

**September 2016**

# NEW JERSEY SHORE BMW RIDERS Inc

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Win or lose, we go shopping after the election. —  
*Imelda Marcos*

A fine beer may be judged with only one sip, but it's  
better to be thoroughly sure. — *Czech Proverb*

Each candidate behaved well in the hope of being  
judged worthy of election. However, this system  
was disastrous when the city had become corrupt.  
For then it was not the most virtuous but the most  
powerful who stood for election, and the weak,  
even if virtuous, were too frightened to run for  
office. — *Niccolo Machiavelli*

Let us put Germany, so to speak, in the saddle! you  
will see that she can ride. [Ger., Setzen wir  
Deutschland, so zu sagen, in den Sattel! Reiten wird  
es schon können.] — *Karl Otto von Schonhausen  
Bismarck*

Beer is living proof that God loves us and wants us  
to be happy. — *Benjamin Franklin*

Your current safe boundaries were once unknown  
frontiers. -*Unknown*

I prefer the folly of enthusiasm to the indifference  
of wisdom. — *Anatole France*

Middle age is having a choice between two  
temptations and choosing the one that'll get you  
home earlier. -- *Dan Bennett*

**BMW Club**  
New Jersey Shore Riders



## President's Message:



We're just about out of summer now - and the unbearable heat that plagued us this year. The tail end of summer and early fall are about my favorite riding seasons. Of course spring is also excellent, winter isn't bad either. Any riding beats not riding. It should be outstanding weather for those going to our Oktoberfest the 16-18th.

I was off my bike for about 4 weeks this summer due to a bit of surgery I had. If I had been smart I would have sent my 'Stich away to Ride-Warehouse for a "re-do" - most of the Velcro no longer works, the cuffs all need attention, and the main leg zipper is missing a few teeth. I guess I'll now have to wait for January.

Klaus provides us with an interesting graphic/chart - showing the aging of motorcyclists. It seems very few millennials are getting

on two-wheels. The ones who do are mostly the fast-and-furious sort, and somehow I doubt if their interest in riding is going to be extended.

We have riders in our club who have been riding for over 50 years. I think that sort of long-term rider is going to really be an exception in the future. Happily - we do have a few riders under 50, and one actually under 30 - so we're not entirely fossils.

Of course the aging has implications for all the current motorcycle clubs and organizations - including ours. If the aging continues (the average rider age increases 2 years for every 2 years - meaning no one is coming in at the bottom) our clubs/organizations will fade to insignificance.

The MOA has been trying to address this with the rider safety training activities of the MOA-Foundation. I don't know that the AMA or RA have even thought about it.

What can our club members do to help the club survive? It seems obvious that we need to actively recruit anyone under the age of say 40 that we see on a BMW in our area. Get them involved. Plan activities which will appeal to them (and we should be seeking them out to find out what they'd like to do. Apparently going camping and sitting around with a bunch of old pharts re-living their youthful exploits isn't their idea of a good time. Ideas?

I mentioned at our last meeting that perhaps the club look for some way to encourage safe motorcycling. The week of our last meeting I'd read accounts of 3 motorcycle fatalities in our local area.



They haven't stopped - since that time I believe I've read of at least 2 more. I suspect when the annual figures are tallied up that we'll see a large increase in motorcycle-car incidents.

Why? Driver distraction is my guess - and in some cases - rider distraction. Certainly sitting on a bike at a traffic light with a few lanes - you'll spot any number of heads looking down at their laps - texting. That isn't awful - it's a PITA when they don't realize the light changed. What's bad is when they drive off continuing to look down at their laps. Or bringing the phone up to hold it in two hands while trying to steer at the same time.

Is there anything we can do about this plague?

Dunno - but perhaps putting some pressure on our fine elected political representatives might be a good first step. Pressure them to pressure the cops to enforce the on-the-book laws against this sort of activity. At least enforce it with as much vigor as they enforce stopping for people in crosswalks.

That might be a start. If one person gets a ticket for texting while the vehicle is moving, you know they're going to tell 10 people, who will each tell 10 more. If enough people realize that they might actually get a ticket - it might just reduce people doing it.

See you at the meeting - we're holding it at Park-Nine Diner, Rt 524/US-9 Freehold (Adelphia) - back room, reservation under "BMW".

