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You can fool too many of the people too much of the time. *James Thurber (1894 - 1961)*

It is better to keep your mouth closed and let people think you are a fool than to open it and remove all doubt. *Mark Twain (1835 - 1910)*

Any fool can criticize, condemn, and complain - and most fools do. *Dale Carnegie*

He who asks is a fool for five minutes, but he who does not ask remains a fool forever. *Chinese Fortune Cookie*

Wise men talk because they have something to say; fools, because they have to say something. *Plato (427 BC - 347 BC)*

Get all the fools on your side and you can be elected to anything. *Frank Dane*

If fifty million people say a foolish thing, it is still a foolish thing. *Anatole France (1844 - 1924)*

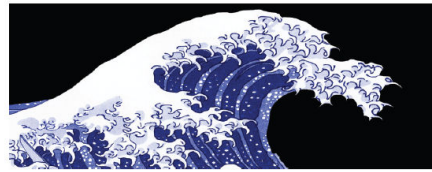
Every man is a damn fool for at least five minutes every day; wisdom consists of not exceeding the limit. *Elbert Hubbard (1856 - 1915)*

Mix a little foolishness with your prudence: It's good to be silly at the right moment. *Horace (65 BC - 8 BC)*

The fool doth think he is wise, but the wise man knows himself to be a fool. *William Shakespeare (1564 - 1616), "As You Like It", Act 5 scene 1*

The point of living and of being an optimist, is to be foolish enough to believe the best is yet to come. *Peter Ustinov (1921 - 2004)*

BMW Club
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President's Message:

This winter just won't quit. As I write this, it's below freezing, over a week into Spring. We had one week of somewhat Spring-like temperatures, and then we're back into below freezing temps again. Zhao and I got out on the bike a few times that one week, but now I'm back to working on inside projects. I sure hope Spring comes, again.

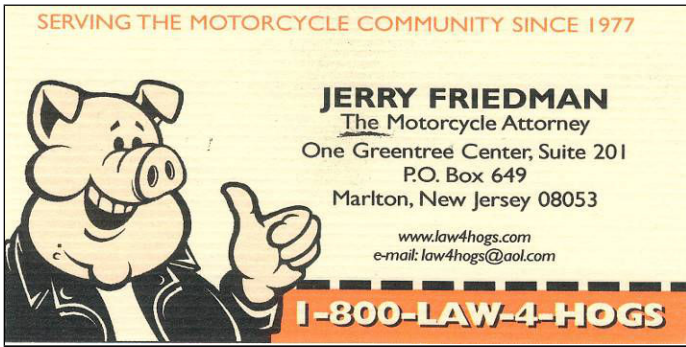
One project that I've been working on is to make a bigger fuel tank for the R100RS that I keep in New Mexico. Out West, it's quite possible to have a 200 mile stretch between fueling opportunities. The stock BMW /6 fuel tank, coupled with a fuel mileage in the mid-thirties, means that the bike has a range of around 150 miles.

So I decided to weld up my own bigger fuel tank. I started with a dented /6 tank picked up on-line as the basis for the project, and an ugly but sound 1975 Honda CB550 tank from my stash to use for the extra capacity bits.

It's been so cold outside, I moved my welder into the basement so I could avoid heating up the garage workshop. Hours of cutting, hammering, and eventually, welding, later, I've almost finished it. I'm not a very good welder, so this is all done as "on the job training", but eventually I'll get all the pinhole leaks welded up. Then I'll smooth out the welds, get it painted, and ship it out West. The idea is to get it out there so I can use it on the Western portion of this year's motorcycle tour.

See you at Schneider's on April 8th.

Prez Dud



March Meeting Recap

Bill Dudley

I thought I'd recap the March meeting for y'all.

1. Dan T. is still Treasurer, and we have some money.
2. The Tech Session nominally scheduled for March 18 is canceled, as there wasn't any real interest in having a "tech session" to learn about any of the several topics that were suggested.

Those rejected topics were:

- How to pack for a trip. This requires one, preferably two volunteers to bring their bike, fully packed for a trip. If two volunteers, one should pack for a camping trip, one for a motel trip.
- How to use your GPS.
- Klaus' suspension clinic.
- Prepping a bike for a long trip after winter storage.

If anybody has a clever idea for a tech session, bring it up and we'll see what kind of interest there is. If one of those topics is something you are dying to see/discuss/learn about, and you weren't at the meeting, well, that's what you get for not going to the meeting.

3) The Club trip to the Simeone Race Car Museum is April 11. This will be discussed the April Meeting and announced on the Yahoo list.

3) The Gathering of the Nortons is April 19 at the PA Washington's Crossing State Park (IE.

the usual place). There will be a club ride there from Our Wawa, which will be announced on the mailing list and discussed at the April meeting.

3) The New Sweden guys have surprised everybody and scheduled the Three Club Rumble for April 26 (rain date the 27th) at Parlin State Park (their venue of choice from last time they hosted).

