

March 2019

NEW JERSEY SHORE BMW RIDERS Inc

Roger Trendowski, Bill Dudley - President(s)
president@njsbmwr.org

Bill Dudley, Roger Trendowski, Vice President(s)

Joe Karol Treasurer and Trustee

Jim Thomasey, Secretary, Newsletter Publisher

Dennis Swanson, Trustee and Instructor General

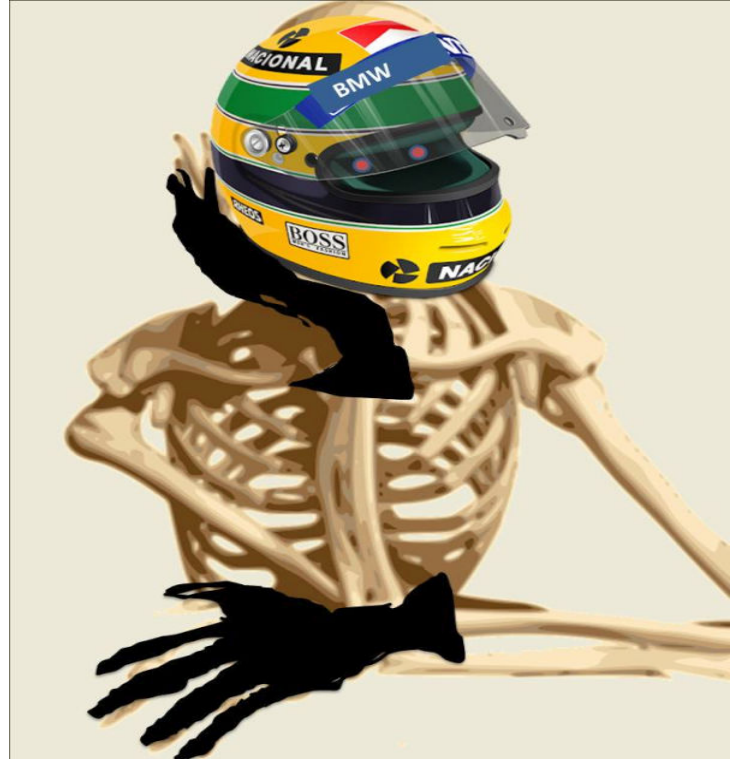
Don Eilenberger, Newsletter Editor, Trustee

Roger Trendowski, Bill Dudley, Dave Rosen, Dan Thompson, Trustees

**BMW Motorcycle Club
New Jersey Shore**



President's Message:



Co-Prez Message

Roger Trendowski, March President

As my photo depicts, it's time to start getting ready for the riding season. Skull-boy is partially suited-up but has a long way to go... much like the weather outside. Now is the right time to begin planning for your spring and summer adventures. Following our planning discussion at the Club meeting in January, we published a list of motorcycle events and tours that a few of our members are going to or our club is hosting. The list will be updated as needed and appear on our Club website NJSBMWR.org.

Right now in March we have traditional Saturday breakfasts and once-a-month Moribundi "lunch

Change is the constant, the signal for rebirth, the egg of the phoenix. *Christina Baldwin*

An optimist is the human personification of spring. *Susan J. Bissonette*

If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant: if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome. *Anne Bradstreet (1612 - 1672), 'Meditations Divine and Moral*

A little Madness in the Spring Is wholesome even for the King. *Emily Dickinson (1830 - 1886), No. 1333*

Spring is when you feel like whistling even with a shoe full of slush. *Doug Larson*

To shorten winter, borrow some money due in spring. *W. J. Vogel*

Listen, can you hear it? Spring's sweet cantata. The strains of grass pushing through the snow. The song of buds swelling on the vine. The tender timpani of a baby robin's heart. *Spring. Diane Frolov and Andrew Schneider, Northern Exposure, Wake Up Call, 1992*

Life is not only full of sound and fury. It also has butterflies, flowers, art. *Claude Simon (1913-2005) French novelist, critic, Nobel Laureate*

rides" and club meeting dinner. If the weather is decent then ride by bike, else come by car.

April starts the organized riding season for us. In late April there is the Gathering of the Nortons held at Washington's Crossing on the Delaware.

On the same weekend, a few club members have already made plans to attend the MOA Fontana Get-a-way rally which is held south of Asheville NC in the Great Smokies. (It's warmer down south).

