

Meeting Highlights – Waterhole Restaurant – May 15, 2021

- 21 members / 11 bikes
- Deep Creek Fun Run planned for Saturday May 22
- 55th Annual Four Winds Rally Planning underway for Aug 19-22
- Mosites Motorsports BMW Dealership now open
- Ride to Packard Museum follows today's meeting

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Minutes

Four Winds BMW Riders - General Membership Meeting
Saturday, May 15, 2021
Waterhole Restaurant, Harmony PA

Chuck called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM and welcomed the 20 other members and guests attending. 11 bikes brought us, including a couple of brand new machines on what was a picture-perfect morning for riding. He thanked all for participating and reminded all that, in addition to today's monthly get together, he is organizing a Fun Run next Saturday, May 22, to Deep Creek MD. Meeting place is the Get-Go at Route 51/I-70. Kickstands up at 10:30 AM, and lunch will be at the Green Turtle Grille toward the north end of the lake. Route is posted on the website.

Chuck asked if any new members were present. Mark Samber introduced himself and reported he relocated back to Pittsburgh's Lawrenceville neighborhood from South Carolina. He rides a 2002 1150 GS and looks forward to exploring more western Pennsylvania's two-laners with other BMW riders.

Chuck called for the Treasurer's Report. Ed advised that dues payments are trickling in and encouraged all who are not current with their dues to attend to things. Membership cards are available for those who want them. The club's checking account has not changed appreciably, with current expenses limited to payment of Mr. Kwan's annual stipend for website hosting and the monthly MailChimp fee. The annual SmugMug fee will be paid shortly at a cost of \$40 or \$50 when the invoice is confirmed.

Chuck asked for the rally report. Joe Burns reported plans are underway for the 55th Annual BMW Riders event for Aug.19-22. The rally returns to Red Bank Municipal Park in New Bethlehem PA. The announcement has been posted on the MOA list of events. Posting on the RA site is to follow. Because last year's rally was very well received in the midst of the covid-19 uncertainties, Joe is hopeful this year's attendance will return to or exceed the customary levels for recent years prior to 2020. All are encouraged to promote the event so that the finances also will return to the positive side. A modest increase in the rally fee is anticipated. The format will not change appreciably, although a few tweaks are under consideration with the hope of possibly attracting new and younger riders. Live music for example remains a possible addition. Joe also reminded all members of the need for volunteers at the rally if the event is to be a success. Anyone so inclined or with suggestions should to contact him (jburns@fredburns.com).

Sean reported he recently discovered some extra bulbs for the club's projector and asked to whom he should deliver them. Discussion followed as to the whereabouts of the projector. Customarily it has been used at the annual rally, and on occasion, at monthly meetings, but no one is clear as to where the equipment is currently.

Joe advised of a recent visit into the trailer at Red Bank Municipal Park, but he did not recall seeing it and believes last year's movie relied on the park's AV equipment. Additional inquiry will follow.

Rally planning again includes the sale of tee shirts, and the Board has confirmed we will rely on pre-event ordering system. Pre-event ordering will allow a greater selection of items and significantly lessens the burdens for rally volunteers. Details and a link for pre-ordering will be available from the website once the tee shirt design tasks are finalized. The tentative theme will follow Dennis' suggestion, keyed to 2021 marking the 55th annual event and the difficulties so many of us share where 55 mile-per-hour speed limits are posted. Other suggestions are invited; please contact Diane (timndiane@comcast.net) with them.

Chuck reported the Board has decided to reprint the 4-Winds BMW Riders tri-fold brochure which advertises club membership to those who may have an interested. A few updates may be required, and once completed, the brochures will be distributed to local motorcycle dealers with hopes of attracting new riders to the club.

Mosites Motorsports (www.mositesmotorsports.com) has now opened its BMW dealership in North Versailles and has inventory on the floor in addition to the BMW parts and factory-authorized service department. A question followed as to whether any discount might be offered to Four-Winds members. Additional inquiry to the dealership is to follow. Ed noted that the dealership is hosting an Open House event later this afternoon, with festivities beginning at 3 PM.

Chuck asked for a show of hands by anyone interested in a ride to the Packard Museum in Warren OH following today's meeting. Tim and Diane have planned a route and volunteered to lead. 4 or 5 others indicated they were interested. Chuck thanked Tim and Diane for this plan, and a number of persons noted the museum is a great place to visit, particularly during it's annual motorcycle feature display.

Chuck invited any old business to discuss. None was offered. He then asked for any new business. None was offered so he invited a motion to adjourn.

Before doing so, Sean was asked for a report on his and Nancy's recent trip to the MOA Getaway event in Fontana NC. Sean shared their initial challenge with the April snowstorm underway on the morning planned for departure. They delayed it for few hours to allow for improved conditions and then set off for the trip south. While the road surface was warm enough to prevent anything more than wet roads, the sleet and slush buildup on their visors and gear suggested a better plan would be to end the day early in the vicinity of Somerville. The trip resumed the following morning to Fontana. Rainfall discouraged most from riding on Saturday, but Sean reported it was still an enjoyable day to get to know other BMW enthusiasts and share their experiences. He encouraged all to consider these week-end getaway events scheduled by the MOA through the year at various locations.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned upon motion of Ed and second by Fred at 1:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David Donley, Recording Secretary