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*An optimist stays up to see the New Year in. A pessimist waits to make sure the old one leaves.*  
**Bill Vaughan**

*Now there are more overweight people in America than average-weight people. So overweight people are now average. Which means you've met your New Year's resolution.* **Jay Leno**

*The secret to creativity is knowing how to hide your sources.* **Albert Einstein (1879 - 1955)**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

First, I would like to thank last years officers, Skip Palmer as President, Joe Karol as Interim President, and Roger Trendowski as Treasurer, for their service.

This year had an opportunity for disaster with our President abandoning us mid-year, but Joe filled in well, as did Roger, and held this ship together. (just kidding Skip) Thank you all for your efforts!

I think moving into the new year, and the new decade will be an exciting time. The club has new leadership in myself, Alex Edly as Vice-President, and Charles Grass as Treasurer and we hope to bring in fresh and creative ideas. In addition, we will also be looking to you, the membership, to fill in key committee positions to help us make this a fantastic riding year.

For 2010, we have lots of events and rides to look forward to, kicking January off with the Sunday Polar Bear Rides, the New York Motorcycle Show at the Jacob Javits Center and the NJSBMWR Annual Planning Meeting.

Our planning meeting, which I encourage all members to attend, will be announced at the next club meeting. We would like for you to come out and give us your input on goals, agenda, and schedules for the upcoming year. It's your club too, you should have a say!

Ride Safe and Hope to see you out there!

George Roberts  
President NJSBMWR

## HOLIDAY PARTY – DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>

*Luigi Pepperoni (photos – Rick McKelvy)*



Forty three signed up and forty-one attended our annual event at Farrell's in Point Pleasant Beach (see photos). Everyone agreed that the food was good and the company most agreeable.



Roger made his annual mileage awards accompanied by a ream of statistics. Dave Mason was awarded the 'High Mileage' certificate. Cole Mills received the certificate for actually losing miles over the past year. Mike Kowal got the recognition for most improved numbers of miles and I received a kudos for neutral miles. Don E received recognition for most consistent miles – almost exactly the same for 3 years – just under 11,000 miles/year.

**Top and Significant Mileages were:**

- ◆ **Dave Mason** – 21,788 miles between 3 bikes (doesn't own a car) - 1<sup>st</sup> place!
- ◆ **Jimmy TB McFadden** – 15,228 miles including Alaska - 2<sup>nd</sup> place!
- ◆ **Alex Edly** – (rumored not to own a car) – 13,390 miles - 3<sup>rd</sup> place
- ◆ **Mike Kowal** – most improved – and the bike left NJ finally – 3,072 miles - 11<sup>th</sup> place.
- ◆ **John Malaska** – (rumored to be riding a bit more in 2010) – 28 miles (it's 14 miles from his house to Mike Kowal's) – Last place.
- ◆ **Cole Mills** – somehow put negative miles on his R1100R, with -109 miles. Puzzling Place!
- ◆ **Total club mileage** for the contest entrants – 114,202 miles.
- ◆ **Average miles per member** (17 entrants) - 6,718 miles.
- ◆ **Average miles for the top 3** – 16,799 miles.

Dave Rosen presented the solid gold trophies for significant and dubious achievements. These awards were gratefully received by the surprised members – and were MUCH larger than when I was running the contest. If we had the list – we'd put it here, but I don't, so – perhaps next month (hint – Dave?)



**Three D's**

President Joe Karol spoke about the great time he had being our fearless leader for 2009 and 2010 Prez.elect George Roberts made a major policy address on where he planned on taking the club next year. It was truly inspiring!



**Roger panicking while the rest of us drink..**

Roger stressed over whether we had enough money left in our accounts to pay Farrell's. All in all, everyone seemed to have a good time and we reveled in the realization that we had 'broken the bank.' Last seen Roger was busing the tables.

**WIMPS – DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>  
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL**

*RD Swanson*

Let me start this article by flatly stating that Grant, Nancy, Harry and Roger are not wimps. I didn't want to be a wimp but Don twisted my arm and said he didn't want me getting my shiny Ducati all messed up. He twisted my arm really hard so I said I would ride to the annual toy ride to the Children's Specialized Hospital in his tiny,tiny little car. You see,

rain was predicted and I am not one to let a little rain interfere with my riding. But the pain in my arm was so intense I agreed.

