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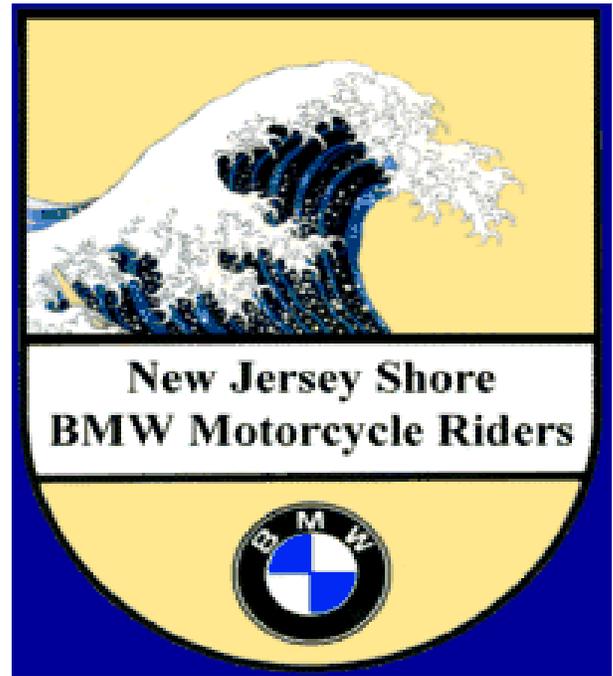
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Dear Lord, I've been asked, nay commanded, to thank Thee for the Christmas turkey before us... a turkey which was no doubt a lively, intelligent bird... a social being... capable of actual affection... nuzzling its young with almost human- like compassion. Anyway, it's dead and we're gonna eat it. Please give our respects to its family... **Berke Breathed**, *Bloom County Babylon*

A politician thinks of the next election;
a statesman of the next generation.
James Clarke *US politician (1854 - 1916)*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Losing DeSimone, a sad thing, started me thinking about other bike shops that have gone.

Dick's Cycles, Triumph and Hodaka, the overall best bike shop, IMO, gone in the 70s. Cass Biel and Junior had a shop on Beaver Dam Rd. Point Pleasant. J&W Yamaha in Red Bank, Kawasaki in Point Pleasant on Rte. 35, Wiggies Honda, not missed, Yamaha on Rte.70 in Brick Twsp., a Yamaha Dealer on Hooper Ave. in Silverton, all gone.

I guess we should be happy there are still good dealership's around.

My suggestion is we should ride more so we can patronise our dealer's more.

Get out and ride.

Joe Karol, President

PERFECT SUNDAY, Nov 8TH

RD Swanson

The weather report had been good for this Sunday and it was better than good. It was even better than that! The weather was perfect for riding. Clear blue sky, no wind and temps in the 60's this late in the season made it a bonus day.

George Hickman called and said that he and a few New Sweden riders would be riding to Van Sant Airport if I was interested in tagging along. I was. But a few minutes later J. Grant Duncan, my favorite riding partner, called and said he was ready to ride so I called George back to tell him we would meet them at the airport.

An hour later Grant and I headed west using back roads most of the way, except for a brief run on I 195 to and through the famous 'hazmats' tunnel into Trenton. It was one of those special mornings. This day had a certain sharpness which was probably a result of the low humidity and the cool temperatures, sort of like a California day. Traffic was light except

on route 29. We didn't stay on it too long, picking up 519 outside Stockton, going north to 12 and west into Frenchtown. From there it's a hop, skip and a jump to the airport.

Arriving at the airport we rode past a moderately long line of motorcycles, parked and had a smoke and waited for our New Sweden friends. They have some chairs on which you can sit and watch the motorcycles and planes arrive and depart. At one point a really flashy helicopter went roaring by, swung around and landed just a few hundred feet from where we sat. What a thrill it must be to pilot one of those babies.

