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"As it turns out, I had no trouble remembering to drive on the left but all week I kept looking the wrong way as I stepped of curbs. There are many different types of horns on English Cars and most of the cars have superb brakes."

Peter Egan

"I realized a long time ago it wouldn't make any difference if we knew what the questions were. We don't even know what the answers are."

Ray Magliozzi

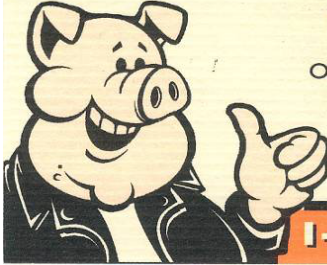
"Why are motorcycle dealers closed on Sundays? Because Sunday is for worship... Catholics go to church, Motorcyclists go to the track."

Justin Skalka

"In every partnership, there is a person who stacks the dishwasher like a Scandinavian architect and a person who stacks the dishwasher like a raccoon on meth"

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President's Message

Mike Palmer, Co-President

We are in the 2023 riding season now. There has been 2 rallies that folks from the club attended. There was the Fontana in N.C. and the VA rally 2 weeks ago. I was on a bike trip to see friends in Burlington, VT and then hopped over to the lakes region of N.H. see more friends, 1006 miles total. That week was bike week at Weirs Beach. Thousands of bikes and a lot of noise. I never saw so many trikes. I guess the riding age is getting older.

The Fluffy Butt Diner challenge is ongoing. Don't forget to get an extra point by ordering a pork roll egg and cheese sandwich. (Thanks Don for the suggestion). Don't forget the club mileage challenge for this year, who is going to win?

Moribundi lunch is on the 5th at a Chinese restaurant in Matawan. Dennis wants to try the sautéed goose feet.

Ice Cream social is on the 19th, place T.B.D. The Club meeting is on the 12th.

Keep the letters coming on the trips you making. Let us know if you are or have bought a new bike.

May Meeting Minutes

Jim Thomasey, Secretary

The monthly New Jersey Shore BMW Riders meeting was called to order at 7:10 on June

14. Those in attendance heard that membership stands at just under 40 paid members and a bit under \$1000 in the treasury. The members discussed a variety of items including the Demonstration bike ride offered by Cross Country Powersports on June 24. A potential ride to NJ Motorsports Park in Millville NJ was brought up and interest was gauged for a visit later in the summer.

We had 4 members who had attended the national MOA Rally talk about the trip down and all of the amenities offered at the rally. Joe Karol, Bill Dudley, Rick Shapiro, and Henning Von der Wroge spoke at length about how the rally was presented and operated. Rick had already attended the Square Root rally, the New Sweden 450 prior to the MOA rally. Attendees opined that the rally offered a great variety of vendors to satisfy most needs and wants. Henning entered his bike in the "Most Farkled" category feeling he had a good shot with his altered GS only to find there were folks there with much more including a bike with 46 aftermarket items including 8 cameras!

Paul Cooke expanded on his successful attempt to free a frozen engine on a bike he had and Roger Trendowski said he finally secured a 1981 R80 GS he had been seeking for a while.

Club Calendar

Note: Events may be canceled or modified. Check your email or the club website for updates.

July 2023

- July 5 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM, West Lake Chinese, Matawan
- July 9 Cars N' Caffeine Cruise-In, Quaker Bridge Mall, Lawrenceville, NJ
- July 12 Club meeting 7PM (6PM to eat) Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale
- July 19 Ice Cream Run, loc TBD

Aug 2023

- Aug 2 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM
- Aug 9 Club meeting 7PM (6PM to eat) Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale
- Aug 16 Ice Cream Run, loc TBD

Sept 2023

- Sept 6 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM
- Sept 13 Club meeting 7PM (6PM to eat) Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale
- Sept 14-17 BMW RA National Rally, Davis WV
- Sept 20 Ice Cream Run, loc TBD

Oct 2023

- Oct 1 Three Club Rumble, 12PM, Spruce Run Rec Area, 68 Van Syckles Rd, Clinton
- Oct 4 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM
- Oct 11 Club meeting 7PM (6PM to eat) Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale

Nov 2023

- Nov 1 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM
- Nov 8 Club meeting 7PM (6PM to eat) Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale

Diner Review

Bill Dudley

The "Local Diner & Bakery" is a brand new diner located on Rt 33 in Farmingdale, on the east bound side, practically across the street from the Roadside Diner.

Joe, Ed and I gave it a test run on June-teenth. This restaurant has only been open for a matter of weeks. The inside is obviously newly done, and the proprietors have paid attention to the decor. The tables have interesting reproduction maps of local towns (Holmdel, Freehold, etc.) from 1873 under a clear plastic top.



This location has been a diner/luncheonette in the past, but it's a weird location, as you can't really see the place in time to turn into the driveway unless you know it's there and are planning a visit. In other words, walk-in traffic is unlikely.

The menu is a multi-page "Diner" menu, with a huge selection of items. Two pages of breakfast items, 3 or four pages of lunch stuff (sandwiches), and a page or more of dinners. The place is open to either 8PM or 9PM every night, so dinner is a distinct possibility.



