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If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant: if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome. *Anne Bradstreet (1612 - 1672), 'Meditations Divine and Moral,' 1655*

Conscience is the inner voice that warns us somebody may be looking. *H. L. Mencken (1880 - 1956), A Mencken Chrestomathy (1949)*

A little Madness in the Spring Is wholesome even for the King. *Emily Dickinson (1830 - 1886)*

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

Genius may have its limitations, but stupidity is not thus handicapped. *Elbert Hubbard (1856 - 1915)*

Maybe this world is another planet's hell. *Aldous Huxley (1894 - 1963)*

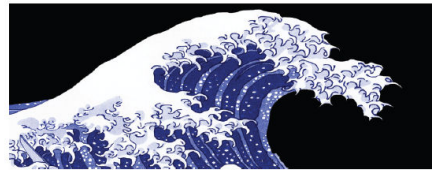
I may not have gone where I intended to go, but I think I have ended up where I needed to be. *Douglas Adams (1952 - 2001)*

A good friend can tell you what is the matter with you in a minute. He may not seem such a good friend after telling. *Arthur Brisbane, "The Book of Today"*

The wisdom of the wise, and the experience of ages, may be preserved by quotation. *Benjamin Disraeli (1804 - 1881)*

Don't part with your illusions. When they are gone you may still exist, but you have ceased to live. *Mark Twain (1835 - 1910)*

**BMW Club**  
**New Jersey Shore Riders**



## **President's Message:**

By the time you are reading this, Zhao and I will be half way to Albuquerque. We're riding my 1971 Moto Guzzi out to visit my son in New Mexico. The plan is to take two lane roads as much as possible; NJ 70 to US 322 and various little roads to Louisville, KY to visit brother George, then US 50 to St Louis, MO, and finally, as much of old Route 66 as possible the rest of the way to Albuquerque. We'll stay with son William for a week or so, then a loop out to LA and back to visit brother John and other family. We plan to return home mid June, in time to leave for the Moto Guzzi National in New Hampshire.

The big R100RS fuel tank project is "finished", for some value of "finished". Sadly, my welding is horrid, and it took a good bit of work by a proper welder to re-do the job. (Mike is saying "I told you so" under his breath right now.) Some time and money later, the welder gave me a pretty good approximation of a gas tank, all I had to do was "make it purty" with paint and stuff. A couple of days with the can of Bondo and some rattle can that approximates the R100RS's light blue, and it's close enough for government work. The next challenge was to get it out to New Mexico where the rest of the bike resides.

I worried a great deal about shipping, perhaps too much, but I couldn't shake this image of UPS dropping a box of anvils on it or something. So I spent about a day just building a shipping box for the tank, with internal supports to keep it in the center of the box, and supports to keep the box from being crushed. Very probably this is all overkill, but it'd be a shame for my tank to be ruined after all that work. At any rate, I'll ship it tomorrow (last week as you read this) out

west to join the rest of the bike. The tank is two gallons bigger than stock, so it should do nicely in those wide open spaces.

I won't see you at Schneider's until July's meeting.

President Dud  
See you at Schneider's on April 8th.

Prez Dud



## GUEST SPEAKER at May Meeting!

Our sponsor Jerry Friedman (Biker Attorney) will be speaking briefly at our May meeting on the topic of motorcycle insurance, and how to get the best policy for your protection.

Jerry has asked that people bring their "Declaration Pages" (the outline of your coverage) from their bike policies with them. He'll review them and make suggestions which may help protect you better, or save money.

Try to make our May meeting and welcome Jerry!

## April Meeting Recap

Bill Dudley

Here's a summary of what was covered in April's meeting:

1. We have money in our treasury.
2. We will have a "tech-night" next Wednesday, April 15, 6PM at the Harbor Freight Tools in

Brick, NJ. Don Eilenberger will show you how to put together a toolkit that you keep on your BMW from the inexpensive tools at Harbor Freight. Bring your HF coupons so you can get the 20% discount on the most expensive item.

After, we will have dinner at one or more of the fine dining establishments near by. One restaurant that comes highly recommended is Super Pollo II, which is a Peruvian restaurant in the same shopping center as the Harbor Freight store.

