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Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely. Great men are almost always bad men. *Letter, April 3, 1887, to Bishop Mandell Creighton*

There are truths which are not for all men, nor for all times. *Letter to Cardinal de Bernis, April 23, 1761.*

It was a bright, cold day in April, and the clocks were striking thirteen. *George Orwell, Book: "1984"*

The optimist proclaims that we live in the best of all possible worlds; and the pessimist fears this is true. *James Branch Cabell (1879 - 1958), The Silver Stallion, 1926*

Outside of a dog, a book is man's best friend. Inside of a dog it's too dark to read. *Groucho Marx (1890 - 1977)*

Early Spring Ride, April 3rd

Luigi Bosconi

At the Shore it was 47 degrees and so foggy it was almost like drizzle. My deck was glistening with moisture. I went on -line to check the forecasts for here and Cherry Hill. Here it was to be a high of 52 degrees and in Cherry Hill sunny and 73 degrees.

Not so good for us now, but in summer it will be 95 degrees there and 80 degrees here. It's a trade-off and it would be a good day to trade. So off I went to meet the guys at "Our Wawa."

As soon as I hit I 195 the weather cleared and began to get warmer. On hand to greet me at the Wawa were Harry Costello and Dave Rosen. Soon after Roger Trendowski pulled in and he was soon followed by Joe Karol and Don Meisterberger-Bergermeister. We watched the young honeys entering the Wawa to buy their goodies for a while and then headed west on Route 537 toward Mount Holly. Capt. Don had a route planned and it was about as good as it gets for that region. Which is to say, not very good. Too many lights and too much traffic.

We were out to visit Eckenhoff Motorcycles of Cherry Hill. Rob Kiviat is their service tech for BMW and Alan Fisher is their parts manager. It's located in a large building which had been a large Buick dealer before the cretins at GM drove the brand down the pits. Pete S. was waiting our arrival in the parking lot with an assortment of brats, kielbasa and weenies. He plans to be there every Saturday to sell his culinary delights. George Hickman, Al Pierson and Herb Conrad of the New Sweden riders were also there.



Hanging in the lot

Alan and Rob provided a brief tour of the five-acre facility. It's also a business for repair of Harleys and for automobiles. The auto repair section is vast.

So we sat in the sun in the parking lot and enjoyed the food and the 75 degree temperature for a while. Without young honeys coming and going we had to be content with Al's lecture on the benefits of fish oil. As you might expect, we didn't stay too long. We then returned on a simpler route on route 537 from Moorestown to I 195 and you know the rest. Interestingly, Moorestown is a very attractive town. The flowering trees were in bloom, the others in bud and with people walking around it provided a very pleasant scene for early Spring.



Mr. Pete's Famous Dogs and Brats

At Six Flags the Captain stopped for ice cream to soothe his heartburn from eating three (two actually) brats. Roger and I kept going. Sure enough, the further east we rode the colder the temperature. Back home again it was 52 and chilly.

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Jack Riepe's Great Slider Birthday Run – March 20th

Don Eilenberger

It started with a posting on Jack Riepe's Blog <http://jackriepen.blogspot.com/2010/03/great-slider-ride-2010-second-notice.html>

The first of my famous DPRs (Dubious Purpose Rides) has been scheduled for Saturday, March 20, 2010. This is the day I have chosen to celebrate my birthday with "The Great Slider Ride," a 100-mile (plus) pilgrimage to the nearest White Castle (in Toms River, New Jersey). As is my custom, I will purchase one White Castle Cheeseburger for each year of my life (56) and distribute these to the attending masses. The first and only other time I conducted this ride, the attending masses totaled two: Don Eilenberger (of the Jersey Shore Riders) and Tony Luna of Motorcycle Views. Should they show up next Saturday, each will be awarded Grand Marshal status and be presented with a priceless momento.

The notice was accompanied by a photo from two

years ago, when the R1200R was newer:



(Above) Don Eilenberger, BMW Motorcycle Owners of America Ambassador and a member of the Jersey Shore BMW Riders, was 50% of the crowd that turned up at the last Great Slider Ride. He will have Grand Marshal Status if he shows up at this one.

Being half the attendees at Jack's last Great Slider Ride – I felt more had to be done to celebrate this momentous occasion. So – I posted it to the club Yahoo list. Arrive and pig out was basically the message. Jack was buying! And I (along with Tony Luna) was a Grand Marshal.

As is not uncommon with Jack's rides – not everything went precisely according to plan. While a goodly sized crowd showed up for the event, including the other Grand Marshal, we were beginning to despair of ever seeing Jack. He was scheduled to arrive at 12:30PM. I arrived late (due to another commitment), at about 1:30PM, and no Jack. NJ Shore members were in attendance. Harold Gantz was there with THE K75S, I missed Harry Costello (who apparently had better things to do than stand around watching accidents – really – on Rt 37), Joe Karol was faithfully waiting. There were also about 30 other people in the lot, on BMWs, members of the MAC-PAC (a PA/Philly based riding, eating and wrenching society, and a few other poor souls who Jack had managed to sucker in.

We waited, and waited – getting hungrier by the moment, teased by the smells emanating from the exhaust vent at the White Castle. Where was Jack?



Crowd milling around the White Castle parking lot waiting for Jack

About 2 PM – we finally heard murmuring in the crowd that Jack had been spotted – not too far west on Rt 37. Apparently his carefully planned route had somehow gone amiss – with him going the wrong way for some distance before he realized the mistake.

