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NEW JERSEY SHORE BMW RIDERS Inc

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From the end spring new beginnings.

Pliny the Elder (23 AD - 79 AD)

To predict the behavior of ordinary people in advance, you only have to assume that they will always try to escape a disagreeable situation with the smallest possible expenditure of intelligence.

Friedrich Nietzsche (1844 - 1900)

Be not the slave of your own past. Plunge into the sublime seas, dive deep and swim far, so you shall come back with self-respect, with new power, with an advanced experience that shall explain and overlook the old.

Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803 - 1882)

Advancements in technology have provided us the wonderful freedom to procrastinate faster than ever before. *R. Smith, Complete Idiot's Guide to E-commerce*

The outstanding problem of cryogenics isn't whether future advances in technology will enable you to be unfrozen and brought back to life 10,000 years from now. The outstanding problem of cryogenics is whether 250 consecutive generations of security guards earning \$6.50 an hour will remember to check the thermostat every night.

John Alejandro King



President's Message:



Mott's Creek Inn Parking Lot – 1/1/17

I'm sitting here puzzling over what to say.

It's a gloomy day — but we had a great day on New Years Day with a fun ride to meet up with our sister club New Sweden BMW Riders at Mott's Creek Inn for lunch.

Sadly — they seemed to outnumber us — but creative counting by RDS put us firmly in the lead. It would have been nice to see more members in attendance.

I'm not certain what the problem was - communications? Lethargy? New Years Day came as a surprise? Apparently the meeting at 11AM instead of 10AM took a few people by surprise. It was announced several times on Yahoo several days in advance. We may want to form a communications committee to discuss ways of better communicating with our membership.

Upcoming - probably the most important item of the year, but often lightly attended is our annual planning session. This is traditionally held the 3rd Weds of January at Crown Engineering, followed by pizza/soda paid for by the club. **FREE FOOD** - get outta here!

How about everyone intending to attend come with one idea for something the club can do in 2017?

See you at our January meeting at Schneiders!

Don Eilenberger (Recycled President)

Christmas/Holiday/Awards Bash - Dec. 10th

RD Swanson



Everyone agreed that it was a grand celebration. Forty members and friends attended the party at Rod's Tavern in Sea Girt. This was the fourth or fifth year we have been there. The food is good, the atmosphere festive, the drinks substantial and the decorations seasonal.

Roger gathered the mileage numbers, analyzed them and then presented certificates to deserving members (see separate article for the details).



Generally the club as a group is riding fewer miles. This might be a result of an aging membership, but more likely the loss of John Ryan and Dave Mason as participants.

Mike did the solid-gold trophy routine. The

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atmosphere was tense as the awards were presented. After all, this is a pass to riches. (see separate article for details). Suffice to say Mike comes up with some really clever awards.



We had the place until midnight, but the crowd pretty well cleared out by nine.



Thanks are in order to Art who collected the money, distributed the \$10 deposits and paid the bill at the end of the night. Thanks also to Jim Thomasey who keeps the records of membership and those eligible to attend the party.



form of SOLID GOLD TROPHIES to the members who make themselves memorable (or would prefer not to be memorable.)

This years awards were:

- Art Goldberg: Money Bags - Not going to prison yet.
- Jim Thomassey: MVP Secretary and Toy Run organizer.
- Jerry Rouvrais: Lost Key Award
- Greg Wright: Want to catch up to Dennis
- Don Eilenberger: Going to make NJSBMW-Riders Great Again!
- Roger Trendowski: It's fixed! Mileage Award Program
- Ben Paraan: The Ice Cream King
- Grant Duncan: Disabled 1st year no speeding ticket
- Jim Liotta: Maximum Farkel Award
- Bill Dudley: The Beijing Butcher
- Tom Rizzo: The Trip planner

Thanks much to Mike for the dedication he brings to this valuable task. Meanwhile - I think we need to start recycling the trophies - I've run out of room!

