

**January 2016**  
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**President's Message:**

It's a new year, and new opportunities abound!

That may sound a bit "up" - but that's what I hope the club does this next year, move "up", expanding the membership and the opportunities to gather, ride and enjoy both each other and our motorcycles.

I would like to thank Bill Dudley for his two outstanding years of service as President of the club. Bill and his lovely wife Zhao were a constant presence at all the events the club held.

My goal for the club for the new year are for it to thrive and grow. I hope to expand our activity schedule, welcome new members and have greater participation by the members in the activities the club plans.

**Suggestions to help make this happen:**

**- Monthly weekend lunch rides:** Once a month we'll pick a place for lunch, and do an organized ride there.

The great turnout at the New Years Day ride to Mott's Creek Inn shows this should be popular with the membership. I'll be looking for volunteers to lead these rides and pick destinations. If we have 12 different people take a lead on this, it's little work for each of them, with a great return for the club. Some of our newer members lamented the lack of weekend riding opportunities for day rides - this is one answer to that need.

**- Expand on the Oktoberfest Weekend:** Dan Thompson and I have been discussing ideas on how to expand the Oktoberfest weekend without any real liability or expense by the club.

Happiness is nothing more than good health and a bad memory. *Albert Schweitzer (1875 - 1965)*

Now there are more overweight people in America than average-weight people. So overweight people are now average. Which means you've met your New Year's resolution. *Jay Leno (1950 - )*

Once you have traveled, the voyage never ends, but is played out over and over again in the quietest chambers, that the mind can never break off from the journey. *Pat Conroy (1945 - ), "The Prince of Tides"*

Each new day is a blank page in the diary of your life. The secret of success is in turning that diary into the best story you possibly can. *Douglas Pagels "A Wonderful Resolution For The New Year!"*

The simple solution for disappointment depression: Get up and get moving. Physically move. Do. Act. Get going. *Peter McWilliams, "Life 101"*

You have to recognize when the right place and the right time fuse and take advantage of that opportunity. There are plenty of opportunities out there. You can't sit back and wait. *Ellen Metcalf*

Certainly, travel is more than the seeing of sights; it is a change that goes on, deep and permanent, in the ideas of living. *Miriam Beard*

We'll be discussing this at our annual planning meeting this month. We hope to attract more participants from other BMW clubs in the Northeast, and have some ideas on how to do this.

**- Regular Saturday Breakfast meeting:** This has become a tradition - the "Breakfast Club" rides. Thanks much to Roger T for promoting it.

I would like to suggest that we consider moving the location around the Monmouth/Ocean county area. The current meeting place "The Breakfast Club" in Farmingdale has only attracted the same 4-6 members each Saturday.

We picked an alternate spot for a few weekends (Park Nine Diner, corner of 524 and Rt 9, Freehold) and more than doubled the attendance.

For the Breakfast Meeting, it's up to you how you get there (bike, car, foot, fly, teleport) and there won't be a formal ride to the breakfast. There may, or may not be a spontaneous ride after breakfast. Again - looking for suggestions of locations. Watch Yahoo for announcements of the when/where.

**- Club Promotion and Communications:** We need to move with the times.

Our club has relied on Yahoo Groups for many years for our communications needs. It has worked, and continues to work - but it is not really under our control. It does provide for both an email and web interface, something that is exceedingly rare, but it's a PITA to administer.

Bill Dudley and I have been looking for an alternative that would be under our control, and hosted on a server controlled by us. So far we've seen a few solutions, which may be too costly for the club, but we continue to look. It may turn out we find Yahoo continues to fill our needs.

Harry Costello has setup a club "Forum" - which he has publicized. Info on it has been on our Facebook group, and will be in this newsletter. Please take a look at it to see if it fills a need for the club.

I have created a club "Blog" <http://njsbmwr.wordpress.com> - which is designed to be a public face for the club. It has ar-

ticles and photos pulled from the newsletter - that show our club activities. Input and ideas from members is most welcome!

**- A Formal Annual Budget:** In prior years our monetary situation has caused some concern by members, leading to suggestions of raising the dues.