Shortly thereafter, George and Wayne Reiss arrived, soon followed by Pete Stone and Hans Ertle. We sat around and talked for awhile and Matt Fretag made an appearance. He's back riding and fully recovered. Then Vince Moffa and a group of Ducatis made the scene. Then Peter Bartholomew showed up. That's really the nice thing about this spot. You never know who will pleasantly surprise you with an appearance.

We decided to take a lunch at the Buck's Bounty restaurant situated along the river on the road back to Stockton. It was crowded with Harley bikers and the elderly lady taking orders was sort of overwhelmed. But that was OK. We were not in any hurry. Pete had one of their advertised burgers and it sure looked good. I was sorry I didn't order one.

After lunch we headed east again staying to the 5 and 6 series roads most of the way. We passed through Ringoes and Hopewell and Princeton and Hightstown and back to the 'Shore.'

I am still adjusting to the Ducati so this was another opportunity to take the curves and get to know it. I'm not being disappointed. It handles well in a rough sort of way. I feel sort of naked without my radar detector and can only go for just over 100 miles when I have to stop and fill the tank. Nevertheless, it's a fun ride, very different from the smooth BMW.

As usual we passed many people out in their yards this fine day blowing leaves. Why would anyone want to do that? It seems like such a waste of time. They will just blow back. And if they don't they are just going to come back again next year. Why bother?

They could be out riding. What a waste of time!

DESIMONE CLOSES THE DOORS

Nov 21ST

RD Swanson

Capt. Don led Joe Karol, Dave Rosen, Harry Costello and me on what would be our last Saturday ride to see our friends at that place one more time. We have been meeting there for years on Saturdays, hooking up with our friends from New Sweden and going someplace for lunch. Three places, the Jewish deli, the Chinese/Japanese place and Famous Dave's, would always be the choices. Today it would be the deli. We also tended to buy motorcycles and other things. And of course we always kicked tires and told stories. Not anymore it seems.

When we arrived at the showroom I told Dave and Don not to let me buy another motorcycle. I was just kidding but damned if I didn't almost buy another one. I may still do it as they still have a few more days before the final closing. The place was well picked over, but they had a good crowd on hand to get the last minute bargains. We said hello and then goodbye to Vince Moffa, Joe Gallagher, Bud, Linda and Chrissy one more time. It was a little sad for us but I expect a lot more difficult for them to lose their jobs as the holiday season approaches and in this difficult economic climate. One wishes them well.

After a good lunch, Don suggested we pick up a case of beer and drop it off at DeSimone's and so we did.

Then it was back home. It was a nice day with temps in the 50's and the ride out and back was pretty good considering the lack of sweepers and curves in South Jersey. Even so, it's not hardship. We'll just have to find a new place to meet.

FOR SALE

Gerbing heated liner (large)-old style-and Gerbing heated gloves. Paid: \$400. Will sell \$150. Very few miles since Dennis threw his bike down the road last year, ending his winter riding early.

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POLAR BEAR TO PORT JERVIS NOVEMBER 15TH

Roger Trendowski – photos
Alex Edly - article

Cornucopia in Port Jervis, NY offers some of the best route options of all the Polar Bear Grand Tour destinations. Getting to the Sunoco in Long Valley, from Washington riding solo, provided some serpent like roads to get my tires up to temperature.



Hoffman Rd in Port Murray is a smooth, double yellow, one mile reason why Sport comes before Sport-Touring. I met up with Dave Rosen (Awards Guy), George Roberts (President Elect) and Charles Grass (Treasurer Elect) at the Sunoco. Java for me, 94 Octane for the K and a little fat chewing gave my tires ample time to cool.



Coincidentally, we linked up with Bob Truex, Roger Trendowski (Current Secretary/Treasurer), Tom Holmes and Joe Karol (Current President) in Hackettstown. Wow, this was an executive train of guys following me.



Hope Rd (CO 521) in Great Meadows led us to Millbrook. Old Mine Rd (CO 521) paved the way to Port Jervis and stood in for NPS 615 which was closed for service. Nature called one of our riders and we temporarily misplaced him while he answered the call.