For Sale

Currently own two Beemers: I want to keep one so You Pick:

1995 R100RT, Immaculate, and road ready, 53K miles, BMW Bags and Tank Bag. \$3500 or **1997 BMW K75**, this is the famous bike in the Jack Riepe Blog, 5 Headlights, High Output generator (alternator). \$4000

drjerry@aol.com or 732-822-4340

Annual Dubious Awards!

Editor

Thanks once again to Mike Kowal for organizing our Annual Dubious Awards presentation at our club dinner!

Mike labors year-round collecting golden nuggets that he doles out at the dinner in the



Does this apply to a 'stich?

Annual Mileage Awards

Editor/Roger Trendowski

Once again – thanks to Roger Trendowski for performing the arduous task of keeping track of the members mileage, and coming up with awards that recognize the riding the club members do.

Benedictus Paraan	13,342	1	Most upward movement (5th to 1st)
Bill & Zhao Dudley	12,157	2	Definitely the top "two-up"
Don Eilenberger	10,389	3	Top rated decrease in miles (~4K)
Jim Liotta	9,155	4	GS' make you ride more.
Roger Trendowski	9,087	5	A bit more miles award (~1.5k)
Herb Konrad	9,083	6	Needed one more breakfast.
George Szatmari	8,068	7	Down hill award; 1st last yr.
Tom Spader	6,377	8	Non skeleton bikes.
Joe Karol	6,353	9	Consistent Saturday breakfast rider doesn't help.
June Santos	5,337	10	Too many bikes to ride.
Dennis Swanson	5,018	11	New bikes should be ridden.
Abe Garwen	4,755	12	Good "place" for new member.
Jerry Rouvrais	4,456	13	Unlikely "pedal to the metal" biker
Greg Wright	4,412	14	New bike with wiring protection plan.
Grant Duncan	4,310	15	Twice as bad (as last yr 7th).
Mike Lamberti	3,215	16	Ex- cross-country rider.
Jim Thomasey	2,417	17	Best of the bottom.
Dave Rosen	1,781	18	What happened award; 2 yrs ago 5th place;
Mike Kowal	218	19	Two-digit odometer award (w/2 bikes)

Overall: Total 19 member participating mileage was much less than last year, for a total of 119,712 miles, 25,774 less than last year, average miles were 6,301 miles, 1,357 less than last year

December Meeting Minutes

Thanks to Bill Dudley!

Art—treasurer report: about \$2500 before Rod's check is cashed, \$1108 afterward.

Jim—secretary report: 40 paying members

Roger—breakfast club: 3 attended breakfast on Dec 10 at Breakfast club in Farmingdale.

Suggestion for Dec 17 breakfast from Kenton Seydell:

Joe's Deli and Bagel, Rt 36 and 71, W Long Branch

Dud—website report: yes, we still have a web site.

Don reports that Yahoo had a data loss, so if you have a yahoo account, best change the password.

Nominating committee report: (Tom reporting for Dennis)

The candidates are:

Don – President

Jim – Secretary

Art – Treasurer

Jerry S – Vice President

All candidates approved by voice vote.

Membership Drive—no report from Greg Wright

Holiday Party recap: 40 attendees, a record.

Thanks to Dennis for the great job arranging everything.

Toy Run recap: good turnout, 12 to 15 on motorcycles, the rest in cars.

Members from "all three" clubs present. A record donation of \$2850.

This is our 20th year doing this, as near as Don can figure.

Rich won about \$35 in the 50/50, the club portion was given to our lovely waitress!

Upcoming events:

January 1 club ride to lunch at Mott's Creek (Inn?)

