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The more you find out about the world, the more opportunities there are to laugh at it. *Bill Nye, Interview with Wired.com, April 2005*

[Spring is] when life's alive in everything. *Christina Rossetti (1830 - 1894)*

An optimist is the human personification of spring. *Susan J. Bissonette*

If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant: if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome. *Anne Bradstreet (1612 - 1672), 'Meditations Divine and Moral,' 1655*

A little Madness in the Spring Is wholesome even for the King. *Emily Dickinson (1830 - 1886), No. 1333*

A generation of men is like a generation of leaves; the wind scatters some leaves upon the ground, while others the burgeoning wood brings forth - and the season of spring comes on. So of men one generation springs forth and another ceases. *Homer (800 BC - 700 BC), The Iliad*

To be interested in the changing seasons is a happier state of mind than to be hopelessly in love with spring. *George Santayana (1863 - 1952)*

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President's Message

Jeff Diorio, President

Happy April NJSBMWR members.

I want to thank all the folks that helped at the Cross Country open house this weekend. It was a lot of fun to see all the new bikes and our very friendly relationships there. I had a chance to chat with Mare (our favorite BMW salesperson) and Dan the owner. One of our members recalled doing a test ride with the owner many years ago when they were only 1 building.

They parked a brand new R1300GSA next to our table. It had an automatic transmission and the lack of a clutch kind of freaked me out. More importantly, the styling is a big departure from the last 10+ years and it will take some getting used to.

There were 2 teams on Friday and Saturday, and we signed up 4 new club members. Thank you for committing your time to helping the club. Special thanks to Don E for coordinating the table, participants and bringing the candy.

Here is a photo of the Saturday team.



It was wonderful to get out and ride without heavy winter gear. Hoping you all have had a

chance to enjoy a sunny day on your bikes. I asked ChatGPT for a good quote and it didn't fail me. "The best way to welcome spring? Two wheels, fresh air, and the open road ahead."

I believe we have a number of rides coming up. The crew headed to MOA National in TN are still finalizing their planning and I think a few of you are still considering if you are going to be joining. Some of us are considering the New Sweden 450 and I personally am thinking of doing the PA BDR-X this year if I can get to it.

Happy official 2025 riding season. Hope your bikes come out of hibernation with few issues and raring to go!

Looking forward to riding with you all.

JeffD

March Meeting Minutes

James Thomasey, Recording Secretary

The March 12 meeting was held in our regular dining room, far from the noisy and hungry walk in customers. We were treated to anything we wanted to pay for from the new and improved menu, and we were graciously waited upon by Ms. Sabrina.

The minutes from the previous meeting were discussed and approved by the majority and placed into archival repose. The treasurer reported funds of just under \$800 and paid membership stands at 38. Bill Dudley presented the Fluffy Butt award to Henning who attended the meeting after a short time away.

Cross Country Powersports in Metuchen is having an open house and the club was offered a table in the BMW sales area for us to present the club's merits and strive for more members. Club members will be manning the table for Friday March 28 and Saturday March 29.

Future club events were discussed including the Modern Classics Bike show being held in Boyertown PA on the weekend of March 28, 29, and the unofficial first club ride to the Gathering of the Nortons which will be held the last weekend in April. This is a very casual get together of mostly British bikes, some that look their age and some that look showroom new. After many years

of being held at Washington Crossing State Park in PA., it has now moved to Performance Garage on Rt 12 east of Frenchtown NJ.

Another upcoming event is the Distinguished Gentlemans Ride which is a world wide event uniting riders in fund raising for men's mental health and prostate cancer awareness while looking dapper and riding your bike. Since 2012 they have raised over \$50 million with 500,000 participants. You can register online and get more info at <http://gentlemansride.com>

The 50/50 was won and donated back to the club by Nick K. Thanks to Nick for that kind action. Other BMW swag was won by Henning, Mike Palmer and Klaus. Congrats to all.

Club Calendar

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

April 2025

- **April 2** Moribundi lunch 12:30PM Kelly's Tavern, Neptune City
- **April 4-6** Barber Swap Meet and Mo-toAmerica Race all day Barber Museum, Leeds, AL [website](#)
- **April 9** club meeting 6PM to eat, 7PM meeting Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale
- **April 24-27** AMCA Swap Meet Oley PA
- **April 25-27** BMW MOA Fontana Getaway Fontana, NC

May 2025

- **May 7** Moribundi lunch 12:30PM TBD
- **May 14** club meeting 6PM to eat, 7PM meeting Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale
- **May 15-18** 2025 European Riders Rally Burkesville, KY [website](#)
- **May 18** Distinguished Gentlemen's Ride TBD [website](#)
- **May 17-18** New Sweden 450 TBD [website](#)
- **May 18** Classic Motorcycle Day 10AM-4PM Mt Airy Fireman's Carnival Grounds, Mt Airy, MD [website](#)
- **May 21** Ice cream ride (summer only) 6:30PM TBD
- **May 27-31** Americade Lake George, NY [website](#)

