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# NEW JERSEY SHORE BMW RIDERS Inc

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You see, when I was a boy, every morning was an adventure and a new beginning, but when we grow older, a little of us dies every night: killed by what ifs and if onlys, by mortgages and bills, dry rot and rising damp. And buried under the weight of all the possessions we gather around us, thinking that they define what we are.

When we travel, though, we are children again. And when we travel by motorcycle, we have nothing to think of when we wake but throwing a few belongings into our panniers and riding off down the road, unencumbered by regrets and concerns.

On a motorcycle, every day is still an adventure and a new beginning.

On a motorcycle, I am still a boy on a bike.

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From a book by Geoff Hill, "In Clancys Boots" - about his following the path that Carl Sterns Clancy took on his 1912 round-the-world ride on a Henderson. Recommended reading!

It's also available on Amazon:

[https://www.amazon.com/dp/B00GB1GOHK/ref=cm\\_sw\\_r\\_cp\\_ep\\_dp\\_jbSjAbF0GE3J5](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B00GB1GOHK/ref=cm_sw_r_cp_ep_dp_jbSjAbF0GE3J5)

BMW Motorcycle Club  
New Jersey Shore



## President's Message:

Our first meeting at Park-Nine Diner – our hopefully temporary new home went well. The waitress did flinch a bit at the request for separate checks, but a quick consultation with the owner that issue was resolved.

We had our elections for officer positions for 2018 – and the results weren't unexpected. They are:

**President** – it seems to be me again. Doesn't anyone want this job?

**Vice President** – Jerry Shreiber kindly offered to continue as VP – and the vote was unanimous.

**Secretary** – Jim Thomasey offered to continue doing the wonderful job that's he has done, both keeping records of who is or isn't a member, and printing and mailing the newsletter.

**Treasurer** – Joe Karol offered to step into this position, thanks Joe, and thanks for handling the monthly 50/50 at our meetings!

The officers will assume their positions starting on January 1, 2018.

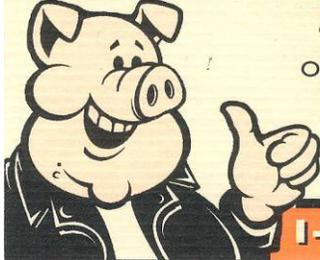
Thinking about January 1 – we usually have a New Years day Ride – meeting the New Sweden BMW Riders at Motts Creek Inn. We usually outnumber (by our count) our southern friends – and I hope someone can lead a ride and continue the tradition. I will not be there – I'll be in California for a bit. A volunteer to lead a ride? Bill? Roger? Dennis? Google link: <https://goo.gl/maps/HdsgBYXqh772>



Our annual Toy Run will be held this Sunday, the morning after our annual dinner. I would encourage everyone to come out for this. If the weather guessers are correct – there may be some white stuff this weekend – so come anyway you feel safe – car, boat, bike.. the important thing is to be there. Toys are traditionally given, although some people would rather give a check. If you can't make it – we will be collecting toys/checks at our annual dinner the night before. Jim Thomasey will transport the items to the hospital the next morning.

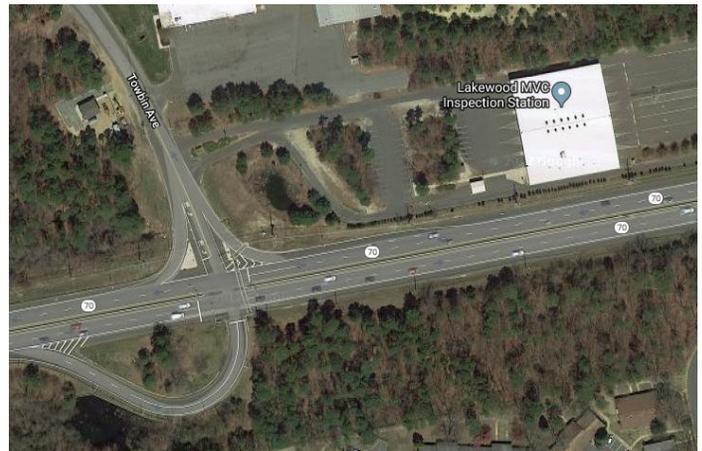
We will as usual meet in the Motor Vehicle Inspection Station lot on Rt 70 and Towbin Road at 10AM – coffee and donuts will be served.

