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*"The institute of unfinished research has concluded  
6 out of 10 people."*

*Unknown*

*"We guarantee fast service, no matter how long it  
takes"*

*Unknown, Roadside sign*

*"Sometimes I think the surest sign that intelligent life  
exists somewhere in the universe is that it hasn't  
tried to contact us yet"*

*Bill Watterson, "Calvin and Hobbes"*

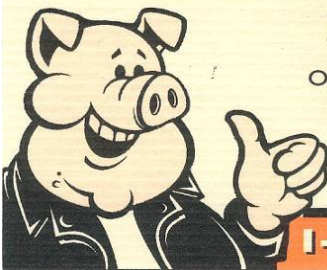
*"Journalism is printing something someone else  
doesn't want printed. Everything else is PR"*

*George Orwell.*

*"Realizing not every moment in life will not be deep  
meaningful and vibrating with the energy that would  
give him the fulfillment he'd always hoped for, Todd  
unloaded the dishwasher"*

*New Yorker Cartoon*

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## President's Message

*Jeff Diorio, President*

Hello fellow BMW Riders

Hoping you all have enjoyed some good riding and a good Labor Day. I know Roger and Joe did some good riding to upstate NY last weekend and I believe Dan went to the BMW RA Rally in NH. The monthly meeting and various other activities seem to be well attended this summer.

We want to welcome all our new members. They include Alvaro Trujillo, Tim Kerner, Leroy Simoes, Ignacio Pereyra, Chris Miller, and Nick Katzenberger. Nick has this gorgeous new R18, and we have a profile of him in this month's newsletter.

As you all probably recall, NJSBMWR is hosting the Three Club Rumble this year. It's this month, Saturday, September 28 at 7-Presidents Park (221 Ocean Ave N, Long Branch, NJ 07740) starting at 11:30 AM.

At the very least we need to know if you are attending and if you will be helping or willing to volunteer to bring something. Roger T has compiled the preparation list and will be doing the shopping. Skylands said they have over 20 people signed to attend, and we are expecting at least 10 or more from New Sweden. So please try to make it and represent NJSBMWR. I will distribute the preparation list via email.

We finally agreed on new NJSBMWR club shirts after several years. Thanks to Mike P and Klaus for researching providers for new club shirts. If you haven't ordered yours, go to the club website to make your selection. There are short sleeve and long sleeve options in all sizes with an embroidered club logo. We are trying to

have the order delivered in advance of the 3-club rumble so make your order before the 11<sup>th</sup> of Sept.

Finally, I will close with an appeal. We are looking for ride leaders and planners. Please do use the groups.io email chat to plan rides. If you are not receiving the group emails send a note directly to [webmaster@njsbmwr.org](mailto:webmaster@njsbmwr.org) so we can make sure you are connected on all our events.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the next meeting and at the rumble in our new club shirts.

## **August Meeting Minutes**

*James Thomasey, recording secretary*

The meeting began promptly at 7pm with a great crowd of 16 members. Included in the group was Roger's son-in-law Jeff from CA. We also welcomed our newest member Nick Katzenberger who rides an R18.

The meeting from the last meeting were presented and approved by those in attendance. Our treasury stands at just under \$650 with paid membership reported to be 42.

The often-discussed issue of the weather the new club shirts should be silk screened, digital, or vinyl applique was settled by voting to have them embroidered. All members are encouraged to get the club shirts as described elsewhere in this newsletter.

Volunteers are still needed for the Three Club Rumble to be held September 28 at Seven Presidents Park in Long Branch. If you would like to donate any items usually associated with a barbecue or a picnic, please contact Roger with your offerings. Paper plates, charcoal, bottled water, etc. are in need and will be welcomed. Remember, NJSBMWRiders need to have a GREAT turnout of members so we can again claim the prize for most members.

All members are reminded to let the others know of any proposed rides on the club email chain. Going somewhere interesting? Maybe someone will ride along with you.

