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NEW JERSEY SHORE BMW RIDERS Inc

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President's Message

Ed Gerber

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"Thanks to the Interstate highway system it's possible to travel from coast to coast without seeing anything." Charle Kuralt

There will be a planning session for the new year, prior to the start of the regular January club meeting, starting at 6:30.

Two thoughts for consideration:

Scheduled weekend club rides, once or twice a month. Many of our younger members are busy working and raising families and can't take multi-day trips.

Rider Education of New Jersey had an "Advanced Rider Course" designed to "enhance both basic rider and accident avoidance skills." Is there any interest in scheduling a day for interested club members to attend together?

As you probably know, I agreed to be president when no one else wanted to the job. The problem is I won't be around for the next few months.

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!*

Management is doing things right; leadership is doing the right things.- *Peter Drucker (1909 - 2005)*

We are continually faced with a series of great opportunities brilliantly disguised as insoluble problems.- *John W. Gardner (1912 - 2002)*

We are none of us infallible--not even the youngest of us. - *W. H. Thompson*

They always say time changes things, but you actually have to change them yourself.- *Andy Warhol (1928 - 1987), The Philosophy of Andy Warhol*

The thing to remember is that that the future comes one day at a time. - *Dean Acheson*

Be not slow to visit the sick.- *Ecclesiastes*

Once we believe in ourselves, we can risk curiosity, wonder, spontaneous delight, or any experience that reveals the human spirit. - *e e cummings (1894 - 1962)*

Let the fear of danger be a spur to prevent it; he that fears not, gives advantage to the danger.- *Francis Quarles (1592 - 1644)*

You can't build a reputation on what you are going to do.- *Henry Ford (1863 - 1947)*

And now we welcome the new year. Full of things that have never been. - *Rainer Maria Rilke*

I've become a wuss in my old age and head for Florida the first of the year. I'll be back in late March. Anyway, Ben volunteered to be Vice-President when no one else wanted that job. He'll preside at the January Meeting. (Ben, if you'd like, you can be co-president.)

On a personal note: I wasn't more than 12 when I became a BMW fan. I remember being fascinated by what was probably a slash 2 parked on the street; I just stared at it. I have no idea for how long. I was struck by how a motorcycle, in the eyes of a 12 year old, the essence of adventure and daring look so... refined. Nevertheless BMWs remained only aspirational.

Although I began riding in 1961 on an old Vespa my first BMW was a used 1998 Funduro 650. Since then I've owned an R1100R and an R1200Rt, with a Suzuki Bandit in between.

But the primary thing has always been just to ride. As Robert Pirsig said: "In a car you're a passive observer and it is all moving by you in a frame....On a cycle the frame is gone. You're in complete contact with it all. You're in the scene, not just watching it anymore and the sense of presence is overwhelming."

As I've aged out of other adventure sports, the motorcycle remains. No matter my mood at the start of a ride, everything else fades away and I finish the ride exhilarated.

Schedule of Events – 2020

At our January meeting we will be discussing our calendar of events for the next year. That discussion will take place at 6:30PM. Please do try to attend – your input is IMPORTANT – we'd like to put together a calendar for next year that includes MORE RIDING and group events.

Come with your ideas!

About this newsletter

Don (Editor)

In last month's newsletter I wrote an article on how to write and submit articles for the newsletter, in the hopes of reducing my time in putting a newsletter together (the average newsletter takes 6-8 hours to "assemble" and format.) Apparently that was a bad idea... since the sub-



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missions to this newsletter were a bit sparse.

At the last meeting I also brought up the possibility that I'm growing tired doing the newsletter. It's been 25 years now – once a month. When I have enough "fodder" to fill out the newsletter it's not an awful job, but it's harder to do when there isn't much fodder submitted at all.

It's not like December was a slow month – we had our gala Holiday Party (no one reported on it, or even submitted any photos), we had our Toy Run the next day (ditto on submissions – crickets..)

I hope January is a bit better. One group headed down to Motts Creek to show up the New Sweden riders at the Motts Creek Inn. I'm expecting a nice article on how we vastly outnumbered them, and some photos to make it interesting (I'm unfortunately suffering from a rotten head cold that now has morphed into head-cold/eye inflammation – or I'd be there.)