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We usually do lunch at Charlie Brown's on Rt 70 after the hospital visit!

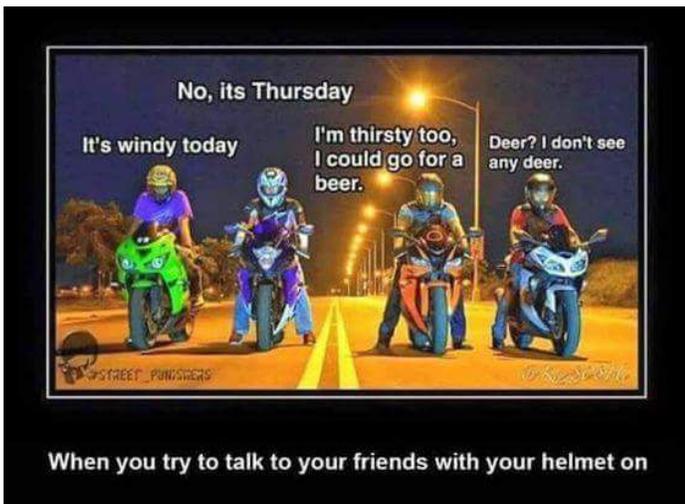
And finally – as I mentioned – I'm away for a bit. I'll not be at the January meeting – Jerry Schreiber will man the gavel for January. Thanks Jerry!

## **DUES CHANGE for 2018:**

Basic Dues remain \$20.00/annually. Due in November. Supplemental dues of \$5.00/annually will be charged for people who want the monthly newsletter printed and mailed to them.

The supplemental dues partly offset the cost of producing and mailing a monthly newsletter.

This change takes effect January 1<sup>st</sup>. If you've been tardy getting your renewal back to us – now is the time to beat the increase. Pay before January 1<sup>st</sup> and your dues remain at \$20 if you receive a printed newsletter.



## November Meeting Minutes

*Jim T - Secretary*

The meeting was called to order promptly at 7:30PM and any new members and guests were welcomed. The treasurer's report showed we have just over \$1500 and few expenses to draw from that amount.

Breakfast Club plans were made to meet again and will be posted online for all to see.

Jim Thomasey spoke about the upcoming Toy Run which will take place the Sunday morning after the Annual Holiday Party. A motion was made and voted on, and passed that the club shall donate \$300 to the Children's Hospital.

Our election of officers took place, and the slate was elected by acclaim. Results are in the President's message.

The motion to change our dues amount for people receiving the newsletter in print/mailed format passed. Details are elsewhere in this issue.

## BMW Riders November 30<sup>th</sup>

*RD Swanson*

It's a really beautiful morning in North Carolina, the trees still have some leaves and the sky is a clear blue. I decided to drive to the local market for some bagels (hard to believe, but they have better bagels here).

Parked outside the market was an R 1200 GS all tricked out. I had seen this motorcycle before

and so decided to seek out the rider. It was easy to find him seated having a coffee because his Aerostitch suit was draped over the chair.

I introduced myself as a BMW rider and we fell into an easy conversation.. He fit the mold completely. Owns several bikes here and one in Maine where he has a second house, mostly BMW's but other brands as well. Does a lot of distance riding, NC to Maine in a day. Belongs to the RA and the MOA. He was very well-informed about the various technical issues I know very little about.

We found we had no common acquaintances but thought we should. As we parted I said I would look for him in Wellsboro at the RA National. His name is Garrett Blake.

## Second C2C2C – May/June

*Don*

I was last seen in Kingman AZ, lounging around the pool at an eccentric but neat Ramada Inn.

