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The nation behaves well if it treats the natural resources as assets which it must turn over to the next generation increased, and not impaired, in value. *Theodore Roosevelt (1858 - 1919), Speech before the Colorado Live Stock Association, Denver, Colorado, August 19, 1910*

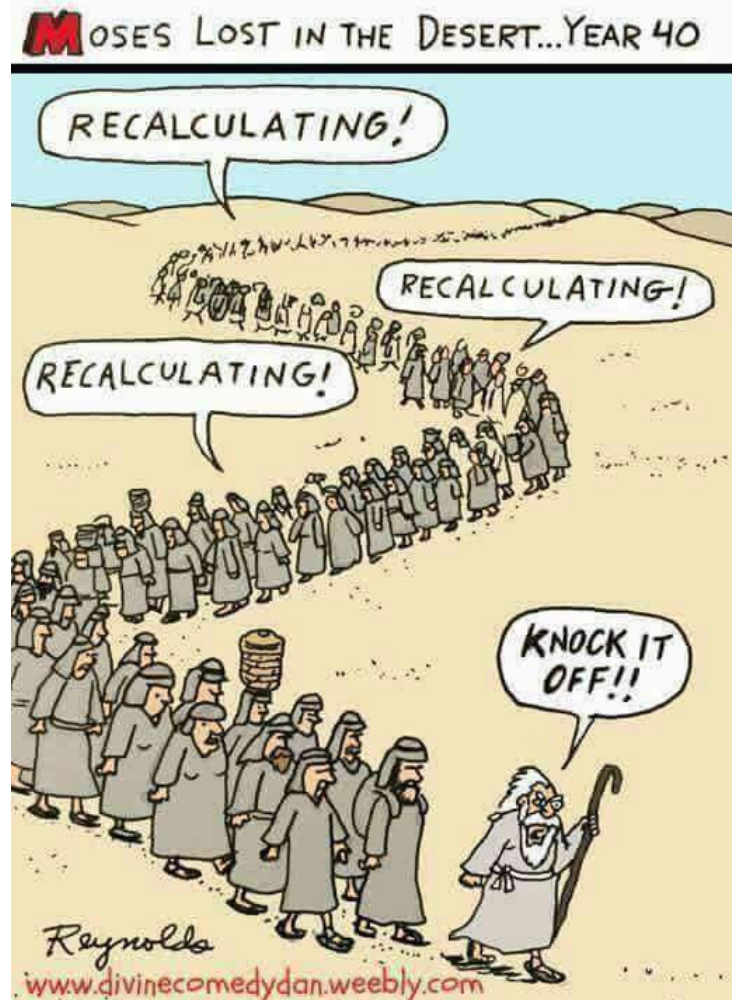
Once a government is committed to the principle of silencing the voice of opposition, it has only one way to go, and that is down the path of increasingly repressive measures, until it becomes a source of terror to all its citizens and creates a country where everyone lives in fear. *Harry S Truman (1884 - 1972), August 8, 1950*

Fresh beauty opens one's eyes wherever it is really seen, but the very abundance and completeness of the common beauty that besets our steps prevents its being absorbed and appreciated. It is a good thing, therefore, to make short excursions now and then to the bottom of the sea among dulse and coral, or up among the clouds on mountain-tops, or in balloons, or even to creep like worms into dark holes and caverns underground, not only to learn something of what is going on in those out-of-the-way places, but to see better what the sun sees on our return to common everyday beauty. *John Muir (1838 - 1914), My First Summer in the Sierra, 1911*

**BMW Motorcycle Club
New Jersey Shore**



President's Message:



The Tyranny of the GPS

No tyranny is so irksome as petty tyranny: **the officious demands** of policemen, government clerks, and **electromechanical gadgets**. *Edward Abbey (1927 - 1989)*

We all rely on our GPS now to get almost any-

where. That's how tyranny comes about. We become reliant on something, and actually sort of forget other means of doing the same job.

In my case – I've crossed the US and back twice now without ever looking at a paper map. Between basic route planning with Google Maps, and GPS routing from Garmin/BMW – you can get just about anywhere.

Google maps is great – it lets you sculpt a route – without any knowledge of places nearby that you might want to visit.