Thanks MUCH to the few people who did submit something for the newsletter. It's only because I received those that I'm putting the newsletter together.

Minutes of the NJ Shore BMW Riders Meeting, December 11th, 2019.

Jim Thomasey, Secretary

The meeting was called to order a few minutes early since it appeared the attendance would be light.

Treasury reported the club has about \$1150 available and will be increased by incoming dues.

The membership applications which come up for renewal in November, have been strong with about 35 members so far sending in their dues.

Roger gave out a few more mileage award certificates to the members who did not attend the recent holiday dinner. Herb Konrad got his 5th place award, with Ben Paraan getting an award for 6th place. Ben had more miles on his electric scooter this year than he had on his k1600. Henning Von Der Wroge claimed his 9th place award.

Jim T thanked everyone for making the annual Toy Run another successful event. With about 20 members from the three clubs in attendance, we were able to donate over \$1300 to the Children's Specialized Hospital in Toms River. Many unwrapped toys were also brought to the hospital to be distributed to those in need.

All of those in attendance were reminded of the New Years day ride to Mott's Creek Inn . Details and meeting place to come.

This was the last meeting under the direction of our co-presidents Bill Dudley and Roger Trendowski. Everyone thanked them for their time spent leading the club for the past year. The 50/50 prize was won by Ben while the free dinner coupon was given to Tom Suhocki.

January will begin the reign of President Ed Gerber and VP Ben Paraan.

A planning meeting has been scheduled to take place earlier in the evening before the next meeting. Bring a calendar with your thoughts, hopes and wishes for the direction you would like to see the club take in the coming year. We are the host club for the 3 club rumble and the picnic this year.

Breakfast Eats: Shore Good Pancake House

Ben P...

I had just finished exercising and burned through my light breakfast already. I was famished in Brick and brought up Yelp to help me. Cookie Lady, Taylor Sam's and Turning Point have been very good to me but I had a hankering to try something new. Shore Good Pancake House sure looked like a promising option.

I had some navigation problems and locating the restaurant was complicated by some not so good signage. It's located in the white building at the

Dorado Plaza by what looks like a commuter parking lot on Lanes Mill Road. Seems like a family runs the place. I just ordered coffee and a New Jersey omelet (bacon, tomato, cheese).

The potatoes were done right, lightly seasoned with freshly ground black pepper and salt. Such a small detail that was very evident in that first morsel of food made all the difference in how I perceived how these guys prepped their food. I was not inclined to believe the positive Yelp reviews until I put that first piece of potato in my mouth. The omelet was just as good. not overdone like in most places. Service was very good, with coffee refills and quick service (this is around 11am on a Monday).

