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February makes a bridge and March breaks it. *George Herbert*

Experience: that most brutal of teachers. But you learn, my God do you learn. *C.S. Lewis*

Experience is that marvelous thing that enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again. *F P Jones*

It has been my experience that folks who have no vices have very few virtues. *Abraham Lincoln*

Life is either a daring adventure or nothing. Security does not exist in nature, nor do the children of men as a whole experience it. Avoiding danger is no safer in the long run than exposure. *Helen Keller*

Life is filled with so many exciting twists and turns. Hop off the straight and narrow whenever you can and take the winding paths. Experience the exhilaration of the view from the edge. Because the moments spent there, that take your breath away, are what make you feel truly alive. *Stacey Charter*

All life is an experiment. *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

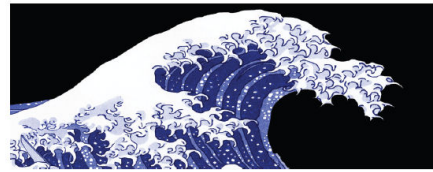
You can't step twice into the same river. *Heraclitus of Ephesus*

The greater danger for most of us lies not in setting our aim too high and falling short; but in setting our aim too low, and achieving our mark. *Michelangelo*

There's nothing more dangerous than a resourceful idiot. *Scott Adams*

Prisons are highly indestructible. *Senator Tom Harkin*

BMW Club
New Jersey Shore Riders



President's Message:

OK, I got a little excited last month, Spring is not almost here. I've got 50 yards of ice and snow from the garage to the street, and it was 15 out this morning. Ugh.

The Planning meeting was two weeks ago, and though at times it was a little like herding cats (cough Grant) we did manage to rough out a calendar of events with one or two items every month of 2015. Some of the events are things that some of you may not give a fig about, like the Moto Guzzi Rally in New Hampshire in June, but there should be "something for everybody".

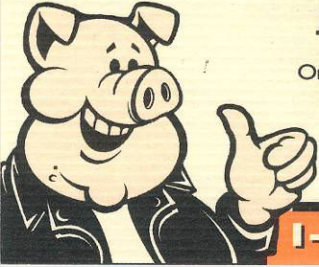
It's really difficult to figure on events in November and December; especially December, since everybody is busy with family and holiday stuff anyway. So for December we decided to be content with our own NJSBMWR "Holiday Party" at Rods.

During these winter months, I find the club meeting more important than in the summer months, since it at least "sorta" involves motorcycles, even if I'm not actually riding. It's the only way to get my fix, in other words. It would be nice to see more of you at the club meetings -- we don't start until 7:30 PM, so there's time for almost everybody to get here after work. Both before and after the meeting we usually stand around a bit and chew the fat, so there's plenty of time for socializing. Sometimes we even have a inpromptu "swap meet", when somebody brings in some riding gear they no longer want and wish to sell.

I hope to see you at Schneiders! Or the Mori-bundi Lunch, for those of you who are retired or at least can sneak a couple of hours for lunch.

President Dud

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Annual Planning Meeting January 21st

Das Editor

Thanks to the dozen or so people who showed up for our annual planning meeting. Pizza was served, and a calendar for the year was planned (see results later in the newsletter.)

Thanks to Crown Engineering (and Tom and Mike) for hosting us once again!

2015 Event Schedule

Please email the editor with additions/corrections.

February

- Sunday, Feb 8th - Polar Bear, Pic-A-Lilli, Rt 206 Shamong (weather permitting - meet at Our-WAWA @ 10AM)
- Wednesday, Feb 11th - Meeting. Schneiders, Avon. Eat and chat 6PM, meeting starts at 7:30PM.
- Wednesday, Feb 18th - Movie Night at Crown. Annual pizza/popcorn/movie-night. 6PM at Crown. BRING YOUR MOTORCYCLE DVDs!
- Sunday, Feb 22nd - Polar Bear, Bahrs Landing, Highlands. Meet at Bahrs at 12 noon and decide where to go to eat.
- Friday, Feb 27th - Cross Country Movie Night "Idaho Back Country" 7-9PM. Food? Dunno. Tickets are requested, go to their website.

