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"Statistics show that we lose more fools on this day than on all other days of the year put together. This proves, by the numbers left in stock, that one Fourth of July per year is now inadequate, the country has grown so. " *Mark Twain (1835 - 1910)*

"For four-fifths of our history, our planet was populated by pond scum." *J. W. Schopf*

"The only people who find what they are looking for in life are the fault finders." *Foster's Law*

"Whenever you are asked if you can do a job, tell 'em, 'Certainly I can!' Then get busy and find out how to do it. " *Theodore Roosevelt (1858 - 1919)*

"The smart way to keep people passive and obedient is to strictly limit the spectrum of acceptable opinion, but allow very lively debate within that spectrum - even encourage the more critical and dissident views. That gives people the sense that there's free thinking going on, while all the time the presuppositions of the system are being reinforced by the limits put on the range of the debate. " *Noam Chomsky (1928 -)*

"Go broke for what you love. It's only money; only stuff." *John Mayer*

"Democracy is the recurrent suspicion that more than half of the people are right more than half the time. " *E. B. White , New Yorker, July 3, 1944*

**BMW Motorcycle Club
New Jersey Shore**



President's Message:



It's traveling time. A few brave members are heading to the BMW-MOA Rally in Utah. Ben Paraan is wandering the Colorado area visiting family.

I finished my long wander for the season a few weeks ago. 34 days away – about 27 days spent on the road. The majority of them avoiding highways as much as possible.

The Spring Fling has come and gone – and we had great attendance again this year.

Our next "big" event is the annual club picnic. I believe Tom Spader has once again offered his lovely waterfront back yard as a location. Do we have any volunteers who will help make this as enjoyable as it has been in prior years?

Originally we had planned to reschedule the July meeting due to the MOA rally – but given that only a few members are attending – our meeting will be held as usual on the 2nd Wednesday evening of the month.

I haven't received much in the way of newsletter fodder for this issue. I'm missing any notes or information on what transpired at our June

meeting when I was absent. I want to thank Jerry Schreiber for picking up the gavel while I was gone. I understand the Schuberth representative was at the meeting – but I have no idea if he showed the new Concept-4, or what was discussed.

The Three-Club Rumble is upcoming in October. I know that Greg Wright has been diligently working on making it the best ever. I hope that Greg can make our July meeting and fill us in a bit on what his plans are. I have some idea of what he's thinking – but would like him to present it – and for others to pitch in and give him a hand.

Thanks to Bill Dudley for putting together the June newsletter – an outstanding job Bill!

You might have noticed I've asked several times for help in this month's column. Without club members pitching in and helping out the few people who seem to do everything in the club rather quickly get burnt out. More participation on planning and organizing events by the club members is needed – or the club will start to fail. I'm going to start asking people directly to help out with certain events/planning. I'll do it in private – and hope not to hear why not – but be asked what can be done to help make the club successful.

Meanwhile – Happy 4th of July (the newsletter is being done on the 4th..)

Don Eilenberger (Recycled President)

June Meeting Minutes

Don

I received nothing in the way of Minutes of the June meeting – so nothing is all that I can report. Sorry.

Second C2C2C – May/June

Don

You were forewarned that if I didn't receive adequate newsletter fodder – you'd be subject to a recounting of my 2nd Coast-2-Coast-2-Coast ride.

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This ride started when my son and his wife bought their first house in Los Angeles. The home inspector had suggested that GFCI outlets really should be installed in all wet locations. Since he has 3 bathrooms and a kitchen – that was quite a few outlets. He bought the outlets and then proceeded to attempt installing them. Strange thing – after installing them – and a lot of phone and web consultation – none of them would work.

My wife suggested I go out and see what could be done. This was around March – and she obviously thought I'd do the sane thing and get a plane ticket and go. I decided it was a good excuse to take a ride.

My usual MO for an annual wander is to go to Spring Fling in Virginia with the club, then take off for wherever I was headed. This was once again my modus-operendi. Only difference between this time and the last time – I did less pre-planning this time. Last time was a general idea to head west until I reached an ocean or was tired of heading west. This time – I just left.

Planning – very little was done. I had a sorta date picked when I thought I could arrive in LA to fix the outlets (June 1st) – but I purposely gave myself a buffer of a day or two either side of the 1st. Might get there earlier, might get there later. This was fine with my son, his wife seemed a bit more concerned with when I'd be there (part of her concern was they hadn't gotten a guest bed yet..)

Day 1 (May 21st) – heading west: I took I-64 from Lexington VA to Grayson KY. I try to avoid the interstates when I can – but if you have to take an Interstate – I-64 through West Virginia isn't to be sniffed at. Somehow West Virginia resisted the urge to knock down all the mountains in the way and made an Interstate that's fun to

ride – even when it was slightly wet. I left Natural Bridge in a light rain. The rain continued until near Charleston WV – and that was pretty much the last of rain for the entire trip.

