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"The first day of January always presents to my mind a train of very solemn and important reflections and a question more easily asked than answered frequently occurs viz: How have I improved the past year and with what good intentions do I view the dawn of its successor?"

Charlotte Brontë

"Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right."

Oprah Winfrey

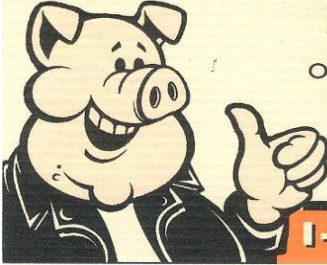
"New year—new verse, a new chapter, or just the same old story? Ultimately we write it. The choice is ours."

Alex Morritt (author)

"This is a new year. A new beginning. And things will change."

Taylor Swift

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President's Message

Jeff Diorio, President

Hello everyone.

The year is almost out and holidays are upon us. Hoping you all had wonderful Thanksgivings with friends and family. And also wishing you all a joyous holiday (whatever your favorite is: Christmas, Hanukkah, Festivus etc.) I can't believe it has been a whole year as president of NJSBMWR and also amazed you wanted me to follow on for 2025. While I still blame Don for foisting the title on me, it has not been a hardship because you are a very good group of people to hang out with, share meals, ride, talk about motorcycles and any other topics that seem to come up.

Hoping you got some good gifts for the holidays and more importantly had a nice time with your families. Our club holiday party was earlier in December and it was a nice time. Thanks to the organizers and for all the presenters on awards. I believe Roger emailed the final few mileage awards.

I think we still have a club shirt or two and I believe we are making a new order if you are interested. Maybe send a note to Mike P to see if he has placed the order already. If not we can always do more runs or you can actually contact the shop directly.

If you have not yet renewed for 2025 please do. Our regional BMW MOA rep, Vince Kelly, coordinated a mailing to local members to see if we can interest them in becoming members. If you are an MOA member you may have received an email. Apologies, but it was easier to send to the whole list instead of removing our members.

Here is to a nice 2025 of riding and joining club events. I know we already have a crew planning on going to the national MOA rally. Think of rides you would like to do and propose them at our next meeting so we can plan out a good year of riding.

Happy riding to you and good health in 2025

December Meeting Minutes

James Thomasey, Recording Secretary

The meeting began at 7pm with no gavel and only six attendees. The busy shopping month of December appears to have kept everyone else at home. The minutes from the last meeting were offered for approval and they were passed into the archives. Joe Karol reported the treasury to be just under \$900. with more dues still to arrive and all expenses covered as of the meeting date.

A letter was sent as a reminder to the members who had ordered a new club shirt but have not picked it up yet. Stay tuned if you would like more club shirts as they may be available as collared golf shirts in the near future in addition to getting more of the short and long sleeve versions. The secretary also has sent letters to the lapsed members with a new club application encouraging them to join again.

The Holiday dinner was held December 6 at Woody's in Farmingdale. If you have any suggestions or comments about the next dinner, please attend the meeting and voice your opinion. We are eager to get your feedback. The 50/50 allowed the winner to leave tip money for the meal and the other winners got BMW MOA swag towels. Almost everyone who came went home a winner.

Club Calendar

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

January 2025

- Jan 8 Club meeting 7PM (6PM to eat)
Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale

February 2025

- Feb 5 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM @ TBD
- Feb 12 Club meeting 7PM (6PM to eat)
Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale

March 2025

- Mar 5 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM @ TBD
- Mar 12 Club meeting 7PM (6PM to eat)
Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale

April 2025

- Apr 2 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM @ TBD
- Apr 9 Club meeting 7PM (6PM to eat)
Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale
- Apr 27 Gathering of the Nortons, Performance Garage, Frenchtown

May 2025

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

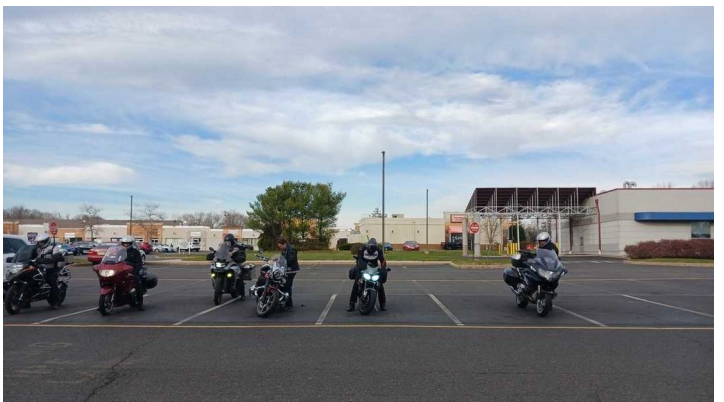
2024 Toy Run

Paul C

The weather cooperated and ensured a sizable turn-out to the club's annual Toy Run to benefit the Children's Specialized Hospital in Toms River.

