

**November 2019**

# NEW JERSEY SHORE BMW RIDERS Inc

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"In the end, what matters most is how much do you want to hang onto life while you are actually living it.

How much will you pay to avoid a bad roll of the dice?

The insurance isn't much - just buy a car.

The true cost is subtle and ironic, for by caving to fear you insure that you will die by inches instead of yards. You avoid what you desire, and the avoidance kills you just as surely as the risk, albeit more slowly."

- Bob Higdon. *The Higdon Chronicles: Iron Butts, Airheads, and My Life Behind Bars (Volume Two)*

"Anyone who stops learning is old, whether twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young. The greatest thing you can do is keep your mind young." - Mark Twain

"America is the only country that went from barbarism to decadence without civilization in between." - Oscar Wilde

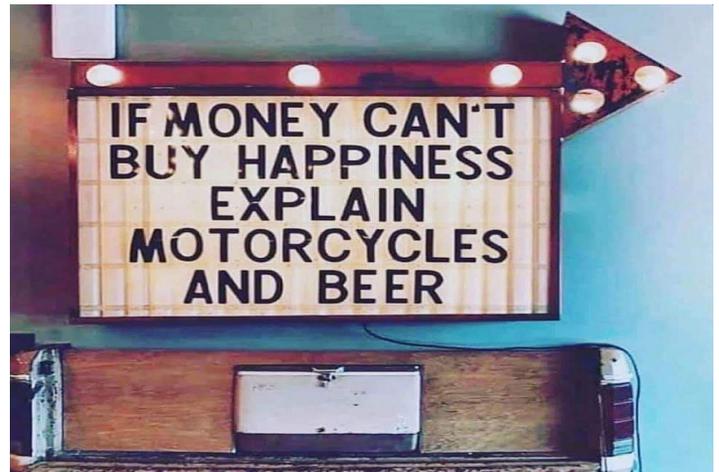
"I travel not to go anywhere, but to go. I travel for travel's sake. The great affair is to move." - Robert Lewis Stevenson

"Battle not with monsters, lest ye become a monster, and if you gaze into the abyss, the abyss gazes also into you." - Friedrich Nietzsche

"The time to ensure that the toilet works is before you really need it." - Anon

"Something that involves travel, that is all I ever wanted to do. I want to be a professional 'vacationist.'" - Alison Armitrage

BMW Motorcycle Club  
New Jersey Shore



## CO-President's Message

*Bill Dudley, November President*

I just flew in from Beijing, and boy, are my arms tired.

Yes, I'm back from Beijing, though wife Zhao is still there with her family. I'm happy to be home, away from the unrelenting weirdness that is China.

This visit, we investigated getting me a Chinese drivers license. China is not a signatory to the agreement that makes an international drivers permit useful (but Taiwan is). So you can't legally drive in China unless you get a proper license. After visiting two DMV offices (one in the suburbs, one in Beijing), we found that if I showed my NJ license and my passport, and passed the written test, I'd be issued a license. However, China won't issue a motorcycle license to anyone over 60 years of age! What a bummer that was! It's not clear I'll bother to get a license, because driving a car there isn't "fun" by any stretch.

Even without riding a motorcycle this visit, a few things happened that are of interest to the motorcyclist.

One morning, we walked into the little pedestrian mall near where we were staying, to find about a half dozen local motorcycles gathered in prepara-

tion for their Saturday ride.

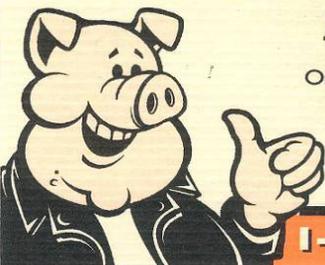


Of course, Zhao and I stopped to visit, and using Zhao as my translator, I chatted with these guys. Their bikes were all different brands, and all "mid-sized" or smaller.



(Suzuki GW250F, Suzuki V-Strom (250?), Haojue (250?)) The most interesting bike (to me) was a 600cc Benelli sport tourer. The Benelli name was bought by a Chinese company, Qianjiang Group (so says Google) so this is an home market bikes.