The 50/50 was won by Mike Palmer with

the second, third and fourth prizes going to Jeff D., Paul C. and Herb K. I hope to see another great turnout at the September meeting and at the 3 Club Rumble

## **Club Calendar**

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

### **September 2024**

- Sept 4 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM @ Federici's on 10<sup>th</sup>, Belmar
- Sept 11 Club meeting 7PM (6PM to eat) Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale
- Sept 28 Three Club Rumble, 11:30AM Seven Presidents Park, Long Branch

### **October 2024**

- Oct 4 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM @ TBD
- Oct 9 Club meeting 7PM (6PM to eat) Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale

### **November 2024**

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

### **December 2024**

- Dec 4 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM @ TBD
- Dec 11 Club meeting 7PM (6PM to eat) Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale

## **Oregon Trip MOA Rally, Redmond & Home**

*Roger Trendowski*

Last month I discussed my trip to the MOA National Rally in Redmond Oregon. In this article I will talk a bit about the People's Choice Bike Judging/Show (PCBJ) that I hosted, the Rally, and then my trip back to NJ. The PCBJ event is a staple of the MOA Rally. I've led the event for the past 5 years but it ran at National Rallies for several years before I got it. We invite anyone to display their bike on Saturday morn-

ing until noon-ish and then give out awards at 2pm. This is not a "vintage bike" display/judging event where technical points are assessed by very qualified judges. This Vintage event is held throughout Rally week with awards also presented on Saturday. The PCBJ event is where people display their bikes in one of ten classes and rally attendees vote on a bike in each class. The classes are both traditional and for fun: Air Heads (non vintage), Oil Heads, Hex Heads/CAM Heads/Wet Heads, K-flying bricks, K everything else (Wedge, transverse, straight), F singles and 2-cyl, S1000, Other BMW Bikes, Most Farkled, Mud & Bugs & Deviant (most mess covering the bike as well as most custom bike setup that varies from stock), and BMW Sidecar rigs. As you can tell, a couple of the categories are for FUN and they bring a lot of smiles too. With the help of a dozen volunteers, we line up the bikes before 9am and then solicit votes from people walking by. This year we had 31 bikes in our event, 194 voters and 1302 votes. Excel Active X software that I developed is used to input all the votes, sort votes by bike class, and pump out the top 3 winners per class. Surprisingly this year the Best-in-Show bike as well as Most Farkled winner was not a pretty bike as in past years, but an ugly over farkled, overweight R1200GSA. My F850GSA had a mere 15 Farkles, while this one had dozens more (uncountable). We gave out certificates and ribbons to the top 3 winners per class as well as one for Best-In-Class. See my PCBJ video: <https://youtu.be/0HNJAv4dMlk>

As I mentioned last month, the MOA National Rally was excellent with nearly 5000 attendees this year, 125 vendors and 80+ seminars. At least three companies were installing tires as well as many selling/installing auxiliary lights, custom seats, CanBus systems, and about anything else you can imagine for a bike. Vendors selling motorcycle clothes and helmets were spread around indoors and outside. One vendor had a MC bike visual warning system that was creative; a camera system, front and rear, that views vehicle traffic 360 degrees around your bike and gives you warnings when something dangerous occurs. This is much like today's automobile spot surround-traffic warning system. I don't know if the system controls brakes and throttle, but I doubt it. It may be just a "warning system." Metzler was selling tires of course, but they were giving away a Metzler tent with two-tire purchase. The tent was a unique 2 person size. When you pull the tent out of the bag, you hold one end of the tent, shake it and it expands to full size. Then all you have to do is secure the tent poles by straighten them till they click/lock. Their tent is extremely easy and fast to setup. This year (and last yr) the MOA didn't have a traditional closing ceremony...

instead they gave away their three M-Series 1000 bikes, one per night from the entertainment stage. The other unusual change was that the MOA Staff didn't setup and sell tee shirts/hats, etc like they have in past years. This was always an area that Joe K. and I volunteered to help with rally setup. This year, a big 18 wheeler truck pulled in and opened up one long trailer side panel to sell a very large stock of gear. Apparently the MOA outsourced the sale of all their shirts/hats so as to eliminate the costs and risks of stocking gear in all sizes. It seemed to work very effectively as there were several sales people with many rally goers lined up buying merchandise. Volunteering is critical to put on a 5000 attendee rally in a large fairgrounds. There are dozens of teams that you can sign up for to help out. My PCBJ event is just one. Others include security, signage, entertainment, 50/50s, logistics, awards (your entry ticket has the potential of winning a vendor donated product), bike wash/oil change, Brewfest, charging station, first aid, coffee, Over 1000 volunteers actively participate to make the rally a success. Selecting a potential site, negotiations and organizing activities starts two years ahead of time. All volunteers are invited on Tuesday evening to a dinner especially for them. They all receive a rally tee shirt and unlimited supply of water and appreciation. The rally ends on Saturday evening with most people packing up and leaving on Sunday. About 50% of attendees camp out (for free) on the rally grounds and the rest stay in local hotels/B&Bs. There were dozens of RVs parked in a special designated area with electric and water services.

