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It is not our affluence, or our plumbing, or our clogged freeways that grip the imagination of others. Rather, it is the values upon which our system is built. These values imply our adherence not only to liberty and individual freedom, but also to international peace, law and order, and constructive social purpose. When we depart from these value, we do so at our peril. - *J. William Fulbright (1905 -), Remarks in the Senate, June 29, 1961*

Speak when you are angry--and you will make the best speech you'll ever regret. - *Laurence J. Peter (1919 - 1988)*

Actions lie louder than words. - *Carolyn Wells*

The superior man is modest in his speech, but exceeds in his actions. - *Confucius (551 BC - 479 BC), The Confucian Analects*

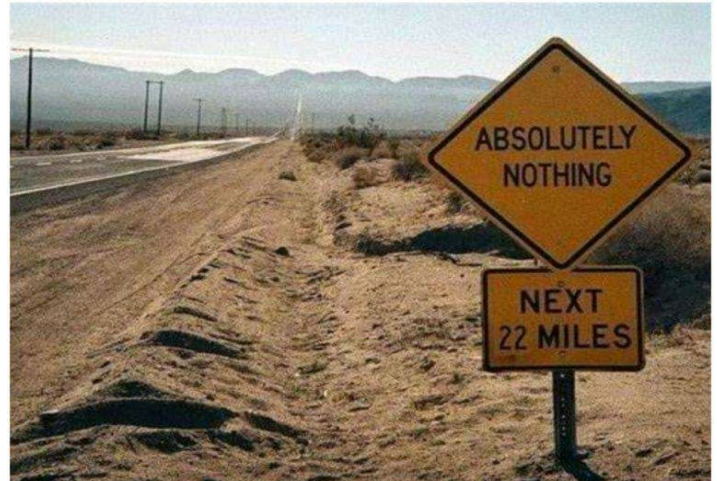
You cannot have a proud and chivalrous spirit if your conduct is mean and paltry; for whatever a man's actions are, such must be his spirit. - *Demosthenes (384 BC - 322 BC), Third Olynthiac*

Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some hire public relations officers. - *Daniel J. Boorstin (1914 -)*

Many people consider the things which government does for them as social progress, but they consider the things government does for others as socialism.- *Earl Warren (1891 - 1974)*

It has been said that man is a rational animal. All my life I have been searching for evidence which could support this. - *Bertrand Russell (1872 - 1970)*

**BMW Motorcycle Club
New Jersey Shore**



President's Message

Ed Gerber

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"If you want to be happy for a year, marry. If you want to be happy for a lifetime, ride a BMW" - BMW ad (1965)

My one hundred dollar panniers.

Honda wants \$900 for panniers for my 2018 NC 750X (I know). They're painted to match the bike but they're not very big. After checking out Roger T's old top box- it's a Harbor Freight rip-off of a Pelican case - I figured that in the right size they would do as panniers so I bought a pair of Harbor Freight's 18"x13" cases.

They were \$50 apiece and seem pretty rugged.

There are You Tube videos comparing the ruggedness of Pelican cases vs. Harbor Freight cases. Pelicans are somewhat better but the Harbor Freights still seem very good.

The mounting frame for the panniers is a SW - Motech from Twisted Throttle. It was more-\$250 for the NC 750X kit. It's well made and bolted

right on. The only modification I had to make was removing a rear side marker light.

Twisted Throttle even has an SW-Motech kit to mount any pannier onto the frame but it only consists of the correct size metric nuts, bolts and washers.

The panniers are easily removable, although a piece of the mounting frame is permanently bolted to the panniers. The pictures show the bike with the panniers attached and removed. As you can see the mounting frame is reasonably unobtrusive



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Looking forward to being back in NJ next month.. and thanks to Ben for stepping up and running the last meeting!

Schedule of Events – 2020

As a result of our pre-meeting events discussion at the January Meeting – the following items are on our event calendar for 2020. Any additions are welcome – seems there should be something for everyone.