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None the less, these guys were proud to have an



"Italian" motorcycle. I won't judge; some modern Triumphs are made in Thailand, but we consider them English motorcycles.

Also noteworthy about these motorcyclists was their gear (clothing). One guy was wearing what looked like a BMW riding suit, which must have cost him a small fortune. Everybody else had a proper armored riding jacket, but since you can't get armored pants in China, most were wearing cloth pants, but had strap-on knee and ankle "armor" over the pants. This could have been hockey or football stuff, for all I know.

All had full face helmets, which is fairly rare amongst Chinese riders. Most scooter riders either have no helmet, or a shorty (half) helmet.

I offered to act as intermediary and purchase gear in the US and ship it to them. Two of the guys exchanged WeChat info with me, and the next day, they took Zhao and I to lunch in their car. There I was able to show them the aerostich, CycleGear, and newenough.com web sites, to show them what was available. I don't know if they'll pursue this.

## 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!**

- **November 6** Moribundi lunch at 12:30PM, location TBD
- **November 13** club meeting at 6PM to eat, 7:30 meeting, location Our House Restaurant, 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 Restaurant, 420 Adelpia Road, Farmingdale
- **December 7th** – Club Holiday Party, 6PM, Rods, Sea Girt
- **December 8th** – Club Toy Run, Children's Hospital, Toms River. 10AM, DMV inspection station Rt 70, Lakewood

*The calendar is also available here, with more detail: [www.njsbmwr.org/calendar.cgi](http://www.njsbmwr.org/calendar.cgi)*

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

## Annual Club Picnic – October 13<sup>th</sup>

Was an outstanding event, and we were pleased to have a significant couple participation. Thanks must be given to Ed Gerber and his lovely wife Mattie for hosting the picnic. Their lovely backyard was the perfect venue. And we have to thank Mike K for being the cook extraordinaire – and purchasing all the food.

It was a great gathering of both old and new members, and if you weren't there – you missed a very nice club event.

## Three Club Rumble – October 6th

Was hosted by Skylands Riders this year, at a picnic area near Round Valley reservoir. It was a great location, and Skylands outdid themselves providing food and drink for the other NJ clubs.

The NJ Shore contingent was about 14 members (and spouses.) In prior years we'd often take the award for biggest club in attendance, not this year.

2020 is our turn to host. We should start planning for it early in the year. Find a spot to hold it, people to get it organized and encourage a pot-luck-dinner sort of event with members providing samples of their favorite quiziine.

## Ride for the Cure! 2020?

*Don Eilenberger*



Since the initial Ride for the Cure! was a success, the Chair and Vice-Chair (Don and Ed) are considering doing it again, with a bit more time to make it happen.

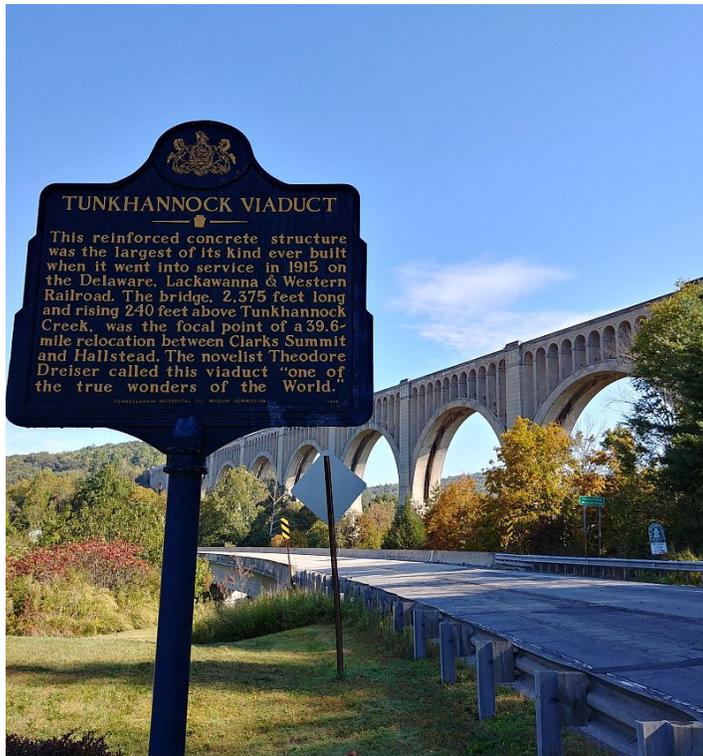
We'll be looking for volunteers to help and ideas to make it better. More to be discussed in January 2020.

