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Winter lies too long in country towns; hangs on until it is stale and shabby, old and sullen. — *Willa Sibert Cather, My Antonia*

Every winter, When the great sun has turned his face away, The earth goes down into a vale of grief, And fasts, and weeps, and shrouds herself in sables, Leaving her wedding-garlands to decay-- Then leaps in spring to his returning kisses. — *Charles Kingsley, Saint's Tragedy (act III, sc. 1)*

O Winter! bar thine adamantine doors: The north is thine; there hast thou build thy dark, Deep-founded habitation. Shake not thy roofs, Nor bend thy pillars with thine iron car. — *William Blake, To Winter*

Every mile is two in winter. — *George Herbert, Jacula Prudentum*

In the bleak midwinter Frosty wind made moan, Earth stood hard as iron, Water like a stone; Snow had fallen, snow on snow, Snow on snow, In the bleak midwinter, Long ago. — *Christina G. Rossetti, A Christmas Carol*

Winter is icumen in, Lhude sing Goddamm, Raineth drop and staineth slop, And how the wind doth ramm! Sing: Goddamm.— *Ezra Pound, The Ancient Mariner*

When dealing with the insane, the best method is to pretend to be sane - *Hermann Hesse (1877 - 1962)*

Never believe anything until it has been officially denied. - *Claud Cockburn (1904 – 1981)*

PS: Editor may be suffering from SAD..

BMW Club
New Jersey Shore Riders



President's Message:

We had an action-packed last meeting of 2013, as those who attended will attest.

We decided that, in order to increase club membership numbers and participation by members, to (re-?)create the following committees:

1. Planning/activities. Please congratulate/thank John Malaska and Dave Rosen for volunteering to head this committee.
2. Health and welfare. Please congratulate/thank Tom Rizzo for volunteering to head this committee.
3. Membership. Please congratulate/thank Greg Wright for allowing himself to be drafted to head this committee. His exemplary performance at the Cross Country BMW Open House does not go unpunished!
4. Publicity. Please congratulate/thank Greg Wright for allowing himself to be drafted to head this committee.

At the January meeting, we will discuss some of the upcoming events (see the calendar in this newsletter). The week following, we have our annual planning meeting at Crown Engineering. Please put that on your calendars -- we should all be involved in planning our next year's fun.

Since our club is becoming the unofficial R1200R Owners Club, I thought many of you would enjoy this. Wunderlich has announced a "Retro R1200R Kit" for about \$5100. New seat, fenders, and bits that fit on the side of the gas tank to make it look like a /7 tank. All in tasteful "Black mit White". This is from the January 2014 Motorcycle Consumer News.

Bill Dudley

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Annual Toy Run December 8

RD Swanson

It was 29 degrees at about 7am and threatening precipitation so I more or less decided not to ride. But it was with a degree of guilt. Cap called and convinced me not to ride. He said he would pick me up in the Porsche so I acquiesced. OK not quite true, but we decided not to ride.

When we arrived at the MV rendezvous there were only two bikes so I didn't feel too bad. But they kept coming and I was feeling wimpier. Nevertheless. We sampled the coffee and donuts supplied by the event organizer, Jim Thomasey. After chatting and freezing for a while we went to the hospital. I didn't count but there were probably thirty or more BMW riders from our club, Skylands and New Sweden.

Upon arrival at the hospital we were welcomed and thanked by the staff for our generosity. There was a significant pile of toys as well as the monetary contribution from the three clubs. Some took the tour, limited because of the arrival of the flu that morning.

When we went outside for a group photo some lazy flakes of snow drifted slowly down. Interesting but not any cause for alarm. Or so we thought

Six of us went to Charley Brown's for lunch. The snow continued. And accumulated. By the time we left there were a few inches on the ground and the

roads were covered. I felt bad for Grant, Roger and Joe who had to ride. The drive back was slow and the roads were bad. The traffic built. We passed Joe riding on the shoulder.

When I got home I called Grant who had just made it in the driveway. He said it was treacherous to the extreme and had to use all his skills to make it back.

There will be more stories about this. Stay tuned.

