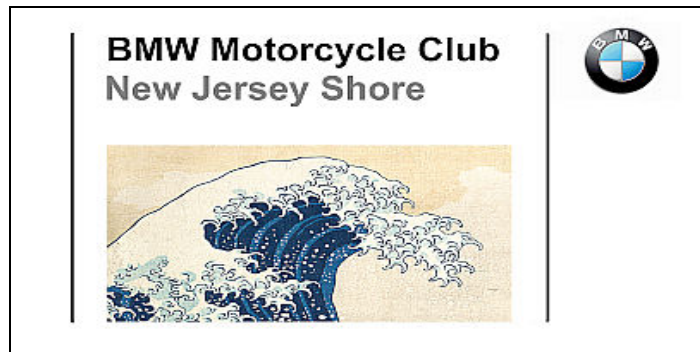


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Meeting?

Well, I think so – but where?

Editor

Our last meeting (September) at Our House Tavern was a mixed bag. We had a decent sized group of people show up, desperate for intelligent conversation.. so that was great as was the conversation but the Our House service and food was sadly lacking.

I suspect the poor server who waited on us was also working as bartender. She noted she was the only one there. Our food was served in a relaxed manner (about 60 minutes after I ordered, a hockey-puck like hamburger with soggy fries showed up..) She may also have been cooking. The hamburger was inedible. So were the fries. The tomato slice was OK.

So a few of us have been talking about another location. Woody's in Farmingdale has an extensive outside setup, and I suspect will have space heaters to keep people from freezing. Or Simkos in Neptune. One of the club officers is trying to set this up – once it is – our meeting location will be announced via our email list.

Stay tuned for updates....
Don (in Trustee role)

President's Message

Ed Gerber

For as long as I've loved motorcycles, and that's going back to the 1950's, one of my favorite things to do on a rainy day has been going to a newsstand and browse through the motorcycle magazines. Although I always subscribed to a few motorcycling magazines at any one time, there were always others to look at.

The higher the monkey climbs, the more he shows his tail. *John Wycliffe*

Leadership is the art of getting someone else to do something you want done because he wants to do it. *Dwight D. Eisenhower*

As she has planted, so does she harvest; such is the field of karma. *Sri Guru Granth Sahib*

Actions always have consequences! *Joel Coen*

Elwood Blues: It's 106 miles to Chicago, we've got a full tank of gas, half a pack of cigarettes, it's dark and we're wearing sunglasses. Jake Blues: Hit it!

Karma comes after everyone eventually. You can't get away with screwing people over your whole life, I don't care who you are. What goes around comes around. That's how it works. Sooner or later the universe will serve you the revenge that you deserve. *Jessica Brody*

Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can become great. *Mark Twain*

The biggest cause of trouble in the world today is that the stupid people are so sure about things and the intelligent folks are so full of doubts. *Bertrand Russell*

You know more of a road by having traveled it than by all the conjectures and descriptions in the world. *"On The Conduct of Life" (1822) William Hazlitt*

VOTE!

However, motorcycle mags are fast disappearing.

Alas, Motorcycle Consumer News and Motorcyclist are gone, Rider has suspended publication; it is not clear if its for good. I read that Cycle World, which had already changed its format to a quarterly "quality" magazine is about to fold.

However I was in Barnes and Noble last week and there there on the rack was the new issue of Cycle World; apparently, it's not dead yet.

I don't know if the disappearance of these magazines is because of Covid 19 or has more to do with free online magazines and the decline of motorcycling in the US in general. But for me the disappearance of these magazines is a real loss.

Over the years I've followed such writers as Peter Egan, who also wrote for Road and Track, Lawrence Grodsky and Clement Salvidori of Rider Magazine and technical writers Kevin Cameron, (the only one apparently still writing) and especially Gordon Jennings, who wrote for the long departed Cycle magazine.

Oh well.

Ride Safe, Ed

Schedule of Events – 2020

Due to the Covid-19 Virus and the limitations on any gatherings that has resulted – chances are a lot of these events won't be happening. We can hope that June July August Fall brings a lessening of the danger of the virus – but there is no guarantee.

