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# NEW JERSEY SHORE BMW RIDERS Inc

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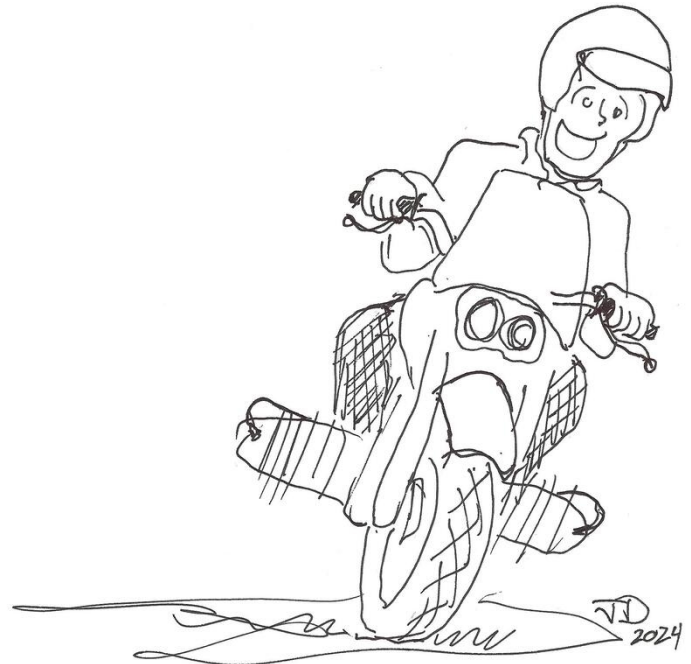


## President's Message

*Jeff Diorio, President*

The final month of winter has passed and we are officially in spring. That means more riding. I remember in 4th grade learning that March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb. Looking forward to a great riding season this year. As Rick noted last fall, the spring and fall are nicest times to ride because not too cold or hot.

What you all probably don't know is I was a cartoonist in my youth and Collegiate years. So here is one in celebration of spring and all you airhead lovers.



Couple of club related items for your consideration and hopefully participation

- We are looking to re-invigorate membership. Please renew yours if it has lapsed and encourage a friend to join.

- Fluffy Butt challenge has been published. Lots of great destinations to ride and a reason to go out with friends to an interesting location.

The more you find out about the world, the more opportunities there are to laugh at it. *Bill Nye, Interview with Wired.com, April 2005*

[Spring is] when life's alive in everything. *Christina Rossetti (1830 - 1894)*

An optimist is the human personification of spring. *Susan J. Bissonette*

If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant: if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome. *Anne Bradstreet (1612 - 1672), 'Meditations Divine and Moral,' 1655*

A little Madness in the Spring Is wholesome even for the King. *Emily Dickinson (1830 - 1886), No. 1333*

A generation of men is like a generation of leaves; the wind scatters some leaves upon the ground, while others the burgeoning wood brings forth - and the season of spring comes on. So of men one generation springs forth and another ceases. *Homer (800 BC - 700 BC), The Iliad*

To be interested in the changing seasons is a happier state of mind than to be hopelessly in love with spring. *George Santayana (1863 - 1952)*

The 13 light houses of NJ are on it, and I personally will be hitting all of them.

- See if you can join any of our club rides. We have members riding to the regional and national MOA rallies and other more local and PA rides.

- We are looking for ride leaders. Please think of a ride and let's schedule it so people can plan.

- We are looking for volunteers to help with the 3-club rumble that our club is hosting this year.

I look forward to seeing you all at the next club meeting and perhaps on a nice weekend ride soon.

Here is to all your continued health and BMW motorbike riding in 2024!

## **February Meeting Minutes**

*Jim Thomasey*

The NJSBMW Riders meeting was held on Wednesday, March 13, beginning on time, with reports from the treasurer stating we have just under \$700 and the membership chairman stating we have 39 paid members. A motion was raised and then voted upon to accept the reading of the minutes from the last meeting.

With no old business to take care of, we moved to new business. The topic of an increase in printing costs for the newsletter brought about a lively discussion. The newsletter printer notified us the price for printing will increase and those in attendance then talked about if there is a need to still print the newsletter given the fact that everyone has access to a computer to read the issue each month. One member brought up the fact that other clubs have discontinued the printed version and did see a drop in participation, both at meetings and at events. There is a more in-depth discussion elsewhere in this newsletter. Another item still in the near future is our hosting of the Three Club Rumble. If you have any comments or would like to share a thought, please attend the next meeting.

The newest and latest Fluffy Butt destinations have been decided upon and sent to all members. Print them out or download them to you phone and begin enjoying all the sites. A lot of backroom work has gone into making this a fun event so start riding and taking pictures of the places. Email a picture of yourself and your bike at the destination to the moderator Bill Dudley at fluffybutt@casano.com including the site number with your name. All the information on the con-

test is here: <https://www.njsbmwr.org/fluffybutt>.

