

**December 2019**

# NEW JERSEY SHORE BMW RIDERS Inc

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**BMW Motorcycle Club**  
New Jersey Shore



## **Co-President's Message**

*Roger T.*

December holidays are coming soon. As "mature adults" this is the time we can think "like kids" again. What do we want for Christmas? MOTORCYCLE STUFF of course. Like our kids, grandkids, nieces, and nephews, we are experts in dropping hints for what we want. There's plenty of stuff a biker absolutely needs to enjoy his/her obsession.... gloves, tees, helmet, mirrors, tank bag, exhaust system, GPS, 3-season jacket, pants, armor, etc etc.. and the list goes on and on. Just check out any recent motorcycle magazine and vendor catalog for plenty of ideas.

So here are some suggestions how to drop hints to your love ones: (Think of how you did this in yesteryear.) Leave issues of past MC magazines around your home in the kitchen, living room, and bathroom of course. Dog-ear the pages where your bootie is clearly identified; circle the high-priority items; leave your worn-out gloves and boots on the car seat; gently place some broken items in the top of the kitchen trash can, and remember the great one..... get on the phone, in hearing-distance from your loved-one, and tell your buddy how many this-and-that are broken

"The people of Lake Wobegon, as Garrison Keillor says, know this: Time, like money, is a relative, elusive concept. It doesn't matter how much you've spent. All that matters is how much you have left. Aside from a few terrified felons on death row and Saddam Hussein's food tasters, most of us sail along with an uncertain budget, unclear of what we've already tossed away, uneasy about what remains."

"Enter John Charles Ryan.

Engravers use diamonds to inscribe the hardest substances on the planet. One day I'm going to use John Ryan's head to inscribe a diamond. He is the prototypical embodiment of the expression "My way or the highway", except his way actually is the highway and it doesn't matter one microgram of logic to him that you or eight highway departments say they know about that road, its weather, its condition or its history. He has done, as they say on Wall Street, his due diligence. His research tells him it's time to go. He goes. Your job at that point is to shut up and get out of his way."

*Both the above from are from the Higdon Chronicals, Volume Two, Robert E. Higdon.*

"Build a man a fire, and he'll be warm for a day. Set a man on fire, and he'll be warm for the rest of his life." *Terry Pratchett*

"Anytime you see a turtle up on top of a fence post, you know he had some help." - *Alex Haley*

"There is a certain freedom in having nothing left to lose." - *Anon*

and worn out. Just don't pull the phone away from your ear or else someone is likely hear dial tone.

Actually the best method to get what you need want is to buy items yourself at the dealer or on-line and let your kids/spouse wrap it. (You'll probably have to pay for them anyway.)

No matter how you accomplish this critical holiday task, enjoy your gifts and may your holidays be filled with Joy and MC stuff.

## **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!**

- **December 4** Moribundi lunch at 12:30PM, location TBD
- **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
- **December 11** club meeting at 6PM to eat, 7:30 meeting, location Our House Restaurant, 420 Adelphia Road, Farmingdale

*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.*

## **How to write for the newsletter:**

*Don (Editor)*

I thought I'd throw this out – since it would make assembling the newsletter MUCH easier if people followed these guidelines.

- **Send your article as a plain text file.** I know people love to format the articles using a word processor and drop in the photos where they want them so appear – but that just makes a LOT of work for me.



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When I receive an article formatted that way – I have to disassemble it into a plain-text file, and individual photos, that I generally edit and enhance so they highlight the point of the article.

To make it easier on the editor – once you've created your masterpiece in your word-processor, if you're using a PC – go over to the search field (lower left corner of your screen usually) and type "notepad" - it will pop up with a link that will start notepad for you. I'm sure there is a similar simple text editor for a MAC, but I don't have one handy to check.

Then copy all the TEXT from your article in the word processor (highlight it with your mouse, and use CTRL/C to copy it. You can then click in Notepad and use CTRL/V to paste the text into Notepad. That removes all the custom formatting that I don't need.

