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In a very cold night, even houses want to have houses of their own to enter inside them and feel warm! *Mehmet Murat ildan*

I like the cold weather. It means you get work done. *Noam Chomsky*

Let me be the first to tell you, drinking alcohol is the worst thing to do in cold weather. Hot soup is the best because the process of digesting food helps to warm you up. *Morgan Freeman*

What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness. *John Steinbeck*

Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire: it is the time for home. *Edith Sitwell*

One thing about cold weather: it brings out the statistician in everyone. *Paul Theroux*

Scarves, mittens, and hats are a great way to express your personality in the cold weather. *Brad Goreski* (I would add "and hippo hands, electric vests, electric socks, etc." – *Editor*)

The sun did not shine. It was too wet to play. So we sat in the house. All that cold, cold, wet day. *Dr. Seuss*

BMW Motorcycle Club
New Jersey Shore



President's Message:

I'm not there.. which is a real disappointment to me - the January 1st ride is a tradition I hate to break, but unless I can convince a friend to loan me his R69S or R90S - I'll be 2-wheel-less on New Years day. For those who haven't heard - I'm in California for a bit visiting with my son and his lovely wife and celebrating Christmas with them. I brought riding gear - but dunno if I'll get to use it.

I crossed the US again. I think this is the 8th time by car, and I've done it 4 times by motorcycle. Given the choice - the motorcycle wins hands down. Aside from forcing a more relaxed pace, it also lets me feel and smell the country, and eliminated distractions. Since I like to do the ride solo - it also means the only one making decisions on where to stay, how to go, what to see - is me on the motorcycle. It's a selfish way to travel, but quite refreshing, it puts me in charge of my destiny and I reap the rewards or consequences of my decisions. I'd suggest anyone considering a long ride to give it a shot once - you may find it as addicting as I do. On the drive out west - I was planning mentally all the places I want to visit on the next solo trip on the bike.

LA proper isn't really a place that is fun for motorcycling. (*But you can lane-split – ed.*) I proved this to myself last time I was here and stayed for a week. What is good - is an hour from my son's place in the San Fernando Valley is motorcycling nirvana. Wonderful motorcycle roads surround LA - from Coast-1 to CA-2 (Angeles Crest), with many smaller and even twistier roads available. The pavement on the back roads is generally excellent, and spending a day riding the twisties is great fun and really a work-

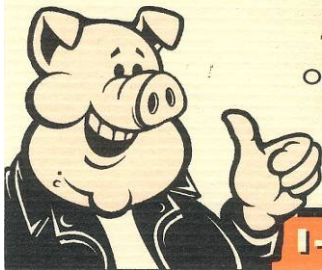
out.

Today I spent the day driving my daughter-in-law's Nissan Leaf around LA. I know Joe K owns one, and Ben P is a fan of BMW's electric cars. The Leaf is all electric. Interesting car. Generally well thought out and surprisingly well equipped (has the down-view camera setup - how DO they do that? Besides the rear-view camera.. decent sound system with lots of different mediums to select from.) GPS, Sirius-XM, etc. Took about 5 minutes to get used to driving it, and for the purpose it was bought for it's quite suitable. It will do 70MPH uphill on the highway with 4 people in it and then regenerate on the way down. More than that uphill gets more pedal push=back on the accelerator, so it sorta regulates your use of electrons. Clever engineering. That's in "ECO" mode, don't know if that's true with ECO mode turned off.

My daughter-in-law got it to commute to her job using the diamond lane on the LA freeways. All electric gets to do that. We were tootling around LA, going to various stores for stuff for a Christmas Eve party my son and his wife are giving tomorrow night. It went from 116 miles range to 108 miles range even though we traveled about 30 miles. My son has found that many parking lots have free recharging spaces - usually located where a handicapped space used to be. That was convenient in Westwood - all Whole Foods have at least one charging station. Free even. UCLA and many local schools have free charging stations. If I lived in a city like LA where a car is a necessity it would make a lot of sense to own one. It's not "fun" to drive - but it's also not frustrating like driving a turbo Cayenne in LA traffic or riding my R1200R on the freeway. LA drivers seem to have become more incompetent and less attentive, and are more aggressive now, compared to the first time I drove here 50 years ago. Luckily things improve when you get out of LA.