March

- Sunday, Mar 1st - Polar Bear, Firehouse, Rahway. Watch Yahoo for details.
- Sunday, Mar 8th - Polar Bear, Long Valley, Watch Yahoo for details.

- Wednesday, Mar 11th - Meeting. Schneiders, Avon. Eat and chat 6PM, meeting starts at 7:30PM.
- Wednesday, Mar 18th - Tech Session. Subject and location to be announced.
- Sunday, Mar 22nd - Polar Bear, Brians HD, Langhorne PA. Watch Yahoo for details.

April

- Wednesday, Apr 8th - Meeting. Schneiders, Avon. Eat and chat 6PM, meeting starts at 7:30PM.
- Saturday, Apr 11th - Simeone Museum Philadelphia. DEMO DAY: Ford Racing. Details to be announced. Bike or car - depends on weather.
- Sunday, Apr 19th - Annual Gathering of the Nortons, Washington's Crossing State Park, PA side. Meet at 10:30 OurWAWA, ride to gathering, lunch afterward.
- Friday-Saturday, Apr 24th, 25th - Oley Antique Motorcycle Swap Meet. Oley PA. Plans to be announced.
- Friday 24th-Sunday 26th - BMW MOA Local Rally, Fontana, NC.

May

- Wednesday- May 13th - Meeting. Schneiders, Avon. Eat and chat 6PM, meeting starts at 7:30PM.
- Friday - May 15th-Sunday May 17th - Morton's 5th Annual Spring Fling, Natural Bridge VA. Don will be leading a ride leaving on Thursday and returning Monday, mostly back roads. This event requires per-registration and a hotel room - look for more details as it gets closer.
- Saturday May 16th-Sunday May 17th - New Sweden 450. A GPS guided two day event. Camping overnight is included. More details as New Sweden releases them.
- Wednesday, May 20th - FIRST 3rd Wednesday Pizza Run. 6PM Location to be announced on Yahoo.

June

- Monday June 1st-Saturday June 6th. Americade, Lake George NY.
- Wednesday, June 10th - Meeting. Schneiders, Avon. Eat and chat 6PM, meeting starts at 7:30PM.
- Friday June 12th-Sunday June 14th. Antique Motorcycle Club of America. Rhinebeck Fairgrounds, Rhinebeck NY

- Monday June 15th - Ride to Work Day
- Wednesday, June 17th - 3rd Wednesday Pizza Run
- 6PM Location to be announced on Yahoo.
- Wednesday, June 24th - Don's birthday.

July

- Wednesday, July 8th - Meeting. Schneider's, Avon.
Eat and chat 6PM, meeting starts at 7:30PM.
- Wednesday, July 15th - 3rd Wednesday Pizza Run,
6PM. Location to be announced on Yahoo
- Wednesday, July 22nd-Saturday July 25th. BMW-
MOA National, Billings Montana. See Roger for
details.

August

- Saturday, Aug 8th-Sunday Aug 9th - Weekend
overnight. Bills Bike Barn, Bloomsburg PA. Lodg-
ing at a local motel Saturday night. Slab out,
backroads back. More details as it evolves.
- Wednesday, Aug 12th - Meeting. Schneider's,
Avon. Eat and chat 6PM, meeting starts at
7:30PM.
- Sunday, Aug 16th - Club Picnic. Location to be
determined by Picnic Committee (anyone want to
volunteer a backyard?)
- Wednesday, Aug 19th - 3rd Wednesday Pizza Run.
6PM. Location to be announced on Yahoo.

