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Above: Ja Mon : Doug Mo arrived at Jamaica on his new 9T

Below: Team YB at the Larz Andersen Museum of transportation



Prez Says By Ken Springhetti

Hey all you Rally Rats, Road Warriors, Wrench Monkeys and Restless Ice Cream Riders:

I hope you all made the most of the glorious Summer of September! Since I wrote the last Prez Sez column I've ridden well over 5000 miles, slept outdoors nearly every weekend, entered a bike show, ridden-to-eat in 4 states, 2 countries, and toasted at least a whole bag of marshmallows... I always block off the weekends in September for riding, and this year we were all rewarded with another month of 85 degree, sunny, dry weather.

I want to thank everyone for coming to **Larz Anderson European Motorcycle Show**. It was the first time I'd ever parked one of my own rattletraps in a "Bike Show." **Dana Lewis** and **Sheldon Steele** do a great job with the event, and our very own "Phactory Phil" had at least 5 of his own bikes on display inside



the museum. **Rick Muhr** tirelessly polished his stunningly beautiful R1150R, **Karl Renneker** and I both narrowly avoided being taken out by an errant Laverda, and there were a lot of nice old Beemers lined up at the YB Booth. **Dana, Catfish, Lord Waegemann, Dwight, Jim Sanders, David Gamari**, and the rest of the **YB Ambassadors of Goodwill** cheerfully courted prospective new members, and it was nice to see **Paul Conley** of Moto-Market fame walking around. He's up at Seacoast, go say hi if you get the chance. **Jono Morris, Max, Todne**, and a bunch of the **NEDoD** folks were there too. There were more Zundapps than usual, and some nice side car rigs. This is an event that the YBs have been doing for over 20 years, and if you have never been to the Larz Anderson Transportation Museum, I recommend you all check it out!

The annual Whacky Hat, **Back To Jamaica campout** was a blast!. The weather could not have been better, and I had a great riding weekend! **Lorie Van Hook** took up the role of “**Queen of the Coffee Machine**” getting up at 4am each morning making sure that the caffeine was cookin. **THANKS LORIE!!** It was a culinary tour-de-force of Lemon Pepper Chicken, 3 day chili, pork roasts, and fresh Corn. **Bill Cusak** once again provided corn on the cob cooked over the campfire for everyone. **THANKS BILL!!** **Mick the Brit** resurfaced after a long absence, and entertained us all with stories of life in prison.. Longtime YB **Don Bigelow** gave us another chance, welcome back Don! **Doug Mo** rode by Saturday morning on a spiffy new R Nine T, and gave us all a recap of **YB Fast Guy Wallace French’s** performance at the **Max BMW Ascutney Hill Climb**. It was nice to see Doug, talk bikes, and he gave us a great ride-to-eat pointer to the street fair in his home town of Chester VT. We ate BBQ and walked around fat dumb and happy. Route 35 south from Chester is new pavement and gorgeous. As an aside, I learned on the way back that pigs actually do make pig piles!



September has a lot of offer us Rally Rats. The Ocean State BMW Riders threw their Gathering of the Clams at Camp Fuller, The BMW Motorcycle Owners of Vermont had their annual soiree at Camp Thorpe, there was Rice-O-Rama, The Vintage Bazaar, IMOC, the Sidecar campout, New England Riders New Hampshire getaway and **Stevie B's** Snappy Dogs Ride to Eat. Seems like every weekend you had a choice of 3 different rallies all over the place. Kate and I have ridden up to Lac Brome, Lac Megantic, Northern Maine, Vermont, and the Catskills all on a 4 week stretch.

I need a nap.. and a new rear tire.. **Bethel Mtn Road** from 12 to 100 (Rochester Gap) is a real nice road too!

October brings us **MAXToberFest** at Hunter Mountain October 3rd and 4th, Dana "**The Savant of the Pavement**" Lewis's Fall **Ride to Goulds** Sugar House on October 24th, The YB Ride to Eat at the **Willowbrook** on October 18th, The CRV **Mt Misery Campout** on Halloween at Pachaug State Forest, the **Frost on the Pumpkin** campout in Somerset VT, and a hopefully, not a whole lot of cold weather. It's time to start putting STABIL in the gas when you fill up, because you never know when 2 feet of snow is going to randomly fall, and the bike may be cocooned until the Frosty Nutz Campout! Check your coolant levels, get your winter prep done now, before it's too late.



I want to encourage everyone to come out to the late Fall events. It's cooler, the foliage is peaking, and you'll have a great time. We are looking for people to lead rides to eat in their own backyards! If you know some great roads, places to eat, or scenic byways, post up on the YB Forum and you'll get the opportunity to share your secret spots with us! I'm starting to plan the 2016 calendar, so if you have an event, let us know about it. The **YB Forum** is a great place to post info, pictures, and get a headcount. We'll print the 2016 Calendar and it will be available at the Holiday Party. **There is a Board of Directors meeting at the November breakfast**, and we'll want to have a list of events loosely put together by then. If you have other issues, suggestions, concerns, or want to be part of the YB Machine, the BoD meeting is the place to be!

