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President's Message

Rick Shapiro, Co-President

I am writing this looking out my window with the 5th day of rain in a row still annoying me. We had warmer weather in February and March than in April. I can only hope this cycle breaks and we can get out and ride in May.

My other love, besides bikes is golf. A friend of mine won tickets to the Masters Golf Tournament in Augusta GA. and he invited me to go along. It was a once in a lifetime opportunity to see the event. We were gone a week and got to play 3 rounds that week.

I went to a car and bike show hosted by 3 adult communities in Jackson last night. I showed Big Blue along with 2 others bikes. The cars were amazing with Mustangs, Camaros, Carmanguia, Jaguar XKE, and several restored hot rods. My bike did have a lot of lookers and guys saying they used have bikes, but because they are older they switched their hobby to old cars.

I'm sure Roger will write something up about his and Joe's trip to Barber's museum and the Fontana rally.

Please go to our website and check out our calendar of events and meetings coming up.

Check out this link to see a 24 cylinder bike. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nzx8Y--UNto>

Let's ride!

"Spring is nature's way of saying, 'Let's party!'"

Robin Williams

"My grandfather once told me that there were two kinds of people: those who do the work and those who take the credit. He told me to try to be in the first group; there was much less competition."

Indira Ghadhi,

"Amateurs sit and wait for inspiration. The rest of us just get up and go to work."

Stephen King

"Always remember that the crowd that applauds your coronation is the same crowd that will applaud your beheading. People like a show."

Terry Pratchett

"As full of spirit as the month of May, and as gorgeous as the sun in Midsummer."

William Shakespeare

April Meeting Minutes

Jim Thomasey, Secretary

The meeting was called to order and began on time with the minutes from the last meeting voted on to be approved as read. The club statistics stand at just under \$1000 in the treasury and membership at 37 paid members.

After a short discussion a suggestion was brought up to include a free 6 month membership to our club with all new BMW's sold at Cross Country Powersports in Metuchen. This will make our presences as a club more known and afford new owners the opportunity to visit our meetings and rides.

Upcoming events discussed were the New Sweden 450, the Square Root Rally in Washington D.C area, the BMW RA rally to be held in WV and the MOA Nation Rally will be held in nearby Richmond VA this year. Call now to secure a motel room or take advantage of free camping offered at the Rally. The actual location is at the Meadows Even Park 13191 Dawn Rd, Doswell VA 23407. For a full description of the event go to the MOA site.

The Gathering of the Nortons was held in a new location this year and will be discussed at length in another article in this newsletter. The 50/50 was won by Jim T. and the second prize was won by Dave J

Club Calendar

Note: Events may be canceled or modified. Check your email or the club website for updates.

May 2023

- May 5-7 BMW MOA Getaway, Santa Fe, NM
- May 10 Club meeting 7PM (6PM to eat) Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale
- May 11-14 BMW RA Southern Alps Weekend, Little Switzerland, NC
- May 20-21 New Sweden 450

June 2023

- June 7 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM
- June 8-11 BMW MOA National Rally, Doswell, VA
- June 14 Club meeting 7PM (6PM to eat) Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale
- June 21 Ice Cream Run, loc TBD

July 2023

- July 5 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM, Rod's Tavern, Sea Girt
- July 12 Club meeting 7PM (6PM to eat) Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale
- July 19 Ice Cream Run, loc TBD

Aug 2023

- Aug 2 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM
- Aug 9 Club meeting 7PM (6PM to eat) Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale
- Aug 16 Ice Cream Run, loc TBD

Sept 2023

- Sept 6 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM
- Sept 13 Club meeting 7PM (6PM to eat) Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale
- Sept 14-17 BMW RA National Rally, Davis WV
- Sept 20 Ice Cream Run, loc TBD

Oct 2023

- Oct 1 Three Club Rumble, 12PM, Spruce Run Rec Area, 68 Van Syckles Rd, Clinton
- Oct 4 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM
- Oct 11 Club meeting 7PM (6PM to eat) Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale

Nov 2023

- Nov 1 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM
- Nov 8 Club meeting 7PM (6PM to eat) Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale

Gathering of the Nortons

Jim Thomasey

After much anticipation, planning and co-ordination between members, the early Sunday AM ride to the Gathering of the Nortons was in place. Waking on April 24 to a glorious, sun-drenched day Rick, Jim and Larry met at a Quick Check on Monmouth Rd in Freehold where even the rabbits and foxes happily greeted our arrival.

Actually only the "drenched" part of the above sentence is accurate. And the fact that the we met at a Quick Check. Once there we had a much needed coffee to dull the chill of the constant rain before continuing along a great ride that Rick had mapped out. After an hour or so the sun finally appeared and we took off our rain gear and and continued our journey to Flemington NJ.

