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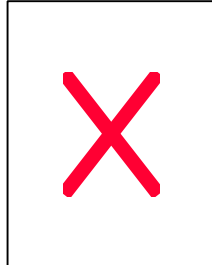
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FROM THE PREZ

Didn't the spring fly by. We've had two breakfast meetings, both very well

attended, our Downeast 2000 Rally and the Blackfly Rally. It would be hard to image either of the rallies being more successful.

Breakfast Meetings:

Our May and June meetings were well supported with near record numbers of members in attendance. The highlights of the meeting in May were Howard Feller's new R1100RS, Eric Davis's R1100RS, George Drenski's new R1100S and new members at each meeting. Our June meeting brought 28-30 for breakfast and 20+ bikes. Highlights for the June meeting was the drawing for the BMW Electric vest won quietly by Pete Beliveau. After the June meeting I lead a malingering ride through mid-coast Maine to Pemaquid Point and lighthouse. Walker, the restaurant and gift shop was closed and no one had the chance to evaluate the haddock sandwich and the raspberry short cake. We did hold you responsible. All in all it was a nice scenic ride off the beaten path.

Downeast Rally 2000:

Sharon and Bob are owed a big "THANK YOU" from all of us for the outstanding job done as Downeast 2000 Rally Chair & Chief associate. Those of you who have been Rally Chairs appreciate the time and effort

this task involves. Please take note that Bob is looking for a trainee assistant chair to learn the ropes as helper and future 'trained' Rally Chair. All volunteers please step forward. This can be a fun and meaningful experience.

All those who volunteered and helped with the Downeast Rally 2000; You are appreciated and our rally is a success because of each of you. We all know that being part of the rally is the most fun. We each took specific memories from the Downeast Rally. My personal favorites are 1) The personality differences demonstrated over the sausage grill by Howard Feller and Eric "The Redneck" Davis and 2) working registration & shirt/cup sales with Clarence Falarski. Howard and Eric are an impressive pair and Clarence is to be avoided if you have money in your pocket. The looks we received from people who Clarence convinced to buy two cups for five when our sign said cups--two dollars each—was worth the price of admission. We had a real sell to give them back their dollar.

It will be another year before we get the chance to visit with our friends from "away". I always enjoy the visitors from Virginia; Dave & James Swisher, Gene Walker et al, our visitors from Yankee Beemers, Granite State, Vermont, Canada, etc. Now when do we start getting ready for next year?

BlackFly Rolling Rally:

All reports I have received noted that the rolling rally, "The Blackfly Rally" was a great time and ride.

The Blackfly was well planned and scheduled for all participants and not to be missed next year if you can get the time. Thanks again Fred for a well planned and executed Blackfly.

Hint; hint a column on your experiences by any participants of the Blackfly would be appreciated.

Upcoming Events:

Our next regular meeting will be the first Saturday morning in September; September 2, 2000 at the Downeast Village restaurant, US route #1, Yarmouth, Maine. However, Jim Salisbury is organizing an August club ride to Helen's in Machias. Tentative schedule is for the first Saturday in August. As soon as particulars are available you will be informed of the time, meeting place. Etc. I understand that we had a number of first time Americade visitors from the club. You know who you are and we do expect a few words on your experiences and impressions. Larry Foley & Don Lippoth are still working on organizing a club ride to the new Cracker Barrel off 495 in Mass. Again, as soon as information is available it will be forwarded to you.

FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR

This newsletter belongs to you, the members. **Have you read that before????** I need your help in having enough information to even try to fill up both sides of a sheet of paper. My friend, The Redneck is not able to do it all each and every month. He doesn't even know anything about bikes (why do you think the topic is barely touched on). I know that some of you have been places and had a good time doing it. Why not put a few words together and let the rest of hear about it.

HOWARDS' WORKINGS

In The Works

For reasons I don't quite understand, I feel the need to reply to our esteemed news letter editor who wrote in the last issue, referring to submissions, "I keep hearing the rumor that Howard has something in the works, but it never seems to get here." My reply is as follows, it's all true.