*(Editors note – the only pain RDS should have in his arm is from shoveling so much BS.. I was geared up and ready to go.. when wimp RDS called and said he was afraid the electrical system on his Italian POS bike would short out if it got wet. Realizing the wisdom of this – I agreed to bus him to the toy “ride”.)*



So off we went and sure enough within a short time the rain came down in buckets. As we sped down route 70 Grant and Nancy flew by like the down of a thistle and threw up a fine spray all over Don's tiny little car. They were at the inspection station parking lot when we arrived along with a few others, but a very few others. It seems the rain had really scared away most Shore Riders.

As the small crowd gathered and stood in the rain kicking tires I remembered what my mother had always said, "Don't you have any sense? Don't you know to come in out of the rain? So I sequestered myself in Don's tiny, tiny car and took a nap.

At around 11 the small group formed a caravan and led by Roger and Grant proceeded to the hospital. Loren and one of the children were there to greet us. There were about equal numbers of Shore Riders, New Swedeners and Skylanders assembled.

Roger presented the checks of approximately \$1,700 from the three clubs and some individuals and the rest of us deposited toys in the lobby. Loren thanked us and emphasized how much it meant to her, the staff and the children. She said she was reminded throughout the year of our generosity as she used the equipment.



In the meantime, Herb Conrad received an email on his blackberry from Harry Costello who wanted to know where we were. A short time later he arrived on his wet moto and with his wet gear at the hospital. He said he went to the inspection station at ten but that no one was there. He then proceeded to the hospital but the lights were out and the doors were locked. This was confusing because we had been there. A real mystery it was until Harry realized he had not changed the clock on his bike to standard time last Fall.

At this a few of us agreed to meet at The Cabin for a nice hot lunch. I had to direct Don as the tiny, tiny little car has no GPS and he didn't know the way. Seven made the final grouping and we had a nice time.

## **CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL – DEC 13<sup>TH</sup>**

*Eric Shur – Skylands version*

Don G and Susan met me for breakfast at the Bridgewater Diner and we drove down together to the

inspection station where we met up with Kenny, Vince and Tom S and the Shore- and New Sweden bunch. After standing around in the rain for a bit socializing and drinking coffee and munching donuts we headed over to the hospital.

For the record there were two bikes, Roger Trendowski on his GS and Grant Duncan and his sweetie Nancy on Grant's RT. Good on them for making the effort, but personally I was very happy to stay warm and dry. I didn't count but I'd guess that there were 20 or so attendees in total.

It would have been nice to see a bigger pile of gifts on the table, but Laurel, the hospital representative, was pleased by the gesture and especially grateful for the donations by the clubs and individuals. She said that the \$\$ would be going toward more flat-screen TV's for the residents' rooms.

She also told us that last year's gift went toward a Wii which has become a very valuable therapy tool for the kids.

Afterward we went over to The Cabin to drop off the other toys for the Polar Bear run. Susan and I asked Bob Hartpence where the toys were going, and he said The Valerie Fund at the Children's Hospital at Monmouth. They use some of the gifts for their holiday party every year but put aside most of them for their "Treasure Chest". When a child comes in for chemotherapy or other treatment he/she gets to pick a gift from the Treasure Chest before they leave, which makes them want to keep coming back (or at least makes it a bit more tolerable).

## **JIMMY McFADDEN'S ALASKA TRIP EPISODE III AND FINAL**

*Jim McFadden*

My last posting found me with a flat complaining about my inability to utilize a beadpopper. Eventually help arrived when two fishermen drove by. They asked me if I needed any help; I told them I sure could use a hammer. In some perverse form of humor, the two 80-plus year old brothers told me they didn't have a hammer.

These Oregonians drove a GMC Dualie, towing a twenty-foot trailer. How could they not carry tools?

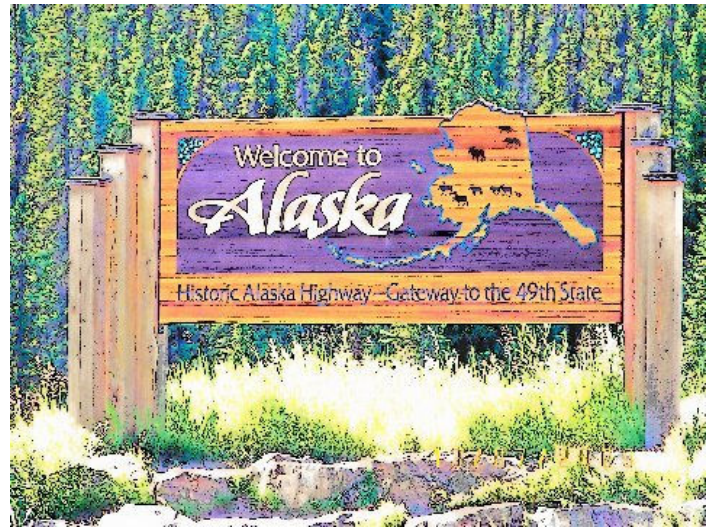
How about a heavy wheel chock? A tire iron? Having played me like some New Jersey trout, they finally

said, "...but we have an axe." They told me they were retired loggers. And, as an aside, told me that the men featured on the reality T.V. show *Loggers* were pussies with too much equipment.

