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## **CLUB PICNIC – AUGUST 15TH**

*Don Eilenberger*

It's my understanding that the club held a successful picnic at Bobby Truax's home on August 15. It was a hot day, and I've been told several people made good use of his pool. Since no one wrote up anything about the picnic – I'm going by hearsay – but I heard between 20 to 30 people attended. Mike Kowal was the food gatherer – I saw him the evening before as he was packing up food to take.

I was at a wedding – and since I did attend that, I can report on it. It was the wedding of my niece, Gretchen Huff of Fair Haven and Zachery Wilson of Sea Bright.

The wedding was held in Asbury Park, and the reception was held at the Berkley Carteret Hotel.

There were over 200 people in attendance including family from around the country, friends of the families, and friends of the bride and groom. The theme of the reception was "Welcome to Asbury Park."

The reception included a full open bar for four hours, preceded by a cocktail hour before the actual reception started. Food was a buffet of many traditional shore favorites, and dessert was a DIY sundae bar, and Viennese pastries. The band was excellent, entertaining the guests with songs old and new. Dancing was enthusiastically participated in by both young and old – although some of the old later felt they may have overdone it a bit. An excellent time

If all the cars in the United States were placed end to end, it would probably be Labor Day Weekend.\_

[Doug Larson](#)

Too late, I found you can't wait to become perfect, you got to go out and fall down and get up again with everybody else.

[Ray Bradbury](#), *Something Wicked This Way Comes*

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Cooler weather is on it's way so it's time to get the bikes ready for another great riding season. I'm really looking forward to the Polar Bear destinations

We have to thank Bobby Truex for hosting the club picnic and Mike Kowal for the work he put into it.

Don led us on a nice ride to the Simeone Foundation Automotive Museum in Philadelphia, and thanks to Duffus we never got lost.

Now is the time to sign up for the 27th annual Last Chance Rally taking place September 25-27 in Elmer NJ. The rally has good food, good lodging and good conversations.

Let's try to do more riding this year.

*Joe Karol, President*

was had.

I understand that an excellent time was had at the picnic by those who attended – but no one bothered to count noses or write up the festive event.

## **TURPIN FOUNDATION**

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*Don Eilenberger*

I recently received an email from Jo Turpin about a ride the foundation she started is running. I'll let the email speak for itself:

*Hi Don.*

*My name is Jo Turpin and I'm a long time friend of Laurence Kuykendall as was my husband. We worked together some years back at Merkle, Newman Harty.*

*My husband Graham was an avid motorcycle rider. He died last year at the age of 51 from pancreatic cancer after a short but brutal battle. There is no cure for this cancer and no early detection test exists. It is usually discovered late which is why its fatality rates are so high. Each year, over 37,000 people in the United States will receive this diagnosis. Within a year, 75% of them are dead and within five years, 95% have succumbed to their disease.*

*After my husband's death, I started a foundation to raise money in the fight against this silent killer ([www.turpinfoundation.org](http://www.turpinfoundation.org)). 100% of our funds go to Johns Hopkins Pancreatic Cancer Center. I am prepared to absorb all overhead expenses.*

*I will be holding a rally in Millburn, NJ at the South Mountain Reservation on 4 October (11 October rain date).*

*The ride will be through Essex and Morris County. We will be following the same path my husband once enjoyed. Whole Foods and Costco will be supplying lunch. Bagel Chateau and Dunkin Donuts will be supplying bagels and donuts for breakfast and I'm working on Starbucks for coffee. WDHA will be broadcasting live from our event and will bring their prize van. Precision Custom Cycles will be displaying some of their custom motorcycles and I'm working on some other vendors. Some dealerships are donating items for a raffle.*

*I think this will be a fun day. Ticket prices are \$25.00/ rider and \$15.00/passenger. I would like to post our ride on your site or alternatively, I can come to your*

*next meeting and speak briefly about our event. I am supporting this ride with ads in September editions of:*

*Fast Lane Biker NJ 1/2 pg  
Fast Lane biker NY 1/2 pg  
ThunderPress 1/4 pg  
Full Throttle 1/4 pg  
Backroads 1/4 pg  
Vicinity Magazine 1/3 pg*

*I would be grateful if you could help me by listing my ride. It is for a very good cause.*

*Thanks.  
Jo Turpin*

*The Turpin Foundation for Pancreatic Research and a Cure*

[www.turpinfoundation.org](http://www.turpinfoundation.org)

*973/912-0864 - home office*

There you have it. If you're not thinking of going to the MOA Colors in the Catskills – this would be a worthwhile event to participate in.

## **MIKE AND DON'S BIG TRIP – PART II**

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*Don Eilenberger*

**When last seen – our adventurers had gotten to the MOA rally – seen the big-pig museum, looked at the vintage display, fixed a toothache, fixed Bob Truax's bike, fixed Mike's bike, and were hitting the road for more adventure.**

Gene and Julia Shirley were kind enough to invite Mike and myself to their home on the outskirts of Asheville NC to relax and do some laundry. Mike and I – being thrifty sorts – accepted gratefully, and started on Sunday on a ride to Asheville.

The route from Johnson City to Asheville can be done in a few hours – but that wasn't what we wanted to do. I wanted to see how lost I could get going to Asheville, wandering around Tennessee for a bit, and then through Asheville to the Shirley home.

We headed south-west out of Johnson City via Rt 35 toward Greenville TN, then south on a local 2 lane highway, Rt 70 heading toward Hot Springs NC.

Hot Spring is named after – tada! - the hot springs in the town. There is a large old spa there with a hotel,

and the town seems to be a favorite for backpackers hiking on the Appalachian Trail (which goes through the town) or canoe adventures and white water rafting on the French Broad River. It was worth a short stop.



