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Winter is the coldest season of the year in polar and temperate climates, between autumn and spring. Winter is caused by the axis of the Earth in that hemisphere being oriented away from the Sun. Different cultures define different dates as the start of winter, and some use a definition based on weather. When it is winter in the Northern Hemisphere, it is summer in the Southern Hemisphere, and vice versa. In many regions, winter is associated with snow and freezing temperatures.

*Wikipedia*

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*

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)*

All general statements are false. *Unknown, The Ultimate Law*



## President's Message:



If you feel like the above photo this winter – we have something to help drag you out of the doldrums.

Our planning meeting was held at Crown Engineering (thanks Mike!) last month, and we ended up with a great schedule of events for the club. Something for everyone sort of schedule.

We once asked members what the club could do to be more appealing to our membership. The answer came back that a varied program of events would help since not everyone was on the same schedule, or even point in their life.

The past few years, we've worked on keeping what works and offering something new each year. This schedule has one day events, week-ends, during the week, evenings and mornings.

There really isn't any excuse to not find something you can participate in with the club. We have trips planned – multi-day – longer distance, foreign – you name it – we're doing it. We've looked at the best of the past and are hoping to introduce a few new things this year that we can nurture and grow as club activities.

One thing is needed for all this to happen. You. Without club members help and participation all of our planning will be wasted. Start by attending our monthly meetings, perhaps join the group that meets for breakfast every Saturday morning, or the new monthly Sunday Brunch.

See you at our January meeting at Schneiders!

Don Eilenberger (Recycled President)

## **FluffyButt III – Let's Ride More**

*Roger Trendowski*

It took awhile to get going ... a little nudging....a little competitive push.... and a little learning.

FB-III started months ago with Don Eilenberger leading the development of this NJ BMW clubs motorcycle event. Its purpose is to give you an excuse to get out of the house and "ride" somewhere. Sixty six places/things are listed. The goal is to take a picture of yourself or bike next to the item (to prove you rode your bike).



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Listed items are general enough to use your imagination, memory and web search ability to find one. There may be several locations which satisfy each of the items. For example, "grave marked unknown" or "mural on the side of a building" or "WWI monument." The first step is to ask yourself... where have I seen one? With memory cells fading, my next step is to search the internet. Finally as a last resort, I ask my wife for help. Eventually I come up with some good prospects for the target items.



After identifying target locations, I wrote down a trip plan that efficiently hit 4 or 5 items. My first



loop from home in Middletown was to a near-by 9-11 memorial, phone booth in my daughter's workplace, grist mill, and then a picture of Saturday morning breakfast attendees for a "club event." My memory served me well on these. The next items were from web searches... e.g. WWI and WW2 memorials, decommissioned submarine, century old farm, and covered bridge. For a covered bridge I planned to ride over to the Delaware River area where the web identified two. Then my wife intervened saying "how about the one next to the Middletown Train Station, only 1 mile from our house. Sure enough, there was one spanning the train tracks to a private home stranded on the "other side of the tracks."



The "learning" part of this activity was to find out how to use "Facebook Groups" to load pictures and create accompanying text so that only the Fluffy Butt "friends" would see it. Don gave me quick lessons on my cell phone at a club breakfast.

Now, after I come home with pictures of myself next to FB-III destinations, I upload the pixs and accompanying text to Facebook directly from my iPhone. For text, I put the FB-III item, then add a little more on where and what specifically the item is. (This will help the event judges to easily count the required items.)

To date 22 riders are participating but several are non NJSBMWR members. The end date is at the 3-Club Rumble this fall.

**Editors note:** At our next meeting, anyone who

wants help getting into our Fluffybutt group on Yahoo – I'll hang around after the meeting – you bring your cell-phone.

And I'll leave a copy of the "photo targets" in this issue of the newsletter.

## **The Power of a Dose of Motorcycling**

*Luigi Bosconi*

The winter can be difficult for motorcyclists waiting for the return of fair and balmy weather. But a dose of motorcycling can bring calm and harmony.

The 20th century philosopher Alexander DiCorcia made a study using 20,000 volunteers. He had them keep notes of how they spent their days to find out when they were happiest. He found that they were least happy at work or in a sick bed, but most happy when making love or riding motorcycles. He also found they were happier outdoors and less happy indoors.

