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NEW JERSEY SHORE BMW RIDERS Inc

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and Colorado Chapters of NJSBMW.**

Club Membership Application at: [http://www.njsbmwr.org/
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The poor cows froze neglected in a blizzard They
dug them up and ate their gizzards. *O Anna
Niemus*

Do not speak of a rhinoceros if there is no tree
nearby. *(African Zulu)*

Oh, what a blamed uncertain thing This pesky
weather is; It blew and snow and then it thaw, And
now, by jing, it's friz! *Philander Johnson*

Time for the weather report. It's cold out folks.
Bonecrushing cold. The kind of cold which will
wrench the spirit out of a young man, or forge it into
steel. *Diane Frolov and Andrew Schneider,
Northern Exposure, Lost and Found, 1992*

Isn't it interesting that the same people who laugh
at science fiction listen to weather forecasts and
economists? *Kelvin Throop III*

A lot of people like snow. I find it to be an
unnecessary freezing of water. *Carl Reiner*

I only drink fortified wines during bad weather.
Snowstorm, hurricane, tornado--I'm not particular,
as long as it's bad. After all, any storm for a Port.
Paul S. Winalski

President's Message

Happy New Year to all of our members and their families!

It is imperative that I thank last year's club officers, George Roberts as President, Alex Edly as Vice President and Charles Grass as Treasurer for their time and service to the club. We cannot forget to thank our Trustees for their continued dedication to the New Jersey Shore BMW Riders as well.

Be sure to mark your calendars for our annual planning meeting at 6PMish on January 19 at Crown Engineering, 550 Squankum-Yellow Brook Road (Rt # 524A), Farmingdale, NJ. This is one week after our regular monthly club meeting at Schneider's on January 12. I encourage all members to attend this meeting as it is your personal opportunity to discuss our upcoming calendar of events, rides, outings and goals that we hope to achieve this year as a club.

Keep in mind, the success of the club depends on your own enthusiasm and what you are willing to contribute to the club. We will serve some food and drink for those who attend.

In the coming year, we have some incredible events to look forward to. The BMW MOA rally will be held

somewhat locally in Bloomsburg, PA on July 21 – July 24. This is only about 150 miles from “home” and we expect record club attendance at this event. The NY Motorcycle show is right around the corner and the Polar Bear rides are in full effect as we speak. We will, without a doubt, re-live the excitement of our Karting Grand Prix this year along with some new events you’ll be sure to enjoy.

I am looking forward to an adventurous year for the New Jersey Shore BMW Riders, and hope you are as well.

Dave Rosen
President

Planning Meeting – January 19th

Don Eilenberger (Editor and Trustee)

Thanks to the gracious hospitality of Mike Palmer, the club will once again hold our annual planning meeting at Crown Engineering. The meeting is January 19th at 6PM. Pizza and soda will be provided by the club.

We need your ideas for activities for next year. If you can't make it to the planning meeting, please contact one of the officers with any ideas you might have. We need your help in not only coming up with ideas, but in making them become reality. Please try to attend! It's always a fun and casual meeting.

If you need directions to Crown – Google “550 Squankum-Yellowbrook Road, Farmingdale, NJ.” - it will give you a link to Crown and a map that is surprisingly accurate.

Hope to see you there!

Holiday Party – December 11th

RD Swanson, proudly sent from his iPad..

Thirty two Shore Riders attended our annual bash at Rod's Olde Irish Tavern in Sea Girt and the consensus seemed to be that it was a good place with really good food. Certainly the filet mignon was the finest. And the rest was quite good also. The only downside was the price of drinks, but that seems to be the problem everywhere.

As is the custom, Roger Trendowski awarded

mileage certificates. Member with the most miles was Dave Mason and with the least miles Mike Kowal. Roger had a spread-sheet with all the stats and could be the basis for another article.

Last year's officers, Prez George Roberts and Treasurer Charles Glass and the 2011 officers Prez Dave Rosen, V Prez Kent Seydell and Treas. Jim McFadden were recognized and received a round of applause. We are all looking for a banner year in 2011!

Dave also made the solid gold trophy awards. These highly-coveted and expensive items went to our most-deserving members. Grant, who has the largest side cases known to man, received a trophy with two houses affixed. Dennis, who shed his Duc for a K12s, received a return to the marque trophy. Roger got a trophy for being our most outstanding contributing member. Awards also went to George Roberts and Charles Grass in recognition of their leadership and diligence. There were others too numerous to list for this article. Check your local paper. They are probably reported there.

The party broke up around 9:30 but not before lots of good conversation and conviviality.

