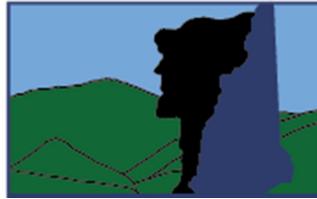


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The Newsletter of the Granite State BMW Riders

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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Welcome everyone to another trip around the sun in 2019!

As you may recall from last month's newsletter, we have some changes in our club's board members — the new roster is as follows:

Vince Chase – President / Secretary (a busy guy, for certain!)

Jim Herrick - Vice-President

Chris Benda - Treasurer

Harry Pendexter - Director

Chuck Otto - Director

Louise Bendix - Director

We have made plans for our annual **Winter Bash**. It will be held at the Red Blazer in Concord. It is on **Sunday, January 27, 2019, from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM**. There is a new price for the Bash – it is now \$15.00 per person – which is a reduction in the price. Harry Pendexter is our Host and your Registration should be sent to him. Elsewhere in the newsletter there is further info and a registration form for the Bash. We will be having a Yankee Swap which is always entertaining (keep to about a \$10 to \$15 price range, please). Ideas for the Yankee Swap can include motorcycle related items, beverages, T-shirts, funny stuff, even maple syrup! Come inside, out of the cold, congratulate our board members and join us for the Bash! This is the weekend in between the regular NFL season/playoffs and Superbowl weekend so there is every reason to come and enjoy the good food and good company.

In local motorcycle news, NH Motor Speedway in Loudon, NH is building a dirt flat track and is planning races for the 2019 season. At this time there are races scheduled for June 15, but there may be other dates added. Check the web-links in the Cyberspace section for updates.

January still has one of our regular monthly Meet and Eats on the calendar:

Sunday, January 13th - Second Sunday Brunch at Sunset Grill in West Campton at 11:00 a.m.

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Tales From the Roadside

As you may guess, I am actually lacking for content this month. So by all means, please feel welcome to help a brother out and send me articles, jokes, tips, pictures, etc. that you think would be good to share with the rest of our happy gang!

I found a nice ride review of the new 2019 F850GS and F750GS here—I am still waffling over ADV bikes these days, but it is fun to shop!

<https://www.revzilla.com/common-tread/2019-bmw-f-850-gs-first-ride-motorcycle-review>

BMW announced that they were ending the publication of their BMW Motorcycle Magazine, which I observed did tend to be one of those very slow movers in the local Barnes & Noble. But, there are so many other websites and magazines that provide independent ride reviews, model comparisons, and travel features, I am kind of surprised that BMW Motorrad stuck with it for the length of time that they did. I think that many of the big motorcycle manufacturers are struggling to discover the Next Big Market Thing, as more of the wealthy, riding-centric enthusiasts are aging out, and the millennial crowd just doesn't seem to be as interested in filling the ranks to keep overall sales growth in the "good-to-great" zone anymore. ADV bikes are still at, or near peak sales it seems, but even Harley-Davidson is relearning the problems associated with putting all ones' eggs into a particular basket and trying to come (late) to the ADV party.

Some companies are growing tremendously however, in India and Asia. Brands like Royal Enfield, Loncin, and Zongshen are all doing really well in their part of the world, selling well over half a million bikes this past year. Loncin is also doing well as the manufacturer of the engines in the BMW F850GS and F750GS models. Zongshen has established a foothold in California and is distributing several of its models in North America under the distributorship, "CSC Motorcycles". Not much for a dealer network, but for under \$5G, or even \$4G, you can have a prepped & crated bike delivered to your door—just put the handlebars on and add fluids and go! These bikes may not be BMWs, but they may not be low in quality either. And they are all smaller, simpler, easy to maintain machines. Things are going so well for motorcycle sales in India, that even Jawa—another old marque that is seldom mentioned anymore—has been resurrected and will be selling several models in the < 400cc range over there in 2019.

Maybe the marketing of smaller, simpler, more affordable bikes popular in Asia & India in the North American market will appeal more to the younger crowd, They do seem to be more casual in their cycling interest, cash-strapped, and in need of budget transportation with good fuel economy. Combine this with a “mail-order” type of distribution and support network to keep markups low—the younger crowd is perfectly comfortable with shopping and buying expensive stuff online... maybe it will work like it has done for Amazon and others, like Sears—before they started building lots of huge brick and mortar stores. Using non-unionized labor in Asia also keeps costs down, otherwise all those i-gadgets would retail for nearly 2X what they presently do.

A number of my friends have also been “down-sizing” to lighter, simpler bikes as they are entering their 6th, 7th, or 8th decades and still want to ride something they can easily manage in a parking lot or garage. I do not know for certain, but I think that those companies may be onto something as long as they can keep quality, service, and availability moving in the right direction! BMW made a smart decision to come out with the G310GS and G310R when they did, but personally I think they need to bring back the G650GS or maybe a G500 GS to fit between the 310 and the F750GS models. Hmmm.



GSBMWR Annual Bash

(Rain, Snow, Sleet, or Shine)

When: **Sunday, January 27, 2019**

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: **\$15.00 per person. On sale for Limited Time. 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 all 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. 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, and **Chocolate Mousse** for dessert.

. Bring a guest if you like (spouse, SO, or a friend)

Member name: _____
\$15.00

Guest name: _____
\$15.00

Total \$ _____

To register, mail a check made out to GSBMWR to:

Harry Pendexter
PO Box 557
Center Conway, NH 03813

Write “BASH” on the check memo.

Register no later than **January 18, 2019! Do it before you wait too long!**

Or you can send Harry an email at harryp@roadrunner.com

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Notes From Cyberspace

Retro is coming back bigger than ever, and it even includes Jawa in 2019:

<https://auto.ndtv.com/news/upcoming-bikes-of-2019-top-modern-classic-bikes-1970475>

This year promises to offer some “new” old-school dirt flat track cycle racing in Loudon, NH. Check the links for event schedule and ticket info:

<https://www.nhms.com/about/headlines/american-flat-track-comes-nhms-new-facility-opens-spring-2019.html>

On June 15 !

<http://www.americanflattrack.com/events>

Totally custom 1800cc Boxer exercise:

<http://www.bikeexif.com/yokohama-hot-rod-custom-show-2018>



If you have information that you would like to share with the group, please contact the editor at : mafugere@tds.net

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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)

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Year/Model Bike(s): _____

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

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