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*The groundhog is like most other prophets,  
it delivers it's prediction and then disappears.*

**Bill Vaughn**

*Phil: Where's everybody going?*

*Piano teacher: To Gobbler's Knob. It's Groundhog  
Day.*

*Phil: It's still just once a year, isn't it?*

**Movies > Groundhog Day**

*Every year, back comes Spring, with nasty  
little birds yapping their fool heads off and  
the ground all mucked up with plants.*

**Dorothy Parker**

## President's Message

Surprisingly, even with the deep freeze here at the Jersey shore, we had a very productive month in January, even if there wasn't a lot of riding being done.

We have made plans to ensure that it will pick up soon though. With a well attended Planning Meeting, we had a few 'high rollers' gathered to give us some great ideas on what they would like to do for the upcoming year. They had some pretty big plans. The calendar will have plenty of opportunities to get out and ride, both local and far away. We have plans for everyone from rally-goers to track-

addicts.

In January was the International Motorcycle Show in New York City at the Jacob Javits Center. I saw quite a few members on Friday afternoon for the opening, and heard quite a few others made it on Saturday and Sunday. I can't wait to hear their observations on this year's version of the show.

In February, even though its still winter, we won't be hibernating. We have a few ideas to get you out and about starting with the monthly Moribundi Lunch on the 3rd at Peking Palace. The AMA Polar Bears have some great ride destinations for this month including The Landslide Saloon, Hooters, Bahr's Landing, and the Firehouse Eatery. These will be nice Sunday rides.

On the 17th, at Crown we will be hosting a MSF "Seasoned Rider" Workshop which I think will be of great benefit to ALL members. No one will want to miss this one! You can find info on these events and more on our Yahoo Group Calendar and in this issue of the newsletter.

See you on the road,

George Roberts  
*President NJSBMW*

## Seasoned Rider Course – Feb 17<sup>th</sup>

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The club, in conjunction with the BMW-MOA Foundation is sponsoring a “Seasoned Rider” course from the MSF at 7PM on Weds. February 17<sup>th</sup> at Crown Engineering.

All are welcome, and we're inviting our friends from New Sweden and Skylands to join us. We'll order in some pizza (a small donation would be welcome). The course covers the issue of the aging motorcycle rider – and how they can compensate for the effects of aging.

Please come out and make this class a success! This is the first time the MOAF has provided this class, and we're hoping someone might write it up for the MOA-Owners News. Capt. RD Swanson has volunteered to lead the class.

## A Mental Health Day

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*Dave from Brooklyn*

Although Alex, broken hearted and then some, had been inconsolable for the week prior, I felt that it was quite easy to convince him to take a day to rack up some cold miles on the bikes up in the Skylands area. At least that was what we planned.

We met in New Brunswick on Easton Ave at the diner. When I pulled into the parking lot, Alex was standing outside with a large coffee cup that was almost empty. I thought for sure it would be a day filled w numerous pit stops being that I had consumed about 24 oz of java myself.

Much to my surprise, the stops throughout the day were minimal. I'm not sure if it was because the roads that Alex lead us on were so great, or because it was cold enough not to feel certain parts of your body. No matter, Alex is a top flight ride leader with the amazing ability to focus on the GPS more than looking at the roads themselves...AND he finds some incredible ones to boot!

Usually I need to work pretty hard to keep up with Alex. He is a better rider than me, and watching his bike rip through curves from a distance is a beautiful sight to see. But on this day, Alex didn't have his head on straight so I was able to stay pretty close to him. It's amazing how a little mental distraction (little being relative) can throw you off of your riding game so much. I am not saying that he was dangerous at

all, he just wasn't as efficient as he had been on past rides.

So up 206 we went, a couple of pseudo-detours to ride some squiggly roads found on the GPS, and our first stop of the day was Kittatinny Valley State Park, as there was a public restroom for us to utilize. When I emerged from the restroom, I found Alex lying on his back in the snow staring at the sky.

I thought it would be good to leave him alone for a few to decompress, and to my surprise he started moving his arms and legs.



This guy was making a snow angel!!!! It always comes back to childhood basics when your head is messed up.



Shortly thereafter, we blasted out of the park in hopes to be able to cut through Stokes State Forest. We were having a great time zipping up and down the forest roads when we came across a “Road Closed” sign. The road was closed to skiers, as it was snow covered. The rest of this route would have to wait for the spring thaw.



*The Route (in yellow-dashed line)*

We doubled back a few miles and found ourselves a great place to stop for lunch, the Blue Ribbon on Culver Lake. This is a destination that Skip had lead our club riders to on last year’s Chatterbox Polar Bear ride. Since the Chatterbox was mobbed, Skip lead us a little farther north to discover this little gem. I was back again and ready for a hearty meal. The food was great and as we were finishing, Alex began a conversation with an 80-something retired Marine who lived across Culver Lake. This was a potential job opportunity for Alex, so I stepped outside and let them get to it. Quite a while passed and Alex finally came out of the restaurant. He was happy, as he began to tell me about the retired Marines son who was in the same business that Alex has so much experience in.

