



We always look forward to seeing all of you at our house. The weather was perfect on Saturday for a ride to the Mars/Valencia area. Marge and I had a driveway full of members' motorcycles for the October meeting at our passive-solar house.

I believe this is the first meeting that Mike Kuenning, owner of European Motorcycles and BMW Motorcycles of Pittsburgh has attended. I really liked his blue R1200RT. Mike provided the Grand Prize and spoke at the last Rally. I encourage all our members to support European Motorcycles. I have a R/C racetrack at the back of our lot. It turns out Mike's son; Max is really into R/C racecars, in a big way. I hope Max stops by someday to show me how to get around the racetrack.



We had some fun after the meeting playing with our Red Heeler, Jake. He chases anything, but really likes chasing a R/C car in the back yard. He's a good dog, but unfortunately, he likes to tear off the tires when he catches them.

I have been pleased to contribute as Treasurer and President for the last 5 years. I feel very good about the progress we have made as a club. We initiated credit card processing and modern financial management. In the last 5 years, we dramatically improved the look and function of the 4WindsBMW.org website and Forum. It has become the envy of other motorcycle clubs. We transitioned from printed and mailed newsletters to today's timely email communications with the members. We offered embroidered hats, patches and reflective club stickers on our website. Today's paid membership is at 100

Of course, I didn't do all of this myself. These dramatic changes are due to the hard-working members who took responsibility and put forth their ideas and effort to improve the club for all of us.. ...and yet many members don't give their time

and ideas to keeping the club going strong. Thanks to Sean Barrett who has volunteered to be the club President and Adrian Marini who volunteered to be Vice-President. Mary Hetzel has volunteered to take a new position as Social Director and she is heading up the annual banquet again this year. I hope all club members appreciate the commitment of the officers and board. The final open position is club Treasurer. This is an important, responsible position that Marge and I have had for the last 5 years. It's time for someone else to step up as our club Treasurer.

I look forward to good riding weather and seeing you at the November 18th meeting, the last of 2017. If anyone would like to talk about what is involved in being an officer or board member, let me know. If you have a problem with receiving club email or access to the forum or membership areas, please let Joann or Diane know. Joann Barr takes care of the member login access. The "mail chimp" meeting and event emails, website and forum provides all the latest information on club activities.

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BMW Four Winds Meeting
October 21, 2017
John and Marge's home
Submitted by Vince Giannetti

I was appointed temporary secretary for the October meeting so these minutes will use the Jack Webb model, "the facts ma'am, just the facts." You must be an old guy like me to know who Jack Webb was (Dragnet), so here we go.

1. The board meeting commenced at 11:00am with the general meeting beginning at 12:30
2. The position of treasurer still needs to be filled for next year, so any volunteer will be welcome.
3. Sean Barrett has agreed to be president for the coming year with Adrian Marianni as Vice President
4. Mary Hetzel was appointed Social Secretary and also will be responsible for organizing the holiday banquet this year. Check the website for more information regarding the banquet.
5. The door prizes were discussed and five baskets will be auctioned off at the banquet. The baskets will be diverse and have goodies for a variety of tastes. This is to be determined.
6. There will be a \$10.00 dollar subsidy for all members to defray the cost of the banquet. This includes associate members.
7. Sean Barrett has roped Vince Giannetti into rally chair this year but he will have assistance from some newer members who have already volunteered to help.
8. The next meeting will be at the Cornerstone Café in Aspinwall Pa.