I believe this is unnecessary at this time - that a formal budget will reveal a pattern in our treasury that repeats itself year after year, leaving the club enough money to run it's affairs. That hopefully will relieve these concerns and reveal if there are places we should spend less/more money to further the goals of the club.

**- Bylaws Review:** The club Bylaws are very basic at this time.

That isn't necessarily a bad thing, it's allowed flexibility in club operations relying on the excellence of our officers in interpreting them to the best interests of the club. I will be putting together a committee of the trustee's to review the bylaws and make any proposals to modify/expand them as they see needed.

**- Meeting Reporting:** I would like to see a brief summary of each meeting in the newsletter so members who couldn't make the meeting have an idea of what was discussed.

I'll be looking for members help in achieving these goals. These won't be achieved if members don't help out and join in. Chances are I'll be reaching out to **YOU** for some help in achieving these goals. Plan on attending the annual planning meeting on January 20th, 6PM at Crown Engineering (**Free Pizza!**)

Don Eilenberger – Prez 2016



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## Club Forum

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Harry Costello

A few months ago I made a forum type site for the club.

I feel it's a better way to distribute information (Rides, rallies, for sale, events) and maybe increase activity in the club. Take a look and register on to the site:

<http://njsbmwr.forumcircle.com/index.php>

If you would like an idea what this could develop into take a peek at the NJ Guzzi site:

<http://mgnocnj.forumcircle.com/index.php>

BTW: This site costs the club nothing and took less than a half hour to set up.

Maybe this could be included in the next newsletter. (Ed- it was..)

## Letter to the Editor:

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From Dave Mason (1/2/16):

### Changes.

I went to Glacier National back in September but couldn't work the rally into the schedule. On the way back, someone rolled an RV in Minnesota and I clipped the back end of the sudden traffic jam. Broke the sub-frame, the saddlebags, my left arm, the engine guards, my right thumb and the windshield. I am mostly healed and riding my old GS/PD. Picking up the '13 GS Rally from the repair shop in Mechanicsburg on Tuesday. Last Thursday I pulled the pin and retired. I bought a house in very southern Arizona in a town called Hereford, about 7 1/2 miles north of a place called Mexico. I am moving out there the end of January.

Just like I joined NJSBMWR while I was still in California, I have joined a riding club in Arizona before leaving here. They appear to be very active. Hope to see people at rallies in the future.

Drop me a line if you are ever in Arizona and I will set up a guided tour or make a place to stay..

*I(Ed: It's good to hear from Dave, he was a long time member of the club who brought a unique view to many events.. will have to look him up.)*

## 2016 NY Moto Show December 12th

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Harry Costello

OK the 2016 Bike Show is in the books.

Went up on Saturday, sunny sky's and unnaturally warm temperatures. Arrived at the NY Waterways Ferry garage at 09:00 as planned, right after the big rush when the show opened. A quick ten minute cruise across the Hudson sitting in the sun on the top deck and I landed in the Big Apple. The crowd really isn't that bad on Saturday morning if you get there a half hour after it opens and leave around noon, and I have gone on Friday.



Show was pretty much as usual, Indian had a big display for the third year in a row, I guess they're here to stay.

After a first class display three years ago Piaggio (Guzzi) had absolutely zero for the second year in a row. Someone should tell them sales are somehow related to advertising.

The Honda Africa Twin looks like it will be a very popular big dual sport and at \$13,699 for the high zoot model and dealers all over the place BMW better watch out.

I did sit on a R1200GS low suspension with the low seat and was shocked at how low it was. One of the sales (?) guys noticed I was taking a hard look and started talking me into a GSA, the big off road bike with a bigger tank, spoke wheels and more suspension for only \$2,000

more. I asked him why? - he didn't have an answer, but I got the idea that riding a GS somehow makes you less of a man than a guy on a GSA.

And we make fun of the Harley guys. Nothing else caught my eye as I wandered through aisles and aisles of eye candy.



### **BMW's styling exercise for a new Luxo-Barge**

On a personal note, I would rather they had the show sometime in mid January after the Holidays. Before the Holidays most of us have a lot of things to do on the plate, and I for one don't have a lot of extra money to throw away on stuff I don't need.

