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"To avoid situations in which you might make mistakes may be the biggest mistake of all."

Peter McWilliams, Life 101

"There is a tragic flaw in our precious Constitution, and I don't know what can be done to fix it. This is it: Only nut cases want to be president." *Kurt Vonnegut (1922 - 2007), "Cold Turkey"*

"I will feel equality has arrived when we can elect to office women who are as incompetent as some of the men who are already there." *Maureen Reagan*

"The leaves fall, the wind blows, and the farm country slowly changes from the summer cottons into its winter wools." *Henry Beston, Northern Farm*

"Democracy substitutes election by the incompetent many for appointment by the corrupt few." *George Bernard Shaw (1856 - 1950), Man and Superman*

"I cannot endure to waste anything as precious as autumn sunshine by staying in the house. So I spend almost all the daylight hours in the open air." *Nathaniel Hawthorne (1804 - 1864)*

"In the garden, Autumn is, indeed the crowning glory of the year, bringing us the fruition of months of thought and care and toil. And at no season, save perhaps in Daffodil time, do we get such superb colour effects as from August to November." *Rose G. Kingsley, The Autumn Garden, 1905*

BMW Motorcycle Club
New Jersey Shore



President's Message

Mike Palmer, Co-President

I am writing this letter while my wife and I are hastily packing for our trip to Europe. We are going on a Viking river cruise from Amsterdam to Budapest for 2 weeks. I can sense the jealousy from all of you. No, we are not going into a war zone, I hope.

This time of year is perfect for getting out and riding, 60 degrees during the day is perfect. Sadly, the Fluffy Butt competition ends on November 1, but you can still get out there and find an interesting place to have lunch.

The mileage award will end just after Thanksgiving, so get as many miles on your bike from last December 1st to this year. It's not too late to go leaf peeping or fall camping or just meeting some folks for lunch.

At our November meeting we will be having a guest speaker who will be donating \$200.00 for letting her speak. She is from Sky Med, an around the world insurance policy that will bring you home to your local hospital if you have an accident. They will fly your bike or car home too. The flight will include a full medical team to escort you back. Nikki Palmer will also be raffling off a Visa gift card to one lucky winner. Let's show her a good attendance.

October Meeting Minutes

Mike Palmer

The meeting was called to order at 5:56 pm despite a raucous room of other diners.

A new member was introduced: Robert Sherman from Brick who rides an 850GS.

The previous month's minutes were approved by Joe K. and 2nd by Bill D.

Treasurer's report stated that we have \$900.77 in the bank.

Membership report that we are at 40 members.

The Three Club Rumble result was reported that we had 16 members in attendance. 10 members followed Mike Palmer up the west side of our state. 5 members left out of Cheesequake rest area. It was a good showing from our club compared to last year's Rumble.

Mike Palmer is still going to get the information from Fratello's in Sea Girt about our Holiday Party.

Bill Dudley gave us a long dissertation about his trip to Newfoundland 2 times in one month.

The FluffyButt contest is still going on, though with a slow participation from the Club members.

Holiday awards needed: Mileage, Fluffy Butt, and a need to recycle old trophies. Also nominations for these very prestigious awards are needed.

The 50/50 amount was \$ 30.00

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm

Club Calendar

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

Nov 2023

- Nov 1 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM Harri-gan's Pub, 703 Baltimore, Sea Girt
- Nov 8 Club meeting 7PM (6PM to eat) Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale

Dec 2023

- Dec 6 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM
- Dec 13 Club meeting 7PM (6PM to eat) Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale

Jan 2024

- Jan 3 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM
- Jan 10 Club meeting 7PM (6PM to eat) Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale

Feb 2024

- Feb 7 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM
- Feb 14 Club meeting 7PM (6PM to eat) Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale

March 2024

- Mar 6 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM
- Mar 13 Club meeting 7PM (6PM to eat) Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale

April 2024

- Apr 3 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM
- Apr 10 Club meeting 7PM (6PM to eat) Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale

May 2024

- May 1 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM
- May 8 Club meeting 7PM (6PM to eat) Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale
- May 15 ice cream ride 6:30PM location TBD

June 2024

- June 5 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM
- June 12 Club meeting 7PM (6PM to eat) Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale
- June 19 ice cream ride 6:30PM location TBD

Broken Hardware Tour, part the second *Bill D.*

Since my R100RS broke in Newfoundland, I needed to retrieve it. Zhao and I planned to

drive the car and trailer to Newfoundland, get the bike, and return, in 6 days. This was not going to be a sightseeing trip, more of a death march. 500 mile days interspersed with some 7 hour ferry rides.