Then in May and June, many other adventurous activities are scheduled like Morton's Spring Fling (Natural Bridge VA), New Sweden BMW 450, Americade, and the huge BMW MOA National Rally in Lebanon TN. Use our Club email or come to a Club meeting to find out who else is going and what are the most interesting sites and routes.

There are a lot of possibilities so start planning today.

Schedule of Events – 2019!

Please send additions and corrections to the editor!

NOTE: Various repeating events, such as the weekly breakfast will be announced via our Email list. One can assume the weekly breakfast takes place every Saturday AM when we're in town, usually around 9:45AM. Watch your email for announcements of where!.

- **March 13** club meeting at 6PM to eat, 7:30 meeting, location Our House Tavern, 420 Adelphia Road, Farmingdale
- **April 3** Moribundi lunch at 12:30PM, location TBD
- **April 10** club meeting at 6PM to eat, 7:30 meeting, location Our House Tavern, 420 Adelphia Road, Farmingdale
- **April 26-28** BMW MOA Fontana Getaway, all day, location Fontana Village, Fontana, NC
- **April 28** The "26th Gathering of the Nortons" at 10AM-1PM, location Washington Crossing Park, PA
- **May 1** Moribundi lunch at 12:30PM, location TBD
- **May 8** club meeting at 6PM to eat, 7:30

SERVING THE MOTORCYCLE COMMUNITY SINCE 1977



JERRY FRIEDMAN
The Motorcycle Attorney
One Greentree Center, Suite 201
P.O. Box 649
Marlton, New Jersey 08053
www.law4hogs.com
e-mail: law4hogs@aol.com

1-800-LAW-4-HOGS

- meeting, location Our House Tavern, 420 Adelphia Road, Farmingdale
- **May 18-19** Morton's Spring Fling, all day, location Natural Bridge VA
- **May 18-19** New Sweden BMW 450, all day, location NJ and PA
- **May 19** Classic Motorcycle Day at 10AM-4PM, location Firemans' Carnival Grounds, Mt Airy, MD
- **May 22** Evening Ice Cream Ride, Ben P at 6PM, location TBD
- **June 5** Moribundi lunch at 12:30PM, location TBD
- **June 7-9** Americade, all day, location Lake George, NY
- **June 12** club meeting at 6PM to eat, 7:30 meeting, location Our House Tavern, 420 Adelphia Road, Farmingdale
- **June 13-16** BMW MOA National Rally, all day, location Lebanon, TN
- **June 19** Evening Ice Cream Ride, Ben P at 6PM, location TBD
- **July 3** Moribundi lunch at 12:30PM, location TBD
- **July 10** club meeting at 6PM to eat, 7:30 meeting, location Our House Tavern, 420 Adelphia Road, Farmingdale
- **July 12-14th** BMW MOA Pocono Getaway, all day, location 1 Manor Dr., Pocono Manor, PA
- **July 17** Evening Ice Cream Ride, Ben P at 6PM, location TBD
- **August 7** Moribundi lunch at 12:30PM, location TBD
- **August 14** club meeting at 6PM to eat, 7:30 meeting, location Our House Tavern, 420 Adelphia Road, Farmingdale
- **August 21** Evening Ice Cream Ride, Ben P at 6PM, location TBD
- **August 30** Fingerlakes Rally, all day, loca-