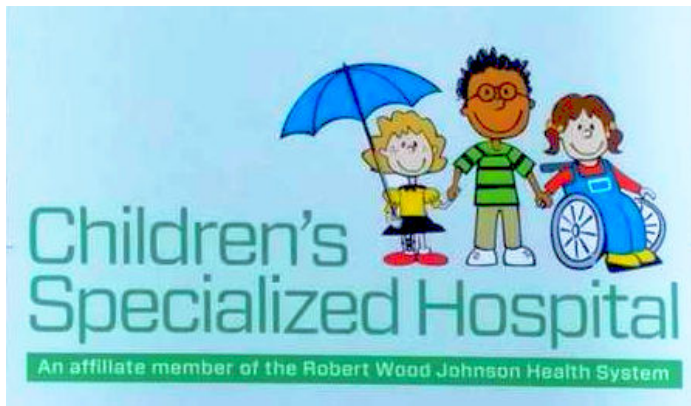
January 18 - planning meeting at Crown Engineering, including pizza, as usual.

Roger T is applying to be a candidate for the board of the MOA. The club will support his effort.

Meeting adjourned about 8:00PM

Annual Toy Run - December 11th

Jim Thomasey



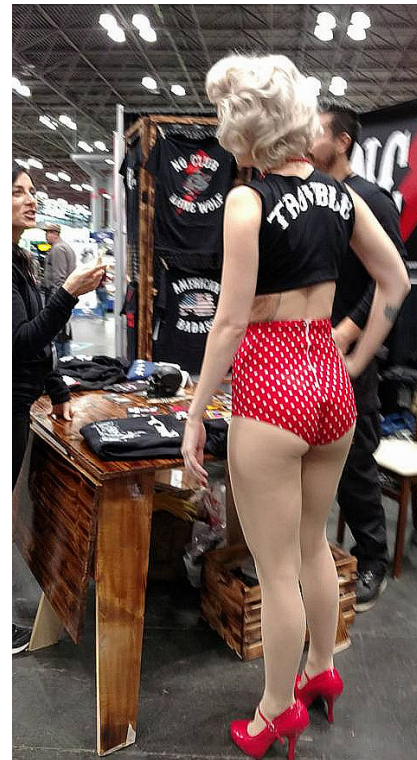
I would again like to say thanks to everyone who supported the Toy Run this year. We had a very strong turnout on December 11 to benefit the Children's Specialized Hospital in Toms River. About 20 bikes and some cars and vans began the day at the DMV station in Lakewood, where members from the three BMW clubs and some old friends, chatted and took advantage of the hot coffee and donuts.

We then rode to the hospital where we were warmly greeted by Bobbi Jo and the other staff members. We presented them with the generous amount of toys for the children of the hospital and their families.

Thanks to all the clubs and some very thoughtful individuals, we then presented almost \$2800 to the hospital to use as they see fit for the things they need to help the children.

NY Motorcycle Show – Dec 9th

Don



Enough said. Last year for me...

LAST CHANCE!

If you haven't renewed yet – this is the last time we'll ask. If your renewal isn't received by the end of January you will be removed from the mailing list for the newsletter, the Yahoo group and the rolls of the club. PLEASE fill out the application form and mail to Jim or bring to a meeting with your check for \$20!

2017 Event Schedule (so far)

Please email the editor with additions/corrections. This schedule will be filled out after our planning meeting!

January

- **January 4th – Moribundi Lunch (Vics)**
- **January 11th – Meeting Schneiders**
- **January 18th – Planning meeting – Crown Engineering.**

There are also the regular Saturday morning "Breakfast Club" meetings, also announced via the Yahoo group list. Moribundi lunch locations are announced via Yahoo, and are at 12:30PM, the first Wednesday of every month.

Mott's Creek Inn Ride January 1st 2017

RD Swanson

For New Years Day the weather was splendid. Slight breeze and above fifty degrees made for decent riding. It was a good thing too, because I didn't have the luxury of heated gear.

Thus begins my story. I decided a few days ago that I should test the Gerbing outfit on the new ride, but I didn't do it. So as usual, waiting until I was about ready to leave I suited up only to find it not working. So I followed plan B, which is to use layered combinations. By the time I got all that done it was too late to meet the group at our Wawa. So I programmed the destination on my GPS. The only problem with that is that my

Bluetooth connection no longer works. But I had been there before so I figured with visual reads I could do it.