Grayson's overnight lodging was an unfinished Quality Inn (under reconstruction) and dinner was at a Shoney's. The Shoney's was a first for me – the unlimited buffet explained the double-wide butts that are quite common in the area. I stuck to a chicken salad.

Day 2 – Kentucky (May 23rd) – I've gone through Kentucky before – and found it has outstanding roads. I guess that's due to Mitch McConnell. He's probably using all the money Robert Bird used to get for West Virginia roads (which are now pretty awful.) Kentucky has some great riding through the horse country – and US-60 cuts right through. I ended up staying someplace not memorable (probably a free night at a Choice hotel of some kind), and having a fine dinner at El Nopal – a Mexican restaurant.



El Nopal: Warm, hot, hotter, nuclear.



Mary Todd Lincoln's Childhood Home in Lexington KY

Day 3 (May 24th) – French Lick and West Baden Indiana. I'd passed through French Lick on the last trip – heading the other way. I just liked the name the first time. Then I saw the

West Baden Springs hotel/resort. That gave me a reason to stop back.



The Springs was a popular resort back when people traveled by train – and went to a hot-springs for the “cure”..

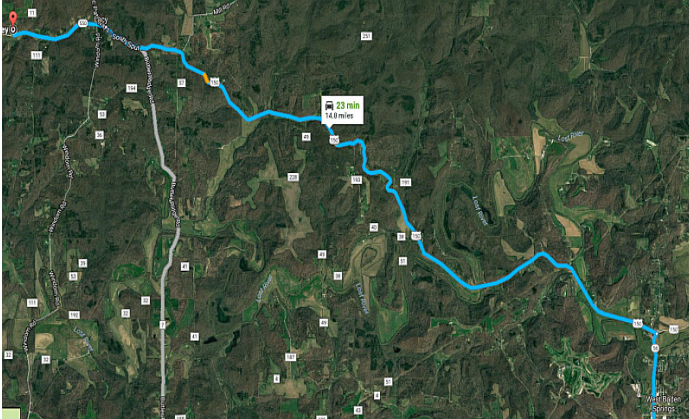


West Baden was built in 1901, went broke in 1929 with the stock market crash bankrupting most of its clientele. It went through a succession of owners, including the Jesuits, a private

college and some land speculators. It was close to demolition in the 1990's – when some investors bought it and the nearby French Lick Resort, added a casino, and restored them both to their early 20th century grandeur.

I mostly rode around the grounds – which are wonderful. I intend to come back to stay some time – but with SWMBO.

Leaving the town of French Lick is Rt 150 – a truly wonderful road for motorcycles.



Vincennes Indiana is worth a ride through. Aside from an amazing limestone bridge that crosses the Wabash River into Illinois. It has a college, and one of the real attractions of the college is the Red Skelton Museum/Library.



I continued on in Illinois, a flat boring state. That evening I stayed somewhere in Illinois. The only

memorable part of the stay was a farm behind the motel had bison as livestock.

To be continued..



Vincennes Indiana to Illinois bridge. The Illinois side is nowhere near as nice.

Annual Schedule of Events – 2017!

Please send additions and corrections to the editor!

July

- July 5th - Moribundi Lunch
- July 5th-9th - RA National Rally – Michigan
- July 12th - Meeting, Schneiders, Avon.
- 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

August

- 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

October

- 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)

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.

Our Ride in 100 Degree Temperatures

Bill Dudley

We had occasion to ride from Tucson, AZ to LA, and the forecast was for 100+F temperatures in Arizona along the I-8 corridor. It's only about 600 miles from Tucson to LA via I-8 and I-5, so in the past I've done that as one day (solo) or two 300 mile days (with Zhao).

However, last year Zhao had a real close call with heatstroke in Yuma Arizona at the end of a 300 mile day -- she reported to me over the intercom that she had lost her sight! Needless to say we were pretty freaked out about this. Fortunately, the condition was temporary, but since

then Zhao has been a bit "gun shy" about riding in 100+ temperatures.

After the heat stroke event last year, I bought cooling vests at Cycle Gear, so that I could make riding in 100+ temps tolerable. Cycle Gear sells vests for \$40 or \$50, and they have stores in every major city, so we bought two in Torrance, CA last year.

This year, armed with our cooling vests, we once again left Tucson for LA. However, our trip this year was also a full month later than last year's trip, which was in May. The forecast for Phoenix on Tuesday of the week we left Tucson was for the temp to hit 120F!

Because of the forecast, I decided to make this 600 mile ride into a three day affair. The first day, about 2/3 of the way from Tucson to Gila Bend, we stopped by the side of the road and put the vests on, as the temperature was getting into the 90's.

Each day we rode about 200 miles, and on the first two days, we checked into the motels about noon, just as the temps were getting into the mid to high 90's.

The third day we arrived at my brother's house in LA, plus half that day's ride was in higher elevations where the temperature wasn't as silly as it was in El Centro or Yuma.