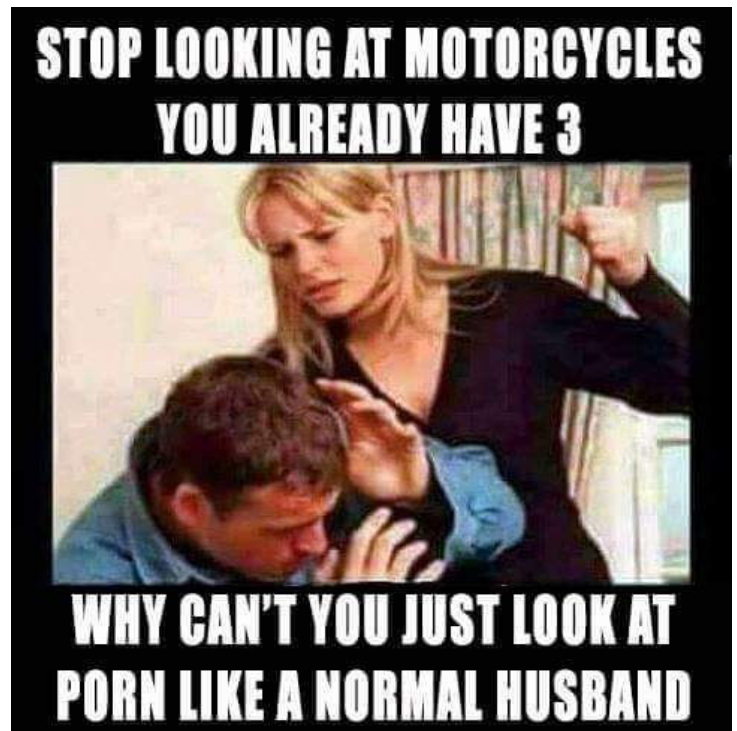
tion Watkins Glen, NY

- **September 1-2** Finger Lakes Rally, all day, location Watkins Glen, NY
- **September 4** Moribundi lunch at 12:30PM, location TBD
- **September 5-8** BMW RA National Rally, all day, location Woodstock, VA
- **September 11** club meeting at 6PM to eat, 7:30 meeting, location Our House Tavern, 420 Adelpia Road, Farmingdale
- **September 18** Evening Ice Cream Ride, Ben P at 6PM, location TBD
- **September 20-22** New Sweden BMW Club's Last Chance Rally, all day, location Buena NJ
- **September 20-22** Oktoberfest, Catskills - Don, Dan and ALL the club! More Info Here, all day, location Crystal Brook Resort, Round Top, NY
- **October 2** Moribundi lunch at 12:30PM, location TBD
- **October 9** club meeting at 6PM to eat, 7:30 meeting, location Our House Tavern, 420 Adelpia Road, Farmingdale
- **November 6** Moribundi lunch at 12:30PM, location TBD
- **November 13** club meeting at 6PM to eat, 7:30 meeting, location Our House Tavern, 420 Adelpia Road, Farmingdale
- **December 4** Moribundi lunch at 12:30PM, location TBD
- **December 11** club meeting at 6PM to eat, 7:30 meeting, location Our House Tavern, 420 Adelpia Road, Farmingdale
- **Date to be determined** – Club Holiday Party, more to come.
- **Date to be determined** – Club Toy Run, Children's Hospital, Toms River. More to come!

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.



March 2019 Meeting Agenda

- 1 - Call to order (7:30 - Roger)
- 2 - Welcome new/returning members (Roger)
- 3 - Treasurer's Report (Joe K)
- 4 - Secretary's Report on Membership and renewals (Jim T)
- 5 - OLD and CONTINUING BUSINESS
 - a) PCa Fundraiser Status - Don
- 6 - NEW BUSINESS
 - a)
- 7 - Open Floor – Anyone?
- 8 - 50/50 drawing (Joe K)

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

At our March Meeting, March 13th

Jim T

We had a guest speaker, Mike Thomasey, a lieutenant and an EMT in the Hackensack Fire Department, He made a presentation of first-aid techniques useful in case of an accident.

As part of the presentation, he demonstrated tourniquet use for bleeding control including commercially available tourniquets and how

to make an improvised tourniquet. He showed the proper helmet removal techniques with special attention paid to cervical spine considerations.

There was also a CPR demonstration just so everyone has an idea of how to administer it if the situation arrives.

Mike was happy to answer any questions from the audience.



Mike demonstrating tourniquet on J. Grant Duncan.

There was also some urging for him to demonstrate the use of one for a bleeding head injury on Grant.

Thanks MUCH to Mike for the great presentation!

Found on the web Insurance Info

Editor

The following message was part of a discussion on the IBMWR emailing list. This shows the value of having a good agent for your insurance coverage – an agent can advise you on changes like this:

Progressive has long had an option on their motorcycle policy called Accessory Coverage which covers things like tank bags, custom seats, GPSes, helmets, riding gear, etc.. Standard coverage is \$500 of accessories and you can add on up to \$3000 coverage. As many of us have lots of expensive farkles on our bikes, this is pretty useful protection.

In my latest renewal was a notice that included this important item:

Safety Riding Apparel Coverage

We're introducing a new coverage for riding apparel! Your new Safety Riding Apparel coverage provides protection for your helmet, eye wear, gloves, jacket, leathers and boots in the event of a claim.

However, because of this new coverage, these items will no longer be protected under your Accessory coverage.

\$500 of protection is automatically included with your Safety Riding Apparel coverage. Please review your new Safety Riding Apparel and existing Accessory coverage limits to make sure you have the right amount of coverage.

If needed, you can increase your Safety Riding Apparel coverage limits in \$500 increments up to \$3,000.