After a good night's sleep (after my all-day event on Saturday) I left the hotel in Bend OR early Sunday morning. Jim Nanfeldt who shared the room with me, headed North to Alaska and I started East on US Rt 20 toward Boise ID and Yellowstone Park. The weather was cold each morning in Bend/Redmond....about 50 degrees, but warmed to 70-80 by noon. My vented jacket and liner were adequate because the temperature eventually warmed up. My first night stop coming back East was near Idaho Falls. By then the evenings were cold as well as mornings. It started to rain and together with the cold, I was getting apprehensive about my ride through Yellowstone up toward the Bear Tooth. I put on my rain suit which helped with wetness, but it didn't address the cold. I found a Thrift Store near Idaho Falls. For a mere \$10 I purchased a very nice ski jacket which was well insulated and zipped up around my neck. So from here through Yellowstone I was warm, but my boots sloshed with ice water. Water splashed up my legs and ran down into my boots. For about 3 hours, in stop-and-go traffic in Yellowstone, it was 31 degrees

and either raining or snowing.

US Route 20 runs from Newport (on Oregon Bend to Boise, then through Yellowstone to Cody WY and East... ultimately all the way to Boston MA. (I've ridden all of US Rt 20, coast to coast, but not all at one time. It even goes across the top of the NY State Finger Lakes and within a couple miles from our cottage.) I followed US 20 into Yellowstone but then diverted onto Routes 89 and 212 up toward the Bear Tooth.

My goal was not to see Yellowstone Park again or ride the Bear Tooth (down hill), but was to transverse Yellowstone as fast as possible by only hitting the NW corner... head toward Bear Tooth and then ride Chief Joseph's Highway down toward Cody WY. Everyone I know who has ridden the Bear Tooth, say that Chief Joseph's Highway (CJ) is well worth the ride. Joe K and I passed the CJ a few years ago on our way to Montana, however we didn't want to go up the Bear Tooth and then back down CJ in a big circle. I've passed CJ twice before but never had time to take it. Chief Joseph's Highway is 45 miles long and full of curves. In some areas heading downhill it was so steep that I contemplated turning around and running uphill for the fun. However I only went downhill. Chief Joseph's Highway is definitely higher speed than the Bear Tooth highway and doesn't have as many scenic views.

After descending CJ to Rt 120 I rode the remaining 20 miles to Cody. It was late afternoon so I was ready to overnight, but hotels were very expensive (over \$200). After searching the internet, I found a reasonably priced Super 8 about 30 miles away in Powell WY, I rode a secondary road to Powell and not on US Rt 20. In the morning I set my GPS for "fastest route" East to Interstate 90. Dufus (as Don E calls his GPS) ignored US Rt 20. Instead my GPS identified WY Rt 16 to go over the mountains. From my hotel in Powell WY, it was 100 miles to Rt. 16. Route 16 appeared to have more curves, so I set off on back roads to link up with this new route. The two lane roads were cool but I felt I was out there in no-where-land alone. Before hitting Rt 16, I was stopped by a herd of cows being moved by cowboys on horses.... for a mile or more down a narrow paved road. My video shows the "cattle drive." Gassing up when I could was a lesson learned on the other long-desolate roads on the trip. I pulled into the town Ten Sleep WY and struck up a conversation with owner of a 50's semi-restored jeep. (I've never seen the transmission shift mechanism and dash layout like this one.)

Rt 16, leading across the Big Horn Mountains, was scenic, curvy and COLD... snow and ice on the grass and trees but not on the road, and in mid 30s. Luckily it was only lightly snowing and not raining. There were numerous "8% grade - Test your Brakes" signs as I passed over several mountains. Once out of the mountains, I hit the flat of WY and interstate 90. Temperature soared to 85-90 degrees vs. mid 30s an hour before. It was 65 miles from Ten Sleep to Interstate 90. Interstate 90 lead me past Gillette, Spearfish, Deadwood and Sturgis. My next stop was in Wall SD, home of a town built around the gigantic drug store aptly named Wall Drug. Riding down the interstate, I could always tell how far Wall was by the Wall Drug signs located every few miles. This was like the old Burma Shave signs we use to see back in the 60s-70s. Wall is a sprawling complex of shops, restaurants, and attractions that started as a humble pharmacy in 1931 offering free ice water to thirsty travelers. Population today is about 700 and town area is 2.2 sq miles. It is a gateway to the Badlands National Park. I call it a concentrated a tourist trap... many hotels and many many nic-nack shops in addition to the Wall Drug complex. I joke with Joe K that the main reason we stopped 2 yrs ago at Wall was because of his old "flame." See the pix of Joe (2 yrs ago) and me (this year). Wall Drug still sells 5 cent cup of coffee and has a reasonably priced menu. I found the hotels in the area pretty expensive like in Cody so I used my 15K Wyndham points for a free night. I needed to overnight here because the next day's stop was the South Dakota Minuteman Missile site, about 30 miles further East and there were no hotels near the missile site.