The surprising thing is that most participants didn't know this as they spent 96% of their time indoors or in motor vehicles. So as the writer Anne Dillard said, how we spend our days is how we spend our lives. Thus the question: why don't we do what makes us happy?

At the University of Bologna, two psychology professors sent 200 students for walks and motorcycle rides. They found that the students consistently overestimated how good they would feel while walking and underestimated how good they would feel riding.

Social scientists call these forecasting errors. Unfortunately, people avoid motorcycles. This disconnect causes them to devalue the hedonistic benefits of riding. We don't spend enough time in these pursuits to notice how good they make us feel.

Scientists are only beginning to understand how even small doses of riding contribute to our feelings of well-being, our moods, and also our ability to think, to remember, to plan, create, day-dream and focus.

At the University of Palermo social psychology

professors found that just gazing at a motorcycle or naked woman just for a few minutes caused participants to behave more helpfully to others than those who just gazed at bicycles or prunes. Professor Marco Pedalino says the reason is momentary wonder and a little wonder makes you happier, kinder and more compassionate.

Even those who were timid and wary of motorcycles found participation helped them perform better on tests of short term memory and attention.

Professor Anthony Mortadella of the University of Anzio argues that even a little riding sustains us. Every little bit helps says Professor Angela Riccitelli of the University of Padua. "One ride is better than no rides", she says.

## January Meeting Minutes

*Thanks to Jerry Schreiber!*

**Art—treasurer report:** \$1234.24 + \$40.00 from 50/50. Art is looking for a new bank account where they won't charge us to store our money.

**Jim—secretary report:** 42 paying members

**Roger—breakfast club:** Has been meeting every Saturday – Snow, Rain, Nice. Join us!

**Dud—website report:** Added in the info for 6 months of the 2017 calendar. More to be done once the planning session is over.

**Old-Year and New Year Days rides:** 10 people were at the New Years Day Ride, about 4 attended the December 31<sup>st</sup> ride.

**FluffyButt-III:** Don, is chugging along and slowly growing in participation. Looking for more people to get out riding as the weather turns a bit warmer.

### Upcoming events:

**Planning Session** – January 18<sup>th</sup> at Crown Engineering. All urged to attend. FREE Pizza.

**Isle of Man trip** – Klaus, Dud, and perhaps Abe G.

**3-Club Rumble** – discussion on location. It's our club this year!

**Roger T is running for Board of Directors** of the MOA. Club members are urged to give him support and vote! More as the vote gets closer!

