# November 2008 NEW JERSEY SHORE BMW RIDERS Inc

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#### Club Membership Application at: http://www.njsbmwr.org/NJSBMWR\_Application.pdf

Democracy substitutes election by the incompetent many for appointment by the corrupt few. <u>George</u> <u>Bernard Shaw</u> (1856 - 1950), Man and Superman (1903) "Maxims for Revolutionists"

It's nice to see a Democrat blow something besides an election. **Arsenio Hall**, *after Clinton's saxophone debut on his show* 

Elections are won by men and women chiefly because most people vote against somebody rather than for somebody. <u>Franklin P. Adams</u> (1881 - 1960), *Nods and Becks, 1944* 

A politician thinks of the next election; a statesman of the next generation. <u>James Clarke</u> (1854 - 1916)

EDITORS NOTE: The editor is doing the newsletter while listening to the election results. Mike – you can stop sending me the McCain crap now.. He lost.

### **President's Message**

The Skylands club was a gracious host and pulled out all the stops to make everyone welcome. They put out a nice spread for breakfast, took everyone out on a fantastic tour showcasing picture postcard roads through the remains of the state's autumn farmland.

Upon our return to the Sky Manor Airport we were treated to a buffet that I'm sure satisfied all. The Tri-Club Rumble was a great event and Jersey Shore riders made a <u>Very</u> respectable showing.



I'm sure once the final tallies are compiled our club is sure to come out on top.

Speaking of tallies, club elections are at the forefront of this month's meeting. The nominating committee has set forth a slate of candidates, but the floor will be open if anyone wants to throw their hat into the ring. The current slate is as follows:

President – Skip Palmer V.P. – Joe Karol Treasurer – Roger Trendowski

A Big THANK YOU to these three members for answering the call, though there's still a chance for others to step into the limelight.

Just a final note, a pitch for the club's Holiday Bash.

We're going to hold the event again at Farrell's in Pt. Pleasant Beach. We were treated well there last year and it was an enjoyable with friends and a great way to unwind from the holiday hassles and stresses. Come out on the 14<sup>th</sup> of next month and let your hair down....well some of you.

-- Jerry R. 732-938-3940 sic.pup@verizon.net

### BIG RUMBLE, BIG SUCCESS! October 12<sup>th</sup>

**RD** Swanson

I'm not sure how many annual 'rumbles' have been held, but this may have been the best. Skylands hosted the event at Don Gordon's hanger at Sky Manor Airport outside Pittstown.

Early arrivals were treated to coffee and assorted pastries. As all the NJ BMW riders assembled it was evident that there would be a good turn-out. The weather was perfect for riding. It was clear, sunny and just cool enough to be comfortable in riding gear. Skip led a group of 11 from the GSP to 278, 78 and 513. Don led a group of 11 from I 195 and north on secondary roads. Others, including myself trickled in on an assortment of routes and roads.



No accurate count was made, but the number of Shore Riders was about 35. This made us the 'winning' club. We had more riders than either Skylands or New Sweden.



**Some Shore Riders** 

Skylands assembled all the riders at about 10:30 and led a very long file of riders on some really nice roads to Markstown and a stop at Max Monaco's gravesite. There we shared memories, kicked tires and tombstones and then rode back to the airport for a really great lunch compliments of Bill Mack and the Skyland's riders. The food included barbecued beef, hamburgers, and an assortment of home-made salads that were first-rate! Dave Cushing also raffled off a bunch of door prizes to everyone's delight.



Jim Cavallo, Gigi and Rich Reidenger (of Skylands)

After the eating, talking and renewing of friendships, the crowd slowly moved out for some more riding in the time left on this glorious day. Whomever it is that hosts the 'Rumble' next year, it will be hard to top this one. (Rumor has it that Nancy Glyndmyer will invite everyone to her house in Milmay for a grand feast). Where is Milmay anyway? Is it in New Jersey? Is it swampy? Is it malarial?

Many thanks to all the great riders of Skylands! What is it they say? Maybe next year?

# Children's Specialized Hospital A time for giving

Roger Trendowski

For the past five or maybe even ten years, our club together with New Sweden and Skylands clubs have put together a huge number of gifts and financial support for the Children's Specialized Hospital in Toms River.

The kids that receive our gifts, their families and hospital staff truly appreciate our holiday gifts. If you are not already familiar with what they do and who they help, go read:

#### http://www.childrens-specialized.org/

As in the past, we will meet on a Saturday morning (time and date to be announced but it will be in the first half of December). Then as a group, ride from the DMV on Route 70 over to the hospital where we will bring in the load of toys, games, and special gifts. After meeting a few of the kids and maybe taking a short tour, we will travel somewhere for lunch.

So, start buying some toys, games, DVD, etc.... We will collect money at the club meeting if you want us to buy stuff for them. Stay tuned on our Yahoo group email list for additional information and email me if you have any questions or suggestions. Roger Trendowski <u>rtrendowski@att.net</u>.

