

November 2018

NEW JERSEY SHORE BMW RIDERS Inc

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A citizen of America will cross the ocean to fight for democracy, but won't cross the street to vote in a national election. *Bill Vaughan*

Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in hospitals dying of nothing. *Redd Foxx (1922 - 1991)*

Democracy substitutes election by the incompetent many for appointment by the corrupt few. *George Bernard Shaw (1856 - 1950), Man and Superman*

Quit worrying about your health. It'll go away. *Robert Orben*

That's the trouble with a politician's life-somebody is always interrupting it with an election. *Will Rogers (1879 - 1935)*

It's no longer a question of staying healthy. It's a question of finding a sickness you like. *Jackie Mason (1934 -)*

Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint. *Mark Twain (1835 - 1910)*

Never continue in a job you don't enjoy. If you're happy in what you're doing, you'll like yourself, you'll have inner peace. And if you have that, along with physical health, you will have had more success than you could possibly have imagined. *Johnny Carson (1925 - 2005)*

**BMW Motorcycle Club
New Jersey Shore**



President's Message:



"Live while you're alive.."

One of our wiser members often says this.. and Tom Spader is right. Do your living when you can, because sooner or later time is going to catch up with you. It's one of the few certainties in life.

At the moment I'm having some health issues - serious enough that continuing to lead the club won't be possible, at least for a while. That wasn't the reason that I decided to absolutely step down as President in 2019 - but it certainly reinforces that decision.

I think I covered the reason in the last President's Message, in the hope that someone would step forward to take over the reigns of the club for 2019. I was hoping that someone who never was President would offer to serve the club. It hasn't happened. I have one offer of a recycled President - but I think that leads to more "same old.." sort of activities. We need new ideas - - and that will come when new people step forward to lead.

The last meeting I reported on a survey I asked members to fill out. The response rate was rather disappointing. Apparently only about 18 people out of 68 people found the time to click on a link and fill in a survey that would take no more than 5 minutes to complete.

That to me is rather sad. I suspect some of the reason might be that people are afraid if they bring up something they might want to see happen with the club - they might get asked to help make it happen. To me – that's what the club is about, but apparently some people are happier just being passive members.

And on a happier note - it hasn't frozen yet - and there has been a bit of decent fall riding weather.

Be nice if some new people joined in on the rides though, or for breakfast on Saturday morning. Come join us for a ride - they're announced via the club email!

Rubber side down..
Don

Schedule of Events – 2018!

Please send additions and corrections to the editor!

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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November 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) Election of officers for 2019
 - b) Holiday Party – RDS
 - c) Toy Run – Jim T
- 6 - NEW BUSINESS
 - a) None
 - b) None more
- 7 - Open Floor - Anyone
- 8 - 50/50 drawing (Joe K)

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

October 2018 Meeting Notes

Jim Thomasey, Secty.

Called to order at 7:30 with the first report coming from the treasurer stating we have about \$1120 in the account.

Membership renewals are under way with 13 renewals happening at the meeting or sent through the mail so far.

There was a short discussion of the website being tweaked to now allow online membership renewal info and payments made through PAYPAL.

The holiday party will be held December 8th at Rods in Sea Girt as in the past. No payment plans were discussed.

We then discussed the Toy Run to benefit the Specialized Children's Hospital of Toms River to

be held day after the holiday dinner. We will meet at the DMV station on Rt. 70 in Lakewood.

A call went out to all members to focus their thoughts and choose new folks for the President and VP positions in the club.

In response to an online poll, some members replied and offered their thoughts on how to improve the club. Some ideas were wine tastings, movie nights and following the polar bear schedule for the winter months. Other thoughts were to have all the members carry business cards to hand out to riders we see during our daily lives inviting them to attend one of the monthly meetings.

As the evening was winding down the members in attendance discussed a breakfast meeting and then a trip to the Wheels and Wings event to be held at the Van Sant airport on Saturday 10/13.

Holiday Party 2018

RD Swanson

The years pass swiftly the older you become. (Of course some of us do get younger in spirit).

So here it is again a time to celebrate together another year of Shore Riders. Seems as if it was only a short time past that we awarded trophies for memorable and slightly less than memorable feats of motorcycle madness. Seems only yesterday that Roger awarded mileage certificates from near zero to many thousands of miles.

We have scheduled Saturday December 9th at Rod's Old Irish Tavern in SeaGirt. It's a grand place for food, drink and celebration.

The club usually underwrites part of the cost so it's not a burden to your budget. And if you have earned a place in motorcycle history or even if you have not, a solid gold trophy may be yours to display to all the world. Think of that! A framed mileage certificate may be yours to place among your family memorabilia.

And as usual Grant will lead the group sing, so limber up your vocal chords. The club will offset the cost of the dinner, the amount will be discussed at the November meeting. Payment must be in RD Swanson's hands by December 1st.

Three Eatery Blurbs

Ben P.

