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## **President's Message**

Rain, Rain, Go Away! Come again some other day!

Well, looks like this week is a washout, much like last week... Arrrgh! Forecast for this weekend looks promising though. For those of you that aren't a princess like me, and actually ride in the rain or plan to, here are a few tips:

- Be Smooth – avoid hard accelerating(spining), hard braking(locking up), and jerky steering man-euvers.
- Leave Room – give yourself plenty of room for following with a clean shield and braking distance.
- Read the road surface - Oil, diesel and mud is even more slippery when wet, and shiny-looking surfaces will offer less grip as rough guide. Avoid puddles that could conceal pot holes and other dangers, and your bike's tires could lift clear of the road at speed (hydroplaning).
- Check your tires - Good tread depth is essential as is proper pressure. Take it easy until they are warm.
- RELAX! Being tense or nervous makes it impossible to be smooth and will tire you out quicker.

Happy riding and be safe out there,

George Roberts  
**President**

I wanna hang a map of the world in my house. Then I'm gonna put pins into all the locations that I've traveled to. But first, I'm gonna have to travel to the top two corners of the map so it won't fall down.

*Mitch Hedberg (1968 - 2005)*

Fall seven times, stand up eight. *Japanese Proverb*

Attempt easy tasks as if they were difficult, and difficult as if they were easy; in the one case that confidence may not fall asleep, in the other that it may not be dismayed. *Baltasar Gracian*

To accomplish our destiny it is not enough to merely guard prudently against road accidents. We must also cover before nightfall the distance assigned to each of us. *Alexis Carrel (1873 - 1944)*

Almost everything—all external expectations, all pride, all fear of embarrassment or failure—these things just fall away in the face of death, leaving only what is truly important. Remembering that you are going to die is the best way I know to avoid the trap of thinking you have something to lose. You are already naked. There is no reason not to follow your heart. *Steve Jobs (1955 - )*

## **Breakfast at Lunch, Tuckerton, Sept. 4**

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*RDS*

Another heat wave dissipated and a clear and cool Saturday on Labor Day weekend dawned. Capt Don suggested a ride to Tuckerton, so we met at Mikey's and were on our way (Mikey wasn't there, it was weenie-selling day for him).

It was a nice ride on a nice day after a summer of blistering heat. The media says it was the hottest summer ever and what ever they say can be taken as the gospel truth. If you ride south the roads lack challenge, but I wasn't up for any challenge and was content to let Capt. Neweyeslandberger lead the way. Traffic was light except at the Jackson Outlet Mall where they were apparently giving away back-to-school clothes. Yuppie moms on cell phones and in giant SUV's tried to edge Don and I into the weeds in their mad dash to shop, but we didn't let them do it.

The second crush was at Allaire State Park where they were having a wine festival. The road was blocked for a mile or more in both directions and the parked cars were crowding out the Bambi and friends grazing preserve.

Anyway we made to and fro without incident and enjoyed a nice breakfast at the Tuckerton seaport restaurant. Actually, it was the best breakfast I had all summer. And the scenery was pretty good too. The Capt. suggested we view the decoy museum but I declined. You know how it is. You see one decoy and you've seen them all. It's sort of like vintage BMW motorcycles. After you've seen one or two they all begin to look alike.

So you missed out on a good time, but it signaled the beginning of the new riding season so there will be lots of rides to come. Hope to see you.

*RD Swanson*

## **Finger Lakes Rally - Labor Day Weekend**

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*Roger Trendowski*

It was another successful Rally over Labor Day at Watkins Glen, The Finger Lakes BMW club hosted

