



# The *SKYLANDER*

Skylands BMW Riders (Est 1991)

Host Club for BMW's Miracle Ride East  
BMW MOA #215 - BMW RA #87

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## **Club Officers**

President: Max Monaco  
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## **Committees**

Adopt-A-Highway: Jeff Roberts  
Good & Welfare: Ellen Cushing  
Membership: Karl Kretschmer  
Newsletter: Tom Coradeschi  
Ride Coordinator: Matt Fretague

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## **EDITOR'S CORNER**

June has come and gone already. For this writer, it's probably been the busiest riding month of the year so far (and from the looks of things, will probably end up being the busiest overall).

Let's see: Gooch's Garlic Run. If that doesn't add a bunch of gray to your hair, I'm not sure what will. I hate to be a complainer, but I think the Blue Knights have become a victim of their own success. I think it's safe to say that the 1998 event was probably the best run in recent memory. The Knights did an excellent job of getting the bikes out of the Rockaway Mall smoothly. The road escorts seemed to do a good job of shutting down the onramps to the various highways, too. But no amount of planning can do anything about the (hmmmm, how to choose the right word here?) morons? idiots? jerks? (you pick) the ride attracts. I'm not sure which are more irritating: The (largely Harley riding) ones who decided that they didn't need to ride with the group, so they used the other lanes to race to the front, at which point they cut into the group and slowed down so they could talk, smoke cigarettes, etc. Or was it the (largely Japanese sportbike riding) ones who figured that doing wheelies in the middle of the pack was "fun"? Either way, I think the 1998 Garlic Run was my last. As Max said, "I want you to get a 2X4 and if I even mention going on this ride again, smack me in the head with it!" It's a pity, since it's a fun ride - or can be - to a great destination and for a great cause.

What else? Ron Ayres and his attempt to break the existing 48 state record and to set a 49 state record. As I noted last month, I was privileged to be able to witness Ron's stops in NJ and Delaware and to ride with him for a bit. I'm pleased to report that he shattered the existing 48 state record (by over 12 hours, setting a new mark at 6 days, 4 minutes) and established a record for all 49 continental states at 7 days, 1 minute. All of this on a pretty much stock K1100LT. (And, in the words of Daniel Boone, we weren't lost in Delaware, just "temporarily confused.") Amazingly, witnesses at the end of Ron's ride reported that he was almost as chipper at those checkpoints as he was here on the east coast. Definitely a different kind of rider,

this Long Distance type.

The ride to see the kids at the Matheny School was not to be missed, either. The looks of excitement as we pulled into the parking lot were priceless. From what the instructors told me that evening, knowing that the bikes were coming in that evening had all the students on a real high that day. I'm glad we were all able to be part of it!

Max, Dave Cushing and I were pleased to be able to participate in the opening of The Art of the Motorcycle show at the Guggenheim. BMW's hospitality (and the spread they laid out) at the new Manhattan dealership was outstanding. Riders attended from as far away as Lawrence, Kansas: Voni Glaves, wife of BMW Owners News Tech Editor Paul Glaves, on her RED R1100RS in her RED leathers "We're not in Kansas any more!" and St Louis, MO: Sandy and Allan Cohen (Sandy is Managing Editor of the BMW Owners News these days). The ride from the dealership to the Guggenheim, across midtown and up Park Avenue was a hoot (a HOT hoot, at that)! Ask Max how far the temperature needle on an K1100LT will go. The exhibition is not to be missed. Plan on joining the club on August 2nd to see it!

Keep the rubber side down...

Tom Coradeschi

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## **MEETING HIGHLIGHTS - JULY 1998**

Membership (Karl Kretschmer): Our newest member is Chip Maxwell from Hope, NJ. Chip rides an ST1100. Welcome! A prospective member, Rich Reed, attended the meeting.

Secretary (Ivan Sobel): Our paperwork for our corporate status with the State of New Jersey is being updated.

Treasury (Jody Villa): No report (no treasurer).

Rides: Our June ride to Rhinebeck Aerodrome was rained out and will be rescheduled as our August ride. Meet at the last rest stop on the Garden State Parkway (between the 171 & 172 mile

markers) on August 16th. Departure is 9AM. The show at Rhinebeck is at 2 PM and admission is 10 bucks. There will be reserved parking for our group!

Gooch's Garlic Run (Tom Coradeschi): The usual stupidity. Max Monaco, Tom Coradeschi, Ivan Pelech, Bob Moore, Dennis and Sue Dauria braved the lunatics (and the elements, since it POURED in NYC) to enjoy dinner in Little Italy. Ran into (figuratively, not literally) Glenn and Carol Larson on the way out Canal Street to the Holland Tunnel!