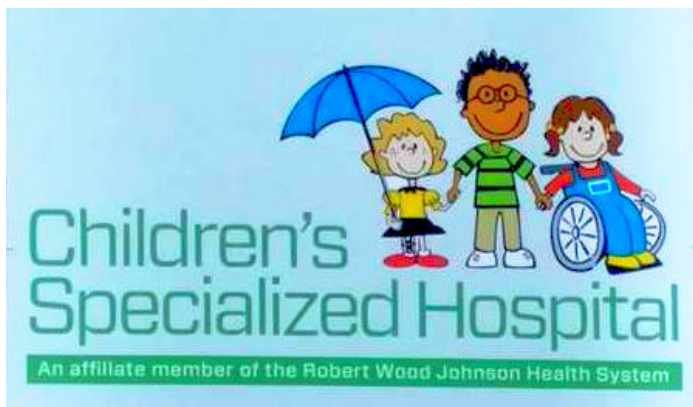
**Open Floor for Discussion** – nobody

**50/50 Drawing**

**Meeting adjourned** about 8:00PM

## Annual Toy Run - December 11th

*Don*



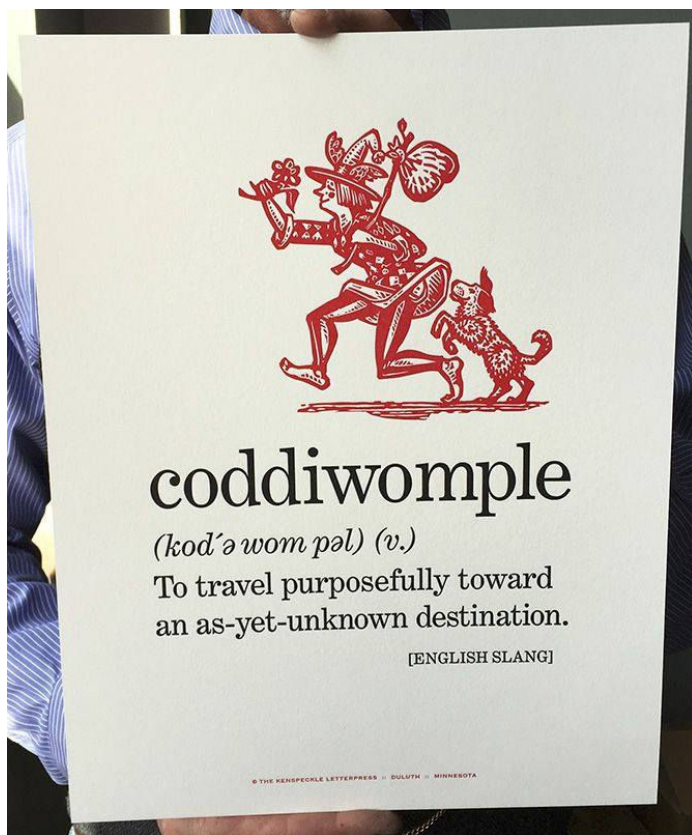
We received a great letter thanking us for our donations to the Children's Hospital:

*Dear NJ Shore Members,*

*We cannot begin to express our gratitude for your wonderful donation. On behalf of the patients, families and staff in the Long Term Care Center at Children's Specialized Hospital, we would like to sincerely thank you and share our appreciation to all the individuals that assisted with your donation and visit.*

*Thank you for providing such a magical holiday season for the children we serve. The sounds and sights of the bikes are very exciting for our kids, especially when they can sit on them for an amazing sensory experience! Even though it was a little chilly this year we are very excited that a group of our children got to experience this amazing event! We cannot thank you enough for your generous support, and as always, we are already looking forward to next year!*

*The holiday season would not have been a success for our children without everyone's hard work and generosity. Thank you for your compassion; we assure you that you made a difference in the quality of life of every child we serve. May each of you have a wonderful New Year, filled with health and happiness!*



## Annual Schedule of Events – 2017!

*Please send additions and corrections to the editor!*

### February

- February 1st - Moribundi Lunch
- February 5th - Polar Bear – Franklin House Tavern, Schaefferstown PA
- February 8th - Meeting
- February 12th - Polar Bear – O'Connors American Bar and Grille, Easthampton Twsp NJ
- February 15th - Movie Night @ Crown with NJMSP Presentation possibly
- February 19th - Polar Bear – The Exchange, Rockaway NJ
- February 26th - Polar Bear – Hooters, Wayne NJ

### March

- March 1st - Moribundi Lunch
- March 4th - Modern Classics Show, Martin Motorsports, Boyertown PA - ride leader - Bill Dudley
- March 5th - Polar Bear - Long Valley Pub & Brewery, Long Valley NJ
- March 8th - Meeting
- March 10<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> - Daytona
- March 12th - Polar Bear, Lighthouse Tavern, Waretown NJ

- March 15th - Tech session – Installing a fuse-block – location TBD
- March 19th - Polar Bear – Long Valley Pub & Brewery, Long Valley NJ
- March 26<sup>th</sup> – Polar Bear – Chatterbox, Augusta, NJ

### April

- April 2<sup>nd</sup> - Polar Bear – Brian's Harley-Davidson, Langhorne PA
- April 5th - Moribundi Lunch
- April 9th - Polar Bear – Hickory BBQ Smokehouse, Kingston, NY
- April 12th - Meeting
- April 23rd - Gathering of the Norton's Ride
- April 23<sup>rd</sup> – Polar Bear – Cheeburger Cheeburger, Easton PA
- April 30<sup>th</sup> – Polar Bear Final – Cape May VFW, Cape May NJ

### May

- May 3rd - Moribundi Lunch
- May 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> - Georgia Mountain Rally, Georgia (See Grant and Greg)
- May 10th - Meeting
- May 17th - Evening Ice Cream Ride - destination to be announced- Ben P
- May 19th-21st - Morton's Spring Fling, Natural Bridge VA - See Dave Rosen
- May 20<sup>th</sup>-21st – New Sweden's NS450, Cycle Gear, Cherry Hill NJ