Get out and ride - rubber side down..  
Don (recycled President)



# MEAN AGE OF MOTORCYCLISTS

Over the past decade, the mean age of motorcyclists has increased 0.83 year per calendar year, based on the information I've gleaned. The population of motorcyclists is not only growing older, but the rate is increasing, and we can estimate the 2016 mean age at 58.

YEAR	MOTORCYCLIST MEAN AGE
1980	24 YEARS OLD
1990	30 YEARS OLD
2000	38 YEARS OLD
2010	49 YEARS OLD
2016	58 YEARS OLD (Estimate)

## Letter to the Editor!

*We finally got one!*

Good Evening Mr. Eilenberger,

I'm writing to you and the NJ Shore BMW Riders to let you know that SHE HAUL motorcycle transport is now operating in the Monmouth and Ocean County areas. SHE HAUL is a full service motorcycle transport. We specialize in local, long distance and emergency transport. We will expertly safely and securely transport your members' motorcycles in a brand new enclosed 7x16, dual axle Hallmark trailer. Or, if preferred, we offer open transport as well.

A little bit about SHE HAUL's background- I have been riding motorcycles for most of my adult life. It has been a passion and some may say, an obsession. I have been fortunate enough to enjoy the gamut of motorcycle makes and models. Over the years my garage has been graced with Harley Davidsons, British vintage bikes, Japanese, Italian makes, trikes, sidecar rigs and, of course, more than a couple BMW's. What began as helping a few friends get their bikes to repair shops or driving across the country to fetch that two wheeled dream they won on Ebay, has turned into a business

that is less work and more of a passion.

If I can ever be of service to you or your members, I do hope you will reach out. In the mean time, please feel free to visit our website at [www.shehauldelivery.com](http://www.shehauldelivery.com). You can also find us on Facebook at [facebook.com/SHEHAUL](https://facebook.com/SHEHAUL). I can be reached at 908-295-8032 or toll free at 877-69-SHEHAUL.

Ride safe, ride often!

Denise DePresca

Owner

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PS. A few years ago I had the privilege of attending one of your meetings. And more importantly, you may find my name familiar as we have communicated a number of times in the past. When I was new to the world of BMWs, you were very gracious with your vast knowledge and resources. Forever grateful!  
D.



## ***The R Nine T - September 5***

**RDS**

I have owned many BMW motorcycles over the years, mostly GS's and K's. My past favorite was an R1150 GS. My other favorite was a Moto Guzzi V 11 Sport.

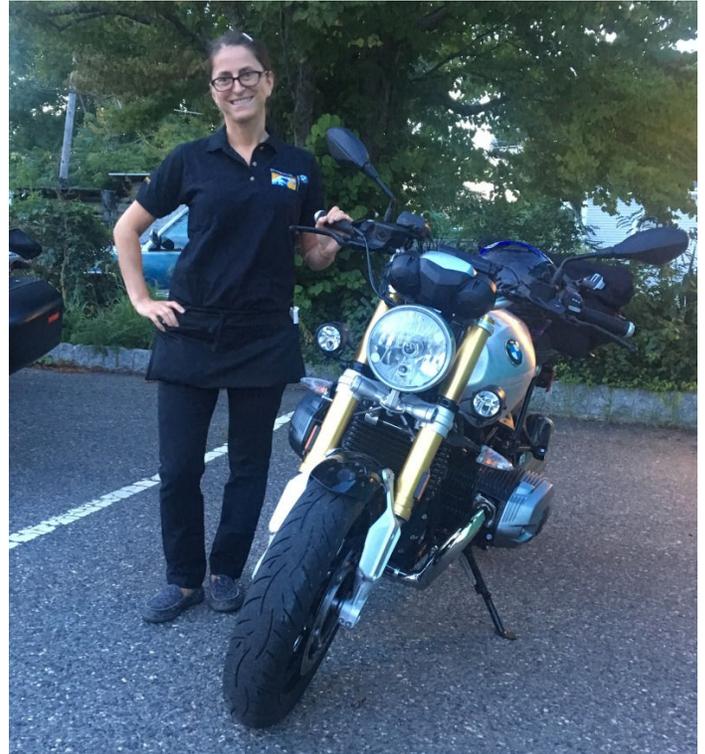
But with me my favorite bike is always the current one. And my current one is a 2016 R Nine t. Its identifying characteristic is the brushed aluminum tank with a visible weld seam.