- **February 5** Moribundi Lunch at 12:30PM, loc. On Third Cafe and Coffee Co. 3rd Ave, Spring Lake
- **February 12** club meeting at 6PM to eat, 7:30 meeting, loc. Our House Tavern, 420 Adelpia Road, Farmingdale
- **March 4** Moribundi Lunch at 12:30PM, loc. TBD
- **March 11** club meeting at 6PM to eat, 7:30 meeting, loc. Our House Tavern, 420 Adelpia Road, Farmingdale
- **April 1** Moribundi Lunch at 12:30PM, loc. TBD
- **April 8** club meeting at 6PM to eat, 7:30

- meeting, loc. Our House Tavern, 420 Adelp-
phia Road, Farmingdale
- **April 26 27th** Annual Gathering of the Nortons at 10AM-1PM, loc. Washington Crossing Historic Park, River Rd, Washington Crossing, PA
 - **May 6** Moribundi Lunch at 12:30PM, loc. TBD
 - **May 13** club meeting at 6PM to eat, 7:30 meeting, loc. Our House Tavern, 420 Adelp-phia Road, Farmingdale
 - **May 14-17** 10th and Last Spring Fling Rally, all day, loc. Natural Bridge, VA
 - **May 16-17** New Sweden NS450 Rally, all day, loc. Starts at Cycle Gear, Cherry Hill, NJ
 - **June 3** Moribundi Lunch at 12:30PM, loc. TBD
 - **June 6** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. Lakehurst Diner, 401 Route 70, Lakehurst
 - **June 10** club meeting at 6PM to eat, 7:30 meeting, loc. Our House Tavern, 420 Adelp-phia Road, Farmingdale
 - **June 13** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. MaeBerrie, 504 Main St., Avon
 - **June 20** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. Marigold Cafe, 2003 Highway 71, Spring Lake Heights
 - **June 27** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. Al-
lenwood General Store, 3208 Allenwood
Lakewood Rd, Allenwood
 - **June 25-28** BMW MOA National Rally, all day, loc. Great Falls, Montana
 - **July 1** Moribundi Lunch at 12:30PM, loc. TBD
 - **July 4** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. Meemom's, 3541 1825 NJ-35, Wall
 - **July 8** club meeting at 6PM to eat, 7:30 meeting, loc. Our House Tavern, 420 Adelp-phia Road, Farmingdale
 - **July 11** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. Shore Good Pancake House, 34 Lanes Mill Rd, Brick
 - **July 18** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. On Third Cafe and Coffee Co, 1300 3rd Ave, Spring Lake
 - **July 17-19** Black-Diamond Beemers Rally, all day, loc. Chets Place, Endless Moun-
tains,PA
 - **July 25** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. Park Nine Diner, Rt 9 and 524, Freehold
 - **August 1** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. Princess Maria Diner, 2044 State Route 35, Wall Township
 - **August 5** Moribundi Lunch at 12:30PM, loc. TBD
 - **August 8** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. Shore Good Pancake House, 34 Lanes Mill Rd, Brick
 - **August 12** club meeting at 6PM to eat, 7:30 meeting, loc. Our House Tavern, 420 Adelp-phia Road, Farmingdale
 - **August 15** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. Acropolis Cafe, 506 Main Street, Belmar
 - **August 22** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. The Buttered Biscuit, 700 Main St, Bradley Beach
 - **August 29** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. Allenwood General Store, 3208 Allenwood Lakewood Rd, Allenwood
 - **September 2** Moribundi Lunch at 12:30PM, loc. TBD
 - **September 5** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. The Kitchen @ 35, 2601 Route 35, Manasquan
 - **September 9** club meeting at 6PM to eat, 7:30 meeting, loc. Our House Tavern, 420 Adelp-phia Road, Farmingdale
 - **September 12** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. Mariner's Cove, 712 Union Ave, Brielle
 - **September 19** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. Ray's Cafe, 523 Washington Blvd, Sea Girt
 - **September 17-20** BMW RA National Rally, all day, loc. Waynesville, NC
 - **September 26** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. The Mug Rack, 70 W Veterans Hwy, Jackson
 - **October 3** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. Allenwood General Store, 3208 Allenwood Lakewood Rd, Allenwood
 - **October 7** Moribundi Lunch at 12:30PM, loc. TBD
 - **October 10** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. The Peach Pit Cafe, 152 Main St, Man-
asquan
 - **October 14** club meeting at 6PM to eat, 7:30 meeting, loc. Our House Tavern, 420 Adelp-phia Road, Farmingdale
 - **October 17** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. The Turning Point, 2150 NJ-35 #3, Sea Girt
 - **October 24** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. Toast Asbury Park, 516 Cookman Ave, As-
bury Park
 - **October 31** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. Allenwood General Store, 3208 Allenwood Lakewood Rd, Allenwood
 - **November 4** Moribundi Lunch at 12:30PM, loc. TBD

