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*"Spring being a tough act to follow, God created June"*

*Al Bernstein, Commentator*

*"And so with the sunshine and the great bursts of leaves growing on the trees, just as things grow in fast movies, I had that familiar conviction that life was beginning over again with the summer."*

*F. Scott Fitzgerald, The Great Gatsby*

*"If it could only be like this always—always summer, always alone, the fruit always ripe."*

*Evelyn Waugh, Brideshead Revisited*

*"When I figured out how to work my grill, it was quite a moment. I discovered that summer is a completely different experience when you know how to grill."*

*Taylor Swift*

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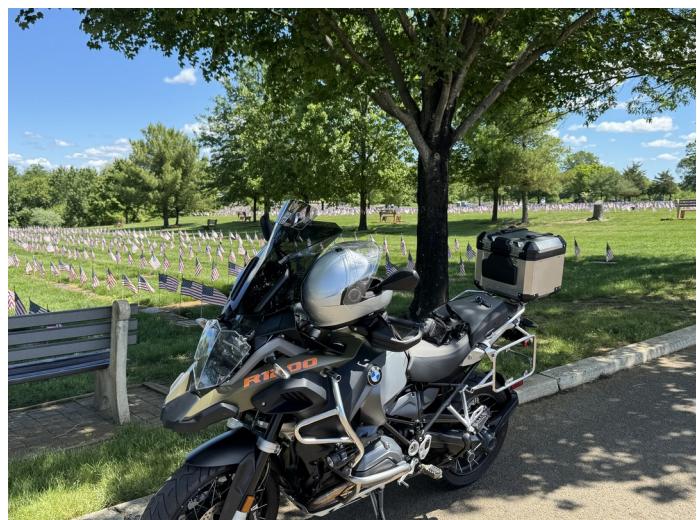
## President's Message

*Jeff Diorio, President*

Hello all and happy June

Summer solstice is June 21, which represents the most daylight time available to ride. What can I say about riding in June? June rides aren't just about distance—they're about presence, the heat on your back and the joy in your chest. What is better than the purr of your bike as you motor about? Short-distance or long-distance is not as important as getting out to enjoy the ride.

Every Memorial Day for the last 5 years I have tried to visit a military cemetery to pay homage. This year I visited the William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery in north Hanover township. There are others but this was officially the state military cemetery and a nice ride from my house. While it isn't Arlington, it was impactful to see how many NJ service members were interred there.



There are so many wonderful events to participate in, and that our club already did in

May.

□ Thanks to those of you who represented NJS-BMWR club on the distinguished gentlemen's ride and for the charitable donation it caused. Hope some of you also got to participate in the New Sweden 450 the same weekend.

□ As I write this Americade is on the near term horizon. One of these days I look forward to going to MOA rallies and Americade.

□ I believe the MOA rally down south is in June and a few of you are going.

□ Hoping you all have lots of fun trips scheduled and that we have a wonderful summer of riding. At the last club meeting we discussed doing the Oktoberfest trip this fall. Apparently, it is somewhere near hunter mountain. It has been a few years since we did this, and I hope many of you will be able to join this not-to-far multi-day trip.

Hope to see you all at the various club meetings, lunches, ice-cream socials now that the weather is warm.

Be safe and happy trails to you all.

JeffD

## **May Meeting Minutes**

*James Thomasey, Recording Secretary*

The meeting started a bit earlier than expected to the delight of the 13 members in attendance. The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and voted upon to be accepted. Our treasury presently holds just under \$950 with paid membership at 39.

Items discussed included the chance to visit a car show in Middletown after the Saturday breakfast on May 17. It may be talked about elsewhere in this newsletter. If anyone has an idea for a new location for the holiday dinner, we would love to hear from you. It is never too early to start making plans.

Some of our members planned on attending the MOA National Rally in Lebanon TN. As of this writing, Joe K., Dan T., Roger T., and Bill D., had this on their radar. I'm hoping there is a

great story noted elsewhere in this newsletter.

There was also a spirited discussion to again partake in Octoberfest at the Crystal Brook in the Catskills. If there is enough interest this event can be revisited and explored. It is in a lovely area of the Catskills in NY near many interesting attractions. Motorcyclopedia is nearby and is a great bike museum. Motorcyclopedia Museum is an 85,000-square-foot space in Newburgh displaying the collection, of over 650 motorcycles that father-son duo Gerald and Ted Doring have amassed over a combined 80 years. Also nearby is the Rhinebeck Aerodome and Hyde Park.