4. Morton's Spring Fling is May 15-17. Don will discuss at the April meeting.

5. The New Sweden 450 is also May 16-17.

6. There are a bunch of other events during the rest of the season.

Multiple Sclerosis Cycle Event, April 16th & 17th

Charlie Manfredi

Once again Charlie is asking for volunteers to work as race marshals. The job consists of guiding cyclists safely through intersections on the race course:

From Charlie:

Gents,

I've done a really bad job of promoting this event, but it is well worth your time to participate. A few of you have helped in the past and it had been greatly appreciated.

Essentially you man an intersection and help guide the cyclists through the course. The people afflicted with the disease, like my wife, are given hope of a cure... not a bad days work.

Please let me know if you can skip the breakfast club that day.

Thanks,
Charlie Manfredi <cman53@gmail.com>

Please email or contact Charlie at the meeting to volunteer. It's a worthwhile event (raising more than \$1/million for research.)

Early April Fools?

Editor – Email from the AMA..

AMA discredits Internet story involving motorcyclists

As you may have seen, there is a recent story circulating on the Internet about the federal government including all registered motorcyclists in a secret database.

After a thorough review by the American Motorcyclist Association of the article's sources and the named reporter, we want you to know that this story is not true. Rather, it is a fictional article first created by a satirical website and later picked up by other websites.

In particular:

One of the most referenced websites appears to be the Washington Post's official website, but it is not affiliated in any way with the Post. Rather, the website URL includes a domain registered in the country of Colombia.

A search of MSNBC's website turns up no original story or a Jeremy Lancaster as a reporter. Finally, a popular debunking website has already indicated the story is false.

For the latest developments on issues of concern to motorcyclists, be sure to follow the AMA on Twitter @AMA_Rights.

While the AMA may have given it a "thorough review" - it's easy enough to check this sort of story. Learn to use www.snopes.com when someone sends along this kind of story. It keeps you from looking the fool (which ties it into this month's theme..)

Breakfast Along Route 70

Ben P

I'm always hungry, that's a given.

The one meal I find myself eating anytime of day is breakfast. While I miss the wide variety of offerings available when I lived in Mercer County, several establishments along Route 70 close to my neck of the woods have satisfied my soul when it comes to breakfast fare.

Right between the two circles in Lakehurst is Sandy's Cozy Corner. The blonde proprietress, Sandy, often greets diners into her restaurant. The offerings here are classic American, carefully prepared and served by friendly staff. Somehow they manage to elevate the mundane eggs and potatoes breakfast into something memorable. You might even find the overhead train track entertaining. The clientele are mostly locals so the atmosphere is unpretentious. My favorite here is their homemade country sausage gravy with a side of 2 eggs, a heart stopper!

For a more eclectic breakfast, Turning Point behind Houlihan's in Brick is a solid choice. The breakfast menu is extensive, creative and interesting. The coffee is French press and very good. I have tried their Big Easy Benedict, bananas foster waffles, OMG (oh my god) French toast, pesto infusion skillet and garden frittata, all excellent. There seems to be more city slickers and "sophisticates" eating here and the parking lot is filled with late model cars. It's just a bit pricier than diner fare but still good value.



Berry Stuffed Waffle from Taylor Sam's

Straddling the breakfast spectrum between Sandy's Cozy Corner and Turning Point is Taylor Sam's on Route 88, about a quarter mile from Route 70 heading towards Lakewood. I admit that this is a recent discovery and that I've only been here once but it managed to have me

craving for more, a lot more. The menu items are not as fancy as Turning Point but are imaginative tweaks on classics. The use of the freshest ingredients is instantly obvious once you take a bite and the familiar flavors jump out at you. It's as if you jumped back in time to that summer vacation at grandma's farmhouse. I'm salivating and I think I'll be paying them a visit tomorrow.

Editors note – given Ben's review – I'd suggest that as the weather improves we give some thought to widening the location of our Saturday "Breakfast Club" meeting. We need to put on some more miles so Herb Konrad doesn't scoop all the miles up going to the Breakfast Club – and winning the annual mileage contest.

Have You Hugged Your Motorcycle Lately? March 27

RD Swanson

Today it was twenty degrees cooler than yesterday. And it was raining. So I checked the tire pressure on the R nine T. It was recently serviced by BMW but you may be sure that they never check the tire pressure. Sure enough the front tire measured twenty-seven pounds. Same with the rear. So I took care of it. Yes friends, I do know how to fill tires.

So I spent today with various and sundry things that the retired design to cope with the vacuum that comes when they are no longer employed.

Practiced the guitar, started a new book, waxed the bike and rearranged the luggage. I considered going into the bar in Pittsboro and pounding down a few, but didn't do it.

So what did I do? I hugged my motorcycle. My five-year-old grandson looked at me sort of strangely so I explained the importance of hugging a motorcycle. I don't think he was convinced. He didn't say anything, but just sort of looked at me for a while as if to say, you're not really serious are you?

I was.

