

# January 2008 NEW JERSEY SHORE BMW RIDERS Inc

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*"The motorcycle is a constant challenge to the man; a challenge to experience the adventure of man's command over the machine - directly, unadulterated. Over and over again, wind, weather and road must be conquered and mastered anew." from the BMW R75/5 Owner's Manual*

*"Where does discontent start? You are warm enough, but you shiver. You are fed, yet hunger gnaws you. You have been loved, but your yearning wanders in new fields. And to prod all these there's time, the Bastard Time."*  
**John Steinbeck**

*"Don't take tomorrow to bed with you."*  
**Norman Vincent Peale**

## **President's Message**

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2007 is coming to an end, but it doesn't seem to be winding down. Now that the holidays are over, it's great to see that the membership isn't in hibernation. The Polar Bears have been active, there's some chatter about the Javits motorcycle show, and I've heard of two different trips to Florida.

A word of thanks to Tom Spader for all his work in 2007. With the groundwork in place and the

support of membership and trustees, I hope to bring this club to new heights (or lows) in 2008.

A planning meeting is in the works for mid-to-late January to set in motion the events for 2008.

Last year's meeting launched the NJSBMWR picnic, the overnight trip to Wellsboro PA and the MOA. Whether your interests are day trips or overnights this meeting is the place to get the ball rolling. Skip mentioned the MOA rally in Wyoming, and from what I understand he already has the maps and GPS working on a route. John has already started beating the drums about the RA rally in Michigan (less than half the distance to Wyo.) And Don wants to put a West Virginia (week?) together.

Bring your ideas, destinations and enthusiasm for some pizza and B.S.

Have a happy and healthy 2008.

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*So I got me an office, gold records on the wall.  
Just leave a message, maybe I'll call.*

-- Joe Walsh – "Life's Been Good"

Seriously, I'm here for the club, Call me.

## Finger Lakes Rally (leftover news..) September Labor Day Weekend

*TB McFadden*

I arrived at the Finger Lakes Rally a day early: a luxury of the teaching profession.

Early arrivals were not at the Hidden Valley Campground in Watkins Glen State Park and since the weather was threatening, I was lucky enough to get one of the few remaining rooms, the reason being the Maserati and Ferrari boys were in town for track days; since I'm sure not even one of those guys owns a tent, rooms were scarce.



**Must be a food line..**

By late Friday the green fields were covered with a sea of brightly colored tents, eleven hundred twenty-five in attendance.



**?? and Roger**

The rallygoers were treated to weather more akin to autumn with the chill of Saturday and Sunday morning

condensing both the coffee and the campers' breath. Jacket liners were the uniform of the day.

Breakfast was more reasonably priced, heartily portioned and served efficiently. The same could be said for the steak and chicken dinners.



**Jim and Kenton**

And finally, the last of the rally highlights: valley floors with roads at water level and all the way to 1200-foot perches overlooking the lakes. Such diverse terrain makes for outstanding vineyards. Some rallyers rented a limo to tour the wineries somewhat more aggressively than their two-wheeled counterparts.



**Nancy and the Grantster**

Bob Henig of Bob's BMW in Jessup, Maryland hosted a well-attended charity ride in support of the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. And our own Roger Trendowski also hosted a successful event: an \$8500 flea market! All was well in the Glen.

## Children's Hospital Benefit Ride- December 15<sup>th</sup>

*Dennis Swanson*

A special thanks from NJSBMWR is extended to Roger Trendowski for again coordinating this event. That said, we may also say that it was a success. Donations from New Sweden, Skylands, assorted members and friends, and our own treasury raised over \$2100 for the children.

As planned, in excess of 40 riders gathered at the DMV Inspection Station on route 70 beginning around 10am.



The skies were clear, but the temperature stayed in the low 30's all day. In addition to BMW riders, a group of Harley riders again participated this year. At 10:30, Roger led the group to the hospital where greetings from Laurel, the staff and some of the children awaited. Toys were gathered and taken inside where coffee and donuts were provided. As in the past, tours of the hospital were given and grateful appreciation was offered by Laurel.



**Roger, Laurel and Prez Tom  
in front of the loot..**



From there Skip led a group over to The Cabin in Freehold for a nice lunch and some good conversation.



## **NJ Moto Show – December 28<sup>th</sup>**

*Don Peg-Leg Eilenberger*

I experienced my first road-rash..On my left knee from not looking where I was walking crossing 11th Ave in NYC.. I tripped and scraped up my knee fairly well. Luckily Javits Convention Center has a crackerjack first-aid department.

