



die Zeitung

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Editor's Ramblings

by Gary Shanafelt

I always like the Colonial Rally month because the newsletter requires minimum effort. In this month's President's Corner, Larry Martin thanks all the members for everything, so I don't have to do it. Club worker bee Wendy Tyer submitted a rally recap and several photos taking the pressure off of a tired old editor.

Watch the mailbox for your Dec *Owner's News* as it should contain the article on our senior statesman, Leo Osburn. One of the assistant editors for the magazine contacted me and said she had "...cleaned it up a little..." and asked that I increase the article by about 200 words. (I felt like I was back in fifth grade English class!) Fortunately for me, Leo had just fallen off his bike and I had something exciting to write about. OBTW, Leo said he was okay as his pride suffered more than his bones, though he was miffed at the onlookers that stood by and watched him pick up his bike.

I have never let a lack of talent keep me from beginning a project but I did finally get my RS back together and, Yes! I made a lot of mistakes. Fortunately, at my age, I am beyond being embarrassed. Patience is one of the best tools you can acquire but so is having someone with experience available and willing to give you advice. I also belatedly realized that everything you read in the technical articles may not be totally accurate. But, like Cher says, "*Just do it!*"

Upcoming Events:

5 Nov: Club Meeting-Waffle World. 8am for chow, 9am for Club biddness.

President's Corner

by Larry Martin

We had a well attended rally this year. A record number signed up (I think) both for our rally and the Charity Ride. We received many compliments on the overall event. New field events went over great, and shirt sales were up thanks to Wendy for both. So, congratulations to Carol, her helpers and all others who lend their efforts to this annual endeavor.

The catered meal was very good. I think everyone had plenty to eat and I did not hear any complaints. Again, thank you Carol for putting it all together. The elf that drops off donuts at 0530 has very bright headlights, but thanks for early delivery!

Next hurdle: Elect new officers and get started on next years projects. We need to unpack "lessons learned" and begin a search for next years rally site. We need to decide if the club wants to sponsor another Lightning Awareness Ride and to evaluate TAMA. I think TAMA "made" the Lightning Ride and did nothing for our Charity/Poker Ride.

It looked like a good turn-out for Adventure's Open House. Excellent food layout-not your everyday fare. Carol and her helpers were there with coffee, goodies, etc. Wendy was selling "T-shirts". Our Club was well represented. I saw some folks I have not seen in a while and many who were at the Rally. Again, thank you to Carol and helpers for duty above and beyond. I hope Adventure sold some bikes because it looks like they need the room! **(Cont Pg 2)**

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I had a long run-on paragraph written out on the possibilities of a "Fall color" ride. After talking to one of our native sons, I find out our Club at one time had a regular scheduled Fall ride. There seems to be some problems with a Fall color ride, it's popular and the roads are packed and the best time coincides with our mid-October rally. There is a web site with events, best vantage points and pictures. Go there, save the gas! The site address is:
www.fallinvirginia.org.

In addition to other responsibilities of the president's office, para IV.3 of the Club by-laws, the president shall submit an annual "state-of-the-club" message outlining past achievements and tasks yet to be done. Last month tasks yet to be done were printed, of course that list has grown and will continue to change. This month, I will attempt to list what we as a Club have achieved this year. I apologize ahead of time for any omissions, they certainly were not intentional. Reconstructing everything we did last year would have been much easier if I had kept a journal which I recommend my relief - start it right away. Well, here goes!

- Charity Ride donation to Adult Home(from '05 ride)
- Tom McGrath, Rep., addressed the Club
- Open House, President's house (Dec.)
- Trans-Labrador ride by J. Munn
- Gerry Shulte, Owners News article
- Board meeting@Pres.house
- Daytona race (Nate)-article from Chuck Mander & Juanita former members
- Herb Gill recognized for charity work
- Jeff Munn-300K mile award presented from Adventure BMW owner Rick Goldbach
- Cabin Fever Breakfast/Ride, Dan & Donna Franken hosts
- Jeff Munn established contact with and reserved our event dates on TAMA calendar
- Jim Richardson, Helping Hands Award (Owners News)
- Peter Hahn-GPS presentation
- Peter Hahn, Gerry Shulte, Larry Martin maintain contact with TAMA every 3rd Thursday

- Greg Cutter accepted the Ride Administrator job
- New tent pole, trailer repair (Pres. & Franken)
- Morton's Open House
- Adventure's Open House
- High Country Motorcycle Camp work week
- Lightning Awareness Ride
- Several Club members attended the showing of "The World's Fastest Indian"
- Jeff Munn and several members show up to labor on ADV rider Dale Butcher's deck and ramp. He is confined to a wheel chair after a four-wheeler rear-ended him.
- H.O. Smith Farewell @Pres. House
- Pool Party @Bob and Barb's home
- Numerous members rode the "Ride to Remember" Charity Ride
- Thanks to all Club members who have submitted articles to "die Zeitung", plus I think our members have 4 or more articles printed in Owners News this year.
- Very successful Rally/Poker Run
- Adventure BMW Open House

I am sure I missed some things "we" did, ie all the planned and un-planned rides. We had numerous organized rides and numerous other rides some in opposite directions. It is easy to say in a couple of words what we did, but that leaves out all the planning and time involved in putting it all together.

