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Each time we face our fear, we gain strength, courage, and confidence in the doing. *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Fear of failure must never be a reason not to try something. *Frederick Smith*

His fear was greater than his haste: For fear, though fleetier than the wind, Believes 'tis always left behind. *Samuel Butler*

There is no terror in the bang, only in the anticipation of it. *James Anthony Froude*

Some people are brave, others are just too stupid to be afraid. *Philip R. Breeze*

Life shrinks or expands in proportion to one's courage. *Anais Nin*

President's Message

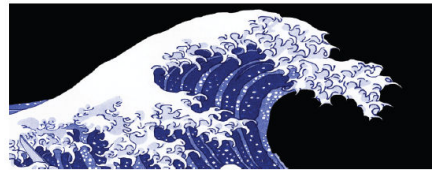
Be Prepared

As I was getting ready to leave solo back to NJ from Salem Oregon a few things crossed my mind.

- What if I have an accident?
- What if I get a flat?
- What if I run out of gas?
- What if, what if, what if...

Well none of it happened. No rain, not even a drop. No crazy people looking to take me hostage. No, the entire ride was uneventful with the exception of sur-

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prising views, interesting people and some very good alone time.

Traveling alone has many advantages with freedom and solitude leading the way. Friends, if you want to boost your confidence ten fold then take a long ride without much of an agenda and get lost somewhere. Don't worry about rain, just go slower, avoid traffic by taking the road less traveled.

However, be prepared, make sure you have a flat repair kit, small air compressor and a tools, water and first aid kit. Above all take a real paper map, not so much for directions but for giving you some perspective on how far you have traveled and how much more you have to see.

Motorcycling is about freedom and travel, the more you travel on your bike the greater the freedom.

Ride Safe! Your Prez., Rev'n Mike.

Early Issue

Editor

You might notice this issue of our newsletter is a week early. That's because I'll be following Mike's advice – and be off riding (Nova Scotia.)

You should be too!

Colors in the Catskills and Oktoberfest Weekend, Oct 4-6th

Don Eilenberger

Back in January, the club had a planning meeting. One of the items that was planned for was a club get-away weekend. Our Oktoberfest IS that weekend.

Odd thing – I opened the event to New Sweden and Skylands, and so far – New Sweden mem-

bers going strongly outnumber the NJ Shore members. I'm a bit puzzled about that. This would be a suitable "couples" weekend if your SO has mentioned wanting to go along on a ride. The event is based at the Crystal Brook German Resort, in Round Top, NY. Round Top is about 3 hours from the NJ shore if you take the highway, so travel distance shouldn't be a big concern.



The deal is – you get a bed and all meals (3 per day) for \$83/person/day. The food is great, and in unlimited quantities. There is a German Beerhall (Brauhaus) on the site, and the weekend is one of the "special" German dance/celebra-

tion weekends (Bauernball.)

Members are responsible for making their own reservations, and finding roommates (if needed.) To make a reservation, you can visit the Crystal Brook website (<http://www.crystalbrook.com>) or you can call (ask for Wendy) them at 518-622-3751. Make sure you mention the BMW motorcycle group when making the reservation – Wendy will try to fit us into one building if possible. You'll have to send Wendy a check for \$25 to reserve your room and meals.

The Crystal Brook address is:
 Crystal Brook Mountain Brauhaus Resort
 POB 18
 430 Winter Clove Road,
 Round Top, NY 12473



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 Don Eilenberger, Editor – John Malaska, Publisher

How about getting off your duffs and doing it? We'll be visiting the BMW event "Colors in the Catskills" - and riding the German Alps (upper Catskill mountains.) It's a great riding area, the Colors event is nearby and free, and the Crystal Brook is a bunch of fun.



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Airhead BMW party, 2013 08 25

Bill Dudley (Prez in Waiting)

On Sunday, Aug 25, NJ Air-marshall Dave Cushing hosted an Airhead BMW party/cookout at his place in Phillipsburg. Airheads and NJSBMW members Roger T, Klaus, and yours truly attended. Roger rode Barney, his purple GS, Klaus was on his R80, and Dud on his R90S.

The turnout was approximately 25 souls, almost all attending on Airhead BMWs. There was a little garage work, but mostly it was just an opportunity to schmooze. Some "lights" of the Airhead community were there, including Bob Sipp, Todd Byrum, and Eric Heilveil (and of course Dave Cushing and his love wife Ellen.)

The ride up from "our Wawa" was 122 miles according to Klaus' odometer, and we (Klaus and Dud) did most of it on 2-lane roads. Roger made his own way there via Sky Manor Airport, where he had breakfast.

Bikes in attendance included 3 R90S's, one

slash two, one R100RS, some nice toaster tanked slash fives, and a GS Paris Dakar.



Somebody also brought a new water-cooled GS Adventure, which attracted a bit of attention.

Tire Plugging Seminar – July Meeting

Quantum Force



Our July meeting highlight was in impromptu tire

plugging seminar given in the parking lot by soon to be married Dr Tom, J. Grant, Art and Mike the Wrench. It was informative and a hands on demo. I believe Dr. Tom got home OK after the demo.

2013 MOA Rally Debriefing

Roger Trendowski

In last month's newsletter I discussed the trip that Mike Lamberti and I took to the MOA Rally in Salem OR. Now for the Rally wrap.... Attendance was approximately 5100 attendees which was less than the last few years in Sedalia MO and Bloomsburg PA.

The weather in the Salem area was excellent for the entire week, so what explains the lower attendance? The Rally chair, Deb Lower and a board member said it was probably due to the northwest location. It is hard for members to spend most of two weeks traveling to and from a western location... and for the most part, traveling across the country is grueling... hot and long. The larger proportion of MOA members are east of the Mississippi river therefore attendance will be less in the west.

