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In lang, lang days o' simmer, When the clear and  
cloudless sky Refuses ae weep drap o' rain To Na-  
ture parched and dry, The genial night, wi' balmy  
breath, Gars verdue, spring anew, An' ilka blade o'  
grass Keps its ain drap o' dew.

*James Ballantine Quotes , Source: Its Ain Drap o'  
Dew*

Summer time an' the livin' is easy, Fish are jumpin'  
an' the cotton is high. Oh, yo' daddy's rich, and yo'  
ma' is good-lookin', So hush, little baby, don' yo' cry.  
*Summertime, a song in the play "Porgy and Bess"*

Here is the ghost of a summer that lived for us, Here  
is a promise of summer to be.

*William Ernest Henley Quotes , Source: Rhymes  
and Rhythms*

Every man, wherever he goes, is encompassed by  
a cloud of comforting convictions, which move with  
him like flies on a summer day.

*Bertrand Russell (1872 - 1970)*

Summer afternoon - Summer afternoon... the two  
most beautiful words in the English language.

*Henry James (1843 - 1916)*

Why, this is very midsummer madness. *William  
Shakespeare (1564 - 1616)*

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## President's Message

*Jeff Diorio, President*

Hi friends and fellow NJSBMWR riders.

It's the end of July and it has been a hot July. So riding has been a little more challeng-  
ing. I have a water vest that works great. Just a  
little strange putting it on when first about to  
leave as it's sort of squishy and cold. Roger  
points out they don't work so well if you aren't  
wearing mesh gear the water vest can't properly  
evaporate and cool you. Wetting a neck gator is  
also a nice idea to help cool. Too bad we don't  
have helmets that embed cooling or air condition-  
ing. I can see Bill using a Dremel to carve out  
padding so he can add cold packs to an old  
beater helmet. I'm sure our VP Mike has some  
boy scout survival tips for keeping heat exhaus-  
tion at bay. I look forward to a lively discussion  
on this topic over a cold beer and tacos at the  
next club meeting.

For a bit of philosophical rambling: I have  
been keeping the following quote in mind when I  
am riding. "We want to make good time, but for  
us now this is measured with the emphasis on  
"good" rather than on "time"...." – Pirsig, Zen of  
Motorcycle Maintenance.

Some of our club are retired and able to  
go on long and wonderful rides. I am always  
jealous. I content myself with the above quote.  
Focus on the enjoyment of any riding I can get  
done vs how long I get to ride. Here I am in  
Charleston SC writing this on vacation and wish-  
ing I had my motorcycle here to ride around and  
explore. There is a joy to riding, both the physi-  
cal sensation of rolling on the throttle through  
curves and the mental clarity of "being in the mo-  
ment". I recall at one luncheon someone said we  
don't need to go to a psychiatrist, we just need to

go for a nice ride. I still ponder what is the essential joy of riding. It is beyond my grasp to write about.

On to business:

- We continue to plan for the 3-club rumble. I will be getting a head count from the other clubs and would like to know how many of us will be there.
- We still need volunteers to help shopping, prep, setup, cooking etc for the event.
- Club members have suggested more planned Sunday rides. If you have any ideas please just send a note to the email group if you are planning a ride.

Next event I know some of the club are considering is the BMW Association rally in Fryeburg Maine August 29-Sept 1. And there is always an opportunity to ride to a few fluffy-butt locations.

Looking forward to seeing you at a NJBMW club event.

## **July Meeting Minutes**

*James Thomasey, recording secretary*

The July meeting began on time in the general dining room of Woody's in Farmingdale. Some of the members had been seated in the outdoor (warmer) section of the venue before joining the others in the cooler and louder, inside dining room. Those in attendance heard that the treasury holds just under \$600 and membership has increased to 40 members. The most recent members to re-up their membership are Dan Thompson, Tim Kerner, Henry Farber and Benjamin Farber.

New business included a continuing discussion of design, colors and cost of getting new club T-shirts. When decided upon all members are encouraged to purchase a new shirt. It was mentioned that New Sweden has a situation where you can by any shirt you choose online from a vendor who has the design "in stock" and can apply as requested. Due to the cacophony in the dining room, meaningful and productive discussion was somewhat limited.