We were unlucky in our choice of time to visit, as today was the day when the cook called in sick, so the owner was doing it all -- taking orders, cooking the food, taking money, etc. Lunch took a while to prepare, fortunately we were in no hurry, so the long wait for food was OK. We plan

to return in the future to give this guy another chance.



The food itself was fine. Not noteworthy in any way, and the prices were reasonable. We each got away for about \$12 -- \$9 for a sandwich and \$3 for a drink.

I recommend you give it a try.

Code Reading

Paul Cooke

With a full wiring loom replacement on the horizon for the 1200GS project, there was a near-inevitable need in the not-too-distant future to be able to connect and talk to the KFE (power distribution module) and ZFE (engine control module) units on the bike.

BMW's since the early 'oughties have employed CAN BUS protocol to link to the various modules and sensors on the bike. Talk to most

folk and they will mention needing a “GS911” tool to connect to the data connector and access the KFE and ZFE. In lieu of an official BMW software, “Hexcode” is usually cited as the go-to home mechanic option. It’s pricey though, and, for the home enthusiast version, limited to a maximum of 10 VIN numbers.

Recognizing CAN BUS is a far reaching standard, I went searching for alternatives.

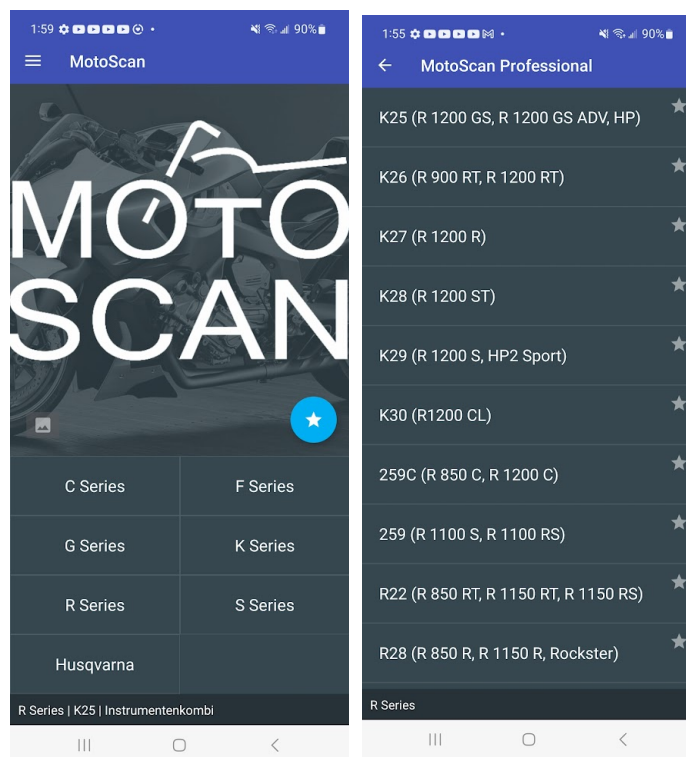
Amazon came to the rescue. A search produced an adapter cord that enabled a standard auto-style reader to connect to the 10-pin bike socket. They listed a preferred bluetooth code reader, UnicarScan, which in turn, led to a preferred app, “Motoscan” to interface with the bike. Even more surprising, the adapter and reader were available overnight with Prime!

Figuring this was an unofficial 3 component mash up, I anticipated legwork being required to get it set up and working. Once linked via bluetooth though, the app fired up and connected exactly as advertised. I was in and tracking down codes within minutes.

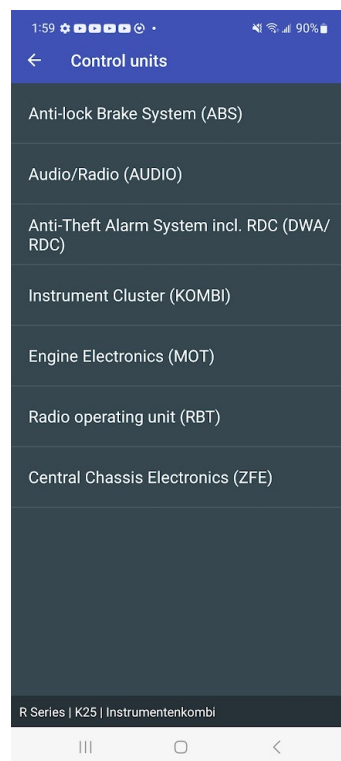


Working through the app screens is straightforward. The initial page prompts you to

set the model range (R- bike in this case) followed by the specific model (K25 or GS).



