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## The Newsletter of the Granite State BMW Riders

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## President's Desk

Okay, let's all think spring! There certainly seems to be enough melting snow and mud around to make me think that perhaps we might have an early spring. That would be nice but somehow I think that perhaps there is one more snow storm to get through. I am, however, very happy to see the huge snow piles at both ends of my driveway visibly shrinking every day. With all the snow I discovered that there are a couple of flaws in the design of the driveway area that I did last summer. Nothing catastrophic but I will need to spend a little bit more money on it.

Well, after quite a bit of back and forth, we finally have an updated website! It has a new look and is using a much more up to date application for ongoing editing of the site so it can be kept current. I took an introductory course at a local community college this fall to get familiar with the application and I am going to take on doing the webmastering so that we can discontinue paying someone to do the work (and I have a family member who can help when I get stuck). I'm hoping this will help in moving the club forward and keeping members informed of events and also let those in the larger world take a look at our club and join us in our love of riding.

The Expo at Max's in Portsmouth on February 11<sup>th</sup> was quite well attended in spite of the parade of snow storms that were in the area at the time. It was great to see so many people interested in BMWs and to have the chance to talk with many of them about our club and at times the MOA also. I got the opportunity to meet Joe Warner and to chat with him for a little while. Pleasant guy who is very enthusiastic about BMW motorcycles and the motorcycling world in general. We had good support from the club in getting the 'booth' we were given populated with at least 2 people throughout the day. I'm hoping that somewhere else in the newsletter there are at least a couple of pictures from the Expo.

Unfortunately, because we had those snow storms marching through the area the weekend Feb. 11 and 12 that meant that I was unable to get up to the Second Sunday Brunch on the 12<sup>th</sup> to be part of the group that presented Tim Scanlon (Sunset Grill prior owner) with our letter of thanks and Certificate of Appreciation for all the years that he has supported the club by letting us host our Second Sunday Brunch at his restaurant.

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I understand that quite a few members WERE able to get there and that the presentation of our thanks and gift had a lot of support and that Tim was genuinely surprised and grateful for the 'send-off'. I'm hoping that there are photos of this event too in this newsletter.

The next **Board meeting will be held on Saturday, March 18, 2017, at Noon.** The meeting will be held at **Chen Yang Li restaurant in Bow, NH.** Lunch will begin at noon and the meeting will follow thereafter. We will be finishing up the business of getting our Events Calendar populated so if there is an event or Destination ride that you would like to host please let someone on the Board know the particulars if you cannot be at the meeting. We will also be deciding on whether and how many club shirts to get done because we are out of them and people have started to ask for them. If you want one let one of the Board members know! And, as always, if you have an opinion or suggestion or just want to satisfy that motorcycle itch please come to the meeting. Board member email addresses are on our website. [www.gsbmwr.org](http://www.gsbmwr.org).

This month for our monthly Meet 'N' Eats we have:

**Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>** - Second Sunday Brunch at Sunset Grill in West Campton at 11:00 a.m.

Keep the shiny side shined up because it will be time to ride sooner than you know!

Louise

## Sunset Grill/Tim Scanlon Honored

Article content and pictures by Chuck Otto

One of the regular locations for the GSBMWR monthly meet-n-eats is the Sunset Grill in West Campton, NH. Owner/Proprietor Tim Scanlon has always been very generous to our club with facilitating these events and providing free coffee and tea to our participants. After about 25 years of running the Sunset Grill, Tim has recently sold his restaurant to Kelly Devine and her husband, who have graciously extended this same offer of hosting and providing coffee&tea to us. As a token of appreciation for his support through the years, GSBMWR members joined Tim at the restaurant in early February for a farewell & thank you party.

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GSBMWR directors, officers and members present Tim Scanlon (front,l) with a certificate of appreciation and a rousing send-off at the Sunset Grill. Director Chuck Otto (front,c) holds a letter signed by all the club officers. Tim has plans to take his restaurant vocation “on the road”, and we may be fortunate to enjoy some of his cooking during the riding season!