How did that ever work out? Alex?

We continued to ride the obligatory winding 500 and 600 series roads for much of the afternoon. Alex chose some great routes to follow and the day disappeared more quickly than usual. Before we knew it, we realized we had to start to head home, as the daylight was certainly fading fast and it was getting colder and colder by the minute. Even though the day was ending, there was plenty of memories to revel about until the next ride.

It’s always cool to ride on dry pavement with snow cover all around you. There’s just something special about carving through the snow covered mountains on a dry, dusty ribbon of asphalt surrounded by white. In fact there was so much salt dust flying from the KRS’ rear tire for most of the day, my entire bike and all my gear were covered. When I would extend my body into the air blast flowing around the windscreen, it looked like I had pushed the smoke screen button on my handlebars. Big plumes of white salt dust were billowing behind. Fun stuff!

All in all, it was another great riding day filled with great stories to tell for many more years.

## NY Motorcycle Show – January 22<sup>nd</sup>

*John Malaska*

On Friday, January 22, I met Harold G. and Don E. at the Long Branch train station for our rail trip north to NYC and the Cycle World International Motorcycle Show at the Javits Convention Center. The forecast had called for the possibility of snow, but weather was sunny and seasonably pleasant.



*John’s Lunch (not Irish)*

Once outside Penn Station, we collected brother-in-law Alex and my son "JJ." Our plans had called for lunching at Farrell's Irish Pub, but unfortunately we learned that it was shuttered. Don made cell phone contact with Jim McFadden, who was waiting at an alternative Irish dining establishment on 9th Avenue named The Twins.



*Don and Harold at the Twins - Don was actually the only one eating Irish food..*

Alex directed George Roberts and Dave Rosen to our new location, and we were later joined by Tom Cutter of Rubber Chicken Racing fame. Food was hot, good, filling, and served by a pair of lovely Irish lassies. Our stomachs fortified, we ambled down to the Javits Center around 100PM.



No lines whatsoever at the ticket booths. Once inside, we naturally made our first stop at the BMW exhibit. NA did a nice job of having some VIPs in

attendance to answer questions, mostly I imagine about the crowd-drawing RR hyperbike, including Nate Kern and Keith Code (of Code Superbike School.) John Ryan was also there.

Our group then split up, with JJ, George, Dave, and I watching Alex engage (i.e., harass) the various vendors ... and their attractive salesgirls. And, at this year's Show, there actually were a huge number of them (vendors, that is.) Some were selling useless (to me at least) junk, others something perhaps I could use, but wasn't interested in purchasing. Incredibly, I didn't buy a thing.

One thing I wanted to do while at the Show was to take a close look at Honda's NT700V Deauville. Theoretically, I thought that it could be a replacement for my K75RT. But in the flesh, it reminded me of Honda's Tupperware-clad Pacific Coast. And for me, it suffers from a lack of luggage capacity. Good for an overnight trip, but forget anything greater than that. Dave mentioned that BMW needs to create an RT version of its F800. I agree. But until then, it'll be the K75RT for me.

George and Dave hung around to talk to Tom Cutter about a possible track day event at NJ Motorsports Park. JJ, Alex, and I headed back to Penn Station, with JJ heading back to Brooklyn, Alex to Metropark, and me to Long Branch. I had a short wait before catching an express train. Home at 600PM. Harold and Don were probably on the next express train – arriving back in Long Branch at about 6:30PM.

*Don's comments:* On the way down, I got my first ride in the double-decker train cars recently put into service on the Coast-Snail. Impressive – clean, comfortable and quiet. It almost makes train travel fun. I did manage to buy some gloves while at the show, and worked for a bit at the BMW-MOA booth signing up new members. This is sort of a fun thing to do because a lot of MOA members stop by just to say hello – and it's great to put faces with names from the MOA forum.

## For Sale

Still thinking about selling my R50/2. 8,000 orig miles, cmon 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)

## Accident Scene Management's "A Crash Course for the Motorcyclist"

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Our club sponsored and ran this course about a year ago – and found it very informative, and potentially a lifesaver. For those who missed it – there is another opportunity – info is below. Please contact William Gardner if you're interested!