Keep track of announcements on the club email list to find out what's actually happening in 2020.

- **October 7** Moribundi Lunch at 12:30PM, loc. AM Kitchen, 3rd Ave, Spring Lake
- **October 14** club meeting at 6PM to eat, 7:30 meeting, location will be announced via email.
- **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, Asbury Park

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- **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

Note on the Club Calendar – obviously all items listed on the calendar are subject to change thanks to Covid-19. We can only hope a working vaccine is found before we draw up next years calendars.

Minutes of the NJ Shore BMW Riders Meeting, August 12th

Jim Thomasey, Secretary

Our September meeting was held in person doing social-distancing – at Our House Tavern.

The treasury holds a bit over \$1600 and our membership still shows 64 paid members and 7

Emeritus members.

The 3 Club Rumble which we would have been hosting this year, will be held in 2021. We have lots of time to plan this – so lets get started.

Return to Riding? Sept. 30

RD Swanson

Had two R9t's, one here and one in NC. Took a ride here July 2019 and was hit by a car (highly recommended is Jerry Friedman, the Biker Attorney. Progressive Insurance is also recommended. They were very helpful with advice and generous with settlements.)The bike was totaled and my wrist broken. Surgery followed and a long healing process began.

Thought about selling the NC bike, but instead had it shipped here. So there it sat in my garage where I could sit on it and go 'vroom, vroom' from time to time.

I did get a NJ title but didn't register it. Then the virus and all the dislocations occurred.

I delayed thinking the DMV would get things sorted out. No such luck.

Then a week or two ago Dan Thompson stopped by my house on his new RnineT Pure (<https://www.bmwmotorcycles.com/en/models/heritage/rninetpure.html>), a real beauty! I asked Dan about the registration process and he filled me in.

Seems you have to pick the correct location for the service you require. Lakewood is the office for registration. Then you arrive early morning and take your place in a long line. An agent comes along and gives you a number and an approximate time when your number will get you in the office.

A few days later I took a ride to the office in the afternoon thinking I might find a way. I did.

An agent sitting at a table in front of the office looked at me and speculated that I was over 65. I know it's hard to believe but I said I was. He said that those of us in that category could come on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 2-4PM and be processed. So the next day I arrived and joined a line of the 'lame, halt and blind' to get my bike

registered. Took about 45 minutes.

Got insurance (no hard feelings from Progressive), filled the tires to correct pressure, checked the oil and started looking for my gear. That took some time and I'm still missing a jacket.

Next step is to take a ride.

Perhaps today.

Winter Project Idea: Vinyl Wrapping the Bike

Ben P..

I managed to crack the neon yellow/green side panel on my scooter. Besides ordering a replacement which comes with the usual BMW premium price, I decided that I may not have to throw away the cracked panel. Instead, I'll just get some vinyl wrap and cover it. The more I explored this option, the more ideas I got.

First, I looked in Amazon and searched for vinyl wrap to see what pricing was like and see what colors were available. It is much cheaper than painting. I have watched YouTube videos on wrapping cars but wondered if motorcycles get wrapped. Sure enough, there were videos on wrapping motorcycles. After watching a few of those videos, I decided that even a rookie like me could do it. So I picked a color, found a small tool kit for wrapping and sent my order to Amazon.



The End Result

I had to figure out how to remove the side panel.

Again, videos helped. Thankfully, the side panels are relatively flat with a gentle bezel cut along the edges. The curves are slight but I did have several corners that were more challenging. It takes a moderate amount of patience, a thorough prep with an alcohol wipe down, a hair dryer and some imagination but it is not hard work. The tools helped a lot. The side panels came out quite well. I also wrapped a panel below my center console. I did try a more complex shape, which for now, I feel defeated, but I have a plan to get it done eventually.

I would recommend that you watch a few videos on applying vinyl wrap on a motorcycle. It's a cheap and easy way to alter the look of your bike. It is reversible if you don't like how it comes out. I enjoyed doing it. You may, too.

