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He felt that his whole life was some kind of dream and he sometimes wondered whose it was and whether they were enjoying it. *Douglas Adams (1952 - 2001), "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy"*

Bear in mind that you should conduct yourself in life as at a feast. *Epictetus (55 AD - 135 AD)*

And remember, no matter where you go, there you are. *Earl Mac Rauch, from "Buckaroo Bansai"*

It's a shallow life that doesn't give a person a few scars. *Garrison Keillor (1942 -), in Salon.com*

Bite off more than you can chew, then chew it. Plan more than you can do, then do it. *Anonymous*

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

**BMW Club
New Jersey Shore Riders**



framed folding chair. Don, smiled at her with his glistening eyes and the world was made safe once more.

As we began to look at our menu (even though we all order the exact same thing each and every time) Don noticed another rider, then another and another. The second from last rider was our very own Harry. Looking like the dashing motorcyclist he is, (Ducati want's him to do several ad campaign's in Monza) Harry with great grace and flair attempted sit with three strangers who were trying to eat a nice cozy family breakfast. Don and I looked at each other thinking about pre-empting a 911 call, however, Harry realized we had made more space.

We somehow generated enough manhood and without permission turned the table around and merged with another. So we now had a table longer than Louie the 14th's when all of a sudden Sir RDS arrives at this point. It didn't matter our waitress was in full stride, food on the way and Bill Dudley our VP was sharing the long version of various exploits and observations.



1,000 calories later we all rode off into the fresh air knowing with full assurance that with each shift of a gear at least 2 calories will be burnt off.

Join us if you dare, Rev'n Mike, your President and fellow chow hound.

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Don Eilenberger, Editor – John Malaska, Publisher

Florence Roebling - March 30

RD Swanson

Actually Roebling is in Florence. It's a company town founded by the family famous for cable (aka - wire rope), the Brooklyn Bridge, the Golden Gate Bridge and many other industrial wonders. It was our destination on this wonderful spring day. We met in Farmingdale at the Breakfast Club. Prez Mike. Dud, Capt.Don, ex-prez Dan, Joe Karol, Chris the Norwegian, Ken, Harry C, and I.

After an economical and tasty breakfast we went out to Mikey's Garage to see Mikey who wasn't there, but made an appearance in time to tell us the Zundap story. It's about a motorcycle the state of New Jersey says doesn't exist. Fascinating.



Club members admiring Mike's new bike.. Don hopes he's riding something else to the RA-Rally.

After a meeting of the great minds we decided to visit Roebling, a delightful hamlet located on the Delaware River. At this point Dan, Don Chris and I continued. The rest of the crowd had strict orders to return home for chores.

I had been there before but had not taken the tour of the museum nor seen the movie. It's interesting, but to know why, you will have to go there. Now the former factory site is a mildly toxic brownfield of two hundred acres that Florence wants to develop. Housing for people is not permitted. We thought it might be developed into a nice resort reserved for members of Congress.

Next we went to Debbie's Ice Cream Parlor in downtown Florence to fill our pie holes again.

Debbie is rather attractive and the ice cream with jimmies is highly recommended.



Debbie's on the Delaware (Florence NJ, Ex-Prez Dan checking it out..)

Debbies is located on the shore of the Delaware River across from a gigantic garbage dump on the PA side. It must have been quite a sight to see in its prime. Now it is closed, grass-covered and green. If you didn't know you would think it a mountain. Or a ski resort.

The ride home was uneventful until Chris and I peeled off and recorded triple digits.

Editor: When he was asked if he wanted "Jimmies" on his ice-cream – RDS asked why he would want crabs on ice-cream. Come to the April meeting to harass him about this..

Close but no Cigar – April 1st

Roger Trendowski

Today was my first Fluffybutt adventure....

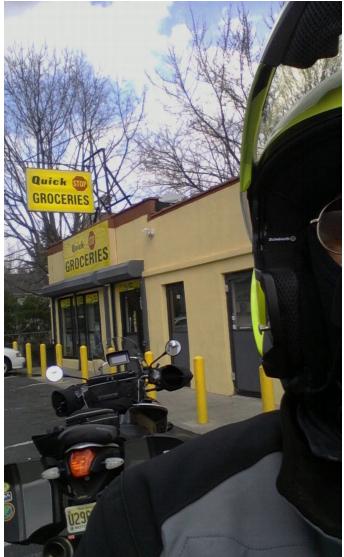
Don E and I met for breakfast at the “Breakfast Club” in Farmingdale. It was the day after Easter and I had the day off from work... Don of course has every day off. After lunch (*Editor: and stopping at Mr. Mikes to repair Roger's bike, then stopping at Roger's to swap for a working bike..*) we decided to search out three Fluffybutt locations which just happened to be near my home.

The first was Evil Clown on Rt. 25 of Middle-town.... Only a couple miles from my house.



Don and the Evil Clown (Clown is on the right..)

Then we headed over to Leonardo to seek out the QwikShop from movie Clerks. I had no idea what this was but enjoyed following Don over to Leonardo during school departure hours with buses, kids and mom-SUVs everywhere.



The most interesting site was #3....Mass Grave of World War I Ammo Plant Disaster Victims.

Background on Mass Grave & Explosion

The T. A. Gillespie Company Shell Loading Plant explosion occurred on October 4, 1918 at an ammunition

plant located in the Morgan area of Sayreville - Parlin. The initial explosion triggered a fire and subsequent series of explosions which continued for three days.

