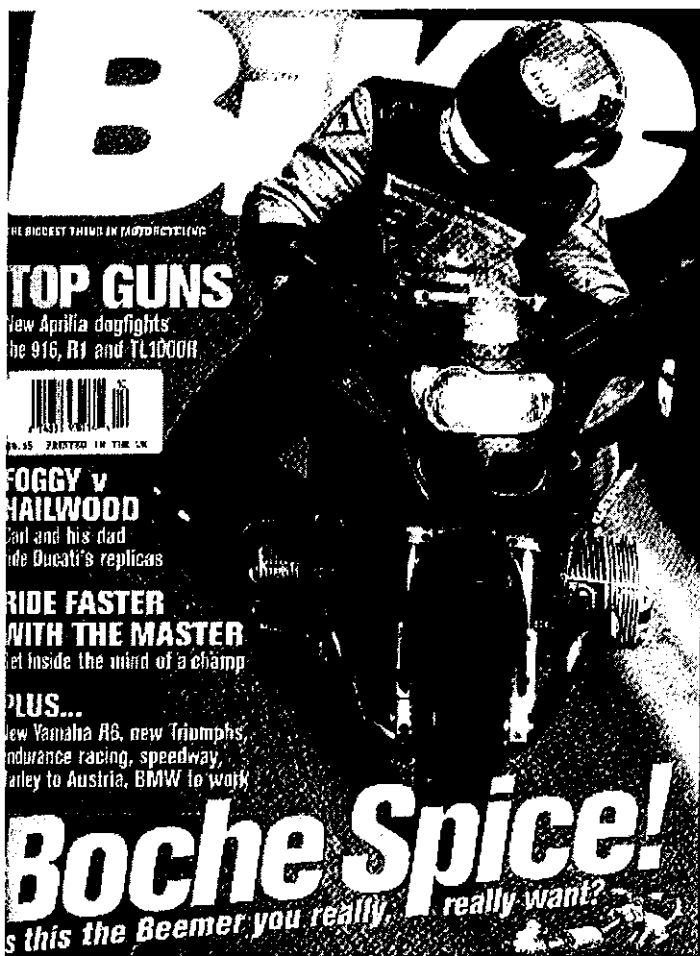


New Jersey Shore BMW Riders

CLUB NEWS - November - 1998



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**Annual Dues are DUE!
See Page 3 for Details!**

Introducing New Club Rides Coordinator Mike LoGalbo

As the newly appointed/ directed/ elected/ crowned/ volunteered NJ Shore Ride Coordinator, I thought I'd introduce myself to those members I have not yet had the pleasure to meet. I figure if I don't set the record straight soon I'll forever be known only by Glenn's favorite descriptor: **Mike from Cranbury.**

I've been riding for about 25 years and currently own a 1995 Ducati 900sp and a 1993 K75S. Although I've done a fair amount of sport touring on the Duck, with the acquisition of the K75S earlier this year (off the Internet BMW Riders list), "Sophia" has been relegated to mostly weekend ride duty. The comfort of the K is just too good to pass up for multi-day rides, and the person who invented hard luggage should be kissed full on the lips.

In addition to riding the K home from Nashville via the Blue Ridge, this past summer we did 4 days through New England; the BMW Finger Lakes Rally (with a side trip through the Adirondacks); and an October fall foliage run through the Catskills up to Lake George. "Uma" has been a wonderful traveling companion, blending a nice mix of handling and comfort. On a personal level, I'm married to a non-riding spouse (Gail), and have a 10 year old daughter (Dana) who keeps the rest of my life in perspective.

My goal as the club's ride coordinator is simple: create opportunities for our members to meet and ride. This will, hopefully, include weekend Breakfast Rides as well as several overnight and multi-day trips during the coming year.