I'll be back later in January - I hope you all got out for the January 1st ride, and attend the January meeting. Jim Thomasey will be welding the gavel. Someone please call Park-Nine to remind them the club is coming. See you all in February at our annual planning meeting/pizza night. Please come and add to the activity calendar for 2018.

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FWIW: It's quite odd to be sitting outside in just a flannel shirt and pants, 69F and see Christmas lights, people walking around with a heavy winter coat, gloves and a knit hat, and have an ice-cream truck go past. Something wrong there.. but I can't quite figure out what.

Hope everyone had a great Christmas, Kwanza, Hanukkah, Holiday, Festivus and New Years, Don

PS: Thanks to Bill Dudley for making this newsletter possible!



Don also sent this for the newsletter, no doubt inspired by the drive across the country, and also his excitement about 2018's MOA Rally location.

Note: Jerry Schreiber will man the gavel for January's meeting. Thanks Jerry!

DUES CHANGE for 2018:

Basic Dues remain \$20.00/annually. Due in November. Supplemental dues of \$5.00/annually will be charged for people who want the monthly newsletter printed and mailed to them.

The supplemental dues partly offset the cost of producing and mailing a monthly newsletter.

This change takes effect January 1st. If you've been tardy getting your renewal back to us – now is the time to beat the increase. Pay before January 1st and your dues remain at \$20 if you receive a printed newsletter.

December Meeting Minutes

Jim T - Secretary

The meeting was held at the Park Nine Diner in Freehold and was hosted by our VP Jerry in Don's absence.

The treasurers report stated we have approximately \$1400 which will be added to by incoming dues and subtracted from by ongoing expenses.

Jim Thomasey reported on the Specialized Children's Hospital held the day after the holiday dinner. It was well attended by our members with representatives from Skylands and New Sweden as well. Jim thanked everyone for their attendance and reported that with the three clubs contributions and personal checks and cash from members, we were able to donate almost \$1800 for the hospital to use for the children and their families.

Roger Trendowski discussed the latest mileage contest figures and noted the total mileage of all participants was over 129,000 miles!

Mike Kowal gave out the Solid Gold trophies to those who were not at the holiday dinner. A de-

scriptive speech accompanied the trophy celebration as usual.

There was an open floor discussion of possible new locations to hold the monthly dinner which will continue at the next meeting.

Shore Riders Celebrate

RD Swanson

The annual awards banquet, Christmas/Hanukkah party at Rod's in Sea Girt was another in a string of these gatherings to award trophies for stellar riding performance and certificates for extraordinary achievements in motorcycle mileage. This year was no different than past years as the skilled and wise traded stories of the riding legends that make the Shore Riders.

Prez Don spoke to the hushed and reverent group about the past year's accomplishments. Roger delivered suitable for framing certificates to the deserving heroes. Mike awarded magnificent trophies that would not be out of place in the grandest of homes.

The banquet was a delight for the eyes and the palate. Libations flowed. A great time was had by all.

Web site updates

Bill Dudley

There have been some small changes to the web site, chief of which is that it now supports https protocol. This means that your traffic to and from the web site (www.njsbmwr.org) is encrypted. The practical value is that Google will rank us higher because we support https.

On a more useful note, we will start publishing in the newsletter the login and password for the "members only" section of the web site.

The members only sections are two: "[Members's photo album](#)" where you can view photos uploaded by other members, and you can upload your own.

The second members only section has the catchy name "[Members Only](#)", where you will find the current list of members and their phone numbers and email addresses in a PDF.

Again, only members can see this stuff, using the following:

login: exit88, password: r1100gs

Club Mileage Contest Results

Roger Trendowski

Member	Grand Total
Roger Trendowski	17,320
Don Eilenberger	13,321
Herb Konrad	13,301
Bill & Zhao Dudley	12,965
Benedictus Paraan	10,788
Tom Spader	7,398
Jim Liotta	7,164
Grant Duncan	6,830
Greg Wright	6,299
Joe Karol	5,927
Ed Gerber	5,791
Dennis Swanson	5,573
Jerry Rouvrais	4,758
June Santos	4,526
Richie Candrilli	3,126
Dave Rosen	2,603
Jim Thomasey	1,296
Mike Lamberti	676
Mike Kowal	188
John Welch	2

Thanks again to Roger for running the mileage contest. The contest runs (typically) from December 1 to December 1 of the following year. If you want to be in the 2018 contest, make note of your starting mileage(s) as of the beginning of December of this year.