We completed the mission, but just barely, and with a lot more hardware failures.

First, my admittedly ancient trailer decided to have a wheel bearing failure about 900 miles into the trip. This was a problem not only because of the obvious difficulty, but because of the ferry boat reservations and hotel reservations ahead.

So, I'm standing at the side of the highway, lamenting to Zhao how f—ked we are, and this guy pulls up in a big pickup truck. He asks what the problem is, and when I tell him, he replies: "I can fix that. I live 5 minutes from here, I'll go get my trailer and then I can take your trailer home and repair it." And 10 minutes later, Geno's back with his trailer, and he man-handles my broken trailer onto his much bigger one, and off he goes. He thinks he might be able to repair it that night (it's about 5PM at this point) and Canadian Tire is still open, so he can buy bearings. So we head off to our planned hotel stop, which is only about 30 minutes further east.

To save everyone a looong story, the trailer repair didn't happen that night, and in fact, turned into a much bigger pageant than anyone could have predicted (except perhaps Murphy, of "Murphy's Law".) We ended up borrowing Geno's trailer, driving it to Newfoundland, getting the bike, and returning to Geno's house (two ferry rides included). In the mean time, Geno had fabricated an entirely new axle for my trailer. We swap trailers at Geno's house, and we're off, 500 miles to the next motel in Bangor, ME.

Except sadly, one of the new tires blew 30 miles on. Seems it was rubbing on the fender brace. About 3 hours was spent getting to another Canadian Tire, buying a spare (two, actually), and removing the offending fender. And we're off – we arrived at the motel in Bangor at 10:30PM Eastern time (11:30 Nova Scotia time, and we got off the ferry at 6 AM NS time, so I was absolutely fried).

Fate wasn't done with us yet.

My car announced low tire pressure in one tire the next morning. It was a slow leak, so every hour, for the 500 miles to home, I stopped the car and re-inflated the leaky tire. In the rain.

That problem turned out to be dry-rotted tires on the car, one of which developed a tiny crack in the sidewall – that was my leak. I think the tires were the original tires from the factory from 2013. In my defense, the tread looked good and the cracks weren't that obvious.

Rest in Peace, Jack Riepe

Don Eilenberger

NJS Member Jack Riepe, age 69, passed away October 18th.

I first met Jack Riepe at a Christmas Dinner the members of the MAC-PAC, (an MOA registered club that started on-line) was holding. This must have been 15 years ago or more - and it was out in the hinterlands of Pennsylvania. I was there to award an Ambassadorship in the MOA to one of their club members - Brian Curry. During the dinner various members of the club stood up and talked about events that had happened over the previous year. Suddenly - a burst of noise came from the rear of the room - someone yelling "I'm HERE! I'm HERE!".

That was the arrival of, and my introduction to, Jack Riepe. Next appeared the person who had arrived - running toward the front of the room. I was amazed that someone that large could move that fast, but Jack never failed to surprise me. He gave a brief talk about the unlikely events that made him late for the dinner.

Jack and I talked just a bit after I awarded the Ambassadorship to Brian (and gave Brian the paraphernalia that the MOA offered to signify this award), but Jack soon after sought me out on line. Jack was never the straight man in any conversation. Jack was always "ON" - ready with a witty or mildly insulting comment. We became friends and used to meet at various rallies, where Jack was often asked to be a speaker, and at an Irish pub in 9th Ave in NYC on the way to the NY Motorcycle Show (when it was at Javitts Center.) We met for a number of rides - he had the largest seat on a K75 (made by Russell Day Long - Jack

claimed they had to widen the Panama Canal just to ship it to him), and sometimes met for lunch. Jack at one time decided that for his birthday, he wanted sliders from White Castle. The closest WC to PA was on Rt 37 in Toms River. Jack announced that he'd buy sliders for anyone who came to his birthday, and he was good to his word.

