

**October 2018**

# **NEW JERSEY SHORE BMW RIDERS Inc**

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In my many years I have come to a conclusion that one useless man is a shame, two is a law firm, and three or more is a congress. *John Adams (1735 - 1826)*

Democracy substitutes election by the incompetent many for appointment by the corrupt few. *George Bernard Shaw (1856 - 1950), Man and Superman (1903) "Maxims for Revolutionists"*

In America any boy may become President [of NJ Shore Riders] and I suppose it's just one of the risks he takes. *Adlai E. Stevenson Jr. (1900 - 1965), Speech in Indianapolis, 26 Sept. 1952*

No man who ever held the office of president [of NJ Shore Riders] would congratulate a friend on obtaining it. *John Adams (1735 - 1826)*

One word sums up probably the responsibility of any vice president [of NJ Shore Riders], and that one word is 'to be prepared'. *Dan Quayle (1947 - ), 12/6/89*

When I was a boy I was told that anybody could become President [of NJ Shore Riders]; I'm beginning to believe it. *Clarence Darrow (1857 - 1938)*

I'm not sure I've even got the brains to be President [of NJ Shore Riders]. *Barry Goldwater in 1964*

**BMW Motorcycle Club  
New Jersey Shore**



## **President's Message:**



## **Time to step aside..**

I'll be approaching a few of you before the next meeting – asking if you'll help the club by becoming officers.

It's been long enough for me. I've run out of new ideas, so we need new officers who might have new ideas.

I'm going to setup an on-line survey to try to find out what our members hope to get out of membership in the club. I'll do that before the elections so that anyone being tapped for an officer position can look at the results and decide if they can help fulfill those wishes.

It's also membership renewal time. There is an application form in this issue. Please fill it in, and either mail it to Jim Thomasey or bring it to the next meeting with a check or cash!

Rubber side down eh? Don

# Schedule of Events – 2018!

Please send additions and corrections to the editor!

## October

- October 3<sup>rd</sup> – Moribundi Lunch
- October 10<sup>th</sup> – Meeting, Tony's. Farmingdale

## November

- November 7<sup>th</sup> – Moribundi Lunch
- November 14<sup>th</sup> – Meeting, Tony's. Farmingdale

## December

- December 5<sup>th</sup> - Moribundi Lunch
- December 8<sup>th</sup> - **Club Dinner** - RD Swanson
- December 9<sup>th</sup> - **Toy Run**, Children's Hospital - Jim Thomasey
- December 12<sup>th</sup> – Meeting, Tony's. Farmingdale

The calendar is also available here, with more detail: [www.njsbmwr.org/calendar.cgi](http://www.njsbmwr.org/calendar.cgi)

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

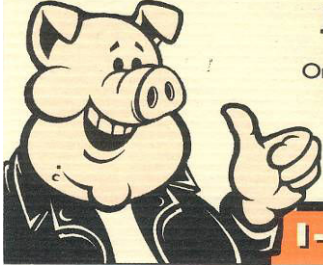
Moribundi lunch locations are announced via email, and are at 12:30PM, the first Wednesday of every month.

## October 2018 Meeting Agenda

- 1 - Call to order (7:30 - Don)
- 2 - Welcome new/returning members (Don)
- 3 - Treasurer's Report (Joe K)
- 4 - Secretary's Report on Membership and renewals (Jim T)
- 5 - OLD and CONTINUING BUSINESS
  - a) Report on ride to private BMW collection
  - b) Holiday Party – RDS
  - c) Toy Run – Jim T
  - d) New/recycled officers - Don
- 6 - NEW BUSINESS
  - a) Club officers – Don
  - b) Membership Renewal
- 7 - Open Floor - Anyone
- 8 - 50/50 drawing (Joe K)

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

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## September Meeting Notes

Jim T

Called to order at the stroke of 7:30 with the commanding gavel pound of Don E.

Dave Rosen was in attendance after quite a long absence. He was then fortunate enough later in the evening to win the 50/50 raffle.

Joe Karol remarked that the treasury stands at a healthy amount of just under \$1200.

Jim T: We added two paying members to the club roster to raise it to 60 paying members with an almost even split between those getting US mail version of the newsletter and the email version.

The Oktoberfest event will have about a dozen members from our club and others attending who have registered with the venue directly. People will contact Don if they are interested in a great backroads trip to the Catskills.

We are still recruiting members to attend the special showing of pre and post WWII BMW's from a private collection near Cherry Hill NJ.

Don mentioned that we got a thank you note from the Harold Gantz family thanking us for remembering Harold who passed away last month. The club also got a thank you for your donation letter from the Prostate Cancer Foundation thanking the club for a donation in Harold's name.

Dennis will again take care of the holiday dinner which will be held this year on December 8 at Rod's in Sea Girt.

Jim T discussed the annual toy run to benefit the Children's Specialized Hospital in Toms River.

Meet adjourned at 7:25PM.

# Private BMW Collection...

## A tour on 9/30

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*Roger T and Don E*

The day trip to see Chris Aher's collection of old BMWs was a great success.

Everyone who started out from OurWAWA made it to the nondescript building in Mount Holly with several others arriving either earlier or later than our main group.