This past month, I tried three different places that were not in my usual rotation of eateries. I visited two Princeton establishments because my sister flew in from Phoenix with her boyfriend and was staying with my cousin. The other was a relatively new hipster café in Bordentown.

Properly Fueled is a café that serves creations made from local provisions. They source coffee from Small World in Princeton and ingredients from local farms. My first introduction to Properly Fueled was at a Green Fair in Smithville where I sampled their heavenly chocolate coconut brownie with caramel. They serve light breakfast and lunch fare in an airy space. I enjoyed the food and the people watching. They're at the corner of Crosswicks and Farnsworth in Bordentown.

I spotted **Jammin' Crepes** on a Sunday morning drive by and it was packed. I made a mental note to visit it on a weekday. I took my sister and her boyfriend one morning to have breakfast. We all had crepes, which we all enjoyed. Good coffee, nice ambience, and many crepe variations on hand plus various baked goods. Jammin' Crepes is on Nassau Street, south of Palmer Square in Princeton.

Two Sevens is an eclectic and trendy Latin American restaurant serving creative twists on the standard fare. They have an open kitchen to display how they ply their art. We had dinner for six, which permitted us to try a good variety of dishes. We enjoyed all of them but three items stood out: a pork belly dish, a sweet potato vegetarian taco (awesome!) and their ceviche. Two Sevens is on Witherspoon Street, roughly where the old Princeton hospital used to be.

Check these places out on Yelp to have an idea of what they offer.

Editor: Thanks to Ben for the great article – sounds like some places to ride to for lunch. Anyone want to propose a date? Perhaps a Sunday lunch sometime?



Toy Run - 2018

Jim Thomasey

The annual Toy Run to benefit the Children's Specialized Hospital of Toms River will be held December 9, 2018.

The hospital offers in patient and outpatient services such as Audiology, speech therapy, Occupational and physical therapy as well as rehabilitative services for its clients. The hospital is a member of the RWJ Barnabus Health group as well as a member of The Children's Miracle Network.

The NJ Shore BMW riders have organized this toy run for well over a dozen years and we have been joined by members of the Skylands and New Sweden clubs and some of their associates each year.

The children at the hospital look forward to having the motorcycles show up so they can hear and touch them when they come outside. The past few years have had terrific weather which allowed more than a few children to come outside to hear the bike horns and engines, and their reaction is always a pleasure to see.

As in the past, we will meet at the DMV (or MVC) station on Rt. 70 west and Tobin Ave in Lakewood.

Coffee and donuts will be available in the parking lot beginning at 10AM ish and we will leave to arrive at the hospital by 11AM.

Please bring a toy which will then be distributed by the hospital staff to any of the children or members of the patients' families. The only caveat is to please not give stuffed animals or toys. Toys can also be brought to the holiday party being held Saturday night December 8, and they will then make their way to the hospital.

I thank you all in advance for your generosity and continued support. If you would like to go directly to the hospital the address is 94 Stevens Rd., Toms River, NJ 08755

For Sale

2008 R1200GS for sale by member!

2008 R1200GS, 40k miles, Blue, BMW Side and Top cases. Cee Bailey windscreen, Tom Tom GPS 350, Tank bag, Tires very good.

XL BMW waterproof City Jacket black, Schubeth C2 Helmet, winter gloves, Summer jacket yellow.

Extra set of Michelin Pilot 3 tires (these are new!) Heated Grips, Large tool kit from Alt Rider, extended rear flat bag carrier, BMW tank bag. Comes with Touratech waterproof roll bag.

This GS is in very good condition, has minor dent on front rim no air leaks whatsoever, minor crack on windscreen. This bike has enhanced rear brake lighting and front aux. 5" yellow PIAA lights.



This motorcycle has been very well maintained, oil change every 3000 miles. All records available. Price includes all the above items. \$5500. Non-negotiable. Cash only.

Contact Mike Lamberti (Lombardi)..
732.615.8416 mikelamberti321@gmail.com

974 miles for Steak and Pizza

Roger T

Every year the Finger Lakes BMW Riders club hosts a “steak roast” at Webster Park, located on the banks of Lake Ontario (just east of Rochester NY). It costs club members and guests only \$5, every one brings a dish-to-pass and the club provides drinks and extras. (Luckily I am a member of the club because we have a cottage in the Finger Lakes region.)

I left Middletown on Friday October 12th and rode my F800GSA to our cottage on Otisco Lake, just south of Syracuse NY. After doing some house maintenance and mowing I rode down to Binghamton on Saturday to visit my mother in law (age 96) mostly via back country roads. It was partly rainy and 40 degrees when I started but warmed up to 50 and cleared upon return.