Grant, Greg, Tommy R – photo D. Eilenberger

Schedule of Events – 2018!

Please send additions and corrections to the editor!

January

- January 1st – New Year's Day Lunch at Mott's Creek
- January 3rd – Moribundi Lunch
- January 10th – Meeting, Park Nine, Freehold

February

- February 7th – Moribundi Lunch
- February 14th – Meeting, Park Nine, Freehold

March

- March 7th – Moribundi Lunch
- March 14th – Meeting, Park Nine, Freehold

April

- April 4th – Moribundi Lunch
- April 11th – Meeting, Park Nine, Freehold
- April 15th – Gathering of the Nortons, Washington Crossing State Park, PA

May

- May 2nd – Moribundi Lunch
- May 9th – Meeting, Park Nine, Freehold
- May 20th – British and European Classic Motorcycle Day, Clarksburg, MD

June

- June 2nd – Moribundi Lunch
- June 13th – Meeting, Park Nine, Freehold

July

- July 4th – Moribundi Lunch
- July 11th – Meeting, Park Nine, Freehold
- July 12-15th – BMW MOA Rally, Des Moines, IA
- July 20-22nd – BMW RA Rally, Wellsboro, PA

August

- August 1st – Moribundi Lunch
- August 8th – Meeting, Park Nine, Freehold

September

- September 5th – Moribundi Lunch
- September 12th – Meeting, Park Nine, Freehold

October

- October 3rd – Moribundi Lunch
- October 10th – Meeting, Park Nine, Freehold

November

- November 7th – Moribundi Lunch
- November 14th – Meeting, Park Nine, Freehold

December

- December 5th – Moribundi Lunch
- December 8th – Club Dinner – RD Swanson
- December 9th – Toy Run, Children's Hospital – Jim Thomasey
- December 12th – Meeting – Park Nine, Freehold

The calendar is also available here, with more detail: www.njsbmwr.org/calendar.cgi

There are also the regular Saturday morning "Breakfast Club" meetings, also announced via the club email group list.

Moribundi lunch locations are announced via email, and are at 12:30PM, the first Wednesday of every month.

2017 Toy Run December 10th

RD Swanson

Many years have passed since the first Benefit Ride to the Children's Specialized Hospital in Toms River. Every year seems to bring a new twist to the ride. This year it was about 5 inches of snow the night before. Only two Riders, Grant and Joe, came by motorcycle. The rest of us wimps came by car. Skylands and New Sweden included. Some brought toys for under their tree but most wrote checks. Each club donated \$300 and the members added to a total contribution of \$1700.

As usual we gathered at the DMV parking lot on route 70 for coffee and donuts and tire kicking. At the hospital we were greeted by staff and thanked for the contributions and given a tour. Some children were treated to a motorcycle show in the parking lot.

About ten of us then went to the nearby Charlie Brown's for a delightful lunch.

January 2018 Meeting Agenda

- 1 - Call to order (7:30 - Jerry)
- 2 - Welcome new/returning members (Jerry)
- 3 - Treasurer's Report (Art G)
- 4 - Secretary's Report on Membership and renewals (Jim T)
- 5 - OLD and CONTINUING BUSINESS
 - a) Breakfast Club (Roger)
 - b) Website Updates (Bill D)
 - c) Report on Toy Run (Jim T)
 - d) 2018 Planning Session – hold When Don is back from gallivanting around CA..
- 6 - NEW BUSINESS
 - a) Thanks to Herb for the new banner.
- 7 - 50/50 drawing (Joe K)

END - Adjourn and stand around talking for 30 minutes or so.

Polar Bear Grand Tour Schedule 2018

It is not necessary to be a member of the Polar Bear Grand Tour to do these rides. There is generally food at the destination and if you just want to go for a nice ride and join other folks feel free to attend.

Polar Bear cancellations & updates will be sent via email and also posted on the website.

