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“Think of life as a terminal illness, because, if you do, you will live it with joy and passion, as it ought to be lived.” *Anna Quindlen (1953 -), A Short Guide to a Happy Life, 2000*

“I used to wake up at 4 AM and start sneezing, sometimes for five hours. I tried to find out what sort of allergy I had but finally came to the conclusion that it must be an allergy to consciousness.” *James Thurber (1894 - 1961)*

“A cynic is not merely one who reads bitter lessons from the past, he is one who is prematurely disappointed in the future.” *Sidney J. Harris*

“After all, all he did was string together a lot of old, well-known quotations.” *H. L. Mencken (1880 - 1956), on Shakespeare*

“No matter how rich you become, how famous or powerful, when you die the size of your funeral will still pretty much depend on the weather.” *Michael Pritchard*

“The trouble with our times is that the future is not what it used to be.” *Paul Valery (1871 - 1945)*

“If you were to go [to the Rijksmuseum], and hopefully someday you will, you would see a lot of paintings of dead people. You'd see Jesus on the cross, and you'd see a dude getting stabbed in the neck, and you'd see people dying at sea and in battle and a parade of martyrs. But Not. One. Single. Cancer. Kid. Nobody biting it from the plague or smallpox or yellow fever or whatever, because there is no glory in illness. There is no meaning to it. There is no honor in dying of.” *John Green, The Fault in Our Stars, 2012*

BMW Motorcycle Club
New Jersey Shore



All Members: COVID-19 and the club

The Officers of NJSBMWR have decided to suspend all formal activities of our club for the present.

Accordingly, Saturday morning club breakfasts, April's Moribundi lunch and Club meeting are canceled.

Members may schedule ad-hoc lunch gatherings, but do so on their own and at their own risk and responsibility. They will not be considered club events. Please keep them small.

We'll keep you posted. Stay safe.

Ed Gerber, Club President

President's Message

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Last year I traded in my R1200rt; every time I rode in the rain a red light flashed warning me of an impending brake failure, that fortunately never occurred. The source of this fault could not be found so I replaced the Beemer with a Honda.

On my first long ride, the Honda stalled and could not be restarted until the computer was "re-booted," that is the battery was momentarily disconnected. The dealer could not find the cause of the computer failure.

This frustration calls to mind a book worth reading while waiting out the virus: "Shop Class as Soulcraft" by Mathew B. Crawford, Penguin Books (2009) .

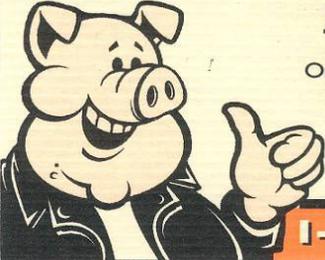
Crawford has a PhD. in political philosophy from the University of Chicago but owns and operates a motorcycle repair shop. He bemoans how an engineering culture has evolved which has denied us access to fix our own possessions; Manufacturers hide the works of the devices we depend on; they are unintelligible to direct inspection. In my case the engine and brake system were accessible only through a layer of computers. Lift the hoods on cars now and all you see is a plastic shroud. the fasteners holding small appliances together now require esoteric, specialized screw drivers "apparently to prevent the curious or angry from interrogating the innards."

Most of us grew up in a different world, where motorcycles were sold with tool kits and Sears provided blown up parts diagrams and parts lists for the items it sold.

Crawford argues this change is reflective of a major change in the workplace. Our jobs now are often cut off from the physical world; we value knowledge workers who have no practical skills. Such workers lack the deep satisfactions of skill based work that require the use of your hands as well as your mind. Crawford argues his experiences as a motorcycle mechanic are far more satisfying than his work as an academic; he contends that a career in the manual trades is an honorable one and well worth pursuing. A good read.

Ride Safe, Ed

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Schedule of Events – 2020

Due to the Covid-19 Virus and the limitations on any gatherings that has resulted – chances are a lot of these events won't be happening. We can hope that May brings a lessening of the danger of the virus – but there is no guarantee.