So if you have an expensive Aerostich riding suit, and a fancy Schuberth helmet, and pricey kangaroo leather gloves, all of which

was covered under your \$3000 add-on Accessory Coverage, only \$500 of it will be covered now. You may want to add on some of that Safety Riding Apparel Coverage (and maybe remove some of the Accessory Coverage).

Sadly, I have no hint as to how much this will cost, because my policy doesn't renew until April, and right now their website doesn't give me an option for Safety Riding Apparel Coverage.

Disclaimer - this is Progressive, in Illinois, and your policy may vary.

A converse viewpoint might be – that Progressive has enhanced their policies for those people who have not selected “Accessory Coverage” in the past by providing this coverage.

This points out to me the importance of having someone knowledgeable help select motorcycle insurance coverage. I'm sure Greg Wright would be happy to discuss this with members.

Kicking Tires: The BMW C Evolution Electric Scooter

Ben P., roving electric reporter



At the recent New York International Motorcycle Show, I saw BMW again displaying the C Evolution scooter. I cut to the chase and

asked one of the BMW Motorrad attendants if the scooter is now available in New Jersey. Yes, he said. I spotted Maire from Cross Country Motorsports and she confirmed that the dealership has one in stock.

Towards the end of January, during a break from the polar vortex, I drove up to Metuchen to see if I can take the C Evolution for a spin. There was a tall guy from Montenegro (country just north of Albania) who seemed like he also wanted to try it out, possibly even bidding up the price if it came down to who gets it. Anyway, since I asked first, I got first dibs.

First, the numbers: \$14k, 48 hp, 53 lb-ft torque, 606 lbs, 99 mile range, 2.8 sec 0-30, 80 mph max speed, 3.5 hours to fully charge with Level 2 charging station at 240 volts.

I won't mention anything about what it would be like to live with this bike other than running costs would be very low, and it would only make sense if your riding needs can be met by its capabilities.

Now to the ride itself. So after the quick schpiel on operation and features (of which it has many), off I go onto public roads. I start off in Eco mode to familiarize myself with the throttle action, acceleration and handling. This would be the range maximizing mode so it curtails performance. It felt like maybe a 300cc motorcycle, totally adequate and non-threatening, with a remarkably well-tuned throttle. At about 37F degree ambient temperature, I noticed about 76 miles of range at 100% battery charge displayed on the colorful TFT dash.

I rode through Metuchen's downtown to check out low speed handling. Despite the heavy 600-pound weight, the batteries are situated low so it was easy to maneuver in traffic and parking lots. It has 15-inch wheels so it mimicked the feel of a motorcycle.

I soon noticed at the first stop that the seat height is quite high. I needed to move forward

to the front of the saddle to have any chance of flat-footing the scooter.

I switched the mode to Dynamic at a stoplight once I felt confident that there were no surprises in riding the C Evo. Light turns green and zoom, I'm gone! As expected, acceleration was very brisk. Not as manic as a Zero SR, which will induce an involuntary "oh shit!" but quick enough to outrun most cars. The BMW features some form of traction control, something that Zero bikes don't have. This feature would preserve one's ego when foolishly wicking up acceleration whilst in a curve (I've been denied a test ride on a Zero DSR adventure bike because another K1600 rider low-sided doing just that during a demo day).

I decided to go on the highway to see what she's got. I take the entrance to I-287 and quickly achieve max velocity. The speedo read over 80mph. I'll go out on a limb and say it was more effortless getting to 85 than my K1600 (which, I've heard, has a much higher top end, wink wink).

The C Evolution was very stable at speed with good mirrors to aid in merging. I think the turn signals were self-canceling. Another thing I noticed were that my hands were borderline hot from the heated handgrips. The short windscreen threw air about shoulder height. I exited to Route 1N so I can repeat the highway run going the other way on I-287. This little portion highlighted the scooter's regenerative braking. For the whole ride, I barely touched the brakes.

Mikey K won't be replacing pads too often on this bike. By the time I turned off back into Metuchen, the battery was down to 61 miles of range at 72% battery charge. I noticed faster battery depletion rates at high speeds.

Back at Cross Country, I park the bike for the next guy. The C Evolution had one more delightful surprise: Reverse Assist. Even with the high seat and heavy weight, backing up was easy as pie. Just watch your throttle. I'm not

so sure it won't go 80-mph in reverse.

Overall, I enjoyed riding the highest performing scooter in the world. It was comfortable, thrilling to ride and exuded quality BMW workmanship and materials.

