

**June 2014**

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## **President's Message:**

I got married again.

On May 17, a bunch of my friends, including some people from NJSBMWR attended my wedding, held at my house in Jackson. You'll be seeing more of my new wife, Zhao Xiu Lan, as she lives with me now and loves travelling by motorcycle.



**NJSBMWR members at my wedding.**

(not shown: Roger took the photograph.)

Another noteworthy thing about this day was that Mike delivered my "new" 1977 R100RS, so I have a new toy to play with.

Afterwards we all went to the Park Nine Diner in Freehold for a "reception" lunch.

I want to thank all of you who attended, you helped make this day very special for me.

President dud

What a wonderful bike was the Münch.  
Of displacement it had, oh, a bünch.  
And the view from the seat  
Was Germanically neat  
But a Z-1 would eat it for lünch.

*Only known Münch Mammoth limerick, published in Cycle magazine in 1975. author unknown*

How did it get so late so soon? Its night before its afternoon. December is here before its June. My goodness how the time has flew. How did it get so late so soon?

*Dr Seuss*

Spring being a tough act to follow, God created June.  
*Al Bernstein*

He was but as the cuckoo is in June,  
Heard, not regarded.  
*William Shakespeare*

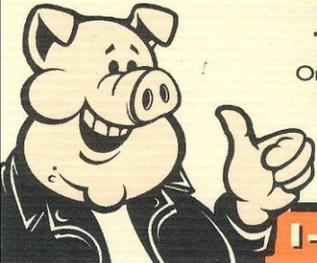
There are two seasons in Scotland: June and winter.  
*Billy Connolly*

Oh, my luv'e's like a red, red rose, That's newly sprung in June;  
Oh, my luv'e's like the melodie That's sweetly played in tune  
*Robert Burns*

There are three good reasons to be a teacher -  
June, July, and August.  
*anonymous*

Early one June morning in 1872 I murdered my father -  
an act which made a deep impression on me at the time -  
*Ambrose Bierce*

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## British & European Classic Bike Day, May 18

Bill Dudley, future ex-prez

The British and European Classic Bike Day was once again held in Maryland. Once held at and known as "Olney, MD", then "Butlers Orchard", it's not held at High Point Farm, near Clarksburg, MD. Despite those changes, it's still held on a grassy field in Maryland in May.

I've been to a bunch of these events, though not nearly all of them. It's a one-day Concourse event and flea market, with award plaques given out at the end of the day for first, second, and third in about 25 different classes (Classic German (60's and 70's), Classic Italian (60's and 70's), BSA, Triumph, Norton, competition, custom, etc. etc. Back in 2009 I was delighted to win a 2nd place award for my R90S; the low turnout due to lousy weather may have been a factor.

The flea market was mildly interesting, there were perhaps 30 or so vendors, both private parties selling off old parts and shops selling new items.

This event doubled as "the world's shortest honeymoon", as my bride accompanied me on the Moto Guzzi on the ride south into Maryland Saturday afternoon after the "wedding reception".



Ducati 200 – look at that gas tank!

I ran into some friends from NJ but fewer than expected as the Norton guys were mostly missing. I did run into some Airhead BMW guys I know from the PA Supertech.



Three Daytona Orange R90S



Welbike, WWII paratrooper's motorcycle



**A none-too-flattering of Bob of Bob's BMW and his "frankenbeemer" with sidecar.**

## **Come and Help Out**

*Roger Trendowski*

*Chair - MOA Rally Registration*

The MOA rally in St Paul Mn is coming up in mid July and volunteers are the heart of putting on this great rally. over 100 seminars, 100 vendors, great food and drink and plenty of old and new friends. There are a number of volunteer jobs that are needed to put on the rally. My favorite as I've discussed at club meetings is REGISTRATION. It takes 300 volunteers to operate registration starting Tuesday setup through Saturday.

