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The aging process has you firmly in its grasp if you never get the urge to throw a snowball. *Doug Larson* 

A lot of people like snow. I find it to be an unnecessary freezing of water. *Carl Reiner* 

In the bleak midwinter Frosty wind made moan, Earth stood hard as iron, Water like a stone; Snow had fallen, snow on snow, Snow on snow, In the bleak midwinter, Long ago. *Christina Rossetti (1830 - 1894)*, *A Christmas Carol* 

If there comes a little thaw, Still the air is chill and raw, Here and there a patch of snow, Dirtier than the ground below, Dribbles down a marshy flood; Ankle-deep you stick in mud In the meadows while you sing, "This is Spring "

"This is Spring." Christopher Pearce Cranch, A Spring Growl

Some mornings it just doesn't seem worth it to gnaw through the leather straps. *Emo Phillips* 

If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant: if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome. *Anne Bradstreet (1612 - 1672), 'Meditations Divine and Moral,' 1655* 

Spring is when you feel like whistling even with a shoe full of slush. *Doug Larson* 



### President's Message:

By the time you read this I will be in Australia, where it's late summer. I'll have a few chances for brief rides on motorcycles, but it's not a "motorcycling trip", so don't be too envious. I return March 30, but I'll be available via email should there be any pressing "presidential decisions" I need to make. I'll upload the occasional photo to Facebook.

Also by the time you read this, the Martin Motorsports Bike show will be history; I hope some of you went to that. This year the "theme" is 2-strokes.

Daylight Savings starts March 9, so that means that the clocks on my bikes will be right again (I don't set 'em back in the fall).

I'm going to miss seeing all the work Mike K. is putting into my "new" R100RS; by the time I return it'll be all "restored". I ordered insurance for it today, and mailed in the application for Q plates for it, so I should be able to start riding it right away in April.

Enjoy the meeting on March 12, for which you will be in Klaus' capable hands.

President dud

<u>Editors Note</u> – We've received communications from Prez Dud in Oz. Apparently Delta Airlines managed to lose all of their luggage, so he and his ex-wife are making "do"..

The joy of airline travel.

### Cross-Country Event This Friday March 7<sup>th</sup>!



Join other NJ Shore members at the Cross-Country presentation of an Evening of Global Adventure. Start time is 7PM. Tickets are free and may be obtained at:

http://tinyurl.com/po6hsrt

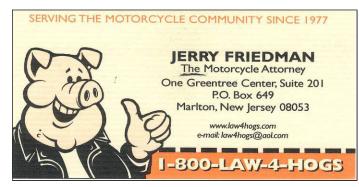
I'd suggest registering by "email"...

# Daytona Race Week - 2014

Tom Spader (Ex-Prez..)

With the less than desirable riding weather in the northeast, I decided to journey to Daytona Race Week via cage and camp in the 2nd turn infield. The last time I did that was '61 and '62...sleeping in the car with \$5 admission for the weekend. Actually make this trip a family bonding event with motor-homes providing 'almost like home' comforts for my two sons, daughter-in-law and several others. Tickets this time were \$250 for race week plus camping fees of \$900.

With that type of cash flow, track management decided on a \$400 million remodeling/facelift



thus converting the track into a mall type venue hosting racing, college football, concerts and year around shopping. Future attendees of auto and motorcycle racing should find the facilities fascinating and very comfortable. Be sure and bring your wallet.



Other than Junior winning the 500 after six hours of rain delay including tornado warning and ankle deep water, I got to meet King Richard Petty. He said he'd like to have white facial art like me but has to continue with the trademark black hat, sunglasses, cowboy boots and teeth. What some folks will do for money at 76 years old.

Spring is around the corner and the fleet is ready to ride....hopefully my next comments will return to the biking world.

#### Movie Night – Weds, Feb 17<sup>th</sup>

#### Editor

A good sized group of members turned out at Crown Engineering on a cold winter night to enjoy the film "Why We Ride", munch on pizza and popcorn, and drink some beer (generously donated by Herb Konrad.)

