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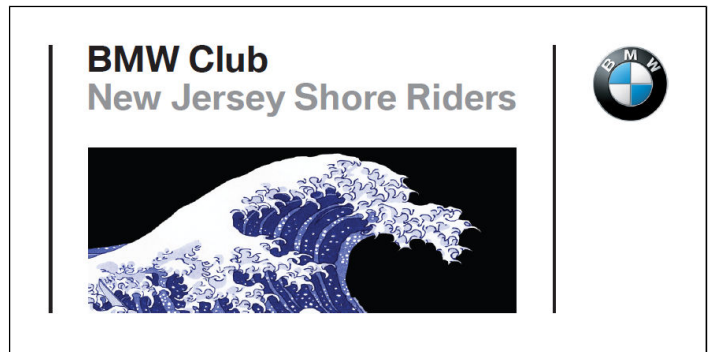
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President's Message:

November has been warm, and the forecast is for a warmer than normal winter (what's "normal", now, eh?). It's the end of the season, but we've still managed to get a few rides in. First weekend was Fleming's Pumpkin Run, held every year at Fleming's junk yard down in Egg Harbor. Roger, Zhao and I rode down and met the Moto Guzzi guys for breakfast, then rode the 1 mile over to Flemings, just in time to get rained on. My First Gear jacket leaked, but it was a warm rain on a warm day, so it wasn't all that annoying.

I got the bright idea to replace the needles and jets in the carbs in my ancient Moto Guzzi. I'd done this to my R90S and the mileage had increased from low 30's to low 40's. So I finally got around to ordering the parts, replacing the parts in the carbs, and putting some miles on the Guzzi to see the effect. Keep reading for the rest of that story.

The leaking First Gear jacket on the day of Fleming's Pumpkin Run put a burr under my saddle, that I should look into replacing the First Gear. It's had a good run, it must be three or four years old now, and heaven knows it looks like hell, with dirty areas besmirching the fluorescent yellow. Revzilla and motorcyclegear.com both sent me emails touting "black friday" sales on First Gear and other lines, so I decided to visit Revzilla.

On the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, Zhao and I rode to Plainsboro, where I dropped her off for a class, and then I rode the Guzzi to Revzilla's store in Philadelphia. This used to be a great place to buy gear, because the warehouse was co-located with the store. Sadly, this is no longer true, as the warehouse has moved

When we shall hear The rain and wind beat dark
December, how In this our pinching cave shall we
discourse The freezing hours away? *William Shakespeare*

The wages of sin are death, but by the time taxes are
taken out, it's just sort of a tired feeling. *Paula Poundstone*

What the world needs is more geniuses with humility,
there are so few of us left. *Oscar Levant*

Nobody in the game of football should be called a
genius. A genius is somebody like Norman Einstein.
Joe Theismann, Former quarterback

You must pray that the way be long, full of adventures
and experiences. *Constantine Peter Cavafy*

Never fight an inanimate object. *P. J. O'Rourke*

I may not have gone where I intended to go, but I
think I have ended up where I needed to be. *Douglas Adams*

There are two ways of meeting difficulties. You alter
the difficulties or you alter yourself to meet them.
Phyllis Battone

Men occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of
them pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing
ever happened. *Sir Winston Churchill*

elsewhere and the store is now a "boutique" (this is what the sales person called it, not me).

At any rate, they don't carry "plebeian" brands like First Gear at the Philadelphia store, so I ended up with an Icon jacket, which I like more than the First Gear, but it is more expensive, at \$400 vs \$300-ish for the First Gear. The sales girl did her best to talk me into a Klim, but that was a bit too salty for me at \$500, and I didn't like it as much as the Icon anyway.

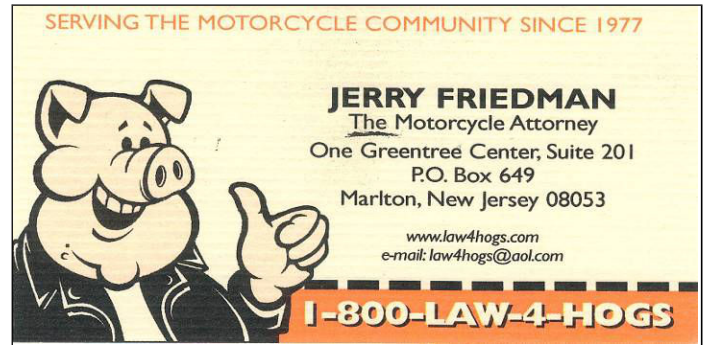
Jacket acquired, I rode back to Plainsboro, picked up Zhao, a stop for lunch, and a gas fill-up, with a great result: the mileage went from 35mpg to 48mpg! Now I'm kicking myself that I didn't do this years and years ago. I'm chuffed: two of my three "front line" bikes now get better than 40mpg. Now if I could just figure out why my 1977 R100RS is such a gas hog, my life would be complete.