Schlachtfest in the Catskills

Hennig Von Der Wroge

Trying to find a translation for a German word that doesn't have a meaningful equivalent in the English language is always a challenge. You all know Oktoberfest and that this is the name for a large group gathering in Munich, Germany, to have a great time, sing, dance, eat, and drink. Schlachtfest is a gathering of people to celebrate the slaughtering of a pig by a butcher, by singing, dancing, drinking, and eating. The latter can be summarized as "meet the meats". If you eat too much, Jägermeister serves as natural medicine.

As is tradition in Munich, the Oktoberfest never starts in October. By definition, the Oktoberfest begins two weeks before the first Sunday of October. If you do the math, this means most of the Oktoberfest activities happen in September.

Fittingly, our Oktoberfest meeting at the Crystal Brook Resort in the Catskills was in September. Due to Covid and other reasons, we had only five people get together but still a great time, plus phantastic riding. Siouxzanne H., Brian F., Klaus and Farida H. and me met Friday afternoon at the Mountain Brauhaus restaurant. We sat outside under Elm trees on the sunny deck and enjoyed good food and great Oktoberfest beer. As the sun went down it got a little cold but we all had a great time.



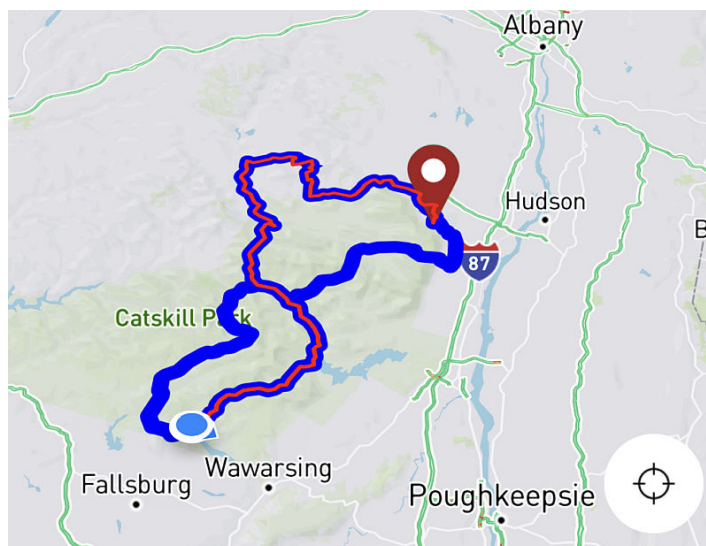
Friday Night Cheers

Earlier at check-in, Wendy made sure we all knew that Saturday night would be the annual Schlachtfest celebration at the Mountain Brauhaus. When we retired, we agreed to all meet for the 8:00 am breakfast but we thought that 8 o'clock really was too late for the first cup



of coffee. I volunteered for an early morning Dunkin ride to the nearby Dunkin Donuts in Cairo, NY, and managed to get three large hot coffees back without spillage. Emphasis on hot, it was 38 degrees...

Saturday offered phantastic riding weather. I had never been to the Catskills and had researched



the three motorcycle rides on the tourist website of Green County, <https://www.greatnortherncatskills.com/outdoors/motorcycling>. Maps of the rides can be downloaded as detailed PDF maps.

I ended up combining the three ride into one large Figure-8 loop ride and ended riding close to 200 miles, including two short and unplanned dirt road sections.

The ride took me through three counties – Greene, Ulster, and Sullivan, with the most southern point near the Roundout Reservoir. Cops were out that day as well, and twice I was close to making new friends in uniform.



Roundout Reservoir

Saturday afternoon we all met again at the Mountain Brauhaus. We were witness to the pig getting dressed up for it's final Schlachtfest journey – with sun glasses and, appropriately, face mask. The Crystal Brook crew, protected by Bavarian camouflage and face shields, carried the guy into the restaurant for the last ceremonial round.



As you can imagine, a Schlachtfest dinner is mostly inappropriate for vegans and vegetarians.



Getting there...