So, if you're going to the rally, then sign up to help. You can always change your shift if need be. Go to

<http://moaregistrationvolunteer.eventbright.com>

If you want to read more about the function, go to the MOA website:

<http://bmwmoa.org/TheRally/GetInvolved/ArtMID/3217/ArticleID/494/Rally-Registration-Volunteers-Needed.aspx>

## **Natural Bridge Spring Fling May 16th-18th**

*Don Eilenberger*

Morton's BMW once again put on an outstanding rally at Natural Bridge VA.

This was their 4th year doing it - and every year gets better. This year the event took over the entire facility at Natural Bridge and the staff went out of their way to make the people attending feel welcome.

I took 2 days going down - took my scenic NJ, DE, MD, WV, VA route - about 295 miles the first day to the Comfort Inn in Stephens City VA. I went solo this year since it seems that our members simply aren't riding as much as they used to. The second day I wandered down back roads, mostly Rt 11 in VA to Natural Bridge, arriving around 3PM.

I can understand entirely why Harry Costello loves riding alone. Another friend once described the perfect riding group as being a group of one. Ted Simon once said to me - if he was riding with anyone else, he had to be "Ted Simon" - riding by himself he could be whoever he wanted to be. All true.

Riding by oneself gives you the ability to change routes at a whim, to stop when and where you want to stop, to eat where you want to eat, to go as fast or slow as you want to go - without having to keep an eye on the people following you (if, as I do, you tend to be the lead bike.) You can sleep as late (or early) as you want, you can watch TV or not, and you don't have to wait for the shower or crapper. You have only your fuel level to worry about and you're not having to deal with someone else's broken bike.

One thing I've noticed riding solo and in groups - people will come up and talk to you if you're a solitary rider. Not so much as a group - of even two people. When you're a group you appear to the people as a somewhat self-contained "unit" and they are hesitant to butt in. Not so as a solitary rider. I've had some very interesting conversations with total strangers riding alone and that rarely happens when in a group.

So - what are the upsides of riding in a group? It usually costs less if you split rooms. Some members of the group may know interesting places/roads to ride that I'm not aware of. If you go off-road someone is likely to sooner or later notice it and have some idea of where to send the rescue party. And you have conversation at meals and when stopped. You might have some assistance if your bike ends up being the one that's broken.

Both are good - but the lesson I learned was - don't hesitate to just GO somewhere even if no one else is

coming along. I shouldn't base my activities on the constraints other riders may have on their time.

OK - back to the rally. I managed to dodge all the predicted dire weather by timing my ride right. On Thursday I got as far west as I could before the front moving in (with heavy rain and thunderstorms) got to where I was heading. If I hadn't dawdled for 15 minutes at lunch it would have been an entirely dry ride. Instead the last 15 minutes were very wet.



**View from the Natural Bridge veranda**

The front pushed eastward overnight, and Friday morning dawned overcast and drizzly. By 10AM when I pushed off from the motel (remember what I said about being able to sleep late?) the rain had completely ended and the roads were drying off. By 1PM - the sun was out, temps were moderate (about 50F) and riding was perfect.



**Blue Ridge Parkway overlook**

The rest of the weekend was predicted to be dry, and I wasn't disappointed. I met up with a number of friends from the Washington DC area at the rally, and split a room with one of them. We had meals together, and ran into Herb Dwyer and Pete Stone who were playing hooky from the New Sweden 450. I knew Herb would go since he had been to every one so far, and wants to keep that record intact.

Friday night was a BBQ held on the grounds with two good beers in kegs. Food and beer was pretty much unlimited - and good. I got off to bed early for me, being asleep by 11PM.



Saturday was perfect riding weather, so a group of us decided to take the Blue Ridge Parkway to Vinton VA - where a wine festival was being held. It wasn't too clear to me why we were going to a wine festival when we weren't going to "taste" any wine - but it was an excuse for a nice ride.

Temps on the BRP ranged from a high of about 60F to a low of 45F. I was quite happy I had my heated gear on, and the heated grips also helped keep me very comfortable. It was 58 miles to Vinton (a suburb of Roanoke) via the BRP. We arrived about 11:30 - and the festival wasn't going to open until 1PM... so we set off in search of some lunch. Lunch was found at a BBQ joint in Vinton, I had the smoked brisket sandwich, and it was quite good, as was the home made coleslaw that accompanied it.