The hospitality of Gene and Julia was unbounded – Julia prepared dinner while Gene served beer. This worked for us – and I started a few loads of laundry. We ended up staying up late into the night talking, about motorcycles, people we knew, people they knew, people we all knew and finally turned in. MANY thanks to Gene and Julia for a most enjoyable stay.

The next morning we headed for the Blue Ridge Parkway – about 5 minutes from the Shirley's (Julia takes it to work!) - and headed south on it so I could finally complete the entire Blue Ridge.

Originally, I had sort of intended to just do about 20 miles – and then start heading north again, but it was a perfect day for riding the BRP, and the southern section was particularly enjoyable riding, so we ended up taking it to its end near Gatlinburg TN.

Gatlinburg has to be seen to be believed. If you combine the crowds and traffic of Lake George, complete with Madame Truseau's Wax Museum, Riply's Believe it or Not, an aerial ski lift tramway, a space needle with endless traffic lights and honkey-tonk like the Seaside boardwalk – you have some idea of what Gatlinburg is like. It's the "Gateway" to the Great Smokey Mountains National Park – and it's also one of the tackiest places I've ever seen.



After getting a quick drink of water – we took off again, heading toward Asheville on Rt 213, through the Pisgah National Forest. We eventually popped out on a real road – I-26 for a few miles into and through Asheville to Gene and Julia's. After getting to the Shirley's I got a bug in my butt to get a new "netbook" computer since I'd tired of dragging around my ancient IBM Thinkpad – so off we went to a Best Buy where we each bought one – matching netbooks from Dell. Great travel computer for taking on a bike – it's small, light, built-in WiFi and it works fine with the GS-911 diagnostic tool for BMW motorcycles.



**Downtown Gatlinburg**

We quickly made our way through downtown, and took the first road that appeared to take us out of the madness. Turns out this was a great choice – Rt 32 heading north. Wonderful 2 lane backroad with no traffic at all. We started getting hungry about then, and lucked on a great barbecue stand on the side of the road.



**Good BBQ!**

If you happen to be in the area – it's on Rt 32 near the intersection of Rt 73 (32 continues with 73). We continued on Rt 32 to Rt 25E (a real 4 lane highway) which took us into Cumberland Gap, sort of.

Since it was getting toward evening, I consulted with Duffus the GPS as to a place to stay. Duffus showed a Best-Western motel right at the border of Tennessee and Kentucky by the Cumberland Gap Tunnel.

We confidently followed the GPS instructions until it told us to turn right – where there was no right turn. So.. with no other choice, we ended up doing **pass #1** through the mile long Cumberland Gap tunnel. It had just started pouring rain (the only real rain of the trip) on the Tennessee side of the tunnel. When we got through the mountain into Kentucky – we found ourselves in a dry BigBox store area. We turned around and headed back into the tunnel, **pass #2**, looking for the mystery Best-Western. It was not to be found – again Duffus told us to turn where there was no turn.

We finally stopped at a roadside service station, and asked a local what happened to the Best Western – finding out it was torn down about 5 years ago. They suggested a motel on the other side of the mountain in Kentucky so – off we went for **pass #3** through the Cumberland Gap tunnel to the Holiday Inn Express – that had no rooms available (and had just washed their sloping parking area with a soap/water solution for some reason.) We asked if they knew of any decent motels in the area and they suggested the Cumberland Inn – on the other side of the mountain. So off we went – **pass #4**..



**The town of Cumberland Gap**

Cumberland Gap is a neat little town. It straddles the border of three states – TN, KY and VA. Most of the town is in Tennessee, but several streets are in Kentucky and a part of it is in Virginia. It had originally been settled to serve people going through the “gap” - a dip between mountains that formed a natural path that avoided having to go over the mountains. Daniel Boone blazed the original trail through the gap in 1775, and during the Civil War, control of the gap changed hands many times.

In 1995 – the mile long tunnel was put through the mountains under the gap – moving the traffic that used to pass through Cumberland Gap away from the town. To find it – we were told to turn behind the BP station, and we'd find it. The instructions were accurate – a small road is the only way down to the village of Cumberland Gap. It's a quiet sleepy town, little changed from the last time it was prosperous –



which appeared to be in the 1940's. After pass 4 through the tunnel, we finally found a room.

We ended up taking a room at the Cumberland Inn (the big building in the town photo above), and walking to the RoadKill Cafe for dinner (their motto is "More Possum!") Great place to eat – they had a 20' long smoker parked on the street in front of the cafe, that was located in the old railroad station. We had a good meal and a nice chat with the owner.



Mike relaxing before dinner at the Roadkill Cafe

After dinner – we took a slow walk around town, met up with absolutely no one – and finally turned in for the night. There was a dog sleeping in the middle of the main street – I'd encounter him again in the morning. **To be continued next month – if I'm ambitious..**

## 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.

- Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> ~ Finger Lakes Rally, NY
- Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> ~ AMA Superbike Series @ NJ motor Sports Park, Millville, NJ
- Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> ~ 7 PM Shore BMW Riders Monthly Meeting at Schneider's Restaurant, Main St. Avon NJ
- Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> ~ Concourse d'Elegance, Hop Brook Farm, Holmdel, NJ
- Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> ~ Concourse d'Elegance, Radnor, PA
- Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> ~ Last Chance Rally, New Sweden BMW Riders, Apple Farms, Elmer, NJ

- Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ BMW-MOA Colors in the Catskills and Hunter Mountain Octoberfest, NY
- Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> ~ Barber Museum Vintage Festival, Barber Motorsports Park, (Leeds) Birmingham, AL (Week long ride)

## FOR SALE

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