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*Springtime is the land awakening. The March winds are the morning yawn. Lewis Grizzard*

*Do not be too moral. You may cheat yourself out of much life so. Aim above morality.*

Letter, March 27, 1848, to Harrison Blake, **Henry David Thoreau**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This weekend, Daylight Savings Time begins and next weekend is the first day of spring. February gave us two weekends and at least six days where the temperatures were above fifty. While the opportunities to ride have been better than usual this winter, we can now all start to enjoy the warm spring riding season.

In just eight weeks, we have our first weekend ride on May 2nd & 3rd to Central Maryland, Lancaster County, and the Gathering at Ephrata, PA. Contact Dennis to let him know if you are planning to ride. We are looking for ride leaders and suggestions for places you want to see that weekend. Routes and reservations can then be made for the trip. Sunday morning, the Gathering at Ephrata starts around eight for buffet breakfast and lasts until late morning. During the spring months, there are hundreds of bikes at the Gathering so it is not quite as crowded as it will be later in the summer months.

Last month, we had several well attended rides. We

also had a very enjoyable movie night at Crown featuring two classic motorcycle movies: "On Any Given Sunday" and "The Worlds Fastest Motorcycle."

Please take some time to look at our calendar of events at the Yahoo Group Site. There is also an abbreviated current list in the newsletter so you can plan the rides or events that you want to participate in. If you don't plan ahead, it will be either too late to get reservations or your "significant other" will make your plans for you!

Skip Palmer, President

## PATTENBURG POLAR BEAR – FEB 8TH

*Oscar Gomez*

Skip and Grant had ridden all night at that Crotona



thingie but seemed fresh and full of pep at the Cheesesteak Rest Area on the GSP at 10am. Temp was in the forties and would rise well into the fifties as the sun moved across the sky. Really nice for winter.

Skip, Grant, Bobbie Truex, Joe Karol, George Roberts, and I made the start for the up the GSP, then 287 and then 78 and then we were at Pattenburg. There was a large gathering. It would be expected given the weather. But there were no BMW riders that I could see. I kept my eyes open and sure enough a very visible GS pulled into the lot. This was a bright yellow moto with a matching bright yellow seat. I don't think I have ever seen a seat that flashy. Really outrageous! But what made it worse was the rider who had on a flaming-orange riding suit. The clash of colors brought 'oohs and aahs' from everyone there assembled.

The bike itself was "crapped-up" even worse than Don's, but not quite as "crapped-up" as Grant's. Who could it be?



**Jimmy (TB) McFadden**

Well it was one of our own, one Jim McFadden, known to some as TB McFadden. Whoda thunk? Well he was happier than a mosquito in a nudist camp! Reason? He's retiring and taking a couple on months to ride to Alaska. This is his reward for over thirty years of trying to teach English to the 'yoots' of Bayonne. A fitting reward, most would say, getting as far away from Bayonne as possible in North America. Best wishes for a great adventure go out to Jim!

Well anyway we kicked tires for a while and Alex also made an appearance. From there we rode up to the Warrenside for lunch, beer, cigarettes and stories.

Skip and Grant told us how they got disqualified from the all-night ride but had a great, if sometimes risky, ride.

Congrats go out to any rider who has the spunk to try that madness. Jim told us of his plans for the Alaska ride and showed us his new jacket with the clashing color and all its zippers, hooks, gee-gaws and holes. Really a nice jacket. It's too bad he'll either have to get rid of the jacket or the bike. I mean, really, one couldn't ride cross country in that getup.

Jim and Alex had other destinations so the rest of us followed Skip south on five and six series roads. It was a really nice day to be out and a really 'good to be alive' kind of day. The only negatives were being followed by a trooper for many miles and the extraordinary amount of salt on the roads. It covered everything. And what made it even worse was the run-off from melting snow which sprayed over everything. Had it been colder it would have been a great day for 'black ice'. Just the thought of that gave me the 'willies'.

Too bad you missed it.

## **CROTONA MIDNIGHT RUN – FEB 8TH**

*Skip Palmer*

The 92nd Annual Crotona Midnight Run is the longest continuing motorcycle event in the United States. The first running was in 1911. The "Run" is rarely canceled; however severe ice or snow storms have stopped a very few over the years. The cover sheet for the Midnight Run clearly states, "GIRLY MEN NEED NOT APPLY." The event is currently sponsored by the Ramapo Motorcycle Club of New York. Each year, the run is scheduled on the Saturday night closest to the full moon.