The facility, said to be one of the largest in the world at the time, was destroyed along with more than 300 buildings, forcing reconstruction of South Amboy and Sayreville. [[Wikipedia](#)] It was assumed to be an accident although the exact cause remains unknown. Eighty-seven employees at the plant died, and thousands were left homeless; 14 bodies were never identified and buried in a mass grave.

Debris was scattered over a large area by the explosions. As late as 2007, unexploded ordnance or other material from the facility was being found in the surrounding area. On June 7, 2007, ordnance was found at Samsel Upper Elementary School while workers were grading an area for a playground. Explosive Ordnance Disposal crews were called in to remove the material. Previously, in 1994 and again in 1997, the discovery of shells near Sayreville's Dwight D. Eisenhower Elementary School spurred cleanup operations by the US Army Corps of Engineers which collected and disposed of a combined total of 5,080 pieces of ordnance. [[Wikipedia](#)]

Don and I traveled in a couple circles in the area and finally found ourselves on the backside of a trash-ridden parking lot behind some stores, next a water tower. Though the bushes and above a discarded couch and piles of papers and bottles we could see a roughly painted 4' cross... nailed to a tree.



After driving around the parking lot to view other possible entrances to the several acre vacant parcel, we decided to take photos to document our #3 Fluffybutt objective. After arriving home, I researched the site, and estimate that we were about a mile off. Which site do you think is the real one?



See the two pixs. I like the one we found !

Volunteers needed for BMW-MOA National Rally!

Editor

The BMW 2013 National Rally is being held at the Oregon State Fairgrounds in Salem Oregon, July 18th-21st. As has been traditional for the past many years, the NJ clubs have been volunteered to handle registration on Friday afternoon (one of the peak times for registration.)

Roger Trendowski is in charge of registration this year, so he'd love to see the NJ clubs turn out in force on Friday. Many members who have done registration in the past have said it was the most memorable (and sometimes enjoyable) thing they did at the rally. The registration staff

are the first people that arriving rallygoers see when they get to the rally, so it's a great chance to promote our NJ clubs, and at the same time meet interesting people from all over the US.

Please contact Roger if you can help out. There are some advantages to being a rally volunteer – you can arrive early and for the campers among you – pick a primo camping spot.

There are a number of club members making plans to ride to the rally this year – if you're interested, it will be discussed at our April meeting.

Morton's Spring Fling – 2013 May 16th-20th

Don Eilenberger



It's not quite too late to join other club members on the 3rd Annual Morton's Spring Fling.

The Spring Fling is held at Natural Bridge, VA, located in the Southwest corner of VA, less than ½ mile off the Blue-Ridge Parkway. This is the 3rd year Morton's is putting on the event.



The Fling is primarily a hotel rally – Morton's

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has taken over the entire Natural Bridge resort, and rooms and cabins are available at very reasonable prices. Friday night there is a barbecue available (slight extra cost) and Saturday night is the included rally banquet, held in the resort dining room. If one were of a masochistic bent and insisted on camping, there will be a camping area available nearby.

The past two years have been a LOT of fun. It's a great event to take a Significant Other to – since it's indoors, you have plumbing and private showers and decent food. In other words – it's not a lot like many BMW rallies.

There is already a group planning on going. I will be leading a ride to the Fling, leaving on Thursday, and returning on Monday. It will be a back-road two day ride each way. Some people have returned in one day from the Fling if you have to be at work on Monday. Rooms are still available – and you can register on-line at Morton's website.

http://www.mortonsbmw.com/springfling_2013.html

Also see their website for the rally schedule and prizes being given out. Among the prizes Morton's is awarding is a \$2,500 shopping spree at their store (only if you buy a BMW-MOA Foundation Sweepstakes Ticket at the rally!) There are also events, talks, training sessions, guided and self-guided tours and lots more to do.

Everyone in the club who has gone in the past is enthused about going again, and it makes a great start to the spring riding season!

BMW-RA Rally in North Carolina, June 20th-23rd

Don Eilenberger

The annual BMW-RA Rally returns this year to the Biltmore Estate in Asheville NC. This was the site of a very successful RA national about 7 years ago.

There are club members planning on attending. The rally site is about one mile off the Blue-Ridge Parkway, so if you want a scenic ride to the rally this will be hard to beat. I'm planning a three days down and a three day return ride (leaving on Tuesday June 19th arriving at Asheville on Thursday) – taking back roads as much as possible.

Admission to the RA rally includes four days admission to Biltmore (and all the tours), the Vanderbilt Estate – which is a honkin' bargain. Biltmore is the largest home in the USA and one of the largest in the world.



There may still be motel rooms available in one of the several motels right outside the Biltmore entrance – see me at our April meeting for more details!

Jerry Friedman – Biker Attorney at our April Meeting!

Jerry Friedman is coming to our April meeting to discuss motorcycle insurance with us. His knowledgeable presentations have been very useful to club members in the past.

You may want to consider bringing your motorcycle insurance policy to the meeting, Jerry can quickly review it and point out any "got'cha's" in it (and there usually are some.)

FluffyButt 2013 – A NJ Odyssey April Meeting

Don Eilenberger

I'll be bringing a laptop with the FB-2013 GPS files on it to the April meeting. If members want help loading the GPS file onto their GPS, this would be the time to do it. If interested – bring your GPS, a power adaptor (if needed) and the computer connection cord that came with it to the meeting, and I'll try to get the GPS coordinates file uploaded to your GPS.

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