First time I saw one was at Carolina BMW in Greensboro, NC. It also had a brown leather Roland Sands saddle. I probably would have taken it home with me but Ozzie, the salesman who sold me the 2014, would or could not provide the numbers I wanted. This June, a year later, it was still on the showroom floor. But we were even further apart on the numbers. Then as I rode back to Chapel Hill it hit me. The 2014 R Nine t is a great ride. Why would I want to trade it? Sometimes I'm a little slow.

So upon my return to Jersey I telephoned Maire Lanzafane at CCBMW and asked her if she had the "weld seam" R Nine t. Not on the floor she said, but she thought there was one in the warehouse. She located it and we began negotiations. She's a Jersey Girl and knows how to make a deal. Ozzie in Carolina could learn from her. Long story short we concluded the entire operation over the phone and she even arranged to have it delivered to me. I didn't get the Roland Sands seat and now I'm not sure I even want it. When it arrived it was all that I envisioned. Even my wife liked it.

This morning I took it for a short ride of 80 miles. Perfect weather for a ride and for Labor Day not much traffic. The bike fits me. It's quick and nimble. I can put both feet flat when I stop. It doesn't sound like a BMW. More like a Ducati or Harley. Sort of a deep-throated rumble. It really doesn't even look like a conventional BMW. I'm absolutely sure the engineers in the "Fatherland" had just me in mind when they designed it. Sort of a match made in Germany. And it's just a lot of fun to ride. It's geared lower than the R1200r so I'm slowly discovering that I don't need to shift as much. Seems to have more torque. The handlebars are a bit forward so you

do have to lean a bit forward as you ride, but I don't mind that. Being a "cafe racer" you wouldn't want to do an extended trip on it, but I'm not planning anything at the moment.



**The new R-Nine-T and the new club shirt!**

BMW doesn't make side cases for it, but does make a nicely-fitted tank bag and tail-bag rear duffle. There is also a wide range of after-market and custom accessories available. And Capt. Mikey has wired some really bright PIAA lights and my GPS so I'm all set for another year of two-wheeled adventures.

Hope to see you out there.

## **Finger Lakes Rally Memorial Day Weekend**

*Roger T and Ben P.*

### **Finger Lakes Rally** *Roger T*

Great weather, great people, great location. 583 attendees not counting host club, average age of attendee +2 years from last year, 61 1/2, average age of passenger 52.

Toronto club had most Members, total USA at-

tendees 427 and 105 Canada, oldest woman rider 78 yr old, Carol T who has done a dozen rally's this year.



My best guess about NJ attendance is: NJ Shore 3, Skylands 4, New Sweden 3.



## Finger Lakes 2016

*Ben P..*

This year's edition of the Finger Lakes Rally was marked by sunny weather and seasonal to cool temperatures, perfect for a long weekend getaway.

Attendance was down for reasons one can only speculate about but whoever attended was treated with one of the best rallies I have attended (considering my short history of rallies).

The core of the attendees seem to be those that go to see friends from all over. Some clubs from Canada and Ohio had impressive attendance numbers in the high teens. NJSBMW was represented by half of Roger T (his other half is owned by the Finger Lakes group), Jun and yours truly.

It was all one family when the band started playing on Saturday night. The dance floor stayed packed. The band was very good, marred only by bad acoustics that made vocals unintelligible. Apparently, the organizers blew their budget on getting one good band for Saturday instead of getting two sucky bands for the weekend.

I did some research prior to the rally on things to see around Watkins Glen and was surprised to find out that the WG State Park was home to a beautiful set of cascades and gorge just 3 miles from the campsite. Having a rally wristband gets you free entrance to the park. Exploring the natural beauty of the park meant having to climb steps, lots of it. Luckily, for \$5 a shuttle can take you to the top of the trail and your knees would be spared extra wear and tear.

The physical activity made me hungry. Nickel's Pit BBQ in Watkins Glen serves awesome food. Our party of six all raved about the food. The wings with the dry rub, the brisket sandwich, the half rack of ribs, the grilled corn (!) were memorable. The Glenn Curtis Museum was a decent side trip. Sunday's day trip was just a leisurely ride around Seneca Lake with stops at a couple of wineries and an ice cream stand. To close out the weekend, the trip home was made under partly cloudy skies in the low 80s.

