

The *SKYLANDER*

Skylands BMW Riders (Est 1991)

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Vice-President: Karl Kretschmer
Secretary: Ivan Sobel
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TREASURER:	ELLEN CUSHING

EDITOR'S CORNER

Congratulations to our new club officers! I'm sure they will be planning a year we'll all enjoy.

Another note of thanks goes to those who ran for office and were not elected. The fact that your fellow club members are ready and willing to take on some of the duties of running our little organization is a sign of a healthy group, if you ask me (and even if you don't!).

In that vein, please mark your calendars now for December 16th. That is the date of our annual organizational meeting and will be hosted by Karl Kretschmer. If you have some ideas or some gripes (and if you have gripes, do try to show up with a proposed solution to them, OK?), or if you just want to help out or find out what it takes to put together a successful year for the Skylands BMW Riders, this is the meeting you really want to attend. It's a couple of hours well spent.

We're solidly into Polar Bear run season now. Take a look at the schedule and try to make it to one or two events, sort of as a memorial to Pops, Polar Bear extraordinaire.

On another note, it is reported that Dr. Ganal (head of Sparte Motorrad) was at Bob's BMW in October and seemed to confirm that BMW will probably import one version of the System IV helmet to the US next year, color-matched to the K12LT. Time will tell if this is for real or not, but it IS a good rumor, eh?

Wear electric gear, ride to a Polar Bear...

Tom Coradeschi

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS - NOVEMBER 1998

Membership (Karl Kretschmer): One new member this month: Les Henits, from Stroudsburg PA, riding a '98 R1100GS. Welcome!

Secretary (Ivan Sobel): No report.

Treasury (Jody Villa): Account balance is \$469.33. Income \$159, outlays \$76.13.

Rides: 12 bikes came out for the October ride through Warren and Sussex counties up to Warwick NY for lunch and desserts. Great ride, Dennis!

Our November ride will be the Polar Bear run to Cornucopia in Port Jervis NY on the 15th and then up through the upper Delaware River valley. Depart from The Cottage Restaurant, Main St Hackettstown at 10:30 AM. Call Tom Coradeschi for more details.

December 6th is the Polar Bear run to Schock's HD. Karl Kretschmer will lead that ride, departing Candy's Country Cafe on Rt 57 in Stewartsville at 10 AM.

The Polar Bear toy run will be on December 20th. More details next month.

Adopt-A-Highway (Jeff Roberts): Our fourth (and final) cleanup of the year will be held on November 14th. Meet at Touch of Class at 9 AM.

Good & Welfare (Dave Cushing standing in for Ellen): A thank you note was received from Max Monaco. After some discussion, the club voted to make a donation in Bill Penschow's memory directly to Ride Education of NJ, rather than to the MSF, since Rider Ed benefits motorcyclists right here where we live.

Club Gear: The following is what we have left:

3 license plate frames. Contact Jody Villa.

4 short sleeve T-shirts. Contact Michael Kimm.

Rallies: The NJ Shore BMW Riders report in their latest newsletter that the MOA rally site in Rhinebeck is "exquisite. Lots of open space, great vendor areas, even water and electric near every potential campsite. If you're not a camper, there are many close-in motel rooms, too." Sounds like a potential winner!

Annual Dinner (Karl Kretschmer): Karl and Dave Cushing have finalized arrangements for our dinner, to be held on January 9th, 1999. Cost will be \$30 per person. Reservation forms are in this month's Skylander - the deadline for your reservation is December 23rd.

Programs (Drew Gibbon): No formal program this month, as Ed Kollin, from Exxon Research & Engineering, was unable to attend due to work commitments. Given our track record here (he's canceled on us 4 times and we've canceled on him twice), we will postpone his talk until further notice.

Our December meeting will feature Jack Wells, talking about trips to Labrador (past) and South America (future).

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

Meetings: Our next meeting will be on December 7th at Touch of Class, 7:30 PM. Our annual Organization Meeting will be held on December 16th at the Chester Diner, Rt 206, Chester, 6:30 PM.

