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A man says a lot of things in summer he doesn't mean in winter. *Patricia Briggs, "Dragon Blood"*

What did you bring me today? Delusional mutterings with a side of crazy? *Marissa Meyer, "Winter"*

What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness. *Lewis Carroll, "Alice in Wonderland"*

Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire: it is the time for home. *Edith Sitwell*

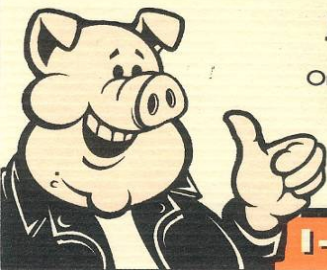
If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant: if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome. *Anne Bradstreet*

A lot of people like snow. I find it to be an unnecessary freezing of water. *Carl Reiner*

Nothing burns like the cold. *George R.R. Martin, "A Game of Thrones"*

If winter comes, can spring be far behind? *Percy Bysshe Shelley, "Ode to the West Wind"*

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President's Message

Jeff Diorio, President

Hello everyone.

The year is almost out and holidays are upon us. Hoping you all had wonderful Thanksgivings with friends and family. And also wishing you all a joyous holiday (whatever your favorite is: Christmas, Hanukkah, Festivus etc.)

One benefit of global warming is we can ride more during the winter here in the north east. Just make sure you have the right gear on. I just picked up Wunderlich handlebar muffs after polling our breakfast crew last week (kept referring to them as elephant ears instead of hippo hands). Looking forward to having them after riding in 30-degree weather today.

Be safe as the leaves are down and very slippery and the deer seem particularly passionate and somehow determined to sprint out only when you drive up on them.

Vince Kelly, our regional MOA representative is going to do an email blast to MOA members in our area introducing the club to them. If you are a member I will be interested to hear if you get a message.

Looking forward to the holiday party and seeing many of you on Friday the 6th. Roger has the mileage contest results and I believe we have a close competition for the fluffy butt contest.

The club "Toy run" to the hospital is that Sunday the 8th. The meeting before the trip The Toy Run will be at 10:30 AM at the DMV station on Rt 70 west and Towbin Ave in Lakewood. I believe coffee and donuts are planned.

It has been a good year for riding, if a bit dry re-

cently. Hoping you all have good holidays, health, family and if possible a nice jaunt on your motorcycles in December. Hoping Santa brings you all the fun power toys you are looking for.

November Meeting Minutes

James Thomasey, Recording Secretary

The meeting began on time with our special guest speaker, Nicky Palmer from Skymed International, a premier Air Transportation membership service. She spoke about the need for this type of coverage in the event of an unfortunate mishap with you and your bike while near or far. A few members already have this coverage and took the opportunity to re-up their coverage. They also donated \$200 to our club which was greatly appreciated.

Other discussions included Roger asking for the yearly mileage totals on all of your bikes so he can tabulate and prepare the award certificates. The upcoming Holiday dinner on December 6 at Woody's and the Toy Run to benefit the Specialized Children's Hospital in Toms River happening on December 8. Depending on when you read this there is still time to partake in both of these events. The 50/50 was claimed by Roger T and the second place gift went to Tom Suhocki. The next meeting is December 11 and everyone is invited to attend.

Club Calendar

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

December 2024

- Dec 4 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM @ TBD
- Dec 6 Holiday Party, 6PM, Woody's Roadside Tavern
- Dec 8 Club Toy Run to Children's Specialized Hospital, see club email for details
- Dec 11 Club meeting 7PM (6PM to eat) Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale

January 2025

- Jan 8 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM @ TBD
- Jan 15 Club meeting 7PM (6PM to eat) Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale

February 2025

- Feb 5 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM @ TBD
- Feb 12 Club meeting 7PM (6PM to eat) Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale

March 2025

- Mar 5 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM @ TBD
- Mar 12 Club meeting 7PM (6PM to eat) Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale

April 2025

- Apr 2 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM @ TBD
- Apr 9 Club meeting 7PM (6PM to eat) Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale
- Apr 27 Gathering of the Nortons, Performance Garage, Frenchtown

May 2025

- May 7 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM @ TBD
- May 14 Club meeting 7PM (6PM to eat) Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale

Viking Bag Review

Walter Barlow

When I won the "door prize" at the 3 Club Rumble hosted by the NJ Shore Riders and found out it was a \$120 gift certificate from Viking Bags (<https://www.vikingbags.com/>) I admit that I initially felt somewhat let down. Don't get me wrong, being \$120 to the better is always a good thing; but Viking? I always thought of them as a "cruiser" accessory provider, and consequently not something that I, as an intrepid adventure and sporting bike rider, would find particularly useful.

Turns out I was wrong.

So, pursuing their catalog, I found something that I could use to good effect- their 40L - Momentum Extra Large Expandable Street/Sportsbike Saddlebags (<https://www.vikingbags.com/products/viking-momentum-extra-large-expandable-street-sportsbike-saddlebags>). You can review the video and other pieces of info on that page to find out details of the bags. I'm just going to review how they installed and worked the two weeks I've been using them.

Now the odd thing is that I didn't need them for my

pure street bike, as my KTM990 SMT comes with nice factory bags. Where I thought they could work was on my KTM 890 and 1190 Adventures for the generally short (3-4 days) road trips I do, & maybe for daily use on the 890.

So I ordered them. I should mention that the bags were more expensive than the \$120 gift certificate, so they wound up costing me about \$60 out of pocket. I mention that so you don't think I'm giving a good review just because something was free.

Upon receipt of the bags, I was impressed with the overall quality of the construction, both the material and the stitching. The tenacity of the hook & loop used on the main straps was excellent, as were the straps/buckles of the security bits. The rain covers looked pretty good and the zippers all worked smoothly and well.

Installation on the 890 was easy. The bags wound up being "wider" on the bike than normal because I have 3" tool tubes on each side (left side is some tools, right side for drink/snacks), as this picture shows:



Normally (i.e., no tool tubes) the large hook & loop straps would have much more overlap, but this was very secure as is. Besides, I always have a rear seat mounted tail bag on top of it. So, no problem. One benefit of the right side tool tube is that it keeps the bag sufficiently away from the muffler.



Three views of the attachment straps.

OK, here's what you might really want to know.

I did two Adv type mixed rides-- one out to Hermy's across the "mountains" which were incredibly bumpy washboard and the bags remained secure- a testament to the mounting system. The second was a double/single track forest road ride that got tight in a couple of places with branches swiping at the bags a lot. I had to do about 70 miles of highway at DOD nominal for both rides and I wasn't aware of the bags doing anything.

The 40L capacity is fine for my needs as well.

I should close with this comment-- keep in mind that these are not sold as Adv luggage. Viking makes what looks like pretty good Adv gear: but the specs/capacity, and resultant price point was more than what I needed. The fact that they have worked so well as Adv bags is a bonus.

These would be really at home on a sportbike/standard where the sleek design would complement pretty much any bike design.

So, well done, Viking.

Mothballs and Air Cleaners

Roger T

I have always used mothballs to deter mice from crawling, digging or nesting in my airhead air cleaner. Yes, my motorcycle air cleaners. For years I've understood that this was the best method for keeping mice away from air cleaners and even furniture upholstery, dresser clothes, etc. So when closing up our Finger Lakes cottage in the fall, I place packets of mothballs on the furniture and on beds and yes, near the nose on my Air Head BMW air cleaner intake.



I've seen the results that mice can do when they decide to make a new home. In 1999 when I got my first

BMW R60/5, the mice had frequented the bike for some of the 22 years that it was dormant. Without checking out the bike much, I started it with a new battery and gas and starter fluid. The R60 popped a few times and miraculously started. Then a mass of sun flower seeds shot out of the exhaust pipes like WW1 machine guns. The little pests had obviously stored their winter reserves in the exhaust. I immediately shut it down. How far did they crawl into the pipes? Into the cylinders too? I took off the tank and removed the air cleaner where I found a nice compact nest of straw and hair. The engine appeared to be OK and void of debris after looking in the spark plug holes and slowly turning it over.

