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"Remember what Bilbo used to say: It's a dangerous business, Frodo, going out your door. You step onto the road, and if you don't keep your feet, there's no knowing where you might be swept off to." J.R.R. Tolkien

"The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes." *Marcel Proust*

"A wise traveler never despises his own country." Carlo Goldoni

"The world is a book, and those who do not travel, read only a page." *Saint Augustine*

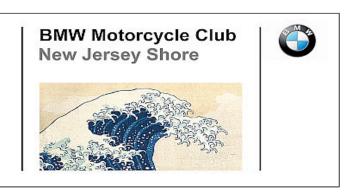
"The man who goes out alone can start today; but he who travels with another must wait till that other is ready." *Henry David Thoreau*

"My favorite thing is to go where I've never been." Diane Arbus

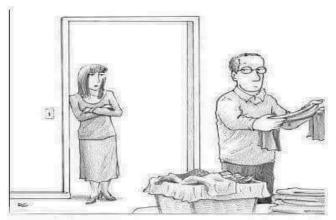
"Like all great travelers, I have seen more than I remember, and remember more than I have seen." Benjamin Disraeli

"I travel not to go anywhere, but to go. I travel for travel's sake. The great affair is to move." *Robert Louis Stevenson*

"The traveler sees what he sees, the tourist sees what he has come to see." *G. K. Chesterton*



President's Message:



"Look at you - folding laundry. And last night it was doing the dishes. Just exactly what part of 'No you're not buying another bike' don't you understand?"

The first of many club trips has already happened! In this newsletter Roger T reports on the ride to Fontana Resort in North Carolina for an MOA-Weekend event.

Jim Thomasey reports on the Gathering of the Nortons – a ride that traditionally kicks off the riding season (for people who have a "riding season"..)

More rides are planned – our calendar presents numerous opportunities to join club members in rides to events near and far. The Yahoo group announcements come regularly with weekend and weekday rides/events being announced.

All that's really needed is for YOU to get on the bike and ride.

That's the theme of this months quotes. Get out and ride. Life is a one-way trip – enjoy it while you're capable.

My favorite quote is the one from Robert Louis Stevenson: ""I travel not to go anywhere, but to go. I travel for travel's sake. The great affair is to move."

Some of my best rides have no fixed destination. They're simply travel for travels sake – to expose myself to something new, discover new roads, meeting new friends.

Get out there and ride on...

Don Eilenberger (Recycled President)

April Meeting Minutes

Don

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM. We had a great attendance and filled the lot with bikes!

<u>Treasurer's Report (Art G)</u> – Art reports that we have \$1064.23 in our treasury (a healthy sum for this time of year!)

<u>Secretary's Report</u> on Membership and renewals (Jim T) – 52 paid members and 17 new free members for a total of 69 members.

After greeting several new members to the meeting, we were immediately addressed by our guest speaker – Jerry Friedman, Biker Attorney on the subject of motorcycle insurance, and how to optimize your protection in NJ. Jerry was kind enough to contribute an article on the subject, which is in this newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS

- Breakfast Club has continued. Suggestions are welcome let Don know.
- Website (Bill D) and Yahoo, Blog (Don) Bill reported that he has constructed an alternative mailing list program, including an automated calendar system on his server in case Yahoo really continues to give us problems. Don reported on the changes Verizon is making to their email offering.



- Jim Thomasey reported on our recruitment efforts at the Cross-Country open house, and reported we signed up a total of 19 members. 17 free, two paid. GREAT JOB!
- 3-Club Rumble. Seeking an event planner, and location. Shark River Park has been selected for the location (Schoolhouse Road, Wall Twsp.) Greg Wright offered to take the lead on planning and promotion. THANKS GREG!

NEW BUSINESS

- Report on Oktoberfest Planning Don. We actively promoted the event with a banner (thanks Herb!) and handouts (thanks again Herb!) at the Cross-Country Open House. People were actually interested in attending. Beach Tours continues to promise us a \$750 gift certificate but it hasn't been forthcoming. Bob's BMW made an offer of door-prizes, will see if they follow through this year (last year they made promises and we never received anything.)
- Suggested meeting speakers- RD Swanson approached vendors at the Cross-Country Open House to see if they'd be willing to talk at one of our meetings – he got a favorable response from several. Dennis will be following up on this.
- Roger T again spoke of the need for registration volunteers at the MOA national in Utah (July 16th & 17th)

The 50/50 was drawn, meeting adjourned and people stood around outside chatting, kicking tires, telling lies for about 30 minutes.