## Tuckhannock Viaduct, Oct 26<sup>th</sup>

*Jonathan Blair*



Last Saturday, my work was canceled. So why not ride out to a cool sight?



The Tunkhannock Viaduct is located in Nicholson, PA. Construction was finished in 1915. The bridge is 2375 feet long, 34 feet wide, and 300 feet high at it's tallest. At the time it was constructed, it was the largest concrete structure in the world.

In order to make it out there quickly, I made haste on the GSP, 287, 78, PA-33, 80, 380, and 81 north of Scranton. My GPS then took me onto PA 107. After turning onto Farnham Rd, I hit a detour which took me on miles of interesting dirt roads. After returning to Farnham Rd, I made my way to Hwy 92 and US 11. There is a nice overlook where you can view the viaduct. It's quite huge and a sight to behold.

The way back home was where I planned on taking my time and riding some nice roads. For brevity, the route was:

- US 11 S
- US 81 S
- US 6 E through Honesdale
- left on Beach Lake Hwy
- right on Bethel School Rd
- right on Adams Pond Rd to the end
- right on Perkins Pond Rd to the end
- right on Welcome Lake Rd

- left on Masthope Plank Rd. follows the Delaware River. (What an awesome road!)
- left on PA 590 where Kelly Rd meets Masthope Plank Rd
- left on Lackawaxen Rd to continue riding along the Delaware River / follow it to the end
- right on PA 434
- left on Knealing Rd
- right on Twin Lakes Rd / follow it until it intersects with US 6
- left on US 6
- right on Sawkill Rd / follow it to the end
- left on CR 2001 / follow it until it turns into Mill St and intersects with W Harford St
- right on W Harford St / follow it straight through town
- left onto US 206 and cross the bridge into NJ

There are myriad wonderful roads in the area.



I took some southeast through High Point State Park and southwest through Stokes State Forest, ending up on Walpack Flatbrook Rd (National Park Service Rd 615). Then I turned left onto Old

Mine Rd and made another left onto Flatbrook Stillwater Rd. Take this to the end and turn left onto Skyline Dr. This is a rough gravel road that ultimately dead ends at Crater Lake.

There are some really wonderful pull outs to stop and admire the view on the right side of the road along the way.



After visiting Crater Lake, I turned around and made my way home. It was about a 380 mile day. I'm trying to win that mileage competition!

## Trip tips

Hints from other members on how to make your next trip more enjoyable.. *Roger T*



Last month's newsletter featured suggestions/leanings for motorcycle traveling... things that work our well by both Bill D and Don E. Based on comments from several of our members, I thought we could continue this discussion for at least another month by printing more traveling suggestions by our members.

**Overnight bag-** By packing an overnight bag and lashing it on the seat behind me, it is convenient to pull one bag when arriving at a hotel. This is for my short term clothes (less than a week traveling clothes .... My long term clothes are in my right pannier. by Roger T

**Mechanical Check-List** --You're only as strong as your weakest link. If traveling with a group, I suggest an Audit of every ones mechanical fitness for the length of trip, prior to your adventure.

- Tires with enough tread to do the WHOLE trip.
- Oil changed.
- Fluids checked.
- Brake pads within tolerances for WHOLE trip.
- Cables adjusted.
- Check loose nuts and bolts.
- Maps in hand (helps orient you with your GPS.)
- Tire gauge that's accurate.