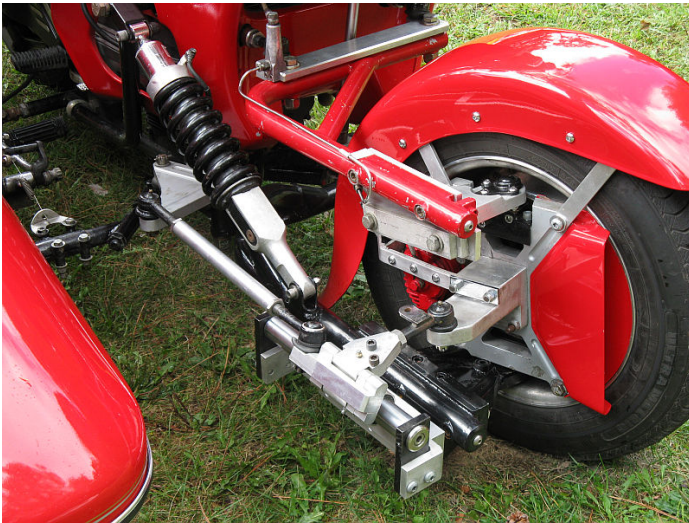
their 36th Rally with 1054 attendees including 100 FL members putting it on.

Occasional light rain interrupted Saturday's activities a little, but mostly caused the folks to buy more at my flea market. The F.L. flea market sold over \$10,000 gross this year with most of the money being paid back to sellers at rally's end. Rally food was great as usual... steak one night and BBQ grilled chicken the next. The two bands seem to hit the spot for the average 55 year old attendees. This was the first time in several years that a tire vendor appeared. They were really busy most of the time.

The rally site and camp grounds were excellent, just ask George Hickman, Miles Cannon, and John Aulbin. Kenny Maas, Prez of Skylands was also present with his 190K miles Goldwing (Max's old bike). I hung with Harry Costello Sunday afternoon walking the site, checking out the vendors and taking pix of unusual bikes. There probably were other NJSBMRs and other club members at the rally, but I didn't get out of the flea market tent much as that was my assigned F.L. job since becoming a member 8 years ago.

On Monday when the rally closed down I drove 70 miles to Otisco Lake (near Syracuse), mowed my cottage lawn, turned off utilities for the winter, and then rode the 270 miles home to Middletown, NJ. The following pictures show an unusual sidecar rig. All the suspension, moving aux headlights, brake linkages, etc. were designed and build by the owner.





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## Colors in the Catskills, Oct 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup>

### *Dave the Rug Man*

This past weekend was the 3rd annual Colors in the Catskills at Hunter Mountain. I have attended this event all three years and can't begin to tell you how much this event has grown in size as well as significance to me. I always view the Catskill Mountains as the absolute best single day riding I can achieve without racking up 500+ miles doing so. It is closer than most people think and there is nothing south of them that compare until you hit Virginia. If you think otherwise, than I urge you to challenge me as I'll be the first to meet you for that day ride. That being said, this year Alex E., Tom R. and myself decided to make it an overnighter from Friday to Saturday so that we could really maximize the riding we could squeeze in farther north than our usual day ride territory.



**George Hickman giving someone a deal.**



**John Dunn and Darrell Nerff, NJS members.**



**Tom R. NJSBMWWR Member, Brian Czarnecki Hunter Mountain Director Sales and Marketing, Alex E NJSBMWWR VP, Michael Friedle BMW MOA Ambassador, Unknown. (Photo by Dave R)**

Throughout the day Thursday, the weather reports were getting worse by the hour, our plan of achieving “more riding” was being washed away by the torrential rain. We decided to leave a little later on Friday morning in hopes of jumping just behind the storm and following it northward. Not the best idea, but certainly not the worst. It rained all day long but it didn't stop us from having as much fun as we possibly could in the rain by meandering up the winding mountain back roads on our way to Hunter. We weren't willing to compromise the ride for the slab just to get out of the weather, it just took a little longer than usual.

When we pulled into the parking lot at Hunter Mountain, we saw Mike Friedle and Brian Czarnecki.

