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“Life is what happens to us while we are making other plans.” — *Allen Saunders*

“Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter, and those who matter don't mind.” — *Bernard M. Baruch*

“Friendship ... is born at the moment when one man says to another "What! You too? I thought that no one but myself . . .” — *C.S. Lewis, The Four Loves*

“Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.” — *H. Jackson Brown Jr., P.S. I Love You*

“Never put off till tomorrow what may be done day after tomorrow just as well.” — *Mark Twain*

“You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. And YOU are the one who'll decide where to go...” — *Dr. Seuss, Oh, the Places You'll Go!*

“It is never too late to be what you might have been.” — *George Eliot*

BMW Motorcycle Club
New Jersey Shore



President's Message

“I wonder if the International Motorcycle Show will be held this year?” I pondered to a group of fellow riders. I was surprised when someone stated, “I am not looking for a new bike, why bother?”

It never occurred to me that I needed to be in the market for anything to enjoy these shows. Well, that is not wholly truthful; my gear acquisition syndrome (GAS) is always working overtime, usually in stealth-mode, as to not tip-off the wife to my whims of desire and to delay the painful discourse of why I need yet another motorcycle doodad.

I am a perpetual gear junky; musical instruments, photography equipment, electronic devices, and motorcycle gear are my vices of choice. I seem to always be pining for that one guitar that will make me sound great, that camera that will produce stunning photos, and that electronic device that will be the end-all and make me more productive. Sadly, these things rarely live up to expectations.

However, for me, motorcycles themselves, break that GAS routine. Although I've lusted and still do lust over bikes, I've only owned a few in my roughly 27 years of riding.

I am still in the honeymoon phase with my 2018 R1200RT; that is if you consider 30 months of ownership and 22K miles still a honeymoon. The thing is, every time I ride this bike I have the same level of excitement as I did riding it for the first time. I could also say the same about my previous ride (Honda CB750) which I had for 20+ years. Lust for a better or different bike has been replaced by the desire for more quality riding time, great roads and destinations, great adventure, and the comradery of other riders. “Boomer

Wisdom” has led me to the realization that the best bike can always be the one you are currently riding!

That all being said, feel free to contribute to my “Buy Rick a 6 Series Airhead” GofundMe page.

We had a great turnout for the first face-to-face Club Meeting of 2021. It was truly a pleasure to meet you all and share germs 😊. I really appreciate the support I have received from the previous officers and for that matter all members of the club. The positive feedback on my President Message warms this dyslexic’s heart

Thanks to Don Eilenberger for making the arrangements with Woody's Roadside Tavern, I think it is a vast improvement over our previous digs. **Please note, we will be holding the Club Meeting the 2nd Wednesday of every month.**

Enjoy the ride and please be safe! - Rick



May Meeting

Schedule of Events – 2021

June

- **June 5**, Moribundi Lunch @ 12:30 Place to be determined
- **June 9**, Club Meeting 6 PM Dinner, Meeting 7:30 Woody’s Farmingdale
- **June 24-27**, National MOA BMW rally Great Falls Montana

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July

- **July 7**, Moribundi Lunch @ 12:30 Place to be determined
- **July 14**, Club Meeting, 6 PM Dinner, Meeting 7:30 Woody’s Farmingdale
- **July 30 – August 1**, BMW MOA Pocono Getaway. Skytop Lodge.

August

- **August 4**, Moribundi Lunch @ 12:30 Place to be determined
- **August 11**, Club Meeting 6 PM Dinner, Meeting 7:30 Woody’s Farmingdale

September

- **September 1**, Moribundi Lunch @ 12:30 Place to be determined
- **September 8**, Club Meeting, 6 PM Dinner, Meeting 7:30 Woody’s Farmingdale
- **September 17-19**, BMW MOA Warren VT Sugarbush Resort
- **September 17-19**, NJSBMW - Oktoberfest Crystal BrookResort Round Top NY
- **September 24 – 26**, New Sweden’s Last Chance Rally

October

- **October 6**, Moribundi Lunch @ 12:30 Place to be determined
- **October 13**, Club Meeting, 6 PM Dinner, Meeting 7:30 Woody’s Farmingdale

November

- **November 3**, Moribundi Lunch @ 12:30 Place to be determined
- **November 10**, Club Meeting, 6 PM Dinner, Meeting 7:30 Woody’s Farmingdale

December

- **December 1**, Moribundi Lunch @ 12:30
- **December 8**, Club Meeting, 6 PM Dinner, Meeting 7:30 Woody’s Farmingdale

Club Meeting – May Minutes

Jim Thomasey, Secretary

This was our first in person meeting since March of 2020 and it was attended by about 24 people. The treasury holds a bit over \$2000 and the total paid membership stands at 62 members.