So the question everybody wants to ask: BMW or Zero? I think that the C Evolution meets my needs just as well as any Zero does for a lower price. The factor that might tip things in BMW's favor is that I like looking at it more than a Zero.

Oh, so the question you guys really want to ask: did I buy it? The answer is no. At least not yet. I'm keeping my fingers crossed though.

Modern Classics Motorcycle Show

Bill Dudley

On Saturday, March 2, Mike Kowal, Zhao and I drove to Martin Motorsports in Boyertown, PA, for their annual Modern Classics Motorcycle Show. This is the first non-riding motorcycle event of the year in the New Jersey area; the first time one gets to re-connect with riding buddies one only sees at events and rallies. I saw Airhead BMW people, Norton people, AMCA people, VJMC (Vintage Japanese MC) people and more on Saturday.



I to r: Kowal, Bob Price, Zhao, Rob Price (PA Airmarshal), Bill Dudley (NJ Airmarshal)

Martin Motorcycles curates these events;

these are not just "run what ya' brung" events. This year, the "high-light" of the show was a 1939 Crocker, about which I heard that the owner paid in the neighborhood of \$700,000 for. The Crocker looks like an old Harley -- v-twin etc etc; the value is purely in the rarity, as very few were manufactured and fewer still have survived.



Bob Henig of Bob's BMW examines a Norton Domiracer

Bob Henig from Bob's BMW was there, enjoying the exhibits like everybody else, plus he had a 1969 R69S on display; it was an extremely rare blue metal-flake bike.

There was a small gaggle of "gray market" Canadian-sourced two stroke sport bikes.

Another grouping consisted of a half-dozen police bikes; 3 KZ1000's, a BMW RT-P, a Harley servicar, and an LAPD Moto Guzzi Ambassador.

The Martin Moto show had a theme this year (as they usually do); it was "Class of 1969". Bikes from 1969 are 50 years old this year, and there were lots of great bikes from that era that most of us (in NJSBMWR) remember from our high-school/college years.

It's arguable hard to justify attending this show, as from the Jersey shore it takes 2 hours of driving each way, to attend a show at

which you'll probably spend around 2 hours schmoozing and looking at bikes. On the other hand, it's March, the weather is crappy and cold, and it's too much trouble to even heat up the garage so one can work in there. So why not go to the show?



Zhao photographing me photographing Todd Trumbore's LAPD Moto Guzzi Ambassador

After we had seen everything and talked to everyone, we drove the half mile or so to the Americana Diner, which is a decent chrome-style diner just north of Martin Motorsports, and had lunch.



What is this? Is Joe Karol praying to....or fixing "hi-tech guru" Bill Dudley's Guzi ?

Airheads BMW Supertech Feb 1,2,3

Bill Dudley

The weekend of Feb 1,2,3, Mike Kowal and I and 60 other Airhead BMW owners converged on the Boyertown Museum in Boyertown, PA for the Airheads Supertech. Supertech is a full weekend of seminars on repair of Airheads, taught by BMW owners and mechanics. Last year, Mike Kowal gave a talk on restoration, and I have given talks on several subjects.



The Boyertown Museum is an old truck "coach" factory, that has been turned into a decent museum devoted to cars, motorcycles, bicycles, etc. There's also an old Diner in the museum, which is sometimes used "as a diner" on "Diner Day", an annual event at the museum.



Seminars were given during the day on Saturday, and also Sunday morning. Lunch and dinner Saturday were catered in. Saturday evening Robert "Snowbum" Fleischer talked about his history in motorcycling, which was fascinating.

The event was run by the PA Airheads, who did an excellent job, including arranging for enough door prizes that everyone got at least one door prize, and many got two door prizes.

I attend this event every year because it's a fun social outing in the grim days in mid winter. I get to renew my acquaintance with many of my Airhead buddies from around the North-East. Oh, and I often learn something about BMWs.

**before I
ride my
bike**

**after I ride
my bike**



None of us are getting out of here alive, so please stop treating yourself like an after thought. Eat the delicious food. Walk in the sunshine. Jump in the ocean. Say the truth that you're carrying in your heart like hidden treasure. **Be silly. Be kind. Be weird.** There's no time for anything else.