2011 Mileage Contest Results

Don Eilenberger (working as cub reporter, thanks to Roger for the results and awards!)

Once again we had a banner year for NJS riders with 16 riders reporting their mileage. The total for the 16 riders was 154,885 miles. The average of the 16 rider's mileage was 9,680 miles. The top three riders did an average of 20,633 miles, the bottom three riders did an average of 1,962 miles.

First place – no surprise – Dave Mason with 29,077. Dave won the “**Give somebody else a chance. Everybody thought you were gone and they'd have a chance**” award.

Second place – Alex Edly, with 17,222 miles between two bikes. Alex won the “**Easier to just paint the bike**” award.

Third place – a surprise sleeper award rising from the field – Dave Rosen with 15,601 miles. Dave won the “**1st Place Smiles, 3rd Place Miles**” award.

Fourth Place – Jimmy TB McFadden, with 13,536 miles. Jimmy won the “**Stealth Long Distance Rider**” award since no one knows when or where he's riding – but he usually shows up everywhere.

Fifth Place – Don Eilenberger with 11,217 miles – in a heated contest with Roger – I squeaked in a few more miles than Roger T, but remained consistent as usual, garnering 5th place. Don received a “**Most Consistent with 5th Place since 2007**” award.

Sixth Place – Roger Trendowski with 11,203 miles. With retirement it's become more difficult to rack up the miles – but Roger received the “**West Coast Makes a Difference, 9th to 6th place**” award.

Seventh Place – J. Grant Duncan with 10,702 miles. Grant won the “**We expected more with the new GS, Solid 7th for two years**” award.

Eighth Place – George Szatmari 10,471 miles. George is usually accompanied by his dog. George won the “**All the Time and Everywhere**” award.

Ninth Place – in a stunning rise from 32 miles to 10,017 miles, John Malaska is enjoying both retirement and his new R1200R. John won the “**Biggest Gainer – from 17th to 9th. Helps to be newly retired**” award.

Tenth Place – with 7,909 miles, Joe Karol won the “**Still Slipping since 2008 with 19,263 miles**” award.

Eleventh Place – our former president, George Roberts with 5,587 miles won the “**Un-Presidential Placement – 11th?**” award.

Twelfth Place – a new member, Greg Wright went 3,542 miles and won the “**Very honorable placement for new member**” award.

Thirteenth Place – Charles Grass (with 2,914 miles) won the “**Need to get out more**” award.

Fourteenth Place – Nancy Glinmyer with 2,759 miles has got to get off the back of Grant's bike, won a “**Need to get out more**” award.

Fifteenth Place – Returning to the fold, once again riding German iron, RD. Swanson with 2,000 miles

won “**Keeping this one long enough to record the mileage**” award.

Sixteenth Place – Not going on a ride with me moved Mike down a bit, Mike managed 1,128 miles, with 1 mile on one of his bikes. Mike won “**So many bikes, so few miles; one with 1 mile**” award.

Seventeenth Place – With 0 miles, Jim Thomasey didn't have a bike to ride this year. “**Back to Sanity, with no farkle war chest**” award. Here is hoping Jim is on two wheels again in 2011.

Children's Hospital Ride, A Piece of Cake - December 12

Ken Mass, Skylands (from an Email...)

Missed you guys today

Had every intention of riding down and meeting you at the DMV parking lot. Wasn't going to let Fred be the only one on two wheels. Although when I looked out in the AM, I really didn't want to do it, raining I the 40's. But I donned my gear and hit the road.

Even the bike sounded a little reluctant starting.

Got out to the highway and stopped for some gas. And it wouldn't go.. And no cell phone on hand to call for help. Seems that when I put my harness back on to the battery, I neglected to fully tighten one of the battery lugs (multitasking the day before) any ways, figured out what was going on dug out the stuff to fix it and headed down the road.. Well on cell , no gps (didn't think I would need it) and a reset clock on the bike . No idea what time it is. Could have been 45 min it that parking lot. Made short work of RT78,287 and the parkway. To be honest the worst part on the trip was the wind gusts on the parkway. I was ready for them crossing the bridge but some of those flat exposed areas like Cheesequake Park caught me off guard. on the plus side it went up to 55 degrees .

Pulled into the parking lot of the Children's Hospital about 10 to 15 minuets after you guys left. Nobody around, door locked, a guard emerged from a side door. Exclaiming: "You just missed them." Me with gift in hand he went on to say come on, I'll bring you inside, the gal than runs the thing (Laurel) is still in her office.

"Come on in, drop off your gift... we were wondering how many nut's were going to come on their motorcycles." (Sounded like he had a bet with the other guards) "So far you're the only one."