3. The 3 Club Rumble (perhaps the 4 club rumble) will be April 25th (rain date 26th) at Parvin State Park, hosted by the New Sweden folks. I am told there will be ketchup.

4. In a surprise move, Tom Spader has volunteered to host the club picnic at his home. The club picnic is scheduled for August 16th. Details to follow as the date approacheth.

5. Charlie M. won the 50-50 tonight.

6. The club trip to the Simione Museum in Philadelphia is scheduled for Saturday April 11. If you want to go with the cool guys, meet at "Our WaWa" (the one by Great Adventure) at 10:00AM.

7. The club trip to the Gathering of the Nortons will leave OurWAWA at 10:30 AM on Sunday, April 19.

Your President,  
Bill Dudley

## Multiple Sclerosis Cycle Event, May 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> notice.

Charlie Manfredi

*Once again Charlie is asking for volunteers to work as race marshals. The job consists of guiding cyclists safely through intersections on the race course:*

### From Charlie:

Gents,

I've done a really bad job of promoting this event, but it is well worth your time to participate. A few of you have helped in the past and it

had been greatly appreciated.

Essentially you man an intersection and help guide the cyclists through the course. The people afflicted with the disease, like my wife, are given hope of a cure... not a bad days work.

Please let me know if you can skip the breakfast club that day.

Thanks,  
Charlie Manfredi <[cman53@gmail.com](mailto:cman53@gmail.com)>

Please email or contact Charlie at the meeting to volunteer. It's a worthwhile event (raising more than \$1/million for research.)

## **Simione Museum Trip, aka "Philly without Cheesesteak" - April 11<sup>th</sup>**

*Tom Spader*

Bizarre I know...however the ride out to the Simeone Foundation Automotive Museum on Saturday 4/11 was fabulous.

Greeted by nice spring weather including sunshine, the pack met up at 'Our W'...and was led by Don E. Dan Thompson and I joined in for a ride thru central NJ farmland, small communities...many with traditional yard sales and the like. Nice.

The museum was a first time for me...and while concentrated on 60 + vehicles, the arrangement to time and locations of the evolving automotive performance/racing segments from the horseless carriages era was well planned. Well planned indeed...without becoming boring or redundant therefore keeping my interest peaked.

The day was highlighted by the 'ride-around'...where four selected vehicles were fired up and paraded behind the main building for a closer look (and sounds) followed by an even closer look, touching the cars and quizzing several volunteer experts assigned to each.

They knew the history of each vehicle and were very willing to share it with the several hundred enthused spectators.



Must say my favorite performance car...aside from the classic Auburn 'boat-tail' of which there were several...was the first ever Cobra Daytona coupe. This first of six was built in the USA and was not restored. In original race condition, this classic pioneer of the mid-60's USA racing dominance gave birth to today's Shelby Cobra and was signed by several of its notable drivers...including Phil Hill, Bob Bondurant and Dave McDonald.



Read more and specifically 'Our car'. . .  
<http://www.simeonemuseum.org/the-collection/bonneville-salt-flats/1964-shelby-cobra-daytona-coupe>

Since the display is always changing...I'm already looking forward to another 'Philly without Cheesesteak' trip next year.