Most of the rides will attempt to follow low traffic backroads because, as Charles Kuralt said: "Thanks to the interstates, it's now possible to travel coast-to-coast and see absolutely nothing." Right now, the tentative, ie, everything is subject to change and folks suggestions, overnight ride plans look like this:

- March (Sat-Sun) Drop-of-a-Helmet**
Weekend Ride to Md's Western Shore
- May 21-23 (Fri-Sun) First Annual**
Non-Tent Event, Old Forge, New York
- June 10-13 (Th-Sun) West Virginia**
Loop-de-Loop, Snowshoe Ski Resort
- July 29-Aug 1 (Th-Sun) Rolling Rally**,
Vt, NH & Maine

Details will follow in future newsletters. If you have any ideas for rides, or would like to share your favorite roads, just give me a call. Needed Immediately: Diner suggestions close by both where folks live as well as good riding roads so we can move the Breakfast Club around.

I can be reached on 609-395-8991 at home, work is 609-777-3676 and my Internet address is gunger9355@aol.com.

Stay tuned, and GET READY TO RIDE! Mike from Cranbury

MEETING - November 11th, 7PM, Bedrock Cafe!

President's Corner

Almost Home

"Pull over to the shoulder, after you pay the toll!" boomed the voice from the cruiser's P.A.. Hmm, when did the State Trooper show up, I say to myself. Sure, now my change holder is outta coins, and I've got to fumble around in the tank bag looking for a quarter. Here's one. Ding!

The gate rises, and I head for the shoulder to begin the drill. The weekend was going so well until now.

Don E. had called to remind me that he volunteered me to attend the BMW-MOA National Rally meeting on Saturday (Oct.10). He was tied up with a critical homeowner's project. "Sure Don," I said, I'd love to cruise up to Rhinebeck, NY on a nice autumn day. Wow!

You say Gene and Julia Shirley were going too? Great, I'll have a pair of friendly riding partners. A quick scan of my private moto calendar showed that the Larz Anderson European Bike Show was on Sunday, the 11th, just outside of Boston. Heck, I'd be halfway there when I'm in Rhinebeck, with nothing between but miles of Berkshire Mountain roads. My buddy in Cambridge even volunteered to put me up for Saturday night for a 12-pack of CoorsLite. This weekend just fell into place.

A friend of mine used to say he enjoyed sailing in the rain as much as the sunshine. A Saturday morning drizzle tested my enthusiasm for our favorite hobby in the same way.

I confirmed a rendezvous time with Julia and Gene. We agreed that we'd take the boring, but safer Interstate route to the Rally site, foregoing a twistier ride. The rainsuit was donned (no pun) in the garage. Usually we do that under a bridge...unexpectedly & far from home...don't we? Thank God, I got those new Metzler tires from Sun Cycle.

I was prepared as I was gonna be. There is always something positive in anything, if you look for it. I was about to get a very good lesson in throttle control.

Our trio rolled up the NY Thruway as both rain and traffic density varied constantly. Julia led at a safe and sane pace. She later confessed she always rides at that tempo, so her style was unaffected by the weather. Gene and I operated with rain-restrained wrists.

The meeting place was a restaurant across from the Dutchess County Fairgrounds rally site, 100

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Annual Party December 11th!

Our 4th Annual Christmas/Holiday party will be held at our regular meeting place, BedRock Cafe, Rt 71 (Main Street), Bradley Beach on December 11th at 7PM.

As in previous years, the club will help offset the cost of the party (and spend down our treasury). Since BedRock doesn't have a liquor license, the club will provide beer and wine!

This will be a buffet sit-down dinner.

Cost will be about \$12 per person, and spousal-units, significant others are invited and very welcome (will give us a break from just discussing motorcycles and riding!)

Your dues must be current the night of the dinner (but, you can pay dues at the dinner).

Please let Glenn Martin know if you're coming (732-583-3945) so we can give BedRock an approximate head count.

Tech Night - November 18th

Our tech night for November will be held at our newest NJ BMW dealer's (and club members) new showroom/shop - Cross-Country BMW, Rt 27 Metuchen.

Topics will be:

- Tire plugging - learn to do it before you need to do it on the road! We'll be doing it in hands-on!
- Winterizing your bike
- Installing a 4-way flasher on a K bike

To get to Cross-Country, Garden State Parkway to Rt 440 West to Rt 287. Approx. 2 miles, Exit 2A, Rt 27. About 1/4 mile on right.

As usual - pizza and soda will be provided!

Note - Cross-Country gives all club members a 10% discount on parts, clothing and accessories.

