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By John Conners

During the Summer of 1999, while waiting for the ferry to Yarmouth Nova Scotia, I meet "John", a BMW rider from New England. John shared riding stories about Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Labrador. Great names such as "Goose Bay" and "Saint Johns" stirred my imagination!

John's stories became an exciting trip. Traveling by three ferries, I traveled from Portland Maine to Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and on to Labrador. Following Labrador, I visited Quebec City and the Northern Quebec Lake region. This will be a report of the human experiences of a wonderful trip. The value in the trip are the people I encountered. Sharing breakfast with a family from Goose Bay, Labrador was worth the trip!

The trip's destination was Labrador. Labrador is the Canadian equivalent of Alaska. Frontier towns, sub arctic conditions, dirt roads untouched wilderness. My route included Nova Scotia and Newfoundland, very good destinations in their own right.

The first leg of the journey was the ride to Port land Maine for the overnight sailing of the Scotia Prince. Waiting with twenty six other bikes for loading aboard the ferry turned into a party. The ferry saves eighteen hours of flat land riding and a night on the road. The \$140.00 fee with a room is a good value. The departing passengers from the ferry were separated from the new passenger by a fence. We enjoyed comparing notes with a departing 200 bicycle riders returning from a week on Nova Scotia. For some of the "bikers" this was a cultural challenge.

Next morning, 8:30AM in a new time zone, we land in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. The welcome centers near the ferry



The bike, with others on a ferry.

dock offer a good exchange rates at 40% advantage to the U.S. currency. The BMW group all made an unplanned exit at warp speed. The Canadian maritime have a posted speed limit. Outside of towns and cities little attempt is made at enforcing the speed limits! It is important to watch for the moose and uncertain road conditions. Riding at night is discouraged without using a car or truck to lead the way. Picture yourself as the typical laid back Baltimore -Washington traveler approaching a slower vehicles. You are closing at an easy speed preparing to pass. To your surprise and amazement, the car ahead moves over to assist your passing. In the passing zones people actually move into the slow vehicle lane!

Stopping to check my map in a small town, a group of Intuit boys asked questions about my motorcycle and trip. The boys learned a little about adventure travel but I learned a great deal about them and their town. People approach strangers with little concern.

I found an outhouse at an important time. The outhouse door was kept shut by a wooden toggle. (A board with a screw in the middle) Departing the outhouse, I found the wind had moved the toggle locking me in the outhouse! Thoughts of locals discovering a leather clad stranger in their outhouse went thought my head!

Later the first day, I proved that I could nap head down in my tank bag. I found a little shade behind a grocery store. Twenty minutes later and I was a new man!

The Cabot Trail is a must do ride! The trip is 70% scenery and 30% great turns! Watch the turns for gravel. You may see whales from the road way.

Riding the Cabot trail counter clock wise, puts you on the outside lane close to the turn off. Two days can be enjoyed with several small towns and parks. Cittecamp is a nice base for exploring the trail and Cape Briton.

I met two French Canadian couples on the Cabott rail abroad K12 LT. They were very helpful with information about Quebec City. Unlike other riders, traveling from Baltimore to Labrador made perfect sense to them.

The trip between Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Labrador included ferry boats. The ferry are very large from 800 fit to 600 ft. They have restaurant, night clubs and casino.

Two of the ferries provide tie down straps for motorcycles. Avoiding liabilities, they require the rider to tie down the bikes. The Scotia Prince placed large rubber wedges under the bikes along with tie downs. My bike was loose at the end of the trip.

The value of ferry travel is meeting other people. I had breakfast with an Intuit family from a very remote town. I learned of travel from other bike owners. A retired stationary engineer shared his life on Newfoundland.

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A Look Ahead

As I write this on 16 September, we have lived through a wide range of emotions in the past week. Last Sunday, the club meeting at Morton's was well attended with lively discussions, some information about coming bikes (F650CS) by Jeff Massey and talks by two Iron Butt Rally riders about their experiences. A fine time was had by all and the weather was wonderful for riding.

On Tuesday, we all watched the horrors unfold in New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania. You or a friend may have lost someone to the crashes, fires, and building collapses. The quality of the American spirit was shown in the heroic acts of so many "average" citizens in helping others to evacuate the buildings or supporting the rescue workers searching the rubble. We should all think about what we might be

able to contribute to these efforts, even if only to pray for the victims and their families.

At today's Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation Ride for Kids, I saw hundreds of bikers turning in donations for these kids and sharing a good word with each other. I had other obligations and could not stay to hear the totals, but the crowd seemed about the same size as last year. I wonder if BMWBMW met the challenge from our own club members. I will find out and report next month.

Coming Attractions

Have you sent in your Oktoberfest registration yet? Look for the form in the August and September issues of BTS and get it sent to Ed Phelps ASAP. If you don't come for Oktoberfest, I hope to see you at the Cozy for breakfast that Sunday.

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Try to make one of the Slack Pack meetings that Battley Cycles has generously offered to host this fall. You even get access to a factory-trained mechanic to answer your questions. Check the schedule for times and dates.

Speaking of Battley's, don't forget the November meeting is being held there. Come hear from Devon what surprises BMW has in store for us next year.

Saturday December 1st will see the club enjoying another Holiday Party at Gabriel's Inn. I got a sneak peek at the menu from Ed and it took two hours for my mouth to stop watering. I've enjoyed the last few parties at Gabriel's and hope more people will come to this year's festivity.