Us 4, Them 14 - April 9

RD Swanson

Nice early Spring day, temps high 50's, low 60's, good day for a ride. Capt. Don had posted that he would be leaving his house at 10:45 to meet some New Sweden riders at the condiment station at Sandy Hook National Park. Dan indicated he would go. I didn't but decided at the last minute to make the ride. Got to Don's and they had already left so decided to try and catch them but never ever did. But I knew the destination and enjoyed the beautiful day.

When I arrived there was no one about and so decided to wait. Still no no one, so after a while I decided to leave. I have never been one to wait around. As I neared the entrance to the park a large group of motorcycles entered and I could tell right away they were BMW's. So I turned around and went back to condiment station and waited. Soon they arrived, at least 14 or 15, mostly BMW's. I recognized Vince Santaniello and got acquainted with the rest, most of whom I didn't know. There was a time I knew most of the New Sweden riders, but not anymore.

A short while later Dan and Don arrived and we all stood around, kicked tires and made for the rest room. It was decided to proceed to Mt.Mitchell, view the NYC skyline and then go to Sissie's restaurant in Atlantic Highlands for lunch.

It wasn't too crowded. We all got tables and broke bread. Not great food, but not bad either. It's a nice place with a waterfront setting.

After lunch the New Sweden riders headed south and Don led Dan, Herb Konrad and I out Navesink River Road, through secondary roads in Monmouth County and home. All in all a nice day

Gathering of the Nortons

Jim Thomasey

On Sunday April 23 under beautiful sunny skies, ten members met at our WAWA for the unofficial first ride of the season.

Leaving in different shifts, two groups took a route of their choice to Washington's Crossing Park in PA. A group consisting of Jim T., Dan T., Joe K. and Don rode through the farmlands of Freehold and continued through secondary roads bordering enough land to make you wonder how NJ license plates don't list us as the "Sod producing state". We stayed off the highways until just before Trenton, where we then took Rt 29 wondering why the license plates don't say "The intersection State".

Once we crossed into PA, we took a quick right, entered the park, found parking and began viewing the many older bikes on display. Our own member, Bill Dudley, displayed his vintage Norton while Klaus had his beautiful, blue Munch there too. While there were many Norton's, there was only one Munch!



Mike Kowal came on his cruiser

This gathering of bikes seems to get MUCH bigger each year along with a growing and very

sizable crowd. With only food and T-shirts to offer a distraction, all of the attention is on the bikes. Everyone who has had a British bike reminisced about their own youthful transportation.

In addition to the Norton brand, there was a very large display of Triumphs and BSA's too. Mixed in with the British bikes were BMW's, Harley's and some Japanese bikes, including the Honda 750 4 cylinder whose popularity ironically contributed to the demise of the British bike industry.



After viewing the bikes, Don lead the balance of the group up the river a bit to Bowman's Tavern. While some of you were eating mediocre burgers off paper plates with drinks cooled by the ice culled from the previous patrons glass, we were feasting on delicious burgers, roast beef, and lamb sandwiches served on real dishes in a room with a piano player who also sang. Very good food and there was a rumor that this establishment may become a destination point for a group ride. Just sayin'.



Leaving the tavern we again traveled up the river a bit more until we made a left on Aquetong Rd. I was expecting to see Jethro Tull

along the way, but instead we found empty curvy roads which took us to Rt 263 and a way around all the traffic in New Hope. Following 263 we came back into NJ over the Bridge Street bridge in Stockton. They sure do have a knack for inventive street names in that part of N.II

Don then lead us on a variety of back roads that included a trip to Duck Island near Trenton. No one in our group besides Don had been there before and now we know where the Capital City Yacht Club is located. And warehouses and parking lots. And a swamp.



Annual Schedule of Events – 2017!

Please send additions and corrections to the editor!

May

- ► May 3rd Moribundi Lunch
- May 5th 7th 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 20th-21st New Sweden's NS450, Cycle Gear, Cherry Hill NJ

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- June 5th-10th Americade, Lake George NY
- > June 7th Moribundi Lunch
- June 10th-11th Race of Gentlemen, Wildwood NJ
- → June 14th Meeting
- → June 17th 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

<u>July</u>

- > July 5th Moribundi Lunch
- > July 5th-9th, 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 20th-23rd Top of the Rockies Rally (Roger T)

<u>August</u>

- > August 2nd Moribundi Lunch
- ➤ August 9th Meeting
- August 16th Evening Ice Cream Ride destination to be announced - (Ben P)
- August 19th Club Picnic Tom Spader's

September

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

<u>October</u>

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

November

- ➤ November 1st Moribundi Lunch
- November 4th Flemings Punkin Run Mays Landing NJ (Rain date 11th)
- ➤ November 8th Meeting (nominations)
- November 19th 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.

