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President's Message

Jeff Diorio, President

Happy 2024 to all NJSBMWR members!

My wish for you all is a happy, healthy year with lots of great riding. I look forward to lots of local and longer rides with you all.

One benefit of global warming is we can all do a lot more riding in the winter. Or take the time when it is unpleasantly cold to get your bikes ready and road worthy.

As some of you may recall, my 2014 R1200 GSA was an impulse purchase during Covid (Fall of 21) when I went to get new tires on my F700GS. In polling of the club membership it seems that 90% of all purchases have a similar theme. It was in mint condition with only 400 miles. In my excitement I hadn't thought "why it was being traded in". Oh, warrantee is expired? Oops. Cruise control on left hand cluster switch was failing. A wonderful aspect of this club is the brain trust. Roger T suggested contact cleaner which helped for a bit. Lots of on-line research and of course a call to BMW Motorad NA where they nicely told me to pound sand. The replacement switch cluster and install was \$1,500 which has been a solid no. Then at club breakfast a few weeks ago I mentioned how one on-line source suggested gluing it on full-time or zip tying it. On the way home, Roger T pulls over and gives me a zip tie to try. Works perfectly now. While I'm upset BMW won't honor a crappy switch, the 15 cent zip-tie fix vs \$1,500 has me smiling and again thanking the NJSBMWR brain trust. One moral of this story is make sure your road repair kit is up to date, and if not, have Roger ride as your wing-man.

I visited Paul C over the break to see his

"I love my age. Old enough o know better. Young enough not to care. Experienced enough to do it right."

Angela Bassett

"I make so many beginnings there never will be an end."

Louisa May Alcott

"Many years ago I resolved never to bother with New Year's resolutions, and I've stuck with it ever since."

Dave Beard

"Some people swear there's no beauty left in the world, no magic. Then, how do you explain the entire world coming together on one night to celebrate the hope of a new year?"

New Year's Eve (2011 film)

"You know how I always dread the whole year? Well, this time I'm only going to dread one day at a time."

Charlie Brown

“collection” of BMW and Triumph bikes. We then rode to Mule Tavern on Sandy Hook. I have to recommend their burgers to anyone looking for an excuse to ride up the shore. There is also a large family of seals that have established just south of the Coast Guard base if you need another reason to ride up there.

There are already some rides for MOA and others scheduled this year. I would like to see if we can schedule some more local rides perhaps around our Saturday breakfasts or with other clubs in the area.

The December meeting was well attended even though it was so close to the holiday party. New members Robert Sherman and Ron Ford were there. I was told the holiday party was a big success.

I believe we have Moribundi lunches and club meetings scheduled for regular times in January and February. I look forward to seeing you all and doing a lot of riding in 2024.

December Meeting Minutes

Jim Thomasey

The December meeting was held in the general dining room of Woody's as our regular room had been booked for a private event which didn't include us.

The dozen members in attendance were able to hear the person next to them and occasionally some of the meeting, too. For those too far away to hear, here is some of the minutiae discussed. The club now has 30 paid members, and the treasury holds just under \$1000. The recent Holiday party was discussed with many favorable comments about the new location of Fratello's in Sea Girt. One member spoke about his experiences following the Polar Bear schedule during the winter riding season. Finding the riding destination can be found on-line and the rides are every Sunday, just look up the site and ride there. Roger dispensed more mileage awards to a few members who were not able to attend the Holiday party.

Club Calendar

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

Jan 2024

- Jan 3 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM Rod's Tavern, Sea Girt
- 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

July 2024

- July 3 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM Harri-

gan's Pub, 703 Baltimore, Sea Girt

- July 10 Club meeting 7PM (6PM to eat) Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale
- July 17 ice cream ride 6:30PM location TBD

Club Holiday Party

Editor

A few NJSBMW megastars caught in the spotlight by the local paparazzi at the club's Holiday party at Fratello's. (Photos by Xiulan Zhao)



Club Mileage Results

Roger T

Here are the results of our 2023 Club Mileage Contest. Thanks to all 21 members who participated.