Google is rolling out a Google Maps motorcycle version around the country – seems like a good thing right? Well – maybe not so much. I was talking with some other owners of Garmin/BMW GPS's – the BMW Navigator 5 specifically.

He'd set his Navigator for twisty routes. Garmin followed his desires.. in one instance taking him on a 20 mile very twisty detour – where the beginning and end of the detour were about 1 mile apart on the same road. So it took him 19 miles out of the way because it saw a twisty road. I hope Google maps does it better than this, but I suspect a very similar algorithm will be at work.

The "Recalculating" cartoon is very applicable – anyone with a Garmin/BMW GPS knows that word by heart and dreads hearing it.. Dan T and I were following a route that I'd roughed in and passed on to Phil Levin (a GPS guru) for evaluation. He made a few changes and dragged the route around just a bit.

Would have been great but south of Easton PA we ran into a detour along the route. That put Doofus (and Dan's GPS) into spasmodic recalculating mode. We heard those words about every 30 seconds. For the next 40 miles.

I finally eliminated the recalculating nag by deleting all the points between us and our goal – the RA Rally in Wellsboro. That also unfortunately put us on Tobbyhanna Road – a road I'd really suggest avoiding. That's the second time Doofus took me down that cow-path of a road. Ask Dan..

I had a PA map. Go figure. And I never looked at it. It went back in my map collection with no new fold lines in it.
Next trip I'm going to look at maps when planning

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my route – not just Google maps. I expect the maps might make mention of interesting places to see and go. Then I'll make them way-points and see how that works.

HEY EVERYONE – the annual club picnic is coming up SOON. We're doing it a bit different this year in the hopes of getting some member participation besides the faithful who always help out. RD Swanson is Picnic Czar (his chosen title) and has penned an article on it that appears in this issue. READ it and let's see responses.

Our August meeting will once again be held at Tony's in Farmingdale. I always reserve the space for 20-30 people – let's make it on the 30 side. The food is great, the business meeting is short and painless – the camaraderie is great.



A recent meeting – the chat after dinner!

Rubber side down eh?
Don

Schedule of Events – 2018!

Please send additions and corrections to the editor!

August

- August 1st – Moribundi Lunch, Vics Bradley
- August 8th – Meeting, Tony's. Farmingdale
- August 15th – Ice Cream Run – Ben P?

- August 25th – Club Picnic – Tom Spader's (rain date August 26th)

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.

August 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) Club Picnic – RD Swanson
 - c) New Sweden Rally - Don
- 6 - NEW BUSINESS
 - a) Club officers - Don
- 7 - Open Floor - Anyone
- 8 - 50/50 drawing (Joe K)

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

July 11th - Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order promptly at 7:30 with Don wielding a timely gavel.

The treasurer's report was presented and shows our coffers to be filled with almost \$1575 minus any outstanding payments. The membership now boasts 56 paid members with the majority of the club receiving the newsletter electronically and just over 20 getting it by postal mail. The "free 6 month" members have been invited to become paying members and we are awaiting some checks if they choose this path.

The Oktoberfest gathering will happen 2 weeks after Labor Day and Don reminded all to get their reservations in soon as there will be a color ad in the coming MOA magazine which will hopefully garner a lot of responses. This is great event attended by quite a few couples who can enjoy NY state roads and great German food.

The RA rally was discussed as it is coming up soon and is located close by in Wellsboro PA. There are rooms available in nearby hotels, and motels; and the local college is offering very affordable rooms which are and air conditioned, we're told. If you would like to relive your college experience only 4 hours away, here is your chance.

Dennis reported that we had a less than stellar turnout for the 3 club rumble hosted this year by New Sweden. The 11 folks who did attend were treated to great prepared foods and hot off the grill burgers and dogs. Plenty of drinks and great company were also found just steps away. This is a yearly event and we are hoping for much better turnout when the rumble is next hosted by Skylands.

Our annual picnic will again be held at the home of the gracious and talented, Tom Spader. In an interesting twist this year we are offering a "free admission" IF YOU MAKE AND BRING A TASTY DISH. If you want to attend the festivities and just be **an eater**, you will be asked to pay \$10 per person beforehand.

Ben offered to again coordinate the Ice Cream run events and details will be on the club website.