### FIRST POLAR BEAR! Cape May, October 26

RD Swanson (no longer a Porsche owner..)



Sunday morning dawned cool, crisp and clear. It was to be a perfect Fall day! Temperature would range between 50 and 65 degrees.

Shore Riders met at the "Other Wawa" at the intersection of routes 519 and 70 in Whiting. This would be a good starting point for the ride to Cape May.

John Malaska organized and led this ride which included Alex Edly, Bobby Truex, Roger Trendowski, Tom Rizzo and his lovely friend Martha, John Dunne, Ken Houle and myself.

The roads were still partly wet as a result of the heavy rain from the night before. In some spots where the pine needles had gathered in bunches and were still wet it looked a little dicey, but we took it easy and there was no problem. It was really quite beautiful with the Fall colors and the green pines in this densely wooded part of New Jersey. We passed cranberry bogs and lakes and rivers and bays as we moved south through Green Bank, Mays Landing, Egg Harbor, Rio Grande, Dennis Township and other little-known towns of South Jersey.

I thought of what Capt. Don was missing by keeping his usually slothful habit of sleeping late. The best part of the day was passing and he was snoring away in his trundle bed. Poor Don.

It took us a couple hours to make this nice ride. As we reached the street to make a left to the VFW sign-in site who should be there to greet us but Capt. Don!



Photo by Don

What the hell! What did he do? Did he ride down the night before and sleep out in the fields? There was no way he could arrive before us. But he did. Go figure.

We hung around for a while. There were a few BMW riders but none I recognized. Didn't see any New Swedeners nor Skylanders. Mostly Hondas and Harleys lined the street.



Roger suggested Uncle Bill's for lunch. It was a restaurant that had good food, large portions and pretty girls dressed in assorted costumes for waitresses. We had a nice lunch, some good conversation and then headed north on the GSP for the ride back to the Shore. Traffic was only moderate so we set a good pace and were home shortly after three.



What you missed.. if you didn't join us

#### Sunday Ride to Nesco November 1st

Don Eilenberger

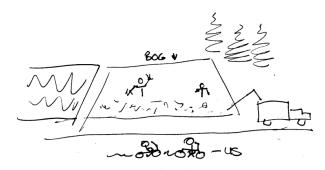
Since the 2<sup>nd</sup> Polar-Bear didn't sound that exciting, and would have required me getting up early (UGGHHH!) I decided to take a ride somewhere else.. but the else wasn't firmly determined before the ride started. My kind of ride – think it over until you're moving and then decide where to go.

The possibilities were Frenchtown for lunch, or.. a Vintage Dirt Bike Show in Nesco – which is right down the road from Batsto and Pleasant Mills, a nice area to ride in – and a nice ride to.. so I offered it up as a Polar Bear alternative on the Yahoo list, and was surprised at the response!

Joining me at OUR WAWA at 10AM were John Malaska, Joe Karol, George Roberts, Alex Edly, Ken Houle, and Bobby Truax. We ended up with 7 bikes heading souf' on 539 and through the pines. There were very few cars or trucks seen on the ride – but LOTS of motorcycles!

When passing the cranberry bogs just outside of Chatsworth – we were a bit surprised to see a lot of activity in the bogs. Apparently it was harvest time, and harvest doesn't stop on Sundays. It looked like an image from the Ocean Spray commercials – with flooded bogs and workers in the bogs herding the cranberries to conveyers that dumped them in waiting dump trucks (well – the dump trucks don't get in the commercials, but you have the idea.)

IF we had a camera it would make a wonderful photo to go right here in the newsletter, but none of us had a camera, so..



#### Cranberry harvesting going on..

We continued past the harvesting and down through Green Bank and Lower Bank (we waved to the early morning Harley drinkers starting to gather at the Green Bank Tavern. Stout fellows they..)

We finally arrived at Nesco, and found the Classic Dirty Bike Show. Just before turning in, I spotted Jim Cavallo heading the other way on the roadway.. When we did turn in – we found Harold Gantz (who had come with a few friends) waiting for us. A good time was had by all – almost all of us started out in the long ago times on dirt bikes – which we could now see and reminisce about how bad they really were. If we had a camera with us – I could show you some photos of us gazing fondly at memories of bikes gone past. Since we didn't – this will have to do:



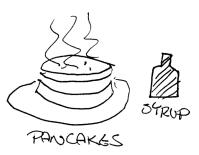
Us gazing fondly at olde bikes

After a few hours of gazing and trying to figure out how we'd sneak the purchase of one of these old clunkers past our significant others (and realize out we're really too old and too fragile to ride them), we wandered out of the show in search of lunch.

Lunch was not to be. There aren't a lot of places left in that part of the pines since Sweetwater burned down last spring. The Oyster Creek restaurant didn't open until 4, and by then we all had plans to be well into our naps. We finally started heading up Route 206 in the search of sustenance.

