



March, 2016

John Humphrey

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The 50th Anniversary Rally

30 members attended the meeting at Peter's Place. It was a rather cold day with some snow flurries, but congratulations to the 3 riders who braved the elements.

Sean Barrett presented his trip to Barber Motorsports in Birmingham, Alabama. This is a huge racetrack facility and museum and after hearing Sean's presentation, I'm planning a trip there this year. The interesting story about the birth of the museum is here: <http://www.barbermuseum.org/the-museum/barber-story/>.

I ask all members to consider talking at a meeting about a long ride, motorcycle maintenance, a new motorcycle that you bought or rode, or new accessories or clothing. Photos would be preferred, but not necessary. Contact me if you have an idea for a presentation.

The club subsidized over \$1,200 for the very nice 50th Anniversary member's banquet. The moment the banquet was over, we switched to more detailed planning for the 50th Anniversary Rally. Diane and I are co-chairs for this significant annual rally in New Bethlehem, August 19, 20, 21. We'll need your help. We expect over 300 for the 2016 rally. We will advertise in the MOA ON magazine and have several Press Releases from Glenn Kidd. Field events are back this year, hopefully in front of the grandstands. Thanks to Linda Loesch, we are getting help from local Boy Scouts Troop 403. We have selected Rub N Tug

BBQ as the caterer for the Saturday Banquet. Red Bank is installing new showers and the bathrooms will be upgraded. The Rally fee is planned to be just \$40 for pre-registration. It will be \$50 at the gate. We are giving away a free 15 oz. commemorative ceramic coffee mug for the first 250 registrations.

The newsletter has been replaced by a more timely email system. The Presidents Corner and meeting minutes will serve as the historical record of the club's activities at our website "Newsletters". Member's articles (like Ralph's North Breakfast ride and photos) will be posted to the forum and an email link will direct members to the latest stories or wide interest. Most emails will contain a number of links to various stories and events. We will be adding Club News to the Home Page of the website. Mary & John Hetzel have done a terrific job of replacing the newsletter, as part of the Corresponding Secretary duties.

We have put a lot of work into the web site over the years. More and more information is available on the 4windsbmw.org web site for upcoming club meetings, online store, member's forum and a lot more. The web site and calendar have the latest news and information. If you have questions about email notices, the members forum or the website, please contact any club officer or me. The new enhanced email notice is our only means of communication.



FOUR WINDS BMW RIDERS March 19, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

Location: Peters Place, Bridgeville, PA

Board in Attendance: John & Marge Humphrey, Glenn Kidd, John & Mary Hetzel, Tim & Diane Pears, Advisors Mark & Linda Loesch

The meeting was called to order by President John Humphrey at 12:40 p.m. with 30 people present.

Barber Motorsports Museum & Track Presentation: Sean Barret's pictures and description of twice attending the famous Vintage Festival at this world-class venue, officially home to the world's largest motorcycle collection, whetted appetites in the audience for a trip to Birmingham, AL. Not only has Sean ridden the Barber racetrack, he got up-close to the vintage racers with a pit-pass and described the gymnastics of the sidecar "monkeys".
<http://www.barbermuseum.org/>

Members are encouraged to tell about a project, trip, farkles, riding/camping gear, or anything interesting – even show a good video at meetings. Suggestions for guest presenters welcome.

Treasurer's report: Marge Humphrey stated the club spent \$1,260 on the banquet as a gift to the membership. This was over and above what attendees paid for tickets. The old A/V screen wore out and a new one was purchased for \$140, which will not be subject to winters in the trailer at Redbank. It will be used for events during the year and carefully stored. There are currently 81 members. 50th Anniversary mugs were bought and 250 will be given as rally gifts. The club needs at least 10K to make the rally happen each year. All of it goes out, and hopefully, it will be replenished. We need to reserve a margin to carry us through bad or rain-out years. Money is spent throughout the year for food and rentals at multiple picnic/house meetings as well as on the website.

Lance Hough report: Our friend and a past 4W Prez was visited in the hospital after major surgery by John and Mary Hetzel. She signed his pillow with a 4Winds logo – thanks to everyone who has supported him during this time.

“Newsletter” Stories & Communication: Members can post their stories, ride reports, etc. on the website Forum. Some photos can be included there. (More photos of any kind can be easily put on Smug Mug by contacting Diane.) Links to your story-post can be put on the Homepage or sent out in a Mail Chimp email. Monthly “President’s Corner” articles and Meeting Minutes will be posted each month on the Newsletter website page as an ongoing club archive. Our original website developer is retiring and we will be transitioning to a new person who is taking on some of his clients.

Calendar Events: Joann Barr and Hetzels will coordinate together and asked members to submit anything that is happening of interest.

Our 50th Rally 2016: Detailed planning is underway by the board and rally co-chairs John Humphrey and Diane Pears to make this a special one. Looking forward to **new and improved BBQ!** Advertising, pre-registration, bike show, return of field games, s’mores and more!

MOA National Rally July 14 – 17: Club members are encouraged to attend since it’s very close in Hamburg, NY. We’re hoping to have a reserved club camping area. Don’t delay if you’re looking for off-site accommodations. Getting on waiting lists often proves worthwhile. Many members are already committed to going, so there will be no official 4 Winds meeting this July.

50/50 Drawing: Won by Tim Pears.

Next Meeting: The Fox and Hound, Northway Plaza

-- Submitted by Tim Pears