Getting Out The Vote

Look in this month's BTS for the ballot. Cast your vote for the club officers for 2002. Both members and associates can vote, so get those ballots in the mail to Jim Fletcher today. □

Speed's

I saw the following posted to the BMW-GS list, and I thought it was a heartwarming snapshot about the pure love of riding. Dave was asked, after describing extended highway riding on his R1100GS:

"Why not ride the bike off road? It is dual purpose after all."

Don't get me wrong, while numerically I spend a lot of time on the Superslab it really isn't by choice. I much prefer the paved/unpaved nastiness of the AZ mountains or the Sierra Nevadas, but I have to work to eat. I often had to fight/ make deals to be able to take my bike. I often lost money and vacation time to do it but it was worth it. For me there is an indescribable feeling I get when I set out on a trip. Thrill, elation and a sort of "it's on" feeling I usually only get when doing Air strikes. I love that weird cold burn you get after the first 600 miles and you feel like you could go forever. I love the look the people give you when you are sporting AZ tags in New York. I love the conversation with the counter woman at a gas station in "east Egypt" at three AM. You go in get your coffee and say "so tell me about this town." I love hearing the truckers ask what kind of idiot would be out in 9°F degree weather in the snow in, OK on, a bike. I love being loaded up with luggage exploring some twisties 10 states away and coming across local, who share info and lunch. I love the look in some small town kids eyes as I loft the front wheel coming out the town's one stop light and he knows...it's all for him. I love waving at a van load of kids on the Hi-way as the press their little faces to the glass trying to soak in every detail of my passing. I love it when a 90-year old comes up to me and tell me how he met his wife on a W 45 Harley and how he sold it to get a house and how he misses it and then he gives you that pat on the shoulder and says keep on riding son. I love the disbelieving shake of the head my crew gives me when I arrive bug-splattered in Savannah Georgia and announce "27 hours and 43" minutes, and then some says, "Dave we need to get you a car". But my favorite, all time love amongst the endless loves of motorcycling is the hum. It usually comes to me when things are at it's worst. Its raining, it has been raining for the last 800 miles and you have 400 left

to go. I am seriously thinking about stopping and renting a truck. I can't pick up any radio stations and I'm sick of my tapes. There are no truckers talking on the CB so it is just me and my misery. I keep thinking why the hell didn't I fly, why don't I get a car. WHAT THE HELL was I thinking. Then some where the sound of the road starts creeping in to my brain. The wind on my helmet. The pulse of the pistons, the hum of the tires, start to tune in and it feels like my heart is joining in. Then I start to think: I am it, the last of the knights, in my Gore-Tex armor hunting down the dragon, I am the rider of the apocalypse, I am a two wheeled god, pity the people trapped in their miserable little boxes called cars. It is me and my trusty steed vs. the elements and we will win. I see another rider and we give the "I salute you my fellow two wheeled warrior, well met and gods speed" wave. I start to think.....400 miles!?! Hell another 800 and I'm home!!! And for a few minutes that really seems like a good idea. Then it gets cold again and pain starts again and all my "retained surgical hardware" starts to make its presence known. But deep in my core a little bit of fire remains unquenched and it sees me though.

Dave of AZ.

P.S. I also love seeing that sign that says - "Winding road next 77 miles" - and getting a rush.

OCTOBERFEST

Octoberfest 2001 will be here before you know it. I am putting out this invitation for members to come to Octoberfest and bring their albums, movies and stories about their travels and adventures. I have invited Elsie Smith and Phil Ager to come and talk about their travels in Europe. I have also talked to Bob Cox and asked him to tell us about his Iron Butt ride and experiences. Rob Taylor has promised to tell us about his travels in Nova Scotia. So with this in mind, I hope you will join us and also tell us about your travels and experiences. How's that for a theme for Octoberfest?

Ed Phelps

BMWBMW ELECTION '02 POSITION STATEMENTS

PRESIDENT

Bob King

Since I joined BMWBMW in 1994, I have served as Maryland Highway Cleanup Coordinator, three years as Vice-President, and am currently serving as President. I would like to continue serving the club as President for 2002.

Our Board of Directors has provided a rich set of program offerings to the club in 2001 and managed to begin replenishing the bank balance in the process. Please take time to find your area of interest and contact that committee chair to offer your aid for 2002. Thanks for your support.

RIDES

Jim Fletcher

I will volunteer for rides chair. I will need the help of our members to make the coming year fun. I will need several volunteers from various areas (DC/MD/VA etc) to lead a different ride each month. In the ballot, please indicate which month you would be able to "host" a ride. The theme can vary but the ones I will be leading will involve a restaurant as the destination. Ride, eat, sleep, repeat.

SAFETY

Cappy Kidd

For 2002, I'm throwing my hat in the ring for your consideration for the SAFETY position. Last year, I held the Government Affairs position, and then took a personal breather in 2001. I'm a strong believer that we get out of our club what we put into it. In that humble vein, I hope that I can adequately carry on from Jess Booth who has filled this chair so capably for the last 5+ years.....tough shoes to fill, but I'll give it my best.

GOV'T AFFAIRS

Bob Cox

Fellow BMW riders, I would be honored to be re-elected to the position of Director of Government Affairs for BMWBMW. Having held this position last year and previously in 96 and 97, I feel I understand the regional and national motorcycle legislative agenda, its movers and shakers. Avenues to influence legislation and the regulatory process are open and in the spirit of previous BMWBMW Government Affairs Directors, feel I can make significant contributions on your behalf.

This year the issues loom large. Helmet choice in Virginia. Increased EPA regulation, correcting HIPPA discrimination against motorcyclists, and eager NHTSA that seeks to make vehicles safe for crashing but little for rider education and training...and the list goes on. BMWBMW Government Affairs has good connections with the AMA, VCOM, MRF and ABATE. In addition we have strong support from various members of the Virginia and Maryland Legislatures.

