

December 2018

NEW JERSEY SHORE BMW RIDERS Inc

Don Eilenberger, president@njsbmwr.org

Jerry Schreiber, Vice President

Joe Karol Treasurer and Trustee

Jim Thomasey, Secretary, Newsletter Publisher

Dennis Swanson, Trustee and Instructor General

Don Eilenberger, Newsletter Editor, Trustee

Roger Trendowski, Trustee; Bill Dudley, Trustee; Dave Rosen, Trustee, Dan Thompson, Trustee

An optimist stays up to see the New Year in. A pessimist waits to make sure the old one leaves. *Bill Vaughan*

Each new day is a blank page in the diary of your life. The secret of success is in turning that diary into the best story you possibly can. *Douglas Pagels, A Wonderful Resolution For The New Year!*

Here it is, a New Year. We got to make some resolutions, as well as interest and tax payments in this joyful season. It's the start of a New Year of trials and tribulations, and if everybody that does anything gets caught, it will be mostly trials. *Will Rogers*

The only way to spend New Year's Eve is either quietly with friends or in a brothel. Otherwise when the evening ends and people pair off, someone is bound to be left in tears. *W. H. Auden*

My pipe is out, my glass is dry;
My fire is almost ashes too;
But once again, before you go,
And I prepare to meet the New;
Old Year! a parting word that's true,
For we've been comrades, you and I--
I thank God for each day of you;
There! bless you now! Old Year, good-bye!
Robert William Service, The Passing of the Year

**BMW Motorcycle Club
New Jersey Shore**



President's Message:



November Moribundi Lunch New officers elected!

In a stunning surprise - not one - but two Presidents were elected at our November meeting. It seems that Roger T and Bill D are willing to share the duties of President. That sort of leaves the Vice President spot open - but whoever isn't President each month can assume the office of Vice President.

It would have been a bit simpler if someone had actually stepped forward and offered to take the position, and thought was made to electing Jonathan Blair who got to the meeting late (and is likely one of - if not the - youngest and newest members of the club) but he hadn't paid his dues yet and we didn't want to scare him off.

This is my last column as President and after three years this time - it's time to get some new enthusiasm in the seat. I'll try to keep contributing to the club as I can, but some other things life related have come up that are hogging my time. Today - Monday December 3rd is a lovely day outside. Perfect riding day for early winter. 55F and

sunny. Usually Bill D will call for lunch on this sort of day, but I guess since his son is in town and Zhao has returned from China - he's otherwise engaged.

Our last meeting seemed a bit hectic. Mostly because the rest of Tony's was filled with 7 year old girls - some sort of brownie party or something. What was fortunate was their party was over just as our meeting started at 7:30. There has been good attendance at Tony's (I counted over 25 people), and the food is generally excellent, but service is spotty and there is no real privacy in the dining room. A first order of business for the new officer team might be consideration of a different meeting place. I'm sure they'd welcome suggestions. Our needs are a bit complex: (1) Able to seat 30+ members; (2) Order off the menu; (3) Separate Checks; (4) Know that some people will not order dinner - they just come to the meeting; (5) Adequate and safe parking for our motorcycles; (6) Available 2nd Weds evening monthly.

Rod's Irish Pub in Sea Girt was mentioned in the last go-around - they can do #1 - and have the private room for it (where our holiday party is held) - but the rest of the requirements haven't really been checked out. Bill D mentioned he was going to check out "Our House" tavern on Rt 524 (just west of Farmingdale - I'll be interested in hearing how that goes. If you have ideas - please get them to the email list or the new officers.

That's it for now - it's mostly been a pleasure being President for the past few years - and I wish everyone a happy/healthy holiday season!

Don

Schedule of Events – 2018!

Please send additions and corrections to the editor!

December

- December 5th - Moribundi Lunch Pekin Pavilion
- 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.

December 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) Toy run report
 - b) Holiday Party – RDS
- 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.

November 2018 Meeting Notes

DJE

November's meeting was started promptly at 7:30 PM. Approximately 28 members were in attendance - and some actually rode - from some distances (like Staten Island - way to go guys!)

The meeting was started just as the Brownie scout troop that took up the rest of the dining room were exiting the room.

Joe Karol reported on our treasury - which is healthy (over \$1,600 - and more membership renewals in the works.)

Jim Thomasey reported that about 35 members (out of 60+) had renewed for 2019.

RDS gave us an update on the Holiday Party - and it was voted that the cost per paid member/ significant other was to be \$20/head, with the club funding the difference - of about \$15. This means if you paid your dues for 2019 and were attending the party - you more than got back your dues in this subsidy. It was decided that non-members or additional guests would be charged \$35 - roughly the cost to the club.

Mike Kowal was looking for input on dubious awards given annually and he club authorized him to purchase the solid-gold trophies. Roger T announced that he needed your ending mileage for the 2018 mileage contest as of 12/1/2018.

Bill Dudley pointed out that on-line payment for our dues was now available (huzzah! We're in the latter 20th Century!) and he promised to put in place - online payment for the holiday party.