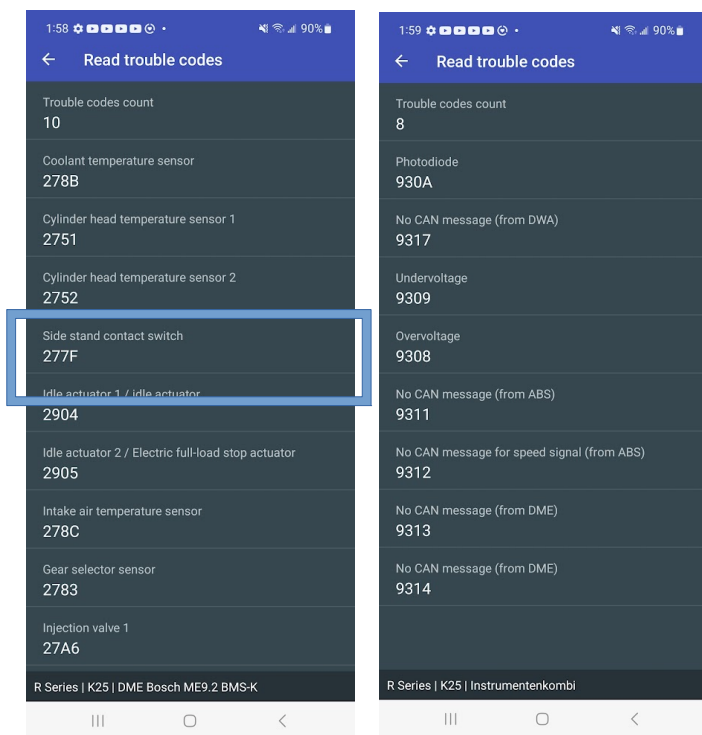
Thereafter, its a case of picking the subsystem you want to interrogate and check for stored codes.



First pass, I relied on the free version of the Motoscan app which limits the information displayed on any/all codes the bike is reporting. It lets you know they are present, but doesn't give the full code number or description. Buoyed with success at seamlessly linking to the bike, \$28+tax for the "professional" Motoscan version was no-brainer. That opens up the full code number and description plus a host of other functions e.g. service interval reset.

With half the wiring already disconnected and a questionable loom, it wasn't surprising to see 10+ stored faults in the ZFE. Buried in the read out however, was useful information. At least 2 of the codes tied directly back into the ongoing struggles with the wiring loom. At some point, the ZFE had lost contact to the sidestand and gear selector switches. The latter I was aware of - no neutral light or gear indicator without a lot of jiggling wires. The former though was a surprise and went a long way to explaining why there was zero response to pressing starter button. Diagnosing that without first accessing the codes would have been tedious, near total guesswork and potentially costly. As it stood though, it provided one more reason the loom needed to be replaced.

It was also useful to confirm the bike had its original (or at least BMW programmed) KFE, ZFE units, as both reported back the correct VIN.



Interestingly, the date of manufacture for the KFE was much earlier than the bike (~2yrs prior).

The unit is portable and by relying on an app, its ideal for emergency roadside use. (have you ridden without your cell phone lately?).

Until the bike is running, the other functions within the app remain untested e.g. data logging, ABS, service reset etc.. Actuator testing was however functional.

Total outlay for the adapter, reader and app was just under \$130, well below the Hexcode \$400+. There are no limits to the number of VINs that can be connected.

<https://www.wgsoft.de/motoscan-app>

Ice Cream Social – May Edition

The May-edition. Again demonstrating NJSBMW ability to clear out the parking lot of Ice Cream on 9 in mid-May.



Highly Classifieds

For Sale: Triumph Bonneville 65 w 12 update; has orange 66 tank, professionally reconditioned. \$5000, call Jerry at 908-472-8585

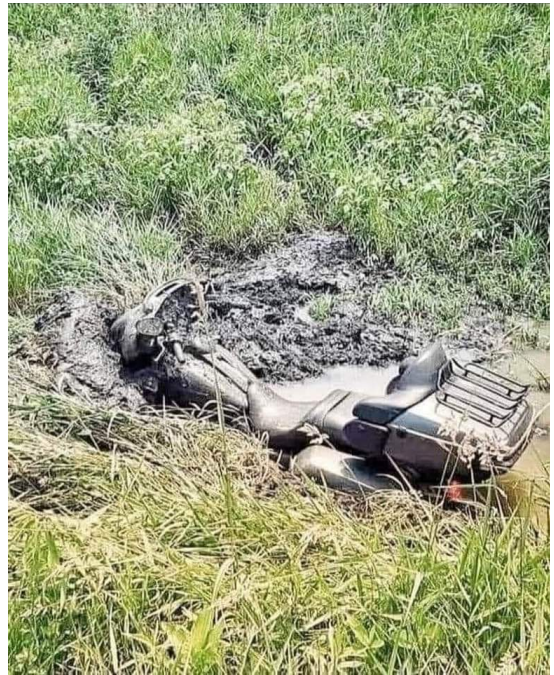
For Sale: 1995 BMW R100RT – call Jerry at 908-472-8585

For Sale: 1997 Triumph Trophy. 4Cyl/1200, BRG 18k Little rough cosmetically but functional. Upgraded alternator drive, longer side stand, Corbin saddle, new coils/plugs. Contact Paul C bmt213a@gmail.com



And Finally..

(1) Short pictorial explanation of why all the recent complaints to the editorial staff regarding the persistent rain are being utterly ignored



(2) Early pics of Rogers new GS and accompanying T-shirt.

