

September 2018

NEW JERSEY SHORE BMW RIDERS Inc

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You can't have a light without a dark to stick it in.

Arlo Guthrie (1947 -)

When I was a boy I was told that anybody could become President. Now I'm beginning to believe it.

Clarence Darrow (1857 - 1938)

There is no cure for birth and death save to enjoy the interval. *George Santayana (1863 - 1952)*

The denunciation of the young is a necessary part of the hygiene of older people, and greatly assists in the circulation of their blood. *Logan Pearsall Smith (1865 - 1946)*

Too many people are thinking of security instead of opportunity. They seem more afraid of life than death. *James F. Byrnes (1879 - 1972)*

September tries its best to have us forget summer. *Bern Williams*

Givers have to set limits because takers rarely do. *Irma Kurtz, Cosmopolitan Magazine, September 2003*

Lies are like children. If you don't nurture them, they'll never be useful later. *Randy K. Milholland, Something Positive, 07-26-2012*

All the world's a stage and most of us are desperately unrehearsed. *Sean O'Casey (1880 - 1964)*

**BMW Motorcycle Club
New Jersey Shore**



President's Message:

**"IF IT'S ON THE INTERNET,
THEN IT MUST BE TRUE."**

-Albert Einstein-

(Inventor of the lightbulb)
[1996 - present]

$$P_1 + \frac{1}{2}\rho V_1^2 + \rho gh_1 = P_2 + \frac{1}{2}\rho V_2^2 + \rho gh_2$$

VIA 9GAG.COM

Time to step up..

After 3 years of being President – it's time for a new one. We need someone younger with new ideas and enthusiasm to help the club thrive as our current membership ages out of riding.

What's involved?

The job is yours to make it what you want. There are no hard and fast rules of being President. The biggest function is to bring enthusiasm to the club membership and get members involved in participating in club activities.

As with most clubs – a small proportion of the members do the majority of the work making events happen and the club run. There is a quote this month that addresses exactly that.

Our election is at our November meeting. By then I hope to hear from a few people who would be in-

terested in giving a bit of time to make the club grow and thrive. See me, call me, talk to me.

This is going to be a short newsletter since it appears the hot weather put many riders off the road. Can't say I blame anyone, I didn't find it attractive to go riding in 90F/90% humidity. Now we know what Florida riding weather is like.

Our September meeting will once again be held at Tony's in Farmingdale. I always reserve the space for 20-30 people – lets make it on the 30 side. The food is great, the business meeting is short and painless – the camaraderie is great.

Rubber side down eh?
Don

Schedule of Events – 2018!

Please send additions and corrections to the editor!

September

- September 5th – Moribundi Lunch
- September 12th – Meeting, Park Nine, Freehold
- **Sept 14th 16th – NJ Shore Oktoberfest 2018 – Crystal Brook Resort, NY**
- Sept 19th – 6PM – final Ice Cream Run?

October

- October 3rd – Moribundi Lunch
- October 10th – Meeting, Tony's. Farmingdale

November

- November 7th – Moribundi Lunch
- November 14th – Meeting, Tony's. Farmingdale

December

- December 5th - Moribundi Lunch
- December 8th - **Club Dinner** - RD Swanson
- December 9th - **Toy Run**, Children's Hospital - Jim Thomasey
- December 12th – Meeting, Tony's. Farmingdale

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

There are also the regular Saturday morning "Breakfast Club" meetings, 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.

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Sept 2018 Meeting Agenda

- 1 - Call to order (7:30 - Don)
- 2 - Welcome new/returning members (Don)
- 3 - Treasurer's Report (Joe K)
- 4 - Secretary's Report on Membership and renewals (Jim T)
- 5 - OLD and CONTINUING BUSINESS
 - a) Club Oktoberfest – Don
 - b) Club Picnic Report – RD Swanson
 - c) New Sweden Rally - Don
- 6 - NEW BUSINESS
 - a) Club officers – Don
 - b) Harold Gantz – Don and whoever
- 7 - Open Floor - Anyone
- 8 - 50/50 drawing (Joe K)

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

August Meeting Notes

Bill D

Meeting called to order promptly at 7:30PM

New member Jonathan Blair rides an 2011 R1200GS and lives in Freehold. Jonathan was welcomed to the club.

Treasurer's report: \$1544.46

Membership report: 56 to 58 paid members About 16 unpaid 6-month members.

Oktoberfest: still only Don and one other signed up from our club.

Picnic: Dennis says 20 are signed up, most are bringing a dish. Picnic is August 25 at 12:00

New Sweden's 34th Last Chance Rally is once again to be held at Buena Vista Campground in Buena, NJ September 21st-23rd

Once again it's election time, and it would be good to have new blood as officers. Please volunteer for an elected position.

Jim Cavallo knows a guy near Philly with a large collection of old BMW motorcycles, and Don and he are trying to schedule a date when our club and New Sweden can visit the collection.

The service for the late Harold Gantz will be held at graveside at 1PM August 9. After the service people are invited to his house.