We voted to donate \$300 to the Children's Hospital, as usual.

Prez Don opened the floor to the general public - and a suggestion was made that a member survey should be done in order to find out what members want from the club. Prez Don pointed out that a survey HAD been done - about a month before - and only 16 people bothered filling it in. Apparently one thing the members aren't interested in is filling in surveys.

Mention was also made about the NY moto show - with an astounding lack of interest by almost everyone. Apparently Dud e'fils e'son went - and a report is in this issue of the newsletter.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:50PM after the drawing of the 50/50 ticket.

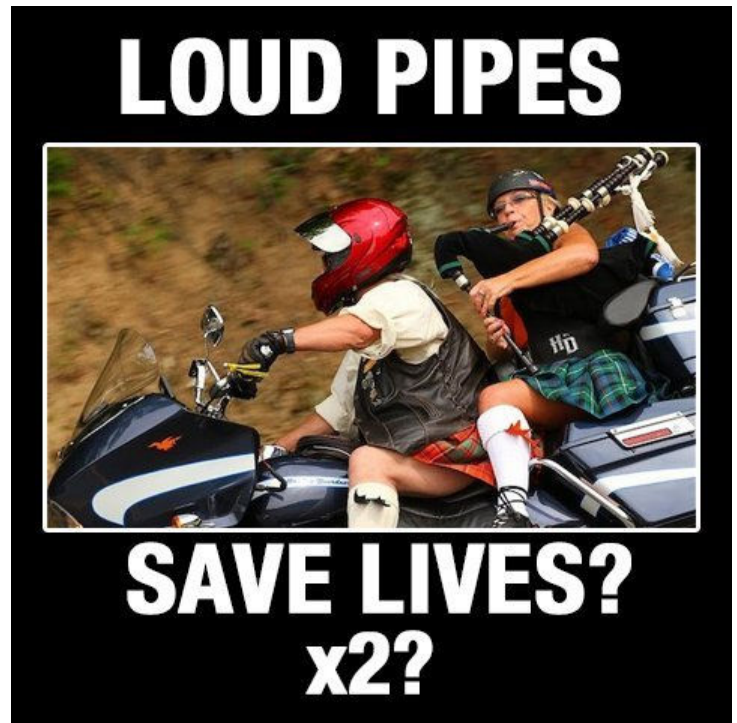
Holiday Party 2018

RD Swanson

Is all over now.

If you missed it - you missed a very good time, especially with Grant leading the traditional holiday carols!

A YouTube video may be forthcoming.



New Years Day Ride - 1/1/2019

It's become an annual tradition to have a New-Years day ride - on New Years day!

We invade the turf of the New Sweden Riders and have lunch at the Mott's Creek Inn. In prior years, despite the much greater distances our members have to travel to the Inn, and being a smaller club - we generally outnumber the New Sweden Riders - at least at noon.

The food is good, the ride there is pleasant and the company is outstanding.

<http://www.mottscreekinn.net>

<https://www.yelp.com/biz/motts-creek-inn-galloway>



There will be a group ride leaving from OurWAWA

at 11AM on 1/1/2019 if the weather permits (follow on our email list..) or meet us there: Motts Creek Inn, 200 E. Motts Creek Rd., Galloway, NJ 08205 (please follow the speed limit on Motts Creek Rd - the neighbors are touchy about that.)



Join us in getting the year off to a great start, and showing up those New Sweden folks.

Toy Run - 2018

Jim Thomasey

On Saturday December 8, 2018 we will again have the Toy Run to benefit the Children's Specialized Hospital in Toms River. This year will be a bit different as the hospital staff will not be offering tours and the children will not be able to come outside to see and hear the bikes. Due to the recent spate of illnesses at other children's hospitals in New Jersey, the staff is erring on the side of caution and not allowing us to enter the treatment and clinical areas.

Jim said we will still come and offer the presents in the lobby as we have done for many years in the past. The toy run is the day after the holiday dinner at Rods in Sea Girt. All gifts brought to the dinner will then be transported to the hospital the next day.

We will meet as a group at the DMV station on Rt. 70 west at the Towbin Ave. intersection at 10 am for coffee and donuts then take the short ride to the hospital. Please bring an unwrapped gift for the children of the hospital or their family members who are often adversely impacted by having a sick child in the family.

If you would like to go directly to the hospital it is located at 94 Stevens Rd., Toms River, NJ 08755

Javitts Motorcycle Show

Bill Dudley

On Sunday, Zhao, son William, and I went to the Javitt's MC Show. It was a crappy, rainy day. We took the bus from Lakewood, so at least we didn't have to drive in the awful weather.

The show was similar to previous years. There were big displays by BMW, Ducati, Honda, Kawasaki, Yamaha, Suzuki, and Royal Enfield, and slightly smaller displays by MV Agusta, Sling-shot, and probably some I've forgotten. Progressive Insurance had a large display that included two hair dressers, a tattoo artist, a pool table, and probably other stuff.

Zero motorcycles was there giving demo rides (indoors!) on a carpeted "track". They had a sign at the desk where one signed up for a ride that said (paraphrased) "For safety reasons, the bikes are limited to 12mph. Bikes you purchase will not have this limitation."