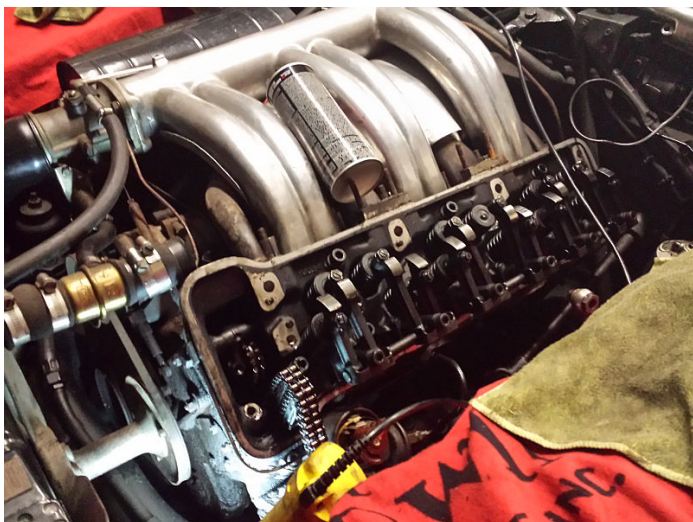




### Don's Simone notes:

It was a most enjoyable day – and actually a rather interesting and enjoyable ride to the Simeone. Riding in city environments is entirely different from 2 lane roads – more to watch for, more visual distractions – more erratic drivers. It makes for a good challenge ride – the challenge is to do it safely. Happily – we all made it through the urban gauntlet just fine. No close calls, no bent rims.

The Simeone is a museum any gearhead should visit. Dr Fred doesn't believe in "restoration" - he likes his cars with the patina of use they acquire as they age. No garage queens – all of the vehicles run – and are run.



**Oily bits of a 300SL engine**

The door to the museum workshop was open, and one of his mechanics was there talking a bit

about the work they're doing. From what I could overhear – the Mercedes 300SL Gullwing that was being worked on was Dr Fred's when he was much younger. The engine was apart and the head was being freshened up. The car showed all the bumps and warts it had acquired through years of use. A "perfect" restored 300SL goes in the millions of dollars range now. This one was so much more interesting than those, and we could get up close and look at the oily bits, laying naked in the engine compartment.



On the way back – Dan and I had a late lunch at F&M Deli in Cherry Hill. Which is always good.



A most enjoyable day, and an enjoyable ride – good weather and good company. You should have been there.



# The Gathering (of the Nortons) April 19<sup>th</sup>

RD Swanson



This event is the informal start of the riding season. It's the event that says you can put your electrics on the back shelf, dust off your bike and leave the warden behind.

For me it was a repeat from prior years. I dawdle around getting ready and then find I'm running late and then have to hit triple digits and watch the radar detector to meet the group on time. I did get to "Our Wawa" with some minutes to spare and it was good to see the crowd standing around kicking tires, telling stories and shaking hands. Captain Mike was even there.

We had near twenty which is pretty good these days for Shore Riders.

We split into two groups and I chose the Grant (warp speed) bunch. I don't know why we were never pulled over as we set a lively pace on 195 and through Trenton, but we weren't. We caught up with another group of Ducatis, Guzzis, Triumphs and the like and left them in the dust. A Triumph Thruxton can't accelerate like a BMW. They tried to keep up but it was futile. Grant would not have it.



Arriving at Washington's Crossing we were enveloped into the large gathering of people and motorcycles. Finding a place to park the motorcycle is a minor challenge. Walking around is part looking at all the great rides and part looking for old friends. I found both, (even Alex Edly) but hoped to see some that I didn't see. Where were Janet and Glen?



**Handsome group..**

The crowd is large enough that some could be there at the same time and you would still miss them. There were many classic Nortons, BMWs, Guzzis and others. The most interesting one for me was a 1928 Norton, well worn and unrestored and ridden to the event. And copiously leaking oil.



We planned to meet for lunch at the Buck's Bounty just south of Frenchtown on the Pennsylvania side, but it's no longer there. Name change. It was all too confusing for Jerry and I so we just kept going, crossed into Jersey and took 519 south. It's one of the better roads in that area, but like everywhere else in NJ it's becoming less rural and less fun to ride. More double lines. We stopped at a little hamburger joint in Stockton, filled our faces and went home.

The weather was nice, the company good and the riding fun.

And so the 2015 riding season begins. Where will it take us? Stay tuned.

**Editors notes:** This event grows every year – and attracts more and more diverse bikes. While the organizing club and general focus is still Norton – I'd guess there are an equal number of participants who are fans of other makes – like BMWs. We saw both our club members, and members of Skylands and New Sweden in attendance. Some good natured ribbing about the upcoming 3 (or 4) Club Rumble took place.

A group of us did stop at the restaurant formerly known as Buck's Bounty, now an Italian restaurant known as Bellimissios. It was reasonably priced and quite good. A few other motorcyclists were also dining there. I recommend it – plus it's a nice ride up to the Frenchtown bridge across the Delaware (despite the poor state of parts of PA Rt 32.) RDS and Jerry ate some slop on the NJ side of the river.