Keep track of announcements on the club email list to find out what's actually happening in 2020.

- **NO club meeting or breakfasts, moribundi in April!**
- **April 26 27th** Annual Gathering of the Nortons at 10AM-1PM, loc. Washington Crossing Historic Park, River Rd, Washington Crossing, PA
- **May 6** Moribundi Lunch at 12:30PM, loc. TBD
- **May 13** club meeting at 6PM to eat, 7:30 meeting, loc. Our House Tavern, 420 Adelpia Road, Farmingdale
- ~~**May 14-17** 10th and Last Spring Fling Rally, all day, loc. Natural Bridge, VA~~
- **May 16-17** New Sweden NS450 Rally, all day, loc. Starts at Cycle Gear, Cherry Hill, NJ
- **June 3** Moribundi Lunch at 12:30PM, loc. TBD
- **June 6** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. Lakehurst Diner, 401 Route 70, Lakehurst
- **June 10** club meeting at 6PM to eat, 7:30 meeting, loc. Our House Tavern, 420 Adelpia Road, Farmingdale
- **June 13** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. MaeBerrie, 504 Main St., Avon
- **June 20** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. Marigold Cafe, 2003 Highway 71, Spring Lake Heights
- **June 27** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. Allenwood General Store, 3208 Allenwood

- Lakewood Rd, Allenwood
- **June 25-28** BMW MOA National Rally, all day, loc. Great Falls, Montana
- **July 1** Moribundi Lunch at 12:30PM, loc. TBD
- **July 4** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. Meemom's, 3541 1825 NJ-35, Wall
- **July 8** club meeting at 6PM to eat, 7:30 meeting, loc. Our House Tavern, 420 Adelpia Road, Farmingdale
- **July 11** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. Shore Good Pancake House, 34 Lanes Mill Rd, Brick
- **July 18** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. On Third Cafe and Coffee Co, 1300 3rd Ave, Spring Lake
- **July 17-19** Black-Diamond Beemers Rally, all day, loc. Chets Place, Endless Mountains, PA
- **July 25** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. Park Nine Diner, Rt 9 and 524, Freehold
- **August 1** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. Princess Maria Diner, 2044 State Route 35, Wall Township
- **August 5** Moribundi Lunch at 12:30PM, loc. TBD
- **August 8** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. Shore Good Pancake House, 34 Lanes Mill Rd, Brick
- **August 12** club meeting at 6PM to eat, 7:30 meeting, loc. Our House Tavern, 420 Adelpia Road, Farmingdale
- **August 15** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. Acropolis Cafe, 506 Main Street, Belmar
- **August 22** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. The Buttered Biscuit, 700 Main St, Bradley Beach
- **August 29** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. Allenwood General Store, 3208 Allenwood Lakewood Rd, Allenwood
- **September 2** Moribundi Lunch at 12:30PM, loc. TBD
- **September 5** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. The Kitchen @ 35, 2601 Route 35, Manasquan
- **September 9** club meeting at 6PM to eat, 7:30 meeting, loc. Our House Tavern, 420 Adelpia Road, Farmingdale
- **September 12** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. Mariner's Cove, 712 Union Ave, Brielle
- **September 19** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. Ray's Cafe, 523 Washington Blvd, Sea Girt
- **September 17-20** BMW RA National Rally, all day, loc. Waynesville, NC
- **September 26** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. The Mug Rack, 70 W Veterans Hwy, Jackson
- **October 3** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. Allenwood General Store, 3208 Allenwood Lakewood Rd, Allenwood
- **October 7** Moribundi Lunch at 12:30PM, loc. TBD
- **October 10** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. The Peach Pit Cafe, 152 Main St, Manasquan
- **October 14** club meeting at 6PM to eat, 7:30 meeting, loc. Our House Tavern, 420 Adelpia Road, Farmingdale
- **October 17** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. The Turning Point, 2150 NJ-35 #3, Sea Girt
- **October 24** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. Toast Asbury Park, 516 Cookman Ave, Asbury Park
- **October 31** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. Allenwood General Store, 3208 Allenwood Lakewood Rd, Allenwood
- **November 4** Moribundi Lunch at 12:30PM, loc. TBD
- **November 7** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. Corner Post Diner, 2791 Hooper Ave, Brick Township
- **November 11** club meeting at 6PM to eat, 7:30 meeting, loc. Our House Tavern, 420 Adelpia Road, Farmingdale
- **November 14** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. John's Cracker Barrel, 1 S Riverside Dr, Neptune
- **November 21** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. Allenwood General Store, 3208 Allenwood Lakewood Rd, Allenwood
- **November 28** club breakfast at approximately 9:45AM, loc. TBD
- **December 2** Moribundi Lunch at 12:30PM, loc. TBD
- **December 5** club breakfast at approximately 9:45AM, loc. TBD
- **December 9** club meeting at 6PM to eat, 7:30 meeting, loc. Our House Tavern, 420 Adelpia Road, Farmingdale

