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*"I feel my best when I'm happy!" Winona Ryder, actress*

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*"Our troops advanced today without losing a foot of ground." British War Communique*

*"We did not change as we grew older; we just became more clearly ourselves." Lynn Hall, Where Have All the Tigers Gone?, 1989*

*"Always acknowledge a fault. This will throw those in authority off their guard and give you an opportunity to commit more." Mark Twain*

*"The advantage of a bad memory is that one enjoys several times the same good things for the first time." Friedrich Nietzsche*

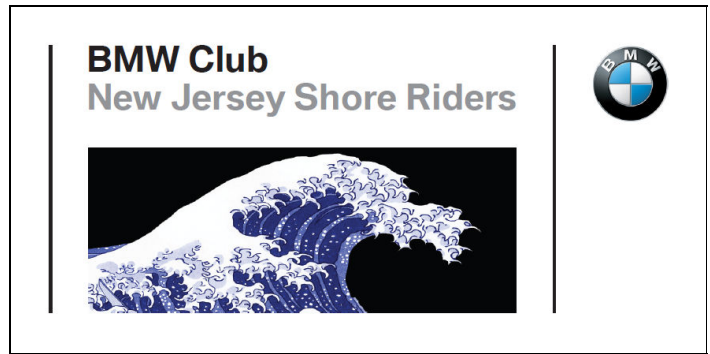
*"Do not anticipate trouble, or worry about what may never happen. Keep in the sunlight." Benjamin Franklin*

## **President's Message**

### **Lets get ready to rumble!**

Time to show the other clubs who's boss. A call to all riders to show our might. However you choose to get there, Get there. Several rides are being planned on the Yahoo group, So find one to your liking and lets go kick some A\$\$.

Time to fill out and send in your milage contest forms found on page 96 of the April issue of the MOA



News. Fill it out with your starting milage as of April 14th, 2012. Bring it with you and have two MOA members or one of the club officers or one of our Ambassadors sign it. Don't know if the mass mailing has gone off yet. It needs to be postmarked by May 14, 2012. We can catch any stragglers at our next monthly meeting wednesday May 9, 2012.

Hope you all had a good time at the Meeting of the Norton's . At shop night I learned a lot about how to check out my shocks and forks and some of the improvements available and enjoyed the pizza and soda. What a neat collection of bikes in the back room.

Hope all of you are getting is some good riding.

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Kenton Seydell

## **Big Rumble – May 6<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) - I**

*Leo Tolstoy*

At the Norton Rally Bill Mack and Bill Young said Skylands would "bury us" at the Big Rumble. They said it wouldn't even be a contest. Other Skyland's riders laughed when I said we would be there in force. They said it would be too far and too strenuous for a "wimpy bunch of riders" like us.

New Sweden riders also indicated disdain. They said a club with such a silly big wave logo couldn't possibly challenge them. They even offered to send a bus to pick us up if the ride was too much for us.

They suggested we were afraid of the Jersey Devil and wouldn't risk a ride into the swamps and mosquito-infested wasteland that makes up most of New Sweden's territory.

## Big Rumble – II

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Harold Gantz

If you've been sleeping under a rock the past few weeks, it's time to wake up. The New Sweden BMW Riders Club has gotten off their butts and is hosting the annual Three Club Rumble this year.

This is when the three New Jersey BMW motorcycle clubs (New Jersey Shore BMW Riders, New Seden BMW Riders and Skylands BMW Riders) share a picnic luncheon, share great camaraderie, and tell magnificent lies about our riding prowess. *We also talk a lot about anyone who didn't show up.*

This year we will also be joined by the New Jersey Moto Guzzi club. Be nice to them even if their motorcycles look like BMWs that have fallen on their sides.

