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The CYCLETROTON

A newsletter for the motorcycle enthusiast

A Message from Our Club President

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Welcome to the first issue of "The Cycletron". A newsletter for the motorcycle enthusiast. With the 2017 riding season winding down, we are all looking for an alternative to riding that can quench our thirst for the open road. Let's face it; winter can be rough here in the northeast.

While some of us will continue riding throughout the winter, the cold and increased road hazards, such as ice, leaves, sand and even road salt can be a deterrent for most. So, what's a rider to do? Well. If you're lucky, you can hop on a plane and head south until the spring thaw. But for the rest of us the options are scarce. You can (1) Draw the shades and pray for an Indian summer. (2) Watch Sons of Anarchy reruns. (3) Cruise the internet for sales on chrome and leather. And (4) Turn to social media and navigate the endless memes that dare us to share a quote for the betterment of mankind. All of these options combined will get you through the doldrums of winter.

But now there's "The CYCLETROTON" for temporary relief from apathy. And best of all, it's meme-free! Read it, print

it, share it, and contribute to it.

The Cycletron newsletter needs items to fill its pages, including articles, pictures, personal experiences, and anything to do with motorcycles, because if it interests you, it's worth sharing with others. So send whatever you find interesting or amusing and we'll find a place for it here. Or if you have any suggestions on how we may improve this newsletter, send them along as well. And keep an eye out for future issues. We'll try to keep it entertaining and informative. Of course, that all depends on YOU!

On The Road: Montauk Point

By Michael Loftus
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Earlier this summer, we had been thinking about doing a ride as a group before the summer was over, so we started thinking of ideas for a day ride. Scott Restmeyer was given a printout of directions for a ride from Tony Arno. It was called "Rip and Ride - Taste of Long Island". The directions said it was approximately 200 miles, start to finish. It looked like a good ride, taking us out on the South fork to Montauk, then back to Shelter Island, and across to Greenport on (continued on next page)



Figure 1

the North fork, and then back home. We were wondering where the term “Rip and Ride” comes from. Rich Gambella said it was an old-school expression referring to ripping the directions for a ride from a magazine and then using that to plot the route. That sounded like a good explanation to me! I told Scott that I would try and put the directions into my GPS so that we could use that on the day of the ride.

We set a date of September 16 and planned to meet at the main entrance to the Lab. The weather is always a gamble, so we were hoping for a sunny day and no rain. As it turned out, we had perfect weather and only got a bit of rain at the end of the ride when we were almost home.

Only 5 people showed up on the day. We were hoping for a few more, but 5 is still good. Before heading out, we went over the directions and also talked about who would lead the ride. Scott asked me if I had been successful with programming my GPS with the route. As it turned out, I hadn't had much luck. Then Scott said to me, “Doesn't your GPS have the option of creating a ‘Thrilling’ ride? You should put that in and lead.” I had told Scott I had bought the TomTom Rider 400 Portable Motorcycle GPS for my bike, and that it could create ‘Thrilling’ or ‘Hilly’ rides instead of just getting you from A to B on the shortest or quickest route. (I'll have to do a review of the GPS for a later issue of the newsletter.) So I went ahead and put in the destination

Montauk Point and set the option to ‘Plan a Thrill’. It came up with a round trip route that just stayed on the South fork (See Figure 1). Everyone agreed that would be good, and off we went with me leading.

We had a great ride out to Montauk letting the GPS guide us. I have the GPS connected to the Bluetooth earphones

in my helmet and it worked out great. We went on a lot of roads that I had never been on before. We were taken on back roads that avoided the major highways. If you have ever ridden along Mill Road from the Lab out to Calverton, you will get an idea of the types of roads that we went on. There were nice surprises along the route, like having the road run along the edge of the Peconic River, and lots of twists and bends. We were brought up through North Sea and Noyack to Sag Harbor, a very nice ride. At one point the GPS told me to make a right-hand turn onto an unpaved road. I pulled over to ask the guys what they thought. There was no indication on the GPS that it was unpaved or for how long. We decided to take a quick bio break and carry on down the dirt road. As it turned out it was only a couple of miles. One of the guys later on joked that we had taken “Washboard Lane”.



Eating lunch at the Lobster Roll restaurant. From left to right: Mike Loftus, Rich Gambella, John Ledogar, Scott Restmeyer and Bill Reahl

That's because it felt like you were riding on a washboard!

When we got out to Montauk it took us along the Old Montauk Highway, past Gurney's Resort. I enjoyed that part of the ride. It reminded me of being on the south coast of England. There are lots of B&Bs and guest houses in some of the seaside towns.

When we arrived at Montauk Lighthouse there was a line of cars heading into the parking lot and we'd have to pay for parking. We didn't really want to stay, but really just use the restrooms and then head back to find somewhere to eat. We got lucky, because Scott's friend John used to work with the guy directing cars to the ticket booth. He let us in without having to pay for parking!