Submitted by Jim Thomasey

2018 BMW-RA Rally

Bill Dudley

I won a free membership in the RA early this year, and it was a nice coincidence that the RA national rally was nearby this year, so I could see what the other guys are like.

The RA Rally was at the Tioga Fairgrounds, approximately midway between Wellsboro and Mansfield, PA. It's less than a 300 mile ride from most club members, so an easy one day ride. Zhao and I rode with Klaus and Faridah, who were in/on Klaus' new K1 sidecar rig.

We followed a route that was similar to one that President Don had worked out, though we did a bit more highway miles than Don's crew did. I think that worked out well, after hearing reports of Toby-hanna Road.



The rally was attended by nearly 1400 folks, and as to be expected at a big BMW rally, the Airheads had set up "Airhead Central", a small circus tent with couches and chairs sourced from the local Goodwill store. New Sweden also rented a small circus tent, and they were located right across the isle from the Airheads.

There were only about two dozen vendors, but that's to be expected when the rally is 20% of the size of a BMW MOA rally. Off and on club member Ron Scibetti was there flogging K-bike parts. Kat and Paul Connell were there as vendors, selling Katdash, which is a modern LED illuminated replacement for the circuit board inside the Airhead BMW instrument pod.

Another attraction at the rally was the speakers. I

only listened to one, humor writer Jack Riepe, "fresh" from his engagement at the BMW MOA rally in Iowa the previous weekend. His "talks" were, as usual, quite amusing, though I think Jack is an "acquired" taste. He was also flogging his books in the vendor area between talks.

Zhao and I (and of course others) checked out two of the Wellsboro area's attractions, the Grand Canyon of Pennsylvania, and the Pennsylvania Lumber Museum. The Grand Canyon is an easy thing to visit, as not much hiking is required to get a decent view of the gorge. I must confess that my favorite part of visiting the Grand Canyon of PA is riding the roads to both the east and west rim. The roads around Wellsboro are fun, very little traffic, and if the ones we rode are typical, they are in decent shape as far as potholes, etc.



Grand Canyon of PA..



Wellsboro Diner

The Pennsylvania Lumber Museum is better than it sounds. It's about 30 miles west of Wellsboro, right on Route 6, so an easy ride. The Museum documents the history of the lumber industry in northern PA. One hundred years ago, this part of Pennsylvania was completely clear cut -- there was not a tree left standing! So all of the dense forest you see in that area is "new growth" -- less than 100 years old.

The weather was mostly cooperative -- Thursday and Friday were **perfect** -- sunny and cool enough that you didn't swelter in non-mesh riding gear. A big storm system moved in Saturday, but it only started raining a bit on Saturday afternoon, becoming full blown rain storm Saturday night. By Sunday AM, the storm had blown north to the Great Lakes, and we had a mostly dry ride home.

I think I'll maintain my RA membership.

BMW-RA National Rally Rally Virgins

Ben P..

This is a little story about how Jun and I managed to hoodwink a couple of casual bikers into going to a BMW rally that was much farther than they were used to riding.

Mark and Lynn are husband and wife with his and hers Indian Scouts. Jun befriended them while he was lurking around at the local Harley dealership. It was surprising to find out that Lynn had her own bike. Jun managed to convince them to meet up some time to get a couple of short rides. That was last year.

When the 2018 RA National Rally was announced for Wellsboro, PA, we mentioned our intention to attend and asked Mark and Lynn to come along. Despite some head scratching from Mark, Lynn

was game. Mark capitulated once Lynn agreed.

Since it was their first trip beyond 150 miles, there were a few bits of touring wisdom that needed to be shared to avoid turning this trip into an ordeal, comfort during the ride and what to pack being the main ones. They decided that camping would overcomplicate things so they booked a nearby hotel. Both their bikes have small fender racks but nothing else. Both bikes have no windshield either. So clothes, toiletries, meds, rain gear, riding gear and suitable luggage and some bungees were the most obvious items to bring. Ziploc bags and various plastic bags were added for a rudimentary measure of waterproofing. Mark ordered an Air Hawk pad but it was set to arrive after departing for the rally (that sucked).