Both of these guys are the reason why this rally happens and we can't thank them enough for doing it for us. We were excited to be on the site and they were happy to see us there. We talked about the “rally” and its bright, certain future, the bikes, the prior two years' events, MAX BMW's amazing support of the BMW community and the annual Colors in the Catskills rally, the new zip line that's currently under construction, the Oktoberfest celebration, the new adventure tower, the politics of BMW MOA and the ways they choose to spend our membership dues by “not participating” in this event, the local food, what we were going to eat for dinner and off to dinner we went. We were extremely hungry.

We were up early on Saturday and the weather had changed. It was obvious that it was going to be a phenomenal day to ride the mountains. We stopped in the rally site for a quick 20 minutes to see the bikes, the vendors setting up, and to secure a key cup of coffee. We took off on a few hour ride to work up an appetite for breakfast. Lots of great roads through the farmlands, up and down the mountains, and around to Phoenicia to eat.

After breakfast Alex took over the lead through some of his favorite roads in the area on the way back to Hunter Mountain. He definitely woke up after he ate and the pace had increased exponentially. By this time, the mountain was packed with people. The parking lot was full with bikes, and the beer garden was filled with a mix of Oktoberfest attendees and motorcyclists. Spotted at the mountain was fellow club member Jim M., but no other club members were seen. I hope some others were there, but out enjoying the ride.

Late afternoon came and Alex and Tom took off back to NJ. I stuck around to squeeze a few more hours of riding in since I didn't have to go as far home. It was a beautiful day and I couldn't have asked for a more enjoyable, convenient way to spend the weekend. I'm already looking forward to next year's Colors in the Catskills.

## **2010 Fall MotoGiro - Corning, NY Finger Lakes region. Sept 17<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup>**

*Harry Costello*

I really didn't think they could lay out a good Giro route in that area, WOW was I wrong.



*Photos of MotoGyro bikes, courtesy of Eric Suhr, sorry - none of Harry*

**Friday:** I arrived at the camp ground and met up with some of the usual suspects that come from across the country to abuse themselves and their precious little bikes. Friday night was real cold in that tent.

**Saturday:** Up early and rode the little bike into Corning . The staging and start area was in the parking lot behind the Radisson Hotel, the big buck guys stayed at the hotel. I was assigned starting number 9 (106 bikes in event) which is a mixed blessing. You get to finish early, but you don't have many tracks to follow in the dirt and the big bikes are buzzing by you all day.

Did fair in the first ability test (riding around cones at low speed over a timed course) and didn't get lost out on the road. AM loop was slightly over 110 miles

and lunch was at a vineyard overlooking Seneca Lake (halfway up West side of lake) did pretty good in the noon ability test. PM loop was through Watkins Glen and then onto the old road course past the campground where the Finger Lake rally is. Have no idea where I was after that, just following the route sheet and taking in some spectacular views.



Finished on time and did OK on the final ability test. At the Saturday banquet I found out I was fourth and within striking distance of first.

**Sunday:** Woke up to light rain. Packed everything into the van, put the bike on the trailer and headed toward Corning. Rain stopped by the start.



I did poorly knocking down a cone and putting a foot down. AM loop was another 110 plus a few miles over a mix of paved and dirt road, unfortunately the fog and sporadic light rain prevented us from seeing some great views. Got lost (off track) once but quickly got back on track and made up the time.

Lunch was at the Glen Curtis Museum and we had complete access to walk around.

Did poorly in the mid day ability test then out to the afternoon course. PM loop. The Sunday PM course is traditionally short (30 something miles) to allow the final scoring and to get a reasonable time to head home.

The race director announced a short cut around the last twelve mile dirt section and permitted people to decide if they should take it or not. When I arrived at that point it wasn't raining anymore so I figured "I came here to ride so I'll go for it".

The road (I use that term lightly) rapidly degenerated into some thing like a washed out creek bed. Remember I was on an almost 40 year old 125cc street bike with about two inches of suspension and street tires.

The road got really bad and I was starting to think I made a wrong turn, because they wouldn't send us down this road. Then I came up on about 150 feet of primeval slime, I knew there were two bikes ahead of me and sure enough there were two sets of tire marks through the slime so off I went.