John suggested we go eat at the Lobster Roll Restaurant in Montauk. We had a great meal together. I definitely wanted to try the lobster roll.

After we had finished eating, we decided to just head back home on the quickest route instead of continuing on using the directions in the GPS. There was some rain forecast for later in the afternoon, so we headed back along Sunrise Highway. Like I said earlier, we were almost home before a band of rain came through.

All in all, it was a very enjoyable day. It was fun going on roads that we had not ridden on before. We will definitely have to plan another one of these ‘Thrilling Rides’. And I don't mind leading it!



Product Review:

AdMore Lightbar

By Ken Sexton

The AdMore Premium LED Light Bar with Smart Brake Technology adds a **BRIGHT** LED light assembly to the motorcycle, complete with the standard-operation tail light, brake light and turn signals. It complements the OEM lights with sequential amber turn signal LEDs and an accelerometer that activates the brake light LEDs

as the motorcycle slows down on closed throttle, in addition to the standard brake light operation controlled by the brake lever and pedal. There is also a center set of three bright white LEDs that momentarily flash at the onset of using the brakes, intended to capture the eyes in vehicles behind the motorcycle. If the drivers

behind you don't see you with this thing lighting up, they must be blind! With the use of a laptop computer and the appropriate manufacturer-specific firmware installed in the unit, the light bar can be configured to suit the owner's preferences. You decide how you want the individual functions to operate. Should the turn signals progressively strobe to the side or just blink like the OEM lamps? Adjust the sensitivity of the accelerometer so the brake light comes on with light deceleration or under more aggressive slowing, or only when you manually operate the brakes. Adjust the modulation of the brake lights or turn that feature off entirely. You can even turn on or off the single LED installed on the underside of the light bar



(normally intended to illuminate the license plate).

For most motorcyclists, the typical mounting of the light bar would be to use the (included) bracket that would place the light above (or below) the license plate. I chose to install the light bar just below the Indian Roadmaster's trunk, where there is a wide, flat, black bar that's virtually made for that purpose. Mounting the light bar at the license plate would be the simplest and fastest location because all but one wire

required for its functions is already there, behind the tail light. Mounting the light bar below the back of the trunk requires tapping into the OEM wiring below the seat and making up a new additional wiring harness, about 30" long that runs parallel to the OEM harness under the seat. That doesn't make the job a lot harder, but it definitely adds to the time and hardware required. I have made a video outlining the

AdMore Light Bar as mounted on my Indian Roadmaster and posted it on YouTube. In addition, from there you'll see links to the Indian forums where the technical information needed for the installation can be found. I am VERY impressed with the AdMore Light Bar. My goal was to do whatever it takes to capture the attention of the cell phone junkies and others who just refuse to make driving their first priority while behind the wheel. I think that this device is probably the BEST method available to get the job done. With the AdMore LightBar, at ALL times the Indian TS111 has more rear-facing, bright LEDs than ever and when the brake and/or turn signal LEDs fire-up, it's a virtual "poke in the eye" to the following public. If this doesn't keep the jerks from running into us, the last

resort is going to be a lawyer, after the impact. I hope it never comes to that.

Ride Safe!

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The link to Ken's YouTube video is:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6HP9d1uwWAQ&t=79s>

The link to the Indian Rider's Forum is:
<http://www.indianrider.net/threads/admore-lighting-light-bar.1613/>

The link to the AdMore website is:
<https://admorelighting.com/>

Announcements!

Cycletrons member, Jim McManus, welcomed a new member to his family. A grandson, Andrew James, 9lbs-1 oz, 20 3/4 in. Born Tuesday 9/26/17. Mom and baby are fine. Congratulations Jim and family. Enjoy!



Tickets are now available for the Holiday party on Wednesday 12/13, at 6pm at J&R Steak House in Calverton. Contact Terri Diaz at extension 2970 or email tdiaz@bnl.gov Discount tickets for members and their guests.

The Safety Zone

By Scott Orban

Here are a few links for valuable information to help you improve your riding skills and reduce the chance of injury:

Should You Ride A Motorcycle?

<https://www.msf-usa.org/downloads/Quick-Tips-Should-You-Ride-A-Motorcycle-2009.pdf>

Cycle Safety Information

<https://www.msf-usa.org/downloads/Rider-Ed-Programs-CSI-2016.pdf>

General Guidelines for Riding A Motorcycle Safely

https://www.msf-usa.org/downloads/If_you_ride_a_motorcycle_v201603.pdf

What You Should Know About Motorcycle Helmets

https://www.msf-usa.org/downloads/helmet_CSI.pdf

Personal Protective Gear

https://www.msf-usa.org/downloads/Protective_gear_REV.pdf

Pretend You Are Invisible

<https://www.msf-usa.org/downloads/MSF-Quick-Tips-Pretend-You-Are-Invisible.pdf>

Preventing Motorcycle Theft

https://www.msf-usa.org/downloads/Preventing_motorcycle_theft.pdf

Ten Things All Car & Truck Drivers Should Know About Motorcycles

https://www.msf-usa.org/downloads/Motorist_Awareness_tips.pdf

The Importance of Riding Unimpaired by Alcohol or Other Drugs

https://www.msf-usa.org/downloads/Alcohol_Awareness.pdf

Above links are from the Motorcycle Safety Foundation website. www.msf-usa.org

For information on available motorcycle safety training, contact Scott Orban at extension 5520, or email:

orban@bnl.gov

Upcoming Events

11/18/17, 8:30am

Miller's Ale House

**1800 The Arches Circle, Deer Park
Toys for Tots**

Hosted by USMCKSU 11:00

am. Ride ends with lunch at Miller's Ale House, 3046 Hempstead Tpke, Levittown. For more info contact Lance Wolff at 516-520-7000

11/19/17, 10:30am

Terryville Fire Dept.

**19 Jayne Blvd, Port Jeff Station
Teddy Bear Run**

Run to benefit the kids of Brookhaven Town Interface Program. **KSU 12:00 pm.** Escorted ride ends with lunch at Painters' Restaurant 416 South Country Road, Brookhaven

[TeddyBearRun/EventDetails](#)

11/19/17, 10:00am

Babylon Town Hall, Sunrise Hwy, Lindenhurst

L. I. HOG Annual Toy Run

To benefit Little Flower Children & Family Services in Wading River. **KSU 12:00 pm**, ending at Little Flower, in Wading River. brownbearsww.com/cal/lihog

12/2/17, 10:00am

**LIRR, Ronkonkoma Station
2017 Motorcycle Show, NYC**

Motorcycle show at the Javits Center. See BERA calendar for more info

bnl.gov/bera/recreation/trips

Purchase tickets for the show here motorcycleshows.com/city/ny

12/13/17, 6:00pm

**J&R Steak House, Calverton
Cycletrons' Holiday Party**

Discount tickets available for Cycletrons members. Contact Terri Diaz for tickets. tdiaz@bnl.gov or 631 344-2970

What?! You're not a member yet?



Cycletrons' Summer BBQ

For just \$10/year, that's less than 84 cents a month, you can become a member of the Cycletrons Motorcycle Club and enjoy the benefits of riding with people who share your passion for motorcycling. So what are you waiting for? Contact Terri Diaz at 631 344-2970 or tdiaz@bnl.gov. And visit our website at: www.bnl.gov/bera/activities/mcycle/

THE BARGAIN BASEMENT

4 SALE: AdMore Premium Lightbar (See review on page 3) for an Indian Roadmaster (firmware updated), complete with both smoke AND clear lenses, the Roadmaster harness AND the Delphi Metri-Pak connectors. Can be updated for use on any motorcycle. Available to anyone who wants it. New, in the box. \$190.00.

Contact Ken Sexton 631-344-8463 or ksexton@bnl.gov



4 SALE: Heavy Leather Biker jacket and cut off gloves, size L-XL Best price over \$100.00. Contact Charles Gardner at 631 344-3574 or gardner@bnl.gov

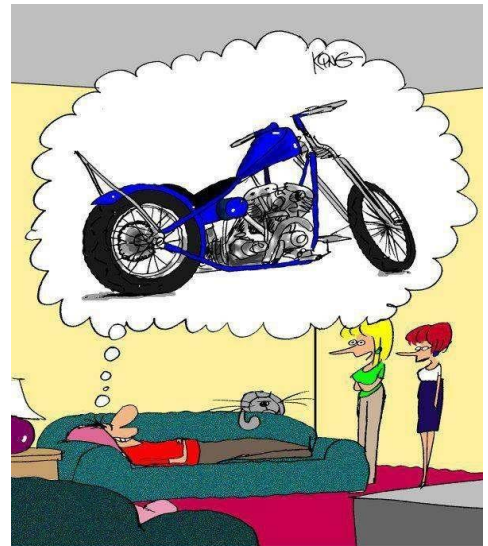


4 SALE: Heavy set of brown leathers. Jacket, chaps, vest, and two fleeced lined bibs. The jacket and vest have different eagle/flag sewn into them. Custom made in 2010. Paid \$820.00, Asking \$600.00
Contact Scott Orban at 631 344-5520 or orban@bnl.gov
(Model not included)



The Fun Zone

A little guy is sitting in a bar staring at his drink for over an hour. A big ugly biker walks up to the bar, takes the little guys drink and gulps it down. Then looks at the little guy as if to say now what you going to do about it. The little guy starts to cry. The big guy say's, " Ah now I didn't mean to make you cry, I hate to see a man cry." The little guy starts to explain, "I woke up late this morning missed an important meeting, my boss fired me. Went to the parking lot to find somebody stole my car, had no Insurance. Left my wallet in the cab I took home, found my wife in bed with another man, and my dog bit me. I came in here trying to get up the courage to kill myself, and now you went and drank the damn potion."



"How sweet, he's smiling. He must be dreaming about me."

Motorcycle Makers

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