Anthony Hopkins

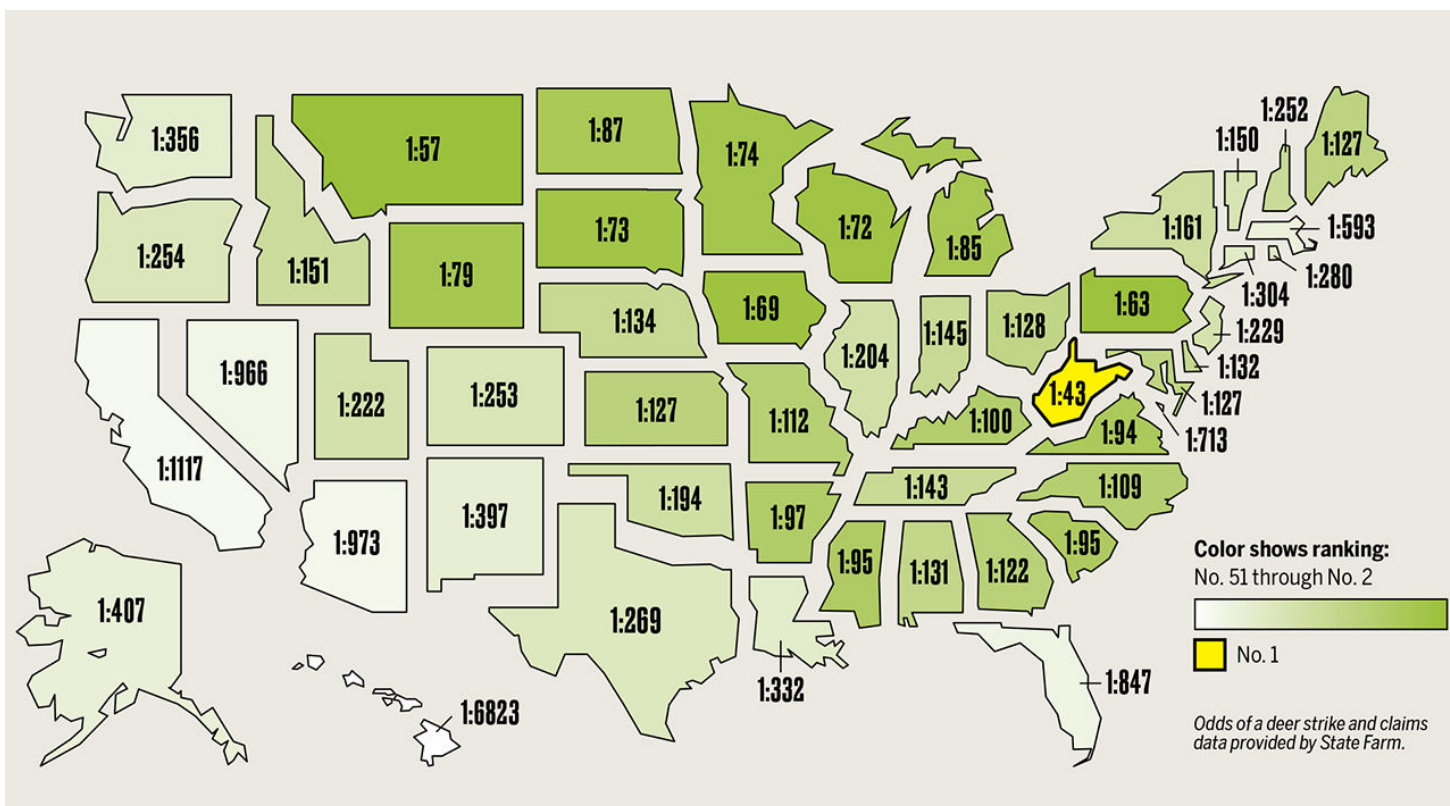


If there comes a little thaw,
Still the air is chill and raw,
Here and there a patch of snow,
Dirtier than the ground below,
Dribbles down a marshy flood;
Ankle-deep you stick in mud In the meadows
while you sing,
"This is Spring."

Christopher Pearce Cranch, A Spring Growl



c. 1916 Florence, Lady Norman traveling on her motor scooter to the offices, which she supervises as a war-worker, London. Paul Thompson/FPG/ Archive Photos/Getty Images



Deer Strike Chances: Worth considering.. WV is worst, followed closely by PA. Guess I just have to ride to California, since it seems much safer there!

Monthly Meeting – March 13th

Our House Restaurant : 420 Adelphia Rd., Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727 . Tel # [732-938-5159](tel:732-938-5159)



Eat @ 6PM

Business meeting starts at 7:30PM

Our House, 420 Adelphia Road, Farmingdale