian Mountains, the Catskill Mountains, the Green Mountains and the Berkshire Mountains.



The poolside bar was a friendly place to hang out after a hard day of riding, enjoying some chat with the staff of the Blackthorne.



This rugged activity was just enough to justify a short nap before dinner. Friday night was buffet – an excellent one (turkey this year) and Saturday night was a sitdown choice of prime rib or pork-loin. Good eating!

musket) by some people reenacting some battle of the revolutionary war (it may have been the Battle of Bennington – but that's just a guess.)



During Saturday's ride – Paul and I dropped in at Max-BMW in Troy NY.



Nice store, but no selection of boots for me to try on, so we left empty-handed. We headed for Bennington Vermont, where we were fired upon (by cannon and

Since Vermont didn't seem to make us all that welcome, we did a short visit to Hemmings Motor News museum, and then skedaddled back into New York State, taking Rt 22 south until we could cross back over the Hudson River at Kingston. There is a reason to take Rt 22 south, besides it being a great road. Those of you who have

ridden it with me in the past may recognize the spot we stopped.



After crossing the Hudson, we headed up Rt 28 to the overlook on top of the mountain. Just as we got there it started raining, so a few quick photos, and we headed back to drink, nap and dinner at the Blackthorne.



After a fairly long night testing Guinness in the pub, we were off to sleep. Sunday dawned with just perfect cool (50's) clear weather – making for a perfect ride home day. I took us on a backroads route through the center of the Catskills Forest Preserve – passing by a spot with some history for me (I worked there about 5 decades ago) – Frost Valley YMCA camp.



We continued south, bumping into Glenn Martin and Janet Muller in Curry NY – entirely by chance. A quick chat and we were off seeking my very favorite motorcycle road, Rt 42 from Monticello to Rt 97. Of all the roads in the north-east this is my favorite. Perfect pavement, banked corners, clear-cutbacks on both sides of the road, with sweeper after sweeper. Wonderful road – highly recommended.

Of course we did get a bit thirsty doing 42 – so:



From there – we hopped down to NJ, and Rt 521, 519, 619, 29 and home. Great weekend – good company, good food and good drink. Plus some great riding. That's what it's all about folks.. You might consider dusting off the bike and joining us.

OTL – August 2008

RD Swanson

The MOA puts out the glitzy magazine with all the advertisements and colorful photographs and I enjoy going through it and sometimes read the articles. But in the main, the articles are boring and I don't read many of them. OTL is different. It's almost amateurish, but it has a soul and the articles often make good and thought-provoking reading.

This issue's *Club Stuff* page even mentions Capt. Don and I. It pertains to the *Club Moribund* article that I wrote in last month's issue of our newsletter and my perceived notion about decreasing interest in club activities. And this is the point of my story.

Gordon Boltz's article *In Die Wind* on pages 30 and 31 of this issue touches on the same subject. In the wind means many things to Gordon, but mainly refers to the wonderful experience of riding a motorcycle. He too, confesses to riding less in the last few years, to trailering, to staying in motels and eating in restaurants. To quote, "I was no longer in the wind."

Then, despite himself, he finds himself out on the road with his old tent on the way to the RA national. He tells himself he can still change his mind and trailer, but he keeps going. He finds himself freezing in Pennsylvania, but finds a riding buddy and keeps going. In short, he finds his riding spirit again and realizes what he has been missing. It's a good article and recommended, but the part that hit home with me was his quotation from Kahlil Gibran. It reads as follows" "THE LUST FOR COMFORT MURDERS THE VERY PASSIONS OF OUR SOUL, AND THEN WALKS GRINNING IN THE FUNERAL."

On Sunday last, George Hickman called me and asked if I was up for a ride. I had attended the funeral of my brother-in-law the day before and was thinking I would just take it easy, read the *Times*, and take in some rays. But death was on my mind, and I remembered Gibran's lines. I told George I would be over to his place in short order. Pete Stone and Wayne Reiss also rode in and off we went.

George is a very skilled rider and knows the roads of North Jersey and Buck's County better than anyone with whom I have ever ridden. He led us on a merry chase on roads that twisted and turned, some dirt roads, to almost dead ends and finally to Van Sant Airport. Some of these roads I had seen before, but many were new to me. Wayne, Pete and I literally gave George a standing ovation. It was that good. Jerry Schwartz and Al Peirson were lounging under the trees, so we joined them on this splendid day, had some conversation and some weenies and relaxed for an hour or so.

When I got home that afternoon I felt like a million bucks! I had been *In Die Wind!*

The Art of BMW – book review

Art Goldberg

The ART of BMW
85 Years of Motorcycling Excellence
By Peter Gantriis

BMW's from 1923 through 2007. The greatest pictures with limited text in a book for your coffee table or bathroom. Well all the BMW's maybe, except my white R27 that I had in the late sixties and others. The motorcycles in this book are from Peter Nettesheim's collection. The photography is excellent. It will rock your socks off. I will have a copy to show at the club's next meeting on Wednesday, September 10, 2008. If members buy a minimum of ten copies the club will be able sell them at a discount from the \$40.00 list price.

Editors note: We have a standing invitation to visit Peter Nettesheims outstanding collection of BMW bikes (BMW Motorad comes to Peter for historic bikes to show) – all it takes is someone in the club organizing it. Want to get involved? See me I'll fill you in with the details.

For Sale:

1967 R50, all original w only 8k miles, great shape. Ask mike k about it, he prepped it for me. bar end lights, etc, large seat and large tank. \$9,500



dr jerry schreiber 732-822-4340..

I will be on vacation until 9/17, but can take emails

Garmin Quest GPS. Bought new, works perfectly. With motorcycle mount and wiring. \$125.00 See Don (deilenberger@yahoo.com)

IMPORTANT – Last Chance Rally

Don – in trustee mode.

It's that time of year again – for the best local rally you can find – the New Sweden (with the help of NJS) Last Chance Rally at Appel Farm, in Deptford, NJ.

You know it's a great rally. You know the food is good. You know the company is great. You know you can sleep indoors in heated/cooled comfort without a crowd, so WHY aren't you signed up?

Our club has committed to helping out the New Sweden folks in making their rally a great success. Part of the help is simply GOING to it. There are jobs you can help out with if you're inspired when you get there – but if you can just get off your butt and visit the website: <http://www.lastchancerally.com> and get the registration form and fill it in – send it to Nancy – you'll be doing New Sweden a great favor, and helping to cement relationships between the two clubs.

I've been hearing lame-ass excuses all summer why people aren't riding. It's time to put an end to the excuses and get out and do something. I'd suggest the something be – go to Last Chance (the club is subsidizing your expense by \$10 off your 2009 dues IF you get the pre-reg form in on time. I think they extended it a week so our dead-heads could qualify.)

Do it tonight. And then attend – you'll have a great time.

It's a promise!

New Jersey Shore BMW Riders

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TO:

**Club Meeting – September 10th, 7PM
Schneider's German–American Restaurant, Rt 71, Avon**



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