Came in on time (just made it) on a bike covered with mud. I figured I was in the top three because I was ahead (of the clock) going into that road and had the extra time to finish barely on time. Most of the people that took the dirt were about five minutes late.

Then the race director announced they were throwing out the last section because the people that took the road didn't have to face the quagmire, so my poor performance in the ability tests came back to bite me in the ass.

I usually do very well in the ability tests so I don't know what the problem was. The bike ran great so that wasn't the reason. The Spring Giro is at Jiminy Peak resort which is near the North end of the Taconic Parkway. If your interested in trying this, get in touch and I'll fill in the blanks for you.

## **New Sweden – Last Chance Rally, Sept 24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>**

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*Don Eilenberger*

Once again, New Sweden pulled another Last Chance rally (the 28<sup>th</sup>) off – with great results and good weather all weekend.

The location this year was an old/new location – the original site of the very first Last Chance rally 28 years ago.

The pavilion that was the locus of activities apparently hadn't been touched in those 28 years. Nature was having it's way with the pavilion, and one side was precariously low, causing all those abnormal people (taller than me) to bonk their heads on the rafter ends. Finally someone hung up yellow trash bags on each rafter end as a warning. That worked until the beer really started flowing late Friday night.

Seen at the rally – NJS members, me, Joe Karol, Harold Gantz, J. Grant Duncan, Herb Konrad, George Hickman, Miles Cannon and a few others I'm sure I've forgotten (*all of these members are dual-club members.. there was no one exclusively from NJS at the rally..*)

Lodging was a choice between rental cabins (which I took – hey – had a real sorta bunk, AC, heat and a shower – the worlds shortest/shallowest shower, but I fit OK (Joe Karol must have really been challenged, being abnormally tall..) and camping. Herb, Joe and I split a cabin, which worked out fine. It was hobbling distance to the rally central, even with a few beers on Friday night.

Entertainment consisted of Joe Moffa on Saturday night (as Wayne Reiss said “Joe is a font..” (of most anything), and Friday night was just good food (Roadkill Chilli), free beer for New Sweden members, and lots of good talk. Saturday's dinner was catered by the Elmer Diner – who did a great job of feeding the 75 people in attendance. The long-distance rider for the rally came from Georgia, but by way of someplace like Alaska, he'd been out touring for the last several months.

Saturday I led a ride to the hidden towns of the NJ bayshore (Delaware Bayshore), including my usual

visit to Shellpile, Bivalve, and Greenwich. Greenwich is a hidden gem of a town, about as New England village postcard perfect as you can get, and hard to get to (which is why it's still a gem.)

Lunch was at the Baitbox outside Greenwich – in Hancock's Harbor. We got back to the rally site in time for the field events, which were quite a bit of fun this year, due to the competition between Doug Evans and his son, Wayne Reiss, and our own J. Grant and Nancy. Surprisingly – Nancy did NOT win the weenie gobble, something she has traditionally swept the field at. Doug Evans came in 1<sup>st</sup>.

Doug had earlier led a GS ride through the surrounding woods and swamps, and J. Grant got to christen his new GS with some mud. He was quite proud of the mud, and you can probably see it in person at the October club meeting.

It was a bit disappointing that so few NJS members attended a rally put on by our sister club. We've always been made to feel very welcome at their rally, and hopefully next year we'll see a better turnout. My WAG is the location will be the same next year. It's a nice location, and you can make a decent 3-4 hour ride out of getting there if you take the back roads down through the pines. Thanks to Rallymaster Pete Lisco and rally-spark-plug Nancy G for all the work it took to put it on (and not forgetting the hard work of not-the-prez Herb in handling the food.)

## **Cross Country's Summer Store Ride, August 15th**

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*Skip Palmer*

Cross County's family of dealerships (BMW, Honda, Triumph, Ducatti, and Husqvarna) held their “Summer Store Ride” on August 15. I arrived shortly before 9 and saw John Malaska was already there. As I scanned the group of forty or more riders, there were our club friends, Fred and Kay Golden from Locust.