I held the beadpopper as one of the fellows swung the axe. Success on the second try. Then, they watched as I used titanium tire irons and CO2 powerlets to set the bead. "That's some high tech gear you got there," they said, but I knew what they were really thinking: Another pussy.

Continuing on to Ross River, Yukon, I was shocked to see signs prohibiting consumption and possession of alcohol. On to the town of Faro for gas.

So far my patch was holding up, but ten miles outside of Carmacks, the patch let loose. This time I used a string plug for a car tire and was able to limp into town. Again, luck was on my side. Right across from my motel was a truck tire repair facility. The tire guy told me my patch broke loose because I had failed to buff the inside of the tire sufficiently.

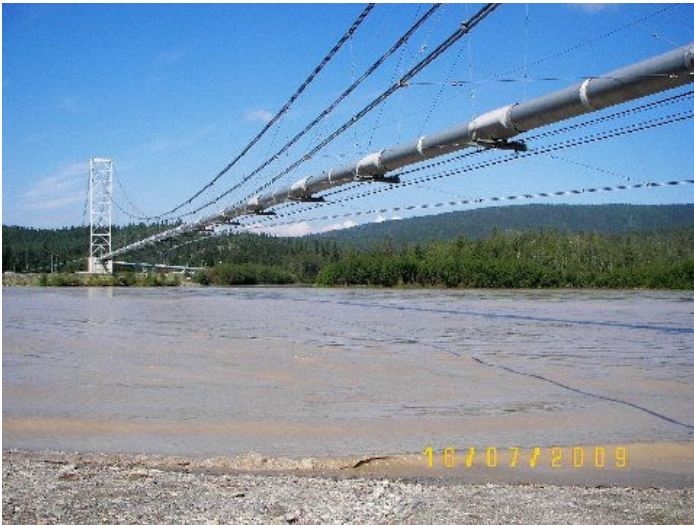


The shop owner warned me not to risk the trip into Dawson City, Chicken and Tok: a tow could set me back close to a thousand dollars. I was forced to ride south into Whitehorse to buy a new rear tire; it was Saturday, I was too late. I needed a tire, but had to wait until Monday morning. I lucked out--Yukon Honda had a tire for only four hundred dollars...but it was Canadian money, not to worry. Late Monday night, 290 miles later found me in Tok, AK. I walk every night after a long stint on the bike, this stroll was close to midnite, and it was broad daylight.

On the way to Alaska customs, I followed Rt, 1, which

parallels Kluane National park. The highway runs along Kluane Lake for 79 miles. I passed through Destruction Bay, mile 1083 Alaska Highway, its name derived from the fierce winds blowing down the tents of the army construction battalions in 1942. I stopped for gas and a bite to eat wearing my hi-viz jacket, the same color as the Yukon Territory Police.

Several native people were having a few beers--prohibitions notwithstanding. They laughed nervously when I turned out to be a tourist. The scene reminded me of catching students smoking weed in the boys' room. I would see the effect of alcohol on native people several times.



**Pipeline crossing the Tanana River south of Fairbanks AK**

Finally, I was on my way to Denali Park. The long leg took me alongside of Wrangell-St. Elias National Park. There were sheep, elk, and black bear crossing the highway too frequently to make for a comfortable daytime ride.