- **November 7** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. Corner Post Diner, 2791 Hooper Ave, Brick Township
- **November 11** club meeting at 6PM to eat, 7:30 meeting, loc. Our House Tavern, 420 Adelpia Road, Farmingdale
- **November 14** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. John's Cracker Barrel, 1 S Riverside Dr, Neptune
- **November 21** club breakfast at 9:45AM, loc. Allenwood General Store, 3208 Allenwood Lakewood Rd, Allenwood
- **November 28** club breakfast at approximately 9:45AM, loc. TBD
- **December 2** Moribundi Lunch at 12:30PM, loc. TBD
- **December 5** club breakfast at approximately 9:45AM, loc. TBD
- **December 9** club meeting at 6PM to eat, 7:30 meeting, loc. Our House Tavern, 420 Adelpia Road, Farmingdale
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Minutes of the NJ Shore BMW Riders Meeting, January 8th, 2019.

Jim Thomasey, Secretary

The regular club meeting was preceded by our club planning session where all members were encouraged to voice their ideas for the clubs direction for the coming year.

Here are some of the significant 2020 events planned for the year. Please note that the club website will post a reminder for these events as the date draws closer.

- The first MOA Getaway weekend is scheduled for Feb 14, 15 and 16 at Orange Beach AL
- April has another MOA Getaway scheduled in Fontana NC on April 24 thru 26
- The Gathering of the Nortons in Washington Crossing Park is Sunday April 26
- May brings us two Getaways, one in Coeur D'Alene ID and Eureka Springs AR both on May 8,9, 10.
- The next weekend, May 15,16,17 has the BMW Battlefield Workers Memorial Rally in Gettysburg PA. This is also the weekend of the New Sweden 450 and the (last to be held) Morton Spring Fling in VA.
- June opens up with the Square Route Rally in MD on June 5,6,7; while later in

the month the MOA National Rally takes place in Great Falls MT on June 25 through the 28.

- July 31 and August 1,2 gives us another Getaway in the Poconos, while out west the MOA offers a rally at Copper Mountain CO.
- September 2020 is a busy month with the Finger Lakes Rally in Watkins Glen, NY taking place Sept. 4,5,6.
- Later in the month on Sept 18,19,20 you can attend a Getaway weekend in Warren VT. ,
- While the same weekend hosts the RA National Rally in Waynesville NC.
- This is also the weekend of our club October Fest held in Roundtop NY.
- The following weekend is the Last Chance Rally held by the New Sweden BMW Club.

Plans are under way for the NJShore BMW Riders hosting of the 3Club Rumble (Rick Shapiro is Rumble-Meister) this year with the dates still to be determined for the rumble and the club picnic.

The regular club meeting began at 7:30 with reports showing just under \$1,600 in the treasury and paid membership presently at 42 members and climbing.

Roger presented the club mileage award to Klaus who was not able to attend the holiday dinner.

The free dinner coupon was won by Dennis S. while the 50/50 went to Herb K.

Annual January 1st Ride Mott's Creek

Rick Shapiro

I am a huge fan of cold weather riding and honestly prefer 35-55 degree weather to anything over 80 degrees.

Between my company being closed from Christmas through New Year's and my wife's desire to keep me out of her way while she prepared for the holidays, I had a number of opportunities to take daily jaunts throughout NJ and PA and loved it.

The culmination of my holiday activities was the 6th Annual New Year's Day Ride at Mott's Creek

Inn Bar & Restaurant, which is hosted by the great folks of the New Sweden BMW Riders of South Jersey.

As I prepared to leave my home in Monroe and head up to meet up with fellow New Jersey Shore BMW riders, light snow flurries began. I checked the weather report and radar again, and all looked good; time to go!

I met up with Jim Thomasey, Grant Duncan, and Roger Trendowski at the mile 100 GSP rest stop. Joe Karol was there to see us off but was unfortunately unable to join us for the event.

The ride down the GSP to the venue was uneventful, and traffic was light. As we got closer to the venue, I made a detour from the group as I followed my GPS rather than the lead rider. My mistake, I ended up about a mile away at a dead-end. Lesson learned, always follow the leader! I made my way back to the venue with just a few folks querying me about my departure.



There appeared to be 20 or so bikes in the lot, and people greeted each other and milled about as they waited for the restaurant to open.



Mott's is located on a water-way that opens to the Great Bay. This place must be happening in the summertime. I did notice a sign that prohibited the wearing of club colors, but I figured HI-VIZ was okay.



Mott's was staffed adequately to handle the group. Drinks and food orders were fulfilled quickly. Food was standard bar fare and pretty good.