There were also custom motorcycles. They were god-awful.

The NY Classic Riders had a large-ish display of classic bikes -- airhead BMW's, British bikes, Japanese bikes -- lots of variety.



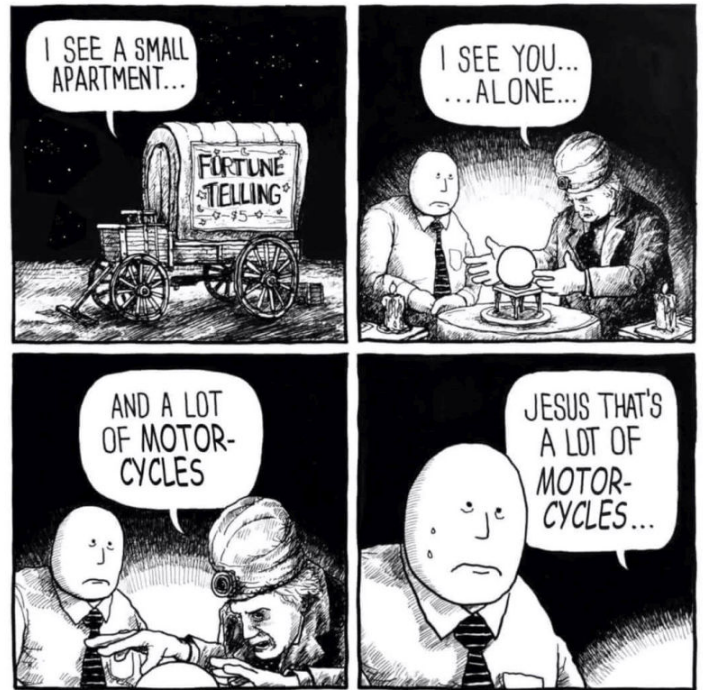
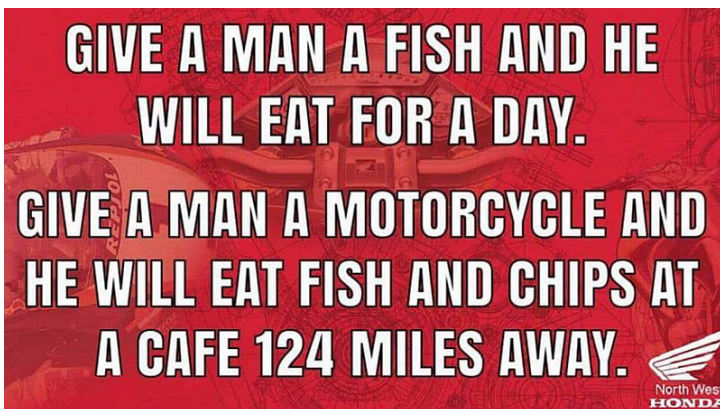
Some folks created a modern version of the 1930's prototype R7 BMW, based on an R9T, and they had their prototype at the show. Very nice looking, but for sure another rich-man's play-thing



There was a "teach your child to ride a motorcycle" area, where small children could ride small electric bicycles around a track. Despite the potential for mayhem, this seemed to go quite well. We saw a very young boy, after extensive coaching by one of the instructors, manage to ride one of the bikes around the track. He looked to be maybe 4 or 5 years old.

As per past shows, there were the "local" vendors, selling eye-glass cleaner, patches, pins, shoe polish, chrome polish, socks, leather, and even actual useful motorcycle gear (jackets, pants, boots, helmets).

There were tour providers offering tours of Costa Rica, Panama, Ecuador, Thailand, Ireland (two providers), Vermont, and probably others I've forgotten. People were also flogging the Johnstown, PA rally (Thunder something-something), Americade, and some other rallies.



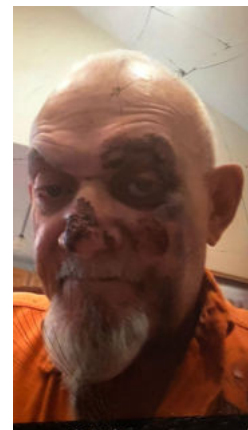
Live while you're alive!

Tom Spader

A buddy in Iowa tells me 'he'd been on this country road thousands of time and turning onto the same gravel driveway'

But last week the helmet-less Hardley rider misplaced familiarity with alertness and did face plant including unconscious for 20 minutes.

MORAL - Be alert at all times and wear a helmet. It may not save your life...but you'll look better in the box.



Rubber side down eh?

Motorcycle Insurance from a fellow club member and rider!

Contact Greg Wright for all your motorcycle insurance needs. Greg is an active club member and supporter. He understands your needs when it comes to motorcycle insurance.

The Wright Agency will provide at least three competitive quotes while making sure you're adequately covered.

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Monthly Meeting- December 12th

Tony's Restaurant and Pizza

78 Main St (Rt 524) Farmingdale, NJ 07727



Eat @ 6PM

Meeting starts at 7:30PM