This is a rain or shine (well, it will be after dark, so rain or non-rain) event.

If you are uncomfortable riding after dark (or just don't like Rt 287 on a bike - understandable), come however you like!

Annual Elections

Our annual elections will be held at our November 11th meeting. Your dues must be current (paid for 1999) in order to vote (dues may be paid at the meeting). You may also mail in this ballot. It must be received by club Secty Don Eilenberger by November 11th to be counted!

- For President Dennis Swanson
- For Vice-President Klaus Huenecke
- For Treasurer/Secty Jerry Schrieber
- Write in _____ for _____
- Write in _____ for _____

Your Name _____

This ballot must be received by November 11th.

Bring to our meeting, or mail to:

Don Eilenberger
1213 Pond Rd
Spring Lake Heights, NJ 07762-1962

YOUR DUES MUST BE PAID for 1999 to VOTE!

NEW JERSEY SHORE BMW RIDERS

Membership/Renewal Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____ - _____

Home Phone: (____) _____

Work Phone: (____) _____

FAX: (____) _____

EMail Address: _____

Bike(s): Year _____ Model _____
 Year _____ Model _____
 Year _____ Model _____

BMW-MOA Member? Yes [] No []

If yes - membership number: _____

If not, do you want an application? Yes [] No []

BMW-RA Member? Yes [] No []

If yes - membership number: _____

If not, do you want an application? Yes [] No []

Our club has a listing of people who are willing to go for a ride on short notice. We call this our "*Sunday Ride List*" since it is frequently used on nice Sundays. If you are on the list - you can expect to be called by other members who are looking for company for in impromptu ride. This last summer, the Sunday Ride list resulted in over 10 impromptu rides - both on Sundays and on other days of the week, so:

Would you like to be on our Sunday Rides List? Yes [] No []

I'm interested in: Rally's [] Touring [] Tech Sessions [] Other _____

I'm willing to help out with: _____

By signing this application, you accept full responsibility for any injuries you or any guests may incur during a NJS-BMW-Riders club activity. You accept that motorcycling is inherently dangerous, and that the club officers and members are not expected to accept any liability for injuries suffered by you or any guest you invite to an activity!

I've read the above paragraph and agree to hold harmless all members and officers of NJS-BMW-Riders Yes [] No []

Date: _____

Signed: _____

Please forward this application **with** a check for \$12 made out to our Secretary **Don Eilenberger** to (dues may be pro-rated on a quarterly basis, they are due on November 1st of each year):

NJS-BMW-R c/o D. Eilenberger
1213 Pond Rd
Spring Lk Hts, NJ 07762

PS: if there are any questions, please don't hesitate to call! 732-583-3945, Glenn.

NI Shore BMW Riders Members Questionnaire

In the tried and true marketing tradition, the following questionnaire is designed to (hopefully) better ascertain what the membership of our esteemed organization wants from the club, in terms of events, rides and other activities. This way, rather than "sell you what we've got" we can all "get what we want." So - remember, vote often and vote early!

1. Would you like to see (check **ALL** that apply):

- Weekend Overnight Trips (Saturday and Sunday)
- 3-day Overnight Trips (Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Saturday, Sunday and Monday)
- 4-day Overnight Trips (Thursday-Sunday)
- 5- day or longer Trips
- Some other type of scheduled ride, Please describe:

2. I'm interested in (check **ALL** that apply):

- Weekly Breakfast Rides, where we meet early at a predetermined breakfast spot, eat and then head out for a ride
- Weekly Brunch Rides, where we meet at a **decent** hour (you can tell Don's editing this!), ride, find food then ride some more and head home.