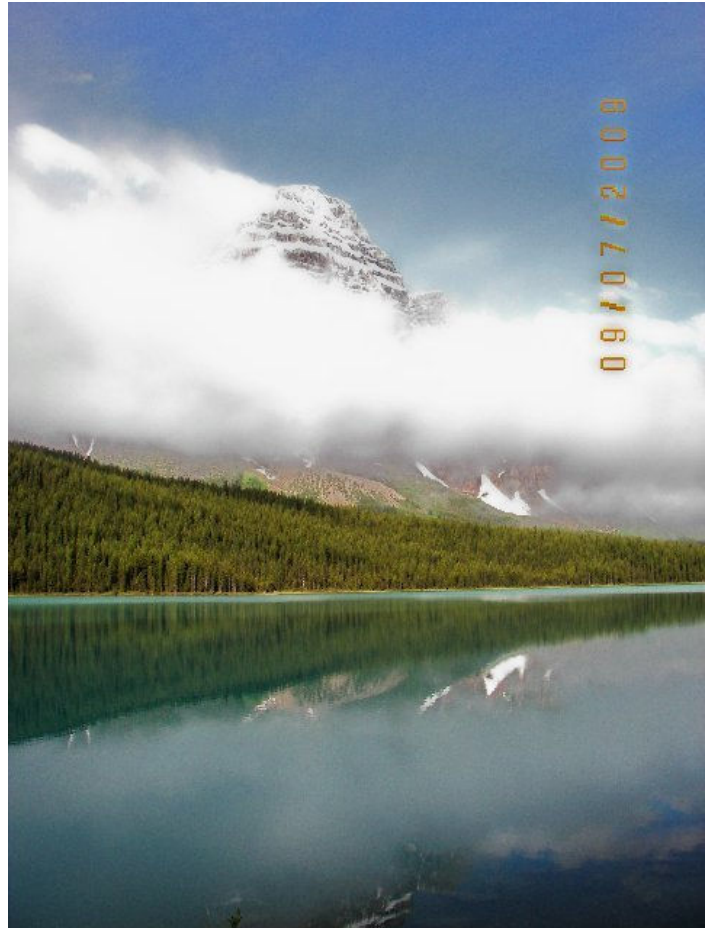
Reaching Palmer and Wasilla, just north of Anchorage, I headed to Denali Park. I underestimated the trip by several hours. Again, I pulled into town with most of the lights out, close to a 400 mile day. I found a public campground open and I jumped at the chance.

The next several days brought a windy rain and fog to the park area. I entered Denali and rode to the Savage Lake camping area, 12 miles of slippery slopes.

Along the way, the rain cover for my travel duffel blew off. The cover is formfitting and is held in place with two bungee cords. My only saving grace was that my

sleeping bag was in an individual waterproof sack.

Two additional days of camping brought no relief from the rain. It was time to credit card camp. Even at midweek rates, the hotels were in the \$250 range. So there I was, in my room at the Denali Princess, where a small gratuity got me an additional fan to dry my camping gear so I could ship it back to New Jersey from the in-park post office. Camping had lost its appeal.



**Lake Kluane**

Even though I had approached Denali from the Anchorage area, and spent four days there and left headed north towards Fairbanks, I never got to see Mt. McKinley. I spent the night in Fairbanks and made an obligatory stop at Trail's End BMW.

So my decision to ride to Prudhoe, or at least the Arctic Circle was finalized. I'll blame the weather as my reason, certainly not trepidation. After we Shore Riders attend the national rally in Redmond, Oregon this summer, maybe a few of us could ride up to the Arctic Circle. John Ryan will lead the way...the trip won't take all that long.

## START PLANNING NOW – DOWN EAST RALLY, MAY 21 - 23, 2010

*BMW Riders of Southern Maine BMWMOA #183 & BMW RA # 206*

**Hermit Island Camp ground, Phippsburg, Maine.**

Join us at the start of the New England riding season for another DownEast Rally. Enjoy 3 days & 2 nights of camping at Hermit Island Campground. Friday night chowder & chili, Sat. morning breakfast, Sat evening lobster dinner & Sun. morning continental breakfast. Guided rides, maps for self-guided trips will be available.

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## INTERNATIONAL MOTORCYCLE SHOW – JAVITTS, JANUARY 23-25<sup>TH</sup>

*Don Eilenberger*

Once again the big show is upon us. Harold Gantz and I are planning on attending on Friday.

Transportation to NYC is still unsettled – but the train or ferry are both possibilities.

### Hours are:

- Friday - Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> - 12pm to 9pm
- Saturday - Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> - 9am to 9pm
- Sunday - Jan 24<sup>th</sup> - 9am to 5pm

Prices are Adult \$17, Child \$6 If you order your tickets online at least two weeks in advance, the price is \$12.00, and you receive a \$15. gift certificate good at Bike Bandit. Later you can complete a survey and receive an additional \$10 gift certificate.

Check it out at:

<http://www.motorcycleshows.com/bikebandit>

## FOR SALE

Still thinking about selling my R50/2. 8,000 orig miles, comon guys they are only original once. Vetted by Mike with lots of nice accessories and has bar end lites stock. \$8,500 delivered.