Firefighters - April 30

RDS

Overcast and cool but no precipitation predicted so I called the Captain to see if he was up for a lunch ride. He was still sleeping, but called me later to say Dan was due at his place at 11:30 and a ride was in the works.

So off we went through hill and dale. Don found some roads that were slightly challenging and new to me.

We stopped for lunch in Bordentown. The downtown area is quite nice with lots of storefront restaurants and a variety of off-beat stores. We perused the menus to find the cheapest place and picked an eatery with a theme of old radios and an interesting selection of sandwiches and salads.

We shed our Aerostich suits and piled them on a chair and sat down to order. Our waitress was

an American sweetheart with a splendid posterior. She had a nice way about her. Don's humor sort of escaped her, but she took our orders and soldiered on.

About midway through the meal she hesitantly asked us if we were firefighters or something. We asked why the question and she said those suits you wear, "What are they?" Riding suits for geeks was the response. Not really, but we explained they are protective riding suits. She seemed to understand.

We left a generous gratuity.

Fontana Village MOA Getaway Rally Ride (Apr 19-24)

Roger Trendowski

Without much planning or forethought, I decided to attend this MOA Rally when I heard Herb Konrad was looking for a ride partner.

My first question: where is Fontana Village / Lake? Then #2 Q: what is there to see in the area? A quick Google search answered both. Fontana village is a resort on a very irregular shaped lake at the southern end of Great Smoky Mountains National Park. It's located in the North Carolina mountains about 8 miles from Tennessee and the southern end of the Tail of the Dragon in Deals Gap. Georgia is only 65 miles to the South.

We took a day and half to get there. Meeting on Interstate 81 near Carlisle PA early morning on Wednesday 4/19, we rode south on 181 and turned south on I77 just past Roanoke VA. We continued on 177 into NC and then turned Easterly on secondary roads to the town of Advance NC (just West of Winston Salem) to meet with a friend I haven't seen in several years. After dinner with Carl and his wife at a very southern restaurant, we toured Carl's TV station and historic Mercedes SL collection (two restored, 1981 and 1985). Carl, a real techie from the 70s and 80s retired a few years ago to focus on his cars and his old Radio and TV restoration hobby. He showed us several TVs from the 30s/40s with small picture tubes. Carl completely rebuilds the circuitry, replaces tubes and components and

then refinishes their wood cabinets. Now comes the "TV transmitter" part of the story. Because all TVs before mid 2000 were analog and not digital, the only way he can test and watch these old TVs is to have his own low-power TV station... in his garage. (located in a small 4' rack of equipment.) He receives digital TV programming via cable TV, converts it to "analog' signals and then transmits it to his antique TV collection around his house.



Someplace in Tennessee

We headed West on Interstate 40 and overnighted in Hickory NC. Thursday morning we continued on I40 through Ashville and then south on Route 74 to Sylva NC. Here we met old friends at a "book-signing" held at a bookstore/café (this is another story for another time).

From Sylva we backtrack in direction but not route to Maggie Valley. "Wheels Through Time" motorcycle museum (As seen on TV!) is located in the heart of the mountains in the town of Maggie Valley.

The museum displays hundreds of American-made bikes manufactured since the early 1900s by Harley, Henderson, Pierce, Indian, and others. There were many fully restored antique bikes but many more bikes in unrestored condition. An interesting section of the building housed different types of machines powered by motorcycle engines. There were farm equipment, very early jetski/boat, airplane, air compressor, lumber saw. The entire internal building architecture looks like an "old repair shop."

Herb and I met the museum owner and TV host

Dale Walker who was just walking the floor and conversing with visitors.



From "Wheels T T" we headed straight to Fontana Village...although "straight" is a misnomer. In this part of the country, there is rarely a straight road and in fact many twists and turns reminded me of the infamous "Dragon." On route we ate at "Grannies" a local buffet in Cherokee NC and near the Cherokee

Casino. This was another "real southern style" restaurant serving among other things, fried this and fried that, sausage gravy, hushpuppies, etc. (By the way, Herb and I did not eat in any fast food places over the entire trip... we sought out only local places except for the two MOA Rally provided dinners.)

Fontana Village is truly a mountain resort. There are a mixture of cabins, motel-buildings, and large hotel building with meeting rooms, guest rooms, restaurant, pool, exercise equipment. Also there are huge stone fireplaces, and outdoors fire pits for group gatherings... and bars for liquid nourishment. Our hotel room's sliding backdoor opened to the pool area. All the buildings, including the separate building for our Rally meetings and dinner, are located on a side-hill which made walking to our room after refreshments a bit challenging at night, in the rain and with the pathways somewhat spinning.