**When:** February 20, 2010. 9:00a-4:30p

**Location:** Waterford Twp EMS Building  
192 A Ave (Corner of Route 30). Atco NJ 08004

**Cost:** is \$55

**Questions:** Please contact William Gardner 856-842-3094 or [wgardner@waterfordtwpem.org](mailto:wgardner@waterfordtwpem.org)

## Event Schedule

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*Please send submissions to John Malaska*

**February 2** President George's Birthday!  
**February 3** Moribundi Lunch - RDS  
**February 7** (PB) LANDSLIDE SALOON, Pattenburg NJ  
**February 10** February Club Meeting - Schneider's  
**February 14** (PB) HOOTERS, Wayne NJ  
**February 17** Seasoned Riders Course – Crown Engineering – 7PM. Pizza will be purchased. All are welcome!  
**February 21** (PB) BAHRS LANDING, Highlands NJ  
**February 28** (PB) FIREHOUSE EATERY, Rahway NJ  
**February 28** (Midnight) Crotona Midnight Run – we need a team effort! (Sign in Feb 27 - 10:30PM)  
This is the original Midnight Timed Run which was started by the Crotona Motorcycle Club in 1911. It is a simple timed run that is a major challenge due to the fact it is run at night in February. Open to all riders.  
**February 28-March 7** “Bikeweek”, Daytona Beach FL  
**March 3** Moribundi – TBA - RDS  
**March 5** VP Alex's birthday  
**March 7** (PB) LONG VALLEY PUB & BREWERY Long Valley NJ  
**March 10** March Club Meeting - Schneider's  
**March 14** (PB) THE CHATTERBOX, Augusta NJ  
**March 21** (PB) BRIAN'S HARLEY-DAVIDSON, Langhorne PA  
**March 24** Possible tech session, stay tuned for details.  
**March 27** Possible weekend trip – Atlantic City

**March 28** (PB) FLYING CLOUD CAFE, Atlantic City NJ  
**April 7** Moribundi Lunch – TBA - RDS  
**April 11** (PB) CAPE MAY VFW, Cape May NJ  
**April 14** April Club Meeting - Schneider's  
**April 18** Gathering of Nortons, Washington Crossing State Park PA  
**April 28** Farklemania – Dave R  
**May 5** Moribundi Lunch – TBA – RDS  
**May 12** May Meeting - Schneider's  
**May 15** Hot Dog Run – John Malaska  
**May 22-23** Catskill Overnight?  
**May 23** British & European Classic Motorcycle Day, Germantown MD  
**June 2** Moribundi – TBA - RDS  
**June 4-6** BMWBMW Square Route Rally, Thurmont, MD (see Don for details)  
**June 9** June Club Meeting - Schneider's  
**June 7-12** Americade, Lake George NY  
**June 19** Carts at NJ Motorsports Park  
**June 23-24** Possible track day at NJ Motorsports Park, more info to come.  
**June 24** Don's birthday  
**July 7** Moribundi  
**July 14** July Club Meeting – Schneider's  
**July 14-18** BMWMOA National Rally, Redmond OR  
**July 19-28** Nova Scotia Trip – Don & Mike, ending up at:  
**July 29-August 1** BMW-RA Rally, Pownal VT (Club motel is the Knotty Pine Motel.  
<http://www.knottypinemotel.com>)  
**August 4** Moribundi – TBA – RDS  
**August 11** August Club Meeting - Schneider's  
**August 14** Annual Club Picnic – rain date August 15.  
**September 3-5** AMA Roadraces @ NJ Motorsports Park, Millville NJ  
**September 3-6** Finger Lake Rally, Watkins Glen NY  
**September 8** Moribundi Lunch – TBA – RDS  
**September 15** Sept. Club Meeting - Schneider's  
**September 25** Club fishing trip – Dave R  
**October 1-3** Color in the Catskills, Hunter Mt. (lets make this happen this year!)  
**October 6** Moribundi Lunch TBA – RDS  
**October 13** October Club Mtg. Schneider's  
**October 24** Annual 3 Club Rumble – RD Swanson  
**October 31** Polar Bear Starts – Cape May  
**November 3** Moribundi Lunch – RDS  
**November 10** Club Meeting - Schneider's  
**December 1** Moribundi Lunch – RDS  
**December 8** December Club Mtg - Schneider's  
**December 11** Annual Holiday Party  
**December 12** Toy Run to Children's Hospital

## Gadgets!



Ya gotta love em. The gadget guys. They gotta have it all. And with the size of their bikes and the volume of their panniers they not only get to have it all they can take it with 'em too. It's a long way from when you threw a few things in a knapsack and hit the road. Heated grips, heated vests, radar, GPS, fresh clothes for a week, stereo systems, and more. But come on, we luv 'em. Sooner or later we all end up with a good assortment of gadgets, whether it's carbon bits on our sportbikes or billet on our cruisers. Truth be known, I ride with a guy who has radar, heated gloves and vest, chatterbox, MP3, video camera and more on his GSXR. Man life is good on the road ain't it.

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Talk to your club member, Klaus Huennecke, for advice and suggestions.

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