

August 2025

# NEW JERSEY SHORE BMW RIDERS Inc

Jeff Diorio, President ([president@njsbmwr.org](mailto:president@njsbmwr.org))

Mike Palmer, Vice President & Trustee

Joe Karol, Treasurer & Trustee

Jim Thomasey, Secretary, Newsletter Publisher

Editors: Bill Dudley, Paul Cooke

Don Eilenberger, Trustee

Dennis Swanson, Trustee

Roger Trendowski, Trustee

Bill Dudley, Trustee

Dave Rosen, Trustee

Dan Thompson, Trustee

Ed Gerber, Trustee.

SERVING THE MOTORCYCLE COMMUNITY SINCE 1977



**JERRY FRIEDMAN**  
The Motorcycle Attorney  
One Greentree Center, Suite 201  
P.O. Box 649  
Marlton, New Jersey 08053  
www.law4hogs.com  
e-mail: law4hogs@aol.com

**1-800-LAW-4-HOGS**

## President's Message

Jeff Diorio, President

Hello all

Hope everyone is having a good summer with lots of fun riding. It has been an interesting summer weather wise so far. If it isn't raining then it is super hot.

Last week I went riding up in Westchester with a friend. Temperatures were in mid to high 90's. We used water cooling vests and stopped regularly to drink water and stay hydrated. While it was a great day of riding, by the end of the day I was wiped out. And, although we tried to stay hydrated, I found myself drinking significant amounts of water over the next day or so. Moral of the story is don't let the heat stop you from riding and be sure to drink a lot of water before and after.

We have a lot of fun group events coming up. The major ones are:

1. September 19-21 we are talking about resurrecting the Octoberfest trip in Catskills. Specifically, Crystal Brook (German) Resort in Round Top, NY. We will be doing day rides and at night enjoying large goblets of German beer. Mike P got details on the fees. Most importantly we want to know if you will be attending.

2. October 18 we have the Three Club Rumble hosted by New Sweden at Parvin State Park in Pittsgrove Township NJ

3. Finally, the holiday party. We are considering 2 venues now and need to vote on them at the next meeting. Please try to attend this coming monthly meeting so we finalize between the two and the date.

Hope to see you all at the club meeting this month. Please stay well and enjoy time riding.

*"Never fear quarrels, but seek hazardous adventures."*

*Alexandre Dumas, The Three Musketeers*

*"No, no! The adventures first, explanations take such a dreadful time."*

*Lewis Carroll, Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*

*"An adventure is only an inconvenience rightly considered. An inconvenience is only an adventure wrongly considered."*

*GK. Chesterton*

*"When preparing to travel, lay out all your clothes and all your money. Then take half the clothes and twice the money." –*

*Susan Heller*

*"I've been to almost as many places as my luggage."*

*Bob Hope*

# July Meeting Minutes

James Thomasey, Recording Secretary

The July meeting began on time with a good turnout and Julia as our waitress. The minutes from the last meeting were discussed and approved by a vote from the members. The treasury stands at just under \$1000 and we have 40 paid members.

There was a spirited discussion of the venue for the Holiday dinner and the request by the restaurant to secure the day with a sizable deposit and the minimum number of attendees. This discussion is now deemed moot as we will be offering another restaurant at the August meeting.

The fall Oktoberfest at Crystal Brook was again discussed to get a feeling for possible attendance in the third week of September. Come to the August meeting for the latest information

The 50/50 was won by Joe K with Don, Henning and Jim winning the other non monetary, but still valuable BMW swag prizes. Meeting adjourned and informal discussion followed.

The 50/50 was won by Dennis with the assorted prizes going to Bruce C., Greg Berger, Jon Chappell and Jim T.

## Club Calendar

Note: Events may be canceled or modified. Check your email for updates.