- Our top rider this year is Gary Renna who put on 11,572 miles.
- Overall, 21 members rode 98,756 miles (as a group); this is 29,880 less than last year. Total miles in 2022 was 128,636.
- We had 7 fewer participants than last year with one new member participating.
- The average miles for the group of 21 is 4,703 which is a few less miles on average than last year's 4,928 average miles.
- Top 3 riders rode 33,717 miles which is 3,163 less miles than last year. Probably one reason is that the MOA national rally was closer this year, near Richmond VA, rather than in Springfield MO last year.
- Top 3 riders average is 11,239 miles; 1,054 decrease from previous year's average.
- Our lowest-mileage 3 riders rode a total of 1,001 miles with an average of 334 miles per rider.



The average is skewed higher than last year's 68 miles per rider primarily due to one rider, Klaus Hue-necke who put on a total of 929 miles vs. the other two low-mileage riders who put on 23 and 49 miles re-spectively.

Club mileage certificates and commentary on members' accomplishments were given at our De-cember 9th Holiday Dinner as a "thank you" for partici-pation in our 16 year old event. The commentaries were "all in fun" of course. The rest of the coveted cer-tificates for those not at the dinner will be presented at our January club meeting. Email me if you want the detailed mileage spreadsheet or come to our club meeting for a copy. Hope you enjoyed it. We're look-ing forward to next year where EVERYONE will show drastic improvements to brag about. If you wish to participate in 2024, send me your starting mileage (as of 12/1/23) and model /yr of bike.

Congratulations to all.

Member		Mileage	Place	
Gary	Renna	11572		1
Jonathan	Blair	11389		2
Joe	Karol	10756		3
Roger	Trendowski	7933		4
Bill	Dudley	7349		5
Rick	Shapiro	6612		6
Henry	Farber	5878		7
Bob	Truax	5697		8
Henning	von de Wroge	5579		9
Mike	Palmer	5277		10
Herb	Konrad	4684		11
Alvaro	Trujillo	3706		12
Gary	Shunk	3018		13
Jeff	Deorio	2338		14
Paul	Cooke	1957		15
Jim	Thomasey	1567		16
Matt	Scamardella	1479		17
Robert	Sherman	964		18
Klaus	Huenecke	929		19
David	Jakubowski	49		20
Dave	Rosen	23		21

Toy Run

Jim Thomasey

December 10 brought very mild weather for the annual Toy Run and this year also brought a light

mist which quickly became a hard rain. Six riders felt the weather was not an issue and met at the DMV sta-tion in Lakewood for coffee and conversation prior to visiting the Children's Specialized Hospital in Toms River. Arriving in ones and two's the riders were able to park and have a refreshing hot coffee while meeting old and new friends. Riding to the hospital we were met by some folks from the New Sweden club. Some of the assembled took a tour of the hospital and were happy to see some of the children come out with their nurses to see, hear and sit on the bikes. The bad weather then returned, and the children were hurriedly brought back inside. Representatives from the clubs gave monetary and actual gifts to the children of the hospital and then it was back on the bikes to ride home in the rain with a great feeling about the events of the day. Thank you again to all the folks who came out to support this great cause.

Keyless Ride Failure

Roger T.

It happened again! On the way to the DMV (Rt 70) and the Specialized Children's Hospital on December 10th, the Keyless Ride Failure message appeared on my 2019 F850 GSA TFT display. This is the first time since CCBMW re-paired/replaced the wireless key controller back in November. I received the message when run-ning down the GSP and again at the DMV meet-ing place. My bike ran great and at the DMV it restarted OK. However when we finished gift-ing and touring at the children's hospital, the bike didn't start. The TFT was completely dead with no visual boot display when I repeatedly pushed the Start Button. All I heard was a clicking from the steering lock solenoid. The tail lights and GPS turned ON but nothing else. This was simi-lar to previous failures back in September. After 20 minutes of diddling with all the switches, side stand and clutch leavers and disconnecting the battery, my bike finally started. So a week later it started as normal and I rode to CCBMW. Luckily (or maybe unluckily) the failure message ap-peared again on the way up there so the Service Advisor and chief mechanic could see. But the bike started as normal as they did parking lot testing.