Roger and Joe spoke about the recent trip to Fontana Dam where they visited Bobs BMW Museum on the way down. Bob of Bob's BMW in MD has a 100-bike museum highlighted by a million-mile BMW and an R75 with 3 original miles! they also visited the Virginia Transportation Museum which had train engines, fire engines and a variety of other vehicles.

The 50/50 was won by Roger this month with the other prizes won by Paul, Jeff, Art, and Robert S.

## **June Meeting Speaker**

*James Thomasey*

Jerry Friedman The Motorcycle attorney has again accepted our invitation and will be speaking at our June meeting. Mr. Friedman is a very experienced and knowledgeable attorney who will answer any of your questions regarding insurance and your exposure in the world of two wheeled adventures.

Please bring the declaration page from your auto and/or bike insurance policy if you would like for him to review and comment. We are hoping for a great turnout for this important dinner presentation.

## **Club Calendar**

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

## 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** ARHMA Weekend , New Jersey Motorsports Park Millville NJ
- **June 20-22** BMW MOA National Rally , Wilson Cty Fairgrounds, Lebanon, TN [website](#)

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## 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

## 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, Pitts-grove Township, NJ

## 2025 DGR in Metuchen – A Perfect Riding and Fund Raising Day

*Henning von de Wroge*

On Good Friday, the weather was perfect, clear skies and warm temperatures. The 2025 Distinguished Gentleman's Ride saw perfect riding weather and a large crowd of riders and supporters gathering in Metuchen on Sunday, May 18, 2025. The "DGR", as the Distinguished Gentleman's Ride is called in

short, is a premier charity event that raises funds and increases awareness for Movember, the world's largest men's health organization with a focus on mental health and prostate cancer research. Rider's are encouraged to show up in dapper attire - tweed jackets, vests, caps, bow ties and the like - and to ride their vintage or classic motorcycles.



Nick set up the NJSBMWriders team on the DGR website. As a team, we raised \$1,472 – thank you to everyone donating for such great causes. We had six riders sign up – Nick, Dan, Bruce, Lee, Paul, and Henning (with Barb riding pillion).

Worldwide, 126,987 riders participated, raising \$7.2 million! Of all 108 participating countries, the USA is #1 on the leader board, followed by England and Australia, where the DGR originated. Since 2012, the DGRs raised over \$60 million! And here's a stunner: of all 1038 cities with organized rides, our little Metuchen ranked #7 worldwide in terms of fundraising, following cities such as Los Angeles, New York City, Chicago and London, and ahead of places like Sydney, Atlanta, Toronto, and Zurich. Metuchen donations came in at \$110,362. Congratulations are in order!

The Metuchen ride was hosted by Cross Country Powersports and organized again by Stu Segal who has been involved over many years. From Cross Country, we rode through busy streets in Edison, Plainfield, and Bound Brook until reaching the Watchung Mountains where the riding fun increased. We were escorted by an amazing group of motorized cops, securing intersections and making sure that everyone was safe.



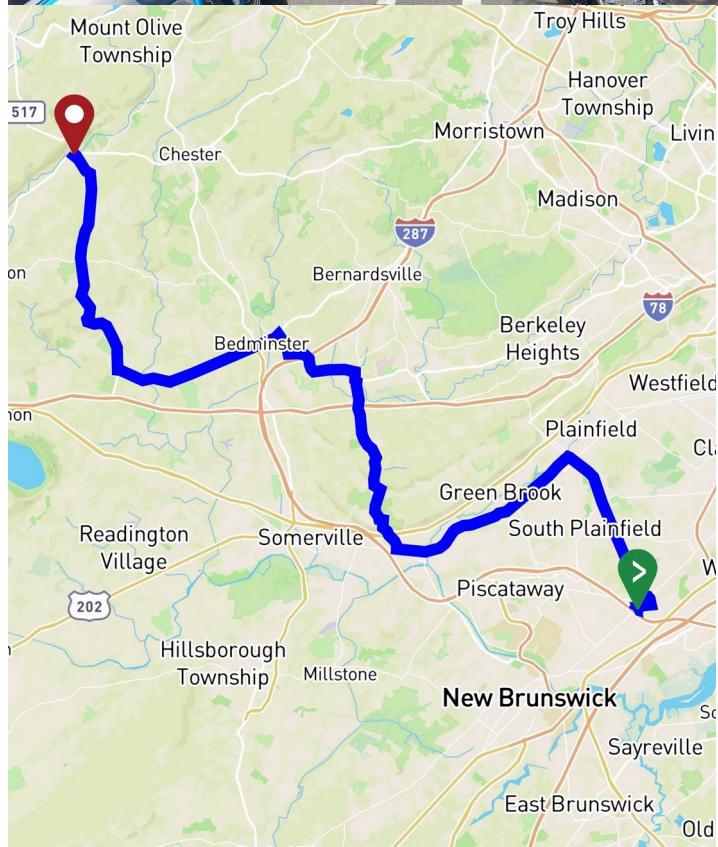
A few times, the cops passed us riders as they had to get back to the front, many times at hair raising speed and with little room to spare between opposing traffic and us riders.