I took the shortest route which was the Parkway south. Running late I tucked in and followed the fastest drivers. Amazing how they hit high speeds these days. At a good part of the ride I was doing eighty five-ninety and at one point reached the century mark. So I made pretty good time until I made a wrong turn off route nine and got lost

This is where "Stilts" comes into the picture. I saw this Harley coming towards me on a side road and when he stopped at a stop sign I waved him down. I got off my bike and walked over to him and asked him where the Mott's Creek Inn was located. He said he would take me there for the price of a Coke and off we went.

It was actually close by and when we got there the parking lot was loaded with BMW's and Harley's. After getting acquainted we entered the dive and spotted Dan and Don. After more introductions and conversation Stilts gave me a small stone. He says they have magical powers and he carries them and gives them out on a random basis. My lucky day? We'll see. Nice fellow and a long-distance truck driver. He told me he used to think BMW riders were sissies for using heated gear, but discovered it's quite nice and started using it. I thanked him again for the assistance and wandered around to see who was there.

It was crowded inside but the out side decks were being used and I soon spotted Ben and June. Then I saw Harry Costello, wished him a happy new year. He was talking to Tom and Rich. Greg came up behind me and started rubbing my shiny head. Then Grant followed that with an arm lock. Herb Conrad joined the group, so by my count we had ten riders there. Vince Santienello of the New Sweden riders stopped to chat and I told him we had nineteen riders in attendance and that I lie a lot too.

In any event it was a grand day! I went home with Don and Dan. We took route nine most of the way. The traffic was light. The scenery majestic!

Winter-time rides. . .

Tom Spader

Everyone loves to ride and this time of year can be especially fun.



Rich Standt and I ventured out on 12/21 to celebrate the first day of winter. Wandered through Chatsworth then the blueberry and pine barrens of central/south Jersey and happening upon Pick-a-Lilies 206...somewhere on Rt 206. Great wings, atmosphere and booked 145 s-miles.



Yesterday was 'First Day Ride' so we headed to our Wawa for stands up at 10 AM based on earlier assumptions but arrived at 10:04. No one there...not even the hapless Hardley riders...so we set out for the meeting place ...being the Mott's Creek Inn to compete with the New Sweden group who think that was their territory.

Based on head count, their proclamation was correct. Quick count was 47+ them...9 NJS-BMWR us. Oh well, good time had by all. We got out before the band started and if there was more daylight may have stayed for a set.



Our group consisted of founder Don, Mr Wright and Grant, Ralph, June, Ben, Dennis and several others.



These rides are fun so break out the winter gear and mount up.

FluffyButt Report

So far – several non-NJS people have been running away with the FB-III contest.

John Pitts, Tom Wright (south) and Rich Reindinger, Bob Rainey (north) have taken the gauntlet and are quickly filling the Facebook FB-

III pages with photos showing what goals they've achieved in chasing FluffyButt-III.

What I haven't seen is a lot of input from NJ Shore Riders. Ben P has a few, I have a few – but we're rapidly falling to the rear in photo count.

To solve that – we have Saturday morning Breakfast Club meetings most weekends. I propose that after the breakfast some of us get out and take a ride to snag some FB sites. Doesn't have to be a long ride – just has to include a FB site or two.

Here is the list of "goals" for the FB-III, suitable for a tank bag window:

Once you've taken a photo – go to the Facebook Group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/185273725215349/>

Ask to join (you must be a FB member first) – then upload your photo. The photo should provide proof that YOU rode your BIKE to the location. Lots of good examples on the FB group section of Facebook. The images are kept private, only visible to other group members, and you must be approved by the administrator (me) to join the group.

FB-III - the list:

(and thanks much to Don Hamblin for most of these!)