We were also joined by Herb Konrad who arrived a bit later.



There was much talk about everyone's holiday exploits and riding plans for 2020. I love the ambitiousness that the new year brings.

The party came to an end once the band started playing. Not that they were bad but just too loud for us old guys. Our hearing is bad enough as it is.

Jim and Grant headed on their way back up the GSP. Roger joined me on a ride up Route 539 to

take in the lovely NJ Pine Barrens. I was wondering whether Roger was going to be tempted to veer-off and give his new GS an off-road try. We split ways at 539 and 537.

I stopped off at Conines Millpond in Allentown as I saw a photo opportunity to catch a pond full of ducks. I was presently surprised to catch an eagle doing some fishing.

It was a great start to the new year and I look forward to attending this event again.

A happy and safe New Year to all!

Cold Breakfast, Warm Food

Roger T

Henning texted me at 8:30am on Saturday 1/18 and asked if we wanted to ride together to our Club breakfast. I was already dressed in my Aerostich but reluctantly responded "OK"...what time do you want to pick me up. Riding in warm car could be good this morning in the 24 degree Middletown weather. Henning quickly said "No No...by bike."

Well I was ready with a warm bike by 9am when he swung by my house (a few blocks from his). Given we had less than 45 minutes to reach the Corner Post Diner in Brick we decided to follow the GPS "fastest route." So with my lead, we "Parkwayed" all the way to Route 70, about 25 miles. As the picture shows, we were the only RIDERS at breakfast.



Joe K and Bill & Zhao proudly arrived driving their "electric earth-saving, cold battery/limited range" vehicles. Don also 4-wheeled it to this new diner location.

The diner was comfortable but without expansive seating like Amys or Park Nine. Their menu came in two sizes.... Medium size menu with many dozen choices and a large menu boasting 150 omelets. What seemed different than our traditional Saturday places is that their menus offered non-cost or low-cost substitutions, e.g, potato pancakes instead of regular potatoes, fruit cup, etc. The food was very good.

Henning lead the ride back to Middletown... straight up the GSP at warp speed.... I kept up and finally when I turned into my driveway his "warp-speed" rational became clear. Snow started coming down. His use of iPhone instead of GPS has an advantage.... You can see weather and traffic reports integrated/displayed with your route. It had warmed up to 30 degrees at home.... almost too warm for heated clothes.

Various Winter Riding Gear Mini Reviews

Ben P - VP

Freeze-Out Warm-R glove liners (\$17.99 at Cycle Gear): combination of windproof material and insulating fleece in a thin enough package to easily slide into your gloves. For the price, I thought it was worth a try. I used it under my Sliders winter gloves and it didn't add any appreciable bulk, which is good. But, it also didn't add any appreciable warmth (it's not a heated piece of gear so no surprise there). It also added another thin layer for heat from my heated grips to go through. What it did do is delay the onset of frozen fingers by maybe 15-20 minutes. It was comfortable enough. I'm ambivalent about this one.

Freeze-Out Warm-R boot liners (\$17.99 at Cycle Gear): Same construction as the glove liners. They are crew sock length so a bit short for winter riding. I could feel the seams on the bottom of my feet. They don't have much stretch so they are a little harder to get on. It feels like they make my feet sweaty in a couple of minutes. During my rides, I wouldn't say my feet were warm but they had less sensation of cold. I can't really

say if it's better than my other socks. They may be marginally warmer but suffer from a less comfortable feel. Meh!

Oxford Bone Dry handlebar muffs (\$20 at Scooterville in MN but \$60 everywhere else): Constructed of windproof and waterproof polyester material with Thermacel insulation. After reading the instructions, I found out that Oxford makes an electrically heated pad that slips into a pocket that would contact the back of your hand while riding.

Installation took about 5 minutes initially (2 minutes thereafter) but that's because I don't have mirrors mounted on my handlebars. On my scooter, with a fairly typical modern BMW control layout, the muffs have inadvertently beeped the horn twice, turned on the hazard lights once, and requires extra effort to activate the turn signals.

They do not interfere with the brakes, are easy to get in/out of, and, most importantly, keep your hands from freezing. At 42F degrees, I tried a pair of unlined perforated leather gloves and it revealed that there was a mild swirling breeze inside the muff but not the typical full-blown windblast. I turned my heated grips on low and I was relatively comfortable up to 55 mph for 5 minutes.



