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"Friends are like television. Some are like PBS and always asking for money. Others are like the news, with sad tales to tell everyday, some are like that one station with the foreign language; you don't understand a word of it but you listen and watch." *Dr. Haim Ginott*

"Editor: A person employed on a newspaper whose business it is to separate the wheat from the chaff, and to see that the chaff is printed" *Elbert Hubbard*

"I hope we never live to see the day when a thing is as bad as some of our newspapers make it" *Will Rogers*

"If it is not right do not do it; if it is not true do not say it." *Marcus Aurelius*

"If you truly want honesty, don't ask questions you don't really want the answer to" *Proverb*

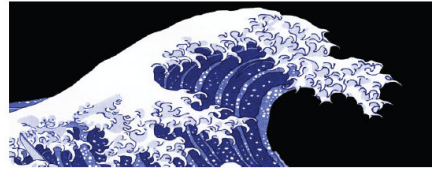
"If you're at a Thanksgiving dinner, but you don't like the stuffing or the cranberry sauce or anything else, just pretend like you're eating it, but instead, put it all in your lap and form it into a big mushy ball. Then, later, when you're out back having cigars with the boys, let out a big fake cough and throw the ball to the ground. Then say, "Boy, these are good cigars!"." *Jack Handy*

Club Avoids Falling Off Fiscal Cliff

In a stunning turn of events, Treasurer Jim "TB" McFadden announced at our last meeting that the club has once again avoided falling off the fiscal cliff, and our treasury is sound. Hats off to Jim..

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BMW Club
New Jersey Shore Riders



President's Message

Hello my friends! First off thank you for your vote of confidence. As your new president I am looking forward to make a meaningful contribution to the club. I am intrigued by possibilities this new year. As you know Oregon has been selected as the 2013 BMW-MOA rally site. I am giving serious consideration to run out there as a big road trip has always been on my personal bucket list!

As your president I have a few requests of you this year. First, our club needs more members. With that said I ask you all to make an extra effort during your local travels and conversations to pass on the good news about our great club. Let's make it a club goal to increase the membership by 20%. Second, I would love to see more members wearing club shirts and jackets. Motorcycles always draw attention and riders wearing esprit de corp rigneur add that extra special touch and curiosity. As you know our newsletter looks fantastic on the web, so share the link with others.

Third, and most important is safety. We have been very lucky as a group and I hope we can continue that this year. We will have some serious discussion and education about safe riding. Fourth, the glue to any club is fellowship. We need to ensure that every member feels comfortable, included and has the opportunity to have his/her voice heard.

Lastly, let's make sure that each of us makes a difference in the club. Everyone has something they can contribute, that goes for non-riders as well. Our planning meeting is on Jan. 16th, it's a busy month for some so for those unable to make it please spend some time and e-mail me your ideas, info on meets and rally's, and other events that would be enjoyable for the club. Bill Dudley is our new VP and I look forward to working with him. It's always good to have an electronic genius in the club!

So happy New Year my friends and fellow riders, let's make 2013 a year to remember filled with great rides, good food and great fellowship.

Thanks, Rev'n Mike

Black Ice- December 2012

RD Swanson

Many years ago when I first rode a BMW and first joined the Shore Riders. Capt. Don, Kent and I rode north into Warren and Sussex Counties. It was late November or early December and the weather was getting cold. We stopped at a diner along the road for some food and warmth. Conversation drifted toward winter riding and I remember still, Kent's admonition, "Watch out for the black ice". I filed it in my memory bank where it remained dormant but not out of reach for many years. Others would encounter black ice, but not me. I would be vigilant.

So much I knew. When my time came, the black ice appeared as if by magic. It was a beautiful day for January. It was a midwinter thaw. It was a great day to be out riding. Skip was leading and we were on a minor side road. We came around a bend. It was shady. There was an embankment on one side and a river on the other.

The morning thaw released a stream of water on the road where it froze and was nearly invisible. Skip went through and I remember thinking that I would be OK, when suddenly the rear wheel decided otherwise. Joe went through OK, but Jerry didn't. Jerry's bike was OK, but mine suffered significant damage. I was shaken but not injured. We got it up and running and I made it home, but black ice still lurks in my memory.

