



New Sweden BMW Riders

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FEBRUARY MEETING - Nancy Glindmyer

There was a good turnout for our February meeting, with over 20 people in attendance. Evidently everybody came to eat rather than because of any pressing club business because the official meeting lasted just 16 minutes!

Don Eilenberger reported that New Jersey plans to double motorcycle registration fees. There has been a lot of talk about this in our Yahoo group. Don posted a sample letter that members can send to their state representatives. Doug Evans took it a step further and invited Senator Jeff Van Drew to a New Sweden meeting. No word yet on whether or not he's accepted.

[NewsFlash: State Senator Jeff Van Drew will attend our April club meeting to discuss this topic. HG]

George Hickman reminded everyone about the Down East Rally in Maine. Registration begins on March 1st.

Nobody came up with any ideas for a logo and/or theme for our rally.

David Ickes invited everyone who's headed to the MOA National Rally in Tennessee to spend a night at his property in Bedford, VA. It's only 12 miles from the Peaks of Otter lodge on the Blue Ridge Parkway. He brought some pictures of the place to the meeting and it's absolutely beautiful. It's also very secluded so target shooting and bonfires are included in the entertainment package.

There is an informal gathering of New Sweden members most Saturdays at DeSimone Motorsport. After kicking tires and drooling over the new offerings, everyone has lunch at a local eatery before heading back to their other lives. *[See article in this newsletter. HG]*

Pete Lisko showed up just in time to win the 50/50.

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Thank You - Nancy Glindmyer

To all my friends in The New Sweden BMW Riders Club,

Thank you all so much for the beautiful fruit basket you sent to acknowledge my mom's death.

Some of you met her during picnics here (she lived right next door to me) and will remember her as a tiny, loving, vivacious person. Although she was 82, she lived life to the fullest right up to the end, crushing me in a game of Wii Bowling (172-95) in her living room the night before she suffered the stroke that killed her.

She was also a motorcyclist when it was very rare for women to ride, obtaining her license back in the 1970's. My step-dad also rode, and they took short trips well into their 70's. She always took great interest in my cycle trips and even read our newsletter.

My family and I greatly appreciate your kindness.

Sincerely,
Nancy Glindmyer

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SPRING FLEA MARKET

The New Jersey Shore BMW Riders will be hosting a Spring Flea Market to be held in conjunction with DeSimone Motorsport's spring Open House. Start cleaning out the basement and the garage and gather up all your treasures you don't want anymore. More info will be available soon so watch this space next month and watch your email.

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SATURDAY INFORMAL CLUB LUNCHES

There is usually a contingent of club members loitering at DeSimone Motorsport around 11:45 am most every Saturday. After sitting on all the new bikes we head out for a group lunch in the Mt. Laurel area. Recent lunches have been held at F&M Deli, Bertucce's, and local Asian restaurants. Show up and join us.

On Saturday, March 7, our destination was F&M Deli in Mt. Laurel. Many of you may remember F&M from several years ago when we held club meetings there for a few months. This is one of the best places in the area to go for deli sandwiches. Nobody leaves F&M Deli hungry.



Members preparing to stuff their faces at F&M Deli. Photo courtesy of Don Eilenberger

On at Saturday, March 14, a half dozen club members, Al Peirson, George Hickman, Wayne Reiss, Miles Cannon, Dean Fasick, and Harold Gantz enjoyed an excellent lunch at the Farnsworth House Restaurant in quaint, downtown Bordentown. After a very satisfying lunch those in attendance visited the local Royal Enfield motorcycle dealership which shares space with an antique shop. The name of the establishment is Cycle Icons, L.L.C at 102 Farnsworth Avenue. The owner, Leon Stanley, also has a few vintage Hondas, BSAs, and Triumphs from his personal collection on display as well as several consignment bikes. (Many of you met Leon at the New York City motorcycle show at the Royal Enfield display at the Javitz Center.) We had an enjoyable visit chatting with Leon, admiring the Enfields which are produced in India, and reminiscing about old bikes and racing.



Wayne, Miles, Dean, Al, and George at the Farnsworth House Restaurant. Photo courtesy of The Phantom Photographer



Al trying to start a 2008 Royal Enfield Bullet and riding away before anybody notices. Photo courtesy of The Phantom Photographer

CLUB WEBSITE DOWN

As many of you probably know by now, the club website, www.newswedenbmwridders.org is kaput. This should be resolved by the end of March.

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NEWSLETTER ARTICLES NEEDED

Email articles and/or photos anytime to Harold at hgantz@verizon.net or if you don't have email call me at 856-234-4240.

