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October Meeting Highlights

The October meeting was held on 10/4 with 22 members and guests present. Pizza and soda was provided by the club

Membership: Nothing new to report for this month.

Secretary: No correspondence for this month.

Treasurer: Ellen reported that some ins and outs were made with an ending balance of \$658.85.

Adopt-a-highway: The last cleanup had 12 club members and 2 helpers show up which made the job very easy and quick. In less than an hour, 10 bags of trash were collected and placed for the state to pickup. Thanks and a pat on the back to all who participated.

Good & Welfare: Everyone is OK this month.

Ride Report: The Lake George weekend had 13 people enjoy the friendship and excellent dinners at the Logjam and Mario's.

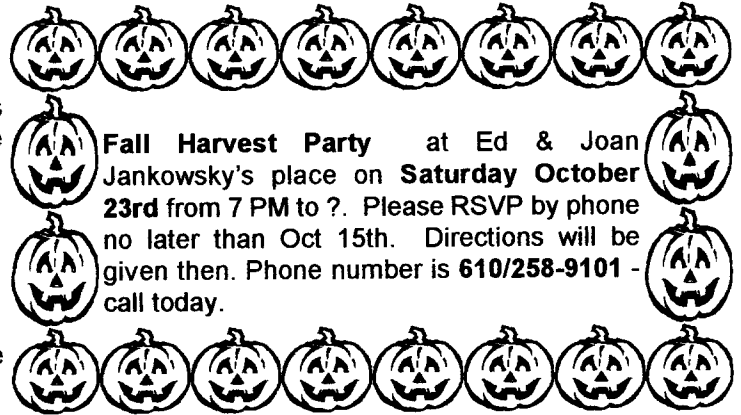
The BMWRAally had 3 club members enjoying the great weather in Jamestown, VA along with BMW Demo rides and excellent campsites.

The Keith Code School at Watkins Glen had 10 people enjoy the twisty turns of the racetrack.

The Warwick, NY ride was a very pleasant ride over backroads without any traffic.

All current members now have the latest Skylands Constitution and By Laws in their possession. It was adopted the same as the copies in the September newsletter.

Dinner-Dance January 8, 2000 at the Asbury Willows in Asbury, NJ - about 6 miles from Touch of Class.



Upcoming rides: Dualsport ride from Stan's Cycles in Doylestown, PA \$6 per person includes registration and eats. Sign-in from 10-Noon Sunday Oct 17th.

Ramapo 500 on Oct 17th - Call Dennis Dauria for details.

Make a Wish Charity Event at the Sussex County Fairgrounds on Oct. 17th.

Club Picnic ride Oct 24th Bring your own picnic lunch and join other club members on a ride to Peck's Pond State Park in the Poconos. Leave Touch of Class at 9:30 AM.

Other rides over the coming months will revolve around the Polar Bear rides on every Sunday through March 2000. See the schedule listing in this issue.

Updated membership roster is part of this issue.

In the planning stages are Garage rides through the winter, mostly on Saturdays to various members's homes.

The November meeting will have a BMW Legends video featuring Schorsch Meier who set many records on BMW's in the 30's and 40's.

Next Meeting at Touch of Class on Monday, November 1st at 7:30 PM.

SKYLANDS BMW RIDERS OFFICERS

President: Karl Kretschmer (908) 496-4053	Past Presidential
Vice President: Ed Jankowsky (610)258-9101	Advisors:
Secretary: Ivan Sobel (973)763-0414	Max Monaco
Treasurer: Ellen Cushing (908) 454-8894	Doug Ochwat

CLUB OFFICER NOMINATIONS FOR YEAR 2000

PRESIDENT: Karl Kretschmer (incumbent)

VICE PRESIDENT: Ed Jankowsky (incumbent)

SECRETARY: Dave Cushing

TREASURER: Dennis Dauria

These nominations were made at the September & October meetings. The present Secretary has already served for 2 years and cannot be nominated again. The current Treasurer declined to be re-nominated. The blank areas are for write-ins if you desire.

Please mail this absentee ballot to the present Secretary so he receives it prior to the the November meeting.

Your Name: _____

FOR SALE ITEMS

Len Parkin - 908/647-6265

Chase Harper Euro Tankbag & raincover like new - \$75

Widder Electric Vest size 46 - \$50

Eclipse Electric Chaps - Medium - \$50

Dave Cushing - 908/454-8894

Widder Reversible Electric Vest size 46 - Thermostat - \$55

Jody Villa - 908/439-9193

BMW System 4 Helmet, White - 3 yrs old Size 58-59 - \$175

HINT OF THE DAY

When was the last time you checked your tire pressures? With the cooler weather, your tires will be softer. Check them before you go on your next ride and re-inflate to the specified pressures. You will be surprised at the difference in handling the correct pressures will make. Do not compromise your safety.

Interesting Web Sites

chunk@dmv.com for info about the Pumpkin Chunkin Event November 6 & 7, 1999

<http://members.aol.com/wfksoft/njpolar/bears.htm> for info about the Polar Bear Club & Schedule directions

Street Strategy

Blinding Lights

YOU'RE ON YOUR way home from a weekend trip. You traveled a little farther than you intended. Sunday evening traffic is busier than you expected on this twisty secondary highway, and the setting sun is making it difficult to see. You realize it's going to turn into a nighttime ride, so you might as well stop for a break. You gas up the bike at a nearby station, make a quick check of your lights, and head for a restaurant. While waiting for your meal, you swap your tinted faceshield for the clear shield you carry, and wash it clean with some soap and water in the bathroom, so you won't have to waste any time getting back on the road.

