December 2014 <u>NEW JERSEY</u> <u>SHORE BMW</u> <u>RIDERS Inc</u>

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A desk is a dangerous place from which to watch the world. *John le Carre (1931 -)*

I once wanted to become an atheist, but I gave up they have no holidays. *Henny Youngman (1906 - 1998)*

God gave us memory so that we might have roses in December. *James M. Barrie (1860 - 1937),* (*attributed*)

If you don't know to the second when a drunk's gonna vomit on you, you don't survive as a strip club bouncer. *Veronica Pare and Ferrett Steinmetz, Home on the Strange, 10-02-07*

I aughta join a club and beat you over the head with it. *Groucho Marx (1890 - 1977)*

My grandfather once told me that there were two kinds of people: those who do the work and those who take the credit. He told me to try to be in the first group; there was much less competition. *Indira Gandhi (1917 - 1984)*

More than ever, the creation of the ridiculous is almost impossible because of the competition it receives from reality. *Robert A. Baker*

If at first you don't succeed, failure may be your style. *Quentin Crisp*

To me - old age is always ten years older than I am. Andre Bernard BuruchFiery



President's Message:

It's actually cold out there this month, and we've had a tiny dusting of snow, so Winter is effectively on us. But despair not, for we live in Central New Jersey, and we'll have plenty of rideable days this Winter. Just yesterday (Nov 30) it was up into the 50's, and today, it was already over 50 when I got up at 8AM. Rain predicted for today, but the radar shows the rain to be hours and hours west of here, and my wife, bless her, suggests we get on the bike and go for a ride. All of which is to say that there's no need to winterize your bike and put it on blocks; just get some heated gear and carry on through the winter.

Of course, if you live north of the Raritan River, you're screwed. Put chains on your moto or put it on blocks.

For those of you who do park it for the winter, there have been discussions on some of the online groups about long term storage of gasoline in your bike (like over the winter). Some are in favor of draining the gasoline out of the system, so that the ethanol doesn't have a chance to attack the rubber parts, and so that water in the gas doesn't separate out and rust out the bottom of the tank (assuming a steel tank). There's also been a long discussion about removing the ethanol from the gas, which is not as difficult as you'd imagine.

The trick is to add a few percent (by volume) water to your gasoline, and then mix thoroughly. The ethanol will mix with the water, and the water won't mix with the gas, so you end up with a clear "water and ethanol" component, and above that, the pure gasoline. Then you drain out the water (from the bottom of the tank). If you drain through a clear hose, you can see the transition between the water and the gasoline. Motorcycle Consumer News published an article on this about a year ago.

Ride it or park it, I hope to see you all at the Holiday/Xmas/Hanukkah/Kwanza Party on December 13, and the Toy Run/Childrens' Hospital visit on December 14.

Merry Whatever! President Dud



Wind and the Tough Brisket

Dan T (Ex-Prez)

Since the weather on Sat. 11/1 Did not cooperate, a few of us decided to brave gale force winds for a Sunday lunch ride.



After donning my 4 season riding gear, I ventured to meet Capt. Don at the un-Godly hour of 10AM. We then tried to call Dud and S/O, but were screened out by his phone spy app. We finally made contact and arranged a meet at the WAWA on 539 and 70. After some debate we headed down to Tuckerton passing Lucille's and the pigmy pines of Warren Grove.



Of course Don being Don a stop at the Firefighters Memorial hidden in the middle of the pines was in order.

Lunch was at Shorty's located in the scenic Tuckerton Seaport. After browsing the menu, Ann our waitress assured us the brisket sandwich on Texas toast was the Creme de la creme. It was a cruel joke, as chewing on our boots would have been easier. When asked we related our experience to Ann who was surprised by our displeasure. I think she muttered pansy BMW riders.

All in all it was a good day to ride.

Cross-Country Open House, November 29th

Yon Editor.. Don

Cross-Country once again graciously allowed us to run a recruiting table at their annual Thanksgiving weekend open-house. Helping out at the table were Dan Thompson, Jim Thomasey, Ben Paraan and Dave Rosen. I was also in attendance.

Cross-Country had just opened their new BMW/Ducati showroom on the balcony. They were finishing it the night before the open house. It's quite impressive. The BMWs are on the left side, Ducati on the right. The new showroom area for BMWs is spacious, well laid out, and has an extensive riding gear/accessory section. All the current BMW models are on display with room to move around them.



Our recruiting table was located under the stairway going up to the balcony, probably not the ideal spot although it was next to the food (which was from a local BBQ place, and was smoked pulled pork and pulled beef, and was excellent.) We were at the exit end of the food line, so once people got to us they were generally carrying their food and looking for a place to sit and eat it.