The NJSBMW Riders are the hosts of this years 3 Club Rumble which will be held on September 12th with the location still undetermined at meeting time. There were more than three good selections all of which had a Jersey Shore feel to them.

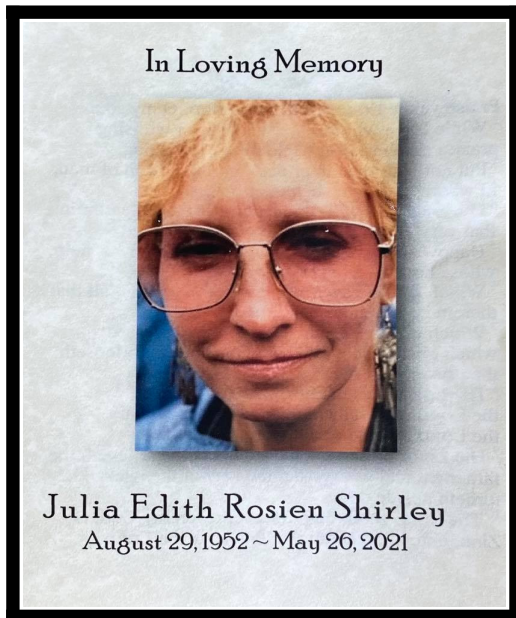
We still need someone to spearhead the event and help with other areas as needed.

So far Roger and Joe K will be attending the national MOA rally in Montana and they encourage others to do, too.

J. Grant Duncan was asked to look into getting a replacement banner for the club (our last one was lost in the Schneider's fire.)

The Oktoberfest event at the Crystal Brook in the Catskills was also discussed as a possible event in the fall.

Jerry S. won the 50/50



RIP – Julia Shirley

The club extends it's sincere sympathy to the Shirley family in the loss of Julia. Julia and Gene Shirley were long time members of the club until

they moved to North Carolina.

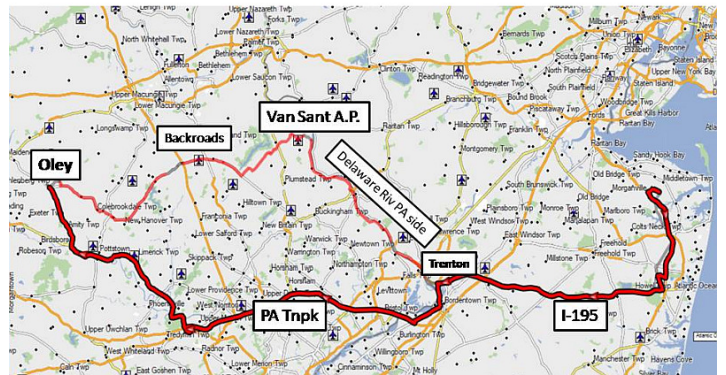
Julia was a very special person.

Another World out there

Roger T

If you watch TV science fiction and have a vivid imagination, you've probably thought... "is there another world beyond our own?... a parallel universe beyond a black hole?" It's a place where people, similar to those we know, exist in the parallel universe but something is OFF/different.

05/08/21 MiniBike and Scooter Bike Show and Flea Mkt in Oley PA
Rich Holman and Roger T (267 miles, 6 hours)



When you go to a motorcycle show or BMW Rally in our "reality," things look normal. Well, that is almost how I felt when I biked over to Oley PA on May 8th. People and kids who are similar to the folks we meet and talk to at our kind of bike event were there,... but NO motorcycles. The fairgrounds was crammed full of mini bikes and scooters and dozens of people selling stuff out



Rick Holman

the back of their trucks. There is definitely a different world out there with people loving the stuff we used to play with as kids.

On Saturday May 8th I rode with the only person to show up, Rich Holman, to Oley PA for the advertised Scooter and MiniBike show. Actually Rich is an ex NJS member from several years ago and still rides a BMW S1000. He rode all the way from Bordentown to Farmingdale to meet me at 9:30am.