Members John Colony (left) and Jack Northrup (right) also joined in the festivities for Tim Scanlon.



Tim has been a great friend of the club for many years, and we all wish him the best!

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## Meet your GSBMWR friends!

To help introduce new members to our club, I thought it might be helpful to periodically include some pictures of members in our newsletter. This way, if you encounter a friendly face on a BMW this riding season, you may be able to put a name with it, say “hello”, or share a cup of coffee! These pictures were captured at the Winter Bash in January.



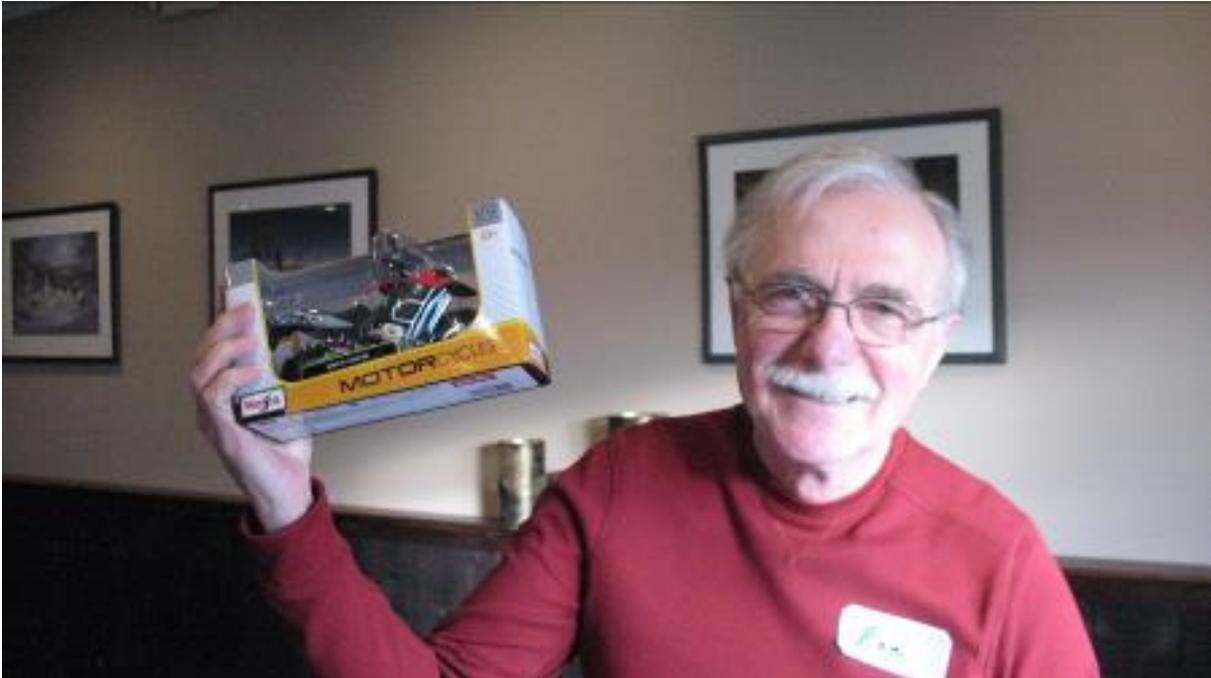
GSBMWR President and WebMaster Louise Bendix (left). A more dedicated and hard-working club president you will not find anywhere else!

Below (left-to-right) GSBMWR Treasurer Chris Benda, GSBMWR Director Harry Pendexter, and member John Monahan



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Director Ron Beckley won a shiny red R1200GS at the winter bash this year! Unfortunately, it is not the kind that can be serviced at MAX BMW:



GSBMWR Secretary Vince Chase (front,l) presided over the “rowdy table” at the Bash. I like the shirt, Vince!