I then used a pair of uninsulated windproof/waterproof gloves. Wow! That's more like it. My hands stayed warm and I had great feel at the controls. These are not perfect. They interfere a bit with full lock turns, block a good bit of the mirrors if I am backing up, and might let in more cold air if your bike does not have hydraulic reservoirs for brakes and clutch.

Since it's a universal fit item, your mileage may vary. If you must ride in the cold to chase away the winter blues, this is a good thing to have on your bike.

Editors note – the problem Ben had with the muffs is common among every one I've tried (and that's a number of them.) There typically is no accommodation made in the muffs for mirror stems that are mounted to the lever mounts – so you have to try to contort the muffs to fit around them. I've done this with varying degrees of success, ranging from crappy to unusable. There typically also isn't room to move your thumbs around to manage turn-signals, horns, etc, and as Ben found out – some of the muffs will blow the horn for you.

If anyone is interested in trying some of these out – give me a yell – I have at least 2 different ones (maybe 3) at home, and I'm sure Ben wouldn't mind if you tried his on your bike.

When you can get a pair that sort of fits – it's a real pleasure to be able to use summer gloves with the heated grips on low in silly cold weather.

Christmas, a few weeks early

Roger T

In my December Prez column the picture depicts a Santa Claus receiving a new bike from his helpers. Little did I know how true it would be.



In late November I rolled into Max's BMW near Troy NY on a weekend visit to my daughter's

(Pittsfield MA),

While looking at their new and “little-old-lady” used bikes, , a salesperson came over to me and asked a few questions. Before I knew it she produced a proposed trade-in sheet and purchase paperwork for me to peruse. The bike: 2019 new F850 GS Adventure. Wow... very good offer, excellent dealer reputation,... but so far away . I didn't bite.

So in early December I headed to Cross Country BMW for one of their events/food. Again, I conversed with a saleslady Maire Lanzafane who sits on the 2nd floor facing all the new Beemers.

Without delay she put together a proposal that I could hardly reject... but I did, temporarily. (I hate making instantaneous decisions).

Later that night at home I talked to Maire again and verbally cemented the deal. With BMW's \$2500 discount on the 2019 model and with the BMW MOA member \$500 discount, and other negotiations, I got the deal I wanted and at a price that covered taxes/fees, registration... lower than the first dealer proposal. Cross Country also gave me favorable discount on the BMW bags, extended warranty, and Nav VI.

Upon delivery, I had a chance to sit and talk with Marie... what an interesting rider. She has a young teenage daughter who sometimes rides with her. Marie has a lot of knowledge and experience with BMW, Ducati and other bikes-- hardware, new technology, and riding. She's great.

I really like purchasing from our local dealer even if a few bucks more than lowest competitive price (from distant dealers or on-line). To me, a good dealer relationship is important because eventually you will need their help. It also helps to keep the BMW dealership viable at a location close to home.

Letter to the Editor

Editor

Some of our longer term members will probably remember Dave Mason, who was a member of our club. Dave worked in secret stuff (computers) at Fort Monmouth. When the fort closed Dave saw no reason to remain in NJ – so he

headed west to Arizona. We keep in touch – exchanging emails about once a year on what the club is doing and what we're doing. Here is Dave's most recent email to me – he offered to share it:

Doing well here. Weather is a bit of a problem. It is only going to get up to 63 today. We have had a few inches of snow twice since I moved here. Both times it was gone by lunchtime. I am at 4275 feet so it is about 10 degrees cooler than Tucson and at least 15 cooler than Phoenix. Even normal people ride year round here. The biggest riding problem I have is that the BMW dealer is in Tucson, which is about 1 1/2 hours away and BMW has been making it harder and harder to do your own work. I also spend a lot of time doing woodworking. I couldn't do much there as I had no space to work. Here I have a shop building out back.

I am about 35 miles south of I-10 and about 7 miles north of Mexico. If you are crossing the US this time of year, I-10 has some serious advantages. It is further south and several thousand feet lower in elevation. Much warmer and clearer. If you are ever going to Mexico, Naco is a great place to cross back. Other crossings have as long as 2 hour lines praying your engine doesn't over heat or starting and stopping the engine, hoping the battery doesn't go dead. Once I had three cars in front of me coming north at Naco. If you are ever coming here, you can get off on AZ90 east and go south in a fairly straight line. Better is to get off on AZ83, go to the stop sign, make a left on AZ82, go to the traffic light and make a right on AZ90. Going east, this is about 10 miles further but a much more interesting road.