The range of BMWs displayed (and a few other interesting bikes like the Victoria and Marushos) was nothing short of spectacular.

Chris' collection included over 50 bikes, mostly BMWs and mostly pre 1960. We had coffee and donuts the warehouse/lounge area where later we enjoyed a super presentation on how he got started (very few years ago) and how he pursues his passion. (By the way, Chris said that his first BMW was a GS which got him hooked and fueled his passion toward older models.)

The first bike that greets you as you enter the large high-ceiling air conditioned warehouse is not a BMW... but a pristine 1921 Victoria.



Another unique bike located in the front of the building was a BMW labeled K50. It definitely presented its vintage BMW frame/tank etc but with a strange 4-cyl engine. It appeared to be a VW air cooled engine mated to the old bike transmission. Carbs and exhausts were unusual even for an old VW engine.

One thing our host asked - that we please NOT

post photos taken at the site to websites or even Instagram or other web environments. The location where the photos were taken can be easily determined from the EXIF data that is part of every JPG taken on your phone. It uses the GPS on your phone to geo-locate the photo.



**Our Host – Chris Aker**

It was good getting together with the New Sweden club - and I think everyone who came enjoyed the visit. Most of us lunched at F&M Deli located 5 miles north of the warehouse... great lunch with Pastrami being the choice of many.



## Shore Riders Ride! Sept.30

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*RD Swanson*

It's been awhile since the club has had an event that drew upward of 20 riders.

Capt. Don and Jim Cavallo arranged a visit to a private collection of BMW motorcycles in Cherry Hill. Stored in a large warehouse are all types and all years of the brand. To a real expert— I am not one— it had to be spectacular.

My favorites are the motorcycles of the 1930's. The classic blacks with white pinstripes restored to their original condition are a motorcyclist's dream. I have never ridden one of these restorations and I'm not sure I would want to take the chance of dropping or otherwise damaging one. Those who have ridden them say the brakes leave much to be desired.

Thanks to Jim and Don for putting it all together!

New Sweden also participated in the event and it was good to see some of the riders I hadn't seen in while. They appeared to have an equal number at the event.

The bulk of Shore Riders met at "Our Wawa" to launch the ride. Others arrived in small groups. Grant called me to see if I was going since he wanted to leave a little later. I eagerly agreed since riding with Grant is a challenge I relish. I wasn't disappointed.

The weather was perfect for riding especially after so much heat, humidity and rain throughout the summer and September. That in itself made it a really good day.

## Toy Run scheduled December 9th

*Jim Thomasey*

The annual Toy Run to benefit the Children's Specialized Hospital of Toms River will be held December 9, 2018.

The hospital offers in patient and outpatient services such as Audiology, speech therapy, Occupational and physical therapy as well as rehabilitative services for its clients. The hospital is a member of the RWJ Barnabus Health group as well as a member of The Children's Miracle Network.

The NJ Shore BMW riders have organized this toy run for well over a dozen years and we have

been joined by members of the Skylands and New Sweden clubs and some of their associates each year.

Many of the children at the hospital look forward to having the motorcycles show up so they can hear and touch them when they come outside.

The past few years have had terrific weather which allowed more than a few children to come outside to hear the bike horns and engines, and their reaction is always a pleasure to see.

As in the past, we will meet at the DMV (or MVC) station on Rt. 70 west and Tobin Ave in Lakewood. Coffee and donuts will be available in the parking lot beginning at 10AM ish and we will leave to arrive at the hospital by 11AM.

Please bring a toy which will then be distributed by the hospital staff to any of the children or members of the patients' families. The only caveat is to please **not give stuffed animals or toys**. Toys can also be brought to the holiday party being held the night before and they will then make their way to the hospital.

I thank you all in advance for your generosity and continued support.

If you would like to go directly to the hospital the address is 94 Stevens Rd., Toms River, NJ 08755

## An independent review of the New Goldwings and the BMW K1600 GTL and Bagger

*By a Honda Africa Twin Rider(Guest Review!)*

Metuchen Powersports which has the BMW and the Honda was awesome today they let me ride four bikes. All bikes for 2019.

The first was the Honda Goldwing F6 Speed. Overall great ride plenty of power, lots of fun, great features, and very responsive. With about 125 hp. I give this bike a rating of four speeding tickets out of five.



My second was the BMW K1600 GTL. 6 Speed. Overall OK, plenty of power, lots of fun, great features, and very responsive. With about 175 hp. I give this bike a rating of THREE speeding tickets out of five. This bike at the 100 mile-an-hour speed did not feel good. Maybe better with a second Passenger not sure.



My third test ride was back to the Honda Goldwing Touring DCT. I had never ridden a DCT before, this was very interesting. Only a little learning curve and the sport mode had plenty of get-up-and-go. Overall great ride plenty of power, lots of fun, great features, and very responsive. With about 125 hp. I feel a new rider could master this bike very quickly. I give this bike a rating of four speeding tickets out of five.



Lastly, I returned to the BMW K1600 B (Bagger) 6 Speed. Overall excellent ride plenty of power, lots of fun, great features, and very responsive. With about 175 hp. The bagger not only looks BADASS, it sounds like a damn indy car and moves like one as well! I give this bike five speeding tickets out of five!