Did someone say there was a tropical storm awaiting our return? I'm definitely looking forward to next year's rally.

## July Meeting Notes

### **Meeting called to order 7:30PM Precisely**

**Treasurer's Report:** We have money. Art was present – but we have around \$800, which is healthy for this time of year.

**Membership Report:** Still 56 members.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Breakfast Club:** Has been continuing to draw 6-8 people per week, and everyone is encouraged to join in.

**Website Report:** we still have a web site.

**Club picnic - collect \$\$\$ - Mike K, Tom S** – money was collected and plans made and announced. We're off and running!

**Report - Expanded Oktoberfest (Don, Dan, general) Sept 16-18<sup>th</sup>.** There was a discussion on perhaps trying to get some door prizes to hand out. Greg W promised to contact Cross-Country. Don E will contact Bob's BMW.

**Report - club paraphernalia. clothing (Grant)** – Grant gave out his last paid for shirt, and we gave our waitress – Elvana a specially made club shirt. Happily it fit perfectly!

**Membership drive - Greg W?** Nothing significant to report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**3-Club rumble - date set by Skylands - Oct. 8 in Asbury, NJ** – we discussed how lame the other clubs are and how we'll whup-ass at the rumble by turning out in massive numbers and eating all their food. So there.

**Safety Campaign:** Pres Don made mention of a recent spate of fatal motorcycle accidents he'd read about in our area, and asked for any ideas members might have in how to reduce the carnage. Nothing much was forthcoming.

**August Ice Cream Run - Ben P.** Ben announced the location of the August Ice Cream run – in lovely downtown Manasquan!

**Open floor:** Nothing.

**Meeting Adjourned 8:00PM** and we retired to the parking lot for tire-kicking, Munch admiration and general Bsing.



## **Annual Picnic August 13**

*RD Swanson*

Tom Spader again offered his home and yard, bordering the Lake of the Lilies in Point Pleasant Beach for the club's picnic.

It's a nice place close to the ocean beach that faces south in the back and provides a nice water view. Fortunately, on this very warm day it also afforded a cooling ocean breeze. Tom is a gracious host and made us all welcome. Thank you Tom!



Mike collected the money, bought the food and with the help of Rich cooked it. Many thanks to Mike! Hamburgers, hot dogs, corn on the cob, chips and salads were plentiful and tasty. Cold beer and soft drinks were on hand.



As is the norm, this was a chance for members and their families to spend some time swapping stories and telling of motorcycle adventures. And perhaps to provide real solutions to the problems of the world.



Those who wanted to enjoy the beach were provided beach badges and those who wanted to kayak on the lake could launch from the backyard. Most were content to enjoy the shade, the breeze and the chance to relax.

Editor/Presidents comment: **BIG thanks to Tom for opening his home to us! And a big thanks to Mike and Rich for making it happen!**

## **UMMMM - August 27**

RDS

Our weekly breakfast at Turning Point was excellent and the food was good too. The excellent refers to the scenery. Attending were Charley, Dan, Joe, Don, Roger and me. Great truths were revealed and many problems solved. Having backed my new car into a garbage truck I was eager to explore the topic of diminished value and liability insurance. That was just one of the topics. Charley gave us a tutorial on the pitfalls and perils of dealing with Toyota and handicapped equipped vans. Someone else elucidated on gall bladders (just kidding).

After breakfast we (Roger, Dan, Don and I) decided to take a ride somewhere. Don led and we ended up at the old age home in Roebbling. It has an expansive front porch overlooking the Delaware River and rocking chairs in which to sit. It's an old hotel converted into 14 one-bedroom apartments for seniors. I tried out one of the chairs and chatted with the residents. Sorry boys, it has an extensive waiting list.

Next it was to Ummm ice cream store in the heart of downtown Burlington. Kind of interesting. Burlington seems a project in transition. No

one about. A dog could have taken a nap in the middle of the street. But the city has a certain charm. One section of old colonial style homes is quite nice.



Also the ice cream was good..



On the way back we stopped at George Hickman's but he was not in residence.