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Annual Toy Run

Jim Thomasey



The annual Toy Run for benefit the Children's Specialized Hospital in Toms River was held on Sunday December 8. Members from New Sweden, Skylands and our club met at the DMV station under (very) cool skies for some coffee and discussion of important events affecting the motorcycling community and world affairs. This was accomplished in just under an hour and we then departed to the hospital.

The morning cold and the early hour resulted in less bikes and more car attendees than in the

past, but the turnout was strong, which is the most important thing.



With a less than 15 minute ride to the hospital all of the participants were welcomed by Bobbi Jo Pansier, who gave a short overview of hospital, its services and the care they provide for the patients. Many thanks to all the Shore Riders who personally gave donations in addition to the club's gift. The combined monetary gift from NJ Shore Riders, New Sweden and Skylands as well as the individual gifts, amounted to more than \$1000. Factoring in the boxes and bags of toys, everyone was more than benevolent. Kudos to all attendees and those who gave but could not attend.

After leaving the hospital Joe Karol, Grant, Dennis, Don E., Roger T. Bruce G. and I went to one of the few remaining Charlie Brown's restaurants remaining on the east coast. Or maybe I just don't get out enough. It was here that we all learned that Charley Brown's causes snow-fall! When we first arrived, there was just a dusting, a hint, a bit here and there of snow, just a wetness spreading over the land. While there was talk of getting out and getting home while the getting was good, it was just that. Talk. Being men, Joe, Grant and Roger threw caution to the wind, unsnapped their weatherproof suits and said "Lets have lunch".

Since were seated in the middle of the room, not even the salad eaters could see that the weather was turning to white, and quick. When the sailing stories concluded and the bills were paid, the car travelers got in and turned on the heat, while Grant, Roger and Joe brushed

inches of snow off their bike seats and slowly rode home. The somewhat unexpected snow did not dampen the good feelings and smiles from the events of earlier in the day.



Thanks again to all who participated in this very worthwhile event!

Editors Note: The photo below was the view out the windshield of the Porsche – which despite having full time 4WD – was a handful to keep in a straight line on Rt 70. There were several people who found that challenge difficult on their ride home – but luckily – no injuries worth mentioning occurred. It does point out that sometimes RDS is right when he wimps out on riding. There are now ice/snow tires on the Porsche.



Annual Bash - December 7th

RD Swanson

Shore Riders gathered at Rod's Old Irish Tavern in Sea Girt to celebrate another year of BMW riding and socializing. Thirty-four riders and significant others were on hand to share the food and drink, to swap stories, and to receive certificates and awards. Some actually received solid-gold trophies for outstanding achievement or some other nonsense.

Prez-Rev. Mike was the master-of-ceremonies. Mikey the Mechanic awarded the trophies, Roger gave out the mileage certificates and Money Bags McFadden distributed the beer money. Officers for next year, Bill Dudley, president; Klaus Hueneke, vice president; Jim Thomasey, secretary and publisher and Dan Thompson, treasurer were introduced and thrilled the crowd with their plans for 2014.

Dubious Awards:

- Don Eilenberger - "1st place trials rider."
- John Malaska - "Need a new rear end."
- J Grant Duncan - "Needs a traffic lawyer in every state."
- Dave Rosen - "Don't play follow the leader"
- Jim McFadden - "Less miles than Mike K."
- Klaus Huenecke - "Don't make me President award."
- Bill Dudley - "R90S Diesel motorcycle"
- Dan Thompson - "Ex Ex Ex Ex President award"
- Mike Lamberti - "Can you fill it up and change my brake pads"

Milage Awards:

- 1st Place - Herb Konrad - 16,449 miles "South Jersey to NJ Shore Meetings Makes the Difference"
- 2nd Place - Bill Dudley - 15,922 miles "Most oil consumed or leaked by one or more bikes"
- 3rd Place - Don Eilenberger - 14,181 - "No mileage credits for broken ankle"
- 4th - George Szatmari - 13,988 - "Half as Much for 2nd Year (2nd to 4th place)"
- 5th Roger Trendowski - 12,589 - "Circled the Country and still can't beat Don"