September

- Friday Sept 4th-Monday Sept 7th - Finger Lakes
Rally, Finger Lakes NY. See Roger for details.
- Wednesday, Sept 9th - Meeting. HARPOON
WILLIES, Brielle, Rt 70. Schneider's is on vaca-
tion! Eat and chat 6PM, meeting starts at
7:30PM.
- Wednesday, Sept 16th, FINAL 3rd Wednesday
Pizza Run. Location to be announced on Yahoo
- Friday, Sept 25th?-Sunday Sept 27th - New Swe-
den Last Chance Rally. Date is not firm yet, and
they don't know where it will be held.

October

- Thursday Oct 1st-Sunday Oct 4th - BMW-RA
National Rally. Harrison AR.
- Wednesday, Oct 14th - Meeting. Schneider's, Avon.
Eat and chat 6PM, meeting starts at 7:30PM.

- Friday, Oct 2nd-Sunday Oct 4th - Catskills Oktober-
fest. (Date subject to change.) 3 day weekend in
Round Top NY at the Crystal Brook Resort and
Bauhaus.. Great couples activity. We're inviting
the other NJ clubs to join us. Will also include
Motorcyclepedia Museum visit in Kingston NY.

November

- Wednesday, Nov 11th - Meeting. Schneiders, Avon.
Eat and chat 6PM, meeting starts at 7:30PM.
- Sunday Nov 22nd - Saturday Nov 28th. Greg
Wright is not available.

December

- Wednesday, Dec 9th - Meeting. Schneider's, Avon.
Eat and chat 6PM, meeting starts at 7:30PM.
- Saturday, Dec 12th, Annual Club Awards Dinner.
Rod's Old Irish in Sea Girt. 6PM. Dennis will
announce details.
- Sunday, Dec 13th, Annual Toy Run to Children's
Hospital Toms River. More details from Jim
Thomasey as he gets them.

Movie Night – February 18th

Will be held at Crown Engineering, 550
Squankum Yellowbrook Road (Rt 524A), Farming-
dale, NJ 07727. Pizza, soda, popcorn will be pro-
vided. PLEASE bring your favorite motorcycle DVDs
– we'll decide what to watch from what is brought!

PS: It's Mike Palmer's birthday – so we hope he'll
hang around to celebrate with us.

Gear Review - Freeze-Out Long Johns from Cycle Gear

Ben Paraan

I've been looking at different winter gear combi-
nations for my legs. I purchased a used set of
heated gear but the heated Widder chaps were
size 29 so I never used these (I never looked at
the chaps until a year after I bought them).

I sometimes used military Goretex over-pants
that were great at blocking the wind and keep-
ing me warm but my wife told me I looked "con-
flicted" for wearing camouflage pants and a hi-
viz vest.

I tried wearing fleece sweatpants under my

mesh pants and that works to about 40 degrees then it starts getting chilly quickly below that. I wanted to get non-mesh pants or I could try Freeze-Out long johns that I've been seeing on perpetual 65% off sale at Cycle Gear. At \$25, I figure the cost of failure is low but the return on investment would be great if it works.

So I bought a set and tested them. I went out on a ride where the temperatures ranged from 33 down to 27 degrees. The conditions were sunny and dry.



As I was trying to consciously assess the long johns, my mind eventually wandered and just got on with the ride. When I stopped, I realized that I had been pretty comfortable. The F-O long johns blocked most of the wind and the fleece-like interior provided very good insulation. I would say the sensation was like wearing shorts in the low to mid-50s, cool but far from cold.

Worn under non-mesh pants, I imagine these would perform even better. It's relatively thin so it is much less bulky than the quilted thermal liners found in most motorcycle pants. The quality

of the materials is pretty good.

I wear a 36x30 pants and bought the size large. The inseam length was generous, maybe good to 32 inches. It is a bit stretchy. The rise on the waist seems low and the fit is not tailored like a Saville Row suit but it is comfortable underwear that delivers on its promises.

The one drawback is that it is not waterproof.

I would give it a solid recommendation specially when the price is factored in.

2014 Mileage Contest Results

Yon'editor

It was brought to my attention that I'd forgotten to put the mileage contest results in the January newsletter. So – here it is.

