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Summer afternoon-summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language. *Henry James (1843 - 1916)*

The summer night is like a perfection of thought. *Wallace Stevens (1879 - 1955)*

The tendinous part of the mind, so to speak, is more developed in winter; the fleshy, in summer. I should say winter had given the bone and sinew to literature, summer the tissues and the blood. *John Burroughs (1837 - 1921), The Snow-Walkers*

The bone-chilling scream split the warm summer night in two, the first half being before the scream when it was fairly balmy and calm and pleasant for those who hadn't heard the scream at all, but not calm or balmy or even very nice for those who did hear the scream, discounting the little period of time during the actual scream itself when your ears might have been hearing it but your brain wasn't reacting yet to let you know. *Patricia E. Presutti, 1986 winner of the Bulwer-Lytton Fiction Contest*

It's a sure sign of summer if the chair gets up when you do. *Walter Winchell (1897 - 1972)*

Ah, summer, what power you have to make us suffer and like it. *Russell Baker (1925 -)*

BMW Motorcycle Club
New Jersey Shore



President's Message:



Photo borrowed from the North Jersey BMW Riders – I'm sure that they are delighted that there will once again be sales and service opportunities in Northern NJ. There is a new BMW dealer in Philadelphia – who will serve that corner of NJ. It's in a multi-brand dealership (something that BMW abhorred in prior years.) It's just a shame there don't seem to be any plans for a dealership to serve the south of the Raritan River.

So what's been happening this past month? A number of club members made it to the MOA National in Salt-Lake City. Thanks to Roger-T for writing it up and providing some photos.

Other members have taken long rides – Ben P had a family thing in Colorado, Bill D and Zhao visited family out west – eventually making it to Los Angeles. It's going to be a very competitive year for our mileage contest. I'm hoping to receive a writeup from Bill before I'm done editing this issue of the newsletter. If not – it will end up in next months.

We had our first “brunch” - and while the numbers weren't huge – it was a success since we managed to get two “free” members out to it, and I'm hopeful they'll turn into paid members.

Our annual club picnic is this month – at Tom Spaders lovely Point Pleasant Beach home. This is always a good time – details on how you can attend are in this issue.

Planning is ongoing for the 3-Club Rumble. Thanks much to Greg Wright for taking hold of this project – his plans sound great – and we're moving it from Sandy Hook which is also great. The question is – should we tell the other clubs where it will be? Winning! More on this at our meeting this month!

Oktoberfest looks like it will also be a success. We listed it on the MOA “where and when” calendar – and due to that we've had people calling Wendy and making reservations. One group from the Philadelphia area looks like it will be an even dozen. If you haven't sent Wendy your deposit – I'd suggest doing so soon – there are a limited number of rooms at the Crystal Brook.

July 12th - Meeting Minutes

Don

1 - Call to order (7:30 - Don)

2 - Welcome new/returning members (Don)

* One visitor, Lara, rides an R1200R

3 - Treasurer's Report (Art G)

* \$1360 as of right now.

4 - Secretary's Report on Membership and renewals (Jim T)

* 70 members, 8 6-month members who have to be sent renewal notices.

5 - OLD and CONTINUING BUSINESS

a. Breakfast Club (Don)

* Will continue - I'll announce location shortly for this week.

b. Website Updates (Bill D absent) and Yahoo, Blog Updates (Don)

* Yahoo is going away - members urged

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to get on-board with the new mail service that Dud is providing us.

c. 3-Club Rumble - Greg (?)

* Greg presented a plan. Held at a Point Pleasant waterfront park, we'll be getting a permit for it, which reserves the pavilion (good if it rains, as it often does). He has inquired of Jack and Jim, owners of Harpoon Willies about catering it. They will be giving us some prices. There are potential donors kicking in to help pay for it (Dennis, Harpoon-Willies and Greg, so far.) Club will cover the rest of the expense.

6 - NEW BUSINESS

a. Sunday Brunch Schedule - rotating selections - RDS?

* Dennis couldn't find anyplace serving brunch - until people pointed out about 10 places in the area that do serve brunch. Hoping RDS picks a place before too long.

b. Ocktoberfest - Don and Dan??

* Don pointed out that Wendy probably is getting anxious about deposits about now, and suggested anyone going send in their deposit SOON. That includes Don. Dan is going to help promote it more as soon as Don sends him a copy of the brochure.

c. Club picnic - Tom Spader and Mike??

* Picnic will be August 19th with the 20th as a rain date. Tom is again graciously offering up his backyard and hospitality.

Several other people have offered to help out (Rich, Mike) - and a motion was made that the cost is \$20/per-person, with a \$10/per-person refund when they show up. If they don't show up - we keep the \$20 in it's entirety. Also walk-in's (not prepaid) are \$20 at the door.

We'll be publicizing the event before our next meeting, which is the drop-dead date on the funds being in Mike Kowal's hands.

7 - Open floor for discussion (Anyone)

Klaus had motorcycle first-aid kits for sale. \$8. Look like a good deal, hopefully he'll bring more to the next meeting. He sold out the ones he had at this meeting

8 - 50/50 drawing (Joe K)

* Ed (Gerber??) won \$45. Club share was \$50.