So when someone suggests a winter ride I stay off side roads, especially if there has been recent snow. I monitor the temperature and I am extremely wary of shady roads. Call it wisdom if you will. Perhaps it is just prudence. Or maybe a survival instinct.

Children's Hospital Ride – December 9th

RD Swanson and Don Eilenberger (Trustees) - NJ Shore BMW Riders

For over ten years the three NJ BMW (New Jersey Shore BMW Riders, Skylands BMW Riders and New Sweden BMW Riders) clubs have sponsored a December event to benefit the Children's Specialized Hospital in Toms River, NJ.

It has become a tradition that each year the clubs meet to share coffee and donuts and re-new friendships before riding as a group to the hospital to deliver toys and checks. Working closely with the staff of the hospital, these contributions have been used over the years to purchase computers, TVs, DVD players and the like for the children's use in rehabilitation therapy. The toys are distributed to the children and their families to help spread the joy of the season. This year the three clubs and members donated over \$1,000 to be used for new computer equipment for rehabilitation of handicapped children.

The attendance varies with the weather - but the event has never been canceled despite snow, rain or freezing temperatures. This year we were lucky enough to have a not too cold day.

Riders left their warm homes to head for the gathering place (the parking lot of a state Motor Vehicle Inspection Station not far from the hospital.) There they found friends from all three clubs (and some coffee and donuts to warm up with.) After chatting (and telling lies, kicking tires) 20 bikes took off for the hospital - where approximately 30 people from the clubs got to visit with the staff and children.



At the hospital the pile of toys built up as member after member contributed their small bit to the worthwhile event. The members then went to visit with some of the resident children, and help them in their wheelchairs out to the parking lot to see the motorcycles. The smiles on both members and children's faces demonstrated the

value of this annual event. A short ride after the event to a local restaurant (Charlie Brown's) for lunch rounded out what was a great day, on the way home the temperature rose to over 40F.



More on the hospital: Children's Specialized Hospital, is the largest pediatric rehabilitation hospital in the nation with nine centers across NJ. The Toms River location serves the central and shore areas of NJ, providing service, both inpatient and outpatient to children from birth to age 21. They provide rehabilitation care for children affected by traumatic brain injury, spinal cord dysfunction and injury, premature birth, autism, developmental delays, and life-changing illnesses. See <http://childrens-specialized.org/> for even more information on this wonderful organization.

Dubious Awards and SOLID GOLD Trophies

Don Eilenberger, Reporter, Editor, Bottlewasher

It was with great anticipation that members awaited the annual Awarding of the **Solid Gold Tropies for Dubious Achievements.**

Mike the Wrench Kowal was the trophymaster, and with great aplomb he presented the following well deserved trophies:

John Ryan: **Working is More Dangerous than Riding a Motorcycle.** John has proven that he can cross the country under adverse conditions in record times more safely than he can work. While painting a house for his sister he managed to step off the ladder and drop 6 feet to some hard pavement, cracking a few bones in his feet. This put him off the motorcycle for sev-

eral months. When asked about this – John stated “You won't catch me doing that again..”

George Salzmari: **ASPCA Humanitarian of the Year.** The ASPCA recognized George's kindness in taking his dog for motorcycle rides. They recognized it not only once – but TWICE! George is no longer able to ride in Monmouth County, but can be seen in other places riding with his beloved dog.

Roger Trendowski: **Great Mechanic** only to work on paper airplanes. Roger's skill in repairing his own bike has finally been recognized by Mike Kowal who has made a good living off fixing Roger's repairs. Mike suggested Roger move on now to aviation mechanics since he seems to have exhausted things to break on his GS's.

Dan Thompson: **The Come Back Kid.** Dan (Express) was recognized for basically disappearing for several years from club activities, and then reappearing and taking the club by storm. Welcome back Dan!

Jim Thomasey: **Don't need no stinkin BMW.** Jim was bike-less for a period of time, but remained active and helpful (running the Hospital Toy Run most ably) to the club despite arriving in a Mini. Jim now has a bike again, and when we can get him to sit still on it for a while we will add Roundels to the tank and take a photo for the newsletter.