Special September shout outs to **Riley Bush** for helping out with the rallies this summer, **Colin Samuel** and **Team Fireball Racing** for keeping us entertained at the track, The **Vermont Park Rangers** who so graciously transported our coffee maker from Wilgus to Jamaica, **John Van Hook**, **Bill Cusack** and **Jim Sanders** for tirelessly promoting and supporting the YBs, helping out at all our rallies and campouts, week after week. **YB Tuesday nights at Heritage Ice Cream "Bike Night"** with **Miles Mann**, **Kate**, **Stephen** and **Lorie Thomas**, **Mark**, **Lenny**, **Tim Moore**, **Cucci Galore**, **Vlad**, **Dan**, **Henry**, **Karen**, **Joerg**, **Glenn** and **Lauren**, **Corey**, The **"ZRX Guys"** and the rest of the **Tuesday Night Crew**.

Happy Fall, Ride Safe, thanks for coming to the events! Come ride with the YBs, and bring your friends! -Ken



SIX Types of Deadly Drivers-How to Avoid Them

“The wise man avoids evil by anticipating it.” - Publilius Syrus

With the right mindset, you can make riding a motorcycle less a game of chance. Develop habits that avoid potential mishaps as you fly down the road by the seat of your bike. Just as you can help avoid a nail by riding in the left or right wheel track, make anticipation your guardian angel. Have a safe ride and forecast the future while you're at it. You saying it's possible to tell the future when you're out riding? Yes, by anticipating what fools do next.

Anticipation is the reverse side of the same coin as temptation. You never met a temptation you didn't like. Anticipation is its harder-working cousin. For the most part, it fools you. Better to be prepared in advance than to be taken by surprise. Practice mindful riding. Mindfulness is distraction free. Staying in the present, living in the moment. Make a game out of anticipating what drivers do next. That kind of proactive mindfulness primes the brain for vigilant thinking.

Here are 6 types of deadly drivers and how to anticipate them.

1. Anticipate The Breakers On a crazy four-lane highway with drivers on edge jockeying for position, anticipation is your best friend. Look far enough ahead. I'm sure everybody has *seen the unexpected*. *I once saw a ladder and an upside down picnic table. When you spot it far enough ahead, you can call yourself lucky. Making a habit of this is smart riding. Anticipate the breakers. I once saw a line of cars way ahead apply their brakes. The Range Rover directly in front of me didn't get the memo. I veered away just in time to watch him slam his brakes and skid sideways. Probably pooped his pants, that guy. YB15*



2. Anticipate The Rusher

You're in the fast lane of a 3-lane highway minding your ride when a fool comes charging up fast on your right. He comes up so fast that he starts tail-gating the guy in front of him. Of course the rusher is in a rush and it's only a matter of time before he pulls out in front of you, wanting to change into your fast lane. Don't compete. Ease up on the throttle, yield to the reckless rusher the space he wants.



3. Anticipate The Passer

You're cruising a 50 mph secondary with lots of big rigs. Someone is always in a hurry. Not just you. A passer is waiting to pass a 16-wheeler so what does he do? He tailgates. These trucks can be so wide that it's hard to see around them. As a rider, you should move to the right-wheel track whenever you see a large or tall vehicle coming your way. Not just to avoid the wind blast, but the impatient passer who may not see you if you're riding in the left-wheel track.

4. The Miscalculator

This is an old story but worth repeating. Motorcycles occupy a very narrow bandwidth. Compared to cars and trucks, we are like stick figures. Because of our skinny profile, to careless drivers we appear far away and slow-moving. Essentially, we're invisible. Anticipate the miscalculator. A driver who's all too eager to pull out in front of you from a side street or parking lot will look to his left and see this stick figure approaching.



Little does he know that you've got 150 horses between your legs and you're riding 15 mph over limit. If you are mindful, you'll be in the left-wheel track where the miscalculator can spot you sooner.



5. The Texter



Possibly the most distracted driver on the road. Talking on phones while driving makes you four times as likely to crash, and texting while driving increases your chances of a crash by up to 23 times, says the National Safety Council. All ages do it. Mil-

lennials text each other while in the same vehicle. While most states (44) ban texting while driving, no state bans all cell phone use for all drivers. New Hampshire, Vermont and Connecticut are the only New England states that ban hand-held phone use. RI is up next. New York and NJ have banned hand-held phones for years. Despite the laws, you still see Texting Toms oblivious to bikers. Anticipate the texting head. It bobs up and down.

6. Old Car Drivers

You know 'em when you see 'em. The car that somehow miraculously passes state inspection. Florida and 10 other states require no annual safety or emissions inspection. You see all sorts of shit boxes on the road driving lopsided from blown-out suspensions. Mufflers missing or dragging. Stinky blue smoke -- the sign of burnt-out valves. Probably brake pads from the 1980s. And what about vintage 60s muscle cars that have no hydraulic steering and no hydraulic brakes. Ever think of that? Anticipate (and steer clear away from) vintage cars and shit boxes. I like to make a habit of surveying drivers in relation to their cars. Late model Asian imports tend to carry the youngest drivers, just as late model American boats tend to carry Q-tips.