Minutes of the NJ Shore BMW Riders Meeting, March 11th, 2020

Jim Thomasey, Secretary

The March meeting was held at Our House Restaurant with about 17 members in atten-

dance. The treasurer's report showed a bit under \$1550 in the clubs coffers. Paid membership is 56 members with the majority getting the informative monthly newsletter by email.

Two more mileage awards to members who did not get their awards in December. Yannis K. and Manny C. were given their awards with a short introduction by Roger T. Discussion was held describing the R90 raffle offered by the MOA and how to get your tickets with the bike being awarded at Fontana NC the end of April.

The unofficial beginning of the riding season will start with a visit to the Gathering of the Nortons the last week of April. There will be more details within the April newsletter about this ride to Washington's Crossing PA.

A few members attended Martin Motorsports in PA for a showing of some classic bikes including two rare Crockers.

Sandy Hook -- Social Distancing Ride Saturday March 21st

Hennig VDW

The ride was good, park access open, the parking lot empty, and four of us (Hennig, Bill D, Joe K and Paul C) made it.

Bill had to stop on the way there to get a fuse to keep his hands warm on the Guzzi. He got lost but finally made it.



No Crowd in the Parking Lot

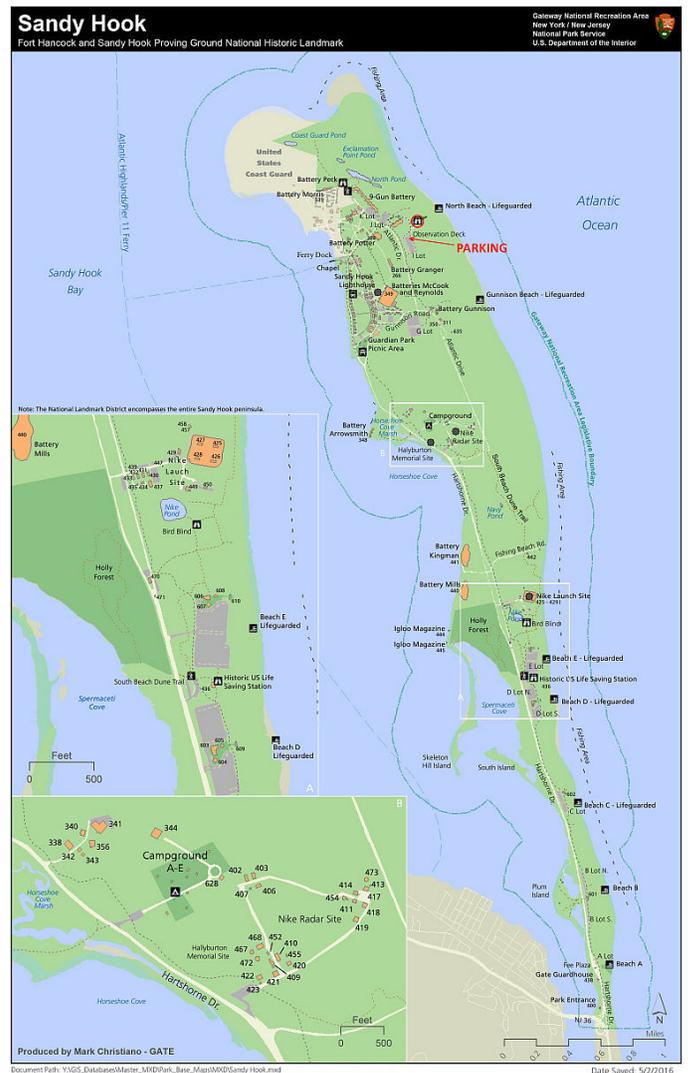
The wind was blowing and it was warmer riding on the bike than standing next to the bikes on the parking lot. The liquid on the ground is not a failed final drive seal... Spilled coffee!