Traveling East from Wall, I passed an exit that my GPS said was the Minuteman Missile site however there were no signs. With no traffic behind me, I did a quick up-the-entrance ramp turn and rode about 1/2 mile to the missile site. It was odd that there were no signs for such an important site. Turns out that this was the Tour/reservations-only underground site. A National Parks employee directed me to the museum 4 miles further East. I couldn't talk my way into the tour as there is a 3 month waiting list and a limit of 6 (max to fit the elevator down to the facility). This Minuteman Missile National Historic Site (& museum) was established in 1999. The site preserves the last intact Minuteman II ICBM system in the United States, in a disarmed and demilitarized status. The silo, known as launch facility Delta Nine was constructed in 1963. It consists of an underground launch tube ("missile silo") 12 feet in diameter and 80 feet deep, made of reinforced concrete with a steel-plate liner. An unarmed Minuteman missile is on display inside. The launch



tube's 90-ton cover has been rolled partly away and welded to the rails it rides on. The launch tube was then covered with a glass viewing enclosure. Not only does this permit visitors to see the missile, it enables Russian satellites to verify that the site is not operational, and hence in compliance with the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty. From the mid-1960s until the early 1990s there were 1,000 Minuteman Silos and 100 corresponding Launch Control Facilities for command and control.

Several states further East on I-90 and then down to I-80, is the American Pickers Antique Archaeology store in Le Claire, Iowa. I've watched this TV series since it started in 2010 and most of the reruns, especially when they "picked" motorcycles and cars. I was surprised when turning into their parking lot. On TV, their building looks like it's in the country but in fact it is on a hill side, two streets above the Mississippi River with stores, cafes and gas stations nearby. Parking was in short supply and the road on one side was steep downhill. A dozen cars parked there with a small bus load of young people with Intellectual Disabilities having pictures taken next to the Antique Archaeology white van. There are actually two buildings here: the one they typically show in the TV show and a new one which I recall they built 5 yrs ago. The buildings are loaded with their "pickings" that I remember from the show. All items have prices but the company is clearly making money from tee shirts, mugs, stickers, and other doo-dads. I didn't see any of the TV personalities: Mike Wolfe and Frank Fritz, or the quirky tattoo laden store manager, Danielle Colby. Of interest to me were several of the antique motorcycles on display... all which I recognize from TV. Out in front of the buildings was the trademark 1949 Hudson auto with the faded company logo on the doors, I left only with a mug and a couple stickers.

From Le Claire I headed Southeast down I-74 and I-474 to Indianapolis where I stayed overnight. From there I did the final 700 miles home. It was 500 miles to Carlisle PA where I got off of the PA Turnpike I70. But that close to home, about 200 miles, I usually just put my head down and finish the ride. (what's another 200 miles?) From Carlisle I usually head North on I-81 and take I-78 into NJ rather than deal with I-76 PA and NJTP Traffic. My roundtrip ride to Redmond Oregon was 6,600 miles over 18 days. You can see my Redmond Trip Video at: <https://youtu.be/TBib-gl4cM6s>



Three Sisters mountains; a view from the Rally fairgrounds. I didn't ride to 3-Sisters but did the last time I was at the MOA Rally in 2010.



Probably half the vendors were located indoors in air conditioned space.





Bikes entered in the People's Choice Bike Judging/ Show are lined up; all have ID tag taped to headlight identifying bike class and ID number. Voters simply write down on small form, the best bike they choose for each class.



This was the winner of the "most Farkled" class . I lost to this one with too many farkles to count. This bike was also the overall winner of Best-in-Class among the 10 classes.



Bob Henning, Bob's BMW, admiring an R100RS with special description taped to the windshield. Bob said "this is what it is all about." The sign said the bike was purchase by the rider's father and now he owns and rides it... second generation. The pix on the sign showed the father with 8 yr old on his lap/seat.... the son, the current owner.

My bike looks over packed. It is ! I had extra tee shirts, a few purchases, a few family gifts, and pile of dirty clothes. The Laptop that I use in my event, and book of event registration papers are all in my left hand side case. Spare parts and tools are in my right case. All my clothes are in two bags on my seat.