As a long time BMW rider I have completed AMA's Eagles course, Reg Pridmore's CLASS course, Keith Code's California Superbike course, am a member of AMA, VCOM, BMWMOA, BMW/RA, and the Iron Butt Association with several Saddlesore 1000 certificates and a Bronze finish in the 2001 Iron Butt.

I humbly ask for your vote and promise to represent BMWBMW interests in a professional manner.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Ed Phelps

I am starting to get the hang of this job. I still have some other ideas for new meeting locations and if you have any ideas or suggestions please let me know. So please vote for me and I will work on some new sites. Next year you should try to get out and attend more meetings and enjoy the events that the club offers for it's members.

INTERNET

George Falcon

I've enjoyed playing and working with computers since 1970, when I started programming in BASIC on a mainframe we accessed from a utility room in our high school. For the last 14 years, I've served as a network engineer, and for most of the last three I have maintained my own corporate website. While the current website is very attractive and informative, I would place greater emphasis on page loading speed. I would add support for popular PDAs and other wireless devices, so that those of us who ride with PDAs and wireless web devices can quickly locate through the BMWBMW website all of the most important information relevant to touring. I picture these as being emergency medicine, motorcycle towing, parts, maintenance, rallies, highway construction, and hotel and restaurant information. I hope to get a lot of input from the members. It is your website, after all.

MEMBERSHIP

Hi, I'm Linda Tanner and I'm running for membership chair. I'm new to BMWs and new to this organization, but I'd like to do my part to help us prosper by promoting membership. I've been riding 7 years and have just over 100k miles total. I've had my RT since Jan/2000 and it will need it's 30k service really soon. I'm not sure what else to say other than I want to help.

TECH

Anton Largiader

Having two high-mileage Beemers and doing all of my own work (plus being a die-hard tinkerer), I can contribute technical articles of interest to owners of Beemers old and new. I'd also like to resurrect the "Ask Dr. Slack Wrench" column. As far as Slack Packs go, I can only hope to do as well as Bernie has done in the last year.

Bob's

BERNIE'S GARAGE

Fall Slack Packs



By Bernie Stuecker
October 25, BMWBMW Slack Pack. Held at Battley Cycles/Rockville Harley-Davidson in Gaithersburg, Maryland. This is a chance for club members and non members alike to talk about and work on BMW Motorcycles. One of our technicians will be on hand to offer advice & assistance. Refreshment will be served. The series is held from 6-9. This event is open to all BMW Riders and enthusiasts.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

VIRGINIA COALITION OF MOTORCYCLISTS 2001 CONFERENCE

By Bob Cox

Tom McGrath and the VCOM held their annual government affairs and legislative conference in Richmond on 15 Sept 2001. Speakers representing VDOT, MRF and Virginia's Motorcycle Rider Education program not only presented their views but answered questions from the 50 or so attendees.

Guest speaker Virginia Delegate Jack Reid [R] from the Richmond area energized the crowd with a thoughtful explanation of how to re-introduce, and

pursue a helmet-choice law during the upcoming session. He pointed out that most states do not require a helmet and that Virginia got caught up in the Federal mandates that occurred several years ago under the Nader/Claybrook influence. Mr. Reid explained that changing status quo is always hard, but continued perseverance will eventually win out. The helmet-choice law seems to be VCOM's primary emphasis.

Another area VCOM will pursue is improving Virginia's motorcycle rider education and training program. Funding Virginia's MSF training comes from the \$10 fee on your motorcycle license "M" stamp, about \$5 of the \$15 dollar motorcycle license plate fee and \$3 dollars from your motorcycle registration fee. The program does not suffer from lack of funds. To accommodate the 6,500 Virginia MSF students in 2001, the program suffered from the lack of sites and instructors. This shortage is expected to continue. A myth exploded was that Virginia MSF training can only be conducted on college sites. Any private business area with a parking lot area of 200x300 feet and a classroom/restroom facility could be rented by MSF. Insurance coverage is provided by MSF. So...anyone's work site have a large parking lot?

Tom Wylde, Director of Government Affairs for the Motorcycle Rider Foundation, listed three areas the national MRF will concentrate on; reversing HIPPA directives that require health insurance to cover motorcyclists but can deny benefits in the event of an accident. Secondly, MRF will work to challenge EPA's attempts to implement standards that prohibit certain after market modifications, use shear bolts, and increase pollution prevention standards. Finally, MRF will work closely with NHTSA to ensure they stay focused on the right aspects of motorcycle safety, accident prevention and training and education. He expressed concern that that the new Director of the NHTSA is a medical doctor with no sympathy for motorcycles and the drivers.

Finally, Mr. Andy Bailey, VDOT's Deputy Commissioner for Project Management talked briefly about problems associated with any large

August Slack Pack a Huge Success

by Bob Gage

BMWBMW enthusiasts met for the monthly Slack Pack Saturday, August 18th, at the country estate of Lew and Moira Nalls. Past President Bill Shaw helped Lew and Moira officiate at the opening ceremonies. Bikers wheeled in all day long. The final inventory included a couple sidecar rigs, a brand-new K1200LT and a selection of vintage vehicles.