I live about 3 miles from downtown Hereford. There is a bend in the road in Hereford. There used to be a train station. There used to be train tracks. Now there is just a bend in the road. I am about six miles from Nicksville, which is a suburb of Hereford. Nicksville is really growing. We just got our very own Dollar Store. There are also two restaurants, one cafe, a gas station and the Hereford post office. It is about 15 miles into Sierra Vista, which is a real town. It is just outside Fort Huachuca.

Did you know Tucson is the oldest city in the USA? It has been continuously occupied for over 2,000 years. How long has that upstart pre-

tender in Florida been around?

I see a lot more rides and stuff here than there used to be. I belong to the South East Arizona Touring riders (SEAT). We have two or three rides a week plus half a dozen overnight or longer rides a year. The club started here in Sierra Vista but most of the riders are now in Tucson so the club is semi-bifurcated. It is about 1 1/2 hours to Tucson. A breakfast ride starting at 0800 in Tucson and going north is too early. There are also rides starting a little closer and winding up 1/2 hour from here. I just go to the destination and wait. We also have about weekly rides starting at 0900 about 20 minutes from here. Those are the ones I go on.

The club is interesting. We don't have business meetings. There are a couple of people that take care of things like dues and the web site. There are people who commonly lead rides but anyone who wants to can lead one by letting the guy who runs the web site know. We are mostly BMW but there are riders on other bikes. We even have one guy leading a lot of dirt rides.

Hope everyone is doing well there.

Dave Mason

A Google link to downtown Herefield:
<https://goo.gl/maps/crC1x4LnU5aqMndw6>

Summer Time Again

Roger T

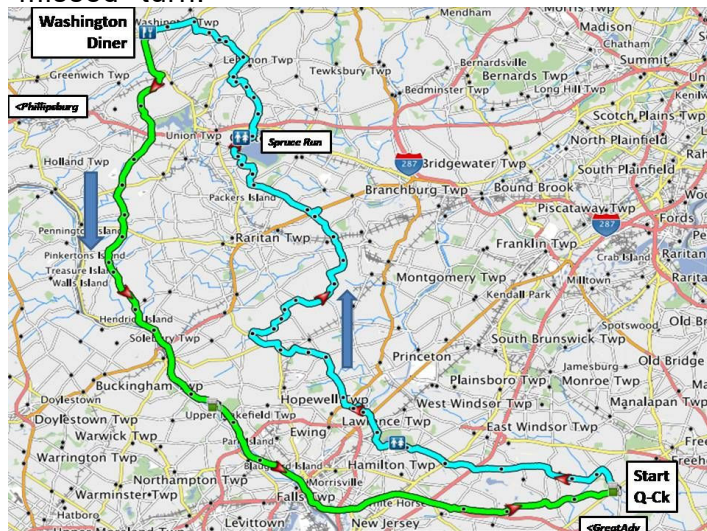
When a small group of members met for breakfast on Saturday morning, January 11th, it was obvious that the weather was going to be excellent this weekend. Mid day temperatures reached the high 60s in some areas. Although the breakfast crowd rode over to Mikey's to disrupt his normal routine, no one could ride later that day and it was already after 1pm. Then an email arrived... Jonathan offered, under great duress and humiliation, to lead a ride. (I tried to bust his chops at the Jan. club meeting to take on Ride Captain responsibility. He must have finally given in because he wound up producing a great ride from central NJ, North into Skylands' territory.

It should have taken 1½ hours "Fastest Route" to go 67 miles to Washington Diner, Washington NJ.

This town is East and a little North of Easton/Phillipsburg. However, Jonathan's route took us over back roads (secondary, thirdary.... and smaller) for three hours. We zigged and zagged on country roads as narrow as 1½ cars. Everything was paved but with some more rugged than others especially in the last miles passing through Spruce Run to Washington township.

I picked up the rear in our five bike caravan. My GPS was zeroed-in to our target luncheon Diner. As we got close to it, my GPS read 10 miles to destination, then 8 then 4 miles... then all of a sudden, with a couple of Jonathan's waypoint turns.... my poor GPS then yelled "14 miles to destination." This happened several times as we approached our mid-ride destination. My GPS continuously yelled "make a U-turn," "make a U-turn." I fully expected it to say "Hey, you missed the turn again.... go back or I'll quit & reboot..." We had a great ride, exploring roads that most of us had not seen before. Thanks Jonathan.

The map shows our intended route from the Quick Check gas station (a few miles East of Great Adventure on Rt 537) to Washington Diner (Washington NJ). Our actual route varied slightly due to Jonathan missing a couple way-point turns. His GPS would recalculate the route too quickly before he could turn around to find the "missed" turn.