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## Max BMW Expo

On February 11th, MAX BMW held a motorcycle expo with new bikes, vendors, tech sessions, food, and a table for our GSBMWR club. MAX BMW has been a strong supporter of BMW riders organizations throughout the New England region. Approximately 400 attendees joined the festivities, and had a great time!

Despite the arrival of snowstorms that weekend, the motorcycle expo went on as planned with a number of club members manning the table to talk motorcycles, and promote the comradery of our club.



Max Stratton meeting with customers at the Expo

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GSBMWR Vice President Jim Herrick is very happy to help, anytime!

The Granite State BMW Riders enjoyed the opportunity to participate in the expo at MAX BMW, talking about motorcycling and meeting prospective new club members. It definitely helps the chilly winter months go by faster!

The Granite Beemer must be a compelling read, even in black and white!



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# Thank You!

The Granite State BMW Riders would like to thank **Max Stratton** and his entire **MAX BMW** team for inviting us to participate in their BMW expo in February and their open houses. They provide fantastic support throughout the year, every year!

The club received several substantial gift cards to be used as door prizes at our mid-winter bash in January, courtesy of MAX BMW. Max has often invited us to participate in their activities at the North Hampton location. They also provide numerous prizes for our club raffles during our annual events.

### **MAX BMW Motorcycles USA**

**465 Federal Rd, Brookfield, CT 06804: 203-740-1270**

**1535 John Fitch Blvd, South Windsor, CT 06074: 860-372-4552**

**209 Lafayette Rd, North Hampton, NH 03862: 603-964-2877**

**845 Hoosick Rd, Brunswick, NY 12180: 518-279-3040**



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## Notes From Cyberspace

In case you hadn't noticed in the Sunset Grill/Tim Scanlon article, that is Muriel Farrington in the back row of the photo. Her 300,000 mile award write up and picture is in current (March 2017) BMW Owners News! Look for her to be adding more miles to her achievement on her GS this Spring! Congratulations, Muriel!

While you couldn't ride this on New Hampshire roads for most of the year, this is a truly unique custom BMW motorcycle build inspired by land speed streamliners and a shark:

<http://www.bikeexif.com/bmw-alpha-racing-motorcycle-concept>

Riders of a certain age may remember the British Hesketh motorcycle of the late 70s/early 80s that had considerable promise, and many problems getting into production.

Well, the marque is attempting a comeback, in a BIG way—how does 2100cc of supercharged V-twin sound to you?

<http://www.motorcyclenews.com/news/new-bikes/2017/february/hesketh-2100cc-valiant-supercharged-motorcycle/>

Lego Technik not only has released a very cool R1200GS kit for those who want a GS on their desk, they are also pushing the envelope of Lego Hoverbike technology:

<http://www.automobilemag.com/news/bmw-hover-ride-bmw-motorrad-lego-technik/>

As always, if you have newsletter feedback, article ideas or club-related information that you would like to share with the group, please contact the editor at :

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# GSBMWR Membership Form

Membership runs from 6/1 to 5/31. If you join after  
January 1<sup>st</sup>, membership does not expire until the following year.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ New Member \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

GSBMWR No. \_\_\_\_\_ Information/Address change: Yes  No

I want to join/renew for 1 year (\$20.00)  or 3 years (\$55.00)

Associate member for 1 year (\$10.00)  or 3 years (\$30.00)

Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Associate's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

BMWRA # \_\_\_\_\_ BMWMOA # \_\_\_\_\_ AMA# \_\_\_\_\_

Other Clubs: \_\_\_\_\_

Year/Model Bike(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want to be in the club directory? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**Mail completed form and check payable to GSBMWR to:**

**GSBMWR**

**PO Box 169**

**Winchester, NH 03470**

**For office use only:**

Amount Rec'd: \_\_\_\_\_ Entered in DB \_\_\_\_\_ Card/decal sent \_\_\_\_\_

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