Let's hope we can continue to do get-together as long as we can't meet up for breakfast.

My favorite bagel stop Sheepshead Baygels on

Rt. 35 was open, but not sure how they can continue as they are a mom-and-pop operation.

Stay well!



Martin Moto Show Trip

Roger T

It started out as an easy half day trip on Saturday March 7th.

Yannis K and I met in Lincroft at 9:30am and headed out toward Martin Moto Vintage Bike Show in Boyertown PA... a mere 80 miles one-way as the "crow flies."

Trouble is, the crow in my new GPS didn't fly straight because there is absolutely no direct way to get there.

The route we took (which is different than the way back home) is literally indescribable. It

sounded perfectly easy when Dud texted me the directions.

His instructions sounded like way-points in a confusing sort of way. He said “ from Middletown go to Trenton on I195. Cross over to PA on the old non-toll bridge, go West for awhile then Northwest until you hit Route 100; then head North until you see Boyertown Walmart; Martin’s is almost visible behind Walmart.”

Martin Moto Classic Bike Show

Roger T and Yannis K March 7, 2020 Total Miles = 222



Vanni and Roger



After leaving Lincroft and traversing GSP and I195, I took the wrong bridge across the Delaware River...Route 1. This led us down a path that I have avoided for over 10 years...heading Southwest on 4-lane Rt 1. After regrouping at an exit and re configuring my NavVI to “shortest route,” we dumped back on to Rt 1 and then ??? (the term ??? is my technical way of saying “lost and unable to describe the roads we took”) .

Eventually my somewhat trusty GPS took us Northwest over 25+ back road turns through back country of PA, through colonial settlements (lots of stone houses), and out onto Route 100. Within a couple miles we spotted Walmart on the southbound side and the hidden bike dealership in the distance. My GPS tracks-map doesn't do justice to our zig-zaggy route west of Trenton

I'm not sure how many vintage bikes were at the show... probably 50-75. A large number of people attended . It was fairly crowded in order to move around or get to the food concession and restroom. Several Skylands folks were there (notably Eric Suhr). Many others I recognized and greeted with a boisterous “Hello.. (but forgot your name)” friendly greeting.



Our trip home via Allentown & 178 was almost un-

eventful except for diesel gas and lost house keys (another story). Overall we covered 222 miles in 9 hours of great riding on a beautiful day. It was not even close to my original GPS 80 /160 "crow-fly" miles.

The Drive from Hell

Mike Kowal

Well it was a nice day for a ride in a car to Martin Motorsports in Pa.

I was very lucky to get into the back seat of Bill Dudley's Newer Chevy Volt. Bill at the helm and Joe Karol was shotgun.

The car should have been sold as a 2 seater because the back seat is made for someone with no legs.. And that is where I was placed.

If it had a trunk I would have asked to ride there instead.

So after 44 Miles of riding on the batteries it switched over to the gas motor. I never realized that Bill had an electrical cord that was that long.

Well we were off to the races. In 2 hours we pulled into the parking lot.of Martin Motorsports. We walked around and saw the bikes and many old friends.

We even saw Don E. and Dan Thompson there. Later I ran into Roger and Yannis .They both took bikes and rode out to the show.