The headcount was about 23 members in attendance The pre-feature movie was an episode of "Bronson" - which was cut short by unanimous

acclaim – as being boring and not much to do with motorcycles.

"Why We Ride" to me – wasn't astoundingly great, despite the rave reviews it had been receiving. It basically was people talking about why they ride. In comparison - "On Any Sunday" showed people riding in lots of different types of events and showing the fun they were having.

The photography was probably superior to OAS, but the story telling – visually – of OAS was far more inspiring to generated new riders. WWR seemed to feature a lot of helmet-less Harley and Indian riders letting the bugs gather in their hair. There was also scant mention of any motorcycle brand except the two US made bike brands. On a scale of 5 – I'd give WWR a 3. I imagine if I was a poser on a big-V-twin I might rate it differently.

Roger Trendowski also showed various clips he'd found on the Interwebz of "Don't do that" or "Hold my beer.." moments of motorcycling. Most were an affirmation that idiots abound in most any sport.

All in all – the evening beat sitting at home on your butts watching the boob tube. Plus it was free. If you didn't make it – you missed a good time.

#### Part-IV – Getting Home – Finally the end of the Nova Scotia tale

Don Eilenberger



Last heard from – the intrepid group of 3 travelers was overnighting at the Comfort Inn in the shopping mall in Bangor Maine.

From the Yahoo Group email:

The trip has been a lot of fun, but I'd guess you know that already.

It was just like visiting a foreign country because we were. It also whetted our appetites to do it again. There are parts of the Maritime Provinces of Canada that are simply beautiful, and unlike anyplace else I've been. The people are friendly, the roads are wonderful and you don't have to get cleared by TSA security to go there.

Where next? Well - there are still some coastal regions I haven't completely explored, including the coast of Prince Edward Island (PEI) the smallest province in Canada. That's an easy place to get to now that Canada built a bridge to the island - the longest (8 miles) bridge crossing ice covered waters.

Parts of the coast of New Brunswick Province that I'd passed by on other trips were really interesting, and I'd like to take a more leisurely trip through that section (lots of little villages we just passed through deserve stopping and taking a look at.)

And of course the charm and great riding on Cape Breton Island just makes most riders want to visit over and over. I know a few people who have visited yearly for quite a few years and never tire of their visits.

This will all be easier starting next year. Nova Scotia managed to pen a deal to return ferry service from Portland ME to Nova Scotia. It is expected to be running for next summer, which should greatly help the struggling NS tourist economy.

Final Two Days



Tucked in for the night - Bangor ME

Today we traveled down the length of Maine after leaving Bangor this morning (Bangor is about the northernmost civilized part of Maine..) and the closer we got to the metro areas (Boston in particular) the worse the drivers became. It appears most of the bad Boston drivers have now moved to New Hampshire, where they've adopted a strange passive-aggressive driving style. They hesitate to pull out about forever, then aggressively pull out right in front of you or another car. Universally - Pennsylvania drivers are the absolute worst. Every time we saw some dolt in a cage crossing 4-5 lines of traffic at a toll because they were in the EZPass lane – the vehicle had PA plates on it. I wish they'd stay in Pennsylvania where we can just avoid them.

We spent some quality time today testing our rain gear - that all basically failed, except my BMW boots. We ran through storms so fierce that cars were pulling off and stopping alongside the Maine Parkway. Besides having to dodge the stopped cars - the DOT in Maine thought it a good idea to partly pave the road, with one lane about 3" higher than the other, and absolutely no markings, alternating with milled surfaces. Getting through this during one of the frog-strangler rains was probably some of the most intense riding I've ever done. Apparently my Roadcrafter needs a visit to Rider Warehouse to be refurbished., it leaked in places it had never leaked before. Happily tomorrow is forecast to be totally dry. Right now Dud has his boots drying on the AC unit in our motel room in Keene NH. I suggested the hairdryer, but he didn't fall for it.