As promised, Jim ensured coffee and donuts were available at our usual meeting spot, the Motor Vehicle station on Rt 70 in Lakewood. Interestingly, the coffee container, rather than the beverage itself, prompted most of the discussion. The inner thermal liners of DD boxes are collapsible, resealable and gas safe, which makes them ideal for emergency roadside use. The assembled knowledge base was very skeptical though about ever getting one directly filled from a NJ gas pump.

Once the donuts had been consumed and



tires sufficiently kicked we collectively departed for the Hospital. After a small degree of confusion over exactly which door we needed to be in front of, we dismounted and awaited the staff to bring their guests out to view and sit on the bikes.

With the relatively mild weather conditions, All bar two of the resident children were able to come out and experience the bikes. Several machines were volunteered to run and make noise, but a straw poll of popularity, suggested Mike P's K1600 was the preferred mount of the day. It is amazing to witness their response to the tactile vibration and noise of the bikes

Unfortunately, due to medical privacy regulations we cannot publish names or photo's of the children on the bikes. It is however, fulfilling to see them smile and enjoy something we take for granted every time we head out for a ride.

The collective decision for lunch was Chinese cuisine. We arrived at the restaurant almost to the minute of the scheduled opening and basically took the place over. Being of sufficient number, we moved every table (bar those used for storage) albeit under promise of relocating them upon our departure. Our handy cadre of translators (TY Zhao!) ensured smooth



service and a successful culmination of the days activities.

Holiday Party

A selection of photo's from the Club's 2024 Holiday Party, keynote speakers and assembled revelers.



Club Mileage Contest Results

Roger T

Here are the results of our 2024 Club Mileage Contest. Thanks to all 20 members who participated.

- The top rider this year is me (Roger T) who put on 12,890 miles. Second place was Jonathan Blair with 11,367 and third was Gary Renna with 10,215.

- Overall, 20 members rode 81,823 miles (as a group); this was 16,933 less than last year. Total miles in 2023 was 98,756.

- We had 1 less participant than in 2023 but with two new members participating.

- The average miles for the group of 20 was 4,091 which was a few less miles on average than last year's 4,703 average miles.

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2024 NJ SHORE BMW RIDERS MILEAGE CONTEST

Member	Grand Total	Place	COMMENT
Roger Trendowski	12,890	1	One long . 3 intermediates.
Jonathan Blair	11,367	2	Most consistent with last yr, 16m.
Gary Renna	10,215	3	Too many bikes to ride & track (15?)
Joe Karol	6,472	4	Most riding miles to Lunch.
Henning von der Wroge	5,624	5	A bike in every port. Need one more.
Ignacio Pereyra	5,009	6	New member, New Bike, not enough miles.
Bill Dudley	4,207	7	Only 1 long trip this year... it shows.
Mike Palmer	4,052	8	Six cylinders should carry you farther.
Rick Shapiro	3,527	9	Riding camera man.
Herb Konrad	3,278	10	Longest rides to Club breakfasts.
Alvaro Trujillo	2,809	11	GS's should be ridden more.
Jeff Deorio	2,738	12	Club president should be at the top.
Klaus Huenecke	1,952	13	Biggest mover from last yr (19th-13)
Robert Sherman	1,605	14	Work less, ride more or maybe MC Patrol.
Matt Scamardella	1,558	15	Still almost a new bike 2020
Paul Cooke	1,551	16	3 bikes but still not enough miles.
Nick Katzenberger	1,065	17	Newest & Biggest bike in the Club.
Gary Shunk	1,059	18	Read the manual to display mileage?
Jim Thomasey	843	19	Old faithful again... Suzuki Vstrom
Dave Rosen	2	20	1st place for not "Wearing Out a Bike"
Total Miles for 20	81,823		
Average # Miles all Riders	4,091		
Total Miles TOP 3	34,472		
Average Miles TOP 3	11,491		
Total Miles BOTTOM 3	1,904		
Average Miles BOTTOM 3	635		

Top 3 riders rode 34,472 miles which was 755 more miles than last year.

- Top 3 riders average was 11,491 miles; 252 miles above previous year's average.

- Our lowest-mileage 3 riders rode a total of 1,904 miles with an average of 635 miles per rider. The average was skewed higher than last year's 334 miles per rider, primarily due to two riders putting on about 900-1000 miles.

Club mileage certificates and commentary on members' accomplishments were given at our December 6th Holiday Dinner as a "thank you" for participation in our 17 year old event. The commentaries were "all in fun" of course. The rest of the coveted certificates for those not at the dinner were given out at our December Club meeting or will be presented at our January 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 looking forward to next year where EVERYONE will show drastic improvements to brag about. If you wish to participate in 2025, send me your starting mileage (as of 12/1/24) and model /yr of bike.

