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President's Message:

Laugh at yourself first, before anyone else can.

Elsa Maxwell, September 28, 1958

Far and away the best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing.

Theodore Roosevelt (1858 - 1919)

September tries its best to have us forget summer.

Bern Williams

Calendars are for careful people, not passionate ones. *Chuck Sigars, The World According to Chuck weblog*

Breathe. Let go. And remind yourself that this very moment is the only one you know you have for sure. *Oprah Winfrey*

The question should be, is it worth trying to do, not can it be done. *Allard Lowenstein*

I believe that one of life's greatest risks is never daring to risk. *Oprah Winfrey*

I wanna hang a map of the world in my house. Then I'm gonna put pins into all the locations that I've traveled to. But first, I'm gonna have to travel to the top two corners of the map so it won't fall down. *Mitch Hedberg (1968 - 2005)*

Fall seven times, stand up eight. *Japanese Proverb*

BMW Motorcycle Club
New Jersey Shore



The photo above pretty much sums up my riding ambitions. If you look at the quotes to the left, take note of the one from Mitch Hedberg. I haven't done that yet (have to find a clear space to hang the map) – but I'm thinking about it.

This month probably has the best motorcycle weather we'll see in NJ (barring hurricanes.)

Our club Oktoberfest may be a bigger hit than anyone expected – I continue to receive email from people inquiring about it (they saw it on the BMW-MOA website and Owners News) who after I send them to the Crystal Brook write back saying they've signed up. I know for sure we'll have lots of company – BMW riders we've probably never met.

The Oktoberfest is purposely very low key. There are 3 competing rallies within 200 miles of our event that weekend, but I think ours is appealing to people who want a couples event with some level of comfort – and a lot of food.

The fact that it's a great riding area probably also helps. If you were on the fence about going – the Crystal Brook is probably getting close to capacity – so I'd get a move on to make your reservation.

For the club members who have signed up – might I ask that you go out of your way at Oktoberfest to present a welcome to the people who are coming. Perhaps offer them some advice on rides in the area, sit with them in the Brauhaus, get to know them a bit. Being hospitable isn't hard, let them know we're delighted they wanted to join us.

What else is in the making? Our hosting of the Three (mebbe four) Club Big Rumble. It's time to start talking trash about the other clubs (in the nicest way of course.) I'm hoping for a progress report from the Rumble team (Hi Greg!) at our next meeting.

New Sweden is running the 35th iteration of "Last Chance" rally the weekend after Oktoberfest. If I'm around (I may wander off after Oktoberfest, but will likely be back) I might lead a day ride down to the rally Saturday to say Hi! and to pay my New Sweden dues. Hopefully a few members will be attending the rally and can show the club colors.

That's it for my prodding people – the rest of the newsletter will be reports from people on events they've attend, trips they've taken and stuff they've done. Get out there and RIDE – winter isn't that far away..

July 12th - Meeting Minutes

Don

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

2 - Welcome new/returning members (Don)

* One new member, Paul Larosa from Peru and Roselle Park.

3 - Treasurer's Report (Art G)

* \$1255.33 as of right now.

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

* 70 members, 16 6-month free members who will be sent renewal notices. 30 members are receiving this newsletter exclusively by email.

5 - OLD and CONTINUING BUSINESS

a. Breakfast Club (Don)

* Will continue – Don will announce loca-

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tion shortly for this week.

b. Website Updates (Bill D) nothing new, and Yahoo is now done with, no Blog Updates (Don)

6 - NEW BUSINESS

a. Sunday Brunch Schedule - rotating selections – J. Grant Duncan for September

b. Ocktoberfest - Don and Dan. There is a lot of interest in Oktoberfest from non-club members. Members were encouraged to make reservations NOW.

c. Club picnic - Tom Spader and Mike??

The club picnic was taken in hand by Tom Spader, Mike Kowal and Rich Standt. We're planning for lovely weather.

d. September club meeting will be at Park-Nine Diner since Schneiders will be closed for vacation.

7 - Open floor for discussion (Anyone)

Dud did 8,700 miles on his trip around the US. So did Zhao, who deserves an award for Passenger-Iron-Butt.

