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The CYCLETRON

A newsletter for the motorcycle enthusiast

A Message from Our Club President

By Scott Restmeyer
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For those of you who did not attend the 2017 holiday party, or read the email that followed, well, chances are you're not reading this either. But if you are, happy New Year?

Yes, that is a question mark, because we don't really know yet. We know how 2017 was. Some of us will say OK, others great and unfortunately, some will say they're glad it's over. For me, it was a year of new challenges and experiences. It was my first year as Cyclotron's President. I know I could not have done it without the support of my fellow officers, our predecessors and every member that made me feel welcomed.

Throughout the year I joked that it was an initiation because I was the newest member. Now that I look back, I can see that, in a way, it really was an initiation. As the club President I had to get involved, attend meetings and socialize. And by doing so, I met a great bunch of people who enjoy riding as much, or more, than I do.

At our holiday party, last month, (see pictures on page 6 and 7) I was re-elected to act as President for 2018 (along with Mike Loftus as Vice President, Jane Koropsak as Secretary and Terri Diaz as Treasurer). I know I speak for them when I say I am looking forward to the challenges and experiences to come.

This is the 37th year since the club started, back in 1981. That is a long time for anything. It has survived this long only because of its members. I can just imagine how enthusiastic everyone

Upcoming Events

2/8/18, 12:00pm
Bldg 400, Conference room
Cyclotrons' monthly meeting

Watch your email for reminder and location

Do you have an event you would like to post here? It does not have to be motorcycle related. Send the information to Scott Restmeyer at srestmeyer@bnl.gov

was in the beginning. But over time it's hard to keep the excitement level up, so the enthusiasm wanes, especially as benefits, and amenities are slowly stripped away. But it's still a great place to work!

As a newcomer, I didn't experience what it was like to work at BNL, only how it is now. Other companies I've worked for can't compare with what we have here today. So I'm enthusiastic.

My challenge for 2018 is to spread that enthusiasm, and get people excited (I'll settle for interested) in being a member of a club that has been established for more than half of BNL's existence! And I have a challenge for you. Get involved, attend some meetings and join us for rides. If you can't make the meetings, use email to share your ideas and suggestions. After all, it's your club. You determine its direction.

I don't know if we will meet the challenges that 2018 will bring. But with your help, we can have fun trying.

Happy New Year everyone!

Scott



Announcements!

Election of club officers was held at the holiday party on 12/13. The 2018 officers are as follows:

- President: Scott Restmeyer
- Vice President: Mike Loftus
- Secretary: Jane Koropsak
- Treasurer: Terri Diaz

Congratulations to all!



Ride to Claudio's

2017 in Pictures



Friday lunch ride



Member road trips





Member road trips



Hurricane relief fund raiser



Ride to Montauk



Annual BBQ



*Annual
holiday party*



**J&R
Steakhouse**



The Safety Zone

By Scott Orban

Hello All,

Below is a personal note from Nick Franco, a fellow rider that has experienced an emergency situation on the road and the safety class training helped him. This is a must read.

Motorcycle Safety Training – A Real Life Application

I have been riding a long time. I passed my MC license road test in 1974 and have been riding ever since. I thought that my experience was pretty solid. What else would I need to learn?

Many years ago now, the Lab actually allowed the Motorcycle Safety Foundation to have a presence at BNL, at the prompting of our then President Frank Dusek.

I attended an Experienced Ride Class (reluctantly) with a friend in the club. There was a night of video instruction and the following day of practical instruction (onsite). My mouth dropped at some of the things I learned. I thought I knew everything, but I was so wrong.

We were taught how to right the bike in an emergency and then stop. How not to apply the rear brake too hard. The dangers of handling our bikes the wrong way and the benefits of handling them the right way. The practical part was the best. We practiced maneuvers in the parking lot at slow speed, so we would be prepared at any speed. I attended that class and a follow-up class and a two-up rider and passenger class. I can't tell you how valuable that was.

When my sons wanted to ride, I insisted they attend a Beginner's Rider Course to be licensed.

Application:

Fast forward a few years... I had new sneakers on my bike. My wife and I visited friends in Levittown. On the way home, on the Southern PKY, suddenly I felt as though my rear Akel bolt came loose or something. My brain couldn't get a grip on what was happening. The rear end of the bike became more and more out of control, swaying back and forth. I let off the throttle and slowed down naturally – no brakes (training). Cars were beeping and flying around us. My wife had no clue what was happening yet, either did I. When I slowed down to about 40 from 65 (shhh), I jumped the curb and righted the bike and hit the front brake to come to a stop.

My wife was upset with me for driving erratically, but my heart was pounding so hard, I didn't acknowledge her at that time. My rear tire (brand new) was totally flat. There was a hole about ¼ inch in diameter dead center in the rear tire. I can't explain it, but it was a fact.

Cell phones were new then, but I managed to call one of my sons. He had a small pick-up. He put together a plank made up of 2 - 2x6 boards we had at the house, and headed out to meet us in Plainview.

I can't tell you how many people stopped to ask if we needed assistance during our wait. I was amazed. Maybe it was because I had my wife with me, but they just kept stopping. One young man stopped and asked if there was anything he could do. I said, "No, but thank you so much for stopping." About 15 minutes later he came back again. He handed me a can of Fix-O-Flat and wouldn't accept anything in return.

When my son arrived with the truck and plank, that can of Fix-O-Flat would come in handy. He put the 8 foot long plank on the back of his truck and we knew we had one chance of making this happen. I injected the can of juice into my rear tire, started the bike and went full bore up the ramp and into the back of his pick-up. We tied my Honda Shadow VT-1100 down and made it home.