These are general directions. Please feel free to use a GPS or a map to find a better route.

Sign-in is from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. unless otherwise posted. Check the New Member page for general information about the Polar Bear Grand Tour.

January 7, 2018

THE TILTED KILT, Brunswick Square Mall 755 Route 18, East Brunswick, NJ 08816 Ph# 732-257-5458. Take Route 1 or New Jersey Turnpike to Route 18 South and follow for approximately 5 miles, on your right. <http://tiltedkilt.com/east-brunswick>

January 14, 2018

RHODES NORTH TAVERN, 40 Orange Turnpike, Sloatsburg, NY 10974 Ph# 845 753-6438
Take I-287 North I-87 go about 1.5 miles to Exit 57A (NY-17 North) turn left on NY-17 N/Orange Turnpike Or GSP north to exit 163 (left exit) to Route 17 North merge onto I-287, keep left at the fork for I-87 N/ NY 17 /Albany, merge onto I-87 north , take exit 15A for NY-17N turn left on to NY-17 N/Orange Turnpike. Rhodes North Tavern is about 2 miles on the right.

<http://www.rhodesnorth.com>

January 21, 2018

PIC-A-LILLI INN 866 Route 206 Shamong NJ 08088 Ph. # 609 268-2066. From the north take Rte 206 South, pass Rte. 70 go 9 miles Pic-A-Lilli Inn on left. From the south @ Rte. 30 & 206 go north on Rte. 206 for 8.5 miles Pic-A-Lilli on right. <http://picalilli.com>

January 28, 2018

UPSTREAM GRILLE, 161 Rte. 181, Lake Hopatcong, NJ 07849 Ph #973-663-2222. Route I-80 West from intersection of 287, to Route 15 North; go about 3 miles and watch carefully for sign for Route 181 North -- it comes up fast on the right; you will cross Rte 15; take first right; Upstream Grille is about 1.5 miles on the left, immediately after the big blue Yamaha sign.

<http://www.upstreamgrille.com>

February 4, 2018

THE FRANKLIN HOUSE TAVERN, 101 North Market Street, Schaefferstown, PA 17088 Ph. # 717 949-2122. Take Rte. 897 (also Rte 419) to Schaefferstown. It will be on your right at 897 and Market Street. GPS: 108 Route 419, Schaefferstown; <http://franklinhousetavern.com>

February 11, 2018

O'Connor's American Bar & Grill, 1383 Monmouth Rd, Easthampton TWP, NJ. Ph # 609 261-1555. From Rte. 206 go to Monmouth Rd Easthampton TWP. (also Rte. 537) go west to first light. O'Connor's will be on your right.

<http://www.oconnorsmtholly.com>

February 18, 2018

THE EXCHANGE, 160 E. Main St., Rockaway, NJ 07866 Ph # 973-627-8488. In Denville on Rte. 46 West, go under Route 80; go 1/2 mile to light; go right on East Main St., Rockaway; go 1/2 mile; the Exchange is on the right.

<http://www.exchangefood.com>

February 25, 2018

HOOTERS, 25 Rte 23 South, Wayne, NJ 07470 Ph# 973-837-1876. At intersection of Rte 46 & Rte 23 take Rte 23 South (approx. 0.2 mile) just

past the mall; Hooters is on the right.

<http://www.hootersnj.com>

March 4, 2018

BAHRS LANDING, 2 Bay Ave., Highlands, NJ 07732 PH# 732-872-1245. From East take Rte 36 West over Highland bridge; immediately over bridge make very sharp right turn down hill into parking lot. From West take Rte 36 East toward Highland bridge; Just before bridge, make right turn then a quick left turn down the hill to Bay Ave; make left turn under bridge into parking lot.

<http://www.bahrs.com>

March 11, 2018

LIGHTHOUSE TAVERN, 397 Route 9 Waretown, NJ 08758 Phone: 609-693-3150. Take Route 72 East to Route 532; make left; go 8 miles, make Right on Route 9; Go about 1/2 mile to destination on right. <http://lighthouse tavern.com>

March 18, 2018

LONG VALLEY PUB & BREWERY, 1 Fairmount Rd., Long Valley, NJ 07853 Ph #908-876-1122. From Rte 206 in Chester, take Rte 24 West (Rte 513); go 4.5 miles to Long Valley; Make left at light at Rte 517; immediately on right, first parking lot is the Long Valley Pub.