Our Club accomplished many things this year. Actually, individuals did the work, the Club took credit. Thanks to all those individuals seen and unseen who do it all for our benefit and/or our enjoyment. If you are still reading this epistle, I believe it time to sign-off for now. Hope to see you in November.

Bye for now,
Larry

Want a quick Fall Foliage ride? Follow the James River up Hw 10 to Jordan Point (Rt 106) then back down Hwy 5. If you want to cross back at the Surry Ferry, plan on having lunch at the (motorbike friendly) Rocky Bottom Grill just south of the ferry landing. Also consider the sun position so you aren't riding into the sun both ways.

**2006 Colonial Rally
Jamestown, VA**



**Grand Dame of the Colonial Rally
Many thanks to Carol Beals for EVERYTHING!**



Community Service Award

To Bonnie Bolger and Don Edwards for taking time out during the Poker Run to help explain the importance of sharing the road to an execrable Virginia driver.



John Good and Andie Bergman rode down from Alexandra on Andie's brand-new R1200 RT



(L-R) Shayna Ricker, Ann Ricker, Tim Beals *Now stay with me here! Shayna rode with Tim. Tim is Carol's son. Ann is Tim's cousin. Shayna is Ann's daughter.*



Not admitting to "Helmet Hair" (L-R) Greg Cutter, guest Dale Swigert from Pennsylvania, Gerry Schulte, Linda Cutter, and Pete Hahn.



Our H-D guests seemed to enjoy the Poker Run but obdurately arrived at Stop 4 from the wrong direction.



All warm in their heated suits were Tony Patelunas and Jennifer.



Photo © Wendy

“We just assumed everyone’s mother rode a Beamer!”



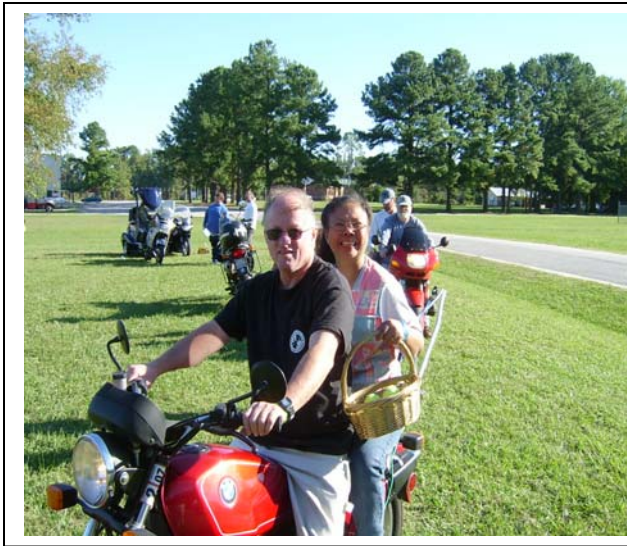
Photo © Wendy

Fine dining in Jamestown. Reservations required. Dress: Casual



Photo © Wendy

The Command Post



Bill Faas tied for riding the oldest bike and I bet Yolanda had more fun than anyone else at this year's Rally!



Gold Medal in the *Balloon Toss* went to Todd and Wendy Tyer.



Saturday night's dinner wait-staff included (L-R) Linda Cutter, Bill Dunbar, and Jo Smithdeal. And of course, Carol (green shirt) was everywhere!



Kaylee Tyer spoke for all of us on Saturday night!

Hello to all! Yep! That's right-It's Wendy--"The girl with the club store"!! I wanted to make sure I said my part in thanking everyone! From having a bigger hand in the rally/club than previous years, I have heard a lot of feedback this year and I wanted to share that also!

After rally, there were many members of our club and non members that came to me and several others to compliment us on how great our rally was this year. They said how they enjoyed it more than previous rallies they have been to, both ours and other clubs. This leads me to saying THANK YOU, thank you to all that helped, to make this a better rally than before (not that the others were bad), without help in setting up, watching registration, the club store, field events and tearing down, it wouldn't be what it has become! Along with that I must also say, if you didn't help out this year, PLEASE consider it for next next year, though it is "work", we really have a great time and we really need the help!

I also wanted to thank everyone for their support with the club store! I had ordered 50 Rally t-shirts, we now only have 6 left!!! There are 3-3XL, 2-Small, 1-child's Large. (If you are interested in any of these, please email me, so I will be sure to bring them to the meeting for you!) There are plenty of Rally patches left for \$4 each. We also are getting lower on our regular club inventory-there are long (blue, black & white) and short (black & grey) sleeved shirts, club patches, stickers and hats (several styles and colors). If there is something that anyone is particularly interested in, please let me know by email or phone before the meeting, so I can be sure to bring what you want!

Thanks once again to all!!!

~Wendy~

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