Sunday morning was chilly again when I started to Rochester.. temp was 34 at the start with a few very light snow flurries. Again it warmed up to 50+ at Webster Park, probably due to the warmth of Lake Ontario. About 50 club members attended

the outing. Our club prez trucked –in a grill and coolers/beverages and did all the cooking. With loads of dish-to-pass foods and treats it was a great event. Activities were held inside a park building which had a wood fireplace, kitchen and picnic tables. Before we ate the Club rally leaders reviewed the results of our Labor Day “Watkins Glenn” annual rally with debriefings by all committee chairs. The club did make profit this year even with lower attendance. (The flea market, which I led, sold \$5500 worth of MC stuff.) Even though the decision on 2019 rally has not formally been made, it appears that it will happen again.

I headed back to the cottage about 5pm following NYS I-90 and US Route 20 for an hour and half. Monday morning I headed east on US Route 20 to Pittsfield MA to visit my daughter and family. The fastest route would have been via the NY State Thruway I-90 from Syracuse through Albany to the MA Pike and then secondary roads to the Pittsfield area. However, being a very clear and relatively warm day (50-55 degrees) I decided to follow US Route 20 east ... all the way to Pittsfield.



Rolling hills on US-20

It has been many years since I rode this segment. US Route 20 is one of the oldest cross country roads which still runs between Boston MA and Newport OR; 3,365 miles. In the segment I road to Pittsfield, the road is mostly 2-lanes with some 3-lane passing areas and a few 4-lane segments near larger towns/cities. I've ridden this route from coast to coast over the years and observe that it all looks basically the same.... mostly 2 lanes, plenty of strip malls, small towns, and junk yards.

US Route 20 touches the northern heads of all the Finger Lakes in central NY. Our cottage is 5 miles off of it and my daughter's home is ½ mile off of it in Pittsfield. In the route segment from Syracuse to Pittsfield the road is pretty much straight as it meanders up and down rolling hills. To my surprise the foliage ranged from 'bare –trees' to 'fully summer green.' There wasn't much that was in full color..The other thing that struck me was that the road surface was well worn in many places with high crowns. At first, I thought I had a flat tire or loose bearing problem as my bike unexpectedly wandered from side to side.

US Route 20 signs were absent or at least obscure in eastern Albany where it meets the Hudson River. I hit a "T" and chose to go North (left) onto an interstate through downtown Albany. With better signage, a right turn would probably have been better. I travelled about 5 miles north, east and south before seeing Route 20 signs again. Another 30 or so miles east on US 20 took me into the Berkshires' and to my daughters place in Connecticut. Daughter, husband, three grandchildren had Pizza that night. Traveling home was via interstates ; MA Pike, I-90, I-87 and GS Parkway on Tuesday, arriving about 3pm. Overall mileage was 974 miles, 5 days, two great meals with friends and family, and some interesting out-of-the-way diner breakfasts. Most of my riding was in 35 to 50 degree days with finish in NJ at 62 degrees. (Thank goodness for "heated gear" and a tight fitted helmet.)

Club Mileage Contest Ending Soon

Roger T

Every year at our Club Holiday Party many of our members compete for immeasurable awards. Through intensive data gathering and measurements, members gather and transmit their odometer mileage to me for complicated analyses of overall mileage driven on their BMWs and other bikes.

For those who have not participated in our mileage contest before, you simply send your odometer miles to me and I update a spreadsheet.

Our club mileage contest runs from December 1st 2017 to November 30th 2018. I will do the calcula-

tions and create the award certificates for presentation at our Club party on December 8th.

If you participated last year, please email your odometer miles reading to me by December 1st.

If you haven't taken part before but want too.... then send me your best estimate of mileage as of December 1st 2017 and your reading for Nov 30th this year. (You may be able to approximate your 2017 starting mileage by looking up maintenance records etc.).

Please email your inputs to me by December 1st at rtrendowski@verizon.net so you don't tip-off everyone else in the club.

(Make sure you send odometer reading.... not a calculation of annual miles.... I will do that. There is a three-bike maximum; any brand bike is OK. Our contest and awards are all in fun, no matter how much you rode this year.



Thanks!

The newsletter editor and President of NJSBMWR would like to express sincere thanks to Greg Wright for the many years he has run his insurance advertising with the club. His sponsorship made many things possible that couldn't have happened otherwise.

Greg will be discontinuing his ad next year – but please DO give Greg a chance to quote your motorcycle insurance. I've always been delighted with the service provided by the Wright Agency.

And most important - he's a club member and rider!

New Jersey Shore BMW Riders Inc.

Membership/Renewal Application – 2018

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____ - _____

Significant Others Name: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____

Cell Phone: (____) _____

E-Mail Address: _____ Changed?: ☐

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

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

The club runs a private mailing list – only open to paid club members..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 NJSBMWR email list: **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐

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: _____

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Please forward this application **with** a check for **\$20 or \$25** made out to NJ Shore BMW Riders Inc. or bring it to a meeting.

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13 OakTree Lane
Ocean Twsp, NJ 07712

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Monthly Meeting – November 14th

Tony's Restaurant and Pizza

78 Main St (Rt 524) Farmingdale, NJ 07727



Eat @ 6PM

Meeting starts at 7:30PM

Oktoberfest 2018 – Register NOW!