The rain seemed to be the last straw for my Schuberth SCR comm system. I'm stopping at Max BMW (Troy NY) in the morning for a replacement unit (Schuberth is wonderful about warranty..)

The bike never missed a beat, and checking my oil tonight it was down about 1/8" from the top of the oil window. None of the bikes were any problem except Dud's R90S - which has a case of halitosis - it smells like bikes used to before emissions standards came into effect, probably because it is a bike made before those standards were law. Not a big problem once we moved Dud to the rear of the parade. It helped keep cars off our butts. Dud's bike did attract a lot of attention, from both casual bystanders and other riders.

The one New Sweden couple who started the trip with us, and disappeared the morning of the 2nd day have never been seen or heard from again. It was actually a bit of a relief since it's a lot harder leading a 5 bike parade than a 3 bike one, and trying to juggle lodging and dinners with 5 people is about 4 times harder than with only 3. Dunno why - it just is. Hope they had a great trip - seems they were seeking B&B's on their trip which just won't work with 3 guys riding.

Cuban cigars are vastly overrated. Herb and I did some extensive research in the field.

Should be back in my garage tomorrow afternoon. We're all looking forward to being home, but I think we're all happy we made the trip and a bit sad it's over.

I've gotta invite Harold over. My bike has never been this dirty. Actually no vehicle I've ever owned has ever been this dirty. Harold - doing anything this week? I'll buy lunch!

Keep the rubber side down.. (should be about 3,400 miles or more when I reach my garage.)

The final day had it's adventures too:

Ya'll have to wait for the next newsletter for the fully illuminated and illustrated version, but rolled into my garage just about 5PM this afternoon, after leaving Keene NH at about 8:45AM. Mebbe 350 miles or so. Ran through some heavy fog on the mountain roads in NH - almost seemed like rain almost. Temp was a chilly 54F, which made me thankful for Mr. Gerbing and his magic wires.



Dud doing some airhead tech in VT..

Dud decided in Vermont to have a somewhat disabled R90S for a while, but after he took off after the nearest airhead Guru, it self-healed and he rejoined us at Max BMW outside Troy NY, where I got my 4th Schuberth SRC system. This one does seem to charge OK, but Herb and I couldn't pair it to his Scala system.

<u>Note:</u> It turns out this one was also defective. And it was replaced again by Schuberth. As were a few more. I think I finally have a working one.

Gonna have to check (and update if needed) the firmware revision on it. My old one (when working) would link just fine with Herbs and we had a bunch of fun talking about Dud as we rode along (only the very nicest and kindest things were talked about..)

Idiot woman in NY state tried to kill me by left turning right in front of me while trying to stare me down as I applied copious amounts of brakes. Luckily, I was expecting her move (always expect the worst - you'll rarely be disappointed..) so it was a non-issue except for my cursing a bunch in my helmet and making references to her in a non-flattering way.

No chowder today. Bah. Had a Subway sub instead. NY Thruway traffic was usual mix of kamikaze NY drivers and lost drivers from other states making odd moves randomly around the highway. Once again the PA drivers showed their superiority in idiocy making boneheaded moves.

The Garden State Parkway was the typical Sat-

urday Grand-Prix interrupted by rolling traffic clots caused by some dolt looking at their lap, either for texting or admiring their endowment. Whatever - they certainly weren't looking at the road while doing 35MPH in the center lane (more or less - they take about 1.57 lanes with their weaving.) I try giving them "the look" as I pass them, but they are completely oblivious to everything going on around them.

It was MUCH nicer riding in Canada, even if the people don't go fast enough (+10km/PH was about the fastest I saw anyone going.) At least



they AL-WAYS pull over in truck passing sections so it's easy to move along somewhat briskly.

Had a WONDER-FUL frigging time.. too bad you weren't there..

Next trip – Europe..

this fall!

Home again ...

#### Spring MotoGiro

Harry Costello

The 2014 Spring MotoGiro will be run out of a Holiday Inn in Oneonta,NY (15 miles South of Cooperstown) on May 3 & 4. First bike off around 08:30 both days. If you're interested in little bikes, a nice overnight ride or just want to have a good time here's your chance.