Approximately 150 vendors were located mostly in air conditioned buildings. Outside there were dozens of vendors including two tire changers, a couple custom ear mode companies, couple exhaust specialty companies, and numerous other farkle sellers.

Registration was in A/C too instead of those hot long tents as in the past few years. The Rally program boasted 150 seminars over the three day event: riding safety; touring Europe, south America, Mexico, New Zealand; motorcycle repairs; life saving techniques when first on a motorcycle accident scene, and on and on

Susanna and Matt Parkhouse talked about their Mexico trip on old airheads... which also appeared in print in the MOA ION magazine a few months ago.

I especially enjoyed Benka Pulko's presentation about her 5 year 5 continent journey. At 30 years old she spent 5 uninterrupted years circling the world... just her on her F650 BMW and her excellent photographic capability. (She now sells a large format book with hundreds of professional looking pictures.) An audience of

hundreds of people were glued to her words. Two large projection screens scrolled pixs of her trip... she didn't speak to each pix but instead told stories.

One memorable story was when she was in an African country her tire was cut by a chunk of metal. She flagged down a policeman in a car. He skidded toward her and hit her bike. She was so mad that she reached through the open car window and punched him out. While indisposed for a while some local women sewed the gash in her tire with needle and thread. Benka said the tire lasted another 2000 meters until she replaced it.



Benka

Another Benka story... as she entered into China (I think) the border police wanted \$20,000 US dollars to enter the country. She convinced them that after her trip, she would be very very rich and she would return to give them some money. The statistics on her bike were incredible: 111,856 miles, 19 tire changes, 10 chains, 4 batteries, 4 windshields, 3 water pumps, 1 broken subframe.

Since Mike and I set up tents on Monday (to prepare for Rally setup), we claimed one of the nicest areas in the entire fair grounds.. Flowers, trees, green grass, all close to buildings housing registration, MOA exhibits and meeting rooms. My tent was shaded by a large group of banana (or palm) trees (I can't tell the difference... I'm an engineer and not a treeologist). Since we helped setup the rally, we enjoyed a volunteer buffet on Tuesday and had plenty of free drinks.

Two evenings were filled with live entertainment in an outdoor stadium and the closing ceremonies were held indoors in A/C. Overall, I would give this MOA Rally high marks: Great weather, excellent fairground facilities, A/C buildings for vendors, registration, exhibits, many seminars, clean facilities, reasonably priced food with diverse food vendors. Rally operations very smoothly in all the areas I am aware of: security, registration, gates, seminars, vendors, setup/clean up. I love to volunteer at the rally because of the new (and old) people I meet. Even as Chair of Registration overseeing the process and working with 5 co-chairs, I had more than enough time to attend several seminars and make a couple rounds of the vendors. Next year's rally will be held in St Paul MN. July 24-27, 2014.

PS.. In last month's article I said that Mike and I traveled at or below the speed limit on the way out to Salem... not entirely true. There was one occasion when Mike was in the lead and I struggle to keep up. Check out my GPS screen that shows Maximum Speed.



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2013 Event Schedule

Please email the editor with additions/corrections.

September

Sept 2nd to 14th = 12 day ride to Nova Scotia. We're probably already on our way.

4th - Moribundi Lunch. It's cooling off, so it's time to join us! Location TBA.

11th, 8PM - Regular Meeting, Princess Maria Diner – Rt 35, Wall NJ – THIS MONTH ONLY – Schneider's is on vacation. Arrive early to dine with the club. We'll be in the back room to the left as you enter.

20th to 22nd 10-billionth New Sweden Last Chance Rally. Join our friendly souf' Jersey club, the New Sweden BMW Riders at campground in Elmer NJ.)

28th – Annual Club Picnic! See the article above!

October

2nd - Moribundi Lunch. Old and tasty. Location TBA.

4th-6th - Oktoberfest/Bavarian Weekend. Round Top NJ, Crystal Brook German Resort.

An all-meals included weekend, timed to coordinate with Colors in the Catskills in nearby Hunter Mountain. \$83/night/person includes a real bed (and shower) and three huge meals per day. Hard to beat! Reservations are made by the members directly with the Crystal Brook. See article above.

9th – 8PM – Schneider's/Avon

November

6th - Moribundi Lunch. Old and wrinkly. Location TBA.

13th - Regular Meeting, Schneider's/Avon

December

4th - Moribundi Lunch. Old and cold. Location TBA.

11th - Regular Meeting, Schneider's/Avon

22nd - Annual Toy Run, Children's Hospital, Toms River

LONG TERM:

April 1st – October 31st – FluffyButt! Get out and RIDE! Watch for ride announcements via the Yahoo group email.

Lazy, Hazy Days of Summer – 2013 Picnic!

RD Swanson

Lots of rain this summer, some hazy days and some really nice days and all too soon it will all be over. It's a long cold winter for those who are stuck in New Jersey. But before it's over, we'll have the club picnic on **September 28**. If fortune favors us, it will be a nice late summer, early fall day at a nice location in Wall Township. Lots of trees and fields, covered pavilions, clean rest rooms, seclusion, and plenty of good food subsidized by the club. It's that chance for family and friends to get together and enjoy life.

So send in your check to Jim McFadden and reserve your spot. Over 30 people committed to attend, and the club made the deposit – so lets get the payments in!

Unlimited beer and soft drinks, burgers and dogs, ribs and watermelon and so on. Games to be played and tales to be told. You won't want to miss it. Don't wait! Do it today!

Your name here _____

Significant other (if desired) _____

Amount enclosed (\$17.10 for member, \$17.10 for one significant other – total of \$34.20. \$32.10 for each additional person after the first two).

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

Send to: Jim McFadden,
30 Trask Ave, Bayonne NJ 07002

Due on or before September 21 !!!

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