Jack was a larger than life sort of person - things happened to Jack, usually involving motorcycles, brunettes, some Irish whiskey and a cigar. Jack was wise enough to remember the stories and put them in several books. His first book, and probably his "best seller" was "Politically Correct Cigar Smoking for Social Terrorists" and about the same time he started speaking at MOA rallies - funny stories - mostly to publicize his book.

Finding an appreciative audience in the BMW-MOA members - he moved on to write "Conversations with a Motorcycle" - part biography, part philosophy, part bullshit, and the story of his first motorcycle love affair. When I read it I was surprised by how many places, including some rather obscure places we both had ridden to at some time. He continued attending rallies to talk to the members of the MOA directly and to peddle his book (he did both with some measure of success.) He continued his monthly column in the MOA Owners-News and eventually was kicked out of PA - returning to his true home in NJ. About that time he decided he wanted one of our club patches with the logo on it - and thought he had to join the club to get it. He became a NJSBMW member at that time, and remained one until his passing, October 18th in Toms River. Most people didn't realize that Jack was a Jersey boy through and through - even to the extent of attending prep-school at Saint Peters Prep in Jersey City.

Jack was a man of big appetites for life - and will be missed by his legion of fans and friends. He claimed he'd never met a K-Bike rider that he didn't like. I know a number of club members who'll miss the monthly column.

Ride On Jack!

2023 Club Mileage Contest

Our mileage contest will end Nov 30th and awards will be given out at the Club Holiday Dinner. We've done it every year since 2007. Don't be shy on this year's miles.... everyone traveled some miles. Let's participate and have some fun.

We need your odometer mileage reading as of Nov 30th. (We will compute your incremental yearly miles). Send your input by the due date or send it earlier if you are done riding. A pix of your speedometer will work or just your odometer reading but don't send your incremental miles. Send to Roger Trendowski: rtrendowski@verizon.net rather than the club email address.



If you did not participate in 2022 but want to join us in the fun, send your best estimate of Dec 1 2022 odometer mileage as well as Nov 30th 2023 mileage and also bike name/model/yr. You can use a dealer repair bill, gas record, or other info. for your estimate. Up to 3 bikes, any brand, can be entered.

New Member Introduction

Robert Sherman

I grew up on the Jersey Shore my whole life. My family owned a marina so I spent most of my youth surfing and boating. I still surf and sail year round. I am married with two amazing kids. Robbie is 5 and Maddie is 2. I am very busy and take as much of an advantage with my free time



as I can. As far as riding I started at 9 on a Yamaha yz80 from Stumpy's in Neptune. My father suffered a motorcycle crash that almost killed him before I was born, so my mother would not let me get a road bike growing up. Fast forward to freshmen year of college, I was at Embry Riddle in Daytona Beach and a group of us got two bikes. A Honda 250 and a Honda CBR 600. We would all share the bikes. I ended up transferring to Flagler college in St. Augustine and had gotten into road course racing. I would track my BMW M roadster.

Then at 33 years old I finally could get back into riding and bought a 22 left over F850 GSA. Although my time is limited with children and activities, I look forward to doing touring rides and adventure rides when I can. As time goes on I look forward to longer trips. Happy to be part of the club and look forward to meeting you all.

Finally Arrived-- New Kickstand

Roger T.

It finally arrived from the UK... the R80G/S Surefoot side stand that I ordered back in July. MotorWorks UK carries a lot of airhead parts and accessories. They even list many of their items on eBay and eBay UK, however the one for an early R80G/S was listed but out of stock... for months.