But even with all those cops around and the motorcycles traveling only reasonable speeds, gravel took a rider down in a turn off Washington Valley Rd. And a downed tree creating a bottle neck in Bound Brook added to the excitement.



Final destination after 43 miles was Long Valley Pub & Brewery, where you could grab food and drinks with your riding buddies. It is great to see the DGR community grow year over year. More information about the DGR is



available on [www.gentlemansride.com](http://www.gentlemansride.com) . And if you missed the ride, a 2025 Metuchen DGR YouTube video can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BQkHZAxgASE> (not a NJSBMWR rider)

## Fontana/Dragon Trip and Stops

Roger T

On most long trips, I tend to speed to the destination with only a few stops along the way and then investigate the local area around destination. This obviously means hitting interstates to most of the way. However, last year on our trip to the MOA Fontana Get-a-way, Joe K and I rode secondary roads most of the way from the Delaware Memorial Bridge, around Richmond (interstate) then more secondary roads to Martinsville, VA, Winston Salem, NC, and Highpoint NC. We stopped to look at my old first house in Winston-Salem (tears) and at a private distillery in High Point. After the BMW Factory Tour in Greer, SC we hit curvy roads to Fontana. Much of our riding near Fontana last year was not on the Dragon or Cherohala Skyway, but secondary and very secondary roads in the area. That's why we called it the "secondary road trip." See Youtube: <https://youtu.be/HEUY20YG2iE> for 2024 Fontana Ride video.

This year we decided to do a similar "secondary roads" ride but on a significantly different route. Our goal was to hot-foot it down to Maryland and then a route southeast of the Skyline Drive to Roanoke VA. We wanted to see Bob's BMW museum in Jessup, MD and the Virginia Transportation Museum in Roanoke, VA. This year's route took us all along the eastern side of the Appalachian Mountains from Bob's BMW to Charlottesville, VA for overnight (145 miles). Then 130 miles to the center of Roanoke to the museum. (The museum is only a few blocks from the Hospital that I stayed at in 2019 when I had an unfortunate bike fall and injury southwest on a BDR fire road}.

Bob's BMW museum was excellent. Bob Henig, owner of Bob's BMW/Motorcycles [www.bobsmotorcycles.com/](http://www.bobsmotorcycles.com/) hosted our tour through his vintage bike museum. I offered the tour to our club members as well as those in Skylands, New Sweden, and Finger Lakes BMW Riders... but no one else showed up. Bob's Museum is located at a building not far from the current retail location. I was amazed by the number of bikes on display when we walked in the door... but this was only the first floor. On the second story there were even more gorgeous bikes. As we walked around, Bob told us the story about each bike, how he got it, and significance of the bike and rider. Among many, he showed us a million mile BMW, Greg Frazer's R80GS that Greg rode around the world several times, Fred Tausch's R60/5 bike with 600K miles. I recall meeting Greg F. at an MOA Rally years ago. Greg's presentation at that time discussed his ride

around the world with a woman that asked to ride two-up. Apparently the woman had an ailment that eventually took her life. Her last goal in life was to do a world MC ride but she had never ridden on a motorcycle or ever camped out. Obviously their ride did a lot of both. Greg published several excellent books about his rides; e.g. Down and Out in Patagonia, Kamchatka, and Timbuktu; and his book Round and Round and Round the World Motorcycle Journey; and Riding The World: The Biker's Road Map For A Seven-Continent Adventure. Another vintage bike, Fred Tausch's R60 is amazing that it even exists. The bike is in original condition with paint worn off the tank, dirt and grime, dents and dings. Fred used to say "never wash your bike; the mud and dirt keep it from leaking." I met Fred a couple times in New England. His 600K miles bike came to Bob's in 2005 after Fred passed away. It was complete with packed luggage and coffee in the thermos. Also in Bob's collection is Bob's first BMW bike, an R75 and he has another R75/5 with only 2 actual miles (from a Los Angeles BMW shop that closed and left it in a crate).