June 2025

- **June 4 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM TBD**
- **June 11** club meeting 6PM to eat, 7PM meeting Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale
- **June 18** Ice cream ride (summer only) 6:30PM TBD
- **June 19-22** Backroads Magazine Summer Solstice Rally, Shippensburg, PA, Staunton, VA [website](#)
- **June 20-22** BMW MOA National Rally , Wilson Cty Fairgrounds, Lebanon, TN [website](#)

July 2025

- **July 2** Moribundi lunch 12:30PM TBD
- **July 9** Club meeting 6PM to eat, 7PM meeting Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale
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- **June 14** Laconia Motorcycle Week, Laconia, NH [website](#)
- **July 12** German American Club European-American Car Show 10AM-3PM Uncle Pete's Rd, Trenton, NJ [website](#)
- **July 12** Deutsch Classic 8AM-4PM Oley Fairgrounds, Oley, PA [website](#)
- **July 16** Ice cream ride (summer only) 6:30PM TBD
- **July 25-27** AMA Vintage Days Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course, Lexington, Ohio [website](#)

August 2025

- **August 6 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM TBD**
- **August 13** club meeting 6PM to eat, 7PM meeting Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale
- **August 20** Ice cream ride (summer only) 6:30PM TBD
- **August 22-24** Wally Fest, Lake Wallenpaupack, PA [website](#)
- **August 29-31** VJMC National Rally Windber, PA [website](#)
- **August 29-31** BMW RA National Rally Athens County Fairgrounds, Athens, OH [website](#)

September 2025

- **September 3** Moribundi lunch 12:30PM TBD
- **September 10** Club meeting 6PM to eat, 7PM meeting Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale
- **September 12-14** New Sweden Last Chance Rally, TBD [website](#)
- **September 17** Ice cream ride (summer only) 6:30PM TBD
- **September 19-21** TENTATIVE NJSBMWR Catskills Rally, Crystal Brook Resort, Round Top, NY

October 2025

- **October 1 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM TBD**
- **October 4** Van Sant Wings and Wheels all day Van Sant Airport, PA [website](#)
- **October 3-5** Barber Vintage Festival Leeds, AL [website](#)
- **October 3-5** The Race of Gentlemen Wildwood, NJ [website](#)
- **October 8** club meeting 6PM to eat, 7PM meeting Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale
- **October 15** Ice cream ride (summer only) 6:30PM TBD
- **October 18** Three Club Rumble hosted by New Sweden BMW Riders 11AM-3PM Parvin State Park, 701 Almond Rd, Pittsgrove Township, NJ

Mid-week Ride to Long Valley

Roger T.

On the spur of the moment, on March 11th, I took a ride with the Skylands Sport Touring Club (previously Skylands BMW Riders). I woke up early, as usual, on Tuesday morning, about 6am... The day looked great... upper 50's, sunny, no chance of rain. Ginna said, "why don't you go riding?". I remembered that the Skylands guys almost always have a Tuesday or Wednesday ride (which retiree's seem to like vs. weekend rides). Since I am also a member of Skylands, I searched last week's emails to find the details.

The ride KSU was at 10:15am but it's an hour and 15 minutes away on Rt.22 in Branchburg. So by 9am I was suited up, checked my bike (yep, still there) and took off. The traffic on I-287 surprised me in that there were two significant slow-downs at that time of the morning. I stopped for gas just before the Quick-Check convenience store starting point.

I was one of 14 members starting the route. The group was so large the ride leader broke us down into two groups. I went with the first group which I suspect was the "fast" group. In any case, the route was only "asphalt" roads but with some of them being a little more than one lane wide. The mid-week Skylands rides tend to be in the central/western part of NJ, sometimes North Jersey and sometimes into PA. This route was no exception. It zig-zagged below Rt 22, then north of Rt 22, ending up in Long Valley which is near Chester.

I didn't stay for lunch, but they found La Rienda Latin restaurant which advertised great tacos. I was exhausted by the end of the ride, primarily because of all the twists and turns and accelerations/decelerations. The ride home via interstate actually felt relaxing at higher speed with no turns. The total route from my home in Middletown, including the Ride Route was 185 miles, 6 hrs. The actual Skylands Route I measured at 87 miles which took about 2 ½ hours. See my video on Youtube: <https://youtu.be/wky2tSTyHgA>

BDR film at Cross Country BMW

Roger T.