After lunch we took back roads home – Rt 12 out of Frenchtown to Rt 579, 31, then into Princeton and home. Nice day. Few hundred miles added to the odometer.

## **BMW MOA Rally, July 22<sup>nd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> Make Your Plans**

*Roger Trendowski, Registration Chair*

The 2015 International MOA Rally is coming up in Billings MN in July. The Rally site and surrounding areas will be great this year. The Bear Tooth Highway, Yellowstone, Chiefs Josephs Highway, etc are all nearby. Pictures of the area, possible rides and local sites, motel listing, and rally events are on the <http://www.BMWMOA.org> website and Rally registration is now open (for a discount). At the main MOA website page, see the QUICK NAV menu on the top right.

We need your help since it takes almost 300 volunteers to set up and operate the registration function over 4 days.



**View from the Bear-Tooth Highway**

As a registration volunteer you will meet and greet members, check them in, show them the Rally book, describe major events, provide a wrist band and answer any questions they may have. Registration volunteers provide a critical function since we are the initial face to the MOA and to the Rally as members arrive. So please consider spending a little time in "registration" by signing up for a shift using our simple volunteer website.

<http://moaregistrationvolunteer.eventbrite.com>

Our article in MOA ON magazine will be printed in a few months but it is on the website if you wish to read a version.

<http://bmwmoa.site-ym.com/news/217678/Rally-Registration-Volunteers-Needed.htm>Please

Sign up now; you can always login later if you wish to make a change.

See you in Billings!

Roger

## **Big Rumble 2015 - April 25**

*RD Swanson*

The great "NJ BMW Challenge" is held each year to determine the leading riders in the motorcycle world. As always, Shore Riders were there in overwhelming numbers. Too many to count on two hands. We again easily outnumbered the riders of the other clubs.



Capt. Don led the group from "Our Wawa" on a circuitous route to Parvin State Park somewhere in the dismal piney woods of South Jersey where sane people never go. There is no reason to go there except for a free meal and BMW riders will face the fires of hell for a free meal. Or anything free for that matter..

It was a cool day for late April. Most of us turned on our electrics. For some reason mine did not function and I froze my gigi. Our group consisted of Charley Manfredi, Dan Thompson, Dud and Zhou, Jim Liotta, Jim Thomasy, Joe Karol, and Mike Lamberti. At Parvin Roger Trendowski and J. Grant Duncan also arrived. Other club members, Al Peirson, Herb Konrad, Harold Gantz, Pete Stone, Nancy Glindmeyer, Harry Costello and Eric Shur were also found.



**Some of our group..**

There was one rider from the North Jersey club which was a first for any rumble. Only two Skylands riders made the ride. What would Max have thought of this dismal showing? New Sweden riders were there in reasonable numbers. But it was hard to count. Perhaps they had one less than us.

Prez. Vince Santienello of New Sweden welcomed everyone. He invited all to their upcoming events. He also introduced the North Jersey rider in their first appearance at a rumble or anything else. Vince also called for a few minutes of silence for departed riders, particularly Max Monaco and John Charles Ryan. He also urged us to hang around for group photos. You will have an opportunity to view them and compare numbers.

The meal they spread was a banquet fit for a Prince Charles or the queen of Romania

Charles didn't a show but I did see a few queens. There were beet pickled eggs, a favorite of mine, burgers, franks, salads, multiple desserts, and beverages. Easily it was far better than we did last year or any year in recent memory. They even had condiments. Yes, all sorts of condiments. Imagine!

We'll have to do better when it's our turn again.

It was a great time as we broke bread with our friends, made new friends, kicked tires and reminisced. And of course we looked at the large assembly of BMW motorcycles. Even a new R nine T with some interesting additions. I rode back with Grant and Jim Liotta. It was an interesting journey. When we stopped at a traffic light near home I asked Jim if he enjoyed the ride back. He gave me a big smile.

## **April Tech Session Harbor Freight – April 15th**

*Don*

We had a special tech session on income-tax day.. to celebrate all our refunds (ha!)