For those not familiar with the contest, Roger Trendowski keeps track of your yearly mileage (from around November 30th of each year to the next November 30th) and calculates the total miles the members have ridden in the past year. Roger then using his quiet sense of humor – adds some commentary to each award and presents the participants with a suitable for framing certificate with gold-filigree and oak-leaf clusters around the edges (prize – an ice cream - at Schneider's for the person who can identify where that description came from.)

Here they are, in descending order:

Herb Konrad, 14,907 miles – 1st place “14K miles to NJSBMW events, 900 elsewhere.”

Don Eilenberger, 12,033 miles – 2nd place. “Without Europe you wudda been 4th place.”

Bill Dudley, 11,277 miles – 3rd place. “Not bad for a month off for injuries.”

Benedictus Paraan, 10,087 miles – 4th place. “Coming up in the world.. Nice gain vs last years 6th place”

Dave Rosen, 9,244 miles – 5th place. “Where did you ride? We didn't see you! +5 places!”

Joe Karol, 8,844 miles – 6th place. “Most miles to and from the Breakfast Club. Gained 2 places and 50lbs.”

Roger Trendowski, 7,411 miles – 7th place. “Lost 2 places as well as 3 months”

Dan Thompson, 7,134 miles – 8th place. “Can't count your son riding your old bike.”

Greg Wright, 5,643 miles – 9th place. “Most miles without wiring harness +4 places!”

Grant Duncan, 5,343 miles – 10th place. “248 miles on one bike. Really!”

Dennis Swanson, 2,934 miles – 11th place “Need more Excel columns to keep track of all your bikes.”

Jerry Rouvrais, 2,377 miles – 12th place. “Should have bought your new bike sooner.”

Mike Lamberti, 2,184 miles – 13th place. “Rode so little, lucky your wife didn't sell it with your house.”

Jim Thomasey, 1,795 miles – 14th place. “Told you Suzuki's don't tour much.”

Jimmy McFadden, 1,751 – 15th place. “Most repeated trips between BMW dealer, doctor and home.”

Jerry Schreiber, 1,500 miles – 16th place. “In-visible Rider – who did you ride with?”

Mike Kowal, 156 miles – 17th place. “Highest % increase in mileage vs anyone else. Nearly doubled your mileage (87 to 156).”

SPECIAL AWARD: George Szatmari – BOSCO. 140,000 dog-day miles (Bosco passed on this year.)

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| Total miles for 17 members: | 104,620 |
| Average miles/member: | 6,154 |
| Average miles for 3 top riders: | 12,739 |
| Average miles for bottom 3 riders: | 1,136 |

To participate in our 2015 contest – send the current odometer readings of any bikes you anticipate riding in 2015 to Roger Trendowski at rtrendowski@verizon.net

Seen on our Facebook Page:



Ben Paraan: No great adventure to strange, far-away lands. Just a short run to the local purveyor of caffeine beverages. Temps around 40 drew me out for a ride. Saw no one else on a motorcycle

Signing up for our Facebook Page – the page is: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/njsbmwr/> You must be “on” Facebook (aka a member) to join the page. Go to it and ask to join.

Club Yahoo mailing list

The Yahoo email list was recently purged of inactive, non-dues paying ex-members. The headcount is now around 47 people. If you aren't on the Yahoo list – send an email TO ME, from the email address you wish to subscribe with. I will send you an invitation to join. DO NOT tell me at a meeting – it seems people often don't know their actual email address, and we have about a 50% success rate when it's done that way. Doing it ALL via email makes certain it will go through. Address to send to: deilenberger@yahoo.com

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**Meeting – Weds – February 11th (Eat 6-7:30PM, meeting 7:30PM)
Schneider's German-American Restaurant, Rt 71-Main St, Avon NJ**

Club Logo Stickers available!

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Thanks to an anonymous donor – the club now has a supply of self-adhesive, reflective club logos, suitable for your bike available. Price is \$1/each. See Treasurer Dan Thompson for purchase. The logo is identical to the one on the first page of this newsletter.