

New Jersey Shore BMW Riders

CLUB NEWS - December - 1996



Prediction:

Pub Party Pleases Pals

Now everyone has heard from either me or Dennis Hanson about our **Christmas Party** scheduled for **Wednesday evening, 6PM, December 17th** at Finley's Pub and Eatery. If not, here's the deal: it is a hot & cold buffet for \$7.50 per person (spouses and significant others invited) and a cash bar. Entertainment is a self-serve CD player, so bring your favorite Holiday music (no Guy Lombardo though).

Finley's is at 3700 Route 33, Neptune, just east of the Parkway exit 100. Their phone number is 908-922-5366.

We've taken a room that holds about 30, so we will need to have an accurate head count no later than Friday, December 13th. Please call me, Dennis or Don. We don't need the leftovers!

Judging from the responses I got on the phone, we will have a good turnout. Remember, this gathering is in lieu of our regular December meeting. Also, we are considering Finley's as our regular business meeting site instead of Cafe'Allaire. It seems the cook there has been trying to poison Don the last three meetings. Don asked for a change of venue 'cause he's out of Kaopectate.

Before you leave the party, let me know what you think of the place. Other suggestions are welcome, as always.

Try to make it! A good time will be had by all.

NOTE: You must be a paid up '96 member to attend. New recruits are welcome, but will be required to pay \$10 dues in addition to the \$7.50 meal fee. The club is subsidizing this affair, so if you commit to making it, please make certain you attend!

Glenn

Anticipation

We've begun the planning for our clubs first rally. It's on the calendar for September 19, 20, 21 1997 at Gateway National Park on Sandy Hook.

I've met with Assistant Superintendent Frank Mills to review our ideas and found him very cooperative. He made it clear that our rally would be the first non-Boy Scout campout ever held. We'll have to on our best behavior while we're there. (Yes, adult beverages will be allowed, unlike BSA camp).

Mr. Mills only concern was limiting attendance to 150. And this leads to how we will promote the event. Our regular rally goers know that attendance can range from 60 to 300 for a local event and go beyond 5,000 for a National Rally. I sympathize with Ranger Mills concern to keep it manageable. The only thing which will keep us awake at night would be a turn-out too low to cover our costs.

Fortunately, we have enough friends in the other NJ BMW clubs, and in the northeast in general, to assure the right size crowd on an invitation only basis. Our event will NOT be promoted in the MOA or RA monthlies.

There is a good news/bad news list that comes with the location:

- **Good News:** Low site fee, isolated camp ground, ocean swimming nearby, NYC skyline view, good local seafood.
- **Bad News:** COLD showers only, no pavilion (must rent tent ~ \$800), must rent PortaPotties, no water on site, no power, need a generator for PA system and entertainment.. Very limited routes for local day rides, we all know how crowded our area is with traffic.

However, we can overcome these challenges with the resources within the club membership, and with proper prior planning.

Don Eilenberger and I visited the North Jersey BMW club recently, and they've pledged their support to help make our rally a success (they will still be holding their rally, The Snappin' Turtle a week before ours). Doug Evans, of the New Sweden BMW Riders has offered his brain for picking. Their Last Chance rally will be the week after ours.

The goal is to have 100 of our best friends on the Hook for 2 1/2 days of fun and relaxation, with some good riding in between. I'll be asking for volunteers for the planning committee during our 12/17 party at Finley's Pub, and I welcome all suggestions! **See you at Finley's!** - Glenn

Dues is Due!

As our bylaws state - club dues are due in December of every year.

Your dues go towards:

- This newsletter - cost is about \$6.00 per person per year
- Club toolbox - we've bought several commonly used BMW tools this year for the toolbox
- Club Christmas Party - the club covers a small amount of the cost of the club party - we'd like for all members to come and enjoy the party, and like to make it affordable.



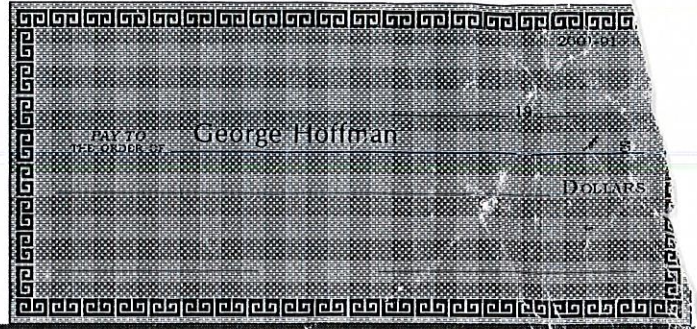
PLEASE (and we know this is a tough month for everyone), make a check out to **George Hoffman**, our treasurer (don't make it out to the club - it won't do us any good) for \$10.00 and mail it to:

lenberger
1213 Pond Rd
Spring Lk Hts, NJ 07762

Don keeps the records of who is paid, addresses and such, so he will pass the checks on to George after recording your payments.

Any member who is not current by 1/30/97 will not receive the newsletter, and will not be considered a participating member.

Thanks!
Don



The not so small print: **DISCLAIMER** - as a motorcyclist you realize participation in any motorcycle activity is inherently dangerous. As such **you** accept all responsibility for any injury to yourself or any passenger and release the officers and members of the NJSBMW MR from any and all claims.

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