Phil Levin and his committee from New Sweden have done a great job selecting a venue and planning a noontime feast for our bellies. The location is Parvin State park in beautiful southern South Jersey. *(In the middle of the pestilance infested swampy Vineland NJ area.)*

Set your Way Back Machines and GPS units to 860 Parvin Mill Road, Pittsgrove Township, NJ. The entrance into The rumble site in the park is just opposite from Middle Drive. The picnic area is marked by entrance signs and is right next to a baseball field. Pass through the "gates" to enter the paved parking area. This section of the park is known as Thundergust *(apparently in deference to some of the New Sweden riders who have been known to be flatulent at times.)*

If you can find a reason not to ride your motorcycle, then come in your car. This is a rain or shine event. The rumble will be under a large covered pavilion.

There are no namby-pamby excuses for not attending the Rumble. This is the once a year day when the three predominant NJ BMW clubs get together to renew friendships, make rally plans for the season, fill our stomachs, and dodge water balloons.

If you are not there, *expect have burning ears as we talk about you.*

*Editors note – some small factual corrections have taken place to Harold's wonderful email, which was originally directed to the New Sweden wussies.*

## Big Rumble - III

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Don Eilenberger

As difficult as it is to get to the location of this years Rumble (a rather obvious trick by the New Sweden club to lower our attendance..) I will be leading a ride of sorts to the event.

We will be leaving OurWAWA\* at 9:30AM on Sunday. Be gassed up since there is no fuel in the remote barren regions of NJ that the New Sweden members call home.

The route going will be secondary highways – which takes about 1 hr 30 minutes OR a bit more back-road route – which can take a bit longer. The decision will be made on Sunday morning depending on my own whim. The route returning from the Rumble after we win it will likely be almost all back-roads if the weather is cooperative.

We are supposed to meet some members of our club at the "54 Diner" in beautiful Buena *(redundant – but we'll see if anyone gets that..)* at 11AM. Chances are we'll be a bit late. It's only about 20 minutes from the diner to the Rumble site, so I'm not certain why we're stopping there, but RDS keeps telling people we will, so we probably will. Goggle "54 Diner" to find the location. Or click here: <http://g.co/maps/mpt2q>

*\* = OurWAWA – it's often asked by new members where the heck OurWAWA is? It's the WAWA on Rt 537 just east of the entrance to Six Flags. It's right off Exit 16 of I-195. Convenient for many members – it's a popular kickoff spot for quite a few rides. We meet on the right side of the building. The Harley groups meet behind the building. We're the quiet bikes with riders in funny suits.*

## Gathering of the Nortons – April 15<sup>th</sup>

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RD Swanson

Shore Riders met at "Our Wawa" to make the ride over to the Delaware at Washington's Crossing for this time-honored event that sort of serves as the official start of the warm-weather riding season. Twelve riders were on hand so

Capt. Don suggested we split into two groups.

Cap led a group of eight for the Trenton State Prison tour and I led the remainder.

We took I 95 over to Trenton where we crossed the Delaware and followed the river to the event.



Nancy, Harry, Bill Young and others, but never saw Don.



*2012 Norton Commando Cafe Racer*



*Editor: Twin to my '75 Mk-III Commando*



*Early 70's Norton Commando Cafe Racer*

It was well-attended. Lots of Nortons, including a brandy-new one that sells for about \$17,000 and looks terrific. The dealer is Tremont which is located up in Skylands country. You will need a passport if you want to go there.

There were also some terrific Guzzis, BMW's and other brands on display, some vintage and some nearly new. It was a cornucopia of motor-cycles.

It is also a time to see all of your riding friends from around N.J. Maere from Cross Country and Alan Stein from Open Road were there. Saw

We had agreed to meet at Buck's Bounty, but it was closed due to a power failure. Grant, Dan Thompson and I crossed over into Frenchtown and lunched at a place that had an outside porch and delicious food, although somewhat pricey. Cap and his group had weenies at a roadside stand.

*Editor: Actually not – we had a wonderful lunch at the Blue River Cafe, a favorite in the area, and we were entertained by an only moderately annoying guitar player.*

The ride home was nice but the roads were crawling with cops. There were cops, cops, cops everywhere so we tried to slow down. A trooper

had us dead to rights and Grant cut off and tried to hide in a parking lot. I looked back and no Grant. No trooper either. He probably was out of tickets. Grant sheepishly reappeared later down the road.