You can then save that text file – and email it to me as the article text.

- **Edit and resize your photos.** You probably have no idea how frustrating it is to sit waiting for 5 or more 10mb files to download to my email program. This happens EVERY newsletter. And its' unnecessary.

I'm sure you have some sort of photo editor on your PC (or MAC) – I use a freeware one called "Irfanview" - an excellent program that has been around for at least 20 years, and is regularly improved on by the author.

**CROP:** Take the photo you'd like to send for the newsletter and open it in Irfanview. First step is to crop it to the essential reason for sending it. If it's a group shot – if there is 10 foot of space and a ceiling fan above people's heads – crop that out. It just distracts the viewer. In Irfanview, that is done by drawing a box around the part of the photo you want to keep, then hitting CTRL/Y to

remove everything not inside the box.

If it's a bike for sale, and someones feet are in the bottom of the photo – crop them out, crop tightly around the subject (the bike) of the photo.

**RESIZE:** In Irfanview if you use CTRL/R – a window will pop up allowing you to resize the photo. In that window there will be two numbers, one for the horizontal pixel count and one for the vertical pixel count. Change whichever is biggest to 800 – the other one will resize itself to keep the photo in proportion. Then save the picture – the saved one is the one to send to me.

An example of cropping:



**Original Photo**



**Cropped photo**

Can you see how the cropped photo concentrates on the subject(s) – the members who made it to the Breakfast Club this past Saturday?

- **Sending the article/photos to me:** I'm going to ask Bill to make up a new email redirect for our club – [editor@njsbmwr.org](mailto:editor@njsbmwr.org) – which will send anything arriving there to whoever is working as the editor.

Thanks for your cooperation making the editors job a bit easier.

## **Minutes of the NJ Shore BMW Riders Meeting, Wednesday November 13.**

The meeting was called to order a few minutes earlier than normal to allow time for the end of meeting nominations and choosing of the new club officers.

We welcomed a returning member, Peter Bartos who was attending his first meeting in about a decade. Welcome back Pete!

The treasurer reported we have about \$1400 in the club account. This will allow for \$300 to be donated to the Children's Specialized Hospital donation in December and a disbursement for the trophies to be awarded at the holiday dinner. The dinner will be held December 7 at Rod's Tavern in Sea Girt. Members and guests are invited at \$25 each.

The annual toy run will be held the next day, December 8 at 10 AM with members meeting at the DMV station in Lakewood at the intersection of RT70 west and Tobin Ave.

Other business discussed was the upcoming bike show in NY to be held the weekend of December 6,7, and 8.

Roger reminded everyone who signed up for the mileage contest to send him the mileage for EACH bike up to 3 bikes. An email reminder will go out to send him the mileage by November 30.

Bill Dudley mentioned the upcoming BMW Air-head SuperTech session to be held in Boyertown PA on Super Bowl weekend.

Roger updated all dinner attendees with the goings from the recent BMW-MOA board meeting. He mentioned the new idea of monthly membership, a change to the mileage program and also said the BMW-MOA Anonymous book will soon be available as a phone app. It was also mentioned that BMW-MOA is considering an emergency contact profile where members can store their pertinent information to be accessed in the event of an emergency on the road.

New officers were chosen for the upcoming year and they are: Ed Gerber, President; Ben Paraan, V.P. Joe Karol will remain as the treasurer and Jim Thomasey will again be the Secretary.

The next MOA national rally will be held in Great Falls MT with the catchy tag line of "Saddle up and Ride".

The 50/50 was won by Mike Kowal while the free dinner ticket went to Grant Duncan with the meeting adjourning at 8PM

## **MC Packing & Traveling Ideas**

*Suggestions by Club Members*

In the last two newsletters, we featured suggestions for motorcycle traveling, maintenance, etc. Things that work well and save time. Here are some more from our members.