Thrift shop Ski Jacket protected me from the very cold and wet weather.



I packed away my vented jacket as it was not insulated enough for 30-50 degree weather in Idaho and Wyoming (Yellowstone). When it was raining hard (or snowing) I put on my rain suit over ski jacket but under my Helite vest. After returning home, I purchased Aerositch rubber over-boots to waterproof my leaky boots.





Route through Yellowstone to Chief Joseph's Highway... bypassing the Bear Tooth Hwy this time. The ride through Yellowstone was cold... 30-35 degrees, raining then snowing with lots of stop and go traffic (tourists looking for Buffalo).



Sleep... just before hitting mountains.

Interior of the Jeep. I understand the floor shift lever but what is the other ratchet linkage?



Cows being herded down the road... a couple cowboys kept them moving, but slowly.

Route 16 in WY over the top of the Big Horn mountains instead of US Rt 20. It was cold but at least not raining or snowing like in Yellowstone Park.

An hour further East on WY Interstate 90 it was 85-90 degrees.



Antique Jeep... at gas stop on Rt 16 in town of Ten



Just off I-90 at Wall SD. The town is built around a gigantic Wall Drug Store but hundreds of other shops/stores try to attract tourists.





Location of underground Minuteman Missile site at unsigned exit ½ mile off of Interstate 90. I guess the government still does not want you to know where it is unless you have a reservation.



Joe K next to his old “flame” at Wall Drug Store in 2021 on our way to Montana (a joke).



... and this year “she is still there looking for you Joe....”



Historic picture of underground missile in state of readiness. At the Museum, they said that the unarmed



missile is still in the silo where you can see it, with tour reservations.



Antique Archaeology Store in LeClaire Iowa. American Pickers is the well known TV series. There are two stores here and one in Nashville TN.



Inside the Pickers buildings are items they picked over the years,... many recognizable from the TV show. They are more serious about selling tee shirts, stickers and cups than actual antiques, however everything had a price.

Total of 6,600 miles in 18 days.



## New Member Introduction – Nick Katzenburger

I live in Oceanport with my wife and have two kids. One is a senior at Steven's Institute of Technology in Hoboken and the other lives in Washington D.C. and is currently applying to law school. I've been riding on and off for about 30 years. My first bike was a Yamaha Seca II at 600cc's. That was my only transportation while in college in Boston. I rode that bike in the rain, snow, and ice throughout the city. For the past 15 years, I have been riding a hand-me-down 1982 Honda CM450. I was looking to upgrade to a more modern ride. I looked at Indian, Harley, and BMW. I had it down between an Indian Chief and the R18. I got too good of a deal on the R18 to pass up. This is my first "big bike". 1800cc is four times the size of the Honda I have I was nervous at first. When I test-drove it, I couldn't believe it weighed twice as much as what I was currently riding around on. It handles like a dream. I bought it right there and then and have had a smile on my face ever since. I'm looking forward to meeting and riding with everyone. I often ride out to Sandy Hook, so if anyone is interested in going, give me a shout.





## From the Archives

Don E

I found this whilst digging through the club archives - this was the 3 club Rumble of 1914 - and this was the shore riders photo.



One can only hope we can equal this display of enthusiasm for our 3 Club Rumble 2024, 110 years later!

## Club Shirts

Reminder!

The order form for club shirts is up and running on the NJSBMW web page.

<https://www.njsbmwr.org/club-shirts/>

**Deadline for ordering to ensure delivery before the 3 club rumble is Sept 10th**

## Highly Classifieds

**For Sale: 2018 Moto Guzzi V7 Milano.** 27K miles. Located in Southampton, NJ. Asking \$5K. Contact Frank Vanherwaarden at 609 706 6884.

**For Sale: 1981 BMW R100RS.** 109K miles. Refurbished 1200 miles ago. Located in Summit, NJ. Asking \$6.5K. Contact James Stack at 908 768 4218

## And Finally..

A recent Saturday Breakfast Conversation:-

*Club Prez:* "I need to stick something together"

*Assembled Club Engineering Team:* "You need Industrial Strength Velcro!"

*Club Prez:* "Where can I get that?"

*Assembled Club Engineering Team:* "Home Depot or Lowes!"

*Club Prez:* "I'll stop on my way home"

28mins later..



Word has it, the NJSBMW Premium 2-wheeled Uber service will be available for the 3-club Rumble should you inadvertently oversleep or find yourself with a hangover on the morning of the 28th.