Congratulations to all.

Handlebar Muffs a.k.a. Elephant Ears a.k.a. Hippo Hands

Roger T

(A timely temperature driven reprint from Jan 2022)

A few years ago I went through a cold torrential downpour and had to stop into Kansas City BMW for tire repair. While they fixed the flat I walked around the showroom to bide time. A nice salesman offered to hang up my jacket. He didn't really want a trail of water all over the showroom floor from my dripping clothes/gloves. Of course when the tire was done, I had to put ON my cold wet clothes and gloves to continue riding. Funny thing is that this has happened to me a lot. Another time I was on I-70 in West Virginia in April heading for Colorado Springs. It was snowing. When I stopped at a truck stop restaurant to warm up, the nice receptionist offered to hang up my soaked clothes (rather than dripping all over the restaurant floor and booth).

Cold weather riding is tough on your body, especially your hands. I hate wet gloves in any weather.

Heavy duty winter gloves are the basic level of protection for most riders. Larger handlebar hand guards help by deflecting cold air and water over your hands/gloves. Heated grips help a lot but are designed to just keep the palms of your hands warm. You still get the rest of your hands and wrists cold, and possibly wet. Heated clothes and heated gloves are better but I find that heated gloves eventually get wet in rain and snow no matter how much waterproofing spray I apply. Aerostich "3 digit glove covers" also called "over-gloves" work well to help keep your gloves dry but don't add any insulation to the mix. (I used these for rainy summer riding.) The best alternative product is Hippo Hands or similar products called Elephant Ears or Handlebar Muffs.

Searching the internet you will find branded products with these names and many more unbranded generic products which address the same problem. The main differences between these products are: size, amount of insulation, features, construction and price. They all attempt to provide hand/forearm covering, some better than others. Some have a hard(er) construction shell rather than just flexible fabric. Some have a cut out or extender cuff for a mirror. Some have draw string for sealing up the space around your arm (so air and water doesn't get sucked back into your glove area.) Some even have zippered pockets on the top or side for ??? Size is important to insure the unit easily fits around your handlebar hand guards, brake/clutch levers and switch controls. Of course, water-proofing or water resistance is critical so rain and snow don't penetrate the shell.

I have two sets of these....(In this article I will refer to them generically as "muffs" instead of a specific brand name.) The first one I got was a generic no-brand set. They were made of insulated not-so-stiff fabric and were water resistant. Fitting them to my F800GSA with mirror coming out near the hand grip was more difficult as was fitting them over my existing large hand guards. I had to remove the hand guard, slip on the muff, cut an opening for the mirror (actually opened up a stitch in the seam). This generic unit was inexpensive, only available in one size, and had open end for my hand (no drawstring to help close up the opening). It was easy enough to put my hand on the handlebar grip, controls and switches, but I had to remember where the switches were located because I couldn't see them anymore. They did the job... much warmer and I could use lighter gloves (not my bulky snow-mobile double insulated gloves.).... no need for my hand grip warmer to be set on high.

The second set I recently purchased was Wunderlich Handlebar Muffs. They are larger than my generics thereby making them easier to install over the handlebar hand guards and controls. I didn't need to remove and reinstall my mirrors or hand guards because there was plenty of room to slip them over both. These Muffs have an extended Velcro cuff to wrap around the mirror arm. They have a molded plastic insert along the front and side which ensures safe non-interference operation of brake, clutch and instruments (so that the material enclosure doesn't touch the controls.) They also have a small window so you can physically see the controls/switches. They're advertised to fit all motorcycles (with and without hand guard protectors) and are water-repellent, dirt-proof and have reflective strips for increased visibility/safety.

There's a pull string closure around hands/forearm for further water protection. If you are considering a pair of the muffs, I suggest asking around in the club to get feedback (likes and dislikes) and maybe to try them on your bike to be sure they fit. I've loaned my generic pair to Henning and others (off season) to tryout. Henning then purchased Hippo Hands. A great idea is that he stores them on the underside of his pannier covers (when he rides in cold weather). It's a great place to hide them until you need them.). Don E. also has a pair of HippoHands. Search on eBay for "motorcycle handlebar muff: to see many alternatives. Also look at www.wunderlichamerica.com/ and www.hippohands.com/ for the high end products. I lucked out buying mine at an MOA Get-a-Way rally. A guy won the Wunderlich Muffs at the raf



Wunderlich Handlebar Muff. Easy to install. Insulated, window to see controls, mirror boot, forearm draw-string enclosure

fle. Looking as if he won an old wet tee shirt, he was more than happy to take my cash offer. Prices range from under \$20 for the cheap, less featured generics to \$200 for the best name brand ones (full featured).



