



October 2016

John Humphrey

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Here are the voted-in Club Officers for 2017:

John Humphrey - President

Jay Singh - Vice-President

Marge Humphrey - Treasurer

John & Mary Hetzel - Corresponding Secretary

Glenn Kidd - Recording Secretary

Vince Giannetti will join Jeff Harlich as elected board officers

Diane Pears will continue as webmaster with Joann Barr

We have 13 New members since the rally. Total Membership is now 102 due to increased marketing materials. The latest marketing item is the new club reflective sticker (similar to the old ones) are going to be available soon. One new sticker will be given to each paid member, for free.

New surveys will occasionally be part of Club News emails. The survey requires a separate email for each person who wants to vote.

We are putting the Breakfast Rides back on the calendar with a disclaimer to first check the forum to see if anyone is going.

More local group rides and national events will be posted on calendar.

The meeting at Breakneck Tavern in Mars had 34 in attendance. It was a good private room with a large TV. Leo Stanton won the 50/50 drawing. Mary Hetzel presented on 2 up riding from the passenger's perspective. It's a reminder that the passenger and driver both are responsible for a good ride.

Annual Banquet Chairperson is Mary Hetzel. The Banquet date is Saturday, Feb 18, 2016. Chadwick Banquet Hall, Wexford, the same place as last year.

Finding volunteers to commit time, effort and enthusiasm is increasingly difficult. Typical reasons include: still working, other obligations and "been there - done that". That applies to the officers and board, as well. We now have over 100 paid members and many new and younger members in the club. I'm looking to them to help out and get involved and help the club keep going strong. Thanks to the current and recent volunteers who joined the officers and board.

The "President's Ride" is Oct 23rd. The Fall season is the best time to ride. The cooler weather and the fall colors are inviting us to get out and ride. We will leave at 10AM from King's on Rt 8 in Gibsonia to Seven Springs for lunch at the Sporting Clays Grill. Check the Forum for more details and menu.



**Four Winds BMW Riders
Oct. 15, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

Location: Breakneck Tavern, Mars, PA
Board in Attendance: John Humphrey, Tim & Diane Pears, Glenn Kidd, Joann Barr, John & Mary Hetzel

The meeting was called to order by President John Humphrey at 12:30 pm. Beautiful weather brought out 34 people, many of whom enjoyed riding off in various directions together after the meeting. Breakneck has good parking and a nice private room with a large TV that no one had ever hooked up to before. Prez John's A/V wizardry and bag of tricks got everything wired and working like the pro that he is!

Board Nominations & Election: No offices were contested. Diane and Tim Pears are "retiring" as VP and Recording Sec. After nominations at the Sept. meeting followed by the usual phone calls and begging, then seeking volunteers again at the Oct. meeting -- This is the 2017 Board that was voted in at this meeting:

President:	John Humphrey
Vice President:	Jay Singh
Treasurer:	Marge Humphrey
Corresponding Secretary:	Team Hetzel (John & Mary)
Recording Secretary:	Glenn Kidd

Director at Large:	Vince Giannetti
Director at Large:	Jeff Harlich
Webmasters:	Joann Barr and Diane Pears

501c Non Profit Status: Jeff Harlich investigated our status to save Pay Pal fees. We do not qualify.

Total Membership: Marketing efforts have resulted in 13 new members since July. Total of 102 members as of Sept. 17th. Retention and incorporating the new people should be a focus.

Reflective Stickers: After much effort by Prez. John, a manufacturer has finally been found. 200 similar to the old ones have been ordered for \$4 ea. plus \$80 set up fee. A free sticker will be given to all new members and any current member who needs one.

Banquet 2017: Is going to be the 3rd Sat. of February again – Feb. 18th at The Chadwick in Wexford – same place as last year. Mary Hetzel is Banquet Chair. Asked group for feedback about last year's banquet and food choices.

Recent Survey Results: Were shown on screen and discussed.

- Our First Survey Monkey Attempt – revealed only one vote allowed per email. Different email addresses must be submitted to the club for additional members residing in same household to be able to vote.
- Breakfast Rides – put all back on web calendars with disclaimer to check Forum to see if anyone is going
- Meeting Locations -- will continue to rotate to all 4 directions from the city and re-use favorite places
- Rally – strongly supported -- will continue along the same line, but smaller and simplified. Need to inform guests not to expect the same as this year.
- Smaller Club Campout – held in different location -- support for this as well. Maybe have another weekend get-a-way during the year

Lunch Ride Variation: Suggestion from Bruce Conway as an alternative to the habitual Breakfasts -- meet somewhere in the morning but not eat breakfast. Depart for a ride destination and eat lunch somewhere else along the way for variety and more interest. This led to talk of more rides and a possible Road Captain or Activities

Director. Anyone can suggest or plan a place to ride like Vince, Ed, John, and others do. Post on Forum and we will announce it.

Vince's Italian Dinner Ride to Foxburg: Great turnout of 20+ folks at LaCassa Narcissi last Sunday, Oct. 9th and a good Fall ride after. Thanks Vince!

Seven Springs Fall Ride Next Sun. Oct. 23: John Humphrey organizing a ride to eat lunch at Sporting Clays Grill. See website and Forum for details. Group will be split if turnout is large.

Group Rides: Need pre-ride instructions and safety reminders. Put guidelines on website. Possibly show video at a meeting.

Mary Hetzel 2-Up Riding Presentation: Photos she took and wise words on both the passenger and driver's responsibilities and perspectives. Teamwork and consideration = safe, enjoyable rides.

Daniel's Law: Ed Syphan's friend Doug Sallmen related the story about his good friend, Daniel Gallatin, a father, grandfather, military veteran, and fireman of nearly 40 years from New Castle. Daniel was pulling into his daughter's driveway on his motorcycle. Tragically, a woman who was texting drove over and killed him, right in front of his daughter's house. The woman admitted to texting and was charged with, and pleaded guilty to, involuntary manslaughter, reckless driving, and texting while driving. She only spent 6 months in prison and 6 months on house arrest with work release. She was also fined \$800. During the sentencing, the judge in the case was quoted as saying, "*changes need to be made in the severity of the laws governing cell phone use while driving.*" This is how House Bill 853 came about. See Hetzel's Forum post for more details and link to how YOU can HELP now. <http://www.4windsbmw.org/forum/general-chit-chat/434-daniel-s-law-pa-house-bill-853>

Guest: Doug Sallmen, co-worker of Ed Syphan

50/50 Winner: Leo Stanton

November Meeting: Sciullis Bar and Grille

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Submitted by Recording Secretary,
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