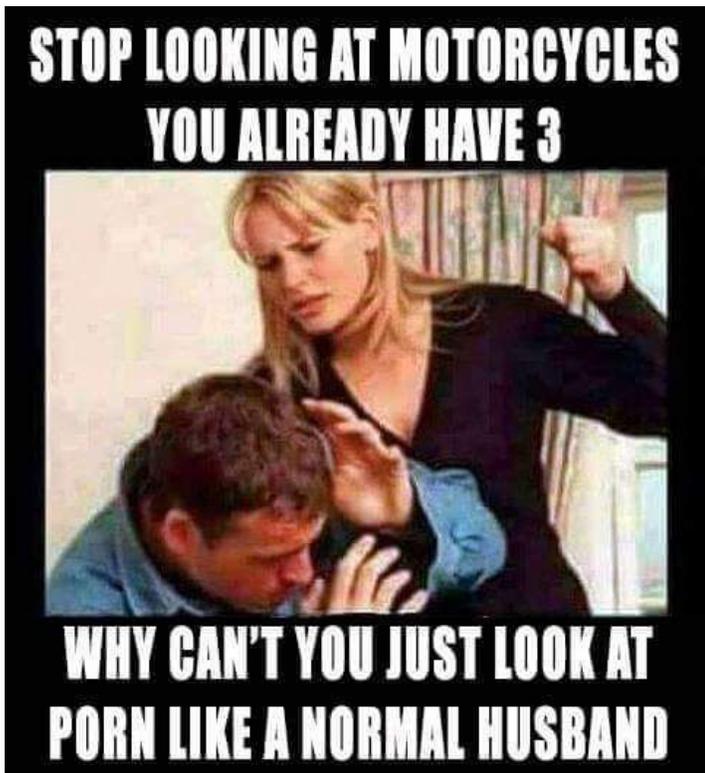
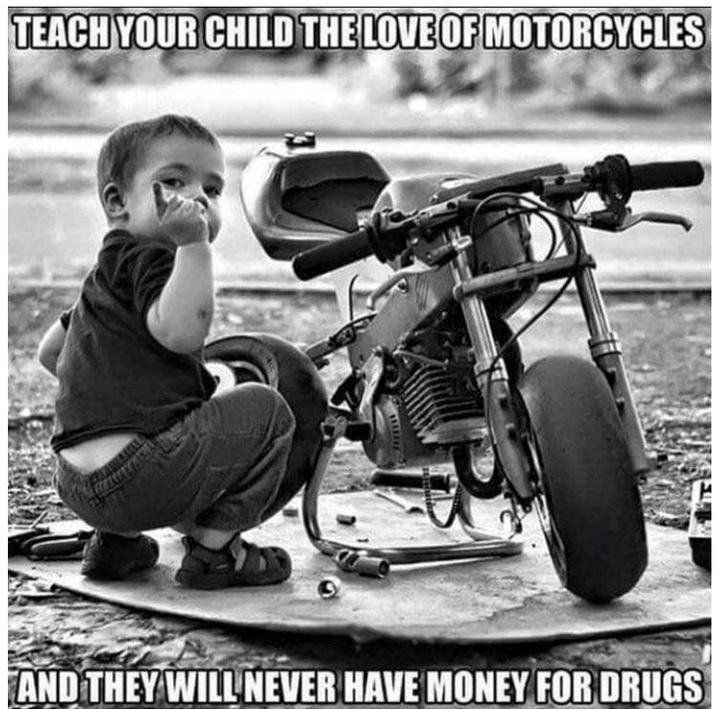
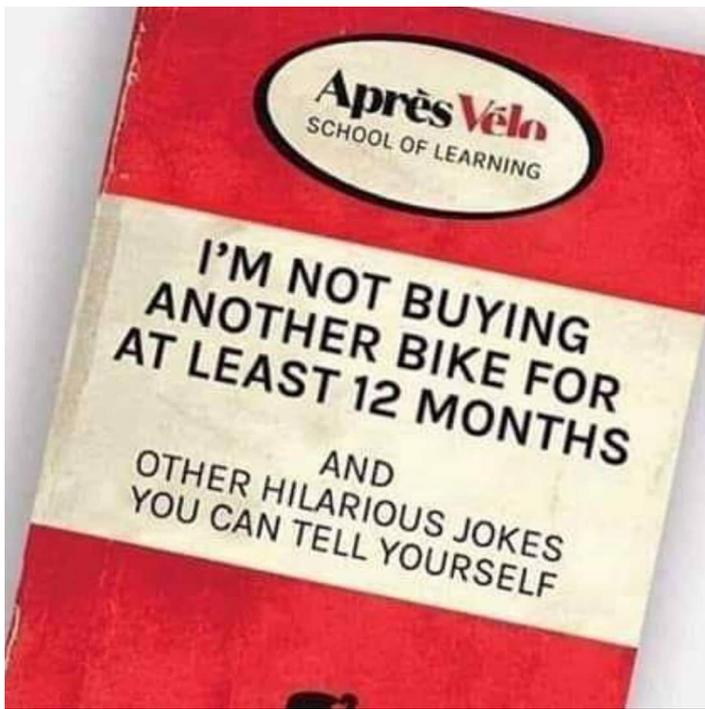
The dining area is spacious and groups can easily be accommodated. They take credit cards and the parking lot is big. My one regret was that I didn't order pancakes.