The Nalls live on a secluded cove where the Potomac River meets the Chesapeake Bay (Northern Neck in Virginia). Their red brick home overlooks the private cove (complete with docked yacht), which displayed blue heron, crabs, and all sorts of jumping fish. Darting hummingbirds, butterflies and other wildlife rounded out the scene. The garage facade is a long row of single-car overhead doors. Opened, these reveal space enough for dozens of motorcycles. Next to the side door lies a pool, complete with fountain, where giant koi (big, exotic goldfish to you non-aquatic types) swim lazily. Hand-tamed, they leapt excitedly for food pellets when Moira showed them off to us.

Lew and Moira's gourmet banquet began when early arrivals filled the dining area and ate their way through a

variety of fresh fruit and snacks, accompanied by soft drinks. Once a majority had gathered, Lew fired the grill and served up succulent tube steaks and burgers to a hungry crowd. The side table groaned under the accompaniments: baked beans, spinach salad, fresh country tomatoes, cheese and hearty loaves. When everyone had had seconds or thirds, Moira unveiled the second annual BMWBMW cake, complete with BMW logo in blue. As someone remarked, "You come for the ride, but a good feed makes the day!"

Attendees represented West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia – and included a railroad locomotive engineer, aircraft pilots, and an FAA Certified Airframe and Powerplant Mechanic, not to mention some computer fanatics. Major topics of the day ran the gamut: from transportation modes to horticulture to major events and even to cycles. "Wings and Wheels," a September festival at Hummel Airfield in Topping, Virginia, sounded exciting and several said they planned to attend on the 29th.

All in all, everyone enjoyed a great Slack Pack. Hearty thanks to Lew and Moira Nalls -- gracious and welcoming hosts. □

bureaucracy (10,000 employees and \$2.6B budget). Mr. Bailey agreed to consider a motorcycle advisory council to VDOT project planning so that motorcyclists could become stakeholders in road planning, projects, engineering and technology developments. Various attendees voiced their concern with VDOT's lack of warning for gravel covered resurfacing efforts and particularly edge traps that present a unique hazard to motorcyclists. Mr. Bailey expressed his appreciation for the group's observations and noted that to his knowledge no motorcycling group had contacted VDOT about edge traps and improved warning signage. He encouraged those with road concerns to contact their local VDOT office. The Northern Virginia District office (Louden, Fairfax and Prince William) is 703-737-2031. □

Holiday Party Menu

One hour of assorted hors d'ouvres

Dinner choices:

- Roasted tenderloin of pork with cognac sauce.
- Chicken tarragon crepe - Crepe filled with boneless breast of chicken cut into bite size pieces and mushrooms in a tarragon cream sauce.
- Stuffed portebello mushroom - (vegetarian)

All entrees served with mixed green salad, vegetable du jour, assorted rolls with butter, dessert, coffee or tea.

\$30.00 per person inclusive of tax and gratuity.

Cash bar throughout.

OCTOBERFEST - A WEEKEND OF FUN, FRIENDS & FOOD!

New members - if you haven't been able to attend meetings or events then come out for our Octoberfest. Great opportunity to meet fellow members and enjoy the weekend of fun and food in the colorful Catocin Mountains!

**Check in is Noon, Saturday October 13, and check out is 10:00 AM, Sunday, October 14
Although the pre-registration time has expired, contact Ed Phelps if you wish to participate.**

For more information, please call Ed before 9:30 PM at (410) 781-7521.

\$20 Adult/\$10 Child (12 & Under, Under 3 free)

_____ Adults at \$20 each = _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO BMWBMW

_____ Children at \$10 each = _____

Rider _____ Passenger (s) _____

TOTAL = _____

Address/City/State/Zip: _____

Octoberfest is open to BMWBMW members, their families & guests Saturday Night Camping? O YES

I/We hereby waive, release, and hold harmless the BMW Bikers of Metropolitan Washington and the American Legion Camp West Mar for any liability resulting from damage, loss or personal injury while attending the 2001 Octoberfest, or for any cause of action I now have, or in the future may have against them. This waiver extends to my heirs, executors, administrators & assigns.

Rider's Signature: _____ Passengers Signature(s) _____

October's General Membership meeting is Sunday, October 14 at 11:00 am at The Cozy Restaurant in Thurmont, MD. You DO NOT need to register for Octoberfest to attend, simply show up! (at 10:00 am if you want to dig in to one of the most sumptuous breakfast buffets around!)

2001 Holiday Party - Registration Form

Saturday, December 1st, 2001, Cocktails at 6:00, Dinner at 7:00, Gabriel's Inn, Ijamsville, MD

Please bring a gift suitable for a small child; gifts will be donated to a homeless or disadvantaged children in the area

YES, I/WE WANT TO JOIN THE PARTY

Enclosed is \$..... for adults (\$30/person)

Send your check, payable to BMWBMW, to Ed Phelps, 7447 Old Washington Rd, Woodbine MD 21797.

Please include SASE if you would like an acknowledgement of your registration

Deadline for registration is Friday, November 18th, 2000

Name Roast Pork Chicken Vegetarian

Name Roast Pork Chicken Vegetarian

Address..... City State Zip

Telephone (H) (W)

I/we hereby waive, release, and hold harmless the BMW Bikers of Metropolitan Washington and the Evans Farm Inn for any liability resulting from damage, loss, or personal injury while attending the 1999 Holiday Party. This waiver extends to my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns.

Signature Signature

MISCELLANEOUS SUBMISSIONS

Russian tank-killer motorcycle for sale

Text of report in English by Russian news agency ITAR-TASS

Moscow, 9 July: Urals machine-builders are offering for sale on the world market a so-called tank-killer motorcycle. Experts of the Russian Academy of Military Sciences told ITAR-TASS today that constructors of the world-renowned Irbit Plant had developed on the basis of the Ural heavy motorcycle a new multi-purpose IMZ-8 machine for land forces and reconnaissance units. It may be armed with a large-calibre machine-gun, automatic grenade-launcher or Konkurs-7 anti-tank missile system.