As one of the earlier arriving groups, we were able to park just outside the entrance to the event and walk a few steps to see quite a collection of classic British bikes as well as a few beautifully maintained BMW's and a smattering of Harley's and other brands.

A new location was chosen this year in what could be described as a small industrial park. This is after many, many years of the event being held at Washington Crossing Park in PA. There was a stand selling T-shirts to benefit the Delaware Valley Norton Riders, a food service truck and the always welcomed porta-potties.

After seeing the bikes, we rode to lunch and then came back on the PA side of the Delaware taking advantage of light traffic and curvy roads towards the Trenton area.

Here is a link to video sequence of the bikes of the day:

[The 28th Annual Gathering of the Nortons 2023 - Bing video](#)

Fontana Trip South

Part 1

Roger Trendowski

Rain is normal in April. I can't remember when it didn't rain on our April ride to Fontana NC over the past 5 years. In fact last year when Herb Konrad, Henning von der Wroge, Joe Karol, Jim Nanfeldt and I visited Fontana, on Saturday rally day it rained so hard that Joe and I begged a car ride to the Wunderlich warehouse about two hours away. Henning and Herb rode in drenching rain, only to empty a gallon of water from their boots upon return. In another year, Herb and I got so wet on the ride home, we dried our AeroStich's in the Hotel clothes drier. (Yes, AeroStich's do get wet, down your neck as well as up your crotch.) Well, this year was very different. For 10 days, Joe Karol and I didn't hit any rain at all... and cool 40 degree weather only a few mornings. Overall, we rode 2500 miles in 10 days (9 nights).

Joe and I met at the Breakfast Club restaurant in Farmingdale and left by 7:30am. A solid breakfast is always helpful since we usually don't eat again until dinner time. As our map indicates, we hoofed it via interstate down I-95 to Baltimore, Washington DC, Richmond, and then turned southwest at Petersburg VA on I-85. My typical riding approach is to high-speed-it to a destination to insure I get there on time; then enjoy/visit the place and meander after that. Our first night was in Virginia north of Durham NC. That was 380 miles in about 8 hours on Saturday 4/15. Another strategy that Joe and I agree is to ride longer on our first day when we're fresh. Our first destination was the MOA Headquarters located in Greer. SC. This was only 300 miles from the hotel and took us 6 hours... much easier ride down I-85 past Greensboro and Charlotte to Greenville SC. I wanted to tour the BMW manufacturing plant located near Spartanburg SC. Actually, the plant is located nearer to Greer and Greenville than to Spartanburg. I guess that BMW likes the location name "Spartanburg" better than Greer. I could not arrange a tour anytime in April so we did our own touring on Sunday afternoon.... around the parking lot while taking numerous pixs. The plant is huge. 1150 acres , 23,000 employees, and 1500 vehicles produced per day. BMWX3, X3 M, X5, X5 Mand X7 Sports

Activity Vehicles and X4, X4 M, X6 and X6 M Sports Activity Coupes are all produced there.. many manufactured for export to the world. Monday morning we arrived at the MOA HQ's which is located only a few miles from the BMW plant. The MOA shares a building complex with the BMW Car Club. The car club owns and is located in one building and the MOA leases a second building. A nice patio overlooking a picturesque pond is shared between them. The MOA's operations is located on the first floor with a couple offices, conference room, and merchandise store. Several classic BMW bikes are displayed in the entrance and hallway. Tonya (staff) greeted us with enthusiasm and gave us a great tour. Joe and I know her from our work at the National Rallies over the past two years. Volunteers are reconstructing the second floor into a museum. Following our MOA HQ visit, we headed to Barbers Vintage Motorsports museum in Leeds AL, (just east of Birmingham). We continued on I-85 to Atlanta then I-20 west to Leeds (Greer to Leeds is only 275 miles). We checked into a hotel near Barbers about 6 hours after leaving the MOA. I definitely didn't enjoy the six southbound lanes of heavy traffic around Atlanta.

We arrived at Barbers Tuesday morning as they opened. A security guard approached as we parked. I fully expected that we would have to put our Aerostich's and helmets back on to move the bikes, but was presently surprised. He welcomed us, proudly pointed to his beautiful 1965 Mustang, and then accompanied us into Barbers, showing us where we could stow our riding gear. Barber's brochure says that most people spend 3 hours for the tour. We took almost all of that. As I said in previous year's articles, the bikes are perfectly restored except for the few that are shown in their original state. All bikes are positioned on pedestals and each has a detailed spec sheet and background description. Barbers displays motorcycles, vintage cars, race cars, motor bikes, and even outboard motors. The basement level is where they do the restoration. Since I was last there in 2019, they've expanded the building to include more motorcycles and an engineering center. It looks like they also hold seminars and meetings there. The best advice we received from the security guard was to "take the elevator to the fifth floor, start there and walk the circular walkway down to the first." (I passed this advice on to some other older-than-us folks who

looked like they were starting to walk up-hill.) I took pictures of a lot of bikes and their descriptions and especially of the bikes that I use to own. Joe obviously did the same thing and took many more old-bike pixs than I did... he obviously owned many more bikes than I did. See my Barbers YouTube video at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HPj4D6oRJbU>