Lynn, a culinary school student, baked a batch of oatmeal raisin cookies with chocolate chips, raisins and dried apricots. I volunteered to tuck them in somewhere in my bike's trunk.

For people who ride American cruisers, Mark and Lynn do not wear the typical pirate garb. Schuberth, Nolan, Daytona and Olympia brands make up their riding gear, with Sena and GoPro added in for good measure. They do subscribe to the "loud pipes save lives" philosophy. They added to their perceived safety factor by installing new, louder than loud exhausts. Good thing I was leading the ride!

For the initial 280 miles ride to the rally, we enjoyed mild temperatures and sunny weather. We had a late start so we were forced to use the interstates at mildly elevated speeds. I had to ascertain everyone's tank range, bladder capacity and their derriere's fortitude (I swear I had to take their word for it) to determine reasonable intervals for stops. We managed to arrive with some sunlight remaining, still wearing smiles on our faces.

Over the next couple of days, we were joined by three other riding friends from the greater NY area (all on GS's), saw the east and west rim of the PA Grand Canyon, and rode lots of wonderful winding roads. Rain failed to dampen our fun on two wheels (three wheels in the case of Jun's Can Am).

Our ride home was at a more leisurely pace. We rode along Route 6 all the way into New Jersey and then went south on 206. We ran into some

spells of heavy rain late in the afternoon. We finished off our ride with a wonderful Korean dinner at Tofu House in Edison. Even Mark, the only non-immigrant among us, was amazed at the sundubu soup, japchae noodles and beef short ribs.



As we said our goodbyes, both Lynn and Mark said that they were looking forward to the next one. Finger Lakes, here we come!

PS. By the way, the cookies were delightful!

Club Picnic

RD Swanson

Our annual picnic is scheduled for August 25th at Tom Spader's waterfront home in Point Pleasant Beach. Tom has graciously offered to host our annual gathering for another year.

We are trying something different this year.

The charge per person is \$10 unless you provide a covered dish. Bringing a homemade treat to the picnic will cover the charge for you and your partner. We are emulating New Sweden's practice which results in a delicious sampling of foods for all to enjoy.

We do, however, need to know your intentions. If you want to follow the \$10 route send your name and check made out to NJ Shore BMW Riders to me at 112 Harvard Ave, Point Pleasant Beach, 08742 by August 15th. Don't send cash! Last minute walk-ins will not be accepted.

If you choose the covered dish option, send me an email (rds335i@gmail.com) on or before the same date.

You may also pay (cash or check) or sign-on for a dish at our August club meeting

Mike Kowal will be purchasing the meats, soft drinks, paper and etc. And he will also do the cooking. So we need to know how many to expect.

If you want to bring your own beverage choice, you may.

Editors note: Following is a typical response to the same sort of pot-luck picnic by the New Sweden people. This appeared within a day of the announcement: It grew and the picnic was held to the delight of everyone attending:

Karen- fruit salad

Mike - Mastoris' Cheese Bread and Cinnamon Bread

Pete & Sharon- Red Bean Salad

Vince & Barb- Cole Slaw

Phil- Pulled Pork

Jeff- pumpkin pie

Mimi & Howard- appetizers

Mike & Sharon- Caprese Salad (mozz and tomatoes) , hot dogs and buns.



New Sweden Last Chance Rally – Sept 21st - 23rd

For the 36th year – our sister club New Sweden BMW Riders is holding their Last Chance Rally, in lovely Buena NJ.

There are cabins for rent at the campground. They tend to be a bit primitive. There is some pavement connecting them to the rally site. There are also budget priced motels very close to the rally site (closer than some of the cabins on the grounds.)

I encourage you to take part in their rally. They have supported our events – we should be supporting theirs. Plus it's a lot of fun..

Letters to the Editor

From Jim Cavallo

Don,

An invitation has again been offered by a friend of mines son. Last year I made an announcement at a meeting and only a few guys were interested.

He probably has 60 or 70 or more, old Beemers according to his father and are in a warehouse in Philly. He would like people who appreciate the mark to come see them. If you passed this on to the other clubs and a date was set, I will get in touch with him. Probably a Sunday would work best.

I believe one is very rare, only a few left, and others are of top collectible condition.

Let me know, maybe you could put this in the newsletter.

