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"Your best shot at happiness, self-worth and personal satisfaction - the things that constitute real success - is not in earning as much as you can but in performing as well as you can something that you consider worthwhile." *William Raspberry*

"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)*

"When you're hot, you're hot; when you're not, you're not." *Flip Wilson (1933 - 1998)*

"Life is a tragedy when seen in close-up, but a comedy in long-shot." *Charlie Chaplin (1889 - 1977)*

"What dreadful hot weather we have! It keeps me in a continual state of inelegance.: *Jane Austen (1775 - 1817)*

"Being shot out of a cannon is always better than being squeezed through a tube." *Hunter S. Thompson (1939 - 2005), Kingdom of Fear*

"A straw vote only shows which way the hot air blows." *O. Henry (1862 - 1910), "A Ruler of Men."*

"We all learn by experience but some of us have to go to summer school." *Peter DeVries*

**BMW Motorcycle Club
New Jersey Shore**



President's Message:

**THERE IS SOMETHING INHERENTLY
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MOTORCYCLE. WITH ONE HAND ON
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BECOMES LESS IMPORTANT THAN
THE JOURNEY ITSELF.**

June has come and gone. Good things happened in June. A number of us went for some longer rides. The Three-Club Rumble went off and we as usual almost dominated the event.

I have to admit – I don't know how New Sweden does it. The food at the Rumble was outstanding. Great homemade food and plenty of it. No one was leaving unstuffed.

The thing is – the members all did the food themselves. It wasn't catered, it wasn't left up to 2 or 3 people to do it all – a large number of New Sweden members kicked in and spent some time making their Rumble outstanding.

How do they do that? How do you get members motivated to help out at club events? We have a core group of about 8-10 members who do it all.

That's not right. More member participation has got to happen or the club will wither and die. We have over 60 members at the moment – it's time for more people to step up to the plate and help out. Take charge of one event a year. Help out when help is asked for.

The chance to show this is coming up. Tom Spader has been in touch, offering his lovely shore home for use for our club picnic. In past years, Tom did much of the work setting up the refreshments, making his place ready to host the club. Mike Kowal has been the primary grille master – many times.

It's time for the rest of the club to kick in and help out. Let's make it easy on Tom..

I'm going to propose that the picnic be free to all members and their guests this year – with the caveat that to attend – you must bring one dish, desert, beverage or some other picnic offering.

Proud of your aunt Milly's Three-Bean-Salad recipe? Make it and bring it. Come to the July meeting and make your offer of what you'll bring. This will also be discussed on the club email list.

Right now the date proposed is August 18th – I have to check this with Tom.. I'll firm it up before the July meeting.

And that brings up another thing to think about – election of officers isn't that far away. We need some new blood. Three years is enough President for me, it's time for new officers and some new ideas. Please consider offering to serve the club.

See you at the July meeting!

And keep the rubber side down..

Don

Schedule of Events – 2018!

Please send additions and corrections to the editor!

July

- July 11th – Meeting, Tony's. Farmingdale
- July 12-15th – **BMW-MOA Rally**, Des Moines, IA
- July 20-22nd – **BMW-RA Rally**, Wellsboro, PA



August

- August 1st – Moribundi Lunch
- August 8th – Meeting, Tony's. Farmingdale
- August 15th – Ice Cream Run?
- August 18th – Club Picnic – Tom Spader's (rain date August 19th)

September

- September 5th – Moribundi Lunch
- September 12th – Meeting, Park Nine, Freehold
- **Sept 14th 16th – NJ Shore Oktoberfest 2018 – Crystal Brook Resort, NY**
- Sept 19th – 6PM – final Ice Cream Run?

October

- October 3rd – Moribundi Lunch
- October 10th – Meeting, Tony's. Farmingdale

November

- November 7th – Moribundi Lunch
- November 14th – Meeting, Tony's. Farmingdale

December

- December 5th - Moribundi Lunch
- December 8th - **Club Dinner** - RD Swanson
- December 9th - **Toy Run**, Children's Hospital - Jim Thomasey
- December 12th – Meeting, Tony's. Farmingdale

The calendar is also available here, with more detail: www.njsbmwr.org/calendar.cgi

There are also the regular Saturday morning "Breakfast Club" meetings, announced via the club email group list.