If this article sounds like the one last year and the year before,... it is, basically because I used the general front-end and added the specifics for this year's BDR.



Southeast BDR Route, introduced March 2025. Starts on Gulf/Fla Panhandle and continues to NC Maggie Valley.

The BDR, for those not familiar, is the Backcountry Discovery Routes organization. It is an adventure-based group that creates outstanding off-road rides all over the United States. BDR is a non-profit organization like MOA, RA, Airheads and most local clubs. Their rides start with months, if not years of research on the best route from point to point within a region. In the past they've created, videoed and published routes in WA, CO, IA, NV, UT, AZ, NM, MA (mid Atlantic, several states), CA (south), NE (North East), WY, OR, and Northern California.



They hit a lot of water along the way... some very deep and long stretches.

This year's route being rolled out at Dealers is in the Southeast US, starting at the Gulf of "X" and going North. Their routes cross public roads and lands (not private property) and over paved and dirt roads. Many of their routes are on mountainous fire roads, rough dirt roads and trails. The routes, downloadable for your GPS and phone, also identify "expert" rough terrain/trails.



As BDR's videos show, usually 7-10 riders do the ride for video purposes. The films are EXCELLENT with professional-looking video and pictures, taken from in-

front, behind, and above (a lot of drone videos). BDR provides a video trailer on their website, full video, free tracks, interactive maps, photos, as well as camping, hotel, food and gas information.



Packing lists, discovery points and FAQs for each route are included. As time goes on, they publish Route Updates to insure the latest information is available. Most of the BDR route videos are now available for free viewing on their website. Just select a route and the video is shown along with GPS tracks, Q&As, and other information. Of course there are many BDR things that you can buy as well as a monetary way to support them.

Visit <https://ridebdr.com>

Official announcement of 3-club rumble

Wayne Tarapilli

Greetings!

On behalf of New Sweden BMW riders of South Jersey and our President Peter Lisko Jr. we would like to extend an invitation to the Annual 3 (or 4) Club Rumble... This year is New Sweden BMW Riders turn to host... The date is: October 18th 2025... The location is: Parvin State Park 701 Almond Rd, Pittsgrove, NJ 08318 More details to come!

Rain-X for Plastic

Mike Palmer

I find rain to be annoying to ride in, but we all get caught in it once in a while. The problem is looking through spots on our windshields and spots on our helmet visors and looking through spots on our glasses.

I've used Rain-X on my cars for years, and when I heard about Rain-X for plastic I had to give it a try. They claim it won't distort the plastic or make it wavy. I have it on my bike and helmet now. We'll see if it really works to disperse water.

Ignacio's New Bike North Carolina trip

Ignacio Pereyra

Hey Club!

Last Wednesday, I had an exciting adventure! I decided to drive south to North Carolina, leaving by 2 a.m. on Thursday and returning to Seaside the same day with my beloved BMW R1200C. The return trip wasn't as smooth as I'd hoped, with heavy rain for over 4 hours.



The bike is a true classic, 25 years old and only having 11,000 miles on it. It's been in the same family for generations, and it's been well-loved. Unfortunately, the previous owner had an accident in Iraq and lost an eye, so he decided to retire from riding.



I'm so excited to give it a good tune-up, including changing all the oils and adjusting the valves. I can't wait to take it for a long ride.

This is the second time I've owned this model, and I absolutely love it. But I'll still keep my GS too, be-

cause they're both great bikes in their own right.

Talk to you soon!

Highly Classifieds

For Sale: 1981 BMW R100RT. My 1981 R100RT for the last 24 years had treated me well. It has a number of upgrades including charging system, electronic ignition, starter, clutch replacement 11 yrs ago, but probably less than 3000 miles ago. It has always been serviced by a NJ airhead mechanic. Since I got newer bikes, I've used this one less and less.. Runs great.... ~65000 miles. Asking \$3,200 .



Since it is registered as an antique motorcycle (with an classic car insurance company), the insurance is cheap (liability, collision)

Here's a short video walking around my bike:

<https://youtu.be/9wDHXJOKu3E> Contact Roger Trendowski at 732 306 6182 or rtrendowski@verizon.net **NEW LOWER PRICE!**

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.

David Cowgill in Clayton, Delaware is looking to sell 3 BMWs. His email is cowgill@udel.edu and his phone number is: 302.354,5926. Here are the bikes:

- 1) '74 R 90s : restored inside and out; This was the Classic Raffle Bike from Ted Moyer and the MOA a few years ago; has since had new Krauser Bags installed and the tank has been autographed by Hans Muth.
- 2) '79 R100T : well maintained
- 3) '12 R1200RT: well appointed and maintained.

And Finally..



car pool?