Our table was in the middle of the dance floor to comply with Covid distancing rules and prevent the crowds from dancing, but not always successful. We had a great time but sure wished

we had a larger BMW crowd with us there! Let's hope that next year's Oktoberfest will be at better times and with better attendance!

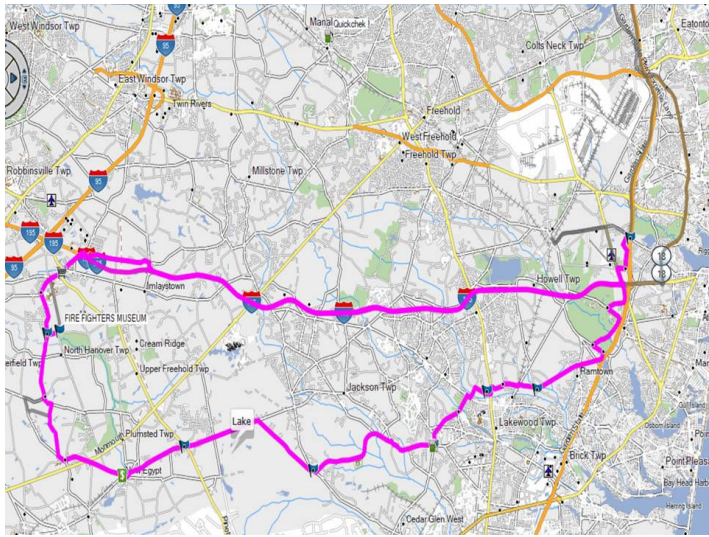
Fire Museum Ride 9/27

Roger T.

Believe it or not I found out about this event from my cousin-in-law Andy who lives near Syracuse NY. The open house was held at the NJ Fire Museum located near Allentown NJ, (a few miles from our favorite eating spot, Woodys Town Café). Andy is "into large historic trucks" because he collects and restores MACK trucks. (His storage garage is a huge metal barn that's large enough to play a football game in.)



Weeks ago, he sent me an advertisement for the Fire Museum event on September 27th. So on Sunday, Joe Karol, Ed Gerber, Don Del Nero, and I headed out from the Breakfast Club, Farmingdale over my serpentine route to Allentown. Along the way we met Bill Dudley at the CVS parking lot in New Egypt. Our route zig-zagged via secondary roads south of Interstate 195. .



Our group picture is in front of the fully restored Hightstown antique ladder truck; even the wood ladders are restored.



Fire Museum Trip another viewpoint..

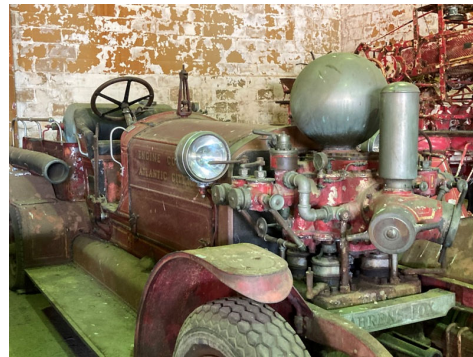
Ed Gerber

On Saturday September 27, Roger Trendowski led a group ride to an exhibit at the Fire Truck Museum in Allentown. Roger, Joe Karol, Don Del Nero and Ed Gerber met for coffee at the Breakfast Club in Farmingdale at a reasonable hour, with KSU at 10 AM. We then followed Roger on his planned route. After skirting around Lakewood we were joined by Bill Dudley and continued Southwest through lightly developed country to New Egypt and then North on lovely farm roads through Polhemustown to Allentown and the museum.

The Museum was free; they only checked your

temperature before entering.

If you like things mechanical, the Museum's permanent collection is fascinating. There are some extremely old pieces on display, including horse drawn apparatus, including ladder wagons and horse drawn steam engines.



One piece on display is a motorized fire truck with a steam driven pump. There is a lot of period equipment on display dating right into the 1960's. A large number of local fire companies drove their 50's and 60's era fire trucks to the exhibit, including trucks from Spring Lake, Red Bank and Middletown.



