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**BMW Motorrad Club**  
Granite State Riders



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The Newsletter of the Granite State BMW Riders

*An independent club based in New Hampshire for people who are interested in BMW motorcycles. You don't have to own a BMW or be a resident of New Hampshire to join us, but expect to be surrounded by people who own and enjoy BMW motorcycles !*

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## President's Desk

I hope everyone has a great New Years! Hard to believe that another year has gone by.

It's way too early for the winter weather to be as extreme in temperatures as it is right now. I'm thinking that it might actually be cold enough that Harry will trade his shorts for long pants. Naaaah!

It's time for YOU to sign up for our **ANNUAL WINTER BASH**. Yep, you. Send your reservation in to Harry before the 10<sup>th</sup>. The Bash is being held **Sunday, January 28, 2018, from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM** at the **Red Blazer in Concord**. Elsewhere in the newsletter there is further info and a registration form for the Bash. **REGISTRATION IS DUE TO HARRY PENDEXTER NO LATER THAN JANUARY 10, 2018**. We will be having a Yankee Swap which is always entertaining (keep to a \$10 to \$15 price range please). Mr. T is still missing!.... Hmmmmm. Come in out of the cold and join us for the Bash! (This is the weekend in between the regular NFL season/playoffs and Superbowl weekend so come and enjoy the good food and good company.)

This month our club has none of our regular monthly Meet and Eats. Stay tuned for when they start up again in a month or so.

Sorry this is so short but my brain is frozen.

Stay warm!

Louise

## 2018 Rally Countdown...

The 2018 GSBMWR rally at Purity Springs is only about 255 days away! More details will be coming in the newsletter —and you can also go to the club website for more information.

<http://gsbmwr.org/purity-springs-rally/>

Save the dates (September 14-16, 2018) !

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## Tales From the Roadside

I don't have much in the manner of new motorcycle stories to share at this time, but 2018 sure looks like a bumper-crop year for new models from manufacturers all over the world. It could be a fun year to shop for a new ride - and with the thermometer staying below 0F even at noon time, planning to check some of these out this year is a good indoor activity!

In the "everything old is new again" department, Royal Enfield, known for the past four decades as the maker of economical, retro-singles, is releasing a new modern, ABS equipped 650cc twin model, the Interceptor. in both standard and café racer formats. Riders of a certain age will recognize the brand and model from the 1960s, when the original Enfield Interceptor had significant competition potential with the British bikes, until both Kawasaki and Honda upset everyone's world.



1967 RE Interceptor, 750cc



2018 RE Interceptor, 650cc

<https://royalensfield.com/motorcycles/twins/interceptor>

Harley Davidson has spent significant effort lately in getting mid-sized, lower priced models out to the masses. They've also been revamping their big twin powerplants and frames. While not lightweight sportbikes, some of these are decidedly more "sporty" than they used to be:

<https://www.cycleworld.com/2018-harley-davidson-softail-heritage-classic-114-cruiser-motorcycle-review>

Honda's new GoldWing may be competitive with BMW's K1600GT:

<https://www.cycleworld.com/2018-honda-gl1800-gold-wing-tour-motorcycle-review>

There are many new and updated ADV-style models coming out in 2018 from BMW, Triumph, Honda, KTM, and others. In the small ADV bike department, SYM (from Taiwan) is also making a go of it in the sub-500cc class with 200cc and 300cc models:



<http://www.motorcyclenews.com/news/new-bikes/2017/december/sym-trazer-200-wolf-300/>

After allowing their ADV Stelvio model fall victim to Euro-4 emissions obsolescence, Moto Guzzi announced at EICMA that they are planning to get back in the game with an all new V-Twin powerplant-though we won't see it on showroom floors in 2018.

<http://www.motorcyclenews.com/news/new-bikes/2017/november/moto-guzzi-v85-concept/>

Yamaha has not been idle in the big ADV bike segment either, though the anticipated new Tenere 700 is more likely to be a 2019 model:

<http://www.motorcyclenews.com/news/new-bikes/2017/november/yamaha-super-tenere/>

# GSBMW Annual Bash

(Rain, Snow, Sleet, or Shine)

When: **Sunday, January 28, 2018**

Where: **The Red Blazer in Concord, NH**, 72 Manchester Street,  
Concord, NH at Exit 13 on Rte. 93

Directions: <http://www.theredblazer.com/directions.php>

Time: **1:00 to 5:00 PM in the Blazer Room**

Cost: **\$20.00 per person. What a bargain! Cash Bar**

The Annual Bash is when we greet, and say “hello,” to our newly elected officers and board members. Also, it’s the time where we get together to talk about our riding season and speculate about what to do in the next riding season.

Whatever the reason, come and join us! We’ll have great food, friends, acquaintances, and even the usual **Yankee Swap** that so many of us enjoy. Yes, the **Yankee Swap** sure does make for some laughs. So find a gift. A silly gift is good and so is something motorcycle related from one of our advertisers, as is a bottled beverage. Use your imagination. How much should you spend for a gift? \$10 to \$15 is a good guide.

**DETAILS:** Food will be a Buffet consisting of: Appetizers, entrees, side dishes, dessert. Bring a guest if you like!

## Registration Info

Member name: \_\_\_\_\_  
\$20.00

Guest name: \_\_\_\_\_  
\$20.00

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

To register mail a check made out to GSBMW to:  
**Harry Pendexter**  
**PO Box 557**  
**Center Conway, NH 03813**

**Write “BASH” on the check memo.**  
**Register no later than January 10, 2017.**

Or you can send Harry an email at [harryp@roadrunner.com](mailto:harryp@roadrunner.com)

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## Notes From Cyberspace

Looking for a review on the new-for-2018 BMW F750GS and F850GS?  
<https://www.topspeed.com/motorcycles/motorcycle-reviews/bmw/2018-bmw-f-750-gs-f-850-gs-ar178277.html>

There \*may\* be some deals to be had on in-stock 2017 models before these arrive.

As we have some time before touring season begins again, it might be time to take stock of your touring kit and replace any depleted, worn out, or no longer sticky-where-it-should-be touring supplies. This link might provide some useful hints/tips:

<http://www.motorcycle.com/top10/top-10-tools-to-take-touring.html>

Looking for more news and updates on new 2018 motorcycles from around the world? This website has a pretty good compilation:

<http://www.visordown.com/news/new-bikes>

**Don't forget to make your reservations for the annual winter bash coming up later this month! See the registration form in this newsletter for information!**

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/decals sent \_\_\_\_\_

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