Dan Notte, owner, and Scott Barkley, general manager, gave everyone a brief ride summary and some group riding pointers. Brian Donovan, service manager, led a spirited three hour ride that covered almost every street riding condition imaginable. We started on I-287, crossed the Raritan River on the Route #9 bridge, an immediate turn popped us out in Sayerville and later into Old Bridge. From there, we

headed toward Englishtown, Perrineville, Roosevelt, Clarksburg, Imlaystown to Clayton Park, in western Monmouth County, for a rest stop.

Brian took us on a very creative thread of county lanes that offered hills, sweepers, tight turns, and in places open farm country. The roads surfaces were equally varied ... some newly paved roads to rough roads consisting of mostly potholes.

For the remainder of the ride, we toured Monmouth County from west to east. We saw Clarksburg again before picking up Ely Harmony Road toward Farmingdale, Allaire and ended at the Allenwood General Store just before noon.

This is one of the last remaining true country stores in the area. They have a Post Office, deli, hardware, groceries, etc. Well worth a lunch ride any time of year.

Speaking of lunch, Dan bought lunch for those who were hungry and interested. Thanks for a great day! It was nice to ride with so many new and long time friends.

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## Holiday Party Set! (Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>)

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*RD Swanson (formerly Luigi Bisconi)*

Saturday December 11<sup>th</sup> is the date for our annual Christmas/Hannukah/Awards bash.

Festivities begin at 6PM at Rod's Olde Irish Tavern in Sea Girt. See [www.rodstavern.com](http://www.rodstavern.com) for details. We'll have the dinner buffet at \$24.95 plus tax and gratuity. In the past the club has underwritten the cost for members and one significant other. We will need to discuss this at our October meeting.

Solid gold trophies will be awarded to deserving members. Consider this carefully and be prepared to offer nominees for this valuable honor.

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## Nomination Committee Needed. October 2010

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*RDS (aka Oscar Meyer Weiner)*

The year is drawing to a close and the club needs to form a nominating committee to present a slate of officers at our November meeting. Nominations may also be made from the floor prior to a vote. Those elected begin to serve in January.

If we are going to continue into the future we will

need members to volunteer for the committee and also offer to stand for office. Nothing is more important than this! The officers provide the leadership necessary to insure rides, events and other activities. Duty calls!

Please consider helping out on the nominating committee, and as a club officer! More discussion at our October meeting.

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## October FUN Fest at the track!

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On Thursday, October 21, we will be riding the fabulous Thunderbolt Raceway at New Jersey Motorsports Park. If you have not ridden with us on this track, you need to check it out! This is a fantastic facility with all the amenities. Our rider attendance has been low this year, but that means more track time for YOU! Our coaches and staff have done a great job this year. In their emails, many riders say they have benefitted from the instruction given by our coaches, and their improved riding skills show that this is true!

Sign up now for our last event this year! There is free camping at the track the night before (gates open at 6 p.m through the night) or you can pamper yourself and rent a VIP Suite at NJMP Thunderbolt. Go to [www.njmp.com](http://www.njmp.com) to make your reservation.

We thank you for riding with Motorcycle Xcitement and look forward to seeing you at the track.

Roger Lyle, [www.MotorcycleXcitement.com](http://www.MotorcycleXcitement.com), 301-933-2599

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## Upcoming Events

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October 13<sup>th</sup> – meeting at Schneider's  
November 10<sup>th</sup> – meeting at Schneider's  
December 1<sup>st</sup> - Moribundi Lunch – RDS  
December 8<sup>th</sup> - meeting at Schneider's  
December 11<sup>th</sup> – Holiday Party at Rods, Sea Girt  
December 12 Toy Run to Children's Hospital

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## HELP needed – Children's Hospital Annual Event

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We'll be looking for help in organizing and running our annual toy-run to the Children's Hospital. Please attend our October meeting to find out how you can help!

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