In addition to being a full time (and a half some days) lawyer and part time photographer, I am a bit of a writer. Not counting college, legal briefs, letters to the

editor and the odd club newsletter, I've been published twice; once in the Maine Bar Review and once in the BMW Owner's News. However, I have a few boxes of unpublished, and heartily rejected, short stories, one Sci Fi novel and a screen play in my basement.

Yet I keep doing it. Writing that is. But, let's skip all the psychological implications and get to what's in the works and why. At the end of the riding season four years ago I realized two things. First, I had a great time. Second, I couldn't remember much of what I did or where I went. Right around this time I was getting seriously annoyed with the lack of response I was getting from various literary agents to my screenplay. Jodi offered her advice. "Stop trying to write for the commercial market and just write about what you know and like and do it for yourself." She also felt that most of the great works were written this way, something I'm not sure I agree with, but it seemed like a good idea. Certainly, there was nothing to loose.

I combined all of these thoughts and the result is the work in progress. I call it, The Motorcycle Diaries or What I've Learned So Far. And, that's what it's about; rides, events, lessons learned the hard way, significant non-cycling events and philosophical observations. None of the names have been changed to protect anyone. If this thing ever got out of my hands in the shape it's in I'd probably be hunted down by someone I knew in college and disinherited by.... well never mind.

At last count it was over 100 pages double-spaced and growing. Every spring starts a new riding season. I have many questions. When to stop writing? What to do with it when I do? Who can help edit it? What pseudonym should I use before going public so I'll have a chance to live a few more years in case anyone mentioned reads it? That sort of thing.

Finally, I see the reasons I'm responding to the editor. First, it will get him off my back. (*I don't think so, it won't be that easy..ed.*) Second, should he see fit to put this in the news letter I'll have lots of sympathetic, similarly minded people to help answer all of the above questions. Feel free to send me your thoughts.

Will I ever finish this work? Will anyone get to see it if I do? No promises. I'm still working on it.

Howard J. Feller

TED HALL'S MUSINGS

First Outing Daytona

I wasn't all that much excited about going to Daytona this year. I kind of gathered all my riding stuff slowly for a month and put it on the spare sofa. It started to smother the dang thing after awhile. Then I looked at the calendar, huh! Its really going to be March 4th pretty soon, better get going on this packing thing.

Then, I started to get excited. Put my bike, the old Amity /6 in Ray Adams shed for Real electricity and 30 feet from the black top road, and counted down the days. I was watching the weather channel on the Net, and choose a real heat wave morning to get underway. That would be 23 degrees for a starter. Ugh. Plugged in and waved to an understanding wife.

It was like I hadn't been off the bike for 3 months. Shoot, this felt so good. By the time I hit the Albany tool booths, the temps where way up to 38 degrees. This was gonna be a corker of a day. Now I know what it must feel like when the cows(tm) are turned out of the barn in the spring, this feels great!

As planned, stopped in Reston (DC) Virginia for an overnight with a 7lb loaf of Sirloin Saloons bread and a squashed summer berry pie from David Nunnikhoven for my sister. Bodo met me there, and we crashed for the night.

The next day we had had enough of the interstate, so we peeled off and headed for the coast. I was hoping to hook up with Lynn's cousin near Wilmington, NC, butt never did and ended up in a Super 8 for the night. Also got my oil changed at one of those quickie lube places, at 8 o'clock that night. Seems the manager was doing some late night tidying up and let me use the facilities. You guys that use synthetic oils are grinning I can tell:-)

Big mistake going along the coast. It suks. As much as I hate the interstate, I couldn't wait to get back on so we could boogy to Daytona.

As always, when you get near Daytona, you see a parade of H-D on trailers and in vans. Tough guys my ass! I was talking to a Harley guy at a gas station and he said he paid \$400 to have his bike shipped down with 9 other bikes from north Jersey. Let's see, em, er, ah, that's \$4000 to the trucker for 20 hours of driving. Em, there could be something to this.