Robert Sherman said he will be attending the Pinelands Adventure Camp for off road riding training, and we wish him the best. Bob Truex won the 50/50 prize.

## **Club Calendar**

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

### **April 2024**

- Apr 3 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM @ Siam Basil, 2161 Hwy 35, Sea Girt (Wall), NJ
- Apr 10 Club meeting 7PM (6PM to eat) Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale
- Apr 28 Gathering of the Nortons, Performance Garage, Frenchtown, NJ

### **May 2024**

- May 1 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM @ TBD
- May 8 Club meeting 7PM (6PM to eat) Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale
- May 15 ice cream ride 6:30PM location TBD

### **June 2024**

- June 5 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM @ TBD
- June 12 Club meeting 7PM (6PM to eat) Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale
- June 19 ice cream ride 6:30PM location TBD

### **July 2024**

- July 3 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM @ TBD
- July 10 Club meeting 7PM (6PM to eat) Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale
- July 17 ice cream ride 6:30PM loc. TBD

### **August 2024**

- Aug 7 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM @ TBD
- Aug 14 Club meeting 7PM (6PM to eat) Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale
- Aug 21 ice cream ride 6:30PM loc. TBD

## **September 2024**

- Sept 4 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM @ TBD
- Sept 11 Club meeting 7PM (6PM to eat)  
Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale

## **October 2024**

- Oct 4 Moribundi lunch 12:30PM @ TBD
- Oct 9 Club meeting 7PM (6PM to eat)  
Woody's Roadside Tavern, 105 Academy St., Farmingdale

## **Dues Increase vs Paper Newsletter?**

*James Thomasey*

One of the more discussed items at the March meeting was the dialogue about the recent price increase of printing the newsletter. While we will continue to print the newsletter until October when the new applications come out, it is important to note the cost of the newsletter is only one of the expenses the club expends. The paper newsletter is costing us *at least* \$1.00 a copy, *each month*, to produce. We need to see if those choosing to receive the paper copy of the newsletter will be willing to spend more for the service or choose to just get the electronic copy. Many people enjoy getting the newsletter in the mail and that is understandable. We need to hear from everyone if they are willing to spend a little more in their dues to continue this enjoyment. Come to a meeting to voice your questions or concerns.

As a reminder your dues fund the price adjustment for Holiday Party, a portion of the donation to the Children's Hospital each year, and the cost of the Three Club Rumble when it is our turn.

## **Fluffybutt 2024 – Let's Get Going**

*Definitely not Roger*

Spring is here and summer just around the corner. The point of the 2024 Fluffybutt (FB) contest is to get out and ride, no excuses. On some of the rides, you might consider getting a small group of members together. Just email to the club address and say when/where you're leaving. Group rides are more fun especially if you stop for lunch along the way.

This year there are 65 Fluffybutt locations. Points are given for each location achieved. The rules

are very simple. Go to the location and take a picture of you (in helmet) or your bike with the FB object or sign in the background and email it too: fluffybutt@casano.com. In the subject line include 1) your name, and the number of the FB site. Send one email per FB site which will make it easier to count/post your submission. Make sure your name is shown so you will be credited with the item (sometimes it is not apparent who you are from your email address).

This year you will also earn points for riding to monthly meetings, Saturday breakfasts, Moribundi lunches (1 point each). More points can be earned if you attend national rallies like for the MOA or RA (3 points each) or regional events with local clubs like, New Sweden & Skylands (2 points).



*A fluffy butt*

See details of the Fluffybutt contest at:

[NJS-BMWR.org/fluffybutt](https://www.njsbmwr.org/fluffybutt). You will see the rules, a link to two lists 1) numerical 1-65 locations and 2) zip code sorted list. The zip code list should help group some of the locations for a ride. This grouping is roughly right as zip codes don't do a perfect area consolidation. For

example, there are three Appalachian Trail sign sites, all in the northwest NJ, however the zip code list has one of them down the list and not near the other two. So use your head to readjust if necessary to pick them all up in one ride. Also on our Fluffybutt website page, there is a link to a Google spreadsheet where you can view your posted ride results as well as for other members.

The FB contest has started and will end October 30, 2024. Awards will be given out at our Club Holiday dinner.

REMINDER: You must be a member to participate. If you haven't already renewed, then go to our club website: <https://www.njsbmwr.org/Membership/application.html>. Fill the form out com-

pletely and then you will be directed to PayPal. Invite a friend to join to participate in FB and our other club activities/rides.

