



April 2017



John Humphrey

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We had a good turnout of 29 club members at Breakneck Tavern to enjoy a nice day and lunch. Glenn Kidd won the 50/50 drawing. **We all enjoyed Bob Mihalics' tour video of his ride through the Alps with some pretty amazing roads.** I learned a lot about the euro riders, respect from cars and the wild and crazy mountain roads in the Alps.

The annual rally is just 4 months away. Due to the difficulty in finding volunteers to commit time, effort and enthusiasm the annual regular rally will be reduced somewhat. Other cost and effort reductions are being considered, as well. I'm disappointed in the number of volunteers stepping up early, to take responsibility for parts of the rally effort. We always seem to have members show up at the rally to help pull it off at the last minute. However, we need a team in place well before the rally because it requires pre-planning and organization. I'm looking to our club members to get involved and keep the club and the rally going strong. The rally and T-Shirts provide over half of our club's annual income allowing us to give back to the members.

John Hetzel has added a lot of events to the club calendar. Check it out for upcoming events and meetings. Jay has scheduled a couple of state park meetings and rides in June and July. Everyone enjoys an interesting ride you took or many other topics. If you'd like to make a meeting presentation, contact Jay Singh or me.

A slow speed motorcycle skills course is being offered by ProRider. Police motor officer, BJ McMullan made a presentation at a club meeting last year offering a class to club members. I'm taking the course, as slow speed maneuvering on a tall bike can be very difficult, especially two-up. Ken Kucel is the club contact. Payment details to follow soon.

As usual, the website and forum provides all the latest information and meeting locations that you need to stay up to date. Thanks to John and Mary Hetzel, Diane Pears and Joann Barr for all their "behind the scenes" work keeping our club website valuable to all the members.



Four Winds BMW Riders April 15, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Location: Breakneck Tavern, Mars, PA

Board in Attendance: John & Marge Humphrey, John & Mary Hetzel, Diane Pears, Vince Giannetti, Joann Barr, Glenn Kidd

The meeting was called to order by President John Humphrey at 12:15 pm with more than 30 people in attendance.

Special Video Presentation: Bob Mihalics let his GoPro video do all the talking about his European Edelweiss Road Tour last September. Thank you, Bob! Great Video. You're in the running for this year's Oscar!

4 Winds 2017 Rally: John reported the Rally was in serious jeopardy if a Rally Chairman did not step forward to Volunteer. The core group of organizers of last year's big 50th Rally is still physically and mentally exhausted. Realizing the recent poll of the membership still supported the continuation of the Rally; John explained that the Board had had long discussions about how to have a Rally if a Chairman could not be found. The discussion even reviewed whether the club could survive without the income we usually earned from the rally. In the process, the Board took several votes to resolve the situation.

It was generally decided that we will proceed with a significantly reduced rally. We have been using the term: "Rally-Lite" to describe the event. The reduced rally will eliminate several aspects of the past that had increased the workload of previous rally organizers.

Significant changes, as proposed, are as follows:

- 1) The actual rally will be reduced to one day, Saturday August 19th. Early arrivals will be allowed to camp on the grounds Thursday and Friday nights. As a result, there will be no Day Pass.
- 2) The rally will not be offering Big Name speakers and plentiful door prizes. Only a Grand Door Prize will be offered.
- 3) Rally Pins will not be part of the rally package but a limited number of Rally Pins will be produced for sale at the rally.
- 4) Diane Pears has agreed to again produce a Rally Tee-shirt, but to a much more limited standard, with a much smaller variety of choices.

5) We are seriously considering alternatives to the Saturday Night Banquet, which might include **a)** no banquet, **b)** just a dinner ride or **c)** inviting a Food Truck to arrive on Saturday evening to sell dinners.

6) No rally promotional postcards will be produced or mailed. Guest e-mail addresses have been collected the last few years. Email notification will be used. For those with no email address on record, simple postcards will be home-made and sent.

What will continue with the "Rally-Lite:

1) We will still have the Redbank Valley Municipal Park and all the great roads of west-central PA to offer

2) The Fire Department will still man the food concession

3) There will be field events.

4) There will be a bike show.

5) There will be group rides.

6) The Boy Scouts will again assist with security etc.

7) There will be the Port-A-Potty rentals.

8) There will be Coffee and (Maybe Donuts) on Sunday Morning

With all the "Lite" adjustments, we should be able to lower the Rally fee. How much is still to be determined.

The real key to going forward is we need a new set of volunteers to relieve last year's workers who are still recovering from the 50th Rally.

50/50 Winner: Glenn Kidd

Calendar

May Meeting: Harmony Inn, Harmony, PA

June Meeting: Moraine State Park, Pavilion #3, on Windy Knob Loop

June 25th: Motorcycle Skills Training Course

July Meeting: TBA a Ride to Yellow Creek Park

July 6-8: BMWRA National Rally, Petoskey, Michigan

July 13-16: BMWMOA International Rally, Salt Lake City, Utah

August 19: 4 Winds Rally-Lite

Submitted by Recording Secretary,
Glenn Kidd