Bodo, Gerge Martinetti, and new friend Buck Johnson, and I went to Willy's Museum in the morning. This is a must see for those that go down there. It's within a few blocks of the BMW dealership in Daytona. This place is a cinder block building, climate controlled, non-descript place. Open the door, and you get a blast of air that knocks the dust off you when you enter. \$7 gets you in, coffee is \$.50, cookies are free. And the place inside is eye candy. There are about 75 motorcycles in there, and all very well done up in there past glory. And, best part is, Willy is there to chat. He comes over from Frankfurt every year, opens the place Just for Bike Week, then returns home and works on his other 200 bikes in Germany the rest of the time. This is a must see/do when down there.

Went to the IBMWR dinner that night, put some faces to some sig. lines and people I had talked with via internet and came back to Bulow for campfire lies and bench racing. Saw a very interesting sight that you might envision. 5 of us are coming back from the dinner and pulled up behind a pod of Straight Pipers. The sweet young girl right in front of me, riding pillion, had on the obligatory pot helmet, halter top, chaps and no pants! I would have followed them all over Daytona just to see her get off that bike and walk around, butt Bodo shot into a gas station to fuel up and that ended my night of fun and games. Oh well, there's always next year.

The rest of my trip was visiting friends and family in Florida. Stayed with Captain Jack Sabey and June in Port St. Lucie. I even got to wear Jack's System II helmet back home. Ah, June ran over my helmet when I was in the pool when she went out shopping. If you ever visit them down there, be sure to leave your helmet

somewhere where she is bound to crush it with her car, they have a spare bedroom, pool, spa and she is one hell of a cook. Should be good for a week lay over.

I only got an hour of rain the whole 11 days out, and that was the last day coming back.

The next day, we got 8" of snow.

This was a quick road report, and this year, the year 2000, I plan to ride to the end of the road in Quebec, up to St. James Bay, Midland, Michigan, Lancaster, Ohio, and the Big Dog Ride in Colorado with Barry Finch and Bill Daigle. Plus all the local rallies. Full plate, and I can't wait to belly up and get started.

Everyone have a great riding season and stay safe.

Cheers

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WEDDING BELLS

News Flash! Going to the Down East Rally can be good for your love life.

Earlier this year, Curt Kleber was reading his copy of BMWON at home in Cathlamet, Washington. He turned to Shirley Rose and asked, "How'd you like to go out for a lobster dinner?" "Where?" she replied. "Maine," he answered. Sounded good to her so they made reservations, came to Hermit Island, ate all the lobster they could stand and got the mileage award. If that wasn't enough fun, they got engaged while heading to Maine from Pennsylvania. Ok, so they took the long way from Washington.

FOR SALE

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H Feller 207-846-6514

1955 R23/3, black, engine in good shape, the rest needs a little TLC. Mileage unk. \$2850
E Davis 207-636-3123

REDNECK RAMBLIN'S

Ramblin's is just a mixture of unrelated ideas and thoughts that might be of interest or not. Doesn't really matter if it is real, but just think about it, or not.

Just a reminder about the wife-carrying race to be held in Bethel this July 15. Deadline for registration is July 1 and the fee is \$35. Everyone needs to be advised of a warning from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. They are asking hikers, hunters, and fishermen to take extra precautions and keep alert of bears while in the field. They recommend that campers wear noisy little bells on their clothing so as to not startle bears that are not expecting them and to also carry pepper spray in case they encounter them. It is also a good idea to watch out for fresh signs of bear activity. Campers should recognize the difference between black bear and grizzly bear dung. Black bear dung is smaller and contains lots of berries and squirrel fur. Grizzly bear dung has little bells in it and smells like pepper. There were good eats and good people in Pittsfield on the 24th to help Crystal turn 40. I don't think she is really that old, but if that's the reason she wants for a get together, who am I to complain. Lots of fun and some different type of riding on the powerful 50's and 80's. Just in case you have not been reading the warnings that come on the products you have been purchasing, I would like to remind you of some of them. Chainsaw: Do not attempt to stop with your hands. Cycle Helmet: Remember – objects in the mirror are actually behind you. Camera: This camera only works with film inside. Dial soap: Use like regular soap. Rowenta iron: Do not iron clothes on body.

Till next time, keep the rubber side down.
Redneck