While scoping out the place upon arrival, we met and had dinner with several of the MOA staff and Board folks including Bob Aldridge, Bill Wiegand, Stan Herman, and Deb Lower.

On Friday Herb and I started out early, entering the Dragon at 7:30am before the mass of bikes

and cars arrived. It was a good move; very little traffic on route 129, good weather, no RVs to slow us down, dry curves/road (318 curves in 11 miles = Dragon), and three police cars at the North end of the Dragon obviously planning their day's attack. We took a wide North-Westerly 160 mile loop which ended up back at Deals Gap/Dragon.



Herb at the end of the Dragon

Herb's friends (James and wife) from Grenville SC joined us on Saturday for a 115 mile Southerly loop ride and evening dinner. We had 5 bikes together on this ride although half way through it I diverted to the BMW shop in Ashville. My F800GSA chain had been adjusted several times before and during the trip and needed to be replaced. (Which is worse, changing oil in a rear drive or replacing chain and sprockets at 18K miles?) EuroSports BMW, about 90 miles away, took me in without a service appointment and replaced chain/sprockets in a total of 2 hours including wait time. They're a very good dealership selling only BMW and KTM.

Back at Fontana, Saturday night's dinner included recognition for longest distance rider, lowest MOA # (Deb Lower with # 9 thousand something), youngest rider, etc. All rally goers received a tee shirt and MOA toiletry/shaving kit bag.

Luckily we had excellent weather for riding from Wednesday, the day we left home, and every morning/afternoon riding at the Rally. It made the roads and twisties excellent. However it

rained both evenings at the Rally... but we weren't riding then. In Herb's words, "it pays to get up early!" The ride back to NJ was cold and rainy. Over 750 miles with cold rain from early morning Sunday to Sunday night (motel near Roanoke VA) and then rain again leaving the motel Monday morning to Harrisonburg PA. The weather cleared by the time Herb and I stopped for lunch in Middlesex PA (near Carlisle) which was the same place we met to begin our trip. We split after lunch and made our final journeys home (185 miles for me).

Great trip, excellent MOA Getaway Rally, unbelievable riding area. Total miles for me = 2,100.

Uninsured and Underinsured Motorist Coverage

Jerry Friedman Esq., Biker Attorney

When accidents occur, the injured motorcyclist must look to the policy of the driver at fault for compensation. Unfortunately, almost 40% of all vehicles in New Jersey are either totally uninsured or carry the minimum coverage required of \$15,000.00.

Motorcycle accident injuries can have a devastating impact on the life of the injured rider and his or her family. Hospital and medical bills can soar. Since motorcycles are excluded from automobile No-Fault coverage, the rider must look to alternative sources such as health insurance, Medicare or union plans, many of which either exclude motorcycles or require reimbursement of the benefits they pay from the recovery against the driver who caused the accident. Often times, the medical bills alone exceed the other driver's insurance limits.

All motor vehicle liability policies in the State of New Jersey, including motorcycles, are obligated to provide uninsured motorist (UM) coverage and offer additional underinsured motorist (UIM) coverage as an option. UM and UIM coverage is a part of your own policy. UM coverage provides compensation for injuries suffered at the hands of uninsured drivers. UIM coverage provides additional protection when the other driver has inadequate insurance coverage.

Since passage of the UM/UIM law, policyholders in New Jersey are permitted to choose higher UM/UIM limits to protect themselves and their families. As a result, persons injured in motor vehicle accidents are no longer dependent on the liability coverage of the other driver and can maintain additional protection under their own insurance policies.

The UM/UIM law applies to all privately-owned motor vehicles, not just automobiles, and includes trucks and motorcycles. As a general rule, most automobile insurance companies include UM/UIM limits that match your liability limits. But the same may not always be true for motorcycle policies. Many times, motorcycle policies will have high liability limits and lower or minimum UM/UIM limits. In either situation, always check the declaration page of your policy or ask your agent to confirm the limits of all coverages on your policy.

I recommend that riders maintain the highest available limits of UM/UIM coverage on their motorcycle policy, which for most insurance policies is \$250,000 per person and \$500,000 per accident.

Uninsured and Underinsured Motorists Coverage is a key component to your automobile and motorcycle insurance package. Press your agent or broker for an explanation of what their company offers and at what price.

Many riders purchase minimum policies for their motorcycles or automobiles. While financial cost is always a consideration, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure". Nowhere is this more apparent than in my law practice, where daily I represent riders with life altering injuries and inadequate insurance to compensate them.