8 - 50/50 drawing (Joe K)

Someone won – but that's not in the notes I got.

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

Second C2C2C – May/June

Don

Day 7, continued Went from Missouri to my first night in Oklahoma. It always seems to take an inordinate amount of time to cross Oklahoma. And what's with the wacky tolls on the Will Rogers Turnpike. It's gotta be the most inefficient toll management I've ever seen, and no, it's not EzPass compatible. EzPass probably laughed when they found out about the refund part of the toll scheme.

The scheme is, the toll is \$4.50 to Tulsa. If you don't go all the way, when you get off they give you a partial refund depending on where you got off. If you get back on, you have to give back (ie refund) the refund. Who really thought of this insane scheme?

First Oklahoma night was a freebie at a Quality Inn in Oklahoma City. Not much memorable about it.

Some random Oklahoma pics:



Milfay OK, Bristow Rt 66 "Biker" Rally headquarters.



New Cordell OK. Prison inmates doing lawn care at the City Hall



Washita County Courthouse, New Cordell OK

Plopping the county courthouse right in the middle of what used to be Rt-66 apparently was fairly common. This was one of about a half-dozen I navigated around.



There seems to be a discrepancy over the name of the town - local knowledge appears to make it "Cordell", Google Maps has it as "New Cordell." Go figure..

Day 8 – to Amarillo TX

The ride through the panhandle of TX has one thing going for it – it's not too long. Only about 300 miles. That's about enough Texas for me.



It seems appropriate that the Welcome to Texas sign is next to a pipeline pumping station.



*Wheeler County TX County Courthouse.
Again located in the middle of the road.*

I ended up staying the night in Amarillo Texas. Can't say anything much about the stay – it was in a Sleep Inn near the highway and airport.

The only memorable thing was – it had a Cracker Barrel in the parking lot. It could almost be considered dining. My father used to say about The Old Country Buffet "It's not dining, it's eating.." he had the timing down so that the lunch stuff was still there for a bit, then they'd bring out the dinner stuff. I'm trying to avoid that Seniorism.

I did avoid the "Big Texan" (home of the 72oz steak – free if you finish it in an hour..) I just wasn't that hungry.

Gonna end now – there are lots more travel stories from other people for this issue..

To be continued..

Schedule of Events – 2017!

Please send additions and corrections to the editor!

September

- 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! Park Nine – Freehold!**
- 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 22nd-24th - New Sweden's Last Chance Rally, in beautiful 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.

Sunday Brunch - July 30

RDS

*Yesterday upon the stair,
I saw a man who wasn't there.
He wasn't there again today.
I wish that man would go away.*
D. Manning

The first club brunch was at the Committed Pig in downtown Manasquan. It's a small eatery in a storefront location that has mediocre food and nice-looking servers. It was crowded with tourists.

The ceiling is tin and the sound level is deafening. My right ear was paralyzed when I left. We missed 'the man who wasn't there.' The one who recommended the place.

Nevertheless there were seven of us in attendance to break bread and tell stories. Roger had some photos of his and Herb's ascent of Pike's Peak. He said the turn-out at the MOA National was a disappointing 4800, but the rally was in a really nice place and worth attending.

Otherwise we traded stories, analyzed motorcycle problems and evaluated rides. The weather was perfect for a motorcycle ride.

Were you 'the man who wasn't there?'

If You're Hamburger Inclined...

By Roger Trendowski

As I headed to the BMWMOA Rally in Salt Lake City in July, somewhere in Pennsylvania I remembered an old news report on the Sunday Morning CBS TV show. It was about a unique motorcycle destination, located in an out-of-the-way diner in south eastern Illinois. Hamburgers were the specialty. Sure enough, after a little web-searching I found the place: Moonshine Store in Moonshine, Illinois. It was a little ways off of Interstate 70, so I thought.

I knew I had to arrive before noon because of the website's clear notice. Also I remembered from the original TV show that the old lady owner was a bit quirky.... and her "hours of op-

eration" were "quirk #1."

Saying overnight just outside of Richmond Indiana gave me a few-hour morning ride to Moonshine via I-70, US-40, and then some back roads. "Out-of-the-way" location was right-on. I traveled for 20+ miles through a small town and passing corn fields until finally arriving. There was virtually nothing located within miles of the Moonshine Store.