What was there that was interesting? BMW had the new bikes F800GS, 450X.. and had crowds around them. Had one lonely granite Roadster - no crowd but a pretty steady stream of people getting on it and seeing how their legs touched. Since the bike had the low seat on it - most people seemed pretty happy about it.

Japanese bikes.. yawn. HD - more yawn. Ducati had a lovely young lady outside their booth who I chatted with for a bit. Inside their walled display were testosterone filled lads hopping on the bikes and dreaming of being asked by Valentino Rossi if they could fill in for a lap or two..

Big exhibit of Korean (or are they Chinese) bikes - they seem to have progressed from what I saw there last year - some of them looked quite presentable. KTM was relegated to the boondocks of the convention center.. can't imagine they were very happy about that. No Husquevarna - guess BMW money hasn't flowed in that far yet - or distribution hasn't been setup.

Lots of the usual chopper crap, cruiser crap, fringe and leather crap. No boots worth looking at (I was looking and brought \$\$). Overall - seemed a small show compared to last year (other end of the center also - since the BOAT SHOW - had the majority of the convention center) and seemed like less people than usually are there Friday afternoons.

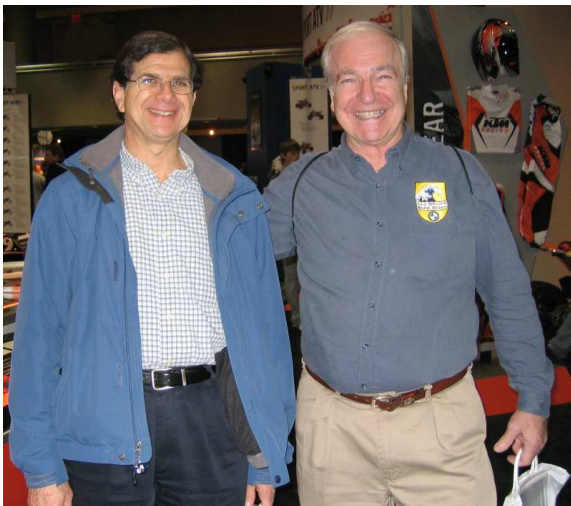
I mostly look for the small vendors. Klaus was there with YSS and Hyperpro. Harold Gantz and Jim McFadden were found wandering around.



**Tom Cutter, Mike the Bike, Skip the Tower, Dennis the Hat, and Klausmeister**

CycleGadgets was there – I bought the aluminum coil pulling tool for \$25. Cycle World (organizer of the show) - had Peter Egan's "Leanings" and "Leanings-2" on sale. Autographed. I'd read 2, never read the original - so I now own an autographed copy. There was a place selling personalized embroidered T-shirts, with your choice of bike (and color) and text. Had every BMW except the R1200R - which the guy running it seemed rather surprised at.

Got to see Monsoor of Roadgear and thank him for his marvelous customer service when a pair of gloves I'd bought at last years who exhibited a tiny flaw (he replaced them no questions asked - and said keep the first pair as spares..) Got to chat with Richard and Kathy of RKA luggage - nice people, nice products.



**Harold and TB McFadden**

Met Steve O from the hexheads forum on the MOA forums. Said Hi! to Michael Friedle (MOA Director) at the booth. Saw lots of members of our club and the other NJ clubs – guess we all had Friday off.

Good time except for the knee and sore feet. Didn't need a tetanus shot – but managed to catch a cold by going to the MD's to find out.

We had a great dinner in the wilds of Newark NJ thanks to some expert guidance by Mike the Bike Kowal.



**Burp..**

Good time – if you weren't there – ya'shoulda been..

## **Shore Riders Visit Big City – December 28<sup>th</sup>**

*Dennis Swanson*

It was time again to make the annual visit to the Javits Center in NYC for the international motorcycle show. Capt. Don, Skip, Joe Karol and I met at the GSP parking lot in Wall and Skip drove up to Weehawken where we parked and took the ferry across the Hudson, and then walked two blocks to the event. This may be the best way to go. It's better than the two hour train ride and it's better than driving into the city and parking. They all cost about the same.

We had just one incident. Capt. Don tried to get ahead of an old lady crossing the street, tripped and fell, skinned his knee, ripped his very trendy and expensive trousers and severely wounded his pride. He had to be taken to the first aid center where his wound was cleaned and wrapped. Needless to say, he was the source of amusement for much of the day.

Since our generous offer to assist at the MOA recruitment booth had been spurned we had plenty of time to visit all the exhibits, kick tires and chat with our riding friends. Being Friday, it was not at all crowded and this made for a pleasant day. So, who did we see? The answer is that we saw many Skylands Riders, including Don Gordon, Pete Bartelli, Jody Villa, Vince and Tom Suhocki, Rich Reidinger and others. Rumor has it that Cole Mills, Joe Molinaro and some New Sweden riders were there, but I didn't see them.