A correction for a statement in my previous column: I said we had seen three of the "big" motorcycle museums in the US this year: National Motorcycle Museum in Iowa, Motorcyclepedia, and Barber. Wrongo, forgetful one. We've seen all FOUR of the FOUR "big" motorcycle museums in the US this year: I forgot "Wheels Through Time" in Maggie Valley, NC, which we visited in July.

This is my last column as <sniff> your President. It's been a pleasure holding this job, and I urge those of you who can attend most of the meetings to volunteer for the job next time we have elections. It's not a particularly difficult gig, probably the most important bit is having decent communications skills. You don't have to actually do that much: just plan the meeting agenda, run the meeting, and try to delegate as much as possible to club members. The one time I didn't delegate, we ended up with the semi-disaster of the food at our Three Club Rumble.

I hope to see you all at Schneiders on December 9, at the Holiday Party on December 12, and at the "toy run" on December 13.

Lame-duck President Dud



Officers for 2016

Editor

Election of our 2016 officers took place at the November meeting. All positions were uncontested.

- President – Don Eilenberger
- Vice President – Klaus Hueneke
- Treasurer – Dan Thompson
- Secretary – Jim Thomasey

NJSBMW Turf Defended November 15

Harry M Costello

AS promised earlier this year when the New Sweden club violated our turf the intrusion has been answered in spades. After riding unopposed deep into the heart of New Sweden Country and enjoying a lunch at PJ Whelihan's in Medford NJ the marauding troop doubled back on it's path and headed to the command center of New Sweden activity.



After a short ride back East and a swift blitzkrieg movement into the parking lot the small strip mall fell quickly under our control. After inspection we determined the eating place (Upper Crust) might be acceptable for perhaps a

Guzzi club, but was well below the standards of a Chartered BMW Club. It's commonly accepted that the only German product that comes close to German Motorcycles is German food and meeting at Schneider's Restaurant provides that cuisine and a monthly welcome for our meetings.



Naturally we took some pictures of the occupied area, some attached but the ones where the ground troops became a little rude have been omitted.

EDIT: All existing pictures of this raid other than the two posted have been destroyed using the H Clinton E-mail eraser system (IE: they never existed, and I can prove it). I should also state that urinating in/on a public place is illegal and not considered an acceptable action for a BMW motorcycle mounted gentleman.

Not that anything happened - just saying.

Breakfast Rides Into Burlington County

Ben Paraan

Jersey Shore riders participated in 3 consecutive weekends of riding and eating at various establishments in Burlington County, in the heart of New Sweden's home court.

The first excursion, or more appropriately, an incursion, was a "revenge ride" organized by Harry in retaliation for an unsanctioned New Sweden ride to Mott's Creek Inn, located in Jersey Shore territory.

The plan called for a breakfast ride to PJ Whelihan's in Medford followed by a short hop to the Upper Crust, the Swedish headquarters, where the Shoremen posed like Maori warriors doing a

Haka dance. An ample number of pics were taken at both places to placate Harry. Proof was posted on Facebook so New Sweden can exact measures against the perpetrators.

The following weekend, a more civilized sit down between the clubs took place at Mount Holly's Robin's Nest. The Swedes turned out to be gracious hosts, even coming out to meet us as we parked our bikes.

We were a bit nervous as New Sweden came out in force, numbering about 30 to our six. The staff of Robin's Nest was swamped but we managed to be seated last but get served first, much to the chagrin of the lords of New Sweden.

Grant and Greg used their gift of gab to convince our waiter that we were the guests of honor. After the meal, we managed to skip out on the photo shoot called for by their president and roll fast through Medford, Shamong, Hamonton, Batsto Village, and Chatsworth, laying waste of more New Sweden territory.

Today, New Sweden hosted a breakfast at Amy's Omelette House in Cherry Hill. Harry and I started our trek from the Whiting Wawa with the looming threat of Black Friday crazies driving in the environs surrounding Cherry Hill Mall.

Our worries did not come to fruition, thank god.

When told of the 90 minute wait at Amy's, the Swedes aborted plan A and quickly formulated plan B, Silver Diner across Cherry Hill Mall. At the diner, Harry and I ended up with a booth to ourselves while the Swedes got up close and personal in their booths. During the after-breakfast ride, Harry tagged along with New Sweden while I went on my own.

Next up, an open invitation from New Sweden to join them on New Year's Day for a pow-wow at Mott's Creek Inn. See you there!