If you wash and detail prior to your trip, you will find other items that need attention. Ask Mike to give it a going over. by Gregory Wright



**Packing Map & List** – For the first several years I began riding again (around 2000) for long distance rides, I couldn't remember where I packed stuff on the bike.

Right pannier, right pannier #2 (#3, #4, #3 lower, etc.), left pannier, left pannier #2 (etc), Trunk,

top-trunk, tank bag, tank side bags, sack on seat behind me, etc.

So I made an overhead graphic view of my bike and notes what each bag/storage compartment would carry. It's not as necessary now since my repetitive learning has kicked in..(I'm now experienced packing stuff in the same place). I remember where my long and short term clothes are located, quick access tools vs detailed tools, lube, liquids, rags, spare riding clothes/gloves. In fact from as part of this exercise I produced a complete 2 page check-off list of all the stuff I need to take for cool and warm weather. I still use the check list today. Contact me if you want a copy.. by Roger T

**Parking Lot Hotel Reservations** – Following up on Don's and Bill's suggestion for using Hotel reservations and points to save money , many times I make my hotel reservation from the parking lot by using the hotel phone app. It is almost always cheaper than getting a room at the front desk and you get points credit quicker. Reservations using the app are very quick so by the time I get off my bike and remove riding suit, the reservation has arrived at the hotel desk.

Keep the ideas/experience coming - email me any suggestions! [rtrendowski@verizon.net](mailto:rtrendowski@verizon.net)

## **Annual Holiday Banquet 2019 December 7th, 6PM**

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*RD Swanson*

Shore Riders will again gather at Rod's Olde Irish Tavern in Sea Girt to celebrate a year of motorcycle riding, friendship, adventure and good times.

The club will subsidize a member's (in good-standing) and one partner's ticket to lower the cost. The date is December 7th and the time is 6PM.

The meal is buffet style with a nice selection of goodies, salad, soup and dessert. Drinks are supplied on a cash basis.

Capt.Mike will present trophies based on motorcycle exploits and other such nonsense. Roger will tally an ever-diminishing record of yearly miles and award gilt-edged, suitable-for-framing certificates. We had booked the Vienna Boy's Chorus for entertainment, but the lack of space

forced a cancellation. Instead Grant will lead us in two-part harmony.

The cost per ticket is \$25. If you want to attend you will need to pay Joe Karol with cash or check. Make the check payable to the NJ Shore BMW Riders Inc. The payment needs to be in Joe's possession by Dec. 1st. You may bring a check to Joe at the November meeting or send the check to Joe at 60 Maxwell Drive, Wall Twsp, NJ 07719



## **Richie Candrilli, RIP**

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*Editor*

As all of you undoubtedly know - it was a shock last month when the news that Richie had suddenly passed away arrived at our email list. Many people had been with Richie just a few days before.

Richie was one of the most enthusiastic riders I know of - he was coming to our Saturday breakfasts from Staten Island quite regularly. He attended about every club event we've had for the past year. He was always willing to pitch in and help make things happen.

It is my understanding that Richie's wife passed away a few years ago, and to help fill that void he started riding again, going out and buying a new R1200RT waterhead. He was then found at our annual Oktoberfest, trips to the RA and MOA rallies, Finger Lakes and others.

Ride-on Richie. May a gentle wind be at your

back and all your roads be twisty. I, and the club will miss your cheerful and enthusiastic participation in our club and our lives. It was really a pleasure and honor knowing you.

## **Nominations for Officers**

*Don (in Trustee role)*

At the last meeting I asked for some assistance from the other Trustees in putting up names for officers for 2020. I received a number of suggestions for Vice President, none for Secretary or Treasurer. I also approached one member about being President, but I don't expect to hear if he'd be willing to do it until our next meeting. My goal (hopefully shared by the other trustees) was to try to find a less mature (under 65) candidate for President, with an experienced member (who perhaps has served as an officer before) for Vice-President.

I would encourage ANYONE who would be willing to help out the club by providing leadership to make yourself known before or at the November meeting. If there is more than one person interested in a position - we can use a secret ballot to vote who we want in that position.