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Editors View By Dwight Nevins

Life on 50cc—Vintage Dreams

We were very fortunate this month to have been able to travel and ride with our whole family and some good friends on a few trips , Around an island - Along the ocean—Up to the mountains .

BERMUDA by Scooter : Eight of us got on the Norwegian Dawn at Black Falcon Pier in Southie for a cruise to Bermuda. We'd been twice before and rented scooters both times. But 2 up 50cc ??? Well driving on the left is funky , and there's some pretty good hills. OK yes, 25cc per person on a 10 year old 50,000 km rental unit is pretty minimal. And as a rider , it is pretty humbling to be passed by a 16 year old on an OLD 90cc Honda Cub.



But Heck YEAH we had FUN !

We took a ride to the capitol City of Hamilton about 20 miles from our ship , with a dozen nice little stops on the way. The girls went shopping , the boys went up the hill to the supermarket and the largest Scooter/Car Dealer on BM <http://www.bermudamotors.bm/contact/>

We noted that things in Bermuda are about twice as expensive as we find at home. Coca Cola ? 3\$ A Toyota Yaris? \$30,000 ! Mini Coops start at 60k, Lexus and BMW? Well if you have to ask.... Ahhh but SCOOTERS—



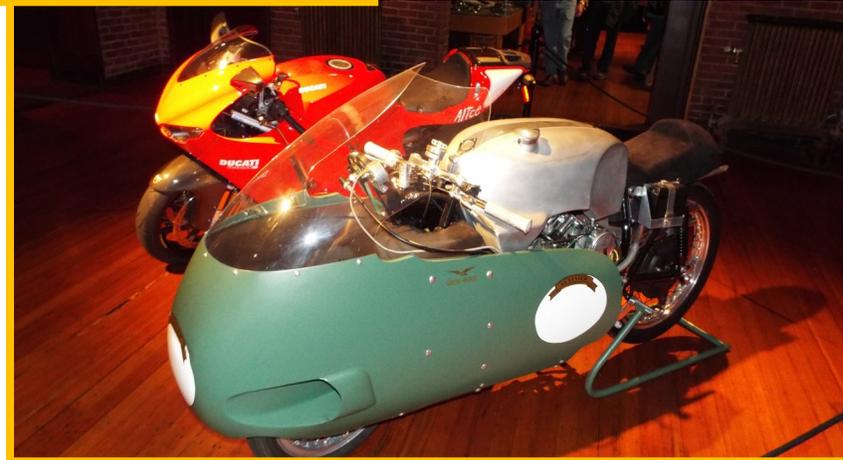
Kymco Scooters and Hyosung Bikes were a little higher than in the US , but not way out of line. The salesman told us 150cc is the maximum size allowed by law. Looking at them in the showroom and seeing them FLY past us on the road they looked pretty sweet. No Wonder they're EVERYWHERE. 50cc Sure Beats WALKING !

Larz Andersen Classic European Motorcycle Day

I've been going to this since the Guzzi Demo Truck was there in 1998 I remember riding a Jackal in the rain back in that year, I almost sent it sliding into Jamaica Pond. Some great memories. Guzzi's were on display this year too (alas no Demo Truck) But Seacoast Sport-Cycles DOES offer test rides . I'll Hafta stop in one of these days. The weather wasn't the best for a motorcycle show , unless you're trying to recreate the Moors of Wales, maybe that explains why the

Brits were out in numbers ?

My vote for Peoples choice would have been either the purple flip head chopper, or the chrome café This year on display inside is "BEAUTY OF THE BEAST: A season long motorcycle display, including many YB





**Lucky Winner of the 2016
Ducati Scrambler raffle .**

Sled Dog team in the house



**Rally Masters
Sheldon
Steele
Dana Lewis
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**Best Swedish
VVVVVVVV**



**Best PIPES >>>>>>>>>>
(NOT Bob Pipes)**



Larz Andersen Classic over the years





Roadster Rage !





Breakfast Meetings

On Oct 18,2015 (As well as on Nov 15 and Dec 20)

We will be back to our regular spot

The Willowbrook 16 Hastings St Mendon, Ma.

Coffee at 8 , breakfast at 8:30 ,

meet and then Ride, Ride on to ??? Chan's for Lunch ?

DANA'S GOULDS RIDE to EAT SAT OCT24

We meet up at the Shell Gas station at Rt. 2 (exit 16) in Orange, MA. at the Rt. 2/202 junction. When: **Arrive by 9:30.** Leaving at **10:00am**

Sharp for a Guided back road barn storm of scenic farm roads, shaded canopies of trees and twisted roads. Arriving at Gould's Sugar House, Rt. 2 in Shelburne Falls by **11:00 AM**

October 1-4 BMWRA Harrison Arkansas

October 18 YB Breakfast Willowbrook in Mendon

October 24 (Sat) Dana's Gould's sugar house ride

Novemeber 1 (Sun) Carl Saccocia's Vanilla Bean Ride

November 15 YB Breakfast Willowbrook Mendon

December (TBD) Hound Butt Bus Tour MC show

December 20 YB Breakfast Willowbrook Mendon



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