Open floor:

Roger pitched the Finger Lakes Rally, put on by the F.L.BMW club on Labor Day weekend.

Matt Scamaradella is collecting used cell phones to donate to veterans and others. Matt will be at the picnic if you would like to give him your old cell phone.

Ben Paraan has decreed that the next Ice Cream Run will be on August 15 at 6:30 PM at Denae's Ice Cream & Sweet Shop which is at 2360 Lake-wood Rd, Toms River, NJ (that shopping center at 9 & 70, in the same building as the Starbucks).

Finally, the club voted to donate \$100 in his memory to Prostate Cancer research as per the instructions on Harold's obituary page.

Meeting closed at 7:45PM, followed by standing around chatting in the parking lot.

Harold Gantz, RIP

August 7, 2018, of Mt. Laurel, NJ. Husband of Sara Gantz. Father of Jacob (Leigh) Gantz and Jessica (Ryan) Mahlman. Grandfather of Hannah, Gavin, Madeline, Logan and Margot. Brother of Arlene (Joe) Molinaro. Graveside Services are Thursday at 1:00 P.M. at Crescent Memorial Park (Sec. Beth Tikvah) Pennsauken, NJ. Shiva will be observed at the late residence on Thursday following the Interment. Contributions can be made to the Prostate Cancer Foundation, www.pcf.org.

That was the official obituary. It fails to really capture what made Harold so special to many of us.

It's a simple thing - Harold was a "good guy" -

someone you were proud to have as a friend and happy to be around.

I've known Harold for a bit over 20 years. We first met on the Internet BMW Riders - then in person when the NJ Shore Club was being pulled together. Harold was a charter member - his name appears on the application for a charter we submitted to the MOA.

Harold and I had some common interests - besides bikes. We both liked BMW cars, although Harold never owned one - he collected BMW sales brochures whenever he could get to the local dealer in Cherry Hill. We eventually both had K bikes. His was a red roadster that he had a love/hate relationship with. He loved it riding, he loved polishing it, he loved going places on it. He hated it when it ate the transmission input splines - twice. That eventually led him to sell it.

We were both engineers - with an interest in the history of invention in the US - in particular Bell Labs. We had some long discussions about how things got invented and how Nobel prizes were awarded.

Harold was a great riding companion. We took several trips together - some of them longer. One of my favorites was to the MOA national rally in Charleston WV. On the way out there were several groups going. The fast guys (Grant and gang), us, and Roger T on his green R100RT.

The fast guys kept passing us - which seems a bit odd - they should have only passed us once. Roger T appeared at each night's destination - usually a bit after everyone else. Slow but steady - I think Roger had a cast iron bladder at the time.

The first day of the trip put us at the usual Comfort Inn in Stephens City VA - after a long very wet day.

All of us were soaked - and looking for ways to dry things out. I had some fabric gloves I was wearing - so the bright idea came to me of putting them in the microwave to dry them out. Worked great. Harold tried the same for his leather gloves. They came out dry, but the fingers were now only 1/2" long. They looked like cartoon gloves. Harold would crack up whenever he looked at them, never complained about it - he simply saw the humor.

One of the "fast guys" tried drying his boots out with the motel hair-dryer - they caught fire inside. That cracked all of us up.

Harold found he was a victim to prostate cancer about 13 years ago. He had treatments of all sorts for the past 13 years. We talked a bit about this - and he felt he'd take each treatment as it came hoping that a better treatment would come along before the current one stopped working. Throughout the treatments he remained buoyant, as active as possible. He would wait until he was feeling fairly good - and would then treat himself to one of his bucket list items. From driving carts at Millville to flying planes out of Flying-W (his dad had been an airline pilot out of LaGuardia) - he tried to get as much out of life in the time he had left.

I miss Harold. A lot.

You'll notice elsewhere in this issue there is an ad for Harold's last bike - a KTM. If you're interested, or know anyone who might be interested - please contact Pete Lisco as the email address in the ad. The bike is of course mint condition, Harold wouldn't have it any other way.

Meanwhile a few photos of Harold in happier times:



NY Motorcycle Show 2011



Ultimate Cheese Steak - Philadelphia - around 2014



Hot Diggety Dog - Chatsworth - 2013? I used to own both of those bikes..