Jim Cavallo

Thanks Jim! How about it people? Interested, let us know and we'll pick a date. Might make a good club trip for the fall. Don

From Matt S:

August of 2019, Ayres Adventures is having a

switchback challenge ... An exciting 8 day motorcycle tour in Austria, Germany, Italy and Switzerland. Last day gratis day to visit BMW museum and trip to Hofbrahaus for beer and German hot dog

I am going and will make my reservation Sept..... Cost \$2975 without air Matt Scamardella1-917-400-7356

Please contact Matt for all the details if you're interested.

MOA Rally Ride to Des Moines

Roger T

Think of a task you know you have to do but don't want to. There are plenty of them like mowing the lawn, painting a room, or cleaning out the garage. It's the kind of thing that you resist, put off, and complain about, but eventually begrudgingly bite your lower lip and DO IT. This is exactly the way I feel about biking Interstate 80 west through Cleveland, Toledo, and Chicago. It is definitely an unpleasant experience and I swear I will never do it again... but ultimately do it again.



Josh Asher

I met my traveling partner in the Poconos on I-80 just west of the I-81 intersection. Josh Ascher came from Troy NY via overnight at a friend's home in Port Jervis. I left home in Middletown NJ at 6am on Friday July 6th because I hoped to beat commuter traffic on the GSP and I-287.

We both needed to be at the Iowa State Fairgrounds MOA Rally site on Monday morning for setup duties so we both started our trek several days earlier than most rally goers. Josh was the co-chair for Exhibitors (vendors) and needed to solve problems as vendors set up at the facilities. I was the co-chair for rally registration this year after leading the activity and making significant process improvements over the past five years. (It is my way of transitioning out of the job in order to let new-blood take over to make their improvements.)

Josh and I traveled due west on I-80 and stayed overnight near Toledo. I think we both traveled about equal distance on day 1... about 700 miles.

As we approached Chicago the next day two things happened to impede our momentum...1) traffic got very heavy (on Saturday morning) and 2) I-80 was closed due to construction and we detoured south through some secondary streets (should have followed the 18-wheelers who all took an unadvertised detour several miles earlier). After 5 miles on the secondary roads and another 5 miles on a 4 laner we made it back onto I-80 and promptly accelerated to warp speed. Day 2 took us into Iowa where we diverted 80 miles north in mid afternoon to the Iowa National Motorcycle Museum, Anamosa, IA.



Example of one of many unique bikes.... One-of-a-kind 1934 Steam Cycle

The National Motorcycle Museum was founded in

1989 by people who love motorcycling. Engineers, racers, bike builders, tuners and others as far back as the late 1800's built the groundwork for what motorcycling has become.

The National Motorcycle Museum's goal is to present their passion, and ours, through interpretive exhibits built around a fine collection of machines and historical objects from around the world." The museum displays over 450 vintage bikes, as well as many photographs, apparel, advertising art and other memorabilia which document all eras. See <http://www.nationalmcmuseum.org>. It is well worth the stop.



No chain or driveshaft on this steam powered bike. Brakes were steam powered too.

The Iowa fairgrounds, site for the MOA Rally, was only about 100 miles from the Museum. We traveled about 20 miles to find an overnight spot and then on Day3, Sunday, we finished the ride via only secondary roads... zig zagging across I-80 a few times. The roads and area around Des Moines are beautiful,... rolling hills, gentle curvy roads, and green/fertile farm land.

Upon hitting town we stopped at Walmart to pickup camping supplies. A week before leaving home, I ordered my 4-man tent, air mattress, folding chair and sleeping bag for pickup at the local store. Josh did the same. This approach allows me to travel long distance without a large extra load of camping equipment and usually costs less than one equivalent night in a motel. (I donate it at the end of the rally so I don't have to carry it home.)

Since I've done this several years with Coleman and other WM tents, I know how to set it up. Josh struggled for awhile until finally reading the directions. We found a heavily treed area on the fair-

grounds and discovered that many of our friends already had arrived and setup in the same area. The great thing about camping for 6 days (besides the mid-night walks to the bathrooms and noises emulating from neighboring tents) is that you are among good friends and if they are cooking, get to share their goodies.