3. If you would like to participate in overnight rides, rank the following destinations in order of desirability (**1-5**)

- New England (Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Maine)
- The Adirondacks
- West Virginia
- The Catskill Region
- The Blue Ridge Parkway
- Other: _____

4. If we schedule overnights, would you prefer to (check **as many** as apply):

- Camp
- Share a room at a moderately priced hotel/motel
- Have a private room at a hotel/motel
- Stay at a bed and breakfast
- Share a rental condo/house/lodge with 3-4 other people
- Alternate camping/motels

5. Which **TWO** of the following best describes your riding style and desires?

- When in doubt - gas it. It may not always be the right choice, but it ends the suspense
- Tooling along, cataloging insect phylum as you go
- Head me out on the open highway
- Take me home country road
- Glacial but sure

6. Would you like overnight trips to be:

- Rider Oriented (Destination secondary to GREAT roads!)
- Destination Oriented (Spousal-unit-friendly)
- Both (Which may not always be possible)

7. Regarding trips, what is a comfortable daily 'saddle time' for you?

- 3-5 hours
- 5-7 hours
- 7-10 hours
- Just try and pry me off this thing!

8. I usually get up with the:

- Chickens
- Vampires
- Don't really care

9. Motorcycle events/rallies:

- I like'm and attend at least a few per year
- I'd like club rides to the events
- What events do you like to attend:

10: Are you interested in (check **ALL** that apply):

- Pridmore's CLASS school
- Codes' Superbike School
- Other, less expensive track schools (Team Pro-Motion at Pocono for example)
- MSF Basic Course
- MSF Advanced Rider Course

11. What other suggestions do you have to make our club better and increase member participation?

12: Which of the above activities are you willing to help organize or otherwise help with to make it happen?

Member Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Best time to contact me: _____

President's Corner, continued from Pg 2..

miles north of NYC. A dozen and a half of us gathered to tour the July 13-16, 1999 Rally site, make suggestions, and start organizing volunteers for the scores of hands required to host a successful rally for 7,000 of our closest friends. Yes, next summer's MOA National will be that big. And the NJ Shore BMW Rider volunteers will help make it safe & fun.

The Fairgrounds are exquisite. Lots of open space, great vendor areas, even water and electric near every potential campsite. If you're not a camper, there are many close-in motel rooms, too. Down the road is the historic Rhinebeck Airdrome with a great collection of vintage planes (available for rides), beautiful winding Catskill roads across the Hudson River, and swell Dutchess County roads, too, according to local Mike Friedle, Rally Co-Chair. This will be a "do not miss" event.

MOA treated all to lunch, where we exchanged contact numbers, and agreed to conscript more volunteers from our own clubs. The rain got heavier. The Larz A. Classic was looking like a maybe, until Gene pointed out I have 150 miles of cruel riding even if I decided to go home. If I continued East, I'd wake up and have some cool bikes to look at. NJ only offered boring chores on the Sunday menu. I went East.

My ride to Cambridge, MA was fun, really. An up-tempo blitz the entire length of the Mass. Pike, in the wet, at night, ending with a wend through the ancient streets of that village on River Charles. Talk about focus.

I found my friends tiny old house and an order was immediately placed for a Chinese food delivery. The CoorsLite was already in the fridge. When I shed my gear, my dye-stained hands revealed the only area where I needed better weather protection. We didn't say up schmoozing too long after dinner. An early bedtime came from the combination of cold beer and a warm dry apartment after 400 miles of two-wheeled surfing.

I'd heard about the Larz A. event, which is held at his Transportation Museum every year as a fund raiser for the Yankee Beemer club. It's an event that features good examples from the current and past Continental and British marques. Two of my favorites were a pre-WW2 BMW Single, with floorboards & a tank shifter, and Phil Marx's R69 in hot red paint and cool looking period aftermarket mufflers. The Larz A. collection of vintage 4-wheelers was entertaining to peruse, as well. Larz-baby was an old time robber baron with a cool castle that's now his museum. This show will definitely be on our calendar next year.

The Sunday weather had improved to a light mist. Most of the crowd of 1,500 wasn't in rain gear. My NJ Shore Riders fleece was fine, and allowed me to "show our colors". I poked around until 3pm then headed out. I hooked up with an R11RT rider from Connecticut, who led 'till Hartford. Lucky, too, since he knew where the CT radar traps were.

The clearing sky was bluer than I could recall in a while, elevating my spirits and pace. By the time I cleared the Raritan toll booth, I was in a full-tilt boogie, headed for Exit 117A. Cars in three lanes of traffic were only "rocks in the rapids" that were easily avoided with a twist of the wrist.