Then to home. All in all, a good day for a ride

## **Wandering the South – part 4..**

Don E

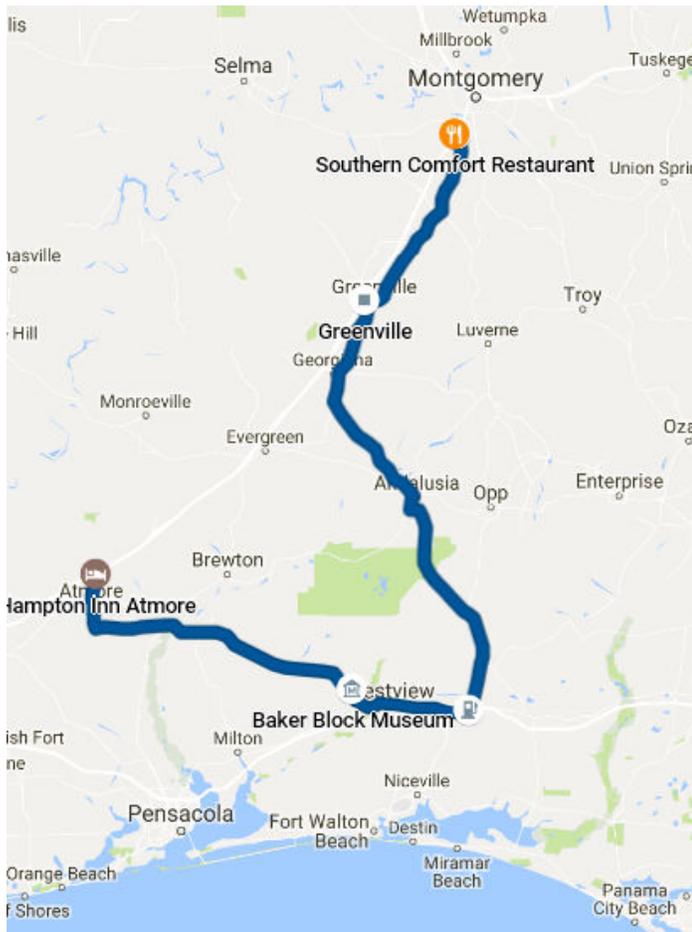
A complete YouTube video of this trip can be found at: <https://youtu.be/J4nkxEfambQ>

**Last seen – Along the Gulf Coast.**

**May 28th – Heading to Montgomery Alabama**

Leaving Florida was not painful at all. The panhandle north of the beaches is like the Pine Barrens of NJ, but not near as interesting. No curves in the roads and the drivers are living up to their Florida reputations. Florida was a bust

IMHO. I decided to start heading north and go visit the Barber Museum in Birmingham Alabama. Been there before – but it's well worth another visit (or 10..)



I stopped in the small panhandle town of Baker Florida. It has a museum – but of course the museum

isn't open since it's Memorial Day weekend (how did a "day" get turned into a weekend? I think I see some marketing coming into play here..)



The museum looked like it would be interesting to visit – if it wasn't closed.



I continued a bit more east until I couldn't stand it anymore – and decided to head north toward Birmingham.

Just on the border of Florida/Alabama is the highest elevation in Florida. The town seemed quite proud of it with several signs announcing that it's located 343 feet above sea level. Anyway, Alabama was a big improvement over Florida. The roads have some curves and elevation changes, and not near as many awful drivers.

The ride north continued on back roads – finally I stopped around 5PM in the small town of Hull Alabama – right off I-64. For a small town it seemed to have a lot of motels. Not a lot of restaurants – but a lot of motels. Ended up in a typical Comfort Inn – only odd thing was outside on the flagpoles were the US flag and a foreign one I didn't recognize, at the same level.

Googled for food – and found a small local restaurant not far away – Southern Comfort



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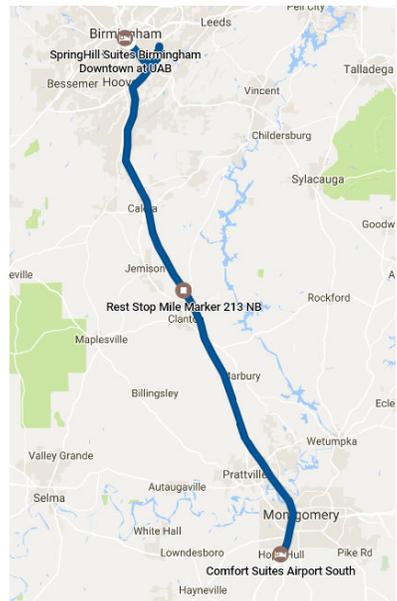
Restaurant. Good food, nice atmosphere.