Holy smokes!! Fred , (who will lead you into a thunder storm) didn't ride and I guess I'm the only nut . Well guess that speaks highly of the company I keep.

Chatted for a bit and a one of the residents, a boy about eight wanted to check out the bike, it wasn't raining at that point. So out to the parking lot we went. He checked it out the bike donned my helmet. and my visit was over. Laurel directed me to Charlie Brown's Steakhouse on RT 70. She overheard some talk about a group stopping there. I haven't been to a event with the south jersey club where there wasn't food involved, so off I went.



Sure enough, Don and six other members were just about to be served . Their food started to come I had some chowder. We chatted, had a good time. Would

like to say that we "broke bread" but a better statement would be we "Ate Cake!!!" More on that later... zoomed up the parkway headed home.

Guess I have to say the ride was... One Big Piece of Cake

Kenny

Rememberance of Summer

Roger Trendowski

With all the snow over Christmas, I couldn't help think about July in Oregon.



Here is a pix (of me on my R1150GSA) taken by a Dick Hautau, MOA Ambassador Liaison.

I didn't know him then but I met Dick and his wife riding two-up somewhere on I84 in Oregon, North of Boise. I passed him, then fell back to take his pix. Then he passed me to do the same. Some miles down the road we took an exit and exchanged emails. About a month later we traded pixs and then found out a little about each other when we finally met at the Labor Day Finger Lakes Rally. Dick heads the MOA Ambassador program and publishes a monthly article in the Owners News introducing new Ambassadors.

While writing this piece, I now remember how hot it was traveling in this high-desert area. In fact it was just after I took this pix that I ruined my digital camera. As you know I take a lot of shots while riding. My camera is hung on a lanyard around my

neck so as not to drop it while cruising. Put this situation together with it being HOT HOT, so I dumped a bottle of water down my vented jacket for cooling... and you guessed it... soaked my camera.

Oh well..... I needed more new pixels anyway... and by the way Square Trade warranty service fixed it for nothing. Darn!



Dick and his wife (napping..)

Solid Gold Trophies Empty the Treasury

Cub Reporter Don, with help from Dave Rosen

Once again – the club has attempted to deplete the treasury by awarding SOLID GOLD trophies to members who are deserving of the honor.

The awards are judged by Dave Rosen, based on recommendations from the membership, who year long make note of memorable moments in the hope they can submit fellow club members for the awards.

Much like the Oscars – the trophies come as a surprise in most cases to the members receiving them. Some members think they have a chance due to something memorable (and typically absurd or really really dumb) that they did, only to be surprised that the membership didn't feel them worthy. Other members are surprised that anyone realized and remembered that they were deserving of such an award.

To cut to the chase – here are the awards (with a brief explanation of why they were deserved):

Bigger Bike...BIGGEST Cases Award - Grant Duncan. *Grant bought a new GS, and finding it not as portly as he wanted, he bought sidecases for it roughly the size of the average yard shed. Nancy G lives in one and Grant in the other when traveling.*

Comeback to the Marque Award - Dennis Swanson. *In his usual fickle manner – RDS decided last year after throwing away a perfectly good GS on the way back from Tennessee, that he'd go Italian (again) Finding that the average service on the Ducati cost more then his house, he decided to come back to BMW. We are hoping he keeps this one at least a year (but no bets are being taken.)*

Best Participation...and No Bike Award - Jim Thomasey. *Jim has been an active and participating member of the club – including running the toy-run this year, despite the lack of 2-wheeled vehicles in his garage. We hope he corrects this in 2011, but do thank him nonetheless for his service and dedication to the club.*

Back In the Saddle Award - John Malaska. *Along with retirement, John took advice from me – got an R1200R and sold the K75RT. He hasn't looked back. Good move John! (And great ride to Nova Scotia this summer.)*

Good ILOOKing, but Not Looking Good Award - Don Eilenberger. *I can see better with my bionic eyes, but it does nothing for anyone looking at me. .*

Meritorious Attempt to fill Skip's Shoes Award - George Roberts. *How do you try to fill size 18 shoes? Work your butt off. Thanks much to George for his service to the club in 2010.*

Anti-Evolution Award - Charles Grass. *Somehow I missed the reason for this award, but that might be a good thing. Ask Dave.*

Club Member of the Year - Roger Trendowski. *Roger unfailingly will do whatever the club needs to get something done. He can be counted on. And deserves this award!*

Regret and Remorse Award - Kent Seydell – *don't ever trade a perfectly good K75 for a Ural.*

Most Crashes...AGAIN Award - Alex Edly. *No comment.*

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MEETING: January 12th – Meeting at Schneider's

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