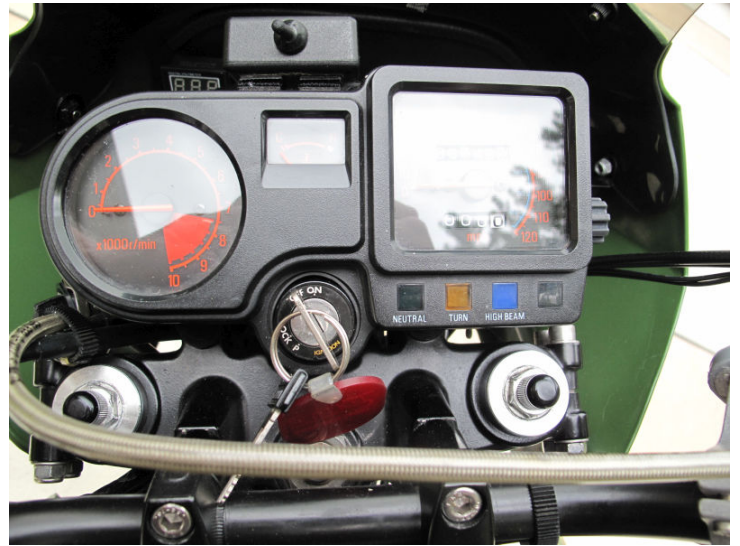
2003 Kawasaki KLR650 for sale

Pete Lisko, pjliskojr@gmail.com

Sara, Harold's wife has asked me to assist her with the sale of his bike.



The bike is a 2003 Kawasaki KLR650. Currently the bike has 8,742 on the odometer. Harold purchased the bike in 2015 and I believe he is the second owner. If you knew Harold you know this bike is absolutely pristine and has been meticulously maintained. According to the internet, the NADA pricing for this bike is \$3,000 and KBB is showing \$2,745. I am not familiar with these bikes but we have decided on an asking price of \$2,550.



If you are interested in making an offer or seeing the bike please contact me via email pjliskojr@gmail.com or call 856-589-7015. I will make arrangements to meet you at Harold's house. I will post this bike on public sites next week.

EDITOR – please pass along to anyone who might be interested. Note the sticker on the back.. be perfect for an NJS club member. It's in "Harold Condition" - ie – perfect and better than new.

Thanks!

Club Picnic - August 25th

RD Swanson, Picnic Czar

The weather was perfect and the conversation brilliant. Well, the weather was pretty good anyway.

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Tom Spader's waterfront property is an ideal location. Plenty of chairs and plenty of shaded areas, food and beverages and you have an ideal August picnic. Thanks again Tom for setting up the umbrellas, chairs coolers and etc. And for inviting us to share your home.

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New Sweden Last Chance Rally – Sept 21st - 23rd

For the 36th year – our sister club New Sweden BMW Riders is holding their Last Chance Rally, in lovely Buena NJ.

There are cabins for rent at the campground. They tend to be a bit primitive. There is some pavement connecting them to the rally site. There are also budget priced motels very close to the rally site (closer than some of the cabins on the grounds.)

I encourage you to take part in their rally. They have supported our events – we should be supporting theirs. Plus it's a lot of fun..



Private bike museum visit September 30th

Don E, President

We have accepted the kind invitation of a friend of Jim Cavallo's to visit his son's private BMW motorcycle collection located in Cherry Hill NJ.

Rumor has it there are over 100 BMWs ranging from the 1920s to ?? I have the address (thanks Jim) and it's approximately 30-40 minutes from OurWAWA in Jackson (on Rt 537, Exit 16 off I-195).

We will be leaving Our-WAWA at 10AM on September 30th. It sounds as if about 15-20 of our club members are attending. This was offered to New Sweden – and it sounds as if they're having about 30 people showing up. That sort of makes sense since it's right in their backyard.

Skylands declined to attend due to other obligations.

If you're going – be at our WAWA and ready to roll at 10AM. Rain or shine. NO rain date.

Picnic - August 25th

Gracious Host Tom S

Like fine cheeses or wines or even Wednesday night pasta and meatballs...some things improve over time. The 3rd annual 2018 version of our picnic was the perfect example ie., smooth, relaxed atmosphere coupled with beautiful private setting and seasonal mint weather. Chef Mikey the Mechanic was on target with diverse menu of expected picnic fare and manning of the grill. Kudos to Czar Dennis Swanson for his contribution via overseeing perch.

This year's event was spiked with home-made items brought by many of the 25-28 attendees. The lotus flower roots & Asian meat pies were especially novel and showed the diversity of the club.



Good time and comradery enjoyed by all...thanks to all for contribution and attendance.



Hope to see many riders at 'Our-Wawa' on Sept 30 for the journey to the private showing of BMW

exclusive museum organized by founder Don E.

Great weather weekend - Finger Lakes Rally - Aug 28- Sept 1st

Roger T

The New Sweden riders beat us by a lot. Even with cancellations they had a bunch of attendees at the Finger lakes BMW rally in Watkins Glen NY. I counted three from our club ; June, Ben P and me. Rally attendance was down to 468 (registered folks not including Finger Lake club members).

The weather Friday thru Monday was great; no rain and bright sun Sunday and Monday.

Average age for men was 61.5 and women was 57.7. Up from last year which only proves we all are getting older. It was great to meet old friends and kick tires so to speak. Several Connecticut River Valley members (notably Souix H and Brian F) asked where Dan and Colin Thompson were as they were adopted into their Club cabin In previous years.

Finger Lakes BMW club is already planning for their 45th rally for next year.



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Monthly Meeting – September 12th

Tony's Restaurant and Pizza

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Eat @ 6PM

Meeting starts at 7:30PM

Oktoberfest 2018 – Register NOW!