USCRA has arranged for a discount rate (\$79) in the Holiday Inn Oneonta that would put you in the middle of all the action. They have a banquet on Saturday that costs \$40 if you volunteer for something or as a guest of one of the partici-

pants, or their are plenty of places to eat in Oneonta.

If you want more info or the discount code contact me. <u>harrycos@msn.com</u>.

#### **BMW-style Waxing Regimen**

Ben Paraan

Being the FNG, I learned that BMW riders are not so much the wax and polish kinda folks that the cruiser people are. I've been a detailing enthusiast since I bought a 1999 Mazda Miata so the techniques learned were eventually adopted to my Harley and then to the BMW.

I could go on and on about how to make a bike (or car) look showroom condition new but I will touch on the one part of detailing that is primary in most people's minds: the wax.

Since I predict that hardly anyone in the club would obsess over their bike's looks, I would recommend a wax that is ideal for those who don't want to wax. May I present Collinite 476s "Super Double Coat Detergent Proof Auto Wax". This is not a beauty wax nor the easiest to use but it looks very good and will last at least a year.

My Miata was a daily driver and was beading water 2 years after application of 2 coats of Collinite 476s. I've used the durability champions of the wax world and Collinite far surpasses them all in longevity. Klasse (my favorite) and Zaino are very durable but they last about 6 months. Since Collinite is very durable, dirt washes off very easily for the next year or two on painted surfaces. Use it on wheels so the notoriously heavy BMW brake dust comes off easier.

I did mention that it is not the easiest to use. I found out that it needs to be applied very thinly using a slightly damp applicator. Let it dry for 15 minutes and then wipe it off with a microfiber towel. People who have trouble with buffing it off usually applied too thick of a coat or used it on a hot surface. Initially, the finished product is underwhelming but give it a couple of warm days and it will cure and give a very nice shine that will last a loooong time.

I lucked out by picking my can up at Harbor

Freight for \$5 but they usually go for \$17.99 online (Autogeek or Autopia Car Care).

If you have any questions on how to get a shiny bike or car, or would like to learn how to use a random orbital polisher to remove paint scratches, talk to me.

#### Letters (or Email)

Klaus received the following email from Vince Santaniello, President of New Sweden BMW Riders.

Greetings from New Sweden,

As you may already know Harry Costello of Jersey Shore posted on our forum suggesting we change the name of our 3 club rumble to the John Ryan Memorial Treffen. He later posted information concerning a previous dedication to honor Max Monaco.

Having been a member of New Sweden since about 2008 I was unaware of Max Monaco so I did a simple Google search and found this. http://photos.duanek.name/Motorcycles/First-Annual-Max-Monaco/2039638\_Pkm759#! i=104674836&k=NWV4zQQ

Needing more information, I asked some of our senior members about Max Monaco and was told he was one of the founders of Skylands. It seems the dedication and honor of the 3 club rumble was given to Mr. Monaco for only that one year 2006.

So, at last nights meeting I brought up the suggestion of naming it "John Ryan Memorial Treffen" along with all the information I had about the 2006 rumble in honor of Max Monaco. The idea was welcomed with much enthusiasm and support followed with discussions and concerns, which I will mention next, it was voted on and passed.

It was pointed out that Max Monaco was a Skylands member, so, this is dependent on how Skylands feels about this change, and of course the position Jersey Shore takes.

The other concern brought forth was that John Ryan, and his accomplishments, are known nation wide. If this information somehow gets out to the public it may draw non club members de-

veloping into a situation larger than we can handle. Jersey Shore is scheduled for this years rumble, our membership agreed that if this situation should develop we would step up to assist anyway possible. Some people wanted to know if this will be a permanent name dedication or for just one year. These are all valid concerns that our three clubs should take up for discussion and vote upon.