Comparison of “generic” vs “Wonderlich” Handlebar Muffs

HPBS 2000A Jump Starter (Power Pack) Review

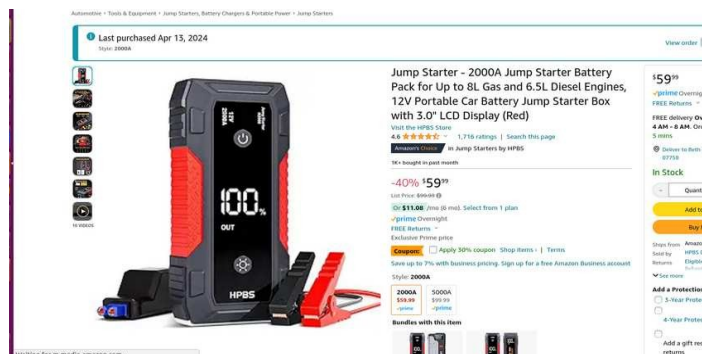
Paul C

In the 2025 world of AI, Amazon clearly has my number. A recent late night trawl for parts produced a recommendation for a “Power Pack” or emergency jump start kit. I was surprised at the specs (“able to jump up to 8L V8!”), how compact the unit was and that it came in a neat carrying case. It seemed an ideal riding companion for anyone who (ahem) routinely drains batteries, often spontaneously and in haste... Although there were higher CCA options, the 2000A CCA seemed more than sufficient for potential bike use. The HPBS brand was one of several on offer with seemingly little to differentiate them beyond the name.

With Prime, the unit turned up in the anointed 2 days. Its about the size of a house brick, has a built in display, includes jumper cables a USB C charging port, 2x USB supply ports, and a built in flashlight. Battery capacity spec is listed as 59.2W-H

Testing was in order. T300 Triumphs are noto-

rious for requiring a decent cranking voltage to ensure the ignitor functions. Anything less than ~10V can mean no spark despite a furiously spinning motor. My first test mule was my quietly sleeping Sprint which had not run for around 8-9mths. It had a stone dead battery fitted, primarily to keep the alternator loaded as/when it was jumped into life



First challenge came with the clips. They are somewhat bulky for typical bike battery terminals. I found they often sprung off unless carefully placed. Second challenge was the unit's short circuit cut-out. Several times, between clips flying, the unit switched off. Eventually, patience won out and the unit was successfully attached. On the 3rd attempt at hitting the button, the bike fired up. To test the unit, I repeated the feat 3 more times to measure the drain. I was down to around 80% after 4 starts on an electrically dead bike. Not bad – still plenty of juice left to either charge a cell phone or run the flashlight were I using it in anger on the side of the road.

Having proved it could kick a 900cc triple into life, it was time to test the V8 claim. My V8 VW Touareg with a well characterized battery drain was, by some carefully planned neglect, available in the driveway. The clips worked better on the larger automotive terminals but the short-circuit cut-out triggered numerous times. CANBUS systems tend to draw significant current when “waking up” and I suspect it was enough to fool the unit. It took patience, but eventually the unit stayed connected and amazingly, fired 4.2L of V8 to life. Claim confirmed I would argue unless you want to nitpick over adding another 3.8L to the equation.

No wall charger is provided, but a larger phone charger had the unit back up to 100% overnight after both tests. So far it's maintained 100% for more than 2wks while sitting in the case. Time will tell what the long term drain really is.

At \$60, this seems like very good trip insur-

ance and considerably easier and more flexible than a traditional jump lead set up. Its compact to carry, and even if its employed to solely to keep the cell phone charged, could prove to be a trip-saver.

Highly Classifieds

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

For Sale: 1981 BMW R100RT. 65K miles. Located in Middletown, NJ. Asking \$4.2K. Contact Roger Trendowski at 732 306 6182.

For sale : 2014 BMW R1200 GSA. Details -at <https://www.advrider.com/f/threads/bmw-r1200-gsa-2014.1756245/#post-51278257>

Kenton Seydell is offering the bikes listed below. He can be reached at locomotion18@yahoo.com or phone: 732-567-5582. Leave message if no answer. All items are located in Red Bank, NJ

1994 K75 C with ABS, 6K miles, with R90S bars, hand guards, touring seat and bags. Asking \$5000

1993 K1100RS with 34K , ABS and bags. Euro spec. \$4000

1987 K100 Cafe X-LT 80k miles, \$1000

1978 R100/7 with 100K has title, RT spec twin disk. \$3000

1994 Ural sidecar , rough body shape, \$2000

DMC Side car R Twin shock subframe assembly \$500

DMC K-Klassic subframe \$500

Freedom Sidecar -. 800K-Klassic K Car rear tire and rim adapter to allow car tires to be used on bike.

1956 R26 basket case, no title \$200

And Finally..

A gentle reminder not to overlook your Winter Maintenance. Always ensure you have the right tools and correct manuals to hand.

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