Two days later, they called and said they finally found the problem. The primary input I gave them this time was actually suggested by Zhao, Bill Dudley's wife. When we were at the

Children's hospital, Zhao said... "it seems to happen when raining." Sure enough, on our Nova Scotia trip I received the message a couple times when weather was either dry or wet, but the bike failed to start in pouring rain. Then at the hotel, in early morning with plenty of dew, it wouldn't start. On December 10th while going to the children's hospital, the message appeared and then wouldn't start in a lot of cold rain. This was clue enough for CCBMW... with a long list of failure codes and a water hose, they traced the problem to a wire behind the TFT display where the insulation had worn off due to rubbing against the TFT mounting bracket. Apparently, the bike tried to start but because this wire was shorted to ground when aggravated by water, the bike's computer couldn't properly "wake up" without the TFT display. As the mechanic explained, "the wireless control module" is wired to the TFT and other key modules to "wake up" and start communications on the CanBus. The wake up wire does not have any effect on running once the bike starts. The failure message must have appeared when the wire shorted out but the bike was running down the road. The occasional short caused the bike not to boot/start when wet. I asked the mechanic to show me the wire repair but it was buried behind the TFT display and behind the windshield and cowling plastic. They road tested the repaired bike and drowned it with gallons of water and feel they "got it." My lesson learned: Listen to friends for suggestions. Thank you Zhao.



Beers, Burgers but no Seals.

Paul C.

Ridable temperatures and holiday time-off, combined to ensure a long standing simmering plan Jeff and I had to sample a few local brews came to fruition in late Dec. Plan A was to locate and sample Ross Brewing but this quickly morphed into Plan B to grabbing a beer and burger at The MuleBarn on Sandy Hook.

For those unaware, the Hook has been without a formal eatery since Sandy destroyed the Seagulls Nest. The Mulebarn opened in August and empirical evidence suggests its become a popular spot. Its located close the lighthouse and chapel, which conveniently , puts it very close the to viewing spot for the Harbor Seals. The Seals typically come in to rest on the rock breakwater close to the Seastreak jetty at or around low tide during the winter months. Its not however a guaranteed sighting. Thanks to Social Media, they have gained enough notoriety to warrant parking directions on the sign at the entrance to the park.

A short ride up Rt36 quickly had us on the Hook. It was busy for a winter day, partly due to low tide being at/around lunchtime. Speed was kept low due to the very numerous and very tame deer that roam the Hook. We were forced to come to a complete halt on the return in fact as 2 adult deer casually crossed Atlantic Drive completely oblivious to the presence of cars and our bikes on the road.

The Mulebarn menu would best be described as American, being mostly well known staples. Due to the crowds we elected to prop up the bar rather than wait for a table. Beer selection is OK, if somewhat limited. Burgers were ordered to accompany the brews. They were sizable, well prepared and tasty. One well know reviewer labeled them "righteous". Price wise, the Mulebarn is on the high side, but quality and location don't come cheap in 2023/24.

As we left, we walked over to join the crowd milling around the viewing area. Unfortunately, we had missed them for the day. The Sandy Hook FB page obliged though and duly reported on what we would have seen had we been faster drinkers...



Contact **Ed Gerber** (edgerber1@verizon.net) for any of the above.

For sale, 1999 BMW K1200LT. A great bike. 65,788 miles and counting. It's drivable now as it is, however it needs a fair bit of work. This is probably best for someone that's mechanically inclined or is willing to spend a bit. I was still riding it until very recently when I got another GS. In fact, I took it on a multi-state, two-week tour through the northeast this past October and it had no issues. I just don't have the time or funds to invest in it right now to bring it to where it needs to be.

The major repair it needs is a new clutch. It slips when accelerating hard, mostly when on the highway in a higher gear. This is a big job on the LT.

Contact **Jonathan** simplyabsurd@Gmail.com if you have any questions. I can also provide a Google sheet with my service history.

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

Highly Classifieds

For Sale: Riding gear – contact **Ed Gerber:**

- **Helite “Turtle” air bag vest** size large \$300 (a right bargain).
- **Gerbings heated** size large **jacket liner** and size large **gloves** with dual controller \$50
- **BMW Motorrad GS Dry Riding pants** size 50 (US equivalent size 35)
- They are armored, water proof, unlined pants (My favorites) originally \$200 for \$45
- **Draggin Jeans** lined with Kevlar size 34 used but in ok shape \$25
- **Slides Kevlar Khaki pants** size 34 \$20
- **Olympia full length riding jacket** w/ removable liner and waterproof shell in beige blue and red \$60
- **Riding pants Field sheer perforated leather** summer riding pant almost new; Armor is missing \$35
- **First Gear lined over pants** size 36 \$40
- **Full length Field Sheer** length fully waterproof lined riding **jacket** \$30
- Summer armored **Heinz Gericke jacket** \$20
- **Black leather** armored motorcycle **jacket** size large \$40

And Finally..