BIKE CLEANING - #6 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 6...Cleaning K-Whiners and F650s

Metaphorically speaking, if detailing an Airhead is akin to climbing Mt Everest, and cleaning an Oilhead equates to finishing the Ironman Triathlon, then caring for a K bike or F650 is analogous to just getting out of bed in the morning. They are that easy to keep clean.

For all K/F650 bikes, routine cleaning involves little more than using soap and water to keep them looking new. But like competing in the triathlon, it really depends on how well you want to finish. If you have a fully faired motorcycle and your goal is to simply have it look clean, then by periodically spending 10-15 minutes washing and drying the bodywork you will achieve the desired affect. For cosmetic purposes, this is the most important part anyway and goes a long way in keeping the bike looking new. For unfaired K75s, K100s, and F650s, or for those of you who really want to detail a fully faired K bike, it takes a little more work.

These engines are painted/clear coated and can easily be cleaned using the techniques and tools I discussed in the first post; i.e., warm soap and water, sponge, brush, etc. But the engines do tend to collect road debris, grease, tar and oil. I have found that for really caked on dirt and grease, commercially available cleaners work well; i.e., Simple Green or S-100. But be careful. These products contain strong detergents that can deplete the oils from painted engines, thus turning them from a shiny, to a dull black finish. So pay close attention to the manufacturers suggested directions when using these products; it is vital to use them on cold engines. Avoid over spraying the cleansers onto any exposed bodywork (that's why I encourage cleaning the engine first, and washing the painted bodywork last).

On F650's, it's also best not to soak the chain with water. It's inevitable that the chain will get wet during the course of washing the bike, but water is not the preferred method of lubricating chains. If it does get overly wet, I suggest spraying a light coating of WD-40 on both sides which not only disperses the water, but simultaneously lubricates the O rings and rollers.

WD-40 can also be used on exposed radiator hoses, thereby keeping them pliable, and on painted engines and drivetrains to keep them looking new too. This miracle elixir also works great when restoring the black areas on brake calipers (do NOT spray directly on calipers, use a rag or toothbrush), cleaning the colored turn signal/ horn/cancel switches, removing dirt or wax residue from the gas cap, and on any other black plastic parts.

All that's left is to replace any bodywork that was removed, and slap a coat of wax on the fenders, tank and fairing. Next, how to keep wheels looking clean.

CLASSIFIED ADS

(Ads will run for 2 months)

Windjammer fairing for /5 and /7 complete; \$150 OBO. Large Krauser bags with brackets; \$150. Fox shock for paralever K100/K100. Like new. \$450. Call Michael Kimm @ 908.719.0674 (2nd month)

Leathers, Road Gear, Montana Pants 38" X 28", 550 Colorado Jacket, with liner, size 48". Used but not abused. \$175 OBO. Vanson catalog, free. Call Len Parkin @ 908.647.6265 lparkin@juno.com (2nd month)

SKYLANDS BMW RIDERS ANNUAL DINNER

WHEN: Saturday, January 9, 1999

WHERE: Asbury Willows
288 Anderson Road
Asbury, NJ 08802
(908) 537-7280

TIME: 6:30 to 7:30 PM - Mixer Hour with Hors d'oeuvres and a Cash Bar
7:30 to 8:30 PM - Dinner
8:30 to 9:00 PM - Annual meeting & Awards Presentation
9:00 to 10:30 PM - Dancing & Socializing

DINNER: Buffet style which includes, Caesar salad, Braised Loin of Pork or Roast Sirloin with Mushroom Bordelaise Sauce, Rosemary Bliss Potatoes, Buttered Broccoli Spears, Green Beans Almondine, Special Occasion Cake, Coffee or Tea, and Breads.

Note: A Fish entrée is available by special request.