We also saw Harold Gantz, Jim McFadden and John Ryan. John rode to the event and had on his "stitch" with the NASA logo. As Skip, Joe and I were talking to him an eager visitor walked up to John and asked him if that was his space suit. He was very serious. John said nothing, but Skip said it was. He asked how many missions John had flown and again John said nothing, but again Skip said he'd flown a few. The guy was really impressed and then suddenly realized we were all laughing at him. He didn't take it too well at first, but when John said that he hadn't said anything he realized the joke and had a laugh as well.



**Glenn and Janet were spotted..**

Klaus, Duane and Mike were there with the "shock" booth and seemed to be attracting a steady stream of customers. The BMW pavillion had the new models on display, including the HP2. Nate Kern gave me a review of his test ride of this new and "hot" offering. It's a track bike with a forward lean, a tacked on K bike headlight, and some nice colors. I found it to be very pleasing to the eye. The new GS was also on display. It has five more horses and an adjustable suspension, and some cosmetic changes. The F800 attracted a lot of attention and I thought it looked pretty good. Dan Notte gave us all \$10 discount cards for our next service. Matt Fretague was hosting at the Moto Guzzi display. Like all the Italians, they are great looking machines, but my

favorites are the MV Agustas. Turns out there is now a dealership for the brand in Ledgewood.

After three hours we found Don and debated our next move. Bartelli and company invited us to join them for dinner in "Little Italy", but we decided to drive to Newark and try a Portugese\* restaurant. Mike Kowal joined us for the ride home and lucky for us proved to be competent navigator as we drove through the clogged and congested arteries of North Jersey. He also told us some good stories of his working days in the communication tunnels. The restaurant we chose was Don Pepe's and the portions were such that a few took home doggy bags. The ride home was quick and without further adventure.

## **Polar Bear at DiTomas's, December 30<sup>th</sup>**

*RD Swanson*

I walked out to pick up the papers in the driveway, walked back in and said to my wife, "It sure looks like shit out there." It looked the same the whole day. The sun tried at time to break out of the leaden sky, but it just couldn't make it. The day reminded me of a Christmas carol called *In the Bleak Midwinter*. You may have heard the lines "In the bleak midwinter, frosty winds doth moan, earth as hard as iron, water like a stone, snow was falling, snow on snow on snow on snow, etc." It wasn't cold enough to snow, but it was cold enough to chill me to the bone.

Skip, Jerry and Joe Karol were at "Our Wawa" when I arrived. Bobby Truex soon pulled in and we were off. Joe must have had a "honey do" list because he didn't go with us. The ride took us into the pineys, Chatsworth, Green Bank, Egg Harbor City, Mays Landing, Buena and finally Vineland and DiTomas's. The ride was Jersey at its ugliest. No redeeming features could be seen. Tacky little gray houses with cheesy Christmas decorations littered the landscape. The only green to be seen was the stunted and gnarled pine trees. There was little traffic. It seemed as if everyone wanted to stay inside rather than look at the mess.

As soon as we pulled into the parking lot, I went right inside and ordered a steaming bowl of pasta fagioli. This was the highlight of the day for me. It was one of the best soups I ever tasted. Of course they didn't give me a spoon, but that was only a temporary inconvenience. The others soon arrived and we all had lunch. Skip said Don Gordon was outside and I passed Cole Mills and Bill Alford as I went out the door, but didn't see any other BMW riders. There was a poster in the place that offered a reward for information concerning one Harold Gantz. I don't know what that's about. Harold's a good guy, so we didn't respond.

We took a shorter ride back because of the predicted rain. This took us north to Hammonton, Nesco, Crowleytown, and over to the GSP near Tuckerton. The beauty only continued. Traffic was heavier going north. I think it was a caravan leaving the state. Someone probably should have told them they were going in the wrong direction.

## **2007 Christmas Party, December 8th**

*Moon Mullins*

This year's blast was at Farrell's Irish Restaurant (almost an oxymoron) and over 50 riders and their companions attended. Everyone seemed to like the place and the food they served. The ribs and the scallops were particularly good. Of course, everyone was a little nervous at the beginning. You could almost hear the whispers. "Who would be awarded the prestigious solid gold trophies?"

Prez Tom did an excellent job arranging this affair and acting as master of ceremonies. It was his last official act as president and he wanted it to be a good one. It was.

Emily Egeter was awarded the **"Much, Much Slower than Don"** trophy. You might ask how this is possible?