The always anticipated and highly sought after 50/50 was won by Joe K., with an MOA Rally pack going to Jim T., and BMW towels awarded to Klaus H. and Jeff D.

## **Club Calendar**

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

### **August 2024**

- Aug 7 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM @ Peking Palace, Rt 33, Freehold
- Aug 14 Club meeting 7PM (6PM to eat) Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale
- Aug 21 ice cream ride 6:30PM loc. TBD

### **September 2024**

- Sept 4 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM @ TBD
- Sept 11 Club meeting 7PM (6PM to eat) Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale

### **October 2024**

- Oct 4 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM @ TBD
- Oct 9 Club meeting 7PM (6PM to eat) Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale

### **November 2024**

- Nov 6 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM @ TBD
- Nov 13 Club meeting 7PM (6PM to eat) Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale

### **December 2024**

- Dec 4 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM @ TBD
- Dec 11 Club meeting 7PM (6PM to eat) Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale

## **Oregon Trip**

*Roger Trendowski*

Several things stand out about my June trip to the MOA National Rally in Oregon.

- 1) Temperature was as high as 101 degrees, mostly in SD, WY, UT, east of the mountains,
- 2) Oregon temperature was 40-45 degrees each morning,
- 3) Falling snow and 31 degrees twice (and I was very unprepared with my flow-through riding jacket,
- 4) Back roads in Illinois, Utah, Idaho, and Wyoming were great but some of these routes were very long

without gas stops, and

5) Most of all, the MOA Rally was great: excellent weather and lots of vendors and seminars.

I left solo on Wednesday June 5 and eventually returned to NJ on June 21, 6,600 miles. In Club emails, I shared some of my places and pics so some of the description and pics may be redundant but I'll embellish on them.

My overall strategy for riding to MOA rallies has always been to go as fast as possible (interstates) in order to get to rally, volunteer at the rally, and then wander around (visit sites) on the way home. The main reason is because I have always volunteered or led an event at the Rally and never wanted to be late. So for this year's Rally I basically rode straight out to Redmond with only a few short stops along the way. I followed I-76 and I-70 through Pennsylvania all the way to Kansas City. My first night was west of Columbus OH (west side in order to miss morning traffic through the city) and second night at Columbia MO (100 miles short of Kansas City). Each leg was about 550 miles. Then in Kansas City, I headed northwest to Lincoln NB and hit I-80 to Salt Lake City.

My first stop located off of I-70 near Martinsville ILL, was at the Moonshine Store, a great restaurant serving only Hamburg's. I saw this place on the Sunday Morning TV show way back when Charles Osgood hosted it in the early 2000s. Moonshine Store is an old time general store (& restaurant) located way out in the middle of nowhere. When you stand on the front porch and look around at the cross-roads, there is nothing but trees and open fields. To reach the store I rode down several two-lane roads



and sometimes narrow unlined roads through farmland.

When I arrived, there were probably 3 dozen cars and bikes in the stone parking lot. You have to eat outside on picnic tables although recently they



added a covered picnic garage with wide open door. Inside the store looks like the early 1900s with church bench seats and plenty of old time signs. You might think this is a remote low volume place, but the record for served Hamburg's in 2017 was over 3300 burgers at a big motorcycle rally. A young woman bought the place in 2017 from the original old lady that I remember from the television program. The original old lady established an unusual environment.... only open in the morning, hamburgers only, grills off at 12:30pm and everyone out the door at 2 pm. The new owner decided to follow the peculiarities, and very successfully too. Hamburg's are great, big hand-formed patties, and they offer a lettuce, tomatoes, peppers, onion, and large number of sauces that you put on yourself.

From Moonshine Store it's about 15 miles back to I-70 and west toward Kansas City. I overnighted in Columbia MO for the second night (about 1100 miles from NJ Shore). Columbia Super 8 is a place that I've stayed at several times. Back in 2011 it was my first stop when doing the Iron Butt 1000. It was also my overnight stop when I did the Iron Butt 2000 (on my way to Salt Lake). I barely remember it because I only slept there 6 hours when doing two 18 hr rides to accomplish 2000 miles in 48 hrs.