The new motorcycle has successfully passed army tests and has proved to be very handy in reconnaissance and patrol units, as well as in special landing and assault operations. During tests in mountain forests, which were very close to real combat conditions, an IMZ-8 crew was able to destroy an armoured target from a distance of about 4km. Civilian modifications of this machine (Ural Volk-750 and Ural Voyazh-750) are in high demand in the United States, Britain and Germany, military experts note.



MotoEquip Face Shield Protectors

Do you carry a spare shield? Or do you carry a clear shield for nighttime riding and a dark shield for daytime? Then you probably worry about how to keep it free from scratches while it's packed in your saddlebag or tankbag with all your other stuff. If you're like most people, you stick it in an old sock and hope for the best. But with the Face Shield Protector from MotoEquip, you can pack your shield with confidence.

The Face Shield Protector puts a layer of neoprene padding between your shield and other objects. Its one-size-fits-all design stretches to fit virtually any full-face helmet shield

from Shoei, Arai, HJC, AGV or Nolan. The neoprene is lined with woven nylon for a smooth, scratch-free surface. A white ID box below the logo lets you label which shield is inside (clear/dark, his/hers, etc.). And the Face Shield Protector comes in your choice of Black, Red or Blue.

With face shields costing from \$30 to as much as \$80 these days, protect your investment and get the longest possible life out of it with the MotoEquip Face Shield Protector. Just \$12 each. MotoEquip Face Shield Protectors can be ordered online from www.MotoEquip.com



BMWBMW 2002 Election Ballot

Please vote for the Board of Directors, and also for the additional item before the membership. Indicate your choice from the following list of candidates for the 2002 Board of Directors by CIRCLING the name of your choice or writing in a name to the right of the printed names. After you have voted, simply cut out this page, fold it so that the address on the back is showing, staple or tape it closed, stamp it and mail it.

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Rally Chair	(open – write-in)
Rides	Jim Fletcher
Sales	(open – write-in)
Safety	Cappy Kidd
Technical	Anton Largiader

THANKS FOR TAKING THE TIME TO VOTE!!

Please take the time to vote for all positions. You can either use this page as a mailer (folding so that the address on the back appears, or send in an envelope to:

**BMWBMW Ballot
c/o Jim Fletcher
8901 Jupiter Rd,
Bowie MD 20708**

Host a ride!

What month would you be willing to host a ride for Jim?

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> January | <input type="checkbox"/> July |
| <input type="checkbox"/> February | <input type="checkbox"/> August |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> April | <input type="checkbox"/> October |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May | <input type="checkbox"/> November |
| <input type="checkbox"/> June | <input type="checkbox"/> December |



REGIONAL CONTACTS AND DIRECTIONS

Bob's BMW

10720 Guilford Road, Jessup MD. (301) 497-8949. From Interstate 95, halfway between Washington DC and Baltimore, take Exit 38-A for Route 32-EAST (Fort Meade). Go approximately one mile and exit at Route 1-NORTH (Elkridge). Go to the first traffic light and turn RIGHT onto Guilford Road. We're just up the road, less than a mile, on the right.

Battley Cycles

7830 Airpark Park Rd., Gaithersburg, MD. (310) 948-4581. Take Shady Grove Rd. exit off I-270 (it becomes Airpark Rd.)

Morton's BMW

9816 Court House Rd., Spotsylvania, VA. (540) 891-9844. From I-95, take exit 126 to a traffic light at U.S. Route 1 (see detailed map below). Go north on Route 1 to the third traffic light (Hood Drive). Make a left turn onto Hood Drive and go to the next traffic light. Make a left at the light onto Courthouse Road/Route 208; Morton's BMW is approximately 3 miles on the right.

Lap's Cycle

3021 Colvin St., Alexandria, VA (703) 461-9404. From 395, take Duke St. East to a right turn onto Roth St. Make another right onto Colvin. Lap's is a few doors down. From Old Town Alexandria, take Duke St. west to a left on Roth St. then same as above.

Speed's Cycle

6360 S. Hanover Rd., Elkridge, MD (410) 379-0106. Take I95 to Exit 43, Maryland Route 100 East. Get off at US1, go north 1.3 miles to South Hanover Road. turn right, go 0.5 miles to Harwood Business Center. Turn right, go around to the rear building (6360 S. Hanover Road).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 7, Va British MC club annual rally

Richmond, VA, 1-day event. Swap meet, new & used parts vendors, dealer displays, British bike show, motorcycle corral, door prizes, motorcycle games, and food vendors. East of Mechanicsville, VA. 1/4 mile South of Hwy. 360E and Rt. 615. From I-95 follow I-295 toward I-64E. Exit Hwy. 360E and go approximately 4 miles past 360/295 interchange to the intersection of 360E and Rt. 615 (Walnut Grove). Follow signs to rally site entrance.

October 13~14, Oktoberfest, Camp West Mar

Thurmont MD, same location as the rally.

October 25th, Slack Pack, Battley Cycles.

See "Directions" column. Technician on site, refreshments.

November 11, Gen'l membership meeting, Battley Cycles.

See "Directions" column.

The events listed above can be either official BMWBMW events or events unrelated to BMWBMW which may be of interest to the BMWBMW membership.