END - Adjourn and stand around talking for 30 minutes or so

* And watch Klaus and Mike take Klaus' 911 for a walk around the parking lot.

Second C2C2C – May/June

Don



Day 4, continued – Crossed into Illinois – and

continued West on Rt 50. Eventually stopped for the night at Greenville IL – about 50 miles east of St. Louis. Nothing memorable about the stop, except the farm that surrounded the Comfort Inn I stayed in had buffalo grazing in the fields. Other than that – it was flat farm land as far as I could see.

Day 5 – where Doofus leads me astray. I had two places I wanted to visit. One was the company that makes the air-cushion (Freedom-Aire) I use on my seat. The cover for it was getting quite ragged, and I figured since I was in the area, I'd stop and see if I could purchase a cover. The other place is at the home of a couple I've been friends with for years – the Diaz family (Jon and Sue.) Usually when I pass through the area I end up staying overnight with them, but I thought I'd imposed on them enough recently – so I figured I'd time it so we could have lunch and then I'd continue on.

So to do that I planned a route using Doofus. (BMW Navigator IV). I found both addresses and put them into Doofus, making the final destination the Diaz's. Doofus happily calculated a route, and it looked fine – I'd go first to the seat-cushion place, and arrive at the Diaz house around noon. Having a route – I set out to follow it.

The first turn in the route was a barely paved trail crossing a farm field. I could see a mile or so down the trail, and it appeared the pavement disappeared eventually. Since I knew that a bit further on was a real road that went to the same place, I simply ignored "Turn Right.." and went straight, to hear "Recalculating.."

All seemed fine to me – I went down the road I knew of – and it met another road, and Doofus continued turning me left and right – and next thing you know – I arrived at the Diaz house. Not at noon – more like 9:30AM.

So I had coffee with Sue and Jon, and Jon's parents who were visiting – and was back on my way about 30 minutes later. Doofus continued guiding me – eventually putting me at the door of the cushion place. I wandered in – they obviously had no walk-in business – and yelled for help. The owner of the company came out and greeted me. I explained what I needed – and he was happy to help. When I went to pay he said

it wasn't worth booting the computer up and the cover was a gift. Good people.

The lesson for the day – when she (Doofus) says “Recalculating” on a multi-destination route, you won't always get what you want.

I pointed Doofus to Missouri, and continued on, finally ending the day in Rolla Missouri at a Quality Inn. Day 5 -



Quality Inn - Rolla Missouri

Day 6 -Missouri



Missouri doesn't have a lot to write about. There are some great roads in the Ozarks, including a rather long stretch of Rt-66. Last time I rode to California, I'd followed Rt-66.

I mostly stayed on the backroads, trying to stay on Rt60, collecting pictures for the club Fluffy-butt-III contest. I particularly like abandoned and re-purposed movie theaters, and there was no shortage of these in the small towns that lined Rt-60

I wandered through Springfield MO, following Rt 60 west, and spotted an amazing looking building - a Shriner's Mosque: The Abou Ben Ad-

hem Shrine Mosque (often known locally as "the Shrine Mosque" or simply "the Shrine") is a building of arabesque design located in downtown Springfield. It was built in 1923 for a cost of \$600,000. It is owned by the Abou Ben Adhem Shriners and is the site of many events and an annual Shrine Circus. The five-story building includes a large auditorium with seating for over 4,000.[2] The name derives from Ibrahim ibn Adham, taken from the poem "Abou Ben Adhem" by Leigh Hunt. (Wikipedia)



Seemed rather an odd thing to find in the mid-west – but go figure.

To be continued..

Schedule of Events – 2017!

Please send additions and corrections to the editor!

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 – NOT AT SCHNEIDER'S – They're closed for

vacation!

- **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.

WEST TO MOA RALLY AND BEYOND

Roger T

My original plan was to hit the MOA Rally in Salt Lake City (S.L.C.) and then Top-O'-the-Rockies Rally in Paonia CO. As it turned out with Herb Konrad as a tour-guide for the Colorado segment, the trip expanded to much more.

Leaving July 5th from home, I basically rode Interstate 70 West from Harrisburg PA to West of Denver; 600 mile days to make Salt Lake City. I needed to be at the MOA Rally site by Monday since my registration team had to setup the registration building, unload the MOA 18-wheeler, set tables and chairs, setup signage, and configure Apple iPads /cash stations and laptops. I arrived Saturday night in SLC. in 4 days/3 hotel nights.

The overall ride West was uneventful except for a humongous rain and lightning storm about 100 miles East of Denver. At dinner I decided to book a hotel within sight of my restaurant. After booking the room, my biggest problem was how to navigate 200 feet across the parking lot in a torrential downpour. Wet and tired, I finally checked in. Because I was short on miles, my fourth day was about 700 miles... through Denver, West on I70, North to Steamboat Springs. Most of the road from Steamboat Springs toward S.L.C. was on US 40... a two lane US highway in high-desert.