Virginia Transportation Museum in Roanoke was our next day's stop. It is an excellent museum for all modes of transportation, however, only one Triumph motorcycle was on display. There were numerous old MG and Triumph sports cars on display at the museum entrance. The building looks like an old train station. Inside, there were numerous collections of model trains, airplane engines, hanging airplanes, and antique cars. Outside the rear of the building were three old train engines and railroad cars.

The next thing I wanted to see on this years trip was some of the area devastated by Helene storm. I know from the BDR folks that the town of Damascus, Va was hit hard; Damascus is the starting point of the Mid-Atlantic BDR which runs north to Penn. Over the years I have ridden on several segments of this BDR including a 20 mile segment starting in Damascus. I remember the quaint little town where a lot of MCs, bicyclists and hikers were present. We actually didn't have time to ride through town. On different roads in Johnson City, TN and Ashville, NC, we also didn't see any lingering damage. Local folks at the rally said there is still plenty of damage and closed bridges but located on back roads; not on the major highways. From Roanoke, we hit some secondary roads then I-81 and I-26 to Johnson City, TN. From there we got on Rt 321 to Newport, TN and Gatlinburg, TN then to Rt 441 over the mountains to Cherokee, NC. Gatlinburg was a mess with 5 miles of traffic and hordes of people shopping and walking cross traffic. Rt 321 is on the north edge of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. We had lunch at my

favorite restaurant in Cherokee... Granny's Kitchen.

About 120 people attended this year's MOA Fontana Rally vs. 150 or more in previous years. Apparently there was another MOA or Club Rally occurring on this same weekend within a couple hundred miles. However, there were also 100 non-MOA MC riders at Fontana. The BDR organization (Backcountry Discovery Routes) was holding a major fund raising rally at Fontana, the same weekend as our rally. Joe and I met Kyle (BDR member) from Tellico Plains who laid out six routes for BDR riders over two days. The routes were mixed... some all pavement through the curvy areas that we normally ride, and other routes on fire roads and rough dirt segments. Many of the BDR people trailered their smaller off-road bikes to Fontana.. some from as far away as Colorado and Connecticut. Kyle looked at my planned routes to bypass the Cherohala Skyway via narrow asphalt and dirt roads. He gave a thumbs-down to both routes.... very muddy and bridge out from the Helene flood. Joe, with his R1200RT, was relieved that Kyle said NO. The MOA Get-a-Way Rally was pretty much typical as the past. We had two good dinners, meet & greet (w drinks), presentation by Skymed on travel insurance, and goodie raffle at closing ceremonies. Joe won a nice MOA logo golf shirt. They gave out three air pumps, several tee shirts, MOA coffee cups, and more. As a grand prize, someone won an MOA registration fee refund. On Friday, we rode several loops totaling about 30 miles. There were plenty of curves on secondary roads and we chose not to ride either the Dragon or Cherohala. Our rides on the smaller loops wore me out or as I said... "I was all curved out."

The trip home on Sunday and Monday was secondary roads to Ashville and then interstates north on I-26 and I-81. This time we went north of Harrisburg to I-78 through Allentown to I-287 and GSP. This route was a bit longer than taking I-70 east or other ways through Baltimore but was \$23 less tolls. The northerly route took about the same time. Our overall trip was 1600 miles for 7 days. The only rain was for 30 minutes as we approached Fontana on Thursday... light rain too. Temperatures ranged from the mid 40s to 75 degrees. Here is the Youtube link to Bob's BMW Motorcycle Vintage museum: <https://youtu.be/4CDDxug4Igo> I will email the Youtube link when my trip video is finished,



Overall trip was 1658 miles. The magenta route was "to Fontana" and the blue line our Fontana local route and return back to NJ



Zoomed in GPS map of our trip to/from Fontana Villages MOA Rally site. On Thursday we came southbound on the Northwestern side of the mountains/parks. We traveled from Johnson City, TN to Newport, TN, through Gatlinburg to Cherokee, NC. Lunched at Granny's Kitchen in Cherokee and then finished traveling to Fontana Villages for the Rally.