Next year we'll ask if we can be upstairs near the BMW section. When I finally wandered up to the BMW section I was surprised to find about 35 people browsinig the bikes and gear.

Cross-Country has moved the Triumph bikes into the space that used to be the shared BMW/Ducati space, and the Triumph showroom is going to become their used-bike showroom.





Honda is still in the back building, and there appeared to be very little activity in that building. Since Honda demanded a building by themselves they have no one to blame except themselves.

Congratulations to Cross Country on the new showroom space. The additional space resulted in lots more room for all the different brands, and makes it much easier to find what you're looking for, and then see and evaluate it once you find it. And thanks to Dan and Scott for the generous offer allowing us to recruit new members!



Toy Run - December 14

This is your monthly (and last till next year) reminder about the Toy Run to benefit the Children's Specialized Hospital.

The run will take place on Sunday, December 14 when all the attendees are invited to meet at the DMV inspection station on Route 70 west in Lakewood at 10:30. After some coffee and discussion, we will depart for an 11:30 appointment at the hospital. Car or bike – be there!

Please bring an **unwrapped** toy the day of the event or you can bring it to the holiday dinner, I will bring them to the hospital. The hospital prefers **no plush toys** – since they are impossible to keep clean.

Here is some background on the hospital: Children's Specialized Hospital is the preeminent provider of pediatric rehabilitation services and the largest pediatric rehabilitation health system in the United States.

The hospital is dedicated to improving the lives of patients through delivering superior medical services, in a safe and caring environment.

The hospital serves children affected by brain injury, spinal cord dysfunction and injury, premature birth, autism, developmental delays, and life-changing illnesses. Renowned therapeutic programs include physical, speech, and occupational therapy; psychology services; neurodevelopmental physician services; recreational therapy and child life, and a full complement of support services.

2014 Event Schedule

Please email the editor with additions/corrections.

- •December 10th December Meeting Schneider's
- •December 12th-14th NY Moto Show. We usually go in on Friday
- •December 13th Annual Holiday Party
- •December 14th Annual Children's Hospital Toy Run
- •January 21st 7PM annual planning meeting at Crown Engineering. FREE PIZZA!

NY Moto Show Plans

Editor

The annual motorcycle show at Javits in New York is running the weekend of December 12th-13th. As is traditional – a club group will be attending on Friday the 12th.

We will leave from the NJ Transit Train Station in Long Branch (right across from the hospital) on the 9:54AM train, which arrives in NYC at 11:34AM. We will then walk to the Twin's Irish Pub, 421 9th Ave, New York NY10001 (between 33rd and 34th Streets) for lunch.

It's then a waddle up 34th Street (which is uphill both ways) to the Javits Center – where we'll arrive just about when the show opens at 1:00PM.

Parking at Long Branch is \$3.00 CASH, and the train has a serious senior-discount (I seem to recall \$12/round-trip, vs \$30 normal fare.) You hopefully have used some of the discount codes floating around to pre-purchase your show tickets so you don't have to stand in line. If not – you still have time to do it. See the Yahoo group emails for some great discounts!

We usually return before rush-hour. Usually. Sometimes not, but usually. Come join us for a fun day in NYC! If you want to meet us at Twins you know about when we'll be there. We hang out in the back.

Come join us for an enjoyable, beat the winter blues day in NYC.

Times Past

Thanks to Tom Spader for suggesting this. He passed along an interesting photo that I can't recall ever seeing:



Tom added:

This photo is from a collection of photos of the 2004 BMWMOA National Rally in Spokane, WA in July...hot, hot hot...showing the late John Ryan and his long distance K75 with the extra fuel tank, bags and lights. John appeared at the rally then disappeared just as quickly in his quest to ride every road in north America. A rider's rider...RIP John.

Welcome New Members!

We signed up the following new members at the Cross-Country Open House on November 29th.

Please give them a big welcome to the club:

- Aaron Warkov, Brooklyn, NY
- Mark Mende, Fords, NJ
- Mark Bellanich, South Amboy, NJ

And one or two others that our secretary took the forms for (they'll be in the next issue.)

Motorcycle Insurance from a fellow rider and club member





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Meeting – Weds – December 10th (Eat 6-7:30PM, meeting 7:30PM) Schneider's German-American Restaurant Rt 71-Main St, Avon NJ <u>DUES ARE OVERDUE!</u> If you haven't renewed you can expect THIS to be your LAST ISSUE.

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