

Minutes - Four Winds General Meeting  
Saturday, January 21, 2023  
Bella Luna Trattoria, Monroeville PA

Joe Burns *presiding*

Joe called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm welcoming today's strong showing of 34 members and guests, including one rider. Joe invited those recently joining the club or attending their first monthly meeting to introduce themselves. New faces included:

- Ike Ozis has recently joined the club and lives in Sewickley. He welcomes the chance to meet other BMW enthusiasts. He sports the Motorrad trifecta: owning an R1250 R, an r1250 RT and an R1250 GS;
- Tom Kimicata was attending his first monthly meeting. He lives in Monroeville and, due to health considerations, is selling his 85 RT and 89R100RT, He reports both are in excellent condition;
- Al Tuscano has been a member for several years but is attending his first monthly meeting. He lives in the Greensburg area and rides a R1250 GSA;
- Don (and Shauna) Reid has recently joined the club and looking forward to riding with other BMW enthusiasts. He is from Leechburg and has three bikes, including a K100 and a 2009 Goldwing; and
- Doug, attending his first meeting. He owns a 1975 R750/S and a Moto Guzzi 750.

Joe confirmed that this year's annual banquet is set for March 18, 2023, and we are returning to the Waterhole Restaurant adjacent to Hartmann's Golf Center in Harmony PA. A reservation form will be added to the club's website in the weeks ahead and details posted on the club Facebook group page. Arrangements include dinner in the private dining room with dinner service, similar to last year's. The Board is still trying to confirm a high caliber speaker to follow dinner. Door prizes will be awarded along with a 50/50.

On the subject of the club's annual banquet, Joe reported the Board's interest in getting a much earlier start in securing a location for the 2024 banquet. Members are invited to let Joe or another Board member know of ideas, particularly locations south, east or west of Pittsburgh. The venue would be best if it has a private room or separated space from the main dining room. Availability is needed in mid or late February 2024. At the conclusion of today's meeting, a suggestion was made to explore Rizzo's Malabar Inn in Crabtree PA, off Route 119.

Turning to other upcoming events, Joe asked for a show of hands by those planning to attend the MOA 50<sup>th</sup> National Rally (June 8-11, 2023) in Doswell VA, close to Richmond. At least 8 persons indicated the intention to go. With the anticipated turn-out, the Board has authorized once again rental of a canopy tent for the Four Winds contingent attending.

Other coming events will include the 57<sup>th</sup> Four Winds BMW Riders' annual rally in New Bethlehem PA (August 18-20, 2023). Members are encouraged to volunteer for the many tasks necessary to help the event run smoothly. Any suggestions for guest speakers or new events at the rally will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Joe or another Board member with suggestions.

Ideas for the design of this year's rally tee-shirt are also welcome; please contact Diane with suggestions.

A number of Four Winds members are planning to attend the RA National Rally set for September 14-17, 2023, at the Canaan Valley Resort in West Virginia. Details posted at <https://bmwra.org/rally23/>. Four Winds members are encouraged to share their riding plans on the club's Facebook page.

Denny reported a small group is scheduled to visit the AMA Motorcycle Hall of Fame next weekend and additional participants are welcome to join. The museum is close to Columbus OH. Please contact him if you are interested.

Diane reported that the 48<sup>th</sup> Square Route Rally is scheduled for the week-end before the MOA National Rally and raises the possibility of a parlay from the first rally to the second. The extended excursion would begin the first week of June. In past years the Square Route Rally, which is hosted by the BMW Riders of Metro Washington ([www.bmwbmw.org](http://www.bmwbmw.org)), was a big draw for Four Winds members. The event will be at the YMCA Camp West Mar outside of Sabillasville MD and more-or-less enroute to the MOA National in Richmond.

Joe called for any Old Business; none was reported. Joe called for any New Business; none was reported.

Upon motion of Ed T. and second by Holly, the meeting as adjourned at 1:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Donley  
Recording Secretary