As Don E. so often exclaims, Doofus the GPS rerouted me off of a good road (US40) and onto some other highway to Park City UT and to then to Interstate 80. From here I headed West, down the longest hill I've ever experienced (miles of steep downhill grade with multiple truck "run-offs").

Arriving in S.L.C. at about 8pm, I searched for a hotel by using a fast-food restaurant WIFI (and guzzling a gallon of ice tea). I found an excellent hotel with separate mini kitchen at an excellent rate so I wound up staying there Saturday night through Monday night. (I set up my tent at the rally grounds on Sunday to get a select-spot.) Herb Konrad and I met later in the week at the Rally since he rode up from Texas.

The MOA Rally was held at the Utah State Fairgrounds. The facilities were excellent: nice green grass for camping; the buildings for vendors and seminars were cool enough during the long hot Salt Lake days. Temps were upper-90s but overnight it cooled down by 15-20 degrees making tenting comfortable.

2017 TRIP TO MOA AND TOP-OF-THE-ROCKIES RALLIES

6300 Miles, 23 Days



The Rally organizers boasted over 130 vendors, 80 seminars, nightly entertainment, and a beer garden of course. A local ride-map was passed out in registration that showed many great ride loops in all directions from S.L.C. Total attendance was 4,206. They gave away the two RnineT motorcycles and numerous tours and vendor prizes. My friend Carol from Toronto CN won the “oldest female rider” award again this year. They stopped announcing her/others ac-



tual age but I think she’s approaching 80. (I saw her and husband at the Top-O-Rockies rally the next weekend... Carol has traveled throughout Europe, US, Canada and rides a 1200 GS.)

The registration process that my team and I ran at the Rally was greatly improved again this year. With up to 30 volunteers per shift we

moved attendees through the process in minutes. The long line of rally volunteers on Wednesday and the Thursday morning early arrivers, were registered extremely fast. We used iPhone scanners and iPad scanners/cash stations to quickly scan tickets so attendees could get their Rally books and door prize tickets.

First time Rally goers were greeted by volunteers shouting “we have a Rally virgin” and all volunteers yelling and

clapping. (This idea was started years ago by MOA volunteer Ron Scibetti from our own NJ club.) NJ folks that volunteered this year included: Herb Konrad, Harry Costello, Matt Scamardella & wife, and also Bob Henig (Bob’s BMW). I’m sure I forgot others—my apologies.

After the Rally, Herb and I headed south on Interstate 15 to Spanish Forks then via a number of two-laners, ended up at Moab UT. Moab is where the famous red stone “arches” are located. We stayed at the same hotel as Bill Dudley and Zhao and his son Bill Jr. (who I had also seen at the MOA Rally).



By coincidence, on the way to Moab, Herb and I stopped at an out-of-the-way restaurant and ran

into Bill and company at the same place. Weird places must run in the club!



From Moab, Herb and I rode to the great Arch and then to Grand View (beginnings of the Grand Canyon). We ran into another NJ'n Dave Cushing & wife. After leaving Moab we headed south toward "4-Corners" and at lunch in another remote restaurant, ran into Dave Mason (old NJShore member).



Story to be continued....

August 9th, 2017 Meeting Agenda

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- 5 - OLD and CONTINUING BUSINESS
 - a) Breakfast Club (Don)
 - b) Website Updates (Bill D absent) and Yahoo, Mailing List, Blog Updates (Don)
 - c) 3-Club Rumble - Greg (?)
 - d) Picnic – collect the \$\$\$ - (Mike K.)

- e) Ocktoberfest - Don and Dan
- 6 - NEW BUSINESS
- 7 - Open floor for discussion (Anyone)
- 9 - 50/50 drawing (Joe K)
- END - Adjourn and stand around talking for 30 minutes or so, and push whatever vehicle Klaus brought around the parking lot..

Oktoberfest

Wendy needs your deposit NOW. See our website for details:

<http://www.njsbmwr.org/octoberfest2017.html>

CLUB PICNIC – August 19th – Tom Spader's

Once again Tom Spader generously opened his palatial home in Point Pleasant Beach to the club for our picnic.

Tom has watercraft to play with, beach passes and a great location to mellow out.

The picnic is a family affair – wives, adult children, s/o's and ex-spouses are welcome. The club provides the food and drink – the members who come provide the entertainment.

The picnic costs \$10/head to any paid member, and that applies also to one guest accompanying a paid member. The club covers expenses beyond this amount.

We collect \$20 per/head for the picnic – and then refund \$10 p/h when you arrive at the picnic. If you arrive at the picnic without prepayment – the cost to you is \$20 p/h.

You must pay by our August meeting.

We will be taking payment at that time (cash or check.) Or you can mail a check to Mike Kowal, 40 Vienna Drive, Howell, NJ 07731, or hand it to him at his shop. Make checks out to NJSBMWR Inc.

However you do it – get your payment in soon!

See you there! It's always a fun event!

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Monthly Meeting – August 9th

Schneiders German-American Restaurant

Main St (Rt 71) Avon NJ

Eat @ 6PM

Meeting starts at 7:30PM