Pumpkins Running Mays Landing - November 7th

RD Swanson

I suppose a Pumpkin Run must feature some sort of running pumpkins, but I won't find out this year.

Capt. Don, Dan and I started south from Mayberry and met Herb and Mike at our Wawa where a bunch of guys were peeing in the bushes. They are renovating and only pumping gasoline, so the sanitary facilities are closed.



There were a few sprinkles as we began our journey but not to worry, the forecast said no rain. Then a few more sprinkles, but I figured it was an aberration and would soon clear. The sky seemed brighter as we entered the great pine forest, but the sprinkles turned to rain. This couldn't be! The further south we went the heav-

ier the rain. Finally Don pulled into one of those South Jersey mega-diners filled with a different sort of people. You can't quite put your finger on it, but there is a different culture in the swampy south.

The food was diner food, not too good but not too bad and very plentiful. We had a few laughs, solved some of the world's problems and decided to forego the pumpkin thingie.

The rain continued north until we arrived at the Wawa at the intersect of routes 539 and 70. Then the rain stopped. Magic.

The wet weather did somewhat justify my spending a small fortune to purchase a Falstaff riding suit from Rider Wearhouse. I went to their show of gear and opportunity for a custom fitting in West Jersey in September. I didn't need more motorcycle stuff, but you know how it is. You just can't resist.

I intended to try the Darien suit, lighter or heavier and had not even considered the Falstaff, which is waxed Belstaff cotton. But I liked the look, the feel and the style of it and so took the plunge.

This was only the second time wearing it. It is very comfortable. And it sheds water just like a freshly waxed car in the rain. It beads and when you jump the drops roll right off. It will be my suit of choice in future. Anybody want to buy a very used but still viable Aerostich suit?

Editor's note: It speaks highly of the Falstaff that RDS not only went on the ride (with rain predicted), but also stuck it out – smiling – for the entire ride.

RDS usually heads for home at the sign of a dark cloud. Who knew that was due to inferior riding gear? Gotta get him to buy a pair of BMW AllRound gloves – marvelously waterproof in all day downpours, and a reasonable (sorta) price.

Annual Toy Run Ride December 13th

Jim Thomasey

I look forward to seeing all of you to partake in this worthwhile event.

On Sunday, December 13, 2015, the annual Toy Run ride will take place to benefit the Specialized Children's Hospital. As in the past, the ride takes place the day after the club Holiday party which allows you to bring your gifts or donations to the party and I will take them to the hospital.

We will meet at 10 am for coffee, donuts, and discussion and then take the short ride to the Hospital at 94 Stevens Rd in Toms River, NJ 08755.

Our meeting place is the Motor Vehicles inspection station on Rt 70W – between the GSP and Rt 9 (Towbin Road) – we meet in the parking lot.

We usually go for lunch after the hospital visit at Charlie Brown's on Rt 9. Please join us!

See you there!

Cross Country Open House

Jim Thomasey

On Saturday, November 28 Cross Country BMW offered the club a table and exposure during their open house weekend event. The show-room traffic seemed very heavy this year compared to last and we had a prime spot near all the new bikes on the second floor. All the BMW customers visiting the dealership had the opportunity to stop and discuss our club's offerings with either Don, Dan, Greg, Herb, Jim, Ray, Roger and other members, who took turns working at the presentation table.

In addition to offering free 6 month memberships, (which over a half dozen attendees took advantage of) we also signed up at least 2 new full boat paying members.

Besides the most recent newsletter, guests were shown a "Top Ten" list of the benefits the club offers. Mentioned was the obvious benefit of group rides and the monthly personal meetings,

the list also highlighted the fact that there are many knowledgeable members who have vast experience with the intricacies of BMW's.

Also mentioned is the chance to have your concerns about GPS, Bluetooth connectivity and helmet speaker systems addressed.



I felt the day was quite productive in recruiting new blood and getting some positive exposure for the club. Thanks MUCH to Cross-Country for the opportunity!

2015 Event Schedule

Please email the editor with additions/corrections.

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. A group will be heading in by train on Friday. Watch Yahoo for details!
- **Saturday, Dec 12th** - Annual Club Awards Dinner. Rod's Old Irish in Sea Girt. 6PM.
- **Sunday, Dec 13th** - Annual Toy Run to Children's Hospital Toms River.

ANY WINTER WEEKEND – Spontaneous Lunch Rides – all winter, if the weather is good. Watch the Yahoo email list for announcements of impromptu rides for lunch on a Saturday or Sunday. Typically weather dependent so long term planning isn't always possible.

And feel free to post YOUR ride announcement to Yahoo – if you post it – someone will almost always show up.

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Club Logo Stickers available!

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.

Meeting – Weds – December 9th – Schneider's Main St, Avon 6PM

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