- 6th - Benedictus Paraan - 10,046 - "1st time 'Bumper' - who bumped a bunch of people down"
- 7th - Mike Lamberti - 9,838 - "Longer days x more days - More Miles"
- 8th - Joe Karol - 8,304 - "Consistently Inconsistent Award - 7th, 8th, 5th, 10th, 8th, 3rd places in previous years - 7th Place"
- 9th - Dan Thompson - 8,115 - "Having your son ride the RT doesn't help"
- 10th - Dave Rosen - 6,350 - "Spend Less time on Magic Carpets"
- 11th - John Malaska - 6,147 - "Most improved position - +5 places - to middle of the pack"
- 12th - J. Grant Duncan - 5,343 "No longer stuck in 7th place - last 4 years"
- 13th - Greg Wright - 3,987 - "Lower insurance rates should get you more miles"
- 14th - RD Swanson - 3,152 - "Best Looking Motorcyclist"
- 15th - Jerry Schreiber - 2,734 - "Too many bikes, not enough riding"
- 16th - Jim Thomasey - 2,332 - "More motorcycles, less school bus"
- 17th - Kenton Seydell - 3,298 "Can't claim duplicate mileage for a sidecar"
- 18th - Mike Kowal - 87 - "87 miles on 2 bikes - nothing else to say.."
- 19th - Jimmy McFadden - 52 - "Spinning Wheels in the Garage Doesn't Count"

FluffyButt Awards:

- 1st Place - Bill Dudley - more selfies than anyone else
- 2nd Place - Dan Thompson

Special Award:

- "Best Recruiter" - Greg Wright

Part-IV – Cape Breton Island and the Cabot Trail

Don Eilenberger

Cape Breton Island is famous for the Cabot Trail. The trail circles the edge of the island closely following the shoreline along the "highlands" section (northern CBI) – climbing mountains and cliffs as it goes. The scenery is spectacular – which causes a bit of a problem since

in many spots the road demands the riders full attention.

There are numerous pull-offs at the most scenic spots along the trail, and riding counter-clockwise on the trail put the pull-offs on our side of the road, the riding itself was so good we rarely wanted to pull off. Most of the pavement is in excellent condition – with just a few stretches of frost-heaved pavement – none longer than 10-20 miles. Traffic was just about non-existent to our delight. (The rumors of us being passed by a tour bus on a long uphill climb are vastly overblown.)



After spending a rainy day at Fort Louisburgh we had wonderful clear crisp weather for our Cabot Trail Ride. The ride was delightful. There was one switchback I remembered from two years before – which going clockwise was an “Oh my God..” sort of switchback near Ingonish Beach (think sharp 180 degree switchback, with a 1,000 foot drop-off into the ocean at the apex, and a very low guard-rail.) This time – it wasn't a big deal. Dunno why- it just wasn't.



We stopped for lunch – seafood chowder – at the “Rusty Anchor” on the north-west coast.



Chowder was once again excellent.



We continued on circling CBI until we ended up at our lodging for the night – “The Telegraph House Cottages and Inn” in Baddeck.



We snagged motel rooms on the lowest level where we could park our bikes right outside our doors (not that we were the least worried about them – but the owners found that “bikers” liked this.) The rooms were adequate in a 1960's sort

of way – the big draw to the Telegraph house was the restaurant – which had a great menu of great food (I'd been there before.)

After our afternoon naps – we walked to the restaurant – where the evening's menu was on a chalk board in the dining room:



Following the great dinner – we turned our attention to the desert menu next to it:



Equally great. And thence off to bed – with the plan of visiting the only “Scotch” distillery outside Scotland the next day.



Breakfast the next morning was at a small diner directly across from the Telegraph House (the house got it's name when

Alexander Graham Bell was building his home in

the area – he stayed at the inn and had telegraph installed so he could communicate with the “outside world”.)

It was a short ride to the Glenora Distillery the next morning. We signed up for the guided tour – and we had a bit of time to wander the garden like grounds. Glenora is the only distillery outside Scotland that can use the word “Glen” in the name of their whiskey. According to the Scots using “Glen” in the name implies the whiskey is Scotch whiskey – and it turns out the use is tightly regulated.