I was in the lead, and since I had to pee again, finding a place quickly was a primary concern. I spotted what appeared to be a small roadside diner on 206, with some cars in front (good sign – never go into a diner with NO cars in front, God is telling you something..) that looked likely to have food and a place to pee. The sign said "Mary's Diner."

The reason lunch wasn't doable – on Sunday, Mary's only serves breakfast – all day. A stack of her blueberry (fresh picked from Hammonton – blueberry capital of the world) or banana-nut pancakes couldn't be finished by a single person.



Not much happens in that part of the pines, and thanks to Alex for breaking through the normal reserve that pine-people (aka piney people) exhibit – next thing you know, we're surrounded by all the staff of Mary's (all their names start with "M"..) and most of the other customers. They all explained that not much happened in that part of the pines – at length. And then told us what did happen. And gave us more food and coffee.

Our late breakfast was wonderful. Roger T would have approved of it. We waddled back to our bikes.

Our ride home was uneventful – and a bit boring since there aren't actually many roads that go north in that area. We ended up taking 206 up to 537, and 537 to I-195 and home. Joe and I needed to pee again, so we swung off at OUR WAWA - where we found a potential new member of the club if we didn't scare him off.

Great day. About 200 miles, 45-55F, sun all day and good company. Doesn't get better than this.. Ya really should join us! (And bring your camera..)

#### ANNUAL CHRISTMAS/HOLIDAY PARTY December 14, 6 to 10 pm.

Our annual celebration and awards presentations are set and you will want to be there.

The club is underwriting the \$25 cost to the tune of \$10 for you and one significant other.

What a deal! But, if you want to attend you must send a check of \$25 for each person attending to Art Goldberg so that it reaches him by November 29.

When you arrive at the event, you will receive an appropriate refund to spend at the cash bar. If you do not attend, you will not receive the rebate. We must give our final tally to Farrell's Restaurant two weeks in advance.

You have plenty of time, but don't wait and 'miss the bus.' Use this form to reserve your spot:

## 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.

- Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> ~ 12:30 PM Moribundi Lunch @ Moore's Tavern, 408 Main St., Freehold, NJ
- Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> ~ "Pumpkin Run" Flemings Auto Show, Egg Harbor Twp., NJ
- > Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> ~ Polar Bear Ride to Knights of Columbus. Pine St., Old Bridge, NJ
- > Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> ~ 7 PM Shore BMW Riders Monthly Meeting at Schneider's Restaurant, Main St. Avon NJ
- Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> ~ AMA Polar Bear Ride to Cornucopia, Rt. #209 North, Port Jervis, NY
- ➢ Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> ∼ AMA Polar Bear Ride to Hillbilly Hall, 203 Hopewell-Wertsville Rd., Hopewell, NJ
- Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> ~ 7 PM New Sweden BMW Riders Monthly  $\geq$ Meeting on Rt. #73 North, Mount Laurel, NJ
- Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> ~ AMA Polar Bear Ride to Schock's Harley Davidson, Rt. #33, Snydersville, PA
- Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> ~ 7 PM Skylands BMR Riders Monthly Meeting ~ Sky Manor Airport, 42 Sky Manor Road, Pittstown, NJ
- Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ 12:30 PM Moribundi Lunch location TBA
- Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> ~ The Gathering at Ephrata, PA
- Dec 7<sup>th</sup> ~ AMA Polar Bear Ride to Montgomeryville Cycle, 2901 Bethlehem Pike, Hatfield, PA
- Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> ~ 7 PM Shore BMW Riders Monthly  $\geq$ Meeting at Schneider's Restaurant, Main St. Avon NJ
- Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> ~ AMA Polar Bear Christmas Toy Drop Ride to the Cabin, Rt. #33, Howell, NJ
- Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> ~ 6 PM Holiday Party @ Farrell's Stout & Steak Pub, Main St., Point Pleasant Beach, NJ
- $\triangleright$ Date TBA ~ NJSBMWR's Holiday Gift Ride to the Toms River Specialized Hospital, Stevens Road, Pleasant Plains, NJ meet at the NJ Motor Vehicle Inspection Station, Rt. #70, Lakewood, NJ

#### NJS Annual December Bash

MAIL TO: Art Goldberg, 82 Kings Way, Freehold NJ 07728 – or bring to the November meeting. Include a check made out to NJSBMWR for the total sum. MUST BE RECEIVED BY ART by NOVEMBER 29<sup>th</sup>! No exceptions!

NAME

Number attending: [1] \$25.00, [2] \$50.00 Check enclosed for: \$

I would like to nominate the following person \_

to receive a SOLID GOLD TROPHY, for making an outstanding contribution or some dubious achievement, real or fictional, for the following reason:

New Jersey Shore BMW Riders c/o Art Goldberg 82 Kings Way Freehold, NJ 07728 (Postmaster: Address Service Requested!) TO:

# Club Meeting – November 12<sup>th</sup>, 7PM Schneider's German-American Restaurant, Rt 71, Avon



# .....it's here!! Come and get one!