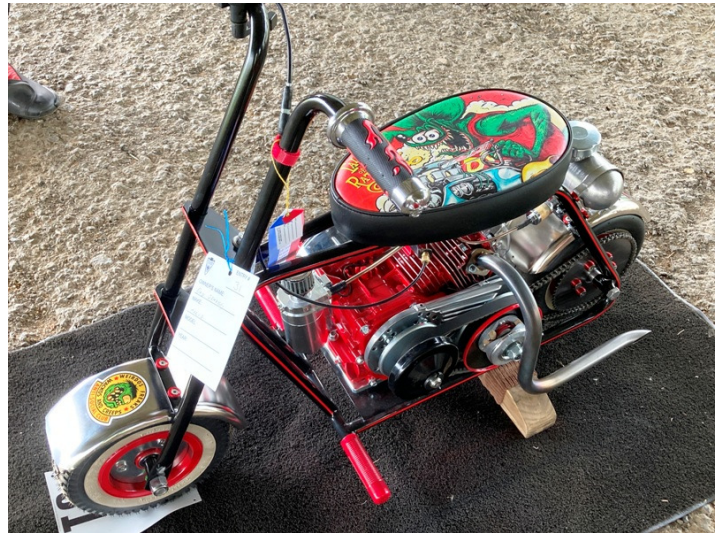


Then we rode back on I-195 (past Bordentown exit) to get on I-295, then the PA Turnpike and other PA 4-laners past Pottstown to Oley... about 130 miles.



The fairgrounds was full of restored, unrestored and near-junk mini-bikes, scooters and acces-

sories. There were plenty of kids (young and old/adults) riding these things around the grounds. A couple of favorite spots had small hills and ramps where riders would “get air born” for a few feet before their unsprung/minimal-seat bikes controlled landed back on earth.



Rich said he had attended several events in Oley because of his other mechanical interests..... so I suggested that he lead back to NJ. He had a few routes already programmed in his GPS and with that we started back... no 4-laners at all and not just secondary roads, but BACK roads too (single laners). We hit Quakertown and numerous other small towns in PA and then ended up for a break at Van San Airport.

We hit no rain on the trip even with early TV and Internet forecasts to the contrary... Temperature was between 54 and 58 degrees. I only encountered wet roads on the way home from Farmingdale area to Middletown with only a couple of minor sprinkles.

Great day 267 miles in 6 hours.

Club Member Mini-Bios

Editor

More Mini-Bios arrived. Some answered the questions directly, some more free form.

Any way you'd like to submit one is fine with us - PLEASE submit one of your own..email to editor@njsbmwr.org

Here are the questions:

- Your name
- Your age
- When did you first notice motorcycles?
- What was your first motorcycle, and were there any objections by relatives? What's the story with how you bought your first motorcycle? How old were you when you got your first motorcycle?
- When and where did you first cross a state-line on a motorcycle, and what were the circumstances?
- What was your first overnight (multi-day away from home) trip? And why? With whom?
- Have you crashed? Tell more.
- What's the longest ride you've taken? What's the furthest away from home ride you've taken?
- What's the bucket list ride you haven't done? And why not?
- What's the fastest you've gone on 2 wheels - when and where..

**NAME: My Name is Jose Emanass.
No - It is really Mike Kowal**

Your Age: I'm 70 years young.

When did you first notice motorcycles? When I was 16 years and in the 5th Grade. Just kidding.

What was your first motorcycle, and were there any objections by relatives? What's the story with how you bought your first motorcycle? How old were you when you got your first motorcycle? My first bike was a 1965 Honda 305 scrambler. A friend of mine had the bike and he was buying a Harley. He did not tell me it popped out of 3rd Gear.. So I asked around if anyone could fix the bike and some of the guy's I worked with told me about a bunch of guy's that hung out at this house in Jersey City. I banged on the door and the guy looked like Chief from One flew over the Cuckoo's nest answered.

He asked me what I wanted and I told him the problem that I had with the bike and he told me to leave it there. A week later and \$100.00 for the mechanic - the bike was fixed.

I told the guy's that I worked with who I brought it to and they told me it was a 1% gang.. but they did a great job.

My father found out about the bike and he wanted to get rid of me and also the bike. But that never happened.. I was 17 when I bought the bike.