After dinner, you quickly get your gear on and continue your ride home. But the blacktopped road is awfully difficult to see, and every time a car approaches from the opposite direction, you are blinded by the headlights. It seems to take several seconds to recover from the bright headlights before you can see the road again. Just as you lean over into a sweeping left-hander, an oncoming car with misadjusted lights blinds you, you lose track of where the road goes, and when you finally begin to regain your vision, you realize you're headed off onto the shoulder. You are barely able to maintain control in the loose gravel and get the bike pointed back onto the pavement again, knowing it could have been a nasty crash.

Once you realized you were going to be riding at night, it was a good idea to change your dark tinted faceshield for a clear one, and smart to check your lights. But, you should also have realized that it takes several minutes for your eyes to adapt to darkness after being exposed to bright lights, and several seconds for your eyes to adjust after you are blinded by oncoming headlights. You could have paused for a few minutes in the dark

before continuing the ride, to allow time for your eyes to adjust to the darkness, or you could have worn your sunglasses inside the restaurant. One trick the veterans use at night on narrow secondary highways is to focus on the white "fog line" at the edge of the road as the oncoming vehicle passes. That way, your central vision doesn't get blinded, and after the vehicle has passed, you can return your focus to the road ahead.



AMA DISTRICT #2

POLAR BEAR CLUB

REGISTRATION APPLICATION & DUES PAYMENT

PLEASE PRINT

NAME _____ PHONE (____) _____

STREET ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

ARE YOU A NEW MEMBER? yes no am rejoining after a year or more off

AMA# _____ CLUB NAME _____

WHICH IS YOUR CURRENT POLAR BEAR FLIGHT? A B dont know

WHAT IS YOUR CURRENT 50/50 NUMBER? _____ dont know

DO YOU WANT TO RETAIN LAST YEARS NUMBER? yes no dont care

DO YOU WANT TO JOIN NEXT YEARS 50/50 CLUB? yes no want information

THE 50/50 CLUB IS MADE UP OF MEMBERS WHO HAVE PAID AN ADDITIONAL \$20.00 IN ADVANCE FOR ALL SCHEDULED MEETINGS. THEY ARE AUTOMATICALLY ENTERED IN ALL 21 OR MORE REGULAR WEEKLY SIGN-IN DRAWINGS WHETHER PRESENT OR NOT. WINNERS ARE NOTIFIED BY THEIR FLIGHT LEADER THE FOLLOWING WEEK.

POLAR BEAR PRE-REGISTRATION IS \$12.00. MUST PAY BY JULY 31 PRECEEDING THE SEASON

POLAR BEAR REGULAR REGISTRATION IS \$15.00 AFTER JULY 31 AND THROUGHOUT SEASON

50/50 CLUB FULL SEASON MEMBERSHIP IS \$20.00 (OPTIONAL)

PAYMENT RECORD

REGISTRATION DUES _____

50/50 CLUB (OPTIONAL) _____

TOTAL PAID _____

PAYMENT METHOD: CASH _____ CHECK# _____

PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: "POLAR BEAR CLUB" & SEND TO:

BOB HARTPENCE, CHAIRMAN
16 ELIZABETH STREET
PEMBERTON, NJ 08068

RIDE SAFE

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sunday, Oct. 17 - Fromhold - Stan's Cycle - DualSport

Timed Run. Sign in 11AM to 2PM (215) 348-4136

Sunday, Oct. 17 - Rampao 500 - Call Dennis Dauria

Sunday, Oct 17th - Make a Wish at Sussex County
Fairgrounds

October 22-24 - "Rawhide" Last Chance Rally Mays Landing,
NJ. Join Mario Campello on a back roads ride to the rally.

Saturday, Oct 23 - Harvest Party at Jankowsky's 7PM - RSVP

Sunday, Oct. 31 - Polar Bear Rides begin - Cape May - sign-in
Noon to 2 PM.

Monday, Nov 1 - Club Meeting at Touch of Class 7:30PM

Sunday, Nov. 7 - Polar Bear(PB) ride to Lewes, DE. See the
world famous Pumpkin Chucking Contest.

Sunday, Nov. 14 - PB to Knights of Columbus in Old Bridge, NJ

Sunday, Nov. 21 - PB to Cornicopia Rest. in Port Jervis, NY.

Sunday, Nov. 28 - PB to Ft. Dix Club, Ft. Dix, NJ

Sunday, Dec. 5th - PB to Schock's Harley in Snyder'sville, PA

Sunday, Dec. 12 - PB to Montgomeryville Cycle Ctr, Rte
309 in Montgomeryville, PA.

Sunday, Dec. 19 - PB Christmas Toy Run to The Cabin on
Route 33 in Howell, NJ. Bring a Present for Boy or Girl.

Saturday, 1/8/2000 - Skylands BMW Club Dinner/Dance

Sunday, Jan 9th - PB to IAMA Club in Long Branch, NJ

Sunday, Jan 16 - PB to Millstone Pub, Rte 537 Clarks-
burg, NJ

Sunday, Jan 23 - PB to Mignella's Rest. in Hopewell, NJ

Sunday, Jan 30 - PB to Red Apple Rest, Rte 17, South-
fields, NY

Sunday, Feb 6th - PB to Landslide Saloon, Rte 173 in
Pattensburg, NJ

Sunday, Feb 13 - PB to Al Martis' Inn, Rte 70 in Whiting,
NJ

Sunday, Feb 20 - PB to Fuddrucker's in Wayne, NJ

Sunday, Feb 27 - PB to Ft. Dix Club, Ft. Dix, NJ

Sunday, Mar 1st - PB to Lisbon Capri in Buttsville, NJ

Sunday, Mar 12 - PB to Bahrs Landing in Highlands, NJ

Sunday, Mar 19 - PB to Bergen HD in Essex, NJ

Sunday, Mar 26 - PB to VFW in Cape May, NJ