Moribundi lunch locations are announced via email, and are at 12:30PM, the first Wednesday of every month.

July 2018 Meeting Agenda

- 1 - Call to order (7:30 - Don)
- 2 - Welcome new/returning members (Don)
- 3 - Treasurer's Report (Joe K)
- 4 - Secretary's Report on Membership and renewals (Jim T)
- 5 - OLD and CONTINUING BUSINESS
 - a) Club Oktoberfest – Don
 - b) Headcount for RA National – Don?
 - c) Three-Club Rumble report – RDS
- 6 - NEW BUSINESS
 - a) Club picnic discussion – August 18th?
 - b) Club officers - Don
- 7 - Open Floor - Anyone
- 8 - 50/50 drawing (Joe K)

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

June 13th - Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order early to counter the rambunctious group sharing the dining room for a going away party.

Joe Karol reported our banking situation has a balance of approximately \$1600 and Jim T said our membership now has 55 paid members and about 16 free 6 month members.

The Oktoberfest event is still on for the fall and there will be more information as the time gets closer.

Roger T. spoke about the MOA Rally to be held in Iowa and spoke of the raffle offering 25 new bikes! Closer to home will be the RA rally held right next door in Wellsboro PA.

The 3 club rumble will be held Sunday June 24 with all invited to attend as we leave from our WAWA at 10 AM.

Our hospitality committee was happy to report that Dave Rosen is feeling OK but was not able to attend the meeting.

A reminder to all about the Finger Lakes Rally will be held over the Labor Day weekend in the Adirondack Mountains.

The Metheny School ride was discussed by Kenton and all riders were encouraged to attend.

Meeting adjourned, stand around talking for 30 minutes or so.

Submitted by Jim Thomasey

Dud and Zhao's big 2018 ride, part the second

Bill Dudley

When last we left our hero and heroine, they were about to ride to Los Angeles to visit Dud's brother and also get the 1971 Moto Guzzi front end seen to by a Guzzi mechanic in Long Beach.

In previous years, we've always stopped at my cousin George's house near Tucson, AZ, but this year, my cousin was in the midst of packing up his house for a move to Raleigh, NC, so the stop in Tucson was out. Since we had more flexibility on route, I tried to keep us out of the low lands of Phoenix, to keep us out of the heat. But mid June, Phoenix temperatures are already flirting with 100F by lunch time.

So we stayed up in the Arizona mountains as much as possible, just skirting the Phoenix area (and I-10 for about 100 miles west of Phoenix) for the shortest possible time. This reduced our exposure to the dangerous 100F temperatures.



Past Phoenix, we swung north to visit Joshua Tree National Park/Monument/Whatever. One can drive through JTNP, and there are scenic pull-outs along the way, so it's a good park to visit if you're not at all into hiking. Just don't touch the Chollo cacti.

From there, we headed northwest to Victorville, CA and got a room at our favorite chain, Super 8. From Victorville, it's a quick half day ride down in the LA basin, and I timed it so we were riding on a Saturday, to avoid the commuters.

We dropped the bike off at Moto Guzzi Classics in Long Beach, and Mark rebuilt my front end over the next few days. New springs, seals, bearings, and my existing hard parts (tubes, sliders) were in good condition. No more steering notch!

We hung out in LA for a couple of weeks, doing the odd day trip to see stuff in LA. One place of note is the Museum of Jurassic Technology, which is quirky beyond belief. It's hard to explain; it's a museum, but the exhibits are strange. For example, there's a room devoted to models of trailers in trailer parks from the 1940's. There's a room with a dozen microscopes trained on microscopic mosaic sculptures, and another room with magnifiers trained on microscopic sculptures of figures, like Napoleon and Walt Disney's Goofy. Photography is not allowed in the museum, so you'll just have to visit it yourself.*



On another day, we visited Venice and Venice Beach. The town of Venice was planned (about 100 years ago) as a "Venice in America", so it has a grid of canals. The grid was much larger, originally, but growth and transportation needs meant that some of the canals were filled in and turned into streets, but there is still a 5 by 5 block region that has canals.