### August 2025

- **August 6 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM TBD**
- **August 13** club meeting 6PM to eat, 7PM meeting Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale
- **August 20** Ice cream ride (summer only) 6:30PM TBD
- **August 22-24** Wally Fest, Lake Wallenpaupack, PA [website](#)
- **August 29-31** VJMC National Rally Windber, PA [website](#)

- **August 29-31** BMW RA National Rally Athens County Fairgrounds, Athens, OH [website](#)

### September 2025

- **September 3** Moribundi lunch 12:30PM TBD
- **September 10** Club meeting 6PM to eat, 7PM meeting Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale
- **September 12-14** New Sweden Last Chance Rally, TBD [website](#)
- **September 17** Ice cream ride (summer only) 6:30PM TBD
- **September 19-21** TENTATIVE NJSBMWR Catskills Rally, Crystal Brook Resort, Round Top, NY

### October 2025

- **October 1** Moribundi lunch 12:30PM TBD
- **October 4** Van Sant Wings and Wheels all day Van Sant Airport, PA [website](#)
- **October 3-5** Barber Vintage Festival Leeds, AL [website](#)
- **October 3-5** The Race of Gentlemen Wildwood, NJ [website](#)
- **October 8** club meeting 6PM to eat, 7PM meeting Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale
- **October 15** Ice cream ride (summer only) 6:30PM TBD
- **October 18** Three Club Rumble hosted by New Sweden BMW Riders 11AM-3PM Parvin State Park, 701 Almond Rd, Pittsgrove Township, NJ

### November 2025

- **Nov 5** Moribundi lunch 12:30PM TBD
- **Nov 12** club meeting 6PM to eat, 7PM meeting Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale

### December 2025

- **Dec 3** Moribundi lunch 12:30PM TBD
- **Dec 10** club meeting 6PM to eat, 7PM meeting Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale

## **Octoberfest at the Crystal Brook Resort**

*Mike P*

Prior to COVID our club used to spend a weekend in the Catskill Mountains at a German resort called Crystal Brook Resort.

On September 19, 20, and 21 this fall we want to see how many are interested in riding up there.

I spoke with Wendy who remembers us well. She has rooms available for that weekend. We would ride there as a group or small groups or individuals. The restaurant opens on Friday's at 4:00pm for dinner. You pay on your own.

The resort is a bed and breakfast, so breakfast is free. The Motel is \$180.00 per person if you pay by credit card per night or 170.00 night if pay by cash. The room sleeps 2 adults.

The Bungalow is the same, 2 adults per room, \$180.00 by card, \$170.00 cash.

The Chalet/Motel is the same also. 2 adults per room, \$180.00 by card, \$170.00 by cash.

The Lodge is single adult \$115.00 by card, or \$110.00 cash. The room also will hold 2 adults for \$140.00.

The website is: [www.crystalbrook.com](http://www.crystalbrook.com)

Don't make your reservations by yourself. I will handle that once I know what type of room you want and how many adults per room.

There are some great roads in the area. After breakfast groups head out for the day and return for beer and dinner back at the restaurant with German food.

## **MOA National Rally, Lebanon TN**

*Roger T*

Joe Karol and I started off on Sunday morning June 15th. We headed north on the GSP to I-78 to I-

81 and did the long-haul interstate run to Knoxville and I-40 to Lebanon (near Nashville). It poured rain almost all Sunday but was clear most other days of our trip.

We left a few days before other club members since we volunteer with the MOA to help setup facilities and to find our own Rally event equipment. Even though the People's Choice Bike Judging (PCBJ) event didn't happen until Saturday, we needed to find our event banners, posters, bin of computer equipment and event forms. By getting to Lebanon on Tuesday, we also took advantage of the volunteer dinner and a couple free drinks and met with old friends. Why ride interstates? We wanted to get down there in two days with minimum stops. We did however take one diversion off of I-81. An hour south of our overnight hotel near Roanoke VA, we exited to Marion VA. From there we followed RT16 north on the "Back of the Dragon." This ride was quite different than the "Tail of the Dragon" located in NC/TN Smoky Mountains. Joe and I have done the Tail of the Dragon for 5 years at the April MOA Fontana Get-a-Way Rallies. The Tail/Dragon boasts 318 curves in 18 miles where the Back/Dragon has 438 curves in 32 miles. The Back/Dragon has much tighter curves and thereby is slower; it doesn't seem to have as many "drop offs" along the road. The Tail/Dragon has many steep unprotected drops where plenty accidents happen, mostly because of higher speeds and inexperienced riders. (The Tree of Shame has Tail/Dragon motorcycle parts hanging on the tree at the NC end of the run.) Joe said he had rode the Back/Dragon years before but agreed to do the challenge one more time. By the time we made it to the north end in Tazewell VA, I was all curved-out... 438 curves really wore me out!