## Day 12 – May 31<sup>st</sup> Kingman AZ to Barstow CA



Using a cooling vest – crossing deserts on a semi-naked bike in high temperatures isn't bad at all.

Any time I cross the Mohave desert – I end up having lunch at Peggy Sue's. It is on Yermo Road, Yermo CA, between I-15 and I-10.

### From my Facebook posts:

Desert crossing today was pretty much a non thing. To my own amazement (and certainly to those who've traveled with me) I was up at 6:15, and the bike loaded and on the road before

8am. Temperature in Kingman was about 76° when I took off.

Last night I loaded the motel refrigerator freezer with two water bottles, and under the freezer was my evaporative cooling vest in it's watered up vacuum bag. Everything stayed in the fridge until just before I left.

About 50 miles out of Kingman it started to heat up, went into the mid 80's. So I took an exit, found a gas station canopy so I was out of the sun, and put the cooling vest on under my 'stich. Relief was immediate.

Back on the road now the mid to high 80's felt chilly actually. I continued along until the turnoff for "Peggy-Sues" (a great retro diner in the middle of the Mojave Desert) appeared, and I decided to have lunch. I always have lunch there somehow when I'm in the area.



As I pulled into the lot I spotted another bike, a K1600. Parked next to it, observed the Alzheimer's stickers on it, and went inside looking for the rider.

He was easy to spot, a Schuberth gave him away, along with the Roundels he'd added to it. Since he was sitting alone, he looked up, saw me, and invited me to join him.

He's also doing a C2C2C, but with a cause, Alzheimer's Research fund raising. He was due in LA for an event today, then back east in Philly on June 10th, and a bunch of other places en-route. Turns out I'd heard of him before, since he's not only active in MOA circles, he also is active in the BMW Car Club of America. I've been active in both.

Anyway his name is Jeff Krause, and more info can be found on Instagram @jaysbigadventure.

We finished our lunches, wished each other a safe ride and headed out.

I made my last stop on the way west. A Comfort Suites in Barstow CA. Had a bunch of points, ended up with a 2 bedroom (2 bath, 3 TVs) suite that is huge.



**Deluxe Accommodations..**

Will be riding Angeles Crest into the San Fernando Valley in the morning. Expect to be at my son's early afternoon. Have to fix an electrical outlet.. at least that was my story, and I'm sticking to it.

**To be continued..**

## **Schedule of Events – 2017!**

*Please send additions and corrections to the editor!*

### **December**

- December 6<sup>th</sup> - Moribundi Lunch
- December 9<sup>th</sup> - Club Dinner - RD Swanson
- December 10<sup>th</sup> - Toy Run, Children's Hospital - Jim Thomasey
- December 13<sup>th</sup> – Meeting -Park Nine, Freehold

*There are also the regular Saturday morning "Breakfast Club" meetings, also announced via the club email group list.*

*Moribundi lunch locations are announced via email, and are at 12:30PM, the first Wednesday of every month.*

## 2017 Toy Run December 10th

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*Jim T*

On December 10 NJSBMW Riders invites all riders to attend the Toy Run to benefit the Children's Specialized Hospital in Toms River.

We will meet at the DMV Inspection station on Route 70 west and Towbin Ave. in Lakewood. After some coffee and donuts we will take a short ride to the hospital located at 94 Stevens Rd. Toms River, NJ 08755.

For more than 10 years we have visited this hospital and donated toys and money. Bobbi Jo Pansier is our host and she always remarks how appreciative the children are to see (and hear) the motorcycles. A tour of the facility is offered and is quite eye opening and humbling to see how these young children are cared for.

Gifts are used for the children or their family members and anything is welcome with the exception of stuffed animals or any "plush" toy.

Please join us the day after the annual Holiday party for a heartwarming trip to see the kids. Remember, 10 AM at the DMV then a short trip to the hospital to arrive there about 11AM. It is always sunny and warm on that day, by the way!