Being unexpectedly struck and seriously injured by a negligent driver is always a surprise. Finding out he has little or no insurance can be an even bigger one! Be prepared and protect yourself with maximum limits of UM/UIM coverage.

Editors note: Thanks MUCH to Jerry for a very informative talk at our meeting and this writeup about making sure you're adequately covered for motorcycle insurance in the state of NJ.

Zero Motorcycle Test Rides at Mt. Holly Motorsports April 22nd

Ben P

After a club breakfast at the Lakehurst Diner, members of the club rode to Vincentown, NJ to check out a test ride event sponsored by Zero Motorcycles at Mount Holly Motorsports.

Joe wanted to see for himself what the fuss was all about. I had previously ridden the 2016 Zero SR (sporty naked bike, think Ducati Monster 797 or an R1200R) and Zero DS (ADV style, not hardcore like a GS, think Ducati Scrambler).

The 2017 SR and DS have small but significant improvements over the previous year models.

The most obvious is the big bump in torque for the SR to 116 ft/lbs, up from 106. Also improved is the motor thermal capacity and cooling to prevent the electronics from having to reduce power when riding at high speed for prolonged periods. A new model, the Zero FXS, was also being shown. It is a supermoto bike like a Ducati Hypermotard, with a smaller battery pack and motor but lighter weight than the SR or DS. The FXS is a playful enduro bike with street tires. There was initially also a DSR in the fleet.

The DSR is a DS with the more powerful SR motor. Joe tried the FXS, I tried the SR and FXS and Colin rode the DS. While acceleration rates vary, they are all quite capable of distorting the time-space continuum when the right hand cylindrical device is rotated far enough.

The most common questions about any electric vehicle are range, charging time and battery replacement costs. Easiest to answer is the misconception of expensive battery replacement.

There was one story of a Toyota Prius needing a \$7k battery replacement that stuck to everybody's collective memory. No need to replace batteries. Period, exclamation point! Zero batteries are guaranteed for 360k miles. Not many motorcycles stay around long enough for that many miles unless they go through a major rebuild.

Charging time varies with voltage and battery size from 11 hours (110v with largest battery combo) to 1 hour for the FX (using accessory chargers at 220v). Range is directly related to battery pack size and affected by speed, riding style, weather and several other minor ones. A Zero S/SR/DS/DSR can usually get 108-122 miles combined city/highway riding in its base configuration (limiting highway speeds to 75mph). But who asks about gas mileage when they buy a motorcycle?

My take on the Zeros in general is that they provide a visceral yet refined motorcycle experience. The ride is comfortable, the power is addicting, the handling is predictable (and sporty on SR and FXS) and rider control is amazing. There are ECO, sport and custom modes (modified through smart phone app). Throttle control is exemplary and negates the need for a gearbox. If you tour BMW-style, then a Zero would be an excellent second bike for local trips. If you commute sane distances, then a Zero might be the perfect commuter bike.

With virtually zero maintenance costs other than "consumables" (brake pads and tires), you can pile on tons of miles to get a trophy from Roger and not be hampered by expensive periodic visits to a service bay.

I will address the lack of noise. I find it quite refreshing. It's different when you can hear animals scampering beyond the tree line, yet your visuals are giving you "conflicting" cues that you are actually traveling at speed. But instead of sensory deprivation, you smell your surroundings, feel the temperature changes, and are more aware of the way Newton's laws of physics act on your body because of the bike's torque.

You become more attuned to your bike as you listen to your contact patch interacting with the road surface as it bends around a corner. Most gratifying too is the absence of slack from when you twist the throttle. The electric motor immediately turns the rear wheel, no take up delay from a typical drivetrain. There will always be the obligatory "Holy shit!!!" scream as your helmet cheek pads try to suppress that impish grin. I saw it in Joe's face and I detected it in Colin's, too.

Motorcycle Insurance from a fellow club member and rider!

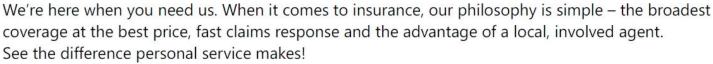
Contact Greg Wright for all your motorcycle insurance needs. Greg is an active club member and supporter. He understands your needs when it comes to motorcycle insurance.

The Wright Agency will provide at least three competitive quotes while making sure you're adequately covered.

More than just buying insurance:

Face to Face personal attention.

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Monthly Meeting – May 10th

Schneiders German-American Restaurant
Main St (Rt 71) Avon NJ
Eat @ 6PM
Meeting starts at 7:30PM