We decided to take a different route back to Natural Bridge, so we took Rt 11 north from Roanoke to NB. Somehow that trip was only about 27 miles. Looks like the turns on the BRP roughly double the distance traveled.

We arrived back in time to visit the vendors - I was looking for a replacement face-shield for my C3, and waterproof gloves (real waterproof gloves, not the crap I have now.) Neither were to be found.

Soon enough cocktail hour was upon us - we had wine and cheese on the veranda of the hotel, then it was off to the buffet banquet and door-prize ceremony. One of us won a goodie-bag, and somehow I ended up with a Morton's T-shirt from it.

A few hours later, after lots of good conversation - it was off to an early night, and up at the crack of dawn the next morning (my roomie was taking off at 7AM - he had a talk to give at 1PM in PA.) I left the hotel about 8:45AM, and decided to decide if I wanted to do a 1 day or 2 day trip home. To get me in the swing of things, I got on Rt 81 and started north. Rt 81 is generally a crowded road, but wasn't awful on a Sunday morning. I passed right by Stephen's City, Winchester and ended up in PA at the PA Turnpike. Since it was only a bit past noon - I decided to press on, and headed east.



Home again. 981 miles later. . .

About 4:45PM I pulled into my driveway, 500 miles later. I can't say it was a bad ride, but it wasn't really my idea of a pleasure ride. I did it just to see how bad it would be. It was tolerable, but given the option, I'd rather stick to back roads.

So - great weekend - some enlightenment on riding alone - and saw a bunch of friends.

What were you doing that weekend? (*editor: Getting married.*)

## 2014 Event Schedule

Please email the editor with additions/corrections.

- June 4th – Moribundi Lunch 12:30 PM at Sal DeForte's, 1400 Parkway Ave., Ewing, NJ  
<http://www.saldefortesristorante.com/>
- June 11<sup>th</sup> - June Meeting – Schneider's
- June 14<sup>th</sup> – Antique Motorcycle Rally, Rhinebeck, NY – See Mike Kowal
- June 19-22 - R90S Rally (see article above)
- June 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> – AMA Vintage Days, Ohio
- July 2nd – Moribundi Lunch, location TBA
- July 9<sup>th</sup> - July Meeting – Schneider's
- July 24<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> - MOA Rally - St. Paul MN – See Roger T for details on volunteering.
- August 6th - Moribundi Lunch, location TBA
- August 11<sup>th</sup> – Club Picnic, Art Goldberg's, Freehold NJ. We need help with this folks!
- August 13th - August Meeting – Schneider's
- August 29<sup>th</sup> – Sept 1<sup>st</sup> – Finger Lakes Rally, NY – See Roger for details.
- August 30<sup>th</sup> – Sept 1<sup>st</sup>, Salty Fog Rally, Nova Scotia, Canada. See Harry Costello for details.
- September 3rd - Moribundi Lunch, location TBA
- September 10th - September Meeting - Schneider's
- September 13<sup>th</sup> – AMA Races – NJ Motorsports Park, Millville NJ
- September 21<sup>st</sup> – 3 Club Rumble, Sandy Hook NJ
- October 3<sup>rd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> – Oktoberfest Weekend, Colors in the Catskills, Round Top, NY
- October 8th - October Meeting – Schneider's (Nomination of Officers)
- November 1<sup>st</sup> – DUES ARE DUE!
- November 2<sup>nd</sup>, Flemings Junkyard Bike/Car Show – Pumpkin Run, Mays Landing NJ
- November 5th - Moribundi Lunch, location TBA
- November 12<sup>th</sup> - November Meeting – Schneider's (Election of Officers)
- November 15<sup>th</sup>, Snowmobile Museum Trip
- December 3rd - Moribundi Lunch, location TBA
- December 10<sup>th</sup> - December Meeting – Schneider's
- December 13<sup>th</sup> - Annual Holiday Party
- December 14<sup>th</sup> - Annual Children's Hospital Toy Run

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**Meeting – Weds – June 11th (Eat 6-7:30PM, meeting 7:30PM)  
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