Editors Note: thanks much to Jon for leading a ride. We're going to try to get more spontaneous rides going this year. Have a favorite ride – tell us about it – and share it with us!

Women Riders

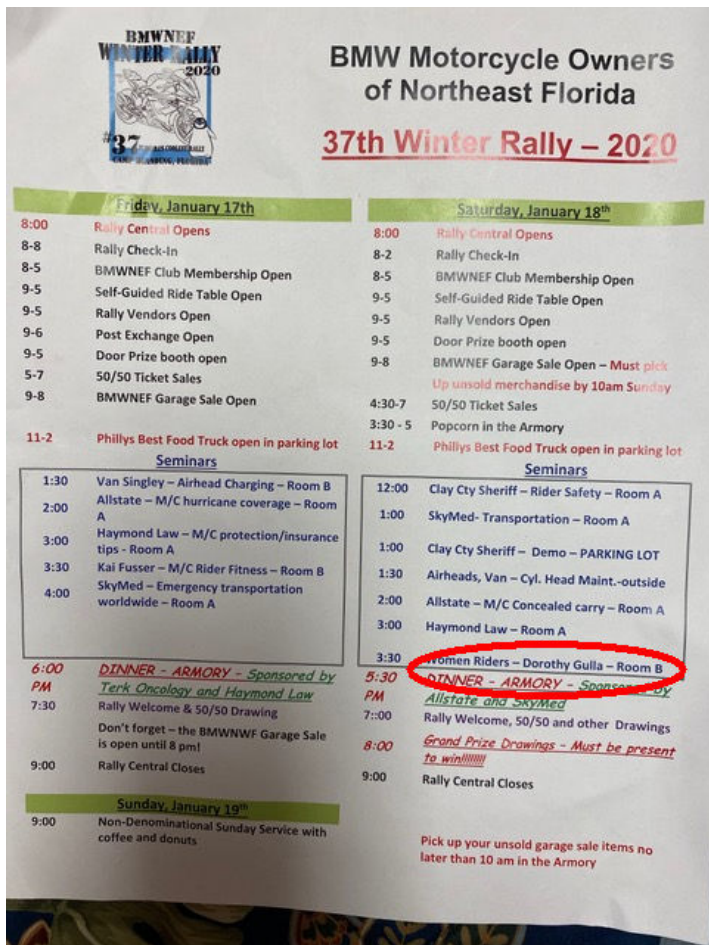
Dorothy Gulla

Shortly after the August, 2019, issues of “AMA” and “BMW ON” came out, I was contacted by a representative from BMW Motorcycle Owners of Northeast Florida (BMWNEF) congratulating me on receiving the “top female rider” from “BMW ON”....and for the “AMA” article. She then stated that Larry Meeker (Club President) would like me to consider giving a seminar at their 2020 Rally (January, 2020) on “Women Riders” or a similar topic.

I was deeply touched by this request and replied that it would be my honor to do so.

Time flew by....and before I knew it – December had arrived. Larry reached out to confirm that I was still willing to give a talk. I reiterated my initial reply – Yes!

January 18, 2020: BMWNEF Winter Rally; Starke, Florida (Camp Blanding)



BMWNEF WINTER RALLY 2020
BMW Motorcycle Owners of Northeast Florida
37th Winter Rally – 2020