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SPRING MOTORCYCLE CLEANING

The warm weather is almost here and many of you will be performing a thorough spring cleaning of your BMW motorcycle. Removing storage crud and getting your bike looking spiffy is not a trivial task and must be done properly. BMW Motorrad recommends you have your BMW motorcycle cleaned only by BMW authorized washing personnel who have been factory trained to properly wash and dry your Bavarian marvel. The factory approved washing and drying techniques are shown in the following photos. Be aware that washing your BMW motorcycle yourself may void your new bike warranty.



Al Peirson supervises the proper way to apply soap to your BMW motorcycle. Photo courtesy of The Phantom Photographer



The factory approved method of drying the motorcycle seat. Photo courtesy of The Phantom Photographer

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REGISTRATION AT THE MOA INTERNATIONAL RALLY

Our sister club, The New Jersey Shore BMW Riders, volunteered to work a four hour registration shift at the MOA rally in Johnson City, Tennessee. Their scheduled shift is Friday, July 17 from approximately 11:30 am until 4:30 pm. If you would like to help with registration that afternoon and make it a New Jersey club effort, your time would be greatly appreciated. Contact Registration Co-chair Roger Trendowski via email: rtrendowski@att.net

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BMW IN WORLD SUPERBIKE RACING

The following is a BMW press release:



The 2009 Superbike World Championship promises to be more exciting than ever, with BMW Motorrad Motorsport making its debut in the ultra-competitive series and taking on no less than six other manufacturers, four Japanese and two European. Although this is BMW's first attempt in

World Superbikes, their racing heritage goes back 86 years, starting with their R 32 motorcycle in 1923. Since then BMWs have raced successfully on the Isle of Man and at other world-famous racetracks and have enjoyed many successes. The last success of the official BMW factory team was Walter Zeller's runner-up place in the 1956 World Championship. BMW officially returned to road racing in 2007 with the HP2 Sports Boxer taking part in the Endurance Championship 24 hour classics in 2007 and 2008.

BMW's first ever 'Superbike' success took place at Daytona, USA, in 1976, when American Steve McLaughlin won the AMA Championship Superbike race in a thrilling photo-finish with team-mate Reg Pridmore. Both were riding R 90 S BMWs prepared by Butler & Smith, BMW's American importers. Back then the 'Superbike' class was a support race to the main event, but nine years later the first ideas for a Superbike World Championship (a world championship for production-based motorcycles) began to grow. The series was born in 1988 and since then has become the hallmark for close-fought, competitive racing, without sacrificing any of its friendly paddock atmosphere. It may be all-out combat on the track, but off it, it has an atmosphere unmatched by any other world championship.

BMW Motorrad have a very long history, but they are the 'new boys' of the Superbike World Championship. The company has decided to enter the series at, without a doubt, the hardest and most competitive time in its 21-year history. Any new manufacturer joining the series is going to face a tough time and BMW are under no illusions about the challenges ahead. BMW are entering World Superbike because it is a championship where fans and customers identify with the brand and the bikes. And fans will not have long to wait for the S 1000 RR roadbike from which the racebike is derived: it will make its public debut in early summer 2009.



2009 BMW World Super Bike (SBK) Entry. Photos courtesy of BMW

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LAST CHANCE RALLY THEME AND LOGO NEEDED

As you all know by now, our 27th Annual Last Chance Rally will be held again at Appel Farm. We need a rally theme and logo. Please bring you thoughts and ideas to club meetings. Thanks.

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FOR SALE

2000 Caviga Gran Canyon. Red and silver with matching side and top cases. Just serviced at Fast by Ferracci's. All new belts, etc. \$6000. Call Jed Simpson at 302-998-7976

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HEARD ON THE GRAPEVINE



"This is way better than working on the newsletter". Photo courtesy of Pete Stone

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COMING EVENTS

March 25 – March New Sweden BMW Riders club meeting, El Azteca, Mt. Laurel. 6:30 for dinner. 7:30 for business meeting.

March 29 - AMA Polar Bear Ride to Jenkinson's Pavilion, Point Pleasant Beach, NJ

April 18 - Gathering of Nortons at Washington's Crossing

May 2, 3 – Saturday and Sunday overnight ride to Maryland countryside and Lancaster County Pa for First Sunday in Ephrata. Contact Skip Palmer at EnglishHillRestorations@Hotmail.com for more info.

May 15, 16, 17- The Down East Rally Hermit Island, Phippsburg, ME

May 17 – British Euro Classic Motorcycle Show, Germantown, MD.

June 5, 6, 7 - Square Route Rally – BMWBMW

June 14 - British Motorcar Rally, Hellertown, PA

July 16-19 – BMWMOA International Rally, Johnson City, TN

July 23-26 – BMWRA Rally, Canaan Valley, WV

Sept. 25-27 – 27th Annual Last Chance Rally!

**NEXT MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25
6:30 pm – KICK TIRES & EAT.
MEETING STARTS AT 7:30 PM
EL AZTECA
1155 NORTH ROUTE 73
MOUNT LAUREL, NJ**