MUSIC: Disc Jockey from 7:00 to 11:00 PM

COST: \$30 per person includes tips & all charges

DRESS: Business Casual

This is a special evening for the Skylands BMW Riders and their significant others. You will find the Asbury Willows to be a pleasant facility with good food and music. We would enjoy your attendance at this affair.

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Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Number in party: _____ \$30/Person - Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Entrée Choice: _____ Braised Loin of Pork _____ Roast Sirloin with Mushroom Bordelaise Sauce
(1 per person)

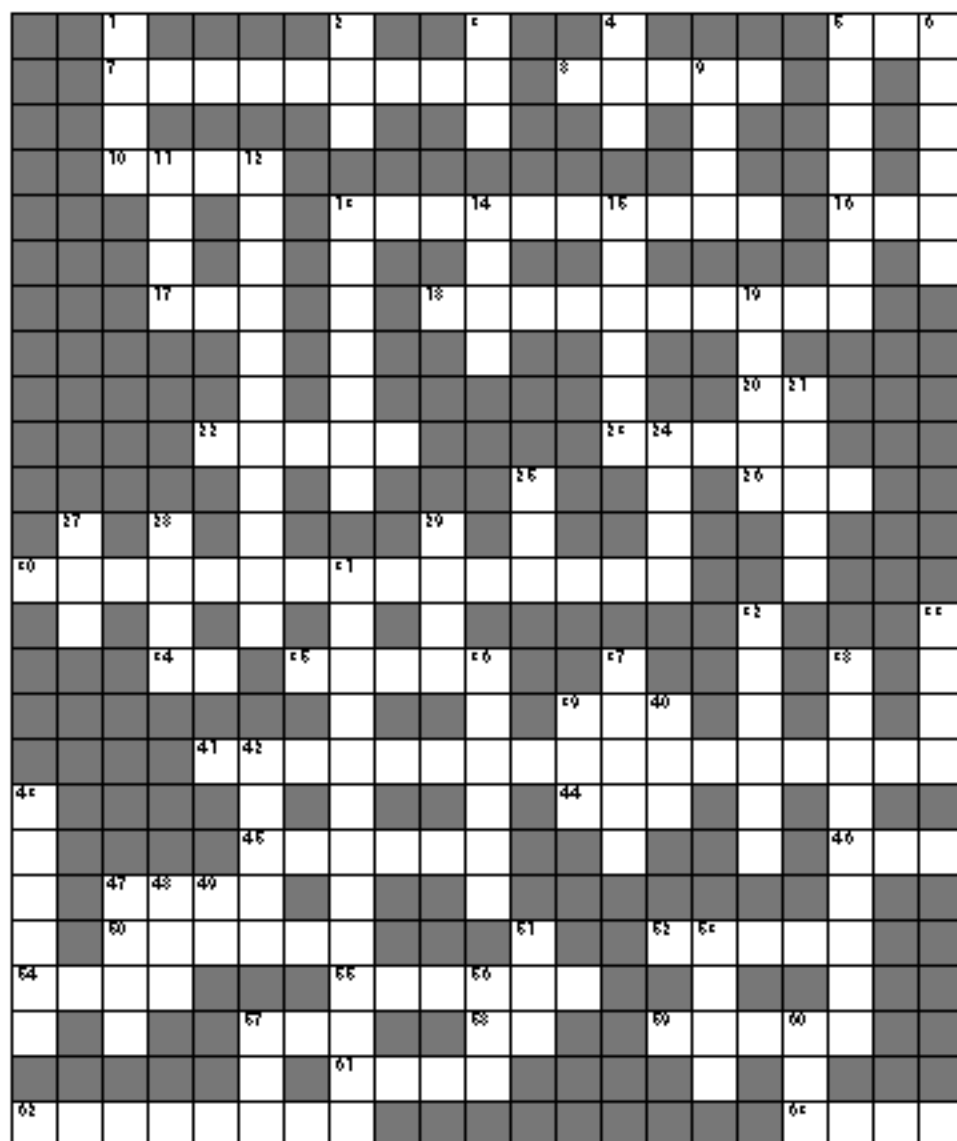
Special Fish Entrée needed? _____ Y How many? _____

Please respond as soon as possible. A head count is needed by the November meeting and all funds need to be received by December 23rd. Please return this form to dinner coordinators Karl Kretschmer or Dave Cushing or to Ellen Cushing at Touch of Class.