We left Barbers about 12:30 pm (Tuesday). Our riding style and routes changed radically at this point. From Birmingham, we eventually got on Rt 79 North toward Scottsboro AL. Rt 79 is a secondary road paralleling I-59. Scottsboro, my 3rd destination, is the home of the Airline Unclaimed Baggage company. I've stopped there in past years and purchased a couple iPhones while ignoring the gaggle of clothes, laptops, ipads, general electronics and hundreds of sunglasses. This company buys all of the lost and unclaimed suit cases, commercial crates, and other baggage from all the airlines in the country. They donate 95% of clothes to churches and non-profits, clean the rest, tag it and sell it at the store and on-line. <https://www.unclaimedbaggage.com/> What I like is that they completely erase cell phone memory, clean and test the phones, add cable and charger, and then guarantee it. I didn't purchase any iPhones this trip but walked away with a new \$5 wallet... hardly worth a trip but it was on our route and I love the place. All sales tags are bar-coded, and for iPhones, show the %Battery capacity. From the store, I led us northwest (away from Scottsboro) into the country to find R&J Café, a very-southern restaurant that I discovered a few years ago. (This is the place that the Unclaimed Baggage staff uses for conferences and carry-out food, so it has to be good.)

We overnighted in Fort Paine AL... about an hour east of Scottsboro. From this point, we rode very-secondary roads to Fontana. I mapped out the GPS route ahead of time via very zig-zaggy roads that I had not traveled before. We started in Alabama, hit a chunk of Georgia, a small piece of Tennessee and finally ended up in Robbinsville North Carolina to eat. Again, this is a restaurant that I discovered years ago.. (It seems that all my routes revolve around places to eat.) The MOA Fontana Get-a-way rally site is about a hour east of Robbinsville.

Fontana Village Resorts is an interesting place. <https://fontanavillage.com/> It's a year-round remote mountain resort located in the Nantahala National Forest. The resort was originally built as a town for the workers and their families who came from all around the country to construct the Tennessee Valley Authority Fontana Dam. Construction of Fontana Dam began in 1942 and was completed in 1944. The dam was built to provide power for WWII effort at the Oakridge TN Nuclear Facility and to help control flooding in the Tennessee River Valley. By 1947, the site had been developed into one of the largest and most successful resorts known at the time. The resort consists of a main lodge, two conference/restaurant buildings, traditional-looking motel buildings, and numerous small cabins (for 4-8 people). I always request the lodge since they have a restaurant, 24 hour coffee, comfortable lounge area and the only registration desk. All buildings have a rustic wood exterior; the lodge has a large cozy fireplace and comfortable leather lounge chairs. Fontana has been the get-a-way rally location for MOA for years. Riding the area is excellent with Cherohala Skyway and the Tail of the Dragon only a short distance away. Next month I'll discuss our two loop rides and trip home. If you can stand it, view my 31 minute Trip video at <https://youtu.be/b8JZGcifq4s>.

Overall Trip 2500 Miles, 10 Days, 9 nights



Our route to Barbers was via Interstates I-95 and I-85. Coming back from Fontana in the Smokey's was mostly by I-26 and I-81, then east at Winchester VA via Rt 7 and 340 and then on I-95 again in Baltimore.



A small portion of the BMW manufacturing plant; located on 1150 acres near Spartanburg and Greer SC.



The MOA shares its location with the BMW Car Club in Greer SC. They also did this when located in Greenville. It's a good relationship.



Inside of the MOA HQs in Greer SC. First floor consists of offices and merchandise storage; the second floor is being rehabbed for a motorcycle museum. Tonya is the only full time staff person

holding down the fort. Ted, Bill, and other staff visit here occasionally since they all normally work from home. Tonya was in the process of packing MOA shirts and gifts for Fontana, located 2 ½ hours north.



Barbers Vintage Motorsports Museum.

Fifth floor of Barbers. 900+ motorcycles, dozens of vintage and race cars. We're getting ready to view the bikes and walk down five flights.



One example of Barber's unique bikes. One of a kind, Kawasaki V8 bike. Built in 1974 by British engineer Allen Millyard. It basically is two 4-stroke 4 cyl 800cc engines, coupled together into a V-8 with 150hp 7000 rpm.