**1. Add lights** – This one is obvious, but use your imagination on how you do it. When you are traveling long distance or locally, add plenty of lighting in front and back. The benefit is obvious.. "be seen." even if adding front aux lights that don't add much to mid-night driving (unless you go for the high-end touring light manufacturers). A major cost is the bar that holds the lights. I've seen some aux lights affixed to the front forks or cylinder protectors instead of using a "bar". Also, my

rear pannier-lights are attached to my F800GS aluminum bags with Velcro and connectors so that I can easily remove the bags. Each rear LED light from eBay was less than \$15 and are very visible..

**2. Spare Key** – Loosing or misplacing your bike key is upsetting at the least. Of course you do this when you're on a trip and not near home. Many riders store their thin plastic backup key (if you are lucky to have one) in their wallet. I hide my key on the bike....taped behind my license plate, or under the seat (but new bikes have key locks for seats), in my tank bag,....wherever. I've used my spare BMW and trunk key several times after locking my key-ring in the trunk (trunk is not BMW key). Roger T

**3. Add a TPMS** – New bikes may come with an integrated Tire Pressure Monitoring System that displays front and rear tire pressure and maybe temperature. Some systems measure pressure instantly and other systems begin to measure after the wheels turn. Most systems have high and low pressure warnings and temperature warning. Tire pressure range varies greatly, sometimes by 5 lbs depending on how hot or cold the weather is. Some systems come with pressure/battery caps that screw onto the valve stems; other systems require the sensor inside the tire.

Some display devices require batteries, some are rechargeable, some wired to bike power. TPMS prices range from \$60 to a couple of hundred dollars. I use a system with chargeable display, valve stem external sensors and costs \$60 on Amazon... 3 years and still working OK

**4. Don't Over pack** -- I didn't understand (or listened to) "Helen Two-Wheels" seminars I attended at my first couple rallies. When I do a multi-day or week ride, I always over-packed as demonstrated by two large bags mounted on the seat behind me, and my panniers also stuffed to the brim. The advice I now follow is: layout on the floor all my short term and long term clothes, camping items (if required), tools and spare parts, electronic items and cords, maps etc. Then pull them items that are duplicates or that I don't really need (or can buy if I need to). Clothes are the biggest items to weed through. Basically I

ride in the same jeans, shirt for several days..... going and coming. My long term clothes are where I have extra clean stuff.

Refer to last month's recommendation to create a packing list to make sure you have it all. Roger T

**5. Layout Everything**--- In fewer words, Layout everything you need for the trip and take half. Ed Gerber

**6. Packing Boxes** – So called “travel boxes” are individual zippered cloth bags. They are a boon when living out of saddle bags. Put all your tee shirts in one bag, long sleeve shirts in another, etc. Everything stays in order...no jumbled clothes. Ed G

**7. Stay Fresh** --- If you know you need to have fresh clothes ready for each day, pack each days clothes in a separate one or two gallon zip lock bags. Each bag then becomes easy to grab and go in the AM , put your soiled clothes back in the used bag and you are on your way. Not having to search for everything is a big help in the dark. Jim Thomasey

**ZIPLOC** makes vacuum travel bags (meant for airline luggage) – you can sort your clothing, sit the air out of the bag and fit LOTS more into your limited space. It doesn't change the weight though.. Don E

**8. Water Bottle**---- Have a metal water bottle in the event you need to gather and boil stream water for drinking. Jim T. Also, eliminates plastic throw-aways to protect the environment and cheaper too refill water bottle.

**9. Freeze your water** – when travelling in hot climates (Mohave Desert for instance..) put your waterbottle in the motel refrigerator freezer. It will freeze into a block of ice, but it will also provide all day cold water as the ice melts. Just don't forget to pack it in the AM.. Don E

**10. Toilet Paper Spools & Lint** ---Dryer lint stuffed into used toilet paper spools is a quick, easy and light way to always have fire starting kindling with you on your bike. You can also carry wooden matches dipped in shellac to use in damp or wet conditions. Jim T