### June

- June 5<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Americade, Lake George NY
- June 7th - Moribundi Lunch
- June 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> – Race of Gentlemen, Wildwood NJ
- June 14th – Meeting
- June 17<sup>th</sup> – Sunday Brunch, RD Swanson in charge
- June 21st - Evening Ice Cream Ride - destination to be announced – Ben P
- June 24th - Don's birthday
- June ???? - Airheads at the Aerodrome - Date to be announced June ?? - Ride to work day

### July

- July 5th - Moribundi Lunch
- July 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, RA National Rally - Michigan
- July 13th-16th - MOA Rally – Salt Lake City – (Roger T)
- July 14th - Afternoon - Club registration shift at MOA Rally (Roger T)
- July 14th - Evening - Club dinner at MOA



Rally

- July 19th - Meeting - rescheduled due to MOA Rally (someone tell Schneiders!)
- July 20<sup>th</sup>-23rd – Top of the Rockies Rally (Roger T)

### **August**

- August 2nd - Moribundi Lunch
- August 9th - Meeting
- August 16th - Evening Ice Cream Ride - destination to be announced – (Ben P)
- August 19th - Club Picnic – Location TBD

### **September**

- September 1<sup>st</sup>-4th – Finger Lakes, Finger Lakes NY (Roger T)
- September 6th - Moribundi Lunch
- September 8th-10th - AMA Racing @ NJ Motorsports Park (Millville) - (Dave Rosen)
- September 10<sup>th</sup> – Sunday Brunch – Location TBD – Grant D in charge
- September 13th - Meeting
- September 15th-17th - Oktoberfest, Catskills - Don, Dan and ALL the club! More on this..
- September 20th - FINAL - Evening Ice Cream Ride - destination to be announced – Thanks to Ben P!
- September ?? - New Sweden's Last Chance Rally, not too Buena, NJ

### **October**

- October 4th - Moribundi Lunch
- October 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> - Barber Vintage Festival
- October 7<sup>th</sup>- Three Club Rumble – **It's US this year.** Location TBD
- October 11th - Meeting
- October 15<sup>th</sup> – Sunday Brunch – Jerry R in charge

### **November**

- November 1st - Moribundi Lunch
- November 4<sup>th</sup> – Flemings Punkin Run – Mays Landing NJ (Rain date 11th)
- November 8th - Meeting (nominations)
- November 19<sup>th</sup> – Sunday Brunch – Jerry S in charge

### **December**

- December 6th - Moribundi Lunch
- December 9th - Club Dinner - RD Swanson
- December 10th - Toy Run, Children's Hospital - Jim Thomasey
- December 13th - Meeting (elections)

*Polar-Bear club group rides will be announced*

*weather permitting via the Yahoo group list.*

*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.*

*We've added monthly "Sunday Brunch" rides for the warmer months – with a different person picking the location each month.*

## **185 Miles and 2 Ounces**

*Roger Trendowski*

Last Saturday I headed over to Hatfield PA to visit Montgomeryville Cycle Center (MCC) to participate in their Chili Cook-off competition.

The BMW/Honda/Yamaha/Suzuki dealership is 89 miles from home in Middletown with no direct route between. Since their location is west of New Hope and Doylestown, I decided to go the "northern route" which was GSP to I287 to Rt202 (to New Hope/Lambertville) . Doylestown is further west on 202 with the dealership a few miles north on local roads.

While going on-route, I took a couple short detours along the Delaware River to pick up some Fluffy Butt III sites (a pedestrian suspended bridge and lonely house chimney).



Montgomeryville Cycle was also a F.B.-III target

as a "BMW MC Dealership outside NJ." I was surprised that I couldn't find a fourth F.B.-III target "welcome sign to PA" as I crossed the Delaware River on Rt202. There wasn't any. I guess PA doesn't want to encourage NJ travelers.

So, what does "2 ounces" refer to in the title? The Chili cook-off was hosted by MCC. Twelve non-professional chefs competed for first, second and third place prize money. Each contestant had a large crock pot of prepared chili and each had a pile of 4 oz cups and spoons.