On I-95 grant shot ahead and Dan and I pushed double digits but couldn't catch him. He called me later to say he had hit 140 and almost ran over Tom Rizzo.

Great day and wonderful start for all who attended.

## Club Tech Night at EPM April 18<sup>th</sup>

*Luigi Bosconi*

Grant wanted to ride but Capt. Don and I were afraid of the showers and didn't want to get rain spots on our pristine R12R's. So we took the Porsche. Hardly fitting for members of a riding club.

The destination was Klaus Hueneke's shop out in Englishtown where he and Capt. Mike would expound on the intricacies of motorcycle suspension and valve adjustment.

Klaus' neat and organized working area offers a vivid contrast to Mike's somewhat "busy" work area, but it's the quality of work that matters, and they both are masters in their chosen areas of expertise.



*Klaus adjusting Bill Dudley's R90S shocks*

It was interesting even for a technological illiterate like me. Capt. Mike's performance on valve adjustment was masterful. I actually learned something. I learned that even though I thought Rev. Mike's GS might never be put back together and actually function again, it roared to life when a visibly nervous Rev. pushed the starter button.



*Mike puzzling over what the extra parts are..*



*Whew!*

Klaus' demonstration on suspension adjustment, shock absorbers and the like provided an arcane tutorial that left me baffled. Sort of like the medieval alchemists turning lead to gold. Impressive,

but beyond me. But not to Bill Dudley and others who were clearly in their element asking intelligent questions and offering reasonable suggestions



*Harold aghast as Kent chows down..*

The event was well-attended with 25 or so on hand to watch the events, share anecdotes and eat pizza. About half did ride even though it continued to shower. J. Grant also got about 15 orders for the "Big Rumble" shirt he designed and promoted. I can't wait to see one.

## Club Activity and Events Calendar - 2012

◆ **Regular Club Meetings** - 2nd Weds of the month at Schneiders. Meeting starts at 7PM, come earlier to eat.

◆ **Moribundi Lunchs** - for the old, infirm, retired, unemployed. It's a chance to get out of the house. 1st Weds of the month, 12:30PM at a restaurant to be decided by the chief Moribund Rd Swanson. Input for locations is gratefully accepted. Usual turnout is 10-12 old pharts.

◆ **May 2nd** - Moribundi at TBA.

◆ **May 6th** - Three Club Rumble, hosted by New Sweden. Parvin State Park in lovely(!) Pittsgrove NJ. Ride there will be organized (you can hardly get there from here.) Meet at OUR-Wawa at 9:30AM.

◆ **May 9th** - Regular Club Meeting.

◆ **May 17th - 21st** - Morton's Spring Fling Rally, Natural Bridge VA. 2 days there, 2 days

back, via great back roads. See Don for info.

◆ **May 19th - 20th** - Downeast Rally in Maine. Pre-registration strongly suggested (there are only so many lobsters..).

◆ **May 26th** - European Motorcycle Day - Maryland.

◆ **June 1st - 3rd** - Square Route Rally, Thurmont MD. Great rally. See Don for details. It will rain on this weekend. It always rains at SR (as long as Al Pierson shows up..)

◆ **Tuesday nights in June, July, August** - Ice Cream Runs. Locations to be announced. We need someone to take hold of this and make it theirs.

◆ **June 6th** - Moribundi Lunch at TBA.

◆ **June 13th** - Regular Meeting.

◆ **June 14th - 17th** - BMW-RA Rally at Copper Canyon, Colorado. Some thought is being given to a slow ride out, followed by a wander to California and back via interesting roads. See Don if interested. The ride would start on Sunday June 10th or Monday June 11th (depending on planning.)

◆ **June 23rd** - Club Picnic. Location to be determined.

◆ **July** - Tuesday night - Ice Cream Runs - continue. Locations TBA.

◆ **July 4th** - Moribundi lunch - location TBA.

◆ **July 11th** - Regular Club Meeting.

◆ **July 19th - 22nd** - BMW-MOA National Rally in Missouri. Roger T is organizing registration and expects club members to attend and help out. This will be the hottest weekend on record in Missouri.