BMWBMW
19 Linden Hill Way SW
Leesburg VA 20175

BMWBMW Ballot
c/o Jim Fletcher
8901 Jupiter Rd.
Bowie, MD 20708

MONTHLY BREAKFAST RIDES and THE SLACK PACK

BMWBMW Breakfast rides are informal gatherings of members who meet for breakfast and ride afterward. Not all members participate in the after-breakfast rides, and many members like to show up solely for the breakfast. Interested? Show up early, look for tables with motorcycle helmets, and don't be shy about introducing yourself! If you'd like more information, or to volunteer to lead a ride one weekend, call the rides chair, Phil Space. Breakfast rides do not take place if there is a club meeting or another major event scheduled for that particular day.

Old Country Buffet

(Baltimore Breakfast Ride, usually 1st Sunday, 8 am). **Directions:** Satyr Hill shopping center at Satyr Hill & Joppa roads across from the Home Depot (at 695 & Perring Pky). *Jim Pellenbarg, (410) 256-0970*

The Cozy Restaurant

(Md. Breakfast Ride, 3rd Sunday, 10 am). **Directions:** Take I-270 north to Frederick, Md. & continue on Rt. 15 north; take first Thurmont exit; turn right at stop sign; turn left at light; proceed 1/4 mile; restaurant on your left. Or from Md. Rtes. 550 & 77: turn left at light in Thurmont; proceed about two blocks (street bears to right); restaurant is on right.

Town and Country Restaurant

(Va. Breakfast Ride, 4th Sunday, 9 am), (703) 347-3614. **Directions:** From VA Beltway, take I-66 West to Exit 43A, Rt. 29 South (Gainesville/Warrenton). Follow Rt. 29 South for almost 7 miles and the restaurant will be on your left.

The Slack Pack, world renowned for its spline lubes and burger tossing, is a monthly meeting where enthusiasts and the curious alike meet to talk about and work on BMW Motorcycles. Attendees are reminded to chip in generously for the food and drink, and to have all work finished by a reasonable hour (10:00 p.m. on weekdays) The Slack Pack usually meets on a Thursday or a Saturday of each month. For more info, please contact Tech Chair Bernie Stuecker.

Slack Pack

September 19th and October 25th, 6~9 PM

Battley Cycles/Rockville Harley-Davidson in Gaithersburg, Maryland. Technician on site, refreshments.

Everyone had advise on the Trans Canadian highway through Labrador. " It's just like a paved road", lies! The advise was based on four wheel experience.

The Ferry to Argentia, Newfoundland was a day trip. I occupied an airline type seat next to a family from St.Johns. The Newfoundland Irish brogue requires close attention to understand. Conversations with people from a wide background were very easy.

Underway to Newfoundland, the entertainment in the ship's bar were two Newfy singers. The local color was much better than their vocal quality. The last set was an Elvis imitation attempting to match Elvis' Tennessee accent with their Irish touch. You miss things like this traveling in a mini van.

We arrived in Argentis Newfoundland at 11:00PM. I had reservations at Heralds Hotel. Heralds has been dead for 34 years. His widow Margaret is the manager. Margaret's sister escorts you to your room. The grandchildren operate the hotel during the day. Harold's features a bar, restaurant and slot machines. It's one of two hotels in town, reservations are recommended!

The size of Newfoundland make touring a challenge! I traveled the Avalon peninsula and the Gander Bay area. With only three days, I missed a great deal. The local saying , "you will return to Newfoundland is true". The small towns are very neat. Houses are well kept. People wave and take an interest in your trip. The people are very proud. Many people receive Canada's version of social security. Young people are noticeable absent.

Tourism is Newfoundland's major industry. The cod fishing has been prohibited to protect the remaining schools. Income is made picking blue berries, \$20.00 per gallon and lumbering. The wood is converted into fence blanks and pallets.

Traveling in Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Labrador requires respect for the moose! Riding at night can be dangerous. One early morning, I followed a truck as a "moose catcher".

A young man on an ancient Triumph stopped me. His Irish brogue was so thick that I missed half of his words. BMW's in small town attract other riders!

The ferry from Lewisport Newfoundland to Goose Bay, Labrador was one of the trips highlights! We loaded at 7:00PM and arrived in Goose Bay 38 hours later. I shared an 8 fit by 10ft room with three other men. The ventilation was very poor!

The ferry serves as local transportation. As you approach Labrador you begin to



Arrival in Goose Bay.

Morton's

sense a frontier. Ice bergs pass, the sky is different, It's cold. Children, belonging, packages, meals are every where. Passengers are" camped out "for the trip. Everyone is a character!

Arriving in Goose Bay you see a pier and trees. The town has twelve miles of paved roads, two hotels, a few gas stations and restaurants. A former US Air force base supports various businesses.

Labrador is sub Arctic, much of the province is above the 50 parallel. Step off the road and you are standing on tundra. It's claimed that there are still areas that have not been travel by humans.



The Trans-Labrador highway

Many of the coastal towns are visited by ferries in warmer months. Planes maybe able to reach remote areas during good weather. ATV and snow mobiles are common, It's wild!

The 430 miles of unpaved road West from Goose Bay to Manic Five in Quebec has been described in several ways. "It's almost a super highway", this is a lie! This is a wilderness road very suitable for truck, car and GS type bikes.

The road is comprised of a hard clay base with sand and gravel. The challenge is the sand which varies from four to one inch in depth. Carrying extra gas is prudent precaution.

The sand is very similar to talcum powder. The scenery ahead will include dust clouds. The dust clouds warn of on-coming traffic. I pulled over and stopped while trucks passed. The dust following the truck eliminated visibility for several minutes. Quarry truck are three time the size of tractor trailer. A bare lane of clear clay could be ridden at 30 to 40 MPH. Controlling the bike came from very smooth application of the throttle and weighting the pegs and saddle. Sometimes, I followed the direction the bike had chosen. Each hour the bike would try to fall from under me. When ever I stopped a driver would ask if I was Al right. On the second day a truck pulled ahead and stopped. The driver asked if I would like a cold beer! What a great country!