Visitors at Bob's Vintage Museum can get a picture with Bob (paper version) even if he isn't around.



A small portion of Bob's bike collection. Great advertising graphics as well as bikes.



Bob Henig spent a couple hours with us at his mu-

seum and lunch nearby.

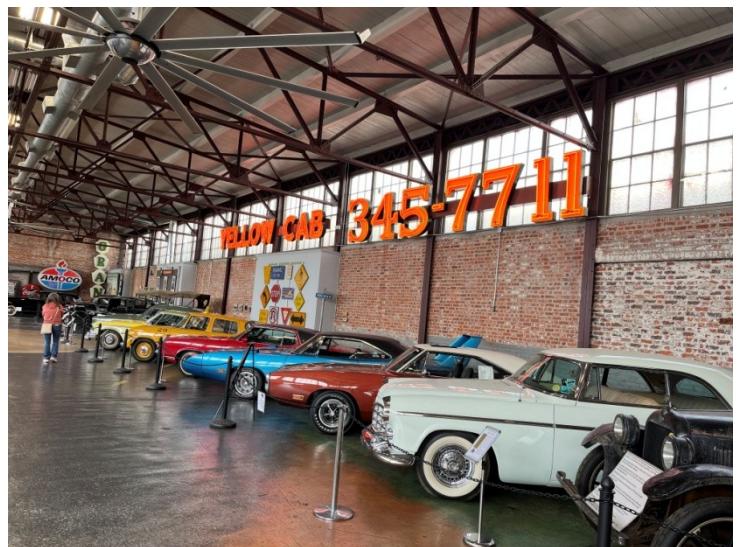


The BMW C1 is an enclosed scooter made by Bertone for BMW. The rider would sit in a car-type seat and adopt a feet-forward posture. Introduced in 2000, it was available throughout Europe, but sales were disappointing and the C1 was discontinued in 2002.

Virginia Transportation Museum, downtown Roanoke, VA.



Inside entrance to the museum. They also had an extensive model train setup, tracks and buildings operating on multi levels.



Two long rows of vintage cars are located in a long building room. Each car had a detailed description.



Two of three train engines outside back of the museum. Several train cars were attached, some of which you could enter. One had a few dozen seats and a video of these trains rolling on dedicated nearby routes. It was amazing how much black smoke belched out of these old coal fired engines.



Meeting of the BDR riders in front of the Fontana Lodge, where Joe and I were staying. The BDR organization was doing a fund-raiser the same weekend as the MOA Fontana Rally. We heard that participants paid \$1000. Many come from out of state, many trailered their smaller off-the-road bikes however, there were many R1250GS or similar sized bikes.



At Fontana Lodge, a place we like to stay vs. the smaller cabins or motel-like buildings. We shared the lodge with both MOA and BDR folks.



Joe and I had the room on the left in the main lodge. We could almost walk out of our mini deck to our bikes.



Roger on loop around the Fontana area.

## 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](mailto:rtrendowski@verizon.net) **NEW LOWER PRICE!**

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<https://www.advrider.com/f/threads/bmw-r1200-gsa-2014.1756245/#post-51278257>

**Kenton Seydel** is offering the bikes listed below. He can be reached at [locomotion18@yahoo.com](mailto: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 [cogill@udel.edu](mailto:cogill@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.

**For Sale: 2022 BMW R1250 GS Adventure (GSA), 40th Anniversary**

This is essentially a "new" 40th Anniversary 2022 GS Adventure, Option 719, with all the factory options and farkles added. This GSA is ready to ride the country Today.

Contact Vince Gill (610) 704-7611

<https://marketplace.bmwmoa.org/classified/2022-r1250-gs-adventure-gsa-40th-anniversary-black-and-yellow-option-719-486-miles-listing-34611.aspx>

## And Finally..

For those of the firm opinion that a stock R1250 is unable fully exploit the factory spec rear 170/60/r17, we present a solution.

The bike was spotted in Brick and is rumored to be used for Doordash deliveries and occasional gym workouts.

Unsubstantiated claims were made that the rear wheel was "hot swapped" at the recent Giro Italia and doesn't actually belong to the registered owner. Rear caliper is for display purposes only.



Finally, finally, please be alert for fake ownership claims when encouraging new members to join.