**THE DRAMA:** As I pulled into the parking garage at the ferry the low tire pressure light came on in my car. A visual inspection showed all tires to be normal and I didn't have a tire gauge in the new car (I do now). So going through the show I was expecting a flat tire when I got back to the car. After the show (around noon) the tires seemed to be OK.

Try to find someplace with an air pump near the Lincoln Tunnel, I finally found a place with a pump (75 cents for three minutes) but no pressure gauge.

After a discussion with a guy that was having a problem with the English language I talked him out of his tire gauge and found all the tires were OK. Seems like when they serviced the car last week and rotated the tires they didn't recalibrate the TPM system.

Good news was I did get to stop at Rutt's Hut for a couple of rippers some fries and a beer.

## **Annual Holiday Party December 12th**

*DJE*

It was the night before the Toy Run, and all through Rod's Irish Pub fun and frivolity could be heard as the 20th Annual Holiday Party of the NJS BMW Riders came to be.

Attendance was at a high for the 20th - with 38 people. This number just about filled the available space. Riders and significant others sat at large tables, wandered around, drank and enjoyed each others company. After the cocktail hour, dinner was served and once again was well received by the members and spouses.

Next up were the highlights of the party - the Awards Ceremonies. First up was the annual mileage awards (printed on rare parchment with SOLID GOLD filigree) presented by Roger Trendowski. Awards were made to 17 members and one mystery entrant.

### **Place, Name, Miles, Award**

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| <b>1<sup>st</sup> - George Szatmari</b>        | <b>20,625, "On-Time" competitor</b>                        |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> - Don Eilenberger</b>        | <b>16,986, Where Next? (Last yr Europe; this year USA)</b> |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Herb Konrad</b>              | <b>15,329, Ride to South America next time</b>             |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> - Bill &amp; Zhao Dudley</b> | <b>14,850, Your miles are my miles - 2 Up AWARD</b>        |
| <b>5<sup>th</sup> - Benedictus Paraan</b>      | <b>12,616, Loosing ground (from last year)</b>             |
| <b>6<sup>th</sup> Jim Liotta</b>               | <b>10,984, Hi-mileage New guy</b>                          |
| <b>7<sup>th</sup> - Grant Duncan</b>           | <b>8,917, Better than 10th and 12th place as in past</b>   |
| <b>8<sup>th</sup> - Roger Trendowski</b>       | <b>7,630, Average Guy (equals club ave miles)</b>          |
| <b>9<sup>th</sup> - Mike Lamberti</b>          | <b>6,044, One long trip does it; last yr 13th</b>          |

**10<sup>th</sup>** Joe Karol 5,510, **Breakfast club miles on non-BMWs not worth as much**

**11<sup>th</sup>** - Tom Spader 5,099, **3 best of 5 bikes doesn't help**

**12<sup>th</sup>** - Armando Tello\* 4,700, **Plenty of Head Room**

**13<sup>th</sup>** - Dennis Swanson 4,305, **Solid yearly position #1** (11,14,13 prior years)

**14<sup>th</sup>** - Greg Wright 3,687, **Solid yearly position #2;** (9,13,12 prior years)

**15<sup>th</sup>** - Jerry Rouvrais 3,413, **New bikes should be ridden**

**16<sup>th</sup>** - Dave Rosen 2,855, **Biggest overall drop** - 11 positions

**17<sup>th</sup>** - Jim Thomasey 891, **"One-Arm" excuse**

**18<sup>th</sup>** - Jimmy McFadden 597, **Coulda doubled miles by coming to meetings**

**19<sup>th</sup>** Mike Kowal 448, **Tire-rot risk award**

**Overall total:** 19 member mileage, 145,486 was 40,000 more miles than last year.

**Average Rider:** 7,657 miles

*\* - does anyone know who Armando Tello is? Armando are you out there? We have an award for you!*

The next group of awards were the **"Dubious Achievements Awards"** - compiled and awarded by Mike The Wrench Kowal. The **SOLID GOLD TROPHIES** were well received as usual:

Klaus Hueneke: **Pizza Nazi, No soda for you!**

Bill Dudley: **Half time Prez**

Zhau Dudley: **Tag Along rider**

Dennis Swanson **I can't believe I didn't buy a new bike this year**

George Szatmari **Only comes to Xmas parties**

Don Eilenberger **Bucket list**

Roger Trendowski **Three strikes you're out**

Grant Duncan **Can't believe I didn't get a ticket this year**

Harry Costello **More miles than Mike K.**

Jerry Schreiber **I wish this this trophy was a day date calendar**

A grand time was had by all, and the evening wound up with the members planning to meet the next morning for the Annual Toy Run!