The club could use some new ideas and new energy moving forward. While many events have been ably handled by the same person/people for years - there has to be consideration if they're worth continuing, and if so, can they be done without relying on just one person to lead the event.

If anyone has ideas, wants to discuss this - please DO reach out to me, hopefully before our November meeting. We'd love to have some contested positions this year.

## **October meeting notes**

*Jim T (Secty)*

At the October 9th meeting it was reported that we have about \$1480 in the treasury and we presently have 68 members. This month is the beginning of the sign up season and we hope everyone continues their membership. You can fill out the enclosed membership form and return to Jim Thomasey with your check or sign up online using our PayPal portal.

Also discussed at the meeting:

The 3 Club Rumble n hosted by Skylands was discussed at the meeting with emphasis on the light attendance from the Shore Riders Club and the terrific food and atmosphere supplied by the host club.

The sudden passing of our member Rich Candrilli on October 7. The club made a donation of \$50 and there were private donations of over \$100 made to the ASPCA in his memory.

Officer elections are coming up again and all members are asked to participate in the process.

The Ride for the Cure which raised over \$10,000 will continue with everyone invited to share their ideas to make it an even better event next year.

The club picnic was hosted by Ed Gerber and his wife at their lovely home this year. About 15 members and wives were treated to good food and conversation on a sunny day at a great location in Interlaken. Thanks again to Ed and Madeleine for hosting.

Grant Duncan was the winner of the 50/50

## **Membership Renewal 2020**

It's that time of year again. Your dues are due in November, and your 2019 membership expires on 12/31/2019.

What's a membership get you? The monthly newsletter, notices of meetings, a free annual picnic, a significant discount on the annual Holiday Festive Gathering, and the welcome to join other club organized activities, meetings and rides.

All for \$20 (\$25 if you want the newsletter mailed to you.)

The renewal form is in the newsletter, or you can go and do a renewal on-line using your credit-card or a PayPal account (there is a small handling charge we pay to PayPal to offer this service, so the dues amounts are slightly higher.) The on-line renewal can be found at: <https://www.njsbmwr.org/Membership/application.html>

If you want to use the printed form - you can

bring it with a check or cash to our November meeting.

We ask that EVERY member fill out a renewal form, either the one in this newsletter or the one on-line, since this gives us the information needed to true up our database of members, with current addresses, phone numbers and email addresses.

## **Toy Run 2019, December 8th, 10AM**

*Jim Thomasey*

It's almost time for everyone's favorite winter event, the annual Toy Run being held this year on December 8, 2019.

This ride benefits the children of The Specialized Children's Hospital of Toms River. The hospital is located at 94 Stevens Rd., Toms River NJ 08755 for those travelling directly there.

We will again meeting at the DMV/MVC station on Rt 70 west and Tobin Ave. at 10AM for coffee

and donuts before taking the short trip to the hospital.

The children of the hospital are always excited to see and hear the bikes when the weather allows them outside. Any unwrapped toy is welcome and will be distributed by the cordial and caring staff members to a child or a family member. All toys are welcomed with the exception of stuffed animals or any item which would not be conducive to a hospital setting.

The Toy Run takes place the morning after our Holiday Dinner so you may bring your gifts to the dinner and they will be brought to the hospital.

Our club with the cooperation of members from Skylands and New Sweden have always been generous and supportive of this ride and I thank everyone in advance for their participation this year.

We usually stop and have lunch together after the visit to the hospital. Plan to join us!

## Monthly Meeting – November 13<sup>th</sup>

### **Our House Restaurant**

420 Adelpia Road (Rt 524), Farmingdale, NJ

**Our House Restaurant : 420 Adelpia Rd., Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727 . Tel # [732.938.5159](tel:732.938.5159)**



**Eat @ 6PM**

**Business meeting starts at 7:30PM**

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# New Jersey Shore BMW Riders Inc.

## Membership/Renewal Application – 2020

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Significant Others Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**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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