My earplugs offered some protection from the life saving pipes coming and going Cornucopia's lot. The Cornucopia offered a \$10 buffet but we passed and followed Glenn's recommendation. We eight ate with no wait at the Erie Restaurant in Port Jervis.

The ride train decoupled here. My train gained a car (Tom) and Bobby, Roger and Joe probably have their own story to tell.

The five of us made our way across the Empire State on the Rosen chosen 211. It started out strong but offered a stretch of clutch wrenching exercises of red lights. We eventually made it to 218 through West Point and 9W to Bear Mountain as the Sun started to drop. 218 is one road that IS the destination.

ELECTION RESULTS – 2010 CLUB OFFICERS!

Club Trustees

In an upset victory, at the November club meeting, the dynamic team of George Roberts and Alex Edly nailed the President's and Vice-President's positions of the NJ Shore BMW Riders. Congratulations to both of them for a hard-fought uncontested campaign.

In addition – Charles Grass has taken a decisive lead in the election for club Treasurer/Secretary. It's expected that candidate Grass will be keeper of the books for 2010.

In other news – Bobby Truax has picked up the leader of the Polar Bear Grand Tour position that Skip Palmer abandoned for a warm climate, and John Malaska has taken over the keeping of the club events calendar.

Please come to our next meeting to thank our outgoing President Joe Karol for the outstanding job he's done, and welcome the new officers to the barrel.

Our club is now "In good hands" with the new slate of officers!

A RIDE FROM ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS TO PORT JERVIS, NOV 8TH

Juergen Berkessel



I rode the RT from [Atlantic Highlands to Port Jervis](#) this last Sunday (November 8) to experience, and hopefully photograph the last of the fall color.

On the way already it became clear that Atlantic Highlands retains the fall colors later into the season than the rest of New Jersey, heading west and then north the leaves had mostly fallen, but there was enough of a color splash here and there to make up for it... I only stopped at times to snap a picture, but the weather was fantastic for late November, and the ride was fun.

I'm always torn between trying to join up with the "Jersey Shore BMW Riders", but I'm a little intimidated at the prospect of riding in a group (and messing up somehow), but the biggest concern as a photographer is that when I see something interesting my ensuing behavior is predictably erratic: First I see something visually enticing out of the corner of my eye, then a debate ensues in my aging brain about whether to turn around and take a photograph or not, and finally I may or may not hit the brakes to the imagined dismay of my fortunately absent ride mates.

Besides, this is a two edge sword in another way: If I do turn around, the picture invariably will not be interesting, but if I don't, I will scold myself over a lost "once in a lifetime" photo op for the rest of the ride. So you can appreciate that I tend to err on the side of worn down brakes and bad pictures...

Having once again planned the route with my trusty [bikeroutetoaster.com](#) app, I've also recently become aware of a great way to plan a route using google maps directly. In google maps I can modify a route easily to suite me by dragging it onto the roads I'd like to travel...

However, the problem has been that once I have a suitable route, there is no good way to get it converted and downloaded to my (Garmin Zumo) GPS. Well, now there is a fantastic tool that does just that: [MaptoGPX](#).

Here an excerpt from their site, as well as another useful link to the GPS Visualizer site:

The [Google Maps API](#) is great, but it doesn't have an easy way to export data in [GPX](#) format. This bookmarklet is my attempt at a hack to get information out of Google Maps and into GPX, suitable for loading on a GPS.

The bookmarklet can create a GPX file based on driving directions, an address search or a local search. The GPX file will contain a route, a single waypoint, or up to ten waypoints, respectively. The code for extracting waypoints from local search originally came from [this page](#).

If you're looking for a utility to display GPX files in Google Maps, I recommend [GPS Visualizer](#).