On this ride to Redmond, I then traveled 100 miles to Kansas City MO... then Northwest to Lincoln NB on route I-29, then west on I-80 through NB and WY to Salt Lake UT. At Salt Lake, I overnighed in Syracuse UT but first went out to Antelope Island, a mountainous island in the middle of the Great Salt Lake. Even though I didn't see any Buffalo or Ante-



lope like I did when I visited back in 2011, I did notice significant terrain changes. To get to the island, I rode on the 7 mile causeway. Over the years, the lake has



dropped so low that it was is mostly like land on both sides of the causeway (salty evaporated lake). The



bays and inlets around the island are mostly dried up as compared to 2011. Antelope Island, with an area of 42 square miles, is the largest of ten islands located within the Great Salt Lake. The Island holds populations of pronghorn, bighorn sheep, American bison, porcupine, badger, coyote, bobcat and mule deer and millions of waterfowl. The bison were introduced to the island in 1893, and the island's bison herd has proven to be a valuable genetic pool for bison breeding and conservation purposes. Entrance to the park is free with a National Parks Pass.

After overnighing in Syracuse, I rode about 60 miles northwest, around the top of Salt Lake, to the Golden Spike Museum. Not long ago on TV I saw a National Parks commercial for this place... put it on my TV List (To Visit List) so when I started planning this trip, I pulled out my list which included a dozen potential sites. Golden Spike area is the place where the trains (train tracks) met from the east and west

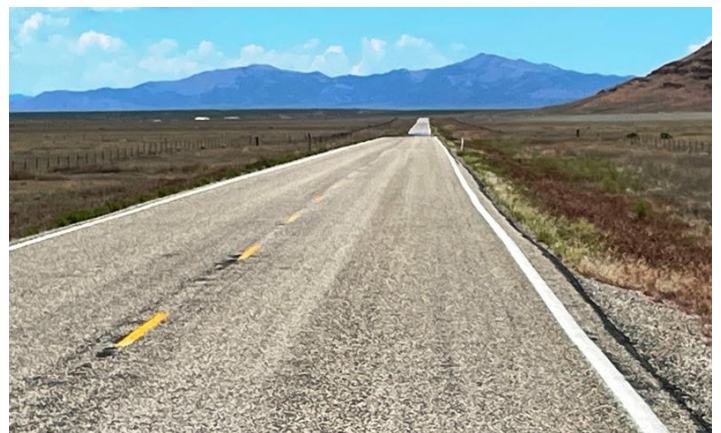
coasts. It commemorates the completion of the first Transcontinental Railroad where the Central Pacific



Railroad and the Union Pacific Railroad met on May 10, 1869. The final joining of the rails was signified by



the driving of the ceremonial golden spike. The park museum shows a number of railroad construction tools and techniques, pictures, video history and demonstrates the meeting of the trains with two full size reproduction locomotives.





Rather than riding back east to Salt Lake City, I decided to venture around the west side of the Salt Lake on UT Route 30 to I-80. This was a secondary road with very few residential buildings and no towns (or gas stations). I wish I had known how barren it was going to be since I filled up the gas tank the day before in Syracuse UT. Anyway, I traveled around the



Salt Lake to I-80 with my destination at Bonneville Salt Flats... a total of 261 miles. My gas indicator showed LOW for the last half hour. The Bonneville Salt Flats was about 40 miles back east on I-80. As many times that I've been in Salt Lake City (passing through or at the 2017 MOA Rally), I never stopped to see the great racing area of the Salt Flats.

After turning north from Wendover, UT, it's about 5 miles to the end of the paved road. A large sign greets you at the road end. While taking pictures, several cars and motorcycles ventured out on the salt lake to try their speed run. (upon returning to the parking area, they all were covered underneath by white salty dust... not good). The surface looked soft especially around the demarcation points to the lake bed, so I didn't dare venture out where I might tip and fall (like riding on sand in the NJ Pine Barons). Land speed records and Land speed racing records have been set many times on the Bonneville Salt Flats. The record for wheel-driven vehicles (449 MPH) was set in 2018, and for rocket or jet propelled vehicles (630 MPH; since superseded) in 1970. Motorcar racing has taken place at the Salt Flats since 1914.