In Tazewell, there's a nice Bar/restaurant called "Back of the Dragon". I was surprised that we met so few bikers on Monday morning on the Dragon; roads were spotty wet from previous rain but it wasn't raining during our ride. So as not to retrace our curvy ride, we headed southwest on Rt-19 (parallel to I-81) and then eventually back to I-81 just north of Bristol TN. Bristol is 80 miles from I-40 (Knoxville) where we turned west to Lebanon. Overall it was about 850 miles plus our 100 mile deviation for the Back/Dragon ride.

The MOA Rally was held at the fairgrounds in Lebanon, TN, the same location as the 2019 Rally. There's a lot of anchorage with many buildings; most air conditioned except maybe the horse and sheep barns. Registration this time was in the huge Farm

Bureau Expo building which also housed the indoors vendors and seminars. A little over 5000 people attended. As in the past, there were probably 100 vendors offering all kinds of motorcycle parts and rider apparel. I noticed there was also an Airheads parts company with mostly new parts for old Air heads. Metzler and other major tire manufactures were represented, especially Metzler who was the main sponsor of the rally.

The Air Head Club site was not under tent this year but was located at a remote site near at the entrance of the fairgrounds. This was the Registration building in 2019. The advantage of having Air Heads here was that the building was air conditioned, had electricity and plenty of space inside and around it. However the disadvantage was that it was so remote that it was a long walk to the rally exhibits and tent camping area. The Air Head club (which Bill D and I are members) rented lounge chairs, sofas and carpet as usual, had plenty of food/snacks and space inside to work on bikes.

New at the Rally year this year was a competitive Custom Bike Show. A very unusual custom bike didn't look like a bike at all... but looked more like an antique car (from the front end). See the pictures.

Joe, Dan T and I attended the seminar for MOA Clubs. Some of the discussion was about dwindling local club memberships and ideas for increasing members. I also went to the Motorrad electronics presentation. Four companies were well represented in the vendor area as well as presenting seminars: Europe, South America, Southern Africa, New Zealand. I also attended a seminar on Restoring and Preserving Vintage BMWs... excellent suggestions based on a lot of techniques from the presenter, Lee Deyoung, and from folks in the audience. Other interesting seminar topics included Air Ambulance Service (presentations by MedJet and Skymed companies), and Bike Lifting (usually presented by a young, 125# woman who single-handedly lifts a R1250GS. (Most old men were not looking at the bike or lifting technique.) The MOA Foundation gave away 3 new bikes this year and a bunch of door prizes

On Saturday morning, the People's Choice Bike Judging (PCBJ) event started. Joe and I have "chaired" this event for the past 4-5 years but are phasing down effort as we turn it over to new leadership. This event is where people (rally attendees) judge the bikes. We had 10 classes of bikes with as many as 6 bikes per class. Anyone who wanted to show their bike was welcome. This year we had 34

bikes and 995 votes. Our job was to set up the event posters, banners, tables, forms, etc and then oversee other volunteers who would do the registration of bikes, guide bikes to bike-class show areas, gather vote sheets from passer-byes, and ultimately sort and count the votes. We gave out award certificates and ribbons to the top 3 winners in each class and one best-in-show award. The new PCBJ chair person for next year, Sam Booth, and his team were instrumental in helping and learning the processes we've used over the years. I put together a short more detailed video of the event for the MOA to post on their website. See Youtube: <https://youtu.be/Q2F7IICdHrs>

In the evenings, away from the rally and near our hotel, we had some excellent dinners at a Chinese buffet (twice) and Italian restaurant. From our club were Dan Thompson, Joe Karol, Bill and Zhao Dudley, Herb Konrad and me and past member Jim Nanfeldt. By the way after the rally, Jim N. headed to Alaska again (also went last year from the Oregon MOA rally).