The Run starts at Central Park Avenue and Crisfield Road in the middle of Yonkers at the Kohls parking lot. This requires a ride through the always beautiful Bronx in the middle of the night. The route passes through West Chester and Putnam Counties to Carmel Lake, NY and then returns via another route to the initial starting point in Yonkers. Each rider starts with one-thousand points and a route sheet. All participants run the exact same route. Riders start at one minute intervals, with the first rider leaving at midnight. The two legs are approximately sixty miles each. There is a break at the Carmel Diner between the legs. Every year, the course is designed to follow a different set of roads. Riders must maintain an exact average of thirty miles per hour losing one point for every minute they are either early or late at each check point. There are eight roving check points as well as the final check-in time at both destination points for a total of ten. These check points verify that you are on the designated route and have constantly maintained the thirty mile per hour speed.

Grant Duncan and I left Monmouth County about nine-thirty. The ride across the George Washington Bridge through the Bronx and Yonkers was a bit of a skills challenge. The ride was routine with Grant passing me several times as I was blocked in traffic. He was ahead of me cruising in the fast lane of I-80 across Manhattan when we were supposed to exit right on the Major Degan Expressway, I-87 N! After an unscheduled detour across Manhattan, we found a delightful place to DIE or hopefully make a u-turn and try for our exit one more time.



**Doug Evans and Grant**

Upon our arrival in Yonkers for the eleven o'clock

check-in, Doug Evans, from New Sweden BMW Riders, was also there. The weather this year was unusually warm with the starting temperature close to forty degrees. As a result, there were well over one hundred riders. There was a foot or more of snow on the sides of the roads. The water that melted during the day kept the roads wet and sometimes flooded. The course led riders between large stone walled estates and around numerous reservoirs on a series of great winding roads. The combination of the snow and the full moon, it was a beautiful ride.

Somewhere around two in the morning, the temperature dropped into the low thirties and the water on the roads started to shine; however; the traction was still pretty good. We each felt our tires slip slightly several times, but never enough to lose the feeling of control.

We were able to follow the course without any trouble on both the ride north and the return ride. Our time and speed were very close to the specified requirements. There are several classifications of riders; Professional, Novice, Two-Up, and Sidecar with a navigator. We were obviously classified as Novice. The combined scores of all of the registered riders were released about a week later: I finished 10th, Grant 12th, and Doug 17th overall with one third of the riders disqualified.

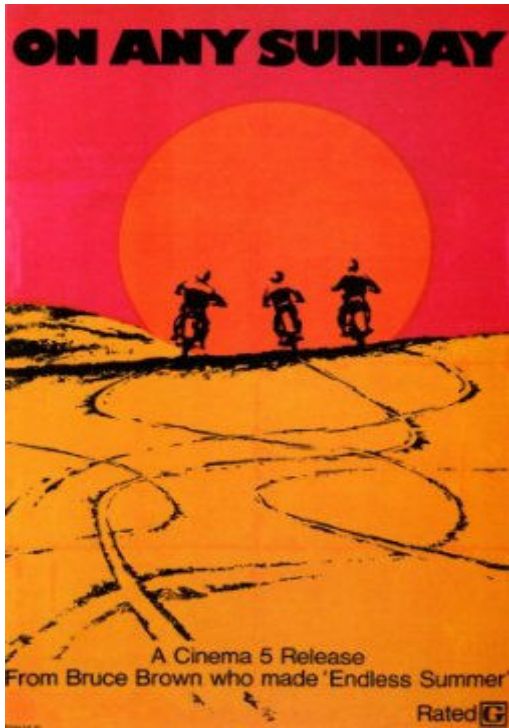
A little after six in the morning, the sun started to brighten the sky just as we were finishing. Moonlit riding in early February is a unique visual pleasure. With the above normal temperatures, this was the perfect opportunity for riders to step out of the traditional comfort zone and experience a very rewarding adventure. You ought to try some of these challenging events and enjoy a unique adventure!

## **MOVIE NIGHT – FEB 18<sup>TH</sup>**

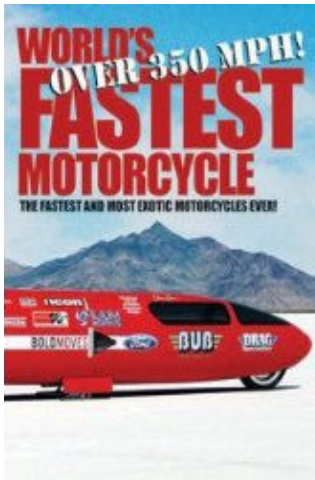
*Don Eilenberger*

On a cold winter night – 10-12 stalwart members of the club gathered at Crown Engineering for chow, popcorn and movies. This years movies were “On Any Sunday” (the movie that started many of us riding decades ago) and “The Worlds Fastest Motorcycle.”