Once in Port Jervis, it was time to shed some layers of clothing due to the global warming inspired November day, and stop for lunch at the [Erie Hotel](#)

[and Restaurant](#), and then heading into squid country to begin the twisty [Hawk's Nest](#) part of the ride...

As I was leaving Port Jervis, my Rev'it touring suit, a cherished gift from my father, was drawing some curious looks from the assembled Harley & Chrome Rider crowd. OK, it was almost 70F out, but I figure I'll be laughing in the rain and 35F degree weather.

Anyway, it was interesting to switch from the Harley scene to 100s of sports bikes enjoying Hawk's Nest in a matter of miles.

About four miles from Port Jervis, the section of [New York Route 97](#)

has been frequently used in television commercials and advertisements. Curiously most of the squids were parked on the scenic overlooks along the route and not riding, but it could be they were so fast as to simply not register with me, though I'm sure I should have heard the whine of passing engines.



A 30 minute drive from Port Jervis along this scenic road will lead to the [oldest wire suspension bridge in the United States](#) and a [museum/home of noted author, Zane Grey](#), as well as an enormous satellite receiving station I have yet to figure out.

The overall trip was approximately 320 miles, a good day out...

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Check out the trip as posted on [Everytrail.com](#). I used [HoudahGeo](#) to push GPS tracking data from my motorcycle's Zumo into the pictures EXIF data, and

when uploading the resulting images, the Everytrail site automatically maps them.

Reference Links: (Visit my blog [POLYMASH.com](#)) for direct links: (<http://www.polymash.com>)

Everytrail Motorcycle Routes:
http://www.everytrail.com/view_trip.php?trip_id=415081

Bike Route Toaster Ride Planning:
<http://www.bikeroutetoaster.com/>

Map to GPX Utility:
<http://www.elsewhere.org/journal/gmaptogpx/%20>

Port Erie Restaurant: <http://www.erietrack-sidemanor.com/hotel.htm>

Route 97:
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_State_Route_97

GPS Visualizer: <http://www.gpsvisualizer.com/>

Hawk's Nest Video: <http://portjervisny.com/fr-pj.pics.hawks.nest.htm>

HoudahGeo photo geotagging utility:
<http://www.houdah.com/houdahGeo/>

UPCOMING EVENTS AND RIDES

*Send events to John Malaska,
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2009

- December 6** (PB) MONTGOMERYVILLE CYCLE, Hatfield PA
- December 12** NJSBMW Holiday Party, Farrell's, Pt. Pleasant Beach NJ
- December 13** NJSBMW Toy Run to Children's Specialized Hospital, Toms River NJ
- December 13** (PB) THE CABIN, Howell NJ
- December 20** (PB) FROG ROCK INN & COUNTRY CLUB, Hammonton NJ
- December 27** (PB) DeTHOMASI's EAST 5 POINTS INN, Vineland NJ

2010

- January 3** (PB) WEARHOUSE GRILL, Lake Hopatcong NJ
January 10 (PB) SIR JOHN'S, North Brunswick NJ
January 17 (PB) FLYING "W" AIRPORT, Medford NJ
January 22-24 Javitts International M/C Show, NYC NY
January 24 (PB) CLUB DIX, Fort Dix NJ
January 31 (PB) THE EXCHANGE, Rockaway NJ
- February 7** (PB) LANDSLIDE SALOON, Pattenburg NJ
February 14 (PB) HOOTERS, Wayne NJ
February 21 BAHRS LANDING, Highlands NJ
February 28 (PB) FIREHOUSE EATERY, Rahway NJ
February 28-March 7 "Bikeweek", Daytona Beach FL
- March 7** (PB) LONG VALLEY PUB & BREWERY Long Valley, NJ
March 14 (PB) THE CHATTERBOX, Augusta NJ
March 21 (PB) BRIAN'S HARLEY-DAVIDSON, Langhorne PA
March 28 (PB) FLYING CLOUD CAFE, Atlantic City NJ
- April 11** (PB) CAPE MAY VFW, Cape May NJ
- July 15-18** BMWMOA National Rally, Redmond OR

DUES ARE OVERDUE!