◆ **August** - Tuesday nights - Ice Cream Runs continue. Locations TBA.

◆ **August 1st** - Moribundi Lunch - location TBA.

◆ **August 8th** - Regular Club Meeting.

◆ **Late August** - Club weekend ride to somewhere nice - perhaps Bennington NY or that general area.

◆ **August 31** - September 3rd - Finger Lakes

Rally, Finger Lakes NY.

- ◆ **September 5th** - Moribundi lunch - location TBA.
- ◆ **September 12th** - Regular Club Meeting.
- ◆ **September 21st - 23rd** - Last Chance Rally, Elmer NJ. See Harold or Don for details. Support our brother club - New Sweden BMW Riders!
- ◆ **October 3rd** - Moribundi Lunch - Location TBA.
- ◆ **October 10th** - Regular Club Meeting - and nominations for officers for 2013.
- ◆ **Late October** - Colors in the Catskills - Hunter Mountain NY, date to be announced. Anyone interested in making a weekend of it let us know. Great time to visit the Catskills.
- ◆ **November 7th** - Moribundi Lunch - Location TBA.
- ◆ **November 14th** - Regular Club Meeting - and annual officer election.
- ◆ **December 5th** - Moribundi Lunch - Location TBA.
- ◆ **December 12th** - Regular Club Meeting.
- ◆ **December sometime** - Annual Toy Run to Children's Specialized Hospital, Toms River, NJ.
- ◆ **December sometime** - Annual holiday party. Location and date TBA. RD Swanson is party captain.

## Cross-Country Open House April 21<sup>st</sup>

Luigi Bosconi

Showers predicted but absent, it was a perfect Spring day for a motorcycle event. Shore Riders were present in significant numbers and so were lot of other riders, mostly on Ducatis and unknown to me.

Roger led a group from the Breakfast Club, but most seemed to arrive singly. John Ryan's motorcycle was parked in the lot and was attracting the curious. They didn't seem to comprehend all

the tanks and tubes.



*John Ryan's Mint Condition K75*

The Red Bull girls were handing out samples and asked us if we wouldn't pose for pictures with them.



There was a 15% discount on items other than motorcycles and there were door prizes for those willing to wait. I was not. They were serving hot dogs and hamburgers but there was a long line and I was hungry.



*Dennis can only get one girl, Grant laughs..*

So Grant and I headed out on route 287 west and exited on route 529 in Edison. This is not recommended as the traffic is very heavy and the traffic lights take forever to change. We reached route 1, went south and stopped at the Edison Diner. This is recommended. The food is good and surprisingly the scenery is too. Almost like being back in Italy.

From there it is a quick ride on 18 south to 34 and back to the Shore. Nice day!

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## Cross-Country Open House April 21<sup>st</sup> – II

*Don Eilenberger*

What Luigi didn't mention is I had contacted him to ride up to the open house, and he demurred. I think it's another case of my being too fast for him. I'm obviously going to have to slow it down since he is getting up in years..

## Great Photos of 1948 Daytona Races

*Don Eilenberger*



See: <http://life.time.com/culture/daytona-motorcycle-madness-1948/#1>

This is from the Time-Life photo archive, from Life Magazine. Great photos of a long gone era. I'd suggest viewing them at full screen.

## Newsletter Submissions Needed!

*Editor*

Every month I yell out to the Yahoo group list asking for newsletter submissions. And every month the same people reply with something for the newsletter. Hey folks – It's YOUR club. How about sharing what you're doing, who you're riding with, where you're riding to, and let the rest of the club enjoy your trips, visits, whatever.

Plain text messages sent to me via Email ([deilenberger@yahoo.com](mailto:deilenberger@yahoo.com)) – don't make it pretty (I do that, if you do it, I have to undo it), don't worry about spelling or grammar. I do that for you.

We also need photos. Uploading them to the Yahoo group might seem the way to go – but that means that only people who actually visit the Yahoo group see them. Email them directly to me. Size should be at least 800x600.

Help make this a newsletter to be proud of!

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**MEETING – Weds – May 9<sup>th</sup>**  
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