On Any Sunday was the Bruce Brown classic showing all aspects of motorcycle fun. Along with Malcolm Smith, Mert Lawwill and Steve McQueen, Brown – the film followed the life of motorcycle racers in the late 60's and early 1970's.



Our second film was "The Worlds Fastest Motorcycle" – the story of record setting runs on the Bonneville Salt Flats.



*From the description of the movie:* The three most sophisticated motorcycle streamliners in the world went head to head on Bonneville Salt Flats in September 2006 during the International Motorcycle Speed Trials by Bub. They had one goal in mind, to break the 16 year old motorcycle land speed record of 322.870 MPH and become the "World's Fastest Motorcycle." "The World's Fastest Motorcycle" showcases a world known by few and a world that even fewer have the ability and determination to conquer. Among those elite are Mike Akatiff's Ack Attack with Rocky Robinson at the controls, 7 time AMA Flat Track Champion Chris Carr piloting Denis

Manning's "7" liner, and Sam Wheeler in his EZ Hook streamliner.

Great night – good friends – if you weren't there, you missed a good time!

## THANKS

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To all my friends in the NJSBMW, R,

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers you sent to honor my mom at her funeral.

She was a loving, vivacious woman right up to the end. The night before the massive stroke that killed her, she soundly trounced me playing Wii Bowling. She was always supportive of and interested in my motorcycle escapades and was a rider herself. In fact, she was my licensed motorcyclist when I took my DMV road test back in 1979! She and my step-dad still rode (with her as passenger) well into their 70s.

It means a lot to my family and me that you guys care.

Sincerely, Nancy Glindmyer

## POLARBEAR RIDE TO BAHR'S, FEB 22ND

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*Roger Trendowski*

We all know the big guy on the left... our prez Skippy.



But who is the unknown rider on the right?

If I remember (it's been a long time), that's Dan Thompson. So the rumors are untrue.. he didn't sell his 1150RT and move into the basement of the hospital where he works. For the Polar Bear ride last

week, Dan met Skip in Farmingdale and then headed to Middletown to my place. We then zigzagged our way east to Highlands and Bahr's. Afterward, we took the back roads up to the back of the twin lights and visited the nearby gunnery bunkers. It turned out to be a nice morning and afternoon with only a slight touch of misty rain.

## 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.

- Mar. 8<sup>th</sup> ~ AMA Polar Bear Ride to Long Valley Pub, Long Valley, NJ
- Mar. 11<sup>th</sup> ~ 7 PM Shore BMW Riders Monthly Meeting at Schneider's Restaurant, Main St. Avon NJ
- May 15<sup>th</sup> ~ Polar Bear ride to the Chatterbox, Augusta, NJ
- Mar. 15<sup>th</sup> ~ Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance, Ritz Carlton, Amelia Isl., FL
- Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ Polar Bear Ride to Brian's Harley Davidson, Langhorne, PA
- Mar. 25<sup>th</sup> ~ 7 PM New Sweden BMW Riders Monthly Meeting at El Azteca, 1155 Rte. #73, Marlton, NJ 08053
- Mar. 29<sup>th</sup> ~ Polar Bear Ride to Jenkinson's Pavilion, Point Pleasant Beach, NJ
- Apr. 1<sup>st</sup> ~ 12:30 PM Moribundi Lunch location TBA
- Apr. 5<sup>th</sup> ~ 7 AM the Gathering @ Ephrata, PA
- Apr. 5<sup>th</sup> ~ Polar Bear Ride to VFW, Cape May, NJ
- Apr. 8<sup>th</sup> ~ 7 PM Shore BMW Riders Monthly Meeting at Schneider's Restaurant, Main St. Avon NJ
- May 2<sup>nd</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> ~ Weekend Ride to north-central Maryland, Lancaster County & the Gathering at Ephrata, PA
- July 16<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> ~ MOA National Rally @ Appalachian Fairgrounds, Grey, TN
- July 23<sup>rd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> ~ RA National Rally @ Canaan Valley State Park, WV
- July 24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> ~ AMA Vintage Motorcycle Days Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course, Lexington, OH
- Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> ~ Last Chance Rally, New Sweden BMW Riders, Apple Farms, Elmer, NJ

- Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> ~ Barber Museum Vintage Festival, Barber Motorsports Park, (Leeds) Birmingham, AL

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### **CLUB MEETING – Schneider's – March 11<sup>th</sup> 7PM!**

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