Don Gordon: **Creative photography for the FluffyButt.** Don found the instructions for the FluffyButt difficult “Take a photo of the historic site with your bike and you in the photo.”, so he reinterpreted them. Don sent in photos of his bike, with a photo of himself, at much earlier periods of his life firmly fastened to the FluffyButt identity markers (signs, historic buildings, NJ-DOC employees.) This added much to the experience of running the event for the rally-master, so Don (who took 2nd place) got two SolidGold(tm) trophies!

Mike Lamberti: **I'm the teacher and you will listen.** Mike has shown the valuable training he received in becoming a teacher with his way of getting attention at meetings. Watch where you sit – he's trading in the ruler for a yardstick.

Kenton Seydell: **The leaning sidecar award.** Kenton proved the old adage to never take a real trip on a bike you just finished modifying. Kent took his newly mounted sidecar (on his K100) to the New Sweden Last Chance Rally. His lovely bride Liz was in the sidecar. By the time he pulled into the rally site, their helmets were clashing. It's excitement like this that helps keep motorcycling a family activity!

Jimmy Mcfadden **The Meathead Award** for taking on the job as treasurer for 3 years. The term "Meathead" is apparently one of endearment in Bayonne, and this award was given in appreciation of Jim's creative accounting that kept the club from falling off the "Fiscal Cliff." He has decided to continue as treasurer in the hopes that no one can figure out how he did this. Great Job Jim!

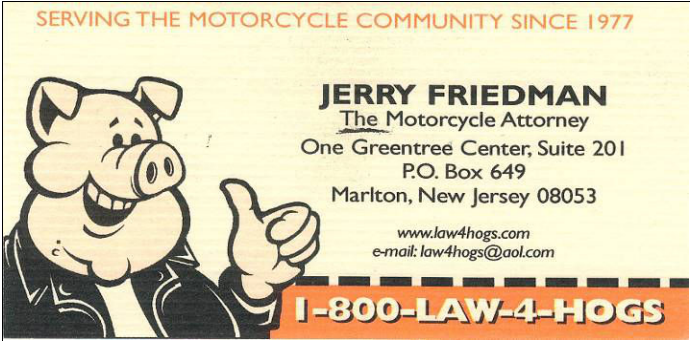
Dennis Swanson. **Energizer Bunny Award** for getting the party going after his house was flooded by hurricane (tropical storm) Sandy. Dennis is not one to let lack of electricity or communications devices, email, web access stop the holiday party. He once again came through (despite the usual week before panic attack) and a grand time was had by all who attended. We also didn't go over the Fiscal Cliff by subsidizing the party as was feared.

Harry Costello: **High Mileage Award.** Despite not winning the club mileage award, it seemed like whenever we looked for Harry he was off on another ride to somewhere. He crisscrossed the country this past summer, ending up his long rides with a stormy ride to Nova Scotia, Don and Harry are locked neck in neck to see who can wear out their '07 R1200R's first.

That's it for the awards!

Please keep the awards in mind as we progress through 2013. I'm certain more dubious achievements and embarrassing moments will occur that can be memorialized in SOLID GOLD TROPHIES next year!

And a big thanks to Mike Kowal for putting it all together and choosing the tasteful trophies for not only this award, but also for the FluffyButt awards.



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Annual Mileage Contest Stats – Presented at our annual Holiday Party!

Roger Trendowski once again kept track of our bikes and miles, and created fine certificates suitable for framing for all members who participated in the annual club mileage contest. The contest runs yearly from December 1st to November 30th - giving members a full year to count miles not counted in the MOA mileage contest. Here are the results for the 2012 contest:

- **1st Place: Alex Edly**, riding a 2002 Black K1200RS 18,172 miles and a Blue K1200RS 1,896 miles for a total of 20,068 miles. **Most consistent top mileage performer**; In top 3 for 4 yrs
- **2nd Place: George Szatmari** riding a K100RT, 11,595 miles total **Half as much Award** (Last year he did double this mileage for 1st place.)
- **3rd Place: Don Eilenberger** 2007 R1200R 11,231 miles total. **Road Captaining Helps!**; Moved from 9th place last year to 3rd (+6 position improvement)
- **4th Place: Jimmy McFadden** R1200GS 10,956 Miles. **High miles without an External Catheter.**
- **5th Place: Bill Dudley** R90S 1975 3,477 miles, 1971 Moto Guzzi Ambassador 3,248 miles, R80RT 3,834 miles for 10,559 total miles! **Biggest gainer from last year** +10 positions from 15th place on OLD bikes.
- **6th Place: Roger Trendowski** on a 04 R1150GS Adv 6,072 miles, and an 81 R100RT 1,422 Miles and a 92 R100GS 1,100 miles. For a total of 8,594 miles. **Consistency Award!** Roger has gotten 6th place 3 years running.