Venice Beach is an enormous public beach, with a big "boardwalk" facing the beach, where you find the usual assortment of shops catering to tourists. Venice Beach is worth visiting just because of the "freak show" aspect.

Also near Venice Beach is some unique architecture, like the binoculars building (now owned by



We also visited other parts of LA, like both "Chinatowns" (one being the city of Monterey Park, the other in LA proper).

Google, but built decades ago) and the CVS drug store with the clown/ballerina sculpture over the front door. And then there are the murals of Jim Morrison and Marilyn Monroe on buildings on Dudley Court.



Next month: heading home.

** Editors note – The Museum of Jurassic Technology, is one of my favorite oddities in LA. Odd really isn't the word that fully describes it – bizarre comes closer, but still lacks a bit of definition.*

It's hard to take it all in on one visit – it looks like Bill/Zhao missed the room of velvet dog paintings under blacklight, it's sorta hidden off in a corner.

Well worth a visit – and make sure you stay for the tea and cookies with the proprietors after your walk through.

My wife refuses to go again. So it's a solo visit for me. It's that kind of place.

Big Rumble - June 24

RD Swanson

You might have a mental picture of tattooed, leather-clad barbarians tearing at hunks of meat, the high-decibel roaring of straight pipes, topless babes with big fat asses and lots of chromium. That's a big rumble, right?

No, wrong if it's the BMW Big Rumble.

Picture instead Aerostich-clad techies, an assortment of elderly ladies and gentlemen, three young people, silently-muffled exhaust, the absence of flashy chrome, some beautiful motorcycles (I saw one R nine t) and a really nice lunch prepared by the New Sweden Riders.

I exaggerate, of course.



Ten of us met at "Our Wawa" and rode into the cholera- plagued, below-sea level, mosquito-infested flatlands of Salem and Cumberland Counties. No one ever goes there unless sentenced to one of the numerous gulags.



We went to uphold the honor of the Shore Riders, but ours was a dismal show for a riding club of over fifty members. Capt. Don led ten of us through traffic jams and decrepit little villages inhabited by toothless natives of colonial times. The road was perfectly straight for fifty miles, no

curves, no turns. No up hills or down hills. Took less than two hours.

Grant, the madman, Duncan was already there. I say this because I rode home with him zigzagging up the Parkway at warp speeds. I thought it was good that I left final instructions in the event of my death. How I survived I'll never know. Took 45 minutes.

Next year it's Skyland's turn. Plan on it. We may be able to redeem ourselves by fielding 20 plus Riders.

Editor: From the New Sweden forum:



NSBMW kicked ass in the Rumble and sent the other clubs home with full bellies and tails between their legs!!!



** The food was amazing and never-ending, the conversation was mostly around motorcycles: riding them, working on them, buying them, buying more or them and even selling them.*

** Phil made a terrific speech and inspired all.*

** Pete and his crew sold the Last Chance Rallye with their attractive flyers.and all had an amazing time!!*

Sno Dawg - Jeff

Blue Roads Ride to Cleveland

Ed Gerber

Last week I joined five fellow members of the Hillel's Angels (the Hell's Angels gave its ok to use the name) a nominally Jewish motorcycle club. We were headed to Cleveland and a rally of an association of Jewish motorcycle clubs - The Jewish Motorcycle Alliance.



Our route was all blue highways, avoiding interstates wherever possible. The first day we crossed into Pennsylvania at Dingmans's Ferry, hooked up with US 6 South of Lake Wallenpaupack and then left US 6 in a Northwesterly direction on a series of pretty country roads, travelling past farms and small towns. The roads were winding and in decent shape, some nice sweepers but nothing technical. We ended the day crossing into New York near Elmira and spent the night in Horseheads.

The next day we rode West through the Southern tier of New York on Route 417. The scenery was lovely and farms were noticeably more prosperous than those in Pennsy and the small towns we passed through had active industries and seemed to be prospering. That afternoon we headed into Allegany State Park - beautiful scenery and winding roads with almost no traffic. The road rose dramatically above the Allegheny Reservoir and then it started to rain. The rain wasn't heavy but put a damper on any spirited riding. Continuing south we entered Pennsylvania and the Allegany National Forest. The scenery remained beautiful

and the rain remained steady. Still no spirited riding.