When and where did you first cross a state-line on a motorcycle, and what were the circumstances? My first trip across state lines was after i got married. I bought a house in Bergen County and wife and I used to take trips on a 1978 BMW R100 which I still own. We would go up to Nyack NY on weekends on the bike. No luck on pushing her off. She was always on the back seat when I pulled in the driveway..

What was your first overnight (multi-day away from home) trip? And why? With whom? My overnight trip was a lot later on in life . I met a bunch of guy's in Germany when I was on a trip to see the Isle of Man. I hit it off with these guy's and they asked me to come back. In 2007 I flew back over to Germany and they planned a trip thru Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland and then back to Germany. It was a little less than a month but it was the greatest vacation I ever had.

Have you crashed? Tell more. Crash . Yes . Took a friend for his road test in Jersey City. He did pass the test but I was cut off by a girl that was taking her test and she cut me off. I hit a curb and then a tree..Had to pick up 1961 Full dress Harley Pan head.

When I returned home to drop off the bike, I told him I was in an accident . He didn't ask me if I was hurt but did ask If there was any damage to the bike .A week later he sold me the bike for \$1100.00.I ripped the bike apart and made it in to a chopper. What a Dummy.

What's the longest ride you've taken? What's the furthest away from home ride you've taken? The longest ride I took was in Germany. About 1800 Miles. I let the Pilot fly me there first. Best vacation I ever had..

What's the bucket list ride you haven't done? And why not? Bucket list ride. As you can see I get the lowest milage award every year. Maybe this year I'll take one of the bikes of mine around the block.2 1/2 miles

What's the fastest you've gone on 2 wheels -

when and where.. The fastest I ever went on a bike was a 105 mph.on 440 in Jersey City. Naked bike and 3/4 helmet.

I had many bikes from Cushman to BMWs to Harleys .And many in between

NAME Greg Berger

Your age - 63

When did you first notice motorcycles? I took a liking to minibikes and minicycles when I was in my early teens.

I Actually got my mom to purchase a brand new Honda 50cc mini cycle when I was about 13 years old. 1971. It was really cool I believe it was a manual three speed with auto clutch. Had a lot of fun with it until basically got caught riding it on a golf course by the police and they impounded the bike. Mom paid \$50 to get it out. I think basically I had to give it up not too much longer after that.

Later on in Boston, my college roommate and I decided to purchase identical Honda XL 250's. I believe we put deposits on them and couldn't wait to pick them up and start riding on and off road. Unfortunately I contracted mononucleosis and had to leave school and return home to New York before we had a chance to buy them. Over the years I probably had ridden one or two of my friends motorcycles up and down the block here and there.

What was your first motorcycle, and were there any objections by relatives?

I guess about 2017 after seeing many of my friends riding motorcycles I started getting the itch again. I learned that Brookdale was offering a weekend course and supplying the bikes to learn and road test on.

I honestly did not plan on buying a motorcycle, I thought I could rent one now and then just for fun. After passing the Road test I asked one of the instructors where I could rent a bike to start riding. They basically laughed at me saying man you can't do that, you have to buy a small bike and get out there and start riding all the time or you'll never really learn how to ride properly.

What's the story with how you bought your first motorcycle?

I went online and started looking for smaller bikes like a 250 or 350 as my instructor suggested. But I ended up finding a good deal on a 2008 Suzuki GSX650F with low mileage. It was so sweet I just couldn't pass it up even though it was a bit larger and more powerful than recommended. I figured I would grow into it pretty quickly.

How old were you when you got your first motorcycle?

I guess I was about 59 years old when I purchased the Suzuki.

When and where did you first cross a state-line on a motorcycle, and what were the circumstances?

In the fall of 2017 not long after I bought the bike I took it down to Ocean City Maryland for a convention that I was attending. I was terrified on the Garden State Parkway. But figured I could make it to the Cape May Lewes Delaware ferry. from the Delaware side it was a fairly short hop to Ocean City Maryland.

What was your first overnight (multi-day away from home) trip? And why? With whom?

Well I guess I answered that in the previous paragraph. Ocean City Maryland was my first overnight and multi day trip away from home. I met some friends down there but basically rode alone.

Have you crashed? Tell more.

Fortunately not, other than a couple of slow drops and one slow spill. Got caught in the sand which caused my vest to inflate as I basically jumped clear of the bike as it was going down. By the way that was on my present bike 2004 R1150 RT.