Our July ride, for those not going to the MOA national rally in Missoula, will be the Ramapo 500, held on the 18th & 19th. Contact Dennis Dauria for more info.

"Ride for Kids" (Joe Christie): See below.

Club Overnite (Ed Jankowsky): The weekend of October 2, 3 & 4 has been chosen for our trip to Lake George, NY. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Sundowner Motel 518.668.5176 under "Ed Jankowsky c/o Skylands." Rates are \$49 and up. Mark your calendars now for what promises to be a great weekend in the Adirondacks!

Finger Lakes Rally (Ed Jankowsky): Ed will be arranging for a group dinner for Skylands members attending the rally this Labor Day weekend. A dinner cruise on a paddlewheeler is likely. Contact Ed for more details.

Ice Cream Rides: Upstream Farms, scheduled for August 5th, has closed.

Miracle Ride (Tom Coradeschi): Contrary to previous reports, the Miracle Ride is still apparently up in the air. The date is set for October 11th, assuming it goes off at all.

The Art of the Motorcycle (Tom Coradeschi): Tom Coradeschi, Dave Cushing and Max Monaco participated in the press opening of this exhibition. It is an outstanding display of 114 motorcycles, ranging in vintage from 1868 (steam-powered, to boot!) to the present day.

August 2nd has been set as our date for a group visit to the Guggenheim Museum for motorcycle exhibition. This will be joint event with the NJ Shore BMW Riders. Please contact Tom Coradeschi by July 24th if you plan on attending.

Adopt-A-Highway (Jeff Roberts): Our third cleanup of the year will be on August 8th. Meet at 9 AM at Touch of Class.

Good & Welfare (Ellen Cushing): Nothing to report!

Club Gear: License plate frames are in stock! Contact Jody Villa if you want one. 10 bucks each.

Michael Kimm has club T-shirts. Club logo on the back, the "moto man" and "Skylands BMW Riders" on the left breast. They look GREAT! 20 bucks a copy and available from Michael.

Club patches are once again available. These are the original, vintage 1992 patches, soon to be collector's items! See Max Monaco.

Programs (Drew Gibbon): We had two presentations again this month.

Hans Kimm, Michael Kimm and Matt Fretague described their experiences at BMW's 75th anniversary celebration. From driving their diesel powered station wagon around the Nürburgring to the exhibition by the Berlin motorcycle police (all on identically prepared /2's), it sounds like a great time was had! Ask them to show you the photo albums they have put together from their trip and you will see more of what I describe. The group also purchased commemorative stickers, produced by BMW Club Europa, for all who were at the meeting. Hans also

donated his plaque commemorating the event to the club to be used in our 50:50 raffle this month. Thanks to Hans for this donation and congratulations to Ed Jankowsky on winning it! One item of interest is that the Berlin motorcycle police exhibition team has expressed some interest in visiting the US, possibly in time for the 1999 BMW MOA national rally at Rhinebeck NY.

Court Fisher spoke on the topic of the Trans Atlantic Bike Share. More on this elsewhere in this issue.

At the next few meetings:

August: Ed Kollin, from Exxon Research & Engineering on lubricants and fuels.

September: Bob Wrubelvski who will talk about his motorcycle racing experiences.

If you have an idea for a program, please contact Drew Gibbon!

Our next meeting will be on August 3rd. Also, we will be having a weekend meeting in November, probably on a Saturday. This is to accommodate those members who are unable to attend Monday night meetings. *[But what about those of us who wanna watch college football, Max? -editor]*

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## **THANK YOU**

Thanks to all who participated in the ride to Matheny on Wednesday June 24 and a special thanks to Max for rounding up the troops. Hopefully, you all got as much out of it as the students did. Thanks again.

Betty, Joe and Jason Christie

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## **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Hmmmm. Someone took off for Missoula without writing a note for the newsletter. *[I could write something up and sign his name to it, couldn't I? -editor]*

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## **A NOTE FROM EUROPE**

From: FCNielsen2@aol.com  
To: cmmonaco@worldnet.att.net  
Subject: Travelling  
Date: Monday, June 29, 1998 11:42 AM

Hi Skylands Riders,  
It's raining a lot today, and I've called it quits for the day. Arrived in Europe a day late due to engine # 4 on the 747 failing to start. Sat in the craft for 6 hours when captain finally decided to abort the flight.

Had bought a new car with european delivery. Came to Stuttgart factory to pick up, but car was not available. They gave us a brand-new gas-model to use, and our car will be shipped and presumably arrive home before we do.

Travelling thru the coast of Holland and Germany along the North Sea. Have followed the Canal from the North Sea to the Baltic, and will now continue east toward the former East Germany. Expect to take Ferry to either Denmark or Sweden just

before reaching the border with Poland. My insurance (\$90.00 for 2 months thru ADAC) does not cover any of the former Iron Curtain countries.