We spent the night in Titusville and ate in a Chinese buffet for \$9.50, where the wontons were stuffed with cream cheese. They also offered mushrooms stuffed with cream cheese; I was told it's a Pennsylvania thing. The next day was an easy ride to Cleveland. The Ohio roads are straight and the landscape is flat. Downtown Cleveland seems shiny and new but there don't seem to be many people working downtown. On Friday there was a two hour police escorted ride through greater Cleveland with some 190 motorcycles. It was excruciatingly slow and I couldn't wait for it to end. Saturday's planned rides were rained out. That night was a dinner at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. The food was very good and the Hall of Fame was better than expected. I particularly enjoyed the movies that are displayed continually.

Sunday we started home again and rode straight to the Allegheny Forest. Just as we arrived, the rain returned; it was hard and steady for well over an hour. Once again, it was restrained riding on wet roads. We spent that night in St. Marys, in Elk County. The weather finally cleared that morning and a ride on Route 555 was a highlight of the trip. 555 winds through a deep narrow valley with areas of thick with tall evergreens.

There really are elk in Elk County. There are signs along 555 warning to look out for elk. But these are not native elk. They are descended from elk captured in Yellowstone Park and introduced into the area starting in 1911. Although native to Pennsylvania elk were hunted to extinction in Pennsylvania by the mid 1850's.

Route 555 ends at Route 120, a winding road largely through the woods. It follows the West Branch of the Susquehanna River to Lock Haven, Pa. It's a good two hour run from Saint Mary's to Lock Haven. From there we got on Route 80 and were home in time for dinner.

If you skip the ride into Ohio and Cleveland the ride through Pennsylvania and New York, particularly into the Alleghany mountains in northwestern Pennsylvania would make a nice 3 or 4 day trip. Note however that there is a warning sign on Route 120 that in the summer it is subject to delays due to heavy tourist traffic.

Matheny Medical Center Ride June 14

Roger Trendowski

This year I remembered "history;" the history over the past 10 years of traveling north on I-287 and Rt 206 during prime commuting time. It's only 45 miles from my home in Middletown but takes at least an hour and a half to negotiate the stop and go traffic. Upon arriving at the Matheny hospital in Peapack NJ and seeing the excited residential patients, it is clearly worth it. The Matheny Medical and Educational Center is a special hospital for children and adults with medically complex developmental disabilities. <http://www.matheny.org/> Skylanders have organized this event for over 10 years; they even supply the half-helmets for the kids to wear.



I arrived at the club meeting place, Peapack Fire Department, just before at 5:30pm. Skylands Club host Ken Maas greeted everyone arriving. Kenton Seydell from our club was already in the parking lot with his green R100 and sidecar. (He trailered it up there.)

We left the fire department parking lot about 6:15pm with a fire engine and police car leading the pack for the 10 minute ride to Matheny. I didn't count but there were about dozen motorcycles, a huge 3-wheeler w/V-8, three side car rigs and a couple of convertible sports cars.

When the caravan 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 screaming) and bikes/cars (horns blowing) drove past them. The side car rigs, vehicles and 3-wheeler lined up at the curb for the staff members help lift the kids onto the seats. Volunteer drivers gave rides around the property's parking lots and access roads.

The kids love riding in Kenton's sidecar. 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. Care persons, who also rode next to the kids, had smiles as wide as the kid's. Don Gordon and John Ryan who were active participants in the Matheny Ride were very much missed.



Americade June 5-9

Roger T

It lasts a week in early June...

It's where thousands bikers invade Lake George NY like a swarm of ants that just discovered candy lying on the floor.



Main street at the beginning of week, before the closed-off "Americade block party."

The candy: numerous restaurants & bars, unbelievable number of motels & campsites, great NYS Adirondacks riding area, one main cruiser highway through town, and excellent organized motorcycle activities. I haven't made the trip to Americade for over 10 years.

In the past I remembered Americade to be heavily a Harley event but today it clearly appeals to any denomination biker. Americade organizers hosted dinner boat cruises, concerts, motorcycle judging, vintage bike show, stunt shows, BBQ's, parades, comedy shows, free rider education, and block party & music festival. <https://americade.com/>

There were over 100 vendors and numerous seminars and forums. An estimated 40-50K bikers come to Lake George for the week-long party with fewer actually attending Americade activities. Americade is celebrating their 36th year.