My friend and piano student Ron Taylor (former NJS-BMW member) used to ride to my studio every week for lessons on his 2004 1150 GS. I took a liking to the BMW. First chance I got I picked up the 1150 RT and sold the Suzuki 650.

What's the longest ride you've taken?

I guess I would say Starlight NJ which is near Hancock upstate New York. That was last year with NS-BMWR weekend group ride. Probably close to 500 miles round-trip.

What's the furthest away from home ride you've taken?

Again that would be Ocean City Maryland I believe.

What's the bucket list ride you haven't done?

I'm an avid skier with trips all over the Rocky Mountains as well as BC Canada as well as the French Alps in Europe. I would love to ride at all those places and more.

And why not?

Give me time I've only been riding 3 1/2 years.

What's the fastest you've gone on 2 wheels - when and where..

I think fairly recently coming back from a NY/Pennsylvania ride. I got up to 110 I believe. I was on 287 S. I quickly pulled it back down to about 80, a bit too scary up there - just wanted to feel 110 for a few seconds! 🏍️

More to come! Please consider sending a bio in if you haven't yet. It helps make the club more cohesive if the members know a bit about each other. Email to editor@njsbmwr.org

Plus – so far NO ONE has admitted to never going 100MPH on a motorcycle. Who holds the record? So far – and documented – Klaus Huecke. @140MPH Can you top Klaus?



New Club Riding Challenge!

Jonathan Blair

Hello NJ Shore BMW Riders! I'm excited to be the bearer of instructions for the latest iteration of the FluffyButt riding challenge. The goal of this competition is to get everyone out riding those wonderful machines we all own.

The game will consist of a list of 50 objectives around NJ, Eastern PA, and Southern NY. You will ride to the objective and take a selfie of you and your bike with the objective in the background to prove you captured that objective. Each objective will be worth some number of points. There were also be opportunities to obtain points by riding to places like rallies and club events.

The contest will run from today until November 30, 2021, the same day the annual mileage contest ends.

Not only do you get to ride your bike more, you also have a shot at getting a gift card to Cross Country BMW. The top three finishers will receive gift cards.

There will only be three awards given, the club isn't made of money. My hope is that you will all challenge yourselves to get as many of these objectives as possible. NJ and the adjacent areas of PA and NY have some really beautiful riding.

Even within the club, there are smaller groups of people that typically ride together. Challenge your friends. See who can ride to more objectives!

If you're interested in competing and getting some more riding in, send an email to fluffybutt2021@googlegroups.com with your full name and tell me you're interested.

I'll add you to the Google Group and you'll then receive a welcome email to the group with instructions and some links to documents for the contest.

Good luck everyone. I hope everyone in the club joins up!

LIVE Meeting for June!

Thanks to Governor Murphy of NJ for giving us permission to **meet in person** once again.

We've taken this opportunity to move our meeting

place.

The new place is Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St, Farmingdale NJ 07727. [Link to Google Maps – Woody's](#)

Our meeting date is now back to the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Be there or be square! More info via email.

3-Club Rumble Site Picked

Editor

An elite committee of members reviewed the suggested sites for the 3-Club Rumble (which we host this year) and selected Seven-Presidents-Park in Long Branch (on Ocean Ave.)

The park provides a wedding-tent type location, with numerous picnic tables and a large grille, located a few hundred feet from the ocean waves, with a parking lot and clean restroom very close by.



Joe Karol made our reservation for September 12th, 11AM. Our next step in the Rumble planning is deciding how to handle food. Anyone interested in being involved in that discussion please come to the June meeting. If you don't attend don't be surprised to being assigned something for the Rumble..

BMW Recall Announced

BMW has yet again again announced a recall for fuel pumps. It covers 2011-2014 R1200R, nine T, K1300/1600, S100R/RR and HP4 motorcycles.

It is Recall Campaign # 21V-060 "Fuel Pump"

To check if your motorcycle is included visit <http://www.bmwmotorcycles.com/recall>

Parts are supposed to be available – but I've heard reports contrary to that. Contact your friendly local dealer!



No more need for Covid Protection on your bike!

MEETING – June 9th

**Woody's Roadside Tavern,
Farmingdale**

Good food, great waitress, great meeting room – come support the club!

Food 6PM,
Business Meeting 7:30PM