Every TV in Europe is turned to the world cup in soccer these days. This afternoon it's Germany v. Mexico, and last night Denmark beat Nigeria 4-1. They are still dancing in the street.

Bike runs great and started as soon as I touched the button. Have small leak coming out of oil pressure sending unit. Time to change oil anyway. GPS gives long. and lat. but no map-outline except coastlines, and thus has somewhat limited use. The mood just turned somewhat somber here in the tavern as Mexico scored a goal.

Have become quite proficient at tying into people's phone-lines, and now have 4 different adapters for the various modular connections. Some AOL offices transmit at 2400 bps while my computer sits and rots waiting for messages. Oh, well.

Expect to meet German Engineer (friend I met last year) in Sweden, and will try to make it to Nordkap - 72 degree north, and about 4200 km north of New York City.

Enjoy your Honda-bago, and say hello to the troops at TOC.

Fred Nielsen

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## ***TRANS ATLANTIC BIKE SHARE***

Court Fisher

Court talked about the idea of bike sharing with BMW riders from other countries as a way to have a motorcycle to ride when in Europe or Africa, without the trouble and expense of shipping a bike over or renting one while there. The concept is that you let someone ride your bike here in the US, in exchange for which you get to ride their bike while in their country.

To date, the most successful group exchange has been between members of the South African and Belgian BMW clubs. The Belgians lent the South Africans bikes to ride for BMW's 75th anniversary and the Belgians will visit South Africa later this year for their rally.

Both these groups have expressed interest in visiting the US for the 1999 BMW MOA national rally at Rhinebeck NY.

Court is looking for people in one of two groups:

1) Those willing to lend out a motorcycle for 2-3 weeks in July of '99, who would be interested in visiting either South Africa or Europe (possibly Czechoslovakia in '00) to ride a shared bike there.

2) Those who would be interested in helping to arrange the bike share itself (not necessarily interested in sharing a bike, although the two cases need not be exclusive of one another).

If you are interested in participating in a bike share, at either level, you need to contact:

Court Fisher  
609.924.1773  
court.fisher@worldnet.att.net

## ***TECH: SELF-CANCELING TURN SIGNALS?***

Since their introduction in 1984, BMW K-bikes have featured self-canceling turn signals. An ad in a recent BMW Owners News indicates that Kriss Industries, makers of headlight modulators, is now marketing a unit which will make the turn signals on your airhead or oilhead self-canceling! It looks like it ought to work well, based on their other products.

If anyone gets their hands on one of these units, a writeup on how it works, what it takes to install, etc would be great!

You can contact them at:

Kriss Industries  
520.629.8800  
<http://www.kriss.com/> or [kriss@kriss.com](mailto:kriss@kriss.com)

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## ***BIKE CLEANING - #2 IN A SERIES***

How To Keep Your Beemer Clean  
a step-by-step guide for the anal retentive  
by Bill Shaw (bmwbobs2@aol.com)

I have dedicated the majority of my adult life and all my waking hours for the past 22 years in pursuit of keeping motorcycles looking new. I have a doctorate in Automotive Detailing, and I am the founder and President/CEO of a nondenominational group of BMW motorcycle cleaning enthusiasts. We do not discriminate based on make, model or displacement, and are incorporated as the Anal Retentive Internet BMW Riders (ARIBMWR). It is our goal to proselytize the fundamental principals by which we live our life: Keep It Clean, or Park It!

If you have any additional input, comments, suggestions or recommendations (you'll be wrong...but let me know anyway, I'm always up for a good laugh), please let me know. Toodles.

[For those who believe that a clean bike is a sign of one not ridden, Bill Shaw has ridden an immaculate bike through more states in the last few years than I have visited in my entire life ... ed.]

### **Cleaning Tips, Part 2...Bath Time**

Regardless if you spent upwards of \$17,000 for a new BMW motorcycle, or one costing a mere \$1000, protecting your investment by giving it a bath with some degree of regularity is important. Having the right tools helps (discussed in the previous post), but knowing how to use them is equally important...and it all begins with the soap and water. Remember that dishwashing liquid and laundry detergents are designed to remove the dried-on, and encrusted Lobster Florentine that you had for brunch 3 months ago, and they will attack the wax on your bike with the same gusto. Simply stated, wax companies love people who use Palmolive or Ivory Liquid on their vehicles.

After purchasing the proper liquid car-washing soap (I also don't like powder soaps since any un-dissolved particles can act as abrasives), read the directions carefully, and then use half of the recommended amount. I usually use about a cap full in 4-5 gallons of water. The stronger the concentration of soap:water, the more wax you are likely to remove. Also, avoid using hot

water since this tends to soften and remove the wax.