Roger T's and Matt Parkhouse's camping sites on Monday before rally. (Matt's tent is partially shown on right) By Wednesday I had a hard time moving my bike because of all the new tents blocking me in.

Josh and I camped next to Susanna and Matt Parkhouse, Sue Rihn, Marc Souliere, and many others. (All of us were volunteers and Chairs/co-chairs at the rally and therefore needed to arrive early in the week.)



Neighbors make it a "home" which is the fun of rally camping. From left Tom Van Horn, Sue Rihn's husband), Just off camera on left is Matt Parkhouse Bruce Davidson, Susanna Parkhouse Sue Rihn and Sam Booth All are MOA Ambassadors and volunteers at the rally.

Monday 7/9 through Wednesday were basically setup days were all facilities, stores, and processes are readied for Thursday's official Rally

opening. In registration our leadership team and volunteers setup tables, cash boxes & ipad stations, prepared rally books, raffle tickets, & advertisement packets. Our first registration started Wednesday morning to get the rally chairs/co-chairs and other volunteers done before the general rally opening. About 750 people registered on Wednesday.

A large volunteer dinner was held as a big "thank you" to all who were helping to make the rally successful. For Registration, it took over 200 volunteers to cover the 24/7 shifts through Saturday afternoon. Registration is a significant upfront activity that sets the stage for arriving rally goers. Herb Konrad and several other NJ club members pitched in to help. Because of the automation with ticket scanning, it took less than 10 minutes to complete the process, get your rally book and find out where the beer and bathrooms are located (the important things in life!). Again this year, we used the "greeting" started by registration volunteer (and an NJSBMW club member) Ron Scibetti years ago at a national Rally. ("Is this your first MOA Rally? HEY.. WE HAVE A RALLY VIRGIN." Then everybody applauds. People love it including the slightly embarrassed new-bee.



Herb Konrad volunteering in registration; giving the Rally book and showing where the beer garden is located, of course!

The Rally boasted 115 vendors, over 100 seminars, reasonable priced beer and food, and numerous raffle prizes including an R1200R bike, Aerostich, and several bike tours. (My friend and fellow registration co-chair Greg Straub won the Aerostich). Total attendance was 4500.

I attended Jack Reipie's seminars on "writing an adventure story" and "the future of K bikes." The hour-long presentations had the audiences in stitches ... he's a great standup comic as well as unique writer.

All vendors were located in one huge air conditioned building with the exception of a few tire and LED light installers in the parking lot. Seminars were located in conference rooms in the same building making it very convenient to move between activities. Other activities/booths in the same large building included: MOA Store merchandise, MOA daily raffle, MOA Foundation, vintage bikes and food concessions.

Herb and I left the Rally on Saturday evening after closing ceremonies. Our bikes were packed and ready to go as soon as we suited up. We traveled 60 miles east on I-80 before stopping for the night. It was nice to get out of town and into an air conditioned motel room after camping for a week. (We did this after the MOA Rally in Salt Lake City too... nice to clean up and get some quiet rest.)

On Sunday 7/15 Herb and I traveled east on I-80 and then turned south at Davenport on I-76 toward Indianapolis. My intent was to 1) avoid Chicago traffic at all costs, and 2) stop at the National Auto and Truck Museum in Auburn Indiana. Herb was heading home to Maryland and therefore hitting I-70 in Indianapolis was the fastest route.



Very little rain on the trip.. just heavy fog in Indiana.

We parted a little south of Peoria Illinois; I headed north on I-55 and then 200 miles due-east on secondary roads to Fort Wayne IN. (Nice flat farm land with few curves on the 2 laner.) The

National Auto and Truck museum in Auburn IN is 20 miles north of Ft Wayne. I stayed about 3 miles from the museum.

The museum (<http://natmus.org/>) is housed in the old Auburn auto manufacturing plant. "Auburn IN was the home to many horseless carriage and motorcar manufacturing companies. It is here where E. L. Cord chose to expand an automotive empire with Auburn and Cord automobile factories." The Auburn factory contains two floors of beautifully restored vintage cars and some newer 50's - 70's classics.



National Auto and Truck Museum, located in the Auburn auto factory, Auburn IN.