Airline Unclaimed Baggage Company, Scottsboro AL. A very large facility laid out and organized like a "Macy's". They purchase all the lost and unclaimed bags from all US Airlines. They have great bargains, if you really need them.



View from Fontana Lodge patio looking toward other motel-like rooms and the great Smokey Mountains. Because the Appalachian Trail passes close to here, there are always several hikers staying at Fontana.



Enjoying the warmth and comfortable environment of Fontana's lodge.

Magic Internet Mix

Paul Cooke

A R1200GS project with a seized motor followed me home earlier in the year. With a "nothing to loose mentality" and anticipating a motor swap I jumped on the Internet searching for any/all home-style chemical remedies for freeing up engines. Warning - there are many. All of them are guaranteed to work of course and cite data from Uncle Bob's 1955 Buick that ran to 234k miles after decades of being locked solid. A highly scientific review (i.e. figuring which one was going to be cheapest) had me homing in on a mix of ATF and Diesel as the preferred option. Duly armed with 1 gal of the cheapest ATF I could find and my first ever purchase of diesel in NJ (which you can pump yourself interestingly) I set about filling the crank and cylinders. For good measure, both cylinder bores also received liberal does of penetrating oil.

Surprisingly, it took only a minimal soak time after filling and moderate torque on the crank bolt for the engine to break free. A great result and one I genuinely was not expecting. Occasionally it seems, the Internet can be right.

Another problem now presented. How to get the Magic Internet Mix (MIM) out. It seemed simple in principle— (1) drain the motor, and refill with fresh oil (2) crank the motor over on the starter to pump whatever remained in the bores out through the plug holes.

The turn-over part presented problems. It became very clear the PO had fried the starter wiring presumably in attempting to free the motor using the starter. An attempted jump start produced sparks, smoke, the unambiguous odor of burning insulation and no perceivable mechanical action. Unperturbed, it was time for some old-school hot wiring. In hindsight, it would have been prudent to note where the bike was parked and what was either side of the bike before invoking this option. The motor spun and spat out the MIM en mass at the lawn mower (on the right) and the Triumph (on the left). Luck prevailed though. Triumph plastics show very well with a thin layer of hydrocarbon and the grass was in no need of being mowed.

Progress slowed considerably when I attempted to fix the wiring. Repairs to the existing

loom proved increasing frustrating and futile. Eventually, an executive decision led to the entire wiring loom being replaced.

Fast forward to a freshly rewired bike, and the day dawns for a first attempt at a start. Knowing little or nothing about the bike's history, I gave it a low chance of firing up out of the gate. Even if did, I expected it to sound bad and potentially rapidly self destruct.

It turns out R1200's are built better than I expected. 2nd stab of the button it rumbles into life and (miraculously) sounds OK. Stunned at this turn of events, it then occurred that I had yet again made no accommodation for where the bike was sitting. I had also, falsely assumed the MIM was 100% drained from the bike. Having coated the lawn mower and Tiger, the outcome of starting was a large burst of liquid/aerosol MIM from the exhaust directly aimed at the Township issued garbage can. This was closely followed by the formation of an impressive reddish smoke cloud drifting towards the road and a noticeable ATF/Diesel slick on the driveway. Clearly, there was much more MIM left that I had anticipated. A sizable quantity had obviously found its way into the exhaust and been blown out upon start-up. Ecstatic that the bike ran, it proved easy to rationalize away both unintended side effects. The driveway needed sealing anyway and the garbage can was now weatherproofed to a much higher standard than OEM Township spec.

Two further oil changes later, one muffler clean+rinse, a few start-ups and the bike still has a slight smoking habit. It's oil tight, has decent compression and doesn't appear to be fouling the plugs. The hope is a few good miles will get the engine warm enough to finally burn-off any residual MIM.

If not, I'd humbly suggest riding in front, rather than behind me on the next group ride.

Highly Classifieds

For Sale: Triumph Bonneville 65 w 12 update; has orange 66 tank, professionally reconditioned. \$5000, call Jerry at 908-472-8585

For Sale: 1995 BMW R100RT – call Jerry at 908-472-8585

For Sale: 1997 Triumph Trophy. 4Cyl/1200, BRG 18k Little rough cosmetically but functional. Upgraded

alternator drive, longer side stand, Corbin saddle, new coils/plugs. Contact Paul C bmt213a@gmail.com



For Sale: Gasoline Generator 3500Watts max,/3050W constant load... Excellent condition, Outputs: Two 120Vac, 12Vdc; with manuals. Used very little, starts quickly. Bought this from my neighbor whose husband passed away. We purchased two of these together... they work great but I don't need two. They have enough power to handle refrigerator, TV/internet router, and lights. I even wired my gas/hot air furnace to be run by generator and this works fine too. Contact Roger T at 732-306-6182



Roger's 3000W Harbor Freight Generator