About 100 visitors (myself included) toured the tables, tasted the excellent gourmet and voted for the best. There was "traditional chili" made from ground beef, but others were based on chicken, turkey, and smoked beef (consistency of pulled-pork). Each cup was filled about half full which is about 2 oz. or 2-4 spoonfuls. So 12 times 2 oz yielded about a pound and a half chili. My final chili, without warning labels, was HOT... spicy HOT.

Luckily there was also a beer micro-brewer on site which solved that problem. I made it 89 miles home in about 2 hours without unexpected emergency chili stops.

Overall: 185 miles, 7 hours, ~36 degrees F.

## Indians in Asbury – Jan.27

*RDS*

My son and I decided to do a lunch at Jody's fish place on 35 in Neptune (quite good), and then visit the new Indian Motorcycle dealership. They also have Royal Enfields. It's located at 318 Route 33, Neptune.

Jason Gamba, one of the owners was most hospitable. He told me that he and his partner have been in the motorcycle business for 25 years, mostly with Harleys. I guess this is their big venture.

They have plenty of floor space and a full range of models. Prices are about the same as Harley-Davidsons, meaning from just above \$10 thousand to just above \$20 thousand. They are nice and shiny, have a nice variety of colors and carry the Indian name. It's great motorcycle name and who can forget "The World's Fastest Indian"?

You want a cruiser with some panache and want to swagger into the local biker bar, this is your ticket. Apparently Polaris's decision to drop the Victory line was the greater number of Indian sales. They do have abs braking but not heated grips. Forward foot controls are not to my liking, but I suppose one could adjust over time.

They also have a nice line of Indian logo clothing and motorcycle accessories. I had to buy something so bought a hat. The Enfields are in an adjacent room. To my eye they are sharp. The prices are low and so is the horsepower, but I could live with one. I mentioned Colin Thompson's name, he remembered him and showed me the model he purchased. Nice ride, Colin!

There is also a large room for patrons, big TV, couches and a pool table. Jason said it's open for use when they are open. Could be a nice place to hang-out.

So I guess you could do a lot worse than an Indian or an Enfield. Pay them a visit and you might be tempted. Kicking tires on a gloomy January day or any day is always worthwhile. And don't forget the fish sandwich at Jody's.

## Movie Night – February 15th Crown Engineering!

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Our annual “Motorcycle Movie Night” will once again be held at Crown Engineering, Farmingdale, NJ. Starting time is 6PM. There will be popcorn if Don remembers to get some. And pizza!

The movie(s) hasn’t been decided on yet – but Bill Dudley promised us one that will be (1) wonderful (2) able to be played on some device that we can use to show it (unlike last year.)

Any members with motorcycle movies on DVD or thumb-drive are encouraged to bring them along in case we want some variety. We will

NOT be showing the Marianne Faithful classic “Girl on a Bike..”

## Going to Tampa and Renting a Harley

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*Bill Dudley*

We spent a week in January “wintering” in Tampa. Hey, it's cold outside and we're old, so this seemed like a good idea. Zhao has a friend living near Tampa with whom we could stay, and I had a \$650 credit with Amtrak that I had to use by June 2017, or I'd lose the money.

So off we went, on a slow, expensive train ride to Tampa. It takes 24 hours and 20 minutes to get to Tampa from Trenton. We booked a berth,