## December 2017 Meeting Agenda

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- 1 - Call to order (7:30 - Jerry)
- 2 - Welcome new/returning members (Jerry)
- 3 - Treasurer's Report (Art G)
- 4 - Secretary's Report on Membership and renewals (Jim T)
- 5 - OLD and CONTINUING BUSINESS
  - a) Breakfast Club (Roger)
  - b) Website Updates (Bill D)
  - c) Report on Toy Run (Jim T)
  - d) 2018 Planning Session – hold When Don is back from gallivanting around CA..
- 6 - NEW BUSINESS
  - a) Thanks to Herb for the new banner.
- 7 - 50/50 drawing (Joe K)

END - Adjourn and stand around talking for 30 minutes or so.

## FIRST BOARD TRIP Des Moines

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*Roger Trendowski*

After being elected to the MOA Board of Directors (and starting in July at Salt Lake City Rally), this was the first opportunity to personally meet with the 8 other Board members and key MOA leadership. Our meeting in Des Moines Iowa was also so that we could tour the 2018 MOA International Rally site. (As an MOA member I attended my first October Rally site tour several years ago in Bloomsburg PA ... October was not hot nor were there any high-water marks on the hotel.)

The MOA Board and Committees meet monthly via conference calls. I serve on two committees: Events and Operations. Membership is a third committee. Events is charged with planning and proposing to the Board the MOA Getaways and MOA Supported Adventure Rallies.

There are 6-8 Getaways per year. Getaway Rallies are where the MOA develops the plan, runs registration, coordinates hotel and meals, provides entertainment and of course assumes the financial risks (much like an international rally). A local club or group of individuals provides significant help to accomplish Getaways. Examples are: Fontana Getaway, Vermont Getaway, Texas Hills Getaway. These are relatively small (75-150 attendees) predominately "hotel-based" because they provide attendees a quick regional weekend place to "get a way." They're open to MOA and non MOA people.

An "MOA Supported" Adventure Rally is where the local club proposes and runs the rally; they take the risks and perform the work. The MOA provides some award gifts and gives out MOA membership recruiting information. Examples of supported adventure rallies are: Middle of the Map rally, Wailin Wayne, High Sierra. Our committee's job is to initiate, review and propose event activities to the Board for their approval so that budget and contracts can be initiated for the following year. We did this for most of the events in the first half of 2018. All of rallies are advertised in the MOA ON magazine and website in listings and map. My second committee assignment is MOA Operations. We propose

and send to the Board next year's budget. We also review monthly & year-to-date financial results, budget, and proposed activity costs. We then propose adjustments if too much deviation occurs between income/expenses and budget within the year.

MOA's Executive Director, Bob Aldridge is the key in developing proposed budgets, managing income and expense programs and reporting to our committee and to the total Board. Half of my Board time in Des Moines was devoted to meeting in my two committees; the second part was devoted to a Closed Board meeting (where each committee reviewed proposals and sought approval) and an Open Board meeting (for members and others). Results of the Board meetings are well documented in the MOA ON magazine and website.

Our site visit of the Iowa State Fairgrounds, next year's Rally site, actually occurred on Day 1 of my visit. Rally Chairs, MOA Staff, Board members and other key rally activity chair persons traveled a few miles from our downtown hotel to the fairgrounds located east of the city. My general impressions are: the grounds are HUGE, spotless, and heavily shaded & grassed. Registration is in its own air conditioned building just as you enter the main gate. The vendor building is huge... all indoors vendors will be on one building; in one AC area/room. Seminars are located in the same building as vendors but in a separate section. Numerous seminar rooms are located on the main floor and upstairs. Outdoors vendors (e.g., tire changing, equipment installers, etc.) are located next to the vendor building. The beer garden will be located under a huge fixed roof-awning and co-located with a large activities/events building (for volunteer group and other scheduled dinners & activities). Closing ceremonies will be held in another huge AC building .