## Sept 30th - Private Viewing

*Bill Dudley*

On September 30, a bunch of members of Jersey Shore BMW Riders and New Sweden BMW met at a secret location near Mt Laurel, NJ to view a private BMW museum. The Jersey Shore people mostly arrived on motorcycles, having ridden from our meeting place at "Our Wawa", which is near Great Adventure.



The museum is owned by Chris Aker, who has done well for himself in an internet business. He started out as a "sport biker", but fell in love with vintage BMWs as a result of a visit to Barber Vintage Festival. (The Barber Vintage Festival is held every October on the museum grounds/race track that Barber built outside of Birmingham, AL. Attendance is expected to be about 75,000 this year.)

Chris went from a "go fast" guy to a "thrill of the acquisition" guy when he switched focus from rid-

ing sport bikes to collecting vintage BMWs. He has nearly achieved his dream of having one of each model from the first 50-odd years of BMW motorcycle production.



The bikes in his collection are mostly restored. Chris said that he restored just one of them, so he's had to chase down obscure parts from around the world. Chris also said that he doesn't like to ride the bikes in his collection, for, in his words, "they suck". By this he meant that the motors and suspensions are marginal and the brakes are worse. Chris feels that he is just the "current owner", whose job is to preserve this history for the next generation to appreciate.

Chris is interested in showing his collection to other groups (we were the first non-friends and family group to see the collection). So if you are involved with other groups that might appreciate 50 old BMWs, contact Chris (or contact the me and I'll pass on his contact information).

Chris is quite rightly somewhat paranoid about having a million dollars or more of old motorcycles in a warehouse, so he requests that visitors not post pictures of his collection on social media.

He's worried that the "geo-tagging" done by smart phones and some cameras will cause the exact GPS coordinates of his warehouse to become public knowledge.

When I took my photos, I turned off the "geo-tagging" feature of my smartphone. There are also apps that allow one to strip the meta-data from photo files, should you not want to change the phone settings but still want to post pictures online.

If you need help doing this on your phone – bring it to the meeting this month!

## Oktoberfest, Sept 13-15th

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September 13,14,15 was the Jersey Shore BMW club's Oktoberfest, held at Crystal Brook Resort in the Catskills in New York State. We had a nice attendance of both members and guests, Wendy (of Crystal Brook) said that the Resort was fully booked.

We had excellent weather, too. Despite clouds and intermittent sprinkles on Friday, the weather was perfect on Saturday and Sunday. Zhao and I rode up on my 1993 Moto Guzzi, with Klaus and Faridah following us in/on Klaus' "new" BMW K1 sidecar rig.

It's a little challenging to pick one thing to do in the area around the Crystal Brook since there are so many choices. This year, I wanted to see the "Walk Across the Hudson". I talked Klaus, Faridah, Matt, and Kathleen into going there with us.

"Walk Across the Hudson" is a railroad bridge across the Hudson River, that was converted into a rail-trail. Silly me, I thought that would be a short walk. Not so. It took us about 45 minutes to saunter one way across the bridge. The bridge is very wide and has "lanes" for both walking and bicycling.

So, if you've seen the Roosevelt Hyde-Park, the Vanderbilts place, Olana, Motorcyclepedia, and the Rhinebeck Aerodrome, the Walk Across the Hudson is another place to consider visiting.



# New Jersey Shore BMW Riders Inc.

## Membership/Renewal Application – 2018

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Significant Others Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Changed?: [ ]

**BMW-MOA Member?** Yes [ ] No [ ] If yes - membership number: \_\_\_\_\_

**BMW-RA Member?** Yes [ ] No [ ] If yes - membership number: \_\_\_\_\_

The club runs a private mailing list – only open to paid club members..It is used to arrange spontaneous and planned rides, announce club events, remind you of meetings and any other club functions. The list is not used for idle chat, and you can select to receive no email from the list with the exception of administrative email (which is infrequent). You can also select to get the email as single messages (recommended since the volume of mail is very low) or in a daily digest. In order to be a member of this list you must REQUEST to be on it – and have a good Email address.

I would like to be on the NJSBMWR email list: **Yes** [ ] **No** [ ]

I'm interested in: Overnight Rally's [ ] Longer Distance Touring [ ] Tech Sessions [ ] Day Rides [ ] Other \_\_\_\_\_ (Select as many as you want)

*By signing this application, **you** accept full responsibility for any injuries you or any guests may incur during a NJS-BMW-Riders Inc. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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(Pick one)

Please forward this application **with** a check for **\$20 or \$25** made out to NJ Shore BMW Riders Inc. or bring it to a meeting.

**SEND TO:** Jim Thomasey  
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Ocean Twsp, NJ 07712

### Treasurer - Secretary's Use ONLY

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## Monthly Meeting – October 10th

**Tony's Restaurant and Pizza**

78 Main St (Rt 524) Farmingdale, NJ 07727



**Eat @ 6PM**

**Meeting starts at 7:30PM**

**Oktoberfest 2018 – Register NOW!**