So, that's a happy ending to a potentially disastrous story. My wife and I could have easily died that day visiting friends. Our happy trip could have become the end of our lives. If it weren't for the training I received (that I didn't think I needed), we might not have survived.

I know Scott Orban has been pushing safety training for a few years now, but I wanted to give you a practical example of how it might save your life and the life of someone you love. This is not a commercial, or maybe it is, but it's a true story of how proper training might make all the difference for you.

Peace,

Nick

Thank you Nick, for sharing this story. And thank you for recognizing what I have been trying to help our fellow riders with.

I could only wish more of us long time riders took the advantage of taking a class.

We get complacent, just because we have been doing something for a long time, there is this thought that were good at it. Well guess what? We all can learn a thing or two.

Making your skills in riding safer, and instilling them to your fore front can keep you better prepared to ride safer.

Please note, nothing is a guarantee. BUT if you keep your safety skills and your awareness to your highest potential, you will make better decisions and your safety odds better.

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

THE BARGAIN BASEMENT

4 SALE: Corbin seat for sale:

Fits Can-Am RS model's

Purchases in April 2013 removed from bike on the trade in for ST model in 2015

Paid \$843.00 for the three piece set asking \$600.00



Contact Scott Orban at 631 344-5520 or orban@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

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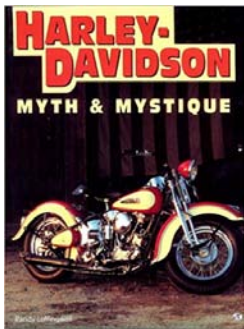
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THE BARGAIN BASEMENT

4 SALE: I have 2 gently used Leather Jackets (size: medium) and 1 New pair lined Leather pants (size 36) unfinished bottom. Best serious offers only...\$\$

Contact Charles Gardner at 631 344-3574 or cgardner@bnl.gov



FREE: Harley-Davidson: Myth & Mystique

Hardcover – August 1, 1995

This book does not focus on the Harley-Davidson "lifestyle," nor is it a corporate history. Rather, it is a close-up look at several of the motorcycles that have been Harley-Davidson's "greatest hits" over the past 90 years, telling why these bikes have such appeal. 220 photos & illustrations, 200 in color. Sells (used) for \$2.12 on Amazon – It's yours Free!

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What?! You're not a member yet?



Cycletrons' annual holiday party

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/

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

There are 35 active Cycletrons members. Most still work at BNL. The rest are happily retired, but remain active in the club. With that many members spread out throughout the lab and the community, you could be talking to a fellow member and not know it (unless their focus changes to the distant sound of a cracking throttle). The Member Spotlight is a way to get to meet your fellow Cycletrons. While you may not learn if they like long walks on the beach or reading poetry by the fire, at least you may be able to put the name, to the face, to the bike.

This month's spotlight is on another longtime member, John McCaffrey. Thanks John, for contributing!

T.C.: How long have you been an employee of BNL? If retired, how long?

John: 30 years.

T.C.: What department do you work in?

John: NSLS.

T.C.: How long have you been a Cycletrons member?

John: 20 years.

T.C.: Tell us about your family.

John: Hard workers.

T.C.: What was your first motorcycle?

John: 75 Honda 750K.

T.C.: What do you ride now?

John: 2012 Harley Davidson, Ultra Classic

T.C.: What is your favorite ride experience, and why?

John: Riding out in Wyoming, thru the National Parks.

T.C.: Besides motorcycling, what is your favorite pastime?

John: Helping with Boots on the Ground.

T.C.: What is your favorite quote?

John: Someday honey someday mustard.

T.C.: If you could give a piece of advice to all riders, what would it be?

John: Ride smart.

T.C.: Who would like to see in the spotlight next?

John: Scott Orban.



John enjoying the view on Mt. Washington during a trip to Laconia



2012 HD Ultra Classic

WE NEED STUFF! Anything you want to contribute: Articles, reviews, personal experiences, pictures, items for sale, events, announcements, etc. Don't hesitate to send it in to Scott Restmeyer at srestmeyer@bnl.gov. You'll be glad you did, and so will we!

The Fun Zone

Two guys were roaring down the road on a motorcycle when the driver slowed up and pulled over. His leather jacket had a broken zipper, and he told his friend, "I can't drive anymore with the air hitting me in the chest like that." "Just put the jacket on backwards." His friend advised. They continued down the road but around the next bend, they lost control and wiped out. A nearby farmer came upon the accident and ran to call the police. They asked him, "Are they showing any signs of life?" "Well," the farmer explained, "the driver was until I turned his head around the right way!"



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 "My new security system vaporizes anyone who gets too close to my bike. I'm going to miss Jim."

Words That Have Nothing to do With Each Other

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 G B R Z W Y S A L A M I A O A
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 P N Y Y P V E F K T X A J M W
 K N C S O C B Y A N D W K H L
 T R O Y M Q H P C O F S T T B
 C H S Z C E S U C R N S W I X
 M Z B K S L T T Y H V E U R Y
 N N A L P Y O Q P V Q R E O L
 S P R A U P N P M D N P E G G
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 B K N A P N C W J E I E S R K
 N K O B F B I P T O S A K H H

- ALGORITHM
- ASK
- CANNOT
- ENCYCLOPEDIA
- EXPRESSWAY
- HOSPITAL
- INTERN
- OCTOPUS
- SALAMI
- SPATULA

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