<http://restaurantvillageatlongvalley.com/long-valley-pub-and-brewery/>

March 25, 2018

THE CHATTERBOX, #1 Rte 15 South, Augusta, NJ 07822 Ph#973-300-2300. From South, take Rte 206 North to Rte 15, Ross Corner; The Chatter Box immediately on right at the intersection; enter from driveway about 300 feet before the intersection. From the North take Rte 565 to intersection with Rte 15, Ross Corner; go straight; driveway into the Chatterbox is on the left. <http://www.chatterboxdrivein.com>

April 8, 2018

BRIAN'S HARLEY DAVIDSON, 600 S. Flowers Mill Rd., Langhorne PA 19047 Ph# 215 752-9400. PA. Rte 95 South take exit 44 (stay left) left at light on Rte. 413 - 2nd light make left on S. Flowers Mill Rd. Brian's on left; PA Route 95 North Exit 44, stay to left as you enter Rte 413 and turn left at first light onto S. Flowers Mill Rd. Brian's on left. <http://www.brianshd.com>

April 15, 2018

THE HICKORY BBQ SMOKEHOUSE, 743 Route 28, Kingston, NY 12401 Ph# 845-338-2424. Take 287 North to NY Thruway (Rt. 87) to exit 19; take Rt. 28 W for about 4 miles, The Hickory BBQ Smokehouse is on your left.

<http://www.hickoryrestaurant.com>

April 22, 2018

PLUMSTED GRILL, 457 Rte. 539, Cream Ridge, NJ 08514 Ph# 609-758-5552. Take I-195 to Exit 16 for Rte. 537. Go South past Great Adventure to Rte. 539. Make a left on Rte. 539, go 0.6 miles. Destination on right.

<http://www.theplumstedgrill.com/>

April 29, 2018

CAPE MAY V.F.W. post #386, N.J. 419 Congress St., Cape May, N.J. 08204 Ph# 609-884-7961. No Web site.

May 5, 2018

END OF THE SEASON GET-TOGETHER - At The Pic-a-Lilli Inn, starting @ 11:30 AM. The rain date would be May 12, 2018; same time. Cost to Members: \$6.00 per person. There will be salad, Wings, Beef, rolls, and lemonade, plus a cash bar. You must get an arm band from your flight leader.

Bill's Old Bike Barn Ride

Roger Trendowski

Back on August 27th Colin and Dan Thomson and I did a one-day power ride up to Bills Bike Barn in Bloomsburg PA.

<http://www.billsbikebarn.com>

The ride to the museum was via interstate (GSP to 287 to 78 to 33 to 80.). We explored the multi-room, two story museum for a couple hours, met the owner Bill, took a lot of pictures and departed via different route home. The museum is a private collection that started years ago when Bill, who owned a Harley Dealership, went head-to-head with Harley. At that point he started buying parts from defunct businesses as well as purchasing old bikes and memorabilia.... A lot of old bikes and stuff. In his websites words: "it's an experience for everyone both young and old with an overwhelming display of the most pristine collections of motorcycles and memorabilia. Any true motorcycle enthusiast is sure to be speechless as they gaze upon all there is to see. Each time you visit your sure to find another item you missed on your previous visits, whether it be the Zundapps or Toppers or ... the 1956 German NSU .Then there's the military display complete with foxhole, a '45 NOS Military Bike, 30 caliber machine gun, palm trees finished off with Spanish moss, no detail was left out, right down to the 1940 Military parachute that covers the display!"

On the way back to NJ, we headed south on two-laners and swung by Centralia, Pa. (home of the underground coal fires and an abandoned town) and Hermy's BMW. South of Hermy's we hit I78 and headed straight home. Overall we traveled 350 miles in about 10 hours.

Trip to Bill's Bike Barn Museum near Bloomsburg PA. Approx 350 miles 8/27/17



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Monthly Meeting – January 10th

Park Nine Diner

NJ-9 and Rt 524

3320 US Hwy 9 Freehold, NJ 07728



Eat @ 6PM

Meeting starts at 7:30PM