There were many unique bikes there . I always wanted to display a bike there but it is too much of a hassle to drop it off a few day's earlier and go back after the show to pick it up.

I saw many of my friends there an and spoke about bikes we had or wanted to have..As we were leaving a guy pulled in with a Harley Livewire. The New Electric Harley . He told us the price tag was \$32,000.00 .I think I'll wait till they start to sell them for \$1,500.00 when the batteries go dead and put a gas motor back in one, or borrow Bill's electric cord so I can go 44 miles.

We stopped at a great restaurant right around the corner for a very nice lunch. I asked Bill if he

had any rope so he could tie me to the roof but he had none, so i got into the back seat for the trip home again . Hope to see everyone next year again. Still trying to get the circulation back in the legs.

Editors note: *Mike came over to me to see if he could return with Dan T and myself. Unfortunately I drove the Boxster not the Cayenne – the Boxster trunks would have worked if we split Mike in half – half in the front trunk, half in the rear trunk. He passed on that idea. But he did think about it first.*

I don't know who needs to see this, but



Harley Electric Bike at Martin's

Roger T

While touring the exhibits at Martin Moto bike show, we came across this new electric bike parked outside. It was a new Harley Livewire. It looked sleek... and after talking to the owner, very expensive. He said he captured it for a mere \$32K. We talked with him for quite a while, ask-

ing about performance, maintenance and the like.

Here are some of the advertised stats: Length 84.1 in., seat height 30", ground clearance 5.1", tires front and back 17, " weight (running) 549 pounds, 146 miles per charge (city) and 95 miles combined city/country. Charging time is 1 hour for each 13 miles although they have a fast charge system which can do 80% in 40 minutes of 100% in an hour. The bike has 86 foot pounds of torque and 105 Hp x 78 kW.



Motley Fool publication says : "Instead, Harley chose to maintain its premium image and offered up a motorcycle of the sort that has doomed the bike maker to four consecutive years of falling sales. The LiveWire may be a technological marvel, but its \$30,000 price tag may doom it to be a bike few can afford or will want to purchase. Now, a new bike by the competition may grab even more of the electric market out from under it."

Electrek publication website says: "The Harley-Davidson LiveWire is an expensive electric motorcycle whose \$29,799 price tag likely puts it out of reach for nearly every rider reading this article. It is surely out of reach for me. But despite that, the LiveWire is actually a really well-made, high-performance electric motorcycle that is a thrill to ride. Harley-Davidson didn't build it in order to sell a ton of them. They built it to demonstrate the level of quality and innovation they

could bring to the electric motorcycle industry, and to get people excited about their more affordable electric motorcycles to come.



Martin Motorsports Modern Classics Show March 7

Bill Dudley

Joe K and Mike K and I drove over to the Martin Moto Show in my car. Despite the cold, Roger and Yannis rode over on their motorcycles. They had their own adventure, ask Yannis to tell you about it sometime.



The show was well attended. Corona Virus wasn't quite as "serious" then as it is now, all of two weeks later. As usual, I ran into a bunch of folks I know from the Norton club and the BMW Airheads club. I like this event, because next to the Gathering of the Nortons, it's the first chance

to re-connect with my motorcycling buddies that I haven't seen since last season.



The photos show only a tiny fraction of what was on display. As usual, there was a huge variety of machines: monkey bikes (Honda 90's etc.), super expensive pre-war bikes (Crocker, Brough Superior), 90's sport bikes, sidecars, Brit bikes, Japanese bikes, obscure stuff, common stuff. There

was literally something for everyone who likes motorcycles.

As we were getting close to leaving, a guy rolled up on a Harley Livewire. We chatted a bit. It's stupid expensive, but looks reasonable, though the range is paltry for the money.

After that excitement, we went to the nearby diner and had lunch, and then had an uneventful drive home. It never got much above the low 40's, so I was happy we'd taken the car.



Next meeting date - UNKNOWN

Our House Restaurant

420 Adelpia Road (Rt 524), Farmingdale, NJ

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~~Eat @ 6PM~~

~~Business meeting starts at 7:30PM~~