The rewards of travel in Labrador are great people, tremendous scenery, wild animals and a new passion for paved roads! The road passes water falls, streams,wild animals and mountains.

I spent the second night in the mining town of Wabush. The road west is only five years old. Fifteen years ago the iron depots were discovered. The population is very young. There is a great sense of frontier.

While walking around Wabush I met Jim and asked about the road ahead. Jim turned out to be the mayor of Wabush. Before we departed Jim gave be a key chain and map of the area!

The final day of dirt roads held it's own surprises. The first motorcycles since Goose Bay! Two men on dual purpose Kawasaki came blasting up the road. We stopped on the road

and visited for an hour. Their English was much better than my French! (One of the men had left his main bike a K75 in Quebec.)

The trans-labrador high way has one mean trick. Half way through the last day asphalt appeared! Fifteen minutes at a high rate of speed and back to dirt. It was fun while it lasted! The asphalt reappeared near the hydra electric damn, Manic Five. The road makes a 90 degree turn a drops down into the front of the damn. Unfortunately it was raining and the road had turned into a river. The truck traffic prevented stopping.

The evenings destination was Bare-Comeau near the St. Lawrence sea way. Paved roads were a real treat! A motel and a shower was never more appreciated!

The towns along the St. Lawrence are exquisite. At the road is interrupted by the river. The river crossing is by a free ferry. While passing an empty lumber truck, the driver tried unsuccessful to race me.

Quebec City is it's own story! I meet my wife and enjoyed three days of great food and French culture. The old town is great and very reasonable priced.

My next destination was St. James Bay, north of Quebec City. The roads are very fast. You can complete one turn as you prepare for the next. Small towns, forests and rivers provide scenery!

My trip to this very wild land gave me experience with wonderful people. I am in e-mail contact with several of them. The trip by car would be empty of human contact. Motorcycle travel at these latitudes is an expedition!

Labrador and Newfoundland are a frontier. I hope to return in a few years on a more suitable machine. Perhaps a R1150GS! I missed a few side roads.

Please contact me if you are interested in a Labrador trip!

Tom Connors

tomconnors@worldnet.att.net

MEMBER'S MARKET

MOTORCYCLES FOR SALE

00 K1200RS, Mandarin and gray, 12,000 miles. Hard bags, Givi 35 liter trunk, throttlemaster. Exc. \$13,000.00 540-662-3413 (9/01)

99 K1200LT Red, 5k miles, icon model with heated driver seat, bag liners, and highway pegs. The bike is garaged kept and in mint condition. \$12500 410-923-4517 Bill (7/01)

99 R1100GS Red, 15K miles, BMW Bags, garage kept, excellent stock condition. Serviced at Bob's - \$11,400. Call John at 301-261-6132, johnbchamp@aol.com (8/01)

96 R1100RT, Blue 27,700 miles, hard bags and BMW top case with pad, tank bib, hyper lights, Run 'n Lites, xenon headlight bulb, Clymer manual, BMW tank bag, brand new set of Battlax BT54 not installed, Westco battery, 2nd owner. Price: \$9000. Barry Marcus (703) 450-7754 (10/01)

95 K75SA Near mint, Arctic Silver with red saddle (like the one in the BMW museum), 19,500 miles, ABS, saddle bags, luggage rack, heated grips, 2 windscreens (tinted stock, tinted Aeroflow), Koni shock, Progressive springs, Staintune touring muffler, K&N filter, 3-spoke wheels, dual FIAMM horns, Hyperlite brake flasher, Runnin' lights f&r, PIAA Hyper White headlight bulb, Aeroflow headlight protector, BMW hand protectors, other small items. New battery, Metzeler tires and EBC kevlar brake pads. Original owner (8/95) and solely serviced at Bob's BMW. Stock muffler and shock convey. One of the nicest 75S's around and an excellent entry into BMW sport touring. \$6950, Scott Keimig, keimig@attglobal.net, 301-846-1906 (w) (8/01)

88 R100RT. Blue, 73000 miles, one owner. Loudoun County VA. Make offer. John Niccolls (703) 777-5596 jniccolls@aol.com (9/01)

86 BMW R100RT, custom silver metallic paint and pinstriping, powder coated rims, Parabellum fairing, BMW hard bags and top box, Mikuni carbs, gas gauge, temp gauge, heated handlebars, Progresssive fork springs, Luftmeister rotors & pipes; lowered slightly, good for woman or short rider. New tires, low mileage, always garaged. Selling due to health problem. In

Leesburg, will deliver Md, Pa, Va, DC area for next 4 weeks. \$3600 703-779-7761

79 R100R Silver, 53000 miles, excellent condition. Hard bags, driving lights, Corbin seat, windshield and many extras. \$3400. Jaime Henriquez (301) 587-1833 (9/01)

77 R100S project bike. Runs great, primer, Short final drive. Recent tires, front wheel, SH bearings, rear brake, grips. FAST. Leaking rear main seal and forks, broken key in fork lock, nonworking odometer and intermittent clock. A very stable and fun ride, but no time for it now. Pictures on request. \$3000 obo. John Fishman (301) 779-2309 (H) or (703) 697-7527 (w). Jkf011@earthlink.net. (7/01)