It was held at the Harbor Freight store in Brick NJ. The goal was to assemble an on-board tool kit for the modern BMW bikes which come with basically nothing useful.

A good group showed up – our Prez and wife, FNG Jim Liotta, Dan Thompson, Ben Parin, Tom Spader, and the other FNG whose name escapes me at the moment.

We pretty much had Harbor Freight to ourselves, which was good since we were discussing the tools, the uses for the tools, and the quality of the tools rather loudly (seems to be a thing with our group – maybe our next tech session should be to the hearing-aid center..)

We managed to come up with some basic tools, small enough to carry on the bike, that would allow for emergency simple roadside "fixes" - good enough to get one back to civilization.

After the session, and after we all spent our tax refund money (it was small money for sure..) we adjourned to a small restaurant in the same

shopping center called Super Pollo – a Peruvian restaurant.

Despite the name “Pollo” (chicken) – the menu was quite varied, and a number of the very reasonably priced entrees didn't have chicken, but some very delicious steak. It gets 4.7 stars on Google – I'd have to agree. Service was excellent, serving sizes generous and delicious. All at a very reasonable price.



**Super Pollo, Kennedy Shopping Center,  
Brick**

**Thoughts** – if you go through the articles in this newsletter, one thing they all have in common – we were eating at some point. Not that this is a bad thing.

## **New Sweden 450**

### **Upcoming – May 16<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>**

Editor



For those who aren't going to Morton's Spring Fling – there is another weekend trip/ride/rally available locally.

Our southern sister club New Sweden is doing their 2<sup>nd</sup> New Sweden 450. A two day event with about 225 miles of riding each day on back-roads, primarily in PA Poconos area, it promises to be a good time.

For all the information, and registration:

[http://www.newswedenbmwridders.com/New\\_Sweden\\_BMW\\_Riders\\_of\\_South\\_Jersey/450.html](http://www.newswedenbmwridders.com/New_Sweden_BMW_Riders_of_South_Jersey/450.html)

## **2015 Event Schedule**

Please email the editor with additions/corrections.

### **May**

- Wednesday- May 13th - Meeting. Schneiders, Avon. Eat and chat 6PM, meeting starts at 7:30PM. **SPECIAL** – Jerry Friedman, Biker Attorney will talk to us about motorcycle insurance. Bring your policy “declaration” page and Jerry will review it to see if you have adequate coverage.
- Friday - May 15th-Sunday May 17th - Morton's 5th Annual Spring Fling, Natural Bridge VA. Don will be leading a ride leaving on Thursday May 14th on mostly back roads. This event requires pre-registration and a hotel room. Registration is on Morton's website: [http://mortonsbmw.com/springfling\\_2015.html](http://mortonsbmw.com/springfling_2015.html) and hotel reservations are made by calling the hotel at **800-533-1410**. Rooms range from \$75-95/night. There may be some people with rooms to share.
- Saturday May 16th-Sunday May 17th - New Sweden 450. A GPS guided two day event. Camping overnight is included.
- Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup> – Annual Multiple Sclerosis Cycle Race support. See Charlie Manfredi
- Wednesday, May 20th - FIRST 3rd Wednesday Pizza Run. 6PM Location to be announced on Yahoo. Joe Karol is picker of the pizza.

### **June**

- Monday June 1st-Saturday June 6th. Americade, Lake George NY.
- Wednesday, June 10th - Meeting. Schneiders, Avon. Eat and chat 6PM, meeting starts at 7:30PM.
- Friday June 12th-Sunday June 14th. Antique Motorcycle Club of America. Rhinebeck Fairgrounds, Rhinebeck NY



- Monday June 15th - Ride to Work Day
- Wednesday, June 17th - 3rd Wednesday Pizza Run  
- 6PM Location to be announced on Yahoo.
- Wednesday, June 24th - Don's birthday.

## July

- Wednesday, July 8th - Meeting. Schneider's, Avon.  
Eat and chat 6PM, meeting starts at 7:30PM.
- Wednesday, July 15th - 3rd Wednesday Pizza Run,  
6PM. Location to be announced on Yahoo
- Wednesday, July 22nd-Saturday July 25th. BMW-  
MOA National, Billings Montana. See Roger for  
details.