Local Des Moines and Iowa clubs are assisting with numerous Rally planning and volunteer activities. The Rally theme and logo this year will stress..."Journey.". Rides and interesting places will be the focus for your "journey to get to the rally." Among others, they will provide details on riding the old "Lincoln Highway" from the East or West, riding a river route from the south, etc. Unlike past Rallies where the rally riding focuses on "local loops," I think this new

"journey to the rally" will be a new and unique change.



**Registration building**



**Small portion of inside the vendor building**



**Lots of grass and shaded areas for camping out.**

## President's Thanks for 2017

*I thought I'd take a moment to say THANKS to some of the people who make the club go.*



Thanks to **Nancy Young**, who has been a member since 1999 – and we've never seen her. Nancy recently sent in a letter discontinuing her membership. That's not happening - Nancy is receiving Emeritus status so she can continue getting the newsletter free. 18 years of faithful support of the club is appreciated!

Many thanks to **Herb Konrad** who came through once again with two amazing new club banners. Herb is always there to help out, and he does it quietly. His help with recruiting material brought us about 20 new members this year. Our new banners will be seen at the club dinner and the toy-run!

Big thanks – to **Greg Wright** and **Jack Kane** who made our 3-Club-Rumble one to put in the record books, and a real challenge for the next club (New Sweden) to top it. These guys made it easy – we just had to attend! Greg has also been a supporter of the club for quite a few years now. If you have insurance needs – he's the guy to talk to, and not just motorcycle insurance. Thanks Greg and Jack!

**Mike Kowal** has been the man behind many club activities and events – and rarely get acknowledged – so thanks Mike for all you do for the club, and I really don't need another trophy.

**Tom Spader** has been the host with the most – hosting our outstanding club picnic for several years, with the help of Rich Stant (and others.) Tom's gracious hospitality has made the picnic a must-do event. Rich's cooking made it even better! Thanks guys!

**RD Swanson** always has "fodder" for the newsletter, and he organizes and runs our annual Holiday Dinner. He's Moribundi Chief. He's also the guy I like to bounce ideas off – thanks Double-Jack for all you do and listening to me.!

**Bill Dudley** runs our email list, and hosts/edits our club website. When Yahoo started screwing

up – Bill was there with a replacement! Bill's added new features to the website that he'll discuss at the December meeting. Bill also takes over the newsletter when I'm away – doing an outstanding job being editor. Thanks Bill!

**Art Goldberg** is stepping down as Treasurer – thanks for a job well done Art! We have a lot more money now – how'd you do that?

**Joe Karol** is always there – and he does the thankless 50/50, and is now becoming Treasurer. He talks little, but does lots! Thanks Joe!

**Ben Paraan** – has grabbed hold of odd-ball things like our Ice-Cream runs even when they're basically tossed at him. Thanks Ben!

**Roger Trendowski** needs no description of all that he's done for the club. It normally appears in each newsletter with his reports on trips and rides he's done. Thanks Roger!

**Dan Thompson** rides so I never have to think if he's behind me – and sometimes that's a real surprise when I do something Doofus the GPS suddenly tells me. He helps organize and promote the club rally – Oktoberfest. Thanks Dan for your service to the club.

**Jerry Schreiber** has been an able right-hand man as Vice President. I'm glad to see he offered to continue for 2018. Thanks Jer..

**Jim Thomasey** is the reason you're reading this newsletter. He publishes it – a thankless job, and for running the annual Toy run, and being club secretary. Jim does these jobs with enthusiasm and skill, great job Jim – Thanks!

**Mike Palmer** has graciously let us use Crown Engineering's facilities whenever we wanted – and made us feel welcome there. Thanks Mike (and Tommy.)

**Johann and Bev Schneider** are certainly in our thoughts. Thanks for hosting us for 18 years!

I know I forgot someone – so thanks to everyone who steps forward and helps make the club as great as it is. .

**Thanks ALL!**  
Don

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## Monthly Meeting – December 13<sup>th</sup>

### Park-Nine-Diner

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Eat @ 6PM

Meeting starts at 7:30PM