I was lucky. Not too long ago my brother had a platoon boat where, over the winter, either rats or mice destroyed the wiring under the steering control panel. Mice and their cousin rats can do extensive damage to wiring or even engines due to nest debris if you don't catch the problem in time.

So for 20 plus years I have been using mothballs, placed near/under air cleaners in my winter-stored air head bikes to deter the monsters. But because of my recent research I may be changing my approach. Apparently mothballs work somewhat, but are not as good as other deterrents. Rodents have an excellent sense of smell and therefore this can be use to against them, at least temporally. From my web search, other DIY products include (not in any particular order):

Vinegar- the pungent scent of vinegar can cover up the smell of mice pheromones (A pheromone is a chemical factor that triggers a social response in members of the same species.)

Peppermint is one of the most popular mice deterrents, but keep in mind that you'll need more than a few drops of peppermint oil to make this trick work

Epsom salt gives off a bitter scent that mice are no fan of.

Chili oil works similarly to cayenne pepper, as mice are turned off by its spicy scent. Its reddish oil will stain so place the oil on the cotton ball instead of directly on a surface

Dryer sheets are another easy way to deter mice, thanks to their fragrance and portability. Simply set a few of them in mice-frequented areas.

Cinnamon, Oils or other liquid scents can be placed onto cotton balls or strips of cloth to make the scents last longer and easier to place where you want them.

Scented deterrents will become useless once they start to lose their distinct smell so it's important to reapply oils occasionally to maintain the concentration of odor.

I think my new approach will be with Clothes Dryer Sheets. They are readily available, easy to place (several of them tied together and put next to the air cleaner inlet) and they SMELL. I might stuff a few in the exhaust pipes too. I'll hang them on a string with bright color paper tag to insure I see and remove them in the spring time. With dryer sheets I might even add a touch of pungent liquid repellent such as vinegar. What do you think? What's your approach?

Breakfast Club Rides happen all year

Roger T.

The club breakfast at Park 9 diner on Nov 23 was great. 7 attended: Henning, Joe, Bill, Jeff, Mike, Don and me.

Weather was cool but not too.... not windy going over there but definately windy coming back home.

Get your riding gear in order because we will be continuing breakfast rides over the winter (but probably not as often due to weather).



Club Shirts

For those members that ordered shirts and didn't make the Rumble, they will be available for pick-up at the November club meeting. Additionally, if you

neglected to order a shirt, it's not too late. You can still order. See Mike Palmer for any shirt-related questions.

How to convince your SO to buy you a Cross Country BMW gift card for the Holidays

Paul C (with a little help from the web..)

'Tis the season and no doubt your significant other (SO), close family members and distant homeless relatives are asking you what they could possibly buy for you that you don't already own.

It's possible at this juncture to get into the minute of K1200RT spares, recent advances in riding gear material and the merits of whiz-bang hi tech bar-mounted navigation aids. However, there is a strong chance such a detailed response will not elicit the desired outcome. There is a simpler solution though- simply request gift card from your nearest dealer aka Cross Country (CC). This will ensure there is no time wasted explaining fluid viscosity, thread sizes, model details etc.. that would otherwise merely reinforce how miserable you are that the riding season is well and truly over.

So for those unsure or unaccustomed on how to approach such conversations, and as a handy service to the NJSBMW readership, here are some tips to convincing your SO just how phenomenal they could truly make your holiday by buying you a Gift Card to CC:

To begin with, focus on the convenience and flexibility that CC Gift Cards offer, highlighting how they allow you to choose exactly what you want while still giving them the satisfaction of gifting you something special. Frame it as a thoughtful gesture that shows you trust their taste and lets you pick something that truly suits your needs, rather than potentially receiving a gift that might not even fit on a GS. Especially if that happens to a very well equipped GS, because there's unlikely to be any space left.