CHECK your mailing label. It will show if your dues are overdue. If they aren't paid by January 1st, you will be dropped from the NJS roster, and this will be the last newsletter you'll receive.

2010 dues are due on November 1st. Dues are \$20/year. If you haven't filled out a new membership form – you can find it on the public website at <http://www.njsbmwr.org> or on our Yahoo group site.

Please pay NOW – and send the dues and membership form to:

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There will be forms available at the December meeting and you can also pay your dues at that time!

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL RIDE DECEMBER 13TH !

The annual Children's Hospital Ride will be held on December 13th – the day after our annual holiday party. We will be meeting at the usual place – the NJ Div/MV Inspection Station on Rt 70 in Brick Township. The station is located at the second traffic light south of the Parkway exit for Rt 70.

We anticipate meeting at 10AM – and coffee and donuts will be served. We will proceed to the Hospital (a short ride).

Club members – the hospital needs toys, games, DVDs, appropriate for 5-year-old teenagers, etc. (**no** stuffed animals due to germs etc.) We will collect toy donations at the December meeting and at our Holiday Party if you can't make the ride.

The Hospital is trying to convert all the TV's in the children's wards and treatment rooms to flat-screen LCD TV's, which are more durable, and easier to keep clean.

Skylands and New Sweden have donated \$300 each toward the TVs – and we would hope our club would be at least equally generous. We will vote on our donation at the December meeting on Dec 9th.

We hope as usual to enjoy the participation of the New Sweden and Skylands club members in this annual event, and Harry Costello's cruiser friends.

Please contact Joe Karol jjkarol@optonline.net or Roger Trendowski if you would like to make a personal contribution to the TV fund. In prior years our membership has been very generous.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting place – 10AM, December 13th, NJDMV Inspection Station, Lakewood (really Brick). This is an event where family is welcome, and coming by car in the event of poor weather is very acceptable.

CROSS COUNTRY OPEN HOUSE

NOVEMBER 28

RDS

Don and I drove because of the high winds and my fear of crossing the Driscoll bridge. As you would expect we took some 'heat' for being 'girly-men' but we already knew that. The food was good, particularly the egg-plant parmigiana. I hurried and got some because one of the chubby servers was eating it faster than it could be replaced.

There was a reasonably large crowd and Dan, Lois, Scott and Doc were very welcoming. We saw many Shore Riders and Skylanders among whom were Pete Bartelli, Don Gordon, Peter Bartholemew and Matt Fretag. Shore Riders were too numerous to list in this brief article. Don took some photos, so maybe he'll share them.



Erica, Alex, Joe K, TB, Joe F

New Sweden was in deep mourning because of DeSimone's closing and only Joe Federici was initially present. Discounts were to be had, and as you might already know, "The only thing cheap about a BMW is the rider," mentality motivated many purchases.

Our new Veep Alex and his main squeeze Erica as well as our new treasurer Charles were there and waxed enthusiastic about moving the club into new directions. Alex even suggested we change the name of the moribundi lunch to the genesis lunch. Ok with me. What do you think?

Don bought an oil-changing kit. Now why would he want to get his hands dirty? And I bought a really slick Ducati long-sleeved t-shirt. Now that I have 'moved-up' to being a Ducati 'meccanica' I want the

world to know.



Ken H, Harry C, Don F (the other Don)



RDS, Pete B, Alex and Erica

Just as we were about to leave, Al, Harold and Pete arrived. They were passing-by and smelled the food from the highway. The lure of a free lunch had over-ridden their deep mourning period. There were a few comments from Harold and Pete about walking back to New Sweden territory made – don't know what that was about, as Al's car sat in the lot (with the 4-way flashers going.)

By the time we left the had day turned out so nice and the winds had abated so much that we were sorry we hadn't ridden. But all-in-all it was a nice time.

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