

New Jersey Shore BMW Riders

CLUB NEWS - September-October - 1996

Important!

Our October meeting will be held at the Allaire Cafe, Hurley Pond Rd - just south of Allaire Airport, heading west on Hurley Pond.

Our regular meeting place for our monthly meetings will now be the Allaire Cafe. This was decided at our last meeting, and all attending voted to accept this. Eighteen members were in attendance.

The Allaire Cafe has a private room available for our use and an extensive menu - great food, ranging from burgers to full dinners.

It was also decided that tech sessions will continue to be held at Sun Cycle on the third Weds of each month as needed.

Meeting date: October 9th, meeting time: 6:30 PM. Come and join us for a light dinner and meeting!

PLEASE ATTEND: Our election of club officers will be at this meeting!

Club logo and patch

We need help with our club patch and logo. A committee will be setup at our next meeting to pursue this!

Club funds

We still have some. Dues will be due on January 1st.

Rally Coordinators - Upcoming Rallies

Last Chance Rally - Our sister NJ club, the New Sweden BMW Riders are holding their annual "Last Chance" rally on Sept 27-29th. A really nice rally, with the theme this year of **Two and a Half Arabian Nights of Semi-Debauchery in the Sands of South Jersey**. A close ride for those people trying out newly on-the-road bikes! **Call Don Eilenberger for info - 908-449-1533.**

Rally Reports

Finger Lakes - Several members attended. We are awaiting a rally report so we can write it up for the newsletter!

Snappin'Turtle - four members made an appearance at Snappin'Turtle. Dennis Swanson and George Hickman made a day-ride up to the rally. Glenn Martin and Don Eilenberger rode up together, Don stayed overnight. Don also took Glenn on a beer-run through the nearby Cat-skills, which ended up being a 75 mile run.

Don and Glenn had a late lunch at the Hawks Nest, on Rt. 97 just above Port Jervis, then continued on 97 to Rt. 55 to Rt. 17 and Montecello. From Montecello they returned to Rt. 97 and Port Jervis (where they finally bought some beer.)

The rally was attended by about 50 registered participants, but over 100 people were in attendance. Don initiated a discussion with members of the other NJ clubs (New Sweden and BMWCNJ) about the possibility of a joint NJ club rally next year at Sandy Hook. The other clubs were interested in the idea, and further discussion will take place at the Last Chance rally!

Bylaws

Bylaws were proposed and voted on at our last club meeting. Minor modifications were proposed by members in attendance. The adopted Bylaws are below:

New Jersey Shore BMW Riders

BYLAWS

1. Club Name

This club shall be known as the **New Jersey Shore BMW Riders**.

2. Club Purpose

The purpose of the club is to promote the interaction of BMW motorcycle enthusiasts.

3. Membership Qualifications

A. Members must have some interest in or own a BMW motorcycle, and must be 18 years of age.

B. No approval or voting is needed for membership. All applications for membership will be accepted.

C. Members must submit a signed application and waiver of liability to the club and club officers.

4. Membership Status/Category

There shall be the following categories of members:

A. **Full Member** - a member in full standing. Will receive all newsletters and be entitled to be listed on club functions such as the Sunday Rides list.

B. **Associate member** - a family member of a Full Member. 1/2 cost dues. Does not receive a separate newsletter, is entitled to be listed for all club functions.

C. **Guest Member** - a courtesy member (other clubs officers, special members, etc.). No dues. Will receive the club newsletters when deemed appropriate by the club officers.

D. **Inactive Member** - dues are overdue. Will receive no newsletter and cannot participate in club activities. A member may be considered to be inactive if they do not attend at least one club meeting or event per year, but can remain on the membership roster and receive the newsletter if their dues are current.

5. Membership Conduct

A. It is expected that members will conduct themselves in a socially acceptable manner at any club attended function. Conduct embarrassing the club will not be tolerated.

B. Conduct violations can result in a member being terminated or suspended from membership for conduct found unacceptable by club standards as outlined in Article 6.

6. Membership Termination

A. A member may be suspended or terminated from membership in the club for cause, with a majority vote of members present at a meeting as outlined in the procedures below.

B. Charges must be made in writing and presented to the President of the club. The accused must be informed of the charges. A temporary Membership Committee of three Full Members and one Officer of the club will be appointed by the President of the club upon presentation of the charges.

C. The temporary Membership Committee will conduct a hearing, take evidence and report its findings and recommendations to the general membership at the next regular meeting. The accused shall be invited to this hearing and permitted to present arguments or evidence on this action, and may ask any member in good standing to help in his defense.

D. The Membership Committee recommendations will recommend whether the accused shall be suspended for some period or permanently terminated from membership, or that the accused may retain membership, and the reasons for their recommendations.

E. If such actions as termination or suspension are recommended by the Membership Committee, these actions will be voted on by the

general membership in a secret ballot at a regularly scheduled club meeting. If the recommended action of the Membership Committee is the member shall retain full membership status, no vote on this will be held, the recommendation shall be accepted as given and no ballot will be held.