**FB-III - the list:**  
(and thanks much to Don Hamblin for most of these!)

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| ● 9/11 Memorial                                | ● Martha Washington slept here                  |
| ● A non-permanent festival or carnival         | ● Mini golf course                              |
| ● Abbey, convent or monastery                  | ● Monument placed by DAR                        |
| ● Amish store/bakery                           | ● Motorcycle museum                             |
| ● Anything “Royal”                             | ● Mural on side of building                     |
| ● Band stand                                   | ● National border sign                          |
| ● Bizarre/Odd road sign                        | ● Old water well                                |
| ● BMW motorcycle dealership outside NJ         | ● Pedestrian suspension bridge                  |
| ● BMW club rally or event                      | ● Petting zoo                                   |
| ● Boy Scout camp                               | ● Phone booth                                   |
| ● Caboose                                      | ● Presidential statue                           |
| ● Carved tree trunk                            | ● Scenic Drive road sign                        |
| ● Cave open for tours                          | ● Ship screw or airplane prop                   |
| ● Century farm                                 | ● Sign that includes a cattle brand             |
| ● Childhood home of a famous person            | ● Soda fountain                                 |
| ● Civil War monument                           | ● Spanish-American war monument                 |
| ● Closed movie theater                         | ● State border (welcome to XYZ..)               |
| ● Coin operated binoculars                     | ● State or National battlefield                 |
| ● Converted bank building                      | ● Statue of anything mythical                   |
| ● Covered bridge                               | ● Statue of historic figure on horse            |
| ● Decommissioned ship or submarine             | ● Statue to a Native American                   |
| ● Dinosaur statue                              | ● Steam locomotive operating or on display      |
| ● Distillery                                   | ● Sundial                                       |
| ● Fish hatchery                                | ● Tombstone not written in English              |
| ● Fluffy-Butt motel                            | ● Town name begins with a “Z”                   |
| ● Grave marked “unknown”                       | ● Unique shaped building (round, octagon, etc.) |
| ● Highest or lowest point in any state         | ● University Administration building            |
| ● Historic grist mill                          | ● Vineyard                                      |
| ● Historic military fort (not active)          | ● Washington slept here                         |
| ● Hometown of an astronaut sign                | ● Wind farm                                     |
| ● Hot spring                                   | ● Vietnam War monument                          |
| ● Iron-Butt motel                              | ● WW-I monument                                 |
| ● Lonely chimney (all that is left of a house) | ● WW-II monument                                |



which meant we spent our time in a tiny room with two bunk beds and a toilet and a sink; the bunks fold away when not in use so we had two decent reclining chairs for the non-sleeping part of the trip. Also, the toilet has a cover that makes it look like a table, so it's not like you're sitting in the bathroom for 24 hours.

Eventually, we arrived in Tampa, picked up our rental car, and drove to our hosts' home in Spring Hill, Florida, about an hour north of Tampa. Tampa has fairly serious traffic, and the fast roads are toll roads. Florida toll roads use "SunPass", so your NJ E-Z Pass won't work here.

A note from the Google: "Florida's Turnpike officials say Florida is ready to accept E-Z Pass, but the E-Z Pass states in the Northeast and Midwest aren't ready to accept SunPass. Congress has set a deadline of October 2016 for all toll systems to be compatible."

Our hosts, Liu and Larry, live in an over-55 golf/country club community. Larry is a motorcyclist, and we "bonded" over that and the fact that we both have Chinese wives.



I arranged to rent a Harley from HD of Tampa. A Harley wasn't my first choice, but the nearest Eagle Rider is over in Orlando, about 2 hours away. I ended up choosing a "Heritage Softail Classic"; I selected this because it has a decent passenger seat with back rest. The bike rented for \$130 a day, with unlimited mileage.

Over our two days with the bike, we rode about 300 miles total, including the 80 or so miles from Tampa HD to our hosts' house and back again. This wasn't an Iron Butt ride.

What was the riding like?

Florida is flat, and it's hard to find a road that isn't dead straight. Sometimes there's a small hill. If you're riding near the Gulf of Mexico, the inlets and marshy areas force the road to curve around a bit, so if you want "twisties", that's as good as it gets.

The Harley was OK for a day trip, but I wouldn't want to own one. The motor is nice enough; "plenty" of torque, as you would expect. You can accelerate almost from idle, which is nice in traffic (of which there was plenty). The vibration felt in the grips was just enough to be annoying; I don't know how much of a problem that would be on a multi-day ride.

The Harley's brakes and handling were sufficient for toodling about. My complaints about the Harley are the seating position, and the weight. The specs say it weighs 755 lb., and I can attest that it was a bear to get off the side stand. The seat and pegs are the deal breaker for me; I don't want to sit on my coccyx, and you can't "post" over a bump if the pegs are way out in front of your seat.

One final note: for the cost to purchase the rental motorcycle, about \$17,000, I could go to Florida every year for 22 years and rent the bike for week. I think that's about all the Harley Davidson I'm good for, anyway.

## Motorcycle Insurance from a fellow rider and club member



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## Monthly Meeting – February 8<sup>th</sup>

Schneiders German-American Restaurant

Main St (Rt 71) Avon NJ

**Eat @ 6PM**

**Meeting starts at 7:30PM**