The factory, built with shiny concrete floors and huge support columns throughout, appropriately displays trucks and cars in a structure and environment consistent with their age. After a couple hours and a lot of pixs, I headed northeast via secondary roads toward Toledo OH (at least I avoided the Chicago traffic on I-80).



Auburn car (woody wagon) that greets you at the museum entrance.



One of many restored vintage commercial trucks; a Ford Model A. Note the heavy cement piers that support the old manufacturing building.



GM Futureliner #10 - GM created these mammoth machines to circle the country in the 40's and 50's. Only 12 buses were manufactured as part of the Parade of Progress program to dis-

play marvels of the time. A glimpse into the future showed microwave ovens, jet engines, stereophonic sound. During WW2, the Parade was suspended but resumed in 1952 through 1956. The program of course promoted GM autos and trucks.

Since my destination was Ginna's and my cottage in the Finger Lakes (near Syracuse), I rode east on I-80 and then north on I-90 from Cleveland toward Buffalo (In the future I will never ride this route again....until I have to.) Looking for a place to overnight, I arrived at Hamburg NY, the location of MOA's 2016 Rally. I surprised myself by remembering several shortcuts around town to the hotel and then to get out of town.

By now it was Tuesday 7/17. Because I had no pressing schedule, I followed US Route 20 and 20A east across the top of the Finger Lakes until I reached our cottage just south of Syracuse on Otisco Lake. Even though I've traveled on US-20 many times before, I've never ridden US-20A (alternate). It runs 20-30 miles south and parallel to US-20 from Hamburg to East Avon (US20A is about 80 miles long.) The difference in the two US-20x roads is significant. US-20 is relatively flat as it crosses the tops of the Finger Lakes to Hamburg. However US-20A is located far enough south to cross the deep valleys and hills created by glaziers which carved out the Finger Lakes... plenty of farms on the hill tops and towns, rivers and train tracks in the valleys. It was a nice scenic alternative.

Trip to MOA National Rally, Des Moines Iowa, July 6 – 18, 2018, 2,622 miles, 13 Days



I spent a day at our cottage and finished the ride to Middletown NJ on the 18th with lunch at the renowned Hot Dog Johnny's on Rt 46 along the Delaware. (Where else are you served a hot dog with mustard, onion and dill pickle?)

Overall, my trip was 2,622 miles, 13 days, no breakdowns and only two incidents of riding in the rain.

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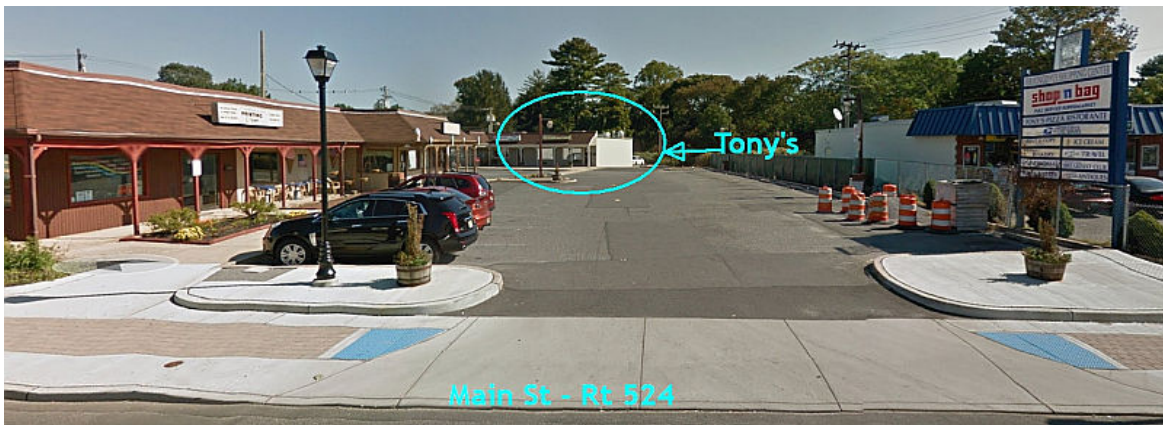
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Monthly Meeting – August 8th

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Eat @ 6PM

Meeting starts at 7:30PM

Oktoberfest 2018 – Register NOW!