F. The outcome of the general membership voting shall be by a simple majority of the members voting.

G. **Termination** of membership will result in the member no longer being part of the New Jersey Shore BMW Riders.

H. **Suspension** of membership will result in the member becoming an inactive, non-voting member of the club for such period as will be recommended by the Membership Committee.

I. Any member suspended or terminated will not be allowed to participate in any club events, and will forfeit any dues they may have paid to the club.

7. Dues

A. Dues shall be \$10 per year, and may be prorated on a one-half year basis.

B. Dues will be due on January 1st of each year.

C. Non-payment of dues for a period of two months from the due date shall result in the member being placed on inactive status. Non-payment of dues for a period of six months shall result in the member being removed from the club roster.

D. Members joining the club in the last quarter of the year (after October 1st) and paying full dues (\$10) will have their membership for the following year paid in full.

E. Yearly dues must be paid in full to participate in any voting for club officers or club functions.

8. Officers

A. **Elected Club officers** will include a **President, Vice President, Treasurer.**

B. **Appointed Club Officers** will include a **Secretary**, and as necessary for specific events, an **Event or Trip Coordinator**. Appointments will be made by the President of the club with the concurrence of the general membership.

C. The term of all club officers shall be for one year, or until a successor is elected or appointed to fulfill unfulfilled terms.

D. Any officer may stand consecutive terms providing the officer is renominated and elected.

E. A club member must be a Full Member in good standing for 6 months prior to being eligible for election or appointment to a club officer position. All officer positions are open to all Full Members in good standing.

F. Officers will enjoy the same rights and privileges as regular members, no more and no less, with the exception of the club President who can decide tie-votes for club activities.

9. Elections

A. **Nominations** for elected positions shall be presented to the general membership at the September and October meeting of each year. Any full-member may make a nomination.

B. **Elections** will be held for the officer positions at the October meeting of each year and shall be by secret ballot. Write-in votes will be accepted.

C. Newly elected officers shall take office during the October meeting when the election results are final.

10. Committee Heads

The President shall have the power to appoint special committee heads. The committee heads will have the authority of the President and shall be shown the same respect as that accorded to the President.

11. Meetings

A. **Regular meetings** will be held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at a location convenient to the general membership. Usual meeting time will be 6:30 PM, but special times may be decided by the officers of the club. The club officers will make every effort possible to inform the membership in general of any change in place or time of the regular meetings.

B. **Special Meetings** - may be called by the officers for any reason necessary. In such case, it will be at the discretion of the officers to determine the need for general membership attendance of the special meeting.

C. **Executive Meetings** of the club officers may be called by the club President at his discretion. Only club officers and invited committee heads will attend. These meetings shall be for the purpose of discussion of club activities and club meeting places and dates.

D. **Technical Meetings** may be held the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the discretion of

the membership. Place and time will be announced at the regular monthly meeting.

12. Amendments to these articles

These articles may be amended or added to by a majority vote only at a regularly scheduled meeting. A 2/3 majority vote of the membership present at the meeting will be required to pass an amendment.

A notice of the amendment must be posted in the monthly newsletter one month ahead of the vote for an amendment. Any member in good standing may propose any amendment to these articles.

Upcoming Election!

As was voted on at our September meeting, election of officers will take place at our October meeting.

The following nominations were made:

President: Don Eilenberger, Glenn Martin

Vice-President: Dennis Swanson

Treasurer: George Hoffman

In addition, nominations will be accepted before the election at our October meeting.

Terms for all officers will be one-year.

Please try to attend and vote! The club will only be as good as the officers you elect!



Rallies!

As was mentioned earlier in this issue, the New Sweden "Last Chance" rally is coming up at the end of this month. The dates are Sept. 27, 28 and 29.

The rally is held at Jellystone Park, in Mays Landing NJ. It is a FUN rally, and great for families!

Several members have indicated that they will attend, **please try and make our club known at this rally**, last year we only missed biggest-club by one member!

As was also mentioned, discussions were initiated with the other NJ clubs about a joint-NJ-clubs rally to be held at Sandy Hook (in the Fort Hancock historic area). Glenn Martin has started planning for this event, and we feel it could be a unique rally, and a chance for all the NJ clubs to get together. Don Eilenberger has briefly talked to the current President of Skylands and he has expressed an interest. Continuing discussion will take place at the Last Chance rally - this is your chance to participate!

Mark your calendars!

When	Where	What
October 9th	Allaire Cafe	October Meeting! Elections will be held. PLEASE attend!
Sept 22nd	BMW-NA headquarters, Woodcliff Lk NJ	BMW Miracle Ride. Proceeds benefit the Crohns & Colitis Foundation of America. Win a BMW R850R! For more info: Kristine Franco at 203-629-5353 or 914-762-9015.
October 19th	Chatsworth NJ	NJS-BMW-MR Ultimate Stromboli Run. Lets see what we can really do with it this year! Your ideas and help are needed!
Sept 27-29	Mays Landing NJ	New Sweden BMW Riders "Last Chance Rally" Two and a Half Arabian Nights of Debauchery in the Sands of South Jersey

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