### May 29th – Birmingham Alabama

In Birmingham Alabama today. Turns out that business hotels on holiday weekends are deserted and cheap. I have a huge suite for \$102/night. Couldn't be nicer for a Comfort Inn price, and free breakfast and parking (literally next to the front door.)



**Staybridge Suites – Birmingham AL**



I arrived around 1pm and decided since it would take 30 minutes to get to Barber Motorsports Park, that I'd do that tomorrow when I can get there early and spend the entire day. So it was time for a nap in my very comfortable suite, then off for dinner.

I was hungry. I asked at the desk and they recommended a BBQ place at "5 Points" a part of town about a mile away. Last time I was in Birmingham I found the downtown completely de-



serted when the businesses were closed. Turns out what activity there is – is centered on 5-Points, where there are a number of food places and bars.

The hotel provided a free shuttle to anywhere within 3 miles, so I took their suggestion and their shuttle. Jim & Nick's was excellent.

### May 30th – Barber Motorsports Park and Museum – Leeds Alabama.



Leeds is just outside of Birmingham. On an off-traffic weekend (Memorial Day weekend) – it takes about 20 minutes to get there via local roads. Could go a bit quicker via highway, but what's the fun in that? Barber is the big-thing in Leeds. It's a race-track, motorsports museum complex that has to be seen to be believe. The race-track looks like a beautiful park. Lush green lawns down to the track, providing plenty of comfortable seating for anyone who wants to observe.



The museum is the real draw for me. It is the largest collection of motorcycles in the world, and almost every bike of any note is represented in their collection. Being there is like

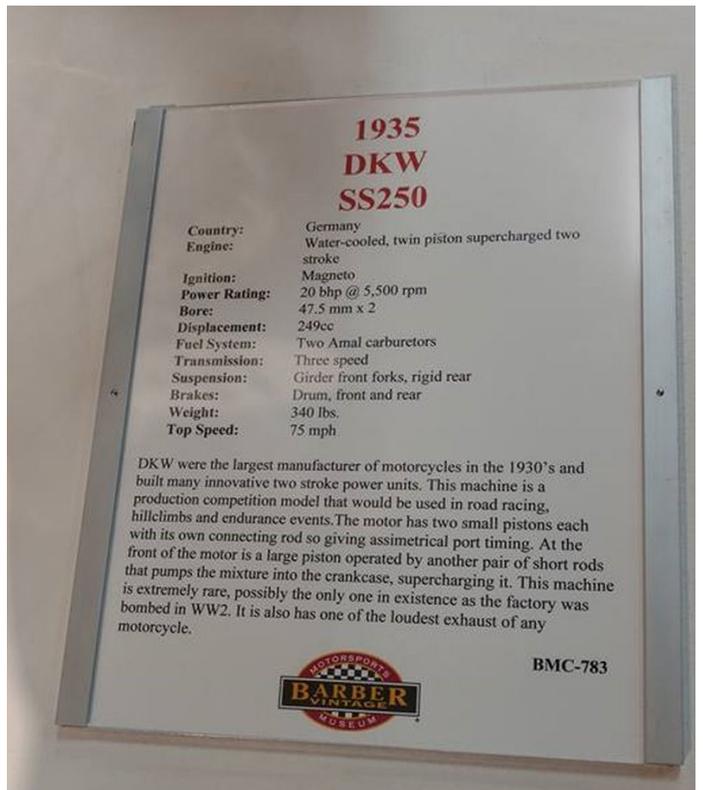
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walking through one of those huge “Motorcycle-Encyclopedia” books.

I got here early right after it opened so I had entire floors to myself, which makes for a special visit.

Thinking and ogling is easier without distractions like the HD clown who was busily fondling every Harley while sugar-buns takes his picture. You know you're insecure when you wear your do-rag inside. I guess it's to keep his pea brain from falling out. But – don't want to sound negative. It was easy to avoid them – just move to another floor, or one without any HD's.

There are lots of favorite bikes at Barber. It would be hard to think of a second-favorite, but I do know which is my first-favorite. A 1938 DKW 2-Cycle, twin – three cylinders. I'll let Barber explain..