The Moonshine Store is an early 1900s general store both inside and out. To the right of the building, there are probably 50 picnic tables where you can share space with other fellow eaters. You walk up the steps onto a porch and into a one-room store. Old glass displays and shelving line each side of the room as do a couple antique church pews for taking a load-off. At the back of the store are grills, dish-washing area, and serving counter. Shelves on the sides of the room contain tall stacks of tee-shirts, snack food, other trinkets.

The owner and her daughter live up-stairs; as I found out later, they purchased the store a few years ago from the old lady who I remembered in the original TV report.

I arrived at about 10am Thursday morning but the place looked deserted. As I stuck my head in the front door, I was greeted by an old farmer sipping coffee and seated on one of the well-worn pews. A lady behind the serving counter was cleaning, washing, or doing something, but she was definitely not cooking. No one else was around.



Roger and old(?) farmer.

My first words were “are you open?” No one responded. I asked the women, who I later found out was the owner,” can I get a couple eggs and sausage?’ Answer: “NO.”

This was Quirk #2. Apparently the new owner also bought rights to the old lady’s QUIRKS. She responded “we only have burgers..., moonshine burgers, ... we don’t have eggs or sausage.” Now, fully rebuffed and cowering a bit, I responded... “well then, when are you going to start the grills?” figuring a long wait until a large-enough crowd arrived to order. Her response: “When I get the first order!” I’m not sure if this was Quirk # 3 or if the lunch serving times counted as a Quirk... They shut off the grills at 12:30pm, whether you are in line or not... “come back tomorrow if you are too late.”

The old coffee-drinking farmer told me that on a typical summer weekend, they serve 750-1000 bikers and other road-weary adventure seekers.

On April 8th this year, they held their annual Moonshine Lunch Run Rally where they served 3,362 hamburger. Bikers needed to walk up to a mile through a maze of bikes and other vehicles only to arrive at a 2-hour line stretching out the front door. (I’m sure they increased the 3 port-o-jons across the street to handle the “load”).

The Hamburgers are good, the atmosphere great. It’s a “don’t miss it” kind of place.

<http://www.clarkcountyl.org/Communities/moonshine.htm>

<http://moonshine-run.com/Moonshine/>

Use internet search : moonshine store Illinois for more details.



*Roger, hamburger and the owner
(complete with quirks.)*

Saddle Sense, August 31

RDS

Don't ride nearly as much as I used to ride, but ride I still do.

And I still get a tired rear from riding. Some time ago, however, I was cleaning out the garage when I came upon a never-used pristine white sheepskin saddle cover. What do you know about that! So I set it on the workbench for a couple of months until it dawned on me that I might try it out. Had to take it to "Pat the Tailor" to replace the rotted straps that hold it in place. (If you ever need leather alterations, Pat's the go-to-guy.) That done I tried it out. It's great. I forgot the difference it makes.

So I got on line and ordered another sheepskin for the other bike.

You just never know.

September 13th , 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 renewals (Jim T)
- 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.

IMPORTANT: Meeting is at Park-Nine Diner on Rt 9 south of Freehold (intersection of County 524.) Regular time – 6 PM eat, 7:30 meeting.

Club Picnic, August 19th

RDS, pics – Tom Spader



Brain trust?

Nice sea breeze, sunshine, clear skies and Tom Spader's hospitality made for a really enjoyable picnic.

Tom's backyard borders Lake of the Lillies in Point Pleasant Beach a couple hundred yards from the ocean. He has kayaks and Beach badges, grills and coolers, chairs and tables.

The coolers kept drinks cold and Mike and Rich kept the fires burning for grilling sausage, hot dogs and burgers.



There were 25 to 30 members and significant others in attendance. Lots of tales of motorcycling adventure were told. Faces were filled. Drinks were drunk. Everyone had a nice time.



Mike grilling, Jerry supervising

Many thanks go to Art, Mike, Tom and Rich who made it all possible.

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Monthly Meeting – September 13th

Park- Nine Diner

NJ-9 south of Freehold, Rt 524 intersection

Eat @ 6PM

Meeting starts at 7:30PM