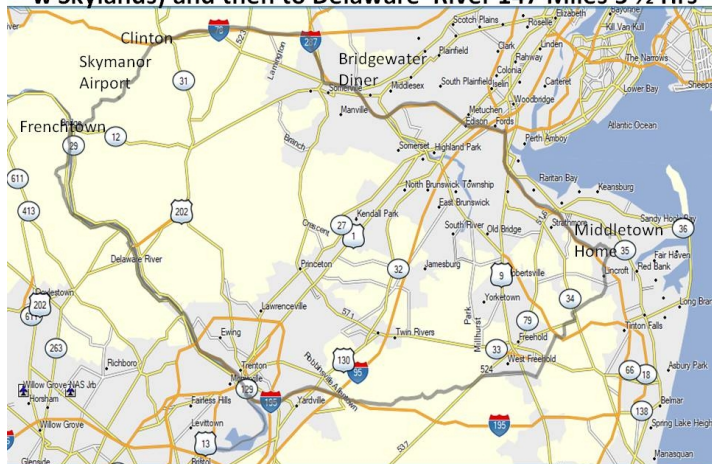
Good luck and get going....

## **March 3 Ride with Skylands Club**

*Also not Roger*

On March 3, members of NJSBMW and Skylands got together for a bit of a ride. After meeting up, the Skylands crew went north and our guys went south. Viz:

**March 3, 24 Club Ride to Bridgewater Diner (to meet w Skylands) and then to Delaware River 147 Miles 5 ½ Hrs**



## **Highly Classifieds**

**For sale, 1999 BMW K1200LT.** A great bike. 65,788 miles and counting. It's drivable now as it is, however it needs a fair bit of work. This is probably best for someone that's mechanically inclined or is willing to spend a bit. I was still riding it until very recently when I got another GS. In fact, I took it on a multi-state, two-week tour through the northeast this past October and it had no issues. I just don't have the time or funds to invest in it right now to bring it to where it needs to be.

The major repair it needs is a new clutch. It slips when accelerating hard, mostly when on the highway in a higher gear. This is a big job on the LT.

Contact **Jonathan** simplyabsurd@Gmail.com if you have any questions. I can also provide a Google sheet with my service history.

**For Sale: 2015 BMW GS** with about 22K miles. Serviced annually at Cross Country BMW. Looking for \$10K o.b.o. Call Elio Vecchiarelli at 914 573 9707.

The bike is in Sea Bright, NJ.



*Elio's 2015 BMW R1200GS*

**April 28, 2024**  
**Gathering of the Nortons**  
Brought To You By  
Delaware Valley Norton Riders



## ***Performance Garage Club***

**843 NJ Route 12  
Frenchtown, NJ**

Hot & Cold Drinks  
Available  
Tee Shirts  
Snacks

Admission Free  
Donations  
Appreciated  
50/50 Drawing  
@ Noon

Show Opens 10AM to 1PM  
Check website for updates: [DVNR.org](http://DVNR.org)  
Rain Date May 5, same time

*This is a great event and you should attend it.*

## **Club Breakfast March 16**

*Also not Roger*

On March 16, members of NJSBMW met for brekky at the Mug Rack in Jackson. Evidence here:



Don, Herb, Joe, Roger, Jim, Klaus, Dud, & Paul

What's your reason for not being in this photo?

**And Finally..**

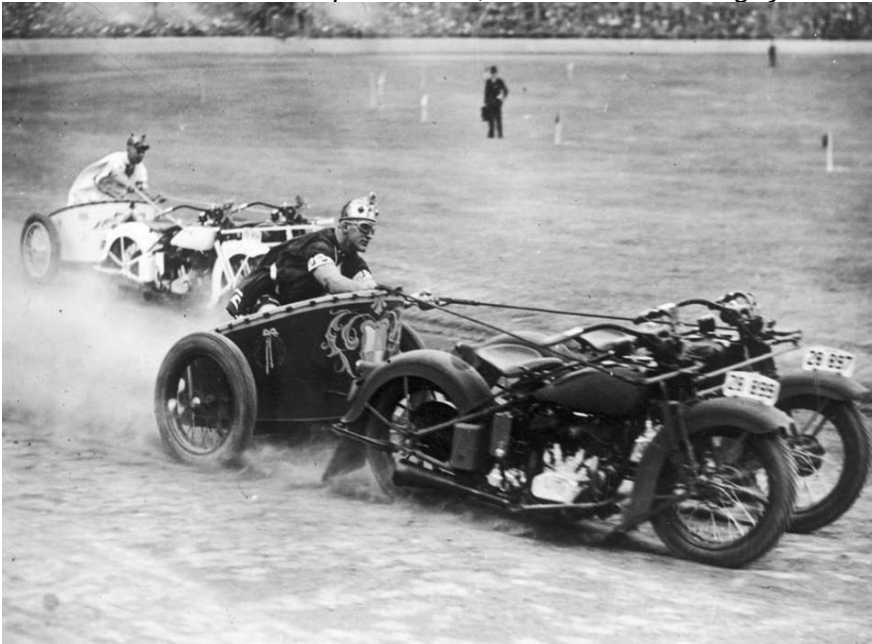


*The super-rare Honda CBX 12 cylinder*





*This is fantastic. The question is, is the owner the guy in the Aerostich, or the guy in the Kilimanjaro?*



*And while we're on the subject of too many wheels, here is a 6 wheeled vehicle.*

