



June 2017

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



John Humphrey

We had a very good turnout of 24 current, former and new club members at Moraine State Park. It was a wonderful, sunny day for a nice ride. For me, my route included SR-528 from Evans City, which is one of the best roads around. It's shaded, twisty, with few cars and good pavement. The club-sponsored cook-out featured hamburgers and hot dogs with all the fixin's. Thanks to Marge for all her work buying and delivering the food to the Windy Knob Loop. Joyce and Donna helping organize the lunch. Thanks to Jack Bramkamp for being our hamburger chef.

The annual rally is just 2 months away. The annual rally T-Shirt theme will be "Back to Basics". It will be more like the 49th rally, not the 50th rally. I'm pleased that Vince Giannetti and Tom Furey have stepped up to take responsibility for organizing the rally effort. Although we always have members show up at the rally to help at the last minute, volunteering in advance helps things go smoothly. Contact Vince or Tom to volunteer. The rally and T-Shirts provides over half of our club's annual income. This allows us to give back to the members with the Banquet and these summer cookouts.



Jay Singh has scheduled two State Park meetings and rides this year. There are only a couple of months a year that we can do this. Judging from the Moraine State Park lunch meeting, it looks like it's a good idea. Having the meeting at a State Park shelter house was

mellow and allowed us to stay and talk until almost 3:00. The next meeting is at Yellow Creek State Park near Indiana, PA. I'm planning an interesting ride route to the State Park. I hope to see all of you at the next summer meeting.

Next week, 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 this 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.

As usual, the website and forum provides all the latest information and meeting locations. The RA and MOA rallies and the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix are all coming up in July. 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. Suggestions that make the website work for you are always welcome.



Four Winds BMW Riders June 17, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Location: Moraine State Park, Portersville, PA
Board in Attendance: John & Marge Humphrey, Vince Giannetti, Jay Singh, Glenn Kidd

The meeting was called to order by President John Humphrey at 1:15 pm with approx.. 25 people in attendance. Marge Humphrey out performed her Treasurer's function by hauling all the table cloths, hamburgers and cold drinks to the meeting. We saw Jack Bramkamp attending to the cooking. Joyce and Donna helped with organizing the food. Thanks to everyone who brought a side dish.

Future Meeting Sites John opened the meeting saying he initially feared a lower turnout for this Moraine Park meeting location, but was gratified by the continuing arrivals as noon time approached. The Board had discussed how far from the Pittsburgh metro area future meetings should be. One prevailing thought was BMW riders welcomed destinations that required some riding. However, there was equal appreciation, that busy people were also

pressed to accomplish more than one activity on a Saturday. All these factors continue to be considered as we plan future meeting locations.

Vice President Jay Singh, described the July meeting site near Indiana PA. Yellow Creek State Park is off of PA 259 in Pen Run, Pa, where we have reserved the Woodland Pavilion. More details including directions will be on the Website.

New, Old Members welcomed back The president recognized two newly registered members back to the club. Both **Chuck Meyer** and **Joe Burns** were active members in the past and have now found their way back. Welcome! Glad to see ya again!

Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix Member Ted Sohler rose to propose a robust attendance of 4 Wind Riders at the bike and car show of the Vintage GP held this year on July 15 & 16th. As in the past, the organizers are trying to encourage a greater attendance of motorcycles at this well-known auto event organized to support the Autism Society of Pittsburgh. The \$10 admission fee to display your motorcycle goes entirely to the Charity. Ted advised this year is the event's 35th year and will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Chevrolet Camaro. Other motorcycle organizations that are planning to participate are the BSA Club of Eastern Ohio, the Moto Guzzi club of Pgh and the local Scooter club.

National BMW Rallies We reviewed the upcoming national BMW rallies, with the RA rally being the closest in upper (lower) Michigan, just south and west of the Mackinac Bridge. Several members are getting serious about attending the July 6-8 event. Contact **Dennis Mickanin** if interested. However, the MOA rally out in Salt Lake City, Utah is proving more daunting. For the hearty rider, the event is on July 15-16.

4 Winds 2017 Rally: John reported the Rally is now progressing toward the more traditional format at the regular venue; Redbank Valley Park, Fairmont City, PA, on August 18th thru 20th. In fact, the rally theme this year is "Back to Basics." The preliminary Rally Tee Shirt was presented for review and comment. Rally Co-Chairman, Vince Giannetti was on hand to assure the membership that "all was in hand!" Rub & Tug BBQ would again do the Sat. night Dinner. There will be field events and a bike show. Several rides will be organized. With a lower set of registration fees it is hoped all will be pleased with the more traditional rally. Pre-registration is \$35 on the Website and At-the-Gate registration will be \$40.

Anyone interested in volunteering for any of the activities necessary to run the rally should contact Vince Giannetti, so they can coordinate scheduling. Help is always welcome.

Sad News We've lost a wonderful member with the **passing of John Barr**. The Club grieves at his loss, and wishes his wife, Joann, our greatest sympathies.

Get Well Soon Several members have had their share of set-backs.

Board member, **Mary Hetzel** has had surgery and is recuperating.

Lynda Loesch has been in the hospital for tests.

Jeanette Latkovic has been ill.

Our best wishes and quick recovery go to all our hurting members. The Road is not the same without them out there with us.

50/50 Winner: Dave Donley

Calendar

June 25th: Motorcycle Skills Training Course – Pro Rider

July 15th Meeting: Ride to Yellow Creek State Park, Pen Run, PA

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

July 15-16: Pgh. Vintage Grand Prix, Schenley Park

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

August 18, 19 & 20: 4 Winds Rally “Back to Basics”

Submitted by Recording Secretary,
Glenn Kidd