Ideally the bike should be parked in the shade and cool to the touch before washing. Next, wet the bike down with nothing more than an ordinary garden hose, and avoid spraying water directly at any seals, gaskets or electrical connections. Even Holy Water will eventually find its way into wheel bearings if a 10,000 psi deck washer or a fire hydrant is used. I actually prefer not to use a nozzle at all since you don't need pressure to wash the dirt away.

Begin by washing all the painted and plastic surfaces first with one mitt, and then using a second mitt/rag, clean the engine and wheels last. Start at the top and work your way down. In this way, you are not transferring the heavy dirt, grease, etc., into bucket before you've washed the paint. I'll cover how best to clean the engine and wheels in a later article.

The bike should be dried as soon as possible, unless you enjoy being teased about those unsightly water spots by your motorcycle brethren while downing an A&W Root Beer at the Boot Hill Saloon. The best method to accomplish this is to use 100 % cotton baby diapers. If diapers are not available, the next best solution is to use a synthetic chamois, followed by a natural chamois, followed by any soft, clean cotton cloth you can find.

Protecting your investment will actually take less time than you might imagine, and it will certainly help at resale or trade-up time too. Until next time, keep the rubber side down, and Keep It Clean.

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## **PRESS RELEASE: MOTORCYCLE ART**

### **A MOTORCYCLE EXHIBITION FEATURING DUCATI MOTORCYCLES AND DIGITAL DRAWINGS AT SIMON GALLERY**

Simon Gallery will exhibit Italian designed and made Ducati motorcycles in the show opening Tuesday, June 23 and continuing through Saturday, July 25, 1998. Also featured: New Jersey artist Ilene Steglitz's Digital Drawings which explore the cultural and social perspectives of the motorcycles.

Simon Gallery features fine contemporary art Tuesday - Friday 12 - 6, Saturday 12 - 5 and by appointment. Located at 48 Bank Street in Morristown, (Route 202 South off Morristown Square. The first traffic light at the foot of the hill), Simon Gallery welcomes your inquiries. Tel 973.538.5456.

## **ICE CREAM RUN SCHEDULE**

### **Meet at all locations between 7:30 & 8:30**

July 8: J.J. Scoops. On Main St in Clinton. Take Rt 173 into Clinton and turn left just after the Clinton House. Go over the bridge and park before the stop sign. On the right at the end of the block.

July 22: E. Mack & Bolio's. Take Rt 24 east into Mendham. At the traffic light just after the Black Horse Inn, turn right onto Hilltop Rd. Bolio's is 100 ft on the right.

August 5: Upstream Farms. **CANCELED.**

August 19: Hartman's II. Cross the Rt 22 bridge and take the 2nd exit (marked Easton). At the light, go right and up the hill. Follow this road through Stockertown. Hartman's is on the right another 1/2 mile further on (also reachable by crossing the bridge in Belvidere - consult a map for details).

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## **MEMBER PROFILE**

Andrew "Chip" Maxwell lives in Hope, NJ with his wife Marie-Luise and daughters Allison, Elizabeth and Sara. Originally from Cleveland, Chip has been riding for 33 years and currently owns a '91 Honda ST1100. Educated at Ohio University, Boston University and NYU, he is a Professor of Anthropology at Montclair State University. Other interests include mysteries, tennis, music, food and travel.

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## **CLASSIFIED ADS**

(Ads will run for 2 months)

Dayton tool boxes. Good condition. Top box 10 drawer w/ top tray, \$60. Roller bottom, 5 drawer w/ large storage on bottom, \$70. Both for \$120. Call Jody Villa @ 908-439-9193, jvilla@hunterdon.csnet.net (1st month)

K-bike stuff: BMW saddlebag liners, like new; BMW tank bag for K or R, other than late model R; BMW tank bag mount for K1100RS; left K saddlebag in excellent condition; K75 exhaust (brand new); Ohlins shock for K1100; K1100RS stock seat. If you need any of these items, let's talk. Call Doug Ochwat @ 908.850.9643 (1st month)

Next meeting August 3rd  
Touch of Class: 7:30

*Meet for some pizza at Enzo's  
Pizza, Rt 57, Washington  
6 miles east of T.O.C., 1 mile west  
of Rt 31.  
Any time after 6:00*

***MOTORCYCLE RACING on TV***

Jul 12	2:30 PM	Speedvis	Laguna Seca World SB
Jul 12	6 PM	Fox	Laguna Seca World SB
Jul 14	10 PM	Speedvis	Laguna Seca World SB2
Jul 14	10 PM	Speedvis	Dutch 125 GP
Jul 19	6 PM	Fox	Mid-Ohio SB
Jul 26	3 PM	Fox	Mid-Ohio SB

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