BMW MOA Rally – Make Your Plans

Roger Trendowski, Registration Chair



The 2015 International MOA Rally is coming up in Billings MN in July. The Rally site and surrounding areas will be great this year. The Bear Tooth Highway, Yellowstone, Chiefs Josephs Highway, etc are all nearby. Pictures of the area, possible rides and local sites, motel listing, and rally events are on the <http://www.BMWMOA.org> website and Rally registration is now open (for a discount). At the main MOA website page, see the QUICK NAV menu on the top right.

We need your help since it takes almost 300 volunteers to set up and operate the registration function over 4 days.

As a registration volunteer you will meet and greet members, check them in, show them the Rally book, describe major events, provide a wrist band and answer any questions they may have. Registration volunteers provide a critical function since we are the initial face to the MOA and to the Rally as members arrive. So please consider spending a little time in "registration" by signing up for a shift using our simple volunteer website.

<http://moaregistrationvolunteer.eventbrite.com>

Our article in MOA ON magazine will be printed

in a few months but it is on the website if you wish to read a version.

<http://bmwmoa.site-ym.com/news/217678/Rally-Registration-Volunteers-Needed.htm>Please

Sign up now; you can always login later if you wish to make a change.

See you in Billings!

Roger



View from the Bear-Tooth Highway

2015 Event Schedule

Please email the editor with additions/corrections.

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. **SPECIAL** – Jerry Friedman, Biker Attorney will talk to us about motorcycle insurance. Bring your policy “declaration” page and Jerry will review it to see if you have adequate coverage.
- Friday - May 15th-Sunday May 17th - Morton's 5th Annual Spring Fling, Natural Bridge VA. Don will be leading a ride leaving on Thursday May 14th on mostly back roads. This event requires per-registration and a hotel room. Registration for the rally is on Mortons website: http://mortonsbmw.com/springfling_2015.html and hotel reservations are made by calling the hotel at **800-533-1410**. Rooms range from \$75-95/night. Hotel reservations **MUST** be made by April 20th.
- 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.
- Saturday May 16th – Annual Multiple Sclerosis Cycle Race support. See Charlie Manfredi
- 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. Lodging 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 vacation! 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 Sweden 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 Oktoberfest. (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.
- Friday-Sunday Dec 11th-13th - NY Moto Show, Javits Center, NYC

- 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.

Club Yahoo mailing list

The Yahoo email list was recently purged of inactive, non-dues paying ex-members. The headcount is now around 48 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

Martin Motorsports MC Show March 7

Bill Dudley

Martin Motorsports of Boyertown, PA held their annual classic motorcycle show on March 7, and Zhao and I attended. As usual, MM had vetted an excellent selection of motorcycles for the event. Besides the attraction of the motorcycles, was the chance to run into your motorcycling friends that you haven't seen since before Winter.

There's not much else to say about this event, so I'll let the pictures do the rest of the talking.



R69-Touring Setup



BMW /2 conversion with modern motor, front end, Wixoms



BMW R100S



Zhao and some of the "Monkey" bikes

BMW Recall of 50,000 bikes in US..

Editor

BMW has announce a recall or technical campaign to replace the aluminum flange used for wheel mounting and brake-disc mounting on the "big-hole" rear-drive bikes.

Speculation abounds on the Internet on the extent of the recall (aka Technical Campaign), but here is all that BMW has said so far:

'As part of a technical campaign involving motorcycles of the R and K Series produced between 11.2003 and 04.2011, BMW Motorrad will replace the wheel flange of the rear suspension as a precaution. BMW Motorrad will inform all owners of the motorcycles affected. For customers the technical campaign is free of charge.'

"Based on ongoing quality analysis, it was found that in the case of incorrectly carried-out maintenance work excessive torque may be applied to the brake disk bolts or to the nuts when changing wheels, contrary to the values specified in the BMW Motorrad repair instructions or operating instructions."Cracks and damage can occur in the wheel flange as a result of excessive torques. BMW Motorrad has therefore decided to exchange the wheel flange with a more robust part as a precaution."

Read more: <http://www.visordown.com/motorcycle-news--general-news/bmw-recalls-over-300000-bikes/26384.html#ixzz3VytmsOvf>

I talked to the service department at Cross Country today – and was told the "recall" was 3-4 months out. They seem unconcerned about it. Anyone interested in examining their wheel flange – I'll be happy to show you how at our next meeting (if it's not raining or snowing.)

Possible Tech Session: Putting Together an On-Bike Tool Kit at Harbor Freight – April 15th

Don E

If there is interest – a recent chat with a number of owners of modern BMWs indicated a need for a more comprehensive tool kit than the minimalist one that comes on the new BMWs. One can be assembled at Harbor Freight for small \$\$.

If you're interested – let me know, I'll set something up. Hit me via email, or at the meeting.

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**Meeting – Weds – April 8th (Eat 6-7:30PM, meeting 7:30PM)
Schneider's German-American Restaurant, Rt 71-Main St, Avon NJ**

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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.