We then rode into Allentown proper and had lunch at Woody's. Definitely a worthwhile trip.

Thanks Roger

Roebling & Delaware River Islands Ride, September 5th

Roger T.

When I look at a map I see the most interesting features and it happens with any kind of map: paper maps, GPS, Google maps, or cell phone mini maps. When I zoom-in I can see unusual details like a shortcut route, little-documented roads and trails, unusual buildings, and winding river roads. To me, these are “places to explore.” This was the case a few weeks ago when I led a ride over to Roebling Museum and along both sides the Delaware River. From a “satellite view” and from my electronic maps, I noticed there were several islands with roads on them. One island in particular seems to have several train tracks running parallel. I assume it is a train maintenance or storage yard. It looked very interesting and possibly a super area to explore.

Sunday September 5th, Ed, Dud, Rick, and I headed to Roebling Museum as the starting point for our explorations. Ed and I left from the Breakfast Club in Farmingdale with a few hundred calorie replenishment, stopping at “our WAWA” near Great Adventure to meet Bill and Rick. We traveled down Route 537 for about 10 miles and then west via back roads to Roebling.

The museum was not open due to Covid but it gave us a break from the hour run to get there.



The town of Roebling is an old manufacturing town, built for workers of the Roebling Wire Manufacturing plant which was on the side of the Delaware River. All that is left of the plant is a large metal wire-roap spinning wheel and some old vehicles.

The museum (when open) displays Roebling’s mid to late 1800s technology used to create the wire bundles for major suspended bridges that are still used today (Golden Gate Bridge, Brooklyn Bridge, Cincinnati ... etc.).

All the old company-town type houses now have been converted to individual homes, condos and apartment rentals in sort of a cult like town atmosphere.

John A Roebling also built a very unique Aqueduct that crosses the Delaware River just north of Port Jervis NY. Roebling's Delaware Aqueduct is the oldest existing wire suspension bridge in the United States. It runs 535 feet over the Delaware River, from Minisink Ford, New York, to Lackawaxen, Pennsylvania. Opened in 1849 as an aqueduct connecting two parts of the Delaware & Hudson Canal (D&H), it has since been converted to a one-lane bridge carrying automotive traffic and pedestrians..

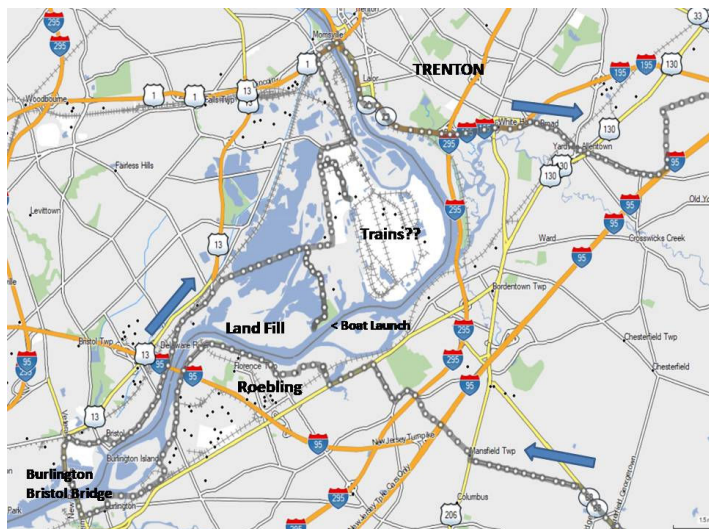
After a ride though the neighborhood and downtown Roebling, we headed south along the river to the next towns of Florence and Farnerville eventually crossing the Delaware on the Burlington-Bristol Bridge.

As soon as we hit Penn, we turned north along the river hitting quaint little towns of Bristol and Tullytown. Again, these places are historic river towns with plenty of open businesses, art shops and restaurants. Our goal was to explore the first large island in the middle of the Delaware. The roads around the island as shown on my map were blocked by a large menacing “trespassers will be prosecuted” sign.