The tour was interesting – we found out this was probably the smallest “scotch” distillery in the world – the ones in Scotland now under the ownership of Japanese companies. Glenora is privately owned – and despite some tempting offers by Japanese companies – the owners have no intention of selling it. And after an extended international legal battle - they have the legal right to use the word “Glen” in the name of their whiskeys.

The tour was interesting since most of the process could be seen – and at the conclusion we were offered a shot of their finest whiskey. Good stuff.

After our visit to Glenora – we started our trip home in earnest – heading for the night to Truro in New Brunswick.

More next month as we return home with weather and adventures along the way..

2014 Event Schedule

Please email the editor with additions/corrections.

- January 8th - - January Meeting - Schneiders
- January 15th - 2014 Planning Session - Crown Engineering
- February 12th - February Meeting - Schneiders
- February 19th - Movie Night "Why We Ride" - Crown Engineering
- March 1 - The modern Classics Bike Show at Martin Motorsports Boyertown PA
- March 12th - March Meeting - Schneiders
- April ? - Gathering of the Norton's check www.dvnr.org
- April 9th - April Meeting - Schneiders
- May 7th - May Meeting - Schneiders
- May 29-31- RA Rally, Barber Motorsports Park, Birmingham AL - see Don for motel info.
- June 11th - June Meeting - Schneiders
- June 20-22 - R90S Rally (Private Home in PA)
- July 9th - July Meeting - Schneiders
- July 24-27 - MOA Rally - St. Paul MN
- August 13th - August Meeting - Schneiders
- September 10th - September Meeting - Schneiders
- October 8th - October Meeting - Schneiders
- November 12th - November Meeting - Schneiders
- December 10th - December Meeting - Schneiders
- December ? - Annual Holiday Party
- December ? - Annual Children's Hospital Toy Run

Outgoing Presidents message

A crazy year in many ways for me and for some of you I'm sure.

I completed my cross country road trip, decided to sell my house and downsize (still in the works) my oldest daughter moved from Manhattan to New Orleans and my youngest daughter has another new boyfriend.

So my wife Mara and I are looking at a somewhat different life going forward and to tell you the truth it feels good. Folks change is in the air! Yes its cold, and getting colder, the rides are shorter and a bit more work putting on all the clothing crap yet its important to maximize each day as best we can. I know that Bill and Klaus will be cooking up some winter activities for the club but I do hope that each one of you makes

an effort to contribute some energy to the club.

Motorcycling is a sport that by nature gathers its own. The machine itself is a magnet for interest. Never let an opportunity go by to let a young boy or girl sit on your bike, exchange stories with an old timer or stretch a few mileage lies with a fellow rider. Life is too short, its no test run.

Enjoy the New Year with safe travels and good riding buddies.

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Have a great New Year, Rev'n Mike

Kudos to a founder of the club.

Tom Spader

Recently I decided to explore the need for a newer bike and was thinking 'R' class due to its weight, my advancing down the conveyor belt of life and decided to contact Don E via email. I had several questions and shared my concerns with him to look around the market place.

Within two hours I received an email response 'I FOUND SOMETHING FOR YOU'. Not only did Don find a R1200R but contacted the seller regarding questions HE had on the target bike...BUT volunteered to travel with me to Princeton the next day and meet with the seller. Additionally, Don offered to bring his diagnostic computer to analyze the target and advise me on visual condition and talking points regarding purchase and pricing.

So the next day we piled into the car along with Dennis Swanson. . .having some Chinese luncheon on the way. Don even brought his riding gear to road test it on a somewhat chilly day. Bottom line is we baked a cake and I picked up the unit two days later and have been smiling since.

Point of this 'Roses for Don' fodder is to publicly thank him for his involvement, enthusiasm and acknowledging Don's interest in furthering our sport.

PS: Funny point is the seller mentioned that he enjoyed reading Don's articles on the R1200R.org website for enthusiasts. Small world. PSS: Anyone interested in a 'like new' K1200LTE?

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**Meeting – Weds – January 8th (Eat 6-7:30PM, meeting 7:30PM)
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