Shore Good Pancakes is located at 34 Lanes Mill Road, Brick, NJ 08724.

(732) 840-4100. Open 7 days a week from 7:30 am- 2:30 pm.

Editor: *Thanks much Ben! Sounds like a good Breakfast Club destination. I have grown a bit tired of picking breakfast club destinations, and I know they've become repetitive. I'd love to hear from members who have places to suggest. Shore Good Pancakes is now going on the list. Email your suggestions to me at ["editor@njsbmwr.org"](mailto:editor@njsbmwr.org) or post them up to the club mailing list.*





There is a K100 under that..



2019 NJ SHORE BMW RIDERS MILEAGE CONTEST

Dec 1, 2018 thru Nov 30, 2019

Member	Bike 1 Descr	Total	Bike 2 Descr	Total	Bike 3 Descr	Total	Grand Total	2019	2019 comment
Dorothy L. Gulla	2018 S1000XR	31,534					31,534	1	Need more bikes for more miles (3 bikes last yr @ 35k)
Jonathan Blair	2011 BMW R1200GS	19,761					19,761	2	Second place by a lot.
Roger Trendowski	2014 F800gsa	12,984	81 R100RT	255			13,239	3	Down by a thousand
Bill & Zhao Dudley	93 Guzzi:	1,488	77 R100RS:	3,974	71 Guzzi:	7,677	13,139	4	Missed next spot by 101 miles, not hwy 101
Herb Konrad	2006 R1200RT	4,000	2008 R1200RT	7,690			11,690	5	Highest miles increase vs last yr (5011 miles)
Benedictus Paraan	2013 K1600GTL	4,768	C EVO shooter	5,100			9,868	6	Most miles on a small wheel
Joe Karol	R1200RT	4,605	Kawasaki KLR650	1,877	1975 Yamaha RD350	246	6,728	7	Need 24,809 more miles on 1975 2-stroker for 1st place
Grant Duncan	1998 R1100R	468	2010 R1200GS	5,437			5,905	8	Big move--up from 10th last yr
Henning von der Vroge	2007 GSA	5,353					5,353	9	Highest miles on bald tire
Greg Agnello	R1100RS 1999	3,665	2014 Harley Low Rider	1,397			5,062	10	Need more miles away from the Delaware
Greg Wright	2016 r1200gs	4,776					4,776	11	Goal: Low miles, low insurance???
Ed Gerber	R1200RT	350	Honda NCX750	3,898			4,248	12	Most time in the shop with new bike
Yannis Kokkinias	BMW Bagger	3,779					3,779	13	BMW Bagger is touring bike. Right?
Dennis Swanson	2016 R Nine T Wreck	1,877	2014 R Nine T	575			2,452	14	Broken bike, broken wrist Award
Jerry Rouvrais	R1200RT	2,383					2,383	15	Twice the miles, twice the fun vs last yr.
Manny Carabel	2018 BMW K1600 B	2,292					2,292	16	Baggers go fast and far???
Jim Thomasey	Suzuki Storm 650 Adv	1,753					1,753	17	Escape from bottom 3 with 3 more miles than last yr
Klaus Huenecke	92 K1 w sidecar KM)	443	83 R80ST	370			813	18	Most sidecar miles
Dave Rosen	1993 K75RT	234					234	19	Top of the bottom but up from -34 last yr
Jerry Schreiber	R100RT 1995	25					25	20	Highly competitive with bottom-feeder
Mike Kowal	R100GS Barney	24					24	21	Highly competitive placement but at wrong end
TOTAL MILES							145058		Grp is ridig more than last yr. 12K more; 1st place rider down and 2nd place up
21 MEMBERS							6907.52380952		Average down by 76 miles vs last year
AVE # MILES							21511.33333333		Top 3 riding about the same on average. Ave last yr was 21,781
21 members							94.333333333333		These folks are riding a lot less; 263 less on average than last yr
AVE # MILES for TOP 3									
AVE # MILES BOTTOM 3									

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Eat @ 6PM

Business meeting starts at 7:30PM