The island has a very notable mountain on it... grass, no trees and few weeds. Then we noticed the “Waste Management” sign at one of the entrances. This mound island is a landfill probably generated from nearby Philadelphia. I was surprised that Google Maps and my Garmin GPS map didn’t identify the island roads as Closed or Private.

Traveling further north took us to the second island with numerous train tracks. There are many commercial buildings in the area which are located on public roads, but the main area with train tracks is again blocked off with ominous signage. I suspect we could have found a back door into the place if we had enough time (and

guts) to explore... but we didn't. We did find a nice public boat-launch park leading to the Delaware where we took some pixs and rested.



The GPS map shows several islands in the Delaware River. Note the ones labeled "Land Fill" and "Trains?" and the public park :boat launch" site.

Ending our exploration journey, we headed north a few miles to Route 1, crossed over to Trenton and then toward home on I195.

Bill had a great suggestion to stop for nourishment at our hangout Woody's Towne Café in Allentown. With his back road knowledge of the area, we didn't stay on I195 but instead took secondary roads to the heart of Allentown and a great out-door lunch and then home. 137 miles for me from Middletown... and about 5 hours including pit stops and Lunch.

Small Group Ride - Sept 19th

Jonathan B

After putting out a ride to the group for Sept 19, Roger met me at the Cheesequake Rest Area on the GSP at 9am. (Sorry I was a little late, Roger.) It was a brisk fall weather day, the best time to go riding, in my humble opinion.

To save a little time, we rode up the GSP to Route 208 to head west to Skyline Drive. Yes, there is at least one of those in New Jersey, don't have to ride down to Virginia! It's much shorter and probably not quite as nice, but it is free to ride.

From there, we rode around Wanaque Reservoir and west until we came to Union Hill Road. We

took that north and rode around Upper Greenwood Lake to reach the beginning of Clinton Road. Clinton Road is a real treat, running south through Wawayanda State Park. There are some nice twisties and elevation changes along it. As with all of the roads in NJ, watch out for critters.

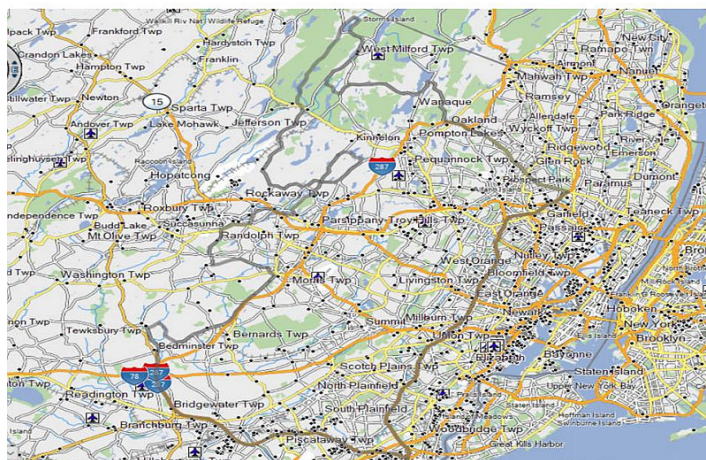


At the end of Clinton Road, we jumped on route 23 for a short distance and got on CR-513 south. Before reaching I-80, we stopped at Rockaway Bagel and Deli where we got into an argument with the owner of the Dry Cleaner's next door for parking in HIS spots. Good times! The sandwiches were worth it, though. Mine was on a wonderful rainbow bagel.

From the deli, we turned east to go ride Powerville Road, Kinnelon Road, Fayson Lake Road, Boonton Road, and Rockaway Valley Road in a loop. That put us back on Powerville Road to head south, ultimately ending up in Denville.

That was the end of my planned route, so Roger led us further south through Randolph Twp, Bernards Twp, and Bedminster on some nice backroads. We ended up on the always awful I-287 which we took back to the GSP where we split up.

09/19/20 Reservoir Trip Roger and Jonathan 209 miles 6 1/2 hours



It was a really nice day out. It's a shame that more people couldn't join us. We'll have to try again soon.

Dues are due on November 1st – see:

<https://www.njsbmwr.org/Membership/application.html>