It's good there isn't a bench right in front of the DKW because the rest of the day would have been lost to me – it's that interesting a bike. Brilliant engineering and quality of construction. I particularly love the centerstand – milled out of billet-aluminum.

I spent the entire day at Barber – got there at 10AM, left around 4:30PM. And I still have more to see next time. Wandered back to Birmingham, went to 5-Corners for dinner and made the mistake of trying somewhere else for dinner.



**Don't eat here..**

They do not know how to build a sub. They are very fast making one – but it just wasn't a sub. It was a roll with some cold-cuts tossed on. The sad part – it was right across the street from Jim & Nicks.

When I got back to the hotel I found my parking spot in the alcove directly in front of the main entrance was open – probably because as far as I could tell – I was the only guest in the hotel.

The staff was friendly – they didn't have much else to do on a Sunday night of a 3-day weekend, so we chatted a bit. The receptionist turned out to be from NJ, and we discussed what Birmingham lacked in comparison to New Jersey. Significant snow was a good thing to lack, although they did get an occasional dusting that put everyone in a panic and off the road. Decent subs and edible pizza were a sadly lacking thing. She thought someone could make serious money opening a pizza/sub place with traditional NJ offerings in the Birmingham area.

**To be continued..**

## **2016 Event Schedule**

Please email the editor with additions/corrections.

### **September**

- **September 7th - Moribundi Lunch**
- **September 9th-11th - AMA Racing @ NJ Motorsports Park (Millville) - Dave Rosen ride leader**
- **September 14th - Meeting**
- **September 16th-18th – Oktoberfest, Catskills – Don, Dan and ALL the club!**
- **September 21st – FINAL - Evening Ice Cream Ride - destination to be announced**
- **September 23-25th - Last Chance Rally**

### **October**

- **October 5th – Moribundi Lunch**
- **October 8th – Three Club Rumble - Skylands this year. Asbury NJ**
- **October 12th – Meeting**
- **October?? - Barber Vintage Festival**

### **November**

- **November 2nd – Moribundi Lunch**
- **November 9th – Meeting (nominations)**
- **November?? - IDEAS??**

### **December**

- **December 7th – Moribundi Lunch**
- **December 10th – Club Dinner - RD Swanson**
- **December 11th – Toy Run, Children's Hospital – Jim Thomasey**
- **December 14th – Meeting (elections)**

**There are also the regular Saturday morning "Breakfast Club" meetings, also announced via the Yahoo group list. Moribundi lunch locations are announced via Yahoo, and are at 12:30PM, the first Wednesday of every month.**

## **Re-Soling**

*Roger T..*

I have several pairs of boots that were in need of new soles but finding a shoe repair place to refurb motorcycle boots is difficult. Apparently it takes a lot of time and talent for a "cobbler" to put on new soles because most of today's boots have molded bottoms/soles rather than sewn-on ones. But if you have expensive and great fitting boots, it's a shame to toss them because the bottoms wear out.

Case in point: I have 4 yr old BMW AirFlow boots with the front 25% of soles worn out. The heels are in great shape but the tips are almost gone. The overall boot leather is in great shape. I assume that the boot tips were excessively worn because a ride a GS bike with 35" seat. I constantly stand on my tip-toes when stopping at street lights and intersections.

Fellow club member, Tom Suhocki told me of his shoe repair shop in Freehold that does boot repair. So a few weeks ago after our Allentown NJ breakfast ride, I delivered my first set of boots to **Cobbler & Tailor Shoe Repair, on business Rt 33 at 592 Park Ave, Freehold.**

They are located slightly north of the Monmouth Candy factory, in the back of a small strip mall.

The picture shows the excellent work they did. For \$75 they installed new thick half soles. A new pair of BMW Airflows run about \$225, so I thought mine were worth refurbishing. After inspecting his work on the AirFlows, I dropped off my winter set of boot for full re-soling.



## Meeting Weds – September 14<sup>th</sup> Park Nine Diner – 6PM **IMPORTANT**

Schneider's is **CLOSED** for September, our meeting will be held at the **PARK-NINE Diner, Rt 524/Rt9** just south of Freehold NJ. **Back Room.**

Again, the leathers, buckles, etc. are in excellent shape... just need new soles. Full soles are about \$25 more. I picked from a few tread designs and thicknesses. What he doesn't have in stock he is willing to order. I picked them up about 10 days later... excellent work!

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