Friday, January 17th	Saturday, January 18th
8:00 Rally Central Opens	8:00 Rally Central Opens
8-8 Rally Check-in	8-2 Rally Check-in
8-5 BMWNEF Club Membership Open	8-5 BMWNEF Club Membership Open
9-5 Self-Guided Ride Table Open	9-5 Self-Guided Ride Table Open
9-5 Rally Vendors Open	9-5 Rally Vendors Open
9-6 Post Exchange Open	9-5 Door Prize booth open
9-5 Door Prize booth open	9-8 BMWNEF Garage Sale Open – Must pick up unsold merchandise by 10am Sunday
5-7 50/50 Ticket Sales	4:30-7 50/50 Ticket Sales
9-8 BMWNEF Garage Sale Open	3:30 - 5 Popcorn in the Armory
11-2 Phillys Best Food Truck open in parking lot	11-2 Phillys Best Food Truck open in parking lot
Seminars	Seminars
1:30 Van Singley – Airhead Charging – Room B	12:00 Clay Cty Sheriff – Rider Safety – Room A
2:00 Allstate – M/C hurricane coverage – Room A	1:00 SkyMed- Transportation – Room A
3:00 Haymond Law – M/C protection/insurance tips - Room A	1:00 Clay Cty Sheriff – Demo – PARKING LOT
3:30 Kai Fusser – M/C Rider Fitness – Room B	1:30 Airheads, Van – Cyl. Head Maint.-outside
4:00 SkyMed – Emergency transportation worldwide – Room A	2:00 Allstate – M/C Concealed carry – Room A
	3:00 Haymond Law – Room A
	3:30 Women Riders – Dorothy Gulla – Room B
6:00 DINNER – ARMORY – Sponsored by Terk Oncology and Haymond Law	5:30 DINNER – ARMORY – Sponsored by Allstate and SkyMed
7:30 Rally Welcome & 50/50 Drawing	7:00 Rally Welcome, 50/50 and other Drawings
Don't forget – the BMWNEF Garage Sale is open until 8 pm!	8:00 Grand Prize Drawings – Must be present to win!!!!
9:00 Rally Central Closes	9:00 Rally Central Closes
Sunday, January 19th	
9:00 Non-Denominational Sunday Service with coffee and donuts	

Pick up your unsold garage sale items no later than 10 am in the Armory

After a quick ride to grab breakfast in St. Augustine, I was back at Rally Headquarters – a nervous wreck. My thoughts were: Why did I agree to this?....

I don't want to speak....No-one will show up – it's such a gorgeous day to be out on the bike...

My scheduled time was 3:30 pm. As I sat looking over my notes, Larry approached me. His comment: “It's very quiet in here...don't know how many people will show up”.... I replied: “Due to the beautiful weather, I would be surprised to have an audience”. Filled with nerves, I entered the seminar room around 3:00 pm and started arranging my seminar material.



To my surprise, people started entering. One gentleman even remarked: “I've been waiting all day for this”! My heart grew a few leaps!!



Larry then gave a few opening remarks. My reaction was priceless when he asked – “Does anyone in this room have one of our Rally shirts”?

One of the attendees raised his hand. Larry then stated – “Please show the back of our shirt”. A sketch of the 2020 BMW S1000 RR! Larry continued to say that my mileage achievement – mostly on BMW S1000 RR's had really inspired him...so.. the 2020 BMWNEF Rally Shirt was created! I was beyond words...



The seminar was well received..with a full house of attendees! I even ran out of time...and had participants hang around to ask questions and chat.

All in all, a wonderful experience!

2020 Airheads BMW Supertech

Bill Dudley

January 31 through February 2, the Pennsylvania Airheads again hosted their Supertech event. This was again held at the Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles, in (perhaps unsurprisingly) Boyertown, PA. The Museum is housed in the old truck factory that was used for much of the 20th century.

The Supertech event is about 100 Airhead BMW enthusiasts getting together to teach each other about maintaining these motorcycles, the last of which was made for the 1995 model year. While these BMW's are relatively simple to maintain, they nevertheless are complex mechanical assem-

blies, and there is plenty to learn about how they work and how to keep them running.



Seminars were offered on replacing main seals, patching tubes and tires, fixing the charging system, and many other topics. The author presented a lecture on adding electrical accessories and upgrades to these motorcycles. One presenter did a live demonstration that compared five different brands of gasoline "stabilizer", with surprising results: "Stabil" did not perform very well, but a brand sold at Home Depot passed all the tests.



Interior of restored "railroad car" diner in the museum

Lunch and dinner were catered into the museum on Saturday, so no one had to venture outside all day, a feature for a winter event. This year's weather was mild, but we've had some brutally cold Supertech week-ends in the past.

Attendees came from all the nearby states, with a few even attending from Canada. This was the 20th Supertech event, the first held in Bob Sipp's garage in Pittsburg. This author has attended about eight Supertechs, and I enjoy them immensely. It's a great social/motorcycling event when the weather isn't conducive to riding any great distances.



(l-r) PA Airmarshal Rob Price, Bob Sipp (Lord of the Bings) and Chris Sutton talking about the history of the Supertech event.

Every year, the Supertech organizers find someone to be the "talent", who presents an interesting lecture after dinner on Saturday. This year, it was William Plan, who runs boxer2valve.com.

His lecture was about the interesting history of

BMW pre- and post-war, especially the "EMW" motorcycles produced in East Germany after the war, in a former BMW plant that was now in the Russian sector of Germany.



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**Eat @ 6PM
Business meeting starts at 7:30PM**