A few table photos:



## Annual Toy Run Ride December 13th

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*Editor*

35 members from the 3 cooperating BMW clubs gathered at the NJ Inspection Station on Rt 70, Lakewood, on a warm Sunday morning. Jim Thomasey was there with coffee and donuts to greet everyone!



Shortly after 11:30AM the group moved out and headed for the Children's Specialized Hospital in Tom's River.



We were welcomed by the staff of the hospital, and our gifts started building a mountain of toys. The three clubs and private donations exceeded \$1,000. The staff of the hospital expressed their appreciation – and told us we were the group who had been supporting the hospital for the longest.



Shortly after we moved out to the parking lot so some of the children could see, hear and sit on the motorcycles.



This was once again an outstanding event. Thanks to all who participated!

## **A big Shout Out to some vendors!**

*Editor*

I'd like to thank **Cross-Country BMW** for their outstanding service. RD Swanson had been complaining about his heated grips for about.. ummm.. as long as he's owned his 2011 R1200R. Sometimes they worked, sometimes not. Rather than get them fixed under the original warranty, he thought he'd wait until the warranty had expired. So when my 2012 R1200R started experiencing heated grip troubles I got hold of Joe Trimmer at Cross Country to see if there was a common failure point.

Turns out – there was a service bulletin on just this problem for 2010-2012 R1200R bikes. The fix is a software reprogramming of the bike's ZFE (electrical control) module. Joe suggested since they were slow to bring the bike up some time and they'd take care of it.

A few weeks ago it was another warm Saturday in NJ, with not a lot going on, so RDS had arranged to take his bike up to have the update applied, and asked if I wanted to accompany him. Since I didn't have anything else important to do- off we went.

Cross-Country's service department had the bikes in the shop within minutes of our arrival, and then allowed us enough time to browse the showroom for a bit (RDS was thinking of a new bike, but I didn't encourage him. I bought new gloves.)

We got the bikes back – grips now working correctly. Normally on bikes out of warranty this sort of service has a charge associated with it. Not this time – they wished us a happy holiday and safe riding.

Thanks MUCH to Cross Country!

**Wunderlich America:** I'd asked for a fender-extender for my R1200R for Christmas. I didn't order it – a niece did (family gift exchange.) When I opened the package on Christmas afternoon, there was a fender-extender in it, but the wrong end for the wrong bike (for an RT). I told my niece I'd take care of sorting it out.

On Saturday I sent an email off to Wunderlich explaining what happened. I tried calling but they were closed until the 4<sup>th</sup> of January. I almost immediately got an email back, saying they were sorry for the mistake, a correct one was on the way with a return shipping label for returning the wrong one.

The correct one arrived on Monday! Great service from Wunderlich! As good as Schubert.

## **2016 Event Schedule**

Please email the editor with additions/corrections.

### **January**

- **Wednesday, Jan 13th** - Meeting. Schneider's, Avon. Eat and chat 6PM, meeting starts at 7:30PM.
- **Wednesday, Jan 20th** - Annual Planning Session, Crown Engineering, 6PM. FREE PIZZA!
- **ANY WINTER WEEKEND** – Spontaneous Lunch Rides – all winter, if the weather is good. Watch the Yahoo email list for announcements of impromptu rides for lunch on a Saturday or Sunday. And feel free to post YOUR ride announcement to Yahoo – if you post it – someone will almost always show up.

*MORE TO COME..*

## Motorcycle Insurance from a fellow rider and club member



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### Club Logo Stickers available!

Thanks to an anonymous donor – the club now has a supply of self-adhesive, reflective club logos, suitable for your bike available. Price is \$1/each. See Treasurer Dan Thompson for purchase. The logo is identical to the one on the first page of this newsletter.

**Meeting – Weds – January 13th – Schneider's Main St, Avon 6PM**

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