Pete Stone received the **"Super Chef"** citation for the excellent job he did preparing and serving the food at the "Big Rumble."

Diana Welch got the **"Hero Wife"** statue for her support for John and his long recovery from his broken leg.

Of course you know Jerry Rouvrais, our 2008 prez, took the award for his skill and dexterity for underwater riding. This was the **"Captain Nemo"** honorable mention.

For his lack of skill in dispatching a crippled buzzard into the next world, Tom Rizzo received the **"Buzzard Slayer, Chicken Choker"** trophy.

Glenn Brown received the **"Longest Distance to a Meeting"** award for traveling 3000 miles to a meeting. Nice going Glenn!

John Charles Ryan received the gold **"Club Hero"** award for the most miles traveled on a motorcycle in 2007. Hard to comprehend, but John put 60,777 miles on the road.

**"Least Miles, Why Bother"** trophy was awarded to Mike Kowal for riding a total of 12 miles in 2007. Wow!

Tom Spader was recognized in gold for his excellent job in guiding the club through 2007.

Roger Trendowski was recognized with trophy for

**"Member of the Year"** for all his work for the club, particularly for all the time spent putting together the children's hospital ride and coordinating the gifts for the hospital.

Sir Don Eilenberger took the final award which recognized his being made an **"MOA Ambassador"** by the national organization.

And so another year of Jersey Shore riding passed into history.

## **Chilly Chili Run for Karen Ann Quinlan, Jan 1<sup>st</sup>**

*Roger Trendowski*

Last evening when I returned to NJ from Syracuse, I realized that Jan 1st was the Chilly Chili Run to be held in Ogdensburg (near Sparta) NJ. I sent out a group email hoping that someone would like to ride to north Jersey with me on the forecasted cold and rainy first day of the New Year.



No takers! I departed from the GSP Cheesequake rest area at 9:40am and headed up the GSP to I 280, then 280 West to I 80 west to Route 15 North to Sparta, then a few miles east on CR 517 to Ogdensburg Fire Department where the Harley sponsored event was being held. It was only about 60 miles one way.



*Background Note:* In the 70's Karen Ann Quinlan was a teenager who went into a coma. Her family sued the State to allow the hospital to disconnect life support systems. They eventually won the suit and life support was disconnected. Karen Ann began breathing on her own and lived in a comatose state for ten more years. The local Harley club has raised monies to benefit the hospice in Newton where Karen Ann was hospitalized for so many years.



In the past this benefit ride for Karen Ann Quinlan Hospice attracted up to 1000 riders. Because today was rainy and 35 degrees, only 50 bikes showed up including yours truly.

About 30 of bikers went on the hour long benefit ride before returning to the fire barn where hot dogs and chili were served. Probably 100 cars were parked nearby and the main dining area was packed with mostly Harley guys and gals making the overall event a success. A 50/50 drawing for \$300 and a raffle ticket for a new Harley were the centerpieces of the event.

The hosting Harley club announced at least \$1200 donations by clubs/business while we were eating. In the past, they have collected thousands from their bike raffle, 50/50s, and donations.

My ride home was actually nice... temp in the high 40s, sun partially out and the roads mostly dry.

## Upcoming Rides and Events

The following rides and events are sponsored by the AMA or other organizations and are not NJSBMWR's sponsored. Please feel free to personally arrange rides with your friends and attend.

- Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> ~ AMA Polar Bear Ride to Wearhouse Grill, Lake Hopatcong, NJ
- Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> ~ 7 PM Skylands BMR Riders Monthly Meeting ~ The Warrenside Tavern, Rt. #173, Bloomsbury, NJ
- Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> ~ 7 PM Shore BMW Riders Monthly Meeting at Schneider's Restaurant, Main St. Avon NJ
- May 30<sup>th</sup> – June 2nd – Square Route Rally – Thurmont MD

## 2007 Mileage Contest Results

*Roger Trendowski*

Member	Total
John Ryan	60,777
Dave Mason	25,609
Roger Trendowski	17,075
Skip Palmer	15,226
Don Eilenberger	11,855
Alex Edly	11,546
Joe Karol	11,340
Tom Spader	8,978
Ken Halucha	7,911
Jim Thomasy	6,581
Grant Duncan	6,166
Dennis Swanson	6,000
Nancy Glindmyer	4,961
Cole Mills	4,497
Jerry Rouvrais	4,000
Mike Palmer	2,999
Art Goldberg	1,350
John Welsh	1,263
Mike Naghski	500
Mike Kowal	12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>208,646</b>

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TO:

**Club Meeting - January 9<sup>th</sup> - 7PM**

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