He was accompanied by some loyal friends who didn't desert him in his time of need, although they did pretty much rag on him unmercifully for the entire event.



Finally – with the roar of a maddened sewing machine, FireBalls – Jack's K75 whined into sight!



Jack on FireBalls cuts a fetching figure

After Jack alighted from FireBalls, the fun and frivolity commenced. His first order of business was handing his lovely daughter a wad of money with the instructions to buy Sliders – lots and LOTS of sliders. A veritable mountain of sliders.



Harold, and Vince (New Sweden member) consuming some of the 56 sliders



Jack and his daughter (who must have a lovely mother) distributing Sliders..

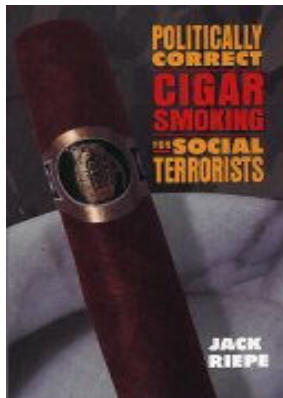
A good time was had. There was a crew leaving to go to Seaside to walk the boards and pay outrageous parking fees. Jack and a few others decided to start their return to the wilds of Pennsylvania, and I continued on a ride around Ocean and Monmouth Counties. Perfect day for a ride – all the more amazing since just a week or so before there was several feet of snow in my yard.

More info on the slider ride – and Jack's report of it can be found on his blog:

<http://jackriepen.blogspot.com/> Note – there is a parental warning on the blog:



Oh – if you're wondering, I did receive the “Priceless Memento” - a copy of Jack's book: **“Politically Correct Cigar Smoking For Social Terrorists”**.



Now out of print – it's a rare collectible only available from the author. It can be ordered from: JPRiepe@aol.com

I've been told (by Jack) that it's worth \$25,000 – but I'm not reporting this on my income tax next year since it was a gift.

Cruising the Land of Sun, Sea, & Sand, March 7th and March 14th

Skip Palmer (Southern Branch of NJSBMWWR)

March 7th, the first stop was Euro Cycles of Tampa for the 8 AM pancake breakfast. The first Saturday of each month, the dealership and the BMW Riders of Tampa Bay provide breakfast for about forty riders before they depart for various destinations. Vic Commune is the chef and ride leader for most of these events.

By 9 AM, I was riding east across the state to the Daytona Antique & Classic Motorcycle Auction at Stetson University in DeLand. As I parked my bike, Roland Marchetti was there to greet me. He was riding with a friend, Jim, originally from Monmouth Beach. We visited for a while and talked about our plans for the upcoming summers rides.

The auction is run by J. Woods & Co. in conjunction with Walnecks Classic Cycle. There are between two to three hundred bikes from every continent, era, and manufacturer for sale each year. Some are in show condition and others simply “As Is”. The bike

that caught my attention was a 1941 Indian, black with the traditional fender skirts. This bike had been in a barn for the past fifty years. They hadn't cleaned it. They simply blew the straw and some of the dust off. After the fluids were drained and the fuel pump and carburetor cleaned, the bike was in running condition. The bike quickly sold for \$31,000.00.

While I was admiring the inventory and enjoying the excitement of the auctioneer's rapid interaction with the crowd, Don Gordon saw me from the stands. We had a great visit and decided to meet the following weekend on Amelia Island.

The following Sunday, Sue and I left home by 5 AM to arrive on Amelia Island at 9 for the opening of the 15th Annual Amelia Island Concourse d'Elegance, held on the golf course of the Ritz Carlton. There couldn't be a more beautiful setting to display hundreds of the world finest classic cars.

This year the feature brands were Mercedes and Porsche. The honorees were the King of NASCAR; Richard Petty and Grand Prix driver; Sir Sterling Moss. This was Sue's first time at this show. While the cars and the setting make it probably one of the best events in the East, she was equally impressed with the Ritz. Next year, I have the feeling this show will cost me dearly as she has her eye on the services offered at the spa.



Don Gordon was discovered at the motorcycle display eyeing a collection of about a dozen Triumphs arranged in chronological order.



Two weeks ago, I saw a flier for a charity ride to support the local county Hospice. However, what caught my attention was the sponsoring club was the local chapter of the Bare Buns Bikers! This required some further investigation. It seems this is a nationally organized group of riding clubs that find clothing is too restrictive! They have a website. The local sponsoring club has about two hundred members with about half of them women who either ride their own bikes or two-up with their significant other. Many of the ladies ride in chaps and thongs!

The ride leaders carefully plan every ride to be exactly "69" miles. The arduous ride ended by noon poolside at a resort with a great band. Riders spent

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the rest of the day celebrating with Margaritas, Yuengling Sodas, and Barley Pops! I really enjoyed riding with these folks!

Editors note: This article seemed strangely incomplete without a photo of the ride by the Bare Buns Riders. LUCKILY, (or not) they do have a website:



Then again – perhaps that was a good idea by Skip – the imagination is much better than reality sometimes.

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Event Schedule

Please send submissions to John Malaska

April 7 Moribundi Lunch – TBA - RDS
April 11 (PB) CAPE MAY VFW, Cape May NJ
April 14 Club Meeting - Schneider's
April 17 Bergen County BMW Open House
April 18 Gathering of the Nortons, Washington Crossing State Park PA
April 28 Farklemania – Dave R

May 5 Moribundi Lunch – TBA – RDS
May 12 Club 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 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 Lunch – TBA – RDS
July 14 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 Road races @ 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

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