The original problem when I purchased my bike back in the Spring, was that the OEM side stand was dangerous for me. Apparently most airheads have the same type of OEM side stand. When you

push down to set it, you have to swing the side stand way under the left cylinder. It was a real stretch even though I'm tall. When I did this, I said a prayer, hoping that it was all the way down and forward enough to hold the bike upright. However, the most significant issue was that once set down, and you get on the bike, the OEM side stand springs UP. This sounds like a nice feature so you don't take off riding with the side stand down. However, if I am moving the bike from the right side, and the side stand springs up, then I have to swing my leg over the bike (while balancing the bike), or I have to find something to lean the bike against. (My leg doesn't swing like it use to; neither is my balance.)

Every few weeks, MotorWorks www.motorworks.co.uk would debit then credit my charge card. I assume this is standard business process to insure my card is still valid and that I'm still alive. Each time this happened, I emailed MotorWorks to ask the status. In July they said 2 weeks availability since they were out of stock and units were being manufactured. Then August, Sept and half of October passed. Finally it was delivered on October 19th. I ordered it from MotorWorks directly. Ebay US and UK showed the side stand but since it was out of stock, I couldn't order it. Direct ordering from MotorWorks was the best way to get in Queue. Over the last several months I continued to read articles on R80GS side stands and potential suppliers. The Browns kickstand is not manufactured for early R80GSs but they have them for later R80s and most Airheads. (Boxerworks in GA sells Browns.) FlyingTpot (made in Wisconsin) is not available unless you contact the owner to make one. They had none in stock nor did they want to make one for my early GS. An MOA friend recommended a custom built unit by Jerry Weissert. He sent me pictures and was very positive on Jerry's side stand for his R100GS Dakar. After a few emails back and forth, Jerry said he didn't have any and it would be at least 6 months before manufacturing units again.

Installation of my Surefoot was easy and took about half an hour. I removed the pivot bolt for the shifter (they send me a longer pivot bolt to move the shifter farther away from the engine case and engine mounting bolt/nut). Next I unscrewed the big nut that holds the engine mounting bolt. Then I removed the foot peg. The Surefoot side stand mounts to the engine mounting bolt and to the left foot peg. The only glitch I experienced was that the foot peg bolt would not lineup with the Surefoot bracket hole. I had to drill out the bracket hole by 1/8th inch so the foot peg bolt would work. I left the OEM side stand on the bike, at



MotorWorks UK Surefoot side stand designed specifically for early R80G/S bikes. Other models look similar but mounting holes and welded brackets are different. The Surefoot has two springs which hold the stand in the UP position. There is also shift linkage pivot bolt and spacer which moves the shifter farther out from the engine case and engine mounting bolt/nut.



New Surefoot side stand in UP position. Installation was easy and old side stand left ON.



Down position of both old and new side stands. The OEM stand is located way under the engine cylinder making it hard to set.

least for awhile. Total cost was \$133 UK currency plus shipping or \$216US. Shipping took only 4 days with no import duty.

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: Items I (Don E.) no longer need:

(1) **Two throttle bodies with the idle air valves** - new, each throttle body from BMW is \$892. And these include the injectors, which are not included from BMW each is \$152 from BMW. Look brand new. These fit 2008-2019 1200 Boxer Twins. Total from BMW - over \$2,000. Two complete assemblies for \$150 (OBO).

(2) **Driveshaft.** This was specifically for a 2007 R1200R. It looks new, there is no spline wear. \$1130 new from BMW. Real OEM claims it will fit R1200GS, R1200GSA, R1200RT, R1200R, R1200S, HP2 Sport, and all the R-Nine-T models. For the comforting feeling of having this on your shelf ready to go - \$150 (OBO)

(3) **Seat** - Low Comfort. Basically new since I had a Sargent seat made very soon after I bought the bike. This will fit all of the 2007-2018 R1200R bikes. BMW gets \$713 for them. \$100 (OBO)

(4) **Various "HippoHand" type handlebar mitts.** Price - what'cha offering?

(5) **Heated Socks** - early Gerbing. They don't smell. Buy me dinner at the meeting..

(6) **Various R1200 brake rotors and pads.** Some are new, some are used. Free if you can use them!

(7) **Spot Satellite Tracker** (and emergency beacon) - the original one. \$100 OBO. You need a subscription to use it. Works where cell phones won't.