Trooper X could have easily clocked me in triple digits. Oh, well. You play, you pay. I

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Internet News

A new column, which will appear on an intermittent basis to keep you informed of interesting BMW stuff which appears on the Internet (for those members who are net-enabled).

The Internet BMW Riders

You've probably heard some of us discuss this club. It's a virtual and real club which was started about 5 years ago as a 'mailing list' - invisioned by it's founder (Joe Senner) as a 'virtual campfire' - where people are free to discuss BMW matters.

Current membership is over 1,500 people worldwide. ALL members are Presidents, making politics impossible.

Aside from several 'mailing lists' that the club sponsors (the primary means of communications between it's farflung membership), there are also regular meetings of the members, again - worldwide. A few that occurred this past year:

98 Autumn Beemer BASH Central Cal BMW Riders, September 18-20, 1998

3rd Annual Chattanooga/Gap Extravaganza, September 18-20, 1998

98 1st Annual New England Prez Meet, Woodstock, NH, August 23rd, 1998

98 BMW RA National Rally, Greenfield, Mass, August, 1998, Over 60 Presidents gathered at the national rally for a photo op on Saturday afternoon. Informal meetings between members from around the US happened all weekend! Plus - regular meetings at various rallies worldwide.



RA Rally - Can you spot Don? (hint - club T!)

98 BMW MOA National Rally, Missoula, Montana, July, 1998

EuroPrezMeet III, June 11-14, 1998, a 3 day rolling rally in Europe. Over 20 european members attended.

The Third Annual BLITZ to BRANSON, MO April, 1998

North-East Presidents Breakfast - held in March of '98, in NJ - over 45 Presidents braved rain and cold weather for a brunch in Jackson. Furthest distance traveled for brunch was about 700 miles by two Presidents from Georgia.

The IBMWR also has a net-page called "The Marketplace" - like the want/sale ad's in the national club magazines, but with a difference - it's almost instant. Place an ad, and it appears within a few days.

The IBMWR "Tech Pages" are a great resource for anyone considering working on their own bike, and "Product Reviews" are great if you're looking for gear or accessories. Good stuff!

For more information on the IBMWR go to: <http://www.ibmwr.org>

Don Eilenberger

Meeting, Weds, November 11th, 7PM, Eat and Meet! Bedrock Cafe, Rt 71 (Main Street), Bradley Beach, NJ

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dutifully pulled to the shoulder when the gate opened, doffed the helmet, and dug for my wallet to get out the necessary documents. He was grinning as he approached. Hmm? I handed over the licensee, and we began to chat as I looked for the registration and insurance.

"No, I didn't know I was going that fast."

"Yes, I always use my turn signals." (Even when passing on the right at 93mph). "Yeah, I'm late for dinner, and the wife will be pissed." "I just live down the street. You know, I usually have my registration & insurance card tucked in here, in the back of my wallet. Musta left home without it."

Now I figur' I'm screwed for sure. I offer to produce the documents if he'll just follow me home. He says "Naw", he'll just run the plate #, then he asks how the "point" burden is on my licensee. My last NJ ticket was 3 years ago for an illegal U-turn. So he returns to his cruiser.

When he emerges, he's carrying his Driver Award Booklet, and I'm prepared for the worst. But it turns out to be a good weekend after all.

I'm awarded a WARNING for speeding. And a \$40 no-points consolation award for failure to produce an insurance card. I must have shocked him with my bald spot when I took off the Arai. Sometimes it's lucky to be a fast, old guy. But I don't recommend this as a regular strategy.

See you at the Bedrock.

PS: It's been fun being Prez for the last two years. Now someone else can enjoy it. Whoever you are, I'll be glad to lend a hand. Just call. Keep riding, everyone.

Glenn

Hot Stuff!

- **Nov 11, Regular Meeting**, 7PM Bedrock
- **Nov 18, Tech-Session**, 7PM Cross-Country
- **Dec 11, Annual Party**, NO MEETING in December! 7PM Bedrock.
- **March (Sat-Sun) Drop-of-a-Helmet**
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Got hot stuff? Send news, rumors, spy photos, stories and tall tales to newsletter editor!



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Dues Overdue 1 days!

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