Like I said, this name dedication for our rumble hinges on the voting of Skylands members first, so, I would encourage the membership of Skylands to discuss this matter and take a position. I also feel Jersey Shore should also bring this up for a vote, although I feel certain of that outcome. Please discuss this with club officers, present it to the membership, and let me know the outcome.

On a much lighter note, be sure to talk to your members about the New Sweden 450! It promises to be a weekend to remember, click here for more info and pre-register:

http://www.newswedenbmwriders.com/New\_Swe den\_BMW\_Riders\_of\_South\_Jersey/450.html

Also, our Last Chance Rally this year is at a new location Buena Vista Campgrounds. It has NO SANDY ROADS! Its a great place with very large outdoor pavilions, electric at camp site, newly remodeled cabins and latrines, large banquet hall and this years Saturday night diner is "pig roast"! Be sure to pre-register but for now click on this for more info.

http://www.newswedenbmwriders.com/New\_Swe den\_BMW\_Riders\_of\_South\_Jersey/Last\_Chan ce\_Rally.html

Vince Santaniello: President New Sweden BMW Riders

### 2014 Event Schedule

Please email the editor with additions/corrections.

- •4/12-13<sup>th</sup> PA Overnight, Bills Bike Barn (club event)
- •4/25-27 MOA Regional Rally ,Fontana, NC
- •4/27 Gathering of Nortons, Washington Crossing, PA
- •5/16-18 Morton's Spring Fling , Natural Bridge, VA

•5/17-18 - New Sweden 450, Shamong, NJ

- •5/29-6/1 BMWRA Rally @ Barber Motorsports Park, Leeds, AL
- •5/30-6/1 Square Route Rally, Thurmont, MD
- •6/14 Antique Motorcycle Club Rally, Rhinebeck NY
- •6/27-29<sup>th</sup> AMA Vintage Days, Ohio
- •7/11 Vintage Motorcycles @ NJMP, Mil-Iville, NJ
- •7/24-27<sup>th</sup> BMWMOA Rally, Mnpls/St. Paul, MN
- •8/11 Club Picnic, Art Goldberg's Freehold NJ
- •8/29-9/1 Finger Lakes Rally, Watkins Glen, NY
- •8/30-9/1 Salty Fog Rally, Nova Scotia, Canada
- •9/13 AMA Races, NJ Motorsports Park, Millville, NJ
- •9/21 3 Club Rumble, Sandy Hook NJ
- •9/27 Track Day, NJ Motorsports Park, Mil-Iville, NJ
- •10/3 Color In The Catskills/Oktoberfest Weekend, Hunter, Round-Top, NY
- •11/2 Flemings Junkyard Pumpkin Run, car/bike show. Mays Landing, NJ
- •11/12 Annual Election of Officers Club Meeting, Schneider's
- •11/15 Snowmobile Museum Trip
- •12/13 Annual Club Party TBD
- •12/14 Toy Run, Children's Hospital, Toms River, NJ

### For Sale

Givi V46 top case with lights asking \$200.00 Garmin Zumo 550 asking \$250.00 Ortlieb motorcycle panniers pair asking \$150.00 Lined helmet bag asking \$25.00 Shoei plastic shields, 3x asking \$10.00 each Roadgear shield cases, 2x asking \$5.00 each Folding tool case asking \$10.00 Pair of Rocket thinsulate winter gloves

asking \$25.00

Pair Aerostich 3 finger rain gloves

asking \$25.00

Contact Art Goldberg <<u>artgold@verizon.net</u>> or come to the next meeting.. Art will be there.

## Motorcycle Insurance from a fellow rider and club member





Greg Wright greg@johnbwright.com www.johnbwright.com 800-224-6693 Contact Greg Wright for all your motorcycle and other insurance needs. Greg is a club member, fellow rider, and club supporter.

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See the difference personal services makes!

Meeting – Weds – March 12<sup>th</sup> (Eat 6-7:30PM, meeting 7:30PM) Schneider's German-American Restaurant Rt 71-Main St, Avon NJ

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