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John Humphrey

## ***PRESIDENT'S CORNER***

### **The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rally**

After the open house at European Motorcycles, 32 members attended the meeting at Walnut Grill. It was a cool, rainy day, but congratulations to Leo, who rode.

Joe Martin and Ted Guthrie had an interesting presentation of the BSA rally in Toronto, OH, just north of Steubenville. I particularly enjoyed the trials photos of the kids.

We have had some good presentations and I would like to remind all members to consider talking at a meeting. I could be about a long ride, motorcycle maintenance, a new motorcycle or new accessories. Photos would be preferred, but not necessary. Contact Diane or me if you would like to volunteer.

Speaking of volunteers, the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary rally will be a big one and we will need all the help we can get. Ride leaders and followers are especially important. We expect an increase from about 225 to well over 300 for the 2016 rally. A special planning meeting for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rally was held at my house a week ago. We are advertising

in the MOA magazine and on-line. We have several Press Releases from Glenn Kidd that will be published. 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. Rub N Tug BBQ is the vendor 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 Home Run for Motorcycle Safety sponsored a ride from the GetGo in Shaler to PNC Park last Sunday. Two Pittsburgh Police motorcycles escorted us riding Harleys, but my buddies (the police riders) were cool guys 😊. It was a group of about 25 mostly BMW and Harley riders and it was very interesting to be moving in this large group on



Route 8 and Rt 22 traffic escorted by police motorcycles with their flashers and sometimes sirens. They even blocked intersections. I've never been on a group ride like this. We got there dry, but the game was rained out after an inning. Marge and I rode home in the rain. ☹️



## **FOUR WINDS BMW RIDERS MAY 21, 2016 MEETING MINUTES**

**Location:** Walnut Grill, Wexford

**Board in Attendance:** Marge & John Humphrey, Glenn Kidd, John & Mary Hetzel, Tim & Diane Pears, Joann Barr, Jeff Harlich

President John Humphrey called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m. with 32 people present. The rain didn't deter Leo from riding and many attended Lee Marks' 15<sup>th</sup> open house at European Motorcycles before hand, which is why the meeting time was changed.

**Ohio Valley BSA Owners Club Events:** Our member Joe Martin and friend Ted Guthrie gave an enthusiastic presentation with photos about their BSA club's two main events, a Spring Classic in early June and their Rally in early August. They have vintage, modern and youth categories of observed trials riding competition in wooded trails on a unique natural terrain course at the private 250 acre Cable's Creek campground in Toronto, OH. Other features are a Reliability Run, guided themed on-road rides, swap meet, and food, and casual music jam sessions. Their club restores a bike to raffle every year which provides their operating funds. Many dedicated volunteers work year round to make it all happen. <http://www.ohiovalleybsaownersclub.com/Site/>

*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:** Given by Marge Humphrey – 85 members now

**Our 50th Rally Aug. 19 - 21:** Two well-known feature presenters have committed: Author Jack Riepe and MOA Director, adventure world traveler and bike restorer Bill Hookyaas. Craig Immel will do a tech session. Ads have been placed in the June and July issues of the MOA ON magazine and in the MOA rally program. Music options discussed.

Pre-registration is \$40, at the gate price will be \$50. June meeting will be a good chance to come prepared to pay with cash or check to pre-register and buy your choice of pre-order only shirt styles (info coming). This saves us Pay Pal fees and saves you a stamp. There will be no July mtg.

Many volunteers are needed. Especially at registration, ride leaders and sweepers.

**Pirate's Game Ride Tomorrow:** <http://m.mlb.com/pirates/tickets/info/motorcycle-safety>. Ride meets approx. 9:30 am at Get Go in Shaler on Rt. 8, proceeding to parking on Federal St. Lunch planned at Jerome Bettis' Grille 36 before the game.

**Knoxville's ROK Rally May 26 – 29:** Some of our people are heading down to this Eastern TN rally. <http://www.bmwrok.org/events--rides.html>

**BSA Spring Classic June 4 – 5:** Toronto, OH

<http://www.ohiovalleybsaownersclub.com/Site/forum2/events/348-spring-rally-june-4-5>

**BMW MOC Club Micro Rally June 10 – 12:** Don Poremski, of dual-club citizenship, made the trek down from Cleveland to invite everyone to the Cleveland club's new event location which is 68 miles from Pgh. Rides, Food, and Fun guaranteed! <http://www.bmwroc.org/>

**Laurel Highlands Rally June 10 – 12:** Their 14th Annual BMW Riders Campout at Pioneer Park, Somerset, Pa. <http://www.lhbmwr.com/services.html>

**X-Plor Int. Off Road Adventure Training at Our Rally:** Alain Kaldewaay with X-Plor Int. <http://www.xplor-int.com/Pages/default.aspx> will be offering a 1-day off-road beginner training class at our rally again either Fri. or Sat. Space is limited. Pre-register for the 4 Winds event on his site at <http://www.xplor-int.com/Pages/default.aspx>

**Welcome Guest:** Dr. Bruce Connay

**50/50 Drawing:** Won by John Hetzel

**Next Meeting:** North Park Lounge, Murrysville <http://www.northparklounge.com/murrysville/>  
Come prepared to pre-pay for rally registration and T shirt options  
Very short meeting, eat quick and ride to a point of interest and dessert.

-- Submitted by Tim Pears, Recording Secretary