Emphasize the key points:

Choice and Personalization: "With a gift card, I can pick out exactly what I want, whether it's a new (insert accessory to choice), a (insert item of riding gear of choice), or something for the (insert Year/Model/color), making it a truly personalized gift. No one else in NJSBMW has

one."

No Guessing Game: "It takes the pressure off of you trying to figure out what (again insert bike accessory of choice) I like, because I can choose myself." (note you will need to have a track record of recent decision making to support this position. Cite recent club runs with decisive right/left turns, destinations, breakfast menu choices if needed)

Practicality: "If something comes up that I really need (note – don't overstep and list the 2024/5 BMW model line up), I can just use the gift card to get it right away." (visual aid – likely a very strong point if you're kitted up, heading to ride and missing for instance, a left glove)

Supporting Your Favorite Stores: "If you get me a gift card to my favorite (insert CC or you nearest dealer if you're out of state), you know I'll use it and get something I'll love." (Note it's not usually a good idea to imply the bike is the only thing you truly love. Use with caution)

So how do you approach the conversation?

Start positive: "Hey, I was thinking about gifts (simple confession might be good at this point – "BMW's" or "the bike" replacing the generic "gifts") and I really like the idea of gift cards because it gives me so much flexibility to choose something I'll actually use." (stress "use" as implied functional value makes for a much happier Holiday)

Be specific: "For example, a gift card to CC (or nearest dealer) if would be great because I've been eyeing (insert desired item with a suitable very technical description and unpronounceable Germanic part name) there recently." (again don't mention 2024/5 models)

Offer a compromise: "We could even trade gift cards to our favorite stores that we both like." (You might have to visit a few places that you aren't accustomed to and even spend money, but hey it's the season of giving)

Focus on the benefit to them: "It takes the stress out of finding the perfect gift, and you can be confident I'll get something I'll really appreciate." (note – you made want to rephrase that as "really use". It avoids any nasty arguments about last year's "nailed-it for my favorite BMW rider" gift still sitting unused in the closet)

Important considerations:

Be respectful and avoid demanding: Frame your request as a suggestion, not an expectation. (always good advice and one easily practiced at

the upcoming Holiday Party e.g. "I strongly suggest you buy me a beer")

Be open to discussion: Listen to their perspective and be willing to negotiate on the stores or amounts. (Refer to BMW website for their dealer network if CC becomes a sticking point)

Be mindful of the context: Consider your financial situation and the occasion when asking for gift cards. (Its the Holidays -surely I'm worth it?)

Finally, regardless of the outcome, don't forget to express your gratitude for their consideration, willingness to listen to your suggestion and to put up with your endless retelling of prior riding season stories to your seasonal house guests.

Happy Holidays, good luck and see you in Cross Country early next year (maybe..)



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.

For sale : 2014 BMW R1200 GSA. Details -at <https://www.advrider.com/f/threads/bmw-r1200-gsa-2014.1756245/#post-51278257>

Kenton Seydell is offering **the bikes listed below.** He can be reached at locomotion18@yahoo.com or phone: 732-567-5582. Leave message if no answer. All items are located in Red Bank, NJ

1994 K75 C with ABS, 6K miles, with R90S bars, hand guards, touring seat and bags. Asking \$5000

1993 K1100RS with 34K , ABS and bags. Euro spec. \$4000

1987 K100 Cafe X-LT 80k miles, \$1000

1978 R100/7 with 100K has title, RT spec twin disk. \$3000

1994 Ural sidecar , rough body shape, \$2000

DMC Side car R Twin shock subframe assembly \$500

DMC K-Klassik subframe \$500

Freedom Sidecar -. 800K-Klassik K Car rear tire and rim adapter to allow car tires to be used on bike.

1956 R26 basket case, no title \$2000

And Finally..



Sneak peak at the club Presidents latest bathroom remodel. Beware of recent claims of being "Busy with the Bike"