We hid out in the motel room most of the day. Even though there was a swimming pool at each of our motels (Gila Bend and El Centro), it was so hot that we waited until 8PM to go out to the pool. It was just too hot during the afternoon to venture out for more than a few minutes.

I realize that there are optimizations that one can make in one's riding gear to make it possible to ride all day in these temperatures, but we're not Iron Butt competitors; if it's not fun, why do it? It's not like we have a schedule to keep, we're just riding around out here having fun.

We'll be at the MOA Rally in Salt Lake City in a couple of weeks; I hope we'll see some of you there.

Editors note: Many people make the mistake of thinking mesh gear is the stuff to wear in high tem-

peratures. It's often not a good choice. Below 85F ambient it may be OK, above that temperature, and especially in the hot-dry southwest the mesh gear can create the conditions for heatstroke.

Why? Above 90F with low humidity – the mesh gear allows too much air to reach your body, rapidly evaporating the normal sweat – which is the body's way of helping protect itself from overheating. Above 98F the heated air hitting your body is actually heating it up just like a hair-dryer would.

What works? What do desert dwellers wear? As much coverage of fairly loose fitting wind-resistant clothing – keeping the hot wind and reflected heat from the pavement off you is really the answer. Combined with a good evaporative vest this will keep you cooler and make it easier to stay hydrated. My choice is – my Aerostich Roadcrafter.

I use an evaporative vest - “charged” overnight in a plastic vacuum bag with ice water in the motel refrigerator, and my full Aerostich Roadcrafter. As the temperature rises and the humidity decreases, I start closing some of the air vents on the ‘stich to help slow the evaporation from the vest.

At each gas stop, I'll go into the attached store (every gas station seems to have one now), take off the vest, put it back in the bag, then add water to the bag, and some ice if I can mooch it from the fountain-drink machine. Let it sit for 15 minutes while I cool down in the air-conditioning and gulp down a Gatoraid – and it's ready to put back on and ride on.

Using this technique – I've crossed the Mohave desert in 115F temps in comfort. I managed to stay comfortable even in Kansas with it's higher humidity by simply opening more ‘stich vents. Why does mesh gear sell? Marketing, and it seems like it would be cooler. Unfortunate. FWIW – I own no mesh gear. Owning an '85 K100RT (ie – Hades) taught me often more coverage = cooler body.

Matheny Medical Center Ride June 15

Roger Trendowski

Traveling from the shore to Matheny in Peapack NJ it was typical for a Thursday afternoon in the

height of the “get-home-at-all-costs” commuter traffic. Running north on the GSP at 4:30pm and then north on I287 is always an ordeal. Stop and Go in Bridgewater and a couple other areas is expected....in a car it's annoying... on a bike it is brutal. But the event at Matheny is worth it.

The Matheny Medical and Educational Center is a special hospital for children and adults with medically complex developmental disabilities. I arrived at the club meeting place, Peapack Fire Department just before 6pm.

Skylands Club volunteers/hosts Ken Maas and Eric Suhr greeted everyone arriving. Kenton Seydell from our club was already at the meeting place with his green R100 and sidecar.

We left the fire department parking lot about 6:15pm with a fire engine and police car leading the pack for the 15 minute ride to Matheny. I didn't count but there were a couple dozen motorcycles, a huge 3-wheeler w/V-8, two side car bikes and a couple of unusual vehicles.



When we arrived at the Center, the kids and staff were lined up along the sidewalk, all waving and shouting with joy as the fire engine (siren ringing) and bikes/cars (horns blowing) drove past them.

The side car rigs, vehicles and 3-wheeler lined up at the curb and staff members help lift the kids onto the seats.



Volunteer drivers gave six or more rides around the property's parking lots. The kids love riding in Kenton's sidecar/bike. There was true joy on the faces of the kids as they got in and out of the vehicles; the louder the noise, the wider their smiles.



July 12th, 2017 Meeting Agenda

- 1 - Call to order (7:30 - Don)
 - 2 - Welcome new/returning members (Don)
 - 3 - Treasurer's Report (Art G)
 - 4 - Secretary's Report on Membership and re-
newals (Jim T)
 - 5 - OLD and CONTINUING BUSINESS
 - a) Breakfast Club (Don)
 - b) Website Updates (Bill D absent) and Ya-
hoo, Mailing List, Blog Updates (Don)
 - c) 3-Club Rumble - Greg (?)
 - 6 - NEW BUSINESS
 - a) Sunday Bruch Schedule - rotating selec-
tions - RDS?
 - b) Ocktoberfest - Don and ??
 - c) Club picnic - Tom Spader and ??
 - d) Club socks? Don
 - 7 - Open floor for discussion (Anyone)
 - 9 - 50/50 drawing (Joe K)
- END - Adjourn and stand around talking for 30
minutes or so

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Monthly Meeting – July 12th

Schneiders German-American Restaurant

Main St (Rt 71) Avon NJ

Eat @ 6PM

Meeting starts at 7:30PM