Not the NY Times...

ACROSS

- 5 Raherty or Loria
- 7 Fall ride
- 8 Gavin has one
- 10 Newlywed
- 13 Handy
compartments
- 16 Out-of-state K11LT
owner
- 17 Comedian Brooks
- 18 Reader's choice
- 20 Smaller than a Buick
- 22 Brain bucket
- 23 National _____
- 26 Pub order
- 30 Annual June ride
- 34 Blairstown resident
- 35 Ochwat &
Coradeschi
- 39 Umbrella org
- 41 '95 overnight ride
- 44 On foot
- 45 Desert
- 46 Bike lobbyists
- 47 Adopt-A-Highway
pioneer
- 50 Oilhead magazine
- 52 Baby _____
- 54 Tire layer
- 55 20 years older than
BMW
- 57 Built in Berlin
- 58 ___ 500 (baby Ninja)
- 59 Classic Beemer
- 61 _____-By-The-Sea
- 62 Legal Eagle
- 63 Keni's prof



DOWN

- 1 His Pipes weren't
loud
- 2 Repair
- 3 Departure's end
- 4 '92 Secretary
- 5 See 25 down
- 6 What makes it go?
- 9 Past President
- 11 Father & son
- 12 '93 Christmas
Party?
- 13 Lube 'em or lose
'em!
- 14 Gordon & Riggs
- 15 Beloved pet name:
bike or canine?
- 19 Home Improvement
guru or Treasurer
- 21 MTM initial
- 24 MOA book abbrev.
- 25 What's up ___?
- 27 Hoffman or Moore
- 28 Miracle Ride Org
- 29 Earnest appeal
- 31 Road cleanup org
- 32 '96 high mileage
winner
- 33 Eddie's co-pilot
- 36 Not Ochwat
- 37 Sweet summer
cooler or MSF aid
- 38 Monthly press
- 39 Travel aid
- 40 Antonym for
subtract
- 42 Net heads
- 43 Not Ivan II
- 47 '95 picnic hostess
- 48 R259 accessory
- 49 ___ Paso
- 51 Spell
- 53 Hot rod boxer
- 56 Yellow bike owner
- 57 Candy or open
- 60 Cycle school

**Next meeting 12/7/98
Touch of Class: 7:30 PM**

**Organizational meeting 12/16/98
Chester Diner: 6:30 PM**

Polar Bear Club Schedule

Nov 15	CORNUCOPIA	Port Jervis NY	Jan 24	MIGNELLA'S	Hopewell NJ
Nov 22	A.L. POST 170	Rochelle Park NJ	Jan 31	FARCHER'S GROVE	Union NJ
Nov 29	FORT DIX CLUB	Fort Dix, NJ	Feb 7	AL MARTIS' INN	Whiting NJ
Dec 6	SCHOCK'S H-D	Snydersville PA	Feb 14	LANDSLIDE SALOON	Pattensburg NJ
Dec 13	MONT CYCLE	Montgomeryville PA	Feb 21	FUDDRUCKER'S	Wayne NJ
Dec 20	THE CABIN	Howell NJ	Feb 28	THE CABIN	Howell NJ
Dec 27	BOBBY & MARY'S	Piscataway NJ	Mar 7	MT LAKE CASINO	Buttsville NJ
Jan 3	RED APPLE REST	Southfields NY	Mar 14	BAHRS LANDING	Highlands NJ
Jan 10	IAMA	Long Branch NJ	Mar 21	FORT DIX CLUB	Fort Dix, NJ
Jan 17	MILLSTONE PUB	Clarksburg NJ	Mar 28	CAPE MAY VFW	Cape May NJ

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