Joe, Dan and I headed home on Sunday morning while Herb K (who was camping) started off an hour earlier. The weather was clear but hot. Bill and Zhao started off about the same time but traveled on secondary roads back to NJ as opposed to our interstate trek. Traveling on interstates I-40 and I-81 had its drawbacks. We hit three stop-and-go traffic jams along the way. It was brutal at 100 degrees. The three of us (Dan, Joe, me) made it as far as Staunton, VA before we stopped for the night. Surprisingly, Herb was on our tail (even though he started earlier from Lebanon) and stopped at the same hotel, Because the hotel was not close any restaurants and we didn't feel like suiting up again, we ordered pizza delivery.

The rest of the trip via interstates was typical... mostly fast, some slow-downs but no jams. Herb branched off I-81 earlier to head for his home in MD. My overall trip miles was 1,890 over 8 days. Day one of our trip was torrential rain. After that it was clear and sunny. Our trip home was scorching hot. The only mechanical problem for any of us was on my F850GSA. The master link on my 525 size chain failed (froze up) and caused "clunking sound at slow speed. It sounded like something was hitting the crankcase. After calling around to all BMW dealers within 200 miles and eventually several Honda shops, I found a chain at a Triumph dealer in north Nashville. Joe and I slowly rode to the shop 30 miles away and had it installed. Bob Henig (Bob's BMW MD) offered to have a chain overnigheted if I couldn't find one locally. (Thanks Bob)

My trip video is on Youtube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YKPOA9UgB4A>

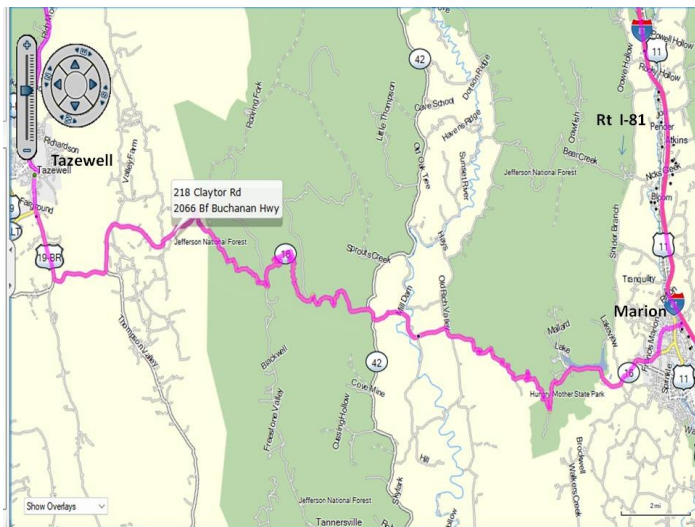


Back of the Dragon, north of Marion VA and loop to return to Interstate 81. This was about 100 diversion off of I-81. Well worth while side trip on secondary roads.

Overall trip to MOA National Rally in Lebanon TN. Two extra rides: 1) Back of the Dragon in south-west Virginia, and 2) Trip from Lebanon to north Nashville to replace my F850GSA chain. No BMW dealers near Nashville, Knoxville, or Ashville had a 122 link 525 chain. A Triumph dealer near Nashville had a 130 link chain and could install it when I arrived.



Example of one of the Custom bikes in a competitive exhibit. Yes, it is a motorcycle.



Back of the Dragon, located from Marion VA to Tazewell VA. 32 miles long, 438 curves. The Back/Dragon actually runs north and south but is shown horizontally in this picture.



Where can you find a GPS mount for these handlebars?



Front end of this very custom bike... or car... or ????



The main characters/volunteers running the People's Choice Bike Judging event. Sam Booth, second from the left, will be running the event next year. Dan Thompson spent all day helping out. Joe Karol was inside, enjoying the AC. Herb K. created the PCBJ Banners back in 2019 and we've used them ever since.



Vendor displays... over 100 vendors attended as well as BMW Motorrad MC truck.



Shown are only some of the Bikes that were part of PCBJ event. These bikes were in the Air Head Class. The closest one, white R100GS won 1<sup>st</sup> place for Air Heads. Also shown is one voter with paper&pencil in hand.



Checking out our PCBJ intended event site. It was hot.



Dinner at an Italian Restaurant.... Good food and walking distance to our hotel.



We met Herb Konrad at the Day's Inn in Staunton Va, out last night on the road. Pizza delivery was critical since there were no restaurants within walking distance. If I had checked my old phone receipts, Joe and I had stayed 25 mile further at a Ramada with restaurant next door in April on way back from Fontana Rally.