(8) **TwinMax electronic throttle body sync tool** for boxer engines (2 cylinder engines) - New they are \$155. Excellent condition I'll even put in new batteries \$50 OBO.

More to come! Don Eilenberger, 908.216.7867 (text) deilenberger@gmail.com

Wanted: - a not quite dead 12V motorcycle battery. One you weren't comfortable with when you were leaving on a big ride, so you replaced it, but it's too good to throw out and you'd feel guilty sneaking over to Mike's to leave it on his pile'o'batteries.. Let me know what'cha got.

Don Eilenberger 908.216.7867 (text) deilenberger@gmail.com

Old trophies wanted for the Holiday Party awards. Please bring 'em to the November meeting.

Toy Run to be held on December 10

Jim Thomasey

The annual Toy Run to benefit the Children's Specialized Hospital will take place on Sunday December 10, the day after the Holiday party. We will meet at the DMV station on Rt 70 west and Towbin Ave. in Lakehurst. Please bring an unwrapped gift appropriate for anyone between toddler and young adults. The hospital again asked us to refrain from plush, fuzzy things and stuffed animals.

The Pediatric Long Term Care Center at Children's Specialized Hospital provides exceptional care for children with complex medical conditions. Our two Pediatric Long Term Care Centers in Northern and Central New Jersey are home to many medically fragile children whose families' current circumstances no longer allow them to be cared for in the home or other community setting.

The address is 94 Stevens Road in Toms River if you want to attend but are unable to get to the meeting point at the DMV. Coffee and donuts will be served at the DMV station. If you would like to bring the gift to the holiday party it can get delivered to the hospital the next day. Thank you to everyone who contributes and makes this a wonderful event each year,

Dues are Due, Doo Dah, Doo Dah *Membership Fairy*

Once again, it's time to re-up for another exciting, action-packed year of membership in the New Jersey Shore BMW Riders. You can renew on-line, by visiting www.njsbmwr.org/membership, filling in the form (yes, *again*) and paying via PayPal. Or, (print and) fill in the convenient form in this newsletter and send it in, or bring it to the next meeting along with your dues (\$20 for electronic newsletter, \$25 for paper via US Mail).

Diner Review: Lucille's Country Cooking *Roger T*

Here is my short review of Lucille's Diner/Luncheonette. I went there with others on Friday 10/27 and arrive about 12:15pm.

Menu: Broad selection of breakfast and lunch items. Closed after 2 pm.

Taste: The meatloaf sandwich was good, however I didn't order it. Time to order: lengthy. parking lot, inside tables and outside picnic tables were full.

Time to get food: very long. I think it was about 1 1/2 hours from start to finish.

Service: Pleasant enough waitress however the diner was very understaffed. Only saw 2 waitresses serving maybe 15 tables outside. The waitress apologized and acknowledged that they were understaffed for the number of customers on this warm Friday.

Prices: competitive... hamburger \$8, fries \$5. Meatloaf ?? ate half and gave other half to guy who ordered it and who ate my hamburger. (*Editor: sorry I ate your burger, Roger*)

I wouldn't recommend Lucille's on a Friday or weekend... maybe better during the week. Lucille's is located at 1496 Main St (Route 539) in Barnegat Township. It is also known for the "life sized" carved statue of the Jersey Devil, which is out in front of the building. This summer, some twit stole the statue. The twit was eventually arrested, but the original statue was damaged. Fortunately, the artist carved a NEW Jersey Devil statue, and that is the one on display now.

New Jersey Shore BMW Riders Inc.

Membership/Renewal Application – 2024

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 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: _____

There are three options for newsletter delivery The amount of your dues are dependent on what you select:
(1) mail only \$25/year (2) mail and email \$25/year (3) email only \$20/year/

I want: Mail only \$25/year [] Mail and email delivery \$25/year [] Email only delivery \$20/year []
(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. **You can also register/pay on line at:**

<https://www.njsbmwr.org/Membership/application.html>

SEND TO: Jim Thomasey
13 OakTree Lane
Ocean Twsp, NJ 07712

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