- **7th Place: Grant Duncan** on his 1998 R1100R 194 miles and his R1200GS 6,785 miles for a total of 6,979 miles. **Stuck in place**; 7th place 4 yrs in a row.
- **8th Place: Joe Karol** on his R1200RT 5,171 miles, on his Kawasaki KLR650 1,664 miles for a total of 6,835. **Most inconsistent award**; 8th, 5th, 10th, 6th, 3rd, 7th then 5th. Joe hasn't found a place he likes yet.
- **9th Place: Dan Thompson** on his 2004. R1150rt 3,870 miles, and on his 2010. K1300GT 2182 miles. Total 6,052 miles. **Two bikes didn't help.**
- **10th Place: Mike Lamberti** on his R1200GS 4,433 miles total. **Too much commuting, not enough touring.**
- **11th Place: Dave Rosen** on his 1993 K75RT 3,906 total. **Nosedive award.** 3rd place 2010 to 8th place in 2011 to 11th place this year.
- **12th Place: Greg Wright** 2009 R1200R 3,567 miles total. **Better insurance rates for few miles?**
- **13th Place: Dennis Swanson** R1200R 3,426 total miles. **12 more years until 1st place.** Dennis is slowly moving up: 15th place to 14th to 13th... at this rate in 12 more years he'll be in 1st place
- **14th Place: Kenton Seydell** k100rt 2,926 miles total. **Most miles with (leaning) side-car**
- **15th Place: John Malaska** R1200R 952 miles total. **Over the Physical Cliff.** Top 3 last year to bottom 3 this year
- **16th Place: Jim Thomasey** on his Suzuki Vstrom 650 Adv 900 miles. **What's a VStrom? What's a Suzuki?**
- **17th Place: Mike Kowal** on his R1200C Cruiser 320 miles, on his R100/7 18 miles. For a total of 338 miles. **18 miles in a driveway?** At least it is not negative miles this year.

Total Miles for 17 members: 113,317
Average Miles for all 17 members: 6,666
Average Miles for top 3 members: 14,298
Average miles for the bottom 3 members: 730

If you haven't participated before – email Roger with your bike(s) mileage as of December 1st 2012 to participate in the 2013 contest!

Are your dues OVERDUE?

Our annual club renewal date is November 1st. If you didn't receive this newsletter in the mail, that probably means your DUES are OVERDUE. If we don't receive your dues by February 1st you will be removed from the Yahoo email list. Your dues can be mailed to our Treasurer Jim McFadden, or paid at any monthly club meeting.

Breakfast Club Weekend Meets

Don



Throughout the year, if you're a member of our Yahoo email list, you'll receive notices of impromptu breakfast meetings at the Breakfast Club in Farmingdale. They are usually announced a day or so from the meet.

These are a fun breakfast with other club members, sometimes followed by a ride – sometimes not. They go on year/round as long as there isn't a lot of snow on the ground. Come join us!

Annual Planning Meeting January 16th.

Our annual planning meeting will be held at Crown Engineering (Rt 524A, Farmingdale) at 6PM on Wednesday January 16th (one week after our regular meeting).

Please try to attend this meeting. FREE pizza and soda will be served. It's one of the most important meetings of the year since it's when we outline our annual calendar of events, and make plans for what we want to do in the upcoming year. If you don't attend, don't complain about the club not doing something you'd like to do.

Once again- January 16th, Crown Engineering (near the intermediate school on Rt 524A, opposite side of the road), 6PM – **FREE PIZZA.**

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MEETING – Weds – January 9th

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Planning Meeting – Crown Engineering – 6PM January 16th

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