## **Imperial War Museum, London**

*Paul C*

Warning - a very short article with a very tenuous BMW connection.

A recent family trip to the UK included a brief stop at the Imperial War Museum in London.

It's a varied collection, which surprisingly, in-

cluded a WW2 vintage Wehrmacht BMW R75 sidecar rig. I will confess though, the Harrier GR9 hanging from the ceiling was slightly more impressive both in terms of how it was displayed and the technology it exemplified.

A significant portion of the exhibit covers the impact both World Wars had on British society. The contemporary uproar around the first, pants-wearing female tram driver in WW1-era Glasgow seems quaint in hindsight. It typified however the changes wrought by wide scale conscription. The index card used to track and approve WW2 child evacuees was a chilling reminder of just how far reaching the conflict became.



Other notable exhibits included a cut-away Rolls Royce Merlin Engine and the firing control system from a Polaris nuclear submarine. The latter was deceptively simple given the destruction it could have unleashed.

## Highly Classifieds

**For Sale: 1981 BMW R100RT.** My 1981 R100RT for the last 24 years had treated me well. It has a number of upgrades including charging system, electronic ignition, starter, clutch replacement 11 yrs ago, but probably less than 3000 miles ago. It has always been serviced by a NJ airhead mechanic. Since I got newer bikes, I've used this one less and less.. Runs great... ~65000 miles. Asking \$3,200 .

Since it is registered as an antique motorcycle (with an classic car insurance company), the insurance is cheap (liability, collision)

Here's a short video walking around my bike:  
<https://youtu.be/9wDHXJOKu3E> Contact Roger Trendowski at 732 306 6182 or [rtrendowski@verizon.net](mailto:rtrendowski@verizon.net) **NEW LOWER PRICE!**

**For sale : 2014 BMW R1200 GSA.** Details -at <https://www.advrider.com/f/threads/bmw-r1200-gsa-2014.1756245/#post-51278257>

**Kenton Seydell** is offering **the bikes listed below.** He can be reached at [locomotion18@yahoo.com](mailto:locomotion18@yahoo.com) or phone: 732-567-5582. Leave message if no answer. All items are located in Red Bank, NJ

- 1994 K75 C with ABS, 6K miles, with R90S bars, hand guards, touring seat and bags. Asking \$5000
- 1993 K1100RS with 34K , ABS and bags. Euro spec. \$4000
- 1987 K100 Cafe X-LT 80k miles, \$1000
- 1978 R100/7 with 100K has title, RT spec twin disk. \$3000
- 1994 Ural sidecar, rough body shape, \$2000
- DMC Side car R Twin shock subframe assembly \$500
- DMC K-Klassic subframe \$500
- Freedom Sidecar -. 800K-Klassic K Car rear tire and rim adapter to allow car tires to be used on bike.

**David Cowgill in Clayton, Delaware** is looking to sell 3 BMWs. His email is [cowgill@udel.edu](mailto:cowgill@udel.edu) and his phone number is: 302.354,5926. Here are the bikes:

- 1) '74 R 90s : restored inside and out; This was the Classic Raffle Bike from Ted Moyer and the MOA a few years ago; has since had new Krauser Bags installed and the tank has been autographed by Hans Muth.
- 2) '79 R100T : well maintained
- 3) '12 R1200RT: well appointed and maintained.

## **For Sale: 2022 BMW R1250 GS Adventure (GSA), 40th Anniversary**

This is essentially a "new" 40th Anniversary 2022 GS Adventure, Option 719, with all the factory options and farkles added. This GSA is ready to ride the country Today.

Contact Vince Gill (610) 704-7611

<https://marketplace.bmwmoa.org/classified/2022-r1250-gs-adventure-gsa-40th-anniversary-black-and-yellow-option-719-486-miles-listing-34611.aspx>

## And Finally..



## **5 STEPS TO FINANCIAL SUCCESS**

- 1. Don't ride motorcycles**
- 2. Don't buy motorcycles**
- 3. Don't look at motorcycles**
- 4. Don't associate with people who own motorcycles**
- 5. Never mind it's hopeless you're stuck you will never have money, but at least you have a motorcycle**