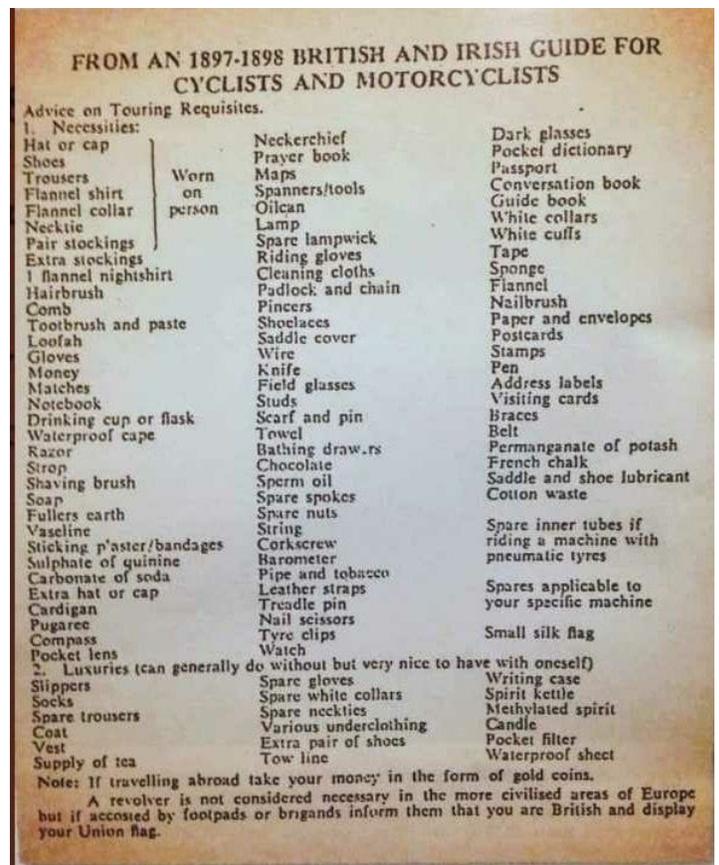
**11. Bag Your Lube**---If you have a chain driven bike, carry your lube in its own zip lock bag so it doesn't leak and ruin all of your other items. Jim T

**12. Bags for Boots** – Keep two plastic food store bags with your rain suit so you can place over your boots for easy entry into your rain suit. Jim T

Also you can use plastic bags over your socks to more easily slip into your damp boots. Roger T

**13. Old Wipers** --An old windshield wiper blade rubber can be cut to and glued to your left hand glove (your choice of location!) for a welcome swipe of your face shield in misty or wet conditions. Jim T

We're always looking for more ideas on travel tips – gain fame and fortune – email yours to ["editor@njsbmwr.org"](mailto:editor@njsbmwr.org)



## FOR SALE

### 2003 R1150GS, \$4Ks, OBO



I bought it from the original owner ,he turned 80 and decided it was too much motorcycle for him. Before he sold it to me he had it extensively refurbished by Greenville BMW, SC. It has all the bells and whistles except cruise control. Looking for a best offer in the 4Ks. I can deliver it to NJ.

Rich Standt, Anderson, SC, 732.245.7109  
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### Corbin R1200R Saddle and Back Rest \$450



Probably one of the most comfortable saddles I have ever sat on. Been over 600 miles in a day with very little discomfort.

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Greg Wright, 732-223-6611 ext 106

*This space is available for any member who wishes to post a bike or motorcycle related gear for sale. Submit to editor@njsbmwr.org*



**Don't forget the Toy Run – December 8<sup>th</sup>!**



**January 1<sup>st</sup> – NOON – Motts Creek Inn – an annual event for all the NJ Clubs. More info will be announced on the club email list!**

LAST CHANCE - Membership List is updated on 01/01/20

# New Jersey Shore BMW Riders Inc.

Membership/Renewal Application – 2020

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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(Pick one)

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.

**SEND TO:** Jim Thomasey  
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Ocean Twsp, NJ 07712

<b>Treasurer - Secretary's Use ONLY</b>		
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Monthly Meeting – December 11<sup>th</sup>

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