My good friend Marc Souliere from Ottawa CN invited me to share his hotel room located across the street from the main event buildings. It was a great downtown location near the heart of all the activities.

I attended a Fashion Show with Fred Rau as host. (Fred is the past editor of Motorcycle Consumer News magazine, author and owns Fred Rau Tours – leading tours in the Southwest USA and in New Zealand, www.fredrau.com). Amateur party-goers showed off a wide variety of motorcycle jackets, pants and riding suits on a lighted stage walk-ramp much like the NYC shows. It however wasn't exactly like NYC.. hoots and hollers erupted from the hundreds of riders in the audience. It was a fun evening with Fred cracking

jokes with the show models. All of the modeled clothes were then raffled away at the end of the show.

The next evening I attended a comedy show featuring Alonzo Bodden, a comedian and actor who also rides BMWs. His comedy is interactive since he picks on people in the first row of the audience.



Alanzo Bodden (comedian/actor) ready to demo a new R1200GS. He rode the bike in front of me.

The next day I took a demo ride on an R1200RT.... the first time I have ridden an RT other than my 1981 R100RT. Wow!

Demo companies included the big ones (BMW, Honda, Suzuki, Yamaha, Indian, a couple of three wheel companies.) Harley was nowhere to be seen... some folks thought it might be due to their financial troubles. Alonzo rode an R1200GS demo bike in front of me. He says he likes to keep up with improvements in new bikes whenever he can. (A week after returning home, I watched a video of Alonzo racing Jay Leno on dirt while riding a Ural -- Jay Leno's Garage program. What a coincidence.)

Another special event was the Knights of the Round Table where industry players gave their view and answered questions from the audience.

Hosted again by Fred Rau, the interactive event was made up of: David Hilgendorf – Editor of Mo-

torcycle Consumer News (MCN), Brian Rathjen and Shira Rathjen- Owners and editors of Back-Roads Magazine, ? Condat – author & MC safety trainer, Alonzo Bodden. Besides funny and unusual riding experiences, the panel discussed the future of the industry and key manufacturers (e.g, Harley).



Lunch the Hot Biscuit Diner in Ticonderoga NY while on 100 mile morning ride. From Left to right: David Hilgendorf – Editor of Motorcycle Consumer News (MCN) Mag, Marc Souliere – good friend and fellow MOA Board member, Fred Rau – owner F. Rau Motorcycle Tours and past editor of MCN.

On Friday morning Marc S., Fred R, David H.(and two others) and I rode 100 mile Northerly loop to Ticonderoga to eat at a great local restaurant – The Hot Biscuit... excellent freshly baked biscuits

for lunchtime feed along with a huge “strawberry & ice cream desert.”

Fred knew all the back roads to get there... but we rode the heavily traveled Route 9 back to Lake George.

Friday night was closing ceremonies even though activities continued through Saturday. They gave away a new Harley as well as numerous other raffle items.

Marc and I helped Fred sell 50/50 raffle tickets to support the “Ride for Kids” nonprofit. My job was to separate the ticket halves while Marc was the “seller.” Ticket prices were \$5 for 3, 10 for \$x etc... but Marc pushed \$50 for a huge length... he would say “for \$50 I will walk all the way over to the tent post “ (about 10 feet away)... and “for \$100 I will come all the way back.” We sold dozens of \$50 ticket draws and a few \$100 ones. Luckily I did not have to cut the individual tickets... only separate the long string. Cutting the individual tickets was someone else’s job. Over a 2 hour period, Marc and I sold \$4000 worth.

Americade events were enjoyable especially after a long hiatus. I spent only 2 ½ days at the week-long event but experienced a lot of great riding, good food, and excellent conversations with old and new friends.

Oktoberfest

6 Full Meals!
Two Nights Lodging
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Invite You to Join US
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Monthly Meeting – July 11th

Tony's Restaurant and Pizza

78 Main St (Rt 524) Farmingdale, NJ 07727



Eat @ 6PM

Meeting starts at 7:30PM