Racing takes place at part of the Bonneville Salt Flats known as the Bonneville Speedway. There are five major land speed events that take place at the Bonneville Salt Flats. Bonneville "Speed Week" takes place mid-August followed by "World of Speed" in September and the "World Finals" take place early October. Of course that main thing I remember about

the Salt Flats is the movie, "The World's Greatest Indian" starring Anthony Hopkins, 2005; Sports drama film based on the New Zealand speed bike racer Burt Munro and his highly modified 1920 Indian Scout motorcycle.

I then rode 235 miles west on I-80 (UT and NV) before staying overnight in Winnemucca NV. The day was 498 miles and 14 hours with Golden Spike and Bonneville stops. The next morning I headed north toward Redmond OR. I knew the secondary roads from Winnemucca to Crater Lake OR were pretty remote with few gas stops so I set my bike on center stand and filled the tank to the brim. It was 212 miles later, following NV and OR routes 95 and 140, before seeing the first gas station. Route 140 is very remote... two lane, no center line, no houses or



ranches. I actually had about 1/4 tank left when I filled it again

It was 340 miles from Winnemucca to Cater



Lake OR, my next scenic stop. Total miles for this day was 475 miles to Bend OR where I stayed for 6 nights. Crater Lake is a volcanic lake located in south central Oregon. It is famous for its deep blue color and



clarity of water. The lake partly fills a volcanic cavity that was formed around 7,700 years ago by the collapse of a volcano. No rivers flow into or out of the lake. The evaporation is compensated for by rain and snowfall at a rate such that the total amount of water is replaced every 250 years. With a depth of 1,949 feet, the lake is the deepest in the United States. I arrived at the Park entrance about 2pm and was greeted by a long line of cars at the National Park fee station. Entrance was free since I had a National Park



Pass that I purchased at Sandy Hook years ago. After 35 minutes in line I took the shorter road up to Rim Village (restaurant and trinket store).

May and June can bring sunny skies or severe snowstorms. In May, the average daily high and low temperatures are 50°F and 28°F. Average snowfall for the May is 20 inches, and the average snow depth at Park Headquarters is more than 6 feet! In June, daily highs and lows average 58°F and 34°F. A thick field of snow covered the area. I left the park by 4pm when the road to Rim Village closed and continued 135



miles north to my Bend OR hotel. I chose Bend hotel last September (9 months earlier) because local hotels were already booked up months ahead of the rally and were very expensive (\$170 and up). From my Bend hotel, it was 14 miles to the Rally location at the Redmond fairgrounds. In the future, I will try to find a place much closer or camp out at the Rally where I can have a drink and enjoy the entertainment a little later in the evenings. It's a lot of fun camping with friends.

The MOA National Rally, no matter where it's located, is always great. Over 4000 attendees, 100 seminars, 100 vendors. I didn't purchase much but I got most items on my buy-list. I found a rear tail light system that integrates brake, turn and running lights into two bright LED fixtures. I'm going to replace my exiting "truck LED lights" on my panniers with these brighter integrated lights. They are hooked into the bike the same way that I discovered with my existing lights... not with expensive Can-bus adapter, but directly to bike wiring. I also got an umbilical cord and compressed air cylinder replacements for my Helite vest. Even though there were numerous food vendors and restaurant at the fairgrounds, I didn't have to buy any food there. Tuesday through Friday night I had freebie buffet dinners for volunteers, MOA magazine writers, MOA Ambassadors, and a global ride seminar participant. Next month I will discuss the People's Choice Bike Judging/show event that I manage and also my trip home. To see my 30 minute ride video go



to Youtube: <https://youtu.be/TBibgl4cM6s> If it starts in the middle, rewind/reset it.

## Highly Classifieds

**For Sale: 2018 Moto Guzzi V7 Milano.** 27K miles. Located in Southampton, NJ. Asking \$5K. Contact Frank Vanherwaarden at 609 706 6884.

**For Sale: 1981 BMW R100RT.** 65K miles. Located in Middletown, NJ. Asking \$4.2K. Contact Roger Trendowski at 732 306 6182.