Dr. Jerry – [drjerry@aol.com](mailto:drjerry@aol.com)

*(Editors Note: Or you could buy a used R1200R, several on Ebay for around \$8,000.. has the same pinstripes and about 95 more HP..)*

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND RIDES

Send events to John Malaska,  
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- January 10 (PB) SIR JOHN'S, North Brunswick NJ
- January 17 (PB) FLYING "W" AIRPORT, Medford NJ
- January 22-24 Javitts International M/C Show, NYC NY
- January 24 (PB) CLUB DIX, Fort Dix NJ
- January 31 (PB) THE EXCHANGE, Rockaway NJ
- February 7 (PB) LANDSLIDE SALOON, Pattenburg NJ
- February 14 (PB) HOOTERS, Wayne NJ
- February 21 (PB) BAHRS LANDING, Highlands NJ
- February 28 (PB) FIREHOUSE EATERY, Rahway NJ
- February 28-March 7 "Bikeweek", Daytona Beach FL

- March 7 (PB) LONG VALLEY PUB & BREWERY Long Valley, NJ
- March 14 (PB) THE CHATTERBOX, Augusta NJ
- March 21 (PB) BRIAN'S HARLEY-DAVIDSON, Langhorne PA
- March 28 (PB) FLYING CLOUD CAFE, Atlantic City NJ
- April 11 (PB) CAPE MAY VFW, Cape May NJ
- April 18 Gathering of Nortons, Washington Crossing State Park, PA
- June 7-12 Americade, Lake George NY
- June 4th-6<sup>th</sup> BMWBMW's Square Route Rally, Thurmont MD
- July 12-15 BMWST "Unrally IX", Topaz Lake, Gardnerville, NV
- July 15-18 BMWMOA National Rally, Redmond OR
- September 3-5 AMA Roadraces @ NJ Motorsports Park, Millville NJ

#### Event Dates Not Specified Yet

May British & European Classic Motorcycle Day, Germantown MD

#### FOUND ON THE WEB....

## WILLY NEUTKENS BMW MOTORCYCLE COLLECTION 100% SOLD

A packed audience of over 1,000 people in the fabulous surroundings of the BMW Museum in Munich, Germany, witnessed a total sell out auction of the Willy Neutkens Collection of BMW Motorcycles on Saturday 28 November, 2009.

The Collection comprised 94 Lots (91 motorcycles; an Ural side-car; a BMW stationary engine; and a wooden model) and carried a pre-sale estimate of € 590,000 – 780,000. By the time the last lot was knocked down, the auction totaled a premium inclusive € 1,038,400 (£944,191), with 100% sold by lot and by value.

Customers from across the world participated in the

sale, with many making the pilgrimage to the home of BMW to attend in person. Bidders came from as far afield as Australia, New Zealand, USA and Hong Kong, with many going on to buy some of the exceptional motorcycles on offer.

A clear highlight of the sale was the 1924 BMW 493cc R32 (Lot 40) which was at the heart of a five way bidding battle between three continents, eventually realising € 109,250 against a pre-sale estimate of € 33,000 – 45,000.

Bids also came from the BMW Museum, host of today's sale, which secured the Ex-Works ISDT 1953 BMW 594cc R67/2 – Lot 76 - for € 26,450 (estimate € 19,000 - 22,000). This historic competition machine beautifully complements the other motorcycles in their own impressive collection.

One of the sale's most emotional and charming purchases involved a lady bidder who secured the 1982 BMW 649cc R65LS (Lot 23) for € 2,530. Having bought the motorcycle when it was new – proceeding to cover an incredible 170,000km over 14 years on Continental tours – she was delighted to be reunited with it so many years later.

In all, over 320 customers had registered to bid, making this one of the most successful sales for the Bonhams motorcycle department.

Malcolm Barber, Bonhams CEO and auctioneer on the day commented, "The BMW archivists, directors and management team at the Museum worked closely with our company following instructions from the Neutkens family to market and offer their collection for sale. The combined strengths of our respective companies ensured full marketing, an informative catalogue and a perfect setting to obtain this fabulous result."

Fred Jakobs, BMW's Archivist for motorcycles at the museum commented, "I was delighted with the outcome of today's sale, it was a pleasure for my company to work closely with Bonhams, they presented a first class auction. We too were delighted to have acquired the Ex-Works, ISDT, 1953 BMW R67/2 BMW for our collection. It has come home and will be on display here at the museum next year it is the grandfather of our Enduro bikes".

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## Club Meeting – Schneider's, Main St, Avon – January 9th

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