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| ● 9/11 Memorial | ● Martha Washington slept here |
| ● A non-permanent festival or carnival | ● Mini golf course |
| ● Abbey, convent or monastery | ● Monument placed by DAR |
| ● Amish store/bakery | ● Motorcycle museum |
| ● Anything "Royal" | ● Mural on side of building |
| ● Band stand | ● National border sign |
| ● Bizarre/Odd road sign | ● Old water well |
| ● BMW motorcycle dealership outside NJ | ● Pedestrian suspension bridge |
| ● BMW club rally or event | ● Petting zoo |
| ● Boy Scout camp | ● Phone booth |
| ● Caboose | ● Presidential statue |
| ● Carved tree trunk | ● Scenic Drive road sign |
| ● Cave open for tours | ● Ship screw or airplane prop |
| ● Century farm | ● Sign that includes a cattle brand |
| ● Childhood home of a famous person | ● Soda fountain |
| ● Civil War monument | ● Spanish-American war monument |
| ● Closed movie theater | ● State border (welcome to XYZ..) |
| ● Coin operated binoculars | ● State or National battlefield |
| ● Converted bank building | ● Statue of anything mythical |
| ● Covered bridge | ● Statue of historic figure on horse |
| ● Decommissioned ship or submarine | ● Statue to a Native American |
| ● Dinosaur statue | ● Steam locomotive operating or on display |
| ● Distillery | ● Sundial |
| ● Fish hatchery | ● Tombstone not written in English |
| ● Fluffy-Butt motel | ● Town name begins with a "Z" |
| ● Grave marked "unknown" | ● Unique shaped building (round, octagon, etc.) |
| ● Highest or lowest point in any state | ● University Administration building |
| ● Historic grist mill | ● Vineyard |
| ● Historic military fort (not active) | ● Washington slept here |
| ● Hometown of an astronaut sign | ● Wind farm |
| ● Hot spring | ● Vietnam War monument |
| ● Iron-Butt motel | ● WW-I monument |
| ● Lonely chimney (all that is left of a house) | ● WW-II monument |

New Jersey Shore BMW Riders Inc.

Membership/Renewal Application – 2017

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____ - _____

Significant Others Name: _____

Home Phone: (_____) _____

Cell Phone: (_____) _____

E-Mail Address: _____

BMW-MOA Member? Yes [☐] No [☐] If yes - membership number: _____

BMW-RA Member? Yes [☐] No [☐] If yes - membership number: _____

Don E runs a private mailing list – only open to paid club members – on Yahoo. It is used to arrange spontaneous and planned rides, announce club events, remind you of meetings and any other club functions. The list is not used for idle chat, and you can select to receive no email from the list with the exception of administrative email (which is infrequent). You can also select to get the email as single messages (recommended since the volume of mail is very low) or in a daily digest. In order to be a member of this list you must REQUEST to be on it – and have a good Email address.

I would like to be on the Yahoo email list: Yes [☐] No [☐]

EMAIL address for the Yahoo list (only if different from above):

EMAIL: _____

I'm interested in: Overnight Rally's [☐] Longer Distance Touring [☐] Tech Sessions [☐] Day Rides [☐]

Other _____
(Select as many as you want)

By signing this application, **you** accept full responsibility for any injuries you or any guests may incur during a NJS-BMW-Riders Inc. club activity. You accept that motorcycling is inherently dangerous, and that the club officers and members are not expected to accept any liability for injuries suffered by you or any guest you invite to an activity!

I've read the above paragraph and agree to hold harmless all members and officers of NJS-BMW-Riders
Yes [☐] No [☐]

Date: _____ Signed: _____

Please forward this application **with** a check for **\$20** made out to NJ Shore BMW Riders Inc. or bring it to a meeting.

SEND TO: Jim Thomasey
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Monthly Meeting – January 11th

Schneiders German-American Restaurant

Main St (Rt 71) Avon NJ

Eat @ 6PM

Meeting starts at 7:30PM