## August

- Saturday, Aug 8th-Sunday Aug 9th - Weekend  
overnight. Bills Bike Barn, Bloomsburg PA. Lodg-  
ing at a local motel Saturday night. Slab out,  
backroads back. More details as it evolves.
- Wednesday, Aug 12th - Meeting. Schneider's,  
Avon. Eat and chat 6PM, meeting starts at  
7:30PM.
- Sunday, Aug 16th - Club Picnic. Location to be  
determined by Picnic Committee (anyone want to  
volunteer a backyard?)
- Wednesday, Aug 19th - 3rd Wednesday Pizza Run.  
6PM. Location to be announced on Yahoo.

## September

- Friday Sept 4th-Monday Sept 7th - Finger Lakes  
Rally, Finger Lakes NY. See Roger for details.
- Wednesday, Sept 9th - Meeting. HARPOON  
WILLIES, Brielle, Rt 70. Schneider's is on vaca-  
tion! Eat and chat 6PM, meeting starts at  
7:30PM.
- Wednesday, Sept 16th, FINAL 3rd Wednesday  
Pizza Run. Location to be announced on Yahoo
- Friday, Sept 25th?-Sunday Sept 27th - New Swe-  
den Last Chance Rally. Date is not firm yet, and  
they don't know where it will be held.

## October

- Thursday Oct 1st-Sunday Oct 4th - BMW-RA  
National Rally. Harrison AR.
- Wednesday, Oct 14th - Meeting. Schneider's, Avon.  
Eat and chat 6PM, meeting starts at 7:30PM.
- Friday, Oct 2nd-Sunday Oct 4th - Catskills Oktober-  
fest. (Date subject to change.) 3 day weekend in  
Round Top NY at the Crystal Brook Resort and  
Bauhaus.. Great couples activity. We're inviting

the other NJ clubs to join us. Will also include  
Motorcyclepedia Museum visit in Kingston NY.

## November

- Wednesday, Nov 11th - Meeting. Schneiders, Avon.  
Eat and chat 6PM, meeting starts at 7:30PM.
- Sunday Nov 22nd - Saturday Nov 28th. Greg  
Wright is not available.

## December

- Wednesday, Dec 9th - Meeting. Schneider's, Avon.  
Eat and chat 6PM, meeting starts at 7:30PM.
- Friday-Sunday Dec 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> - NY Moto Show, Jav-  
its Center, NYC
- Saturday, Dec 12th, Annual Club Awards Dinner.  
Rod's Old Irish in Sea Girt. 6PM. Dennis will  
announce details.
- Sunday, Dec 13th, Annual Toy Run to Children's  
Hospital Toms River. More details from Jim  
Thomasey as he gets them.

## Rumors and Gossip..

Needed a bit of filler here.. so..



Rumored to be based on the R-Nine-T, BMW may be releasing a lower priced 1200 - as a "scrambler". Photo above isn't from BMW, but it might be fairly accurate based on the styling of the new water cooled R1200R (even though the Scrambler is supposed to be based on the oil/air cooled engine.

There are also Interwebz rumblings about BMW introducing a line of sub 500cc engined bikes to try to appeal to that market (big in developing countries, not so big in the US.)

**KUDOS:** To **Doug MacMillan**, Service Manager for BMW/Ducati at **Cross Country Cycle** for his assistance and prompt attention to my cracked wheel flange. Doug gets my thanks, as does **Dan Notte!** Support your local BMW dealer.

## Motorcycle Insurance from a fellow rider and club member



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**Meeting – Weds – May 13<sup>th</sup> (Eat 6-7:30PM, meeting 7:30PM)**  
**Schneider's German-American Restaurant, Rt 71-Main St, Avon NJ**  
**SPECIAL SPEAKER – Jerry Friedman!**

### Club Logo Stickers available!

**NJS-BMW-Riders Inc.**

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Thanks to an anonymous donor – the club now has a supply of self-adhesive, reflective club logos, suitable for your bike available. Price is \$1/each. See Treasurer Dan Thompson for purchase. The logo is identical to the one on the first page of this newsletter.