97 MotoGuzzi V10 Centauro 4k mi luggage rack gooseneck handlebars 2 crossovers 3 chips new tires sport fairing chin spoiler factory repair manual warranty until 9/01 \$9000. Tod 410-719-0369 twaterman@hst.nasa.gov (7/01)

PARTS & GEAR FOR SALE

Kathy's Bag Liners for K75 side hard bags, red with BMW logo. A must have at \$30 (new \$100). Call John Nickum at (301) 365-8300 anytime and leave message or e-mail jwnickum@prodigy.net (9/01)

Tank Panniers, by Bob Weiss (NLA) Should fit nicely on a K-75, or other bikes, and give lots of extra, accessible room for travel stuff (but they don't fit a PD particularly well). \$30 including shipping (new \$125) contact the editor, Anton. editor@bmwbmw.org (9/01)

First Gear Scout Leather Jacket. Ladies size 38, fits 5'6", 115 lb. frame with lots of room for layering underneath. Very innovative design with clever venting and lots of pockets and storage space. Includes removable liner with sleeves and neck warmer. Like new condition, seldom worn, no wear or tear at all. \$350.00. John Weicht (717) 633-9207 or hans75@blazenet.net (9/01)

BMW Kalahari jacket : Size US 50R/ Euro 60, Like new-\$200. BMW heated vest: size 3x-Like new-\$50. Call Greg Haas (703) 905 8091 or email gregtybe@bellatlantic.net (8/01)

Full Staintune exhaust system for

R1100GS, allows full size left bag, \$400/obo **Airhawk tush cushion**, \$40/ obo The Real Deal Hippo Hands, \$25 Ron Orem 410-581-3751 or ROrem@aol.com (8/01)

BMW Multivario Tank Bag for R1100. One season of use, perfect condition with rain cover and removable map case, new \$275, \$195/obo. Call Mike at 703-560-6906 or mbellino@petroheat.com (8/01)

Body guard jacket, complete armor system (back!, chest, shoulders, and forearm/elbows) set in a lightweight lycra-mesh combination, can be worn under your riding jacket or on its own (sizes XXS-M, and L-XXL) - \$60 each, cold weather insulated/waterproof gloves black XL - \$30, Monsoon waterproof gloves black, L, \$20. Marius (202) 473-5616 (day). (9/01)

Motoport Canyon riding pants, excellent condition, padding in knees and hips, four pockets, mens large \$75.00. **BMW Gore Tex riding boots**, totally waterproof, good condition, men's Euro 42, US 8/9, \$100.00.

Fieldsheer rain jacket, excellent condition, men's large, \$30.00. **Olympia Kevlar gloves**, red/black, men's large, \$25.00. **K75 fuel injector cover**, looks nice and keeps hands off the injectors, \$20.00. Call Jim Fletcher at 410-765-1611 days, 301-352-3348 eves. (7/01)

Alpinestar 3 season riding jacket. Zip out fleece lining that can be worn as a separate jacket. Black w/ silver reflective piping, heavy nylon waterproof shell w/ vents and adjustable armor. Selling due to purchase of new riding gear. Worn 1 season, asking \$320.00. Eric, (h) 301-947-7902, eleven20@prodigy.net (7/01)

WANTED

R80GS solo seat and rack; will buy or trade my dual seat with rack plus cash.

Note to classified advertisers:

BIG ad purge coming up next month! You need to re-submit ads periodically if the item doesn't sell. If you include an e-mail address, I'll send a confirmation message before I remove your ad.

EDITOR'S CORNER



By Anton Lardiader

September draws to a close and this issue is WAY late. But that's mostly because of two things: first, I took a few days off and went down to the Smoky Mountains to scrub some tires, and second, because the election issue is very important but we had no candidates.

Fortunately, a few brave souls stepped up and it looks like we will be able to function as a club for the next year. No telling what the newsletter will look like because we don't know who will be writing it, but we'll manage to get something out one way or another (if some other motivated soul steps forward!).

Being out on the road was great. I covered lots of really good miles, did permanent damage to a set of tires (hopefully this will be the subject of a tech article in the future) and had nothing but good weather once I was in the mountains. My buddy (on his own bike) and my passenger both had a blast on their first trip into the Smoky Mountains.

In closing, remember that Octoberfest is happening, and if there's still time you could possibly contact Ed about attending (depending on when this hits the street!) which is why I'm leaving the Octoberfest information in this issue. □

Battley

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Baltimore Breakfast Ride:
OCTOBER 7 • NOVEMBER 4

Maryland Breakfast Ride
OCTOBER 14 • NOVEMBER 11

Virginia Breakfast Ride
OCTOBER 28 • NOVEMBER 25

Planning an event or get-together of interest to BMWBMW members?
Contact the editor, and we'll publish it!

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Application for Membership/Change of Address

Membership (check appropriate box) and mail to Rob Taylor

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Name _____

Motorcycles
(Year, Model)

Associate _____

#1 _____

Street _____

#2 _____

City, State, ZIP _____

#3 _____

Occupation _____

Total mileage on BMWs _____

Phone Home (____) _____ Work (____) _____

Referred to BMWBMW by:

E-mail: _____ I belong to: BMWMOA # _____

Age Group

- 16-25 46-55
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 36-45

BMWRA # _____

AMA # _____

I'm interested in helping in the following areas or committees:

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Associate Member \$7.50/year

Dues may be paid for 1, 2, or 3 years. Associate members must reside at the same address as the regular member. Associate members receive membership card, pin, and decal and have voting privileges if age 16 or over, but do not receive separate newsletters or other mailings.

Make checks payable to **BMWBMW** and send them with this form to:
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