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## ***PRESIDENT'S CORNER***

For those of you who didn't make it to the RA national rally in Wellsboro, Pa, you missed a great time. Three days of great ridings, venders and comradery was had by all. There were a large number of 4 Winds members in attendance and many friends from all over the US that I haven't seen for quite some time.

For those of you who have never been to a national rally, you really should give it a try. There are two national BMW motorcycle groups: The RA, a smaller group and therefore a smaller rally and the MOA, a much larger group with a larger rally and more venders. If you are interested in the differences, talk to me or other board members at the next meeting. Both have rides, events, music, venders and much more.

If the idea of camping in the fairgrounds has kept you from attending, don't worry, there are other options. At the RA rally, you could either camp (cost included in rally fee), stay in the dorms at Mansfield university (\$25/night, private room with private bath) or stay in local motel (uncertain of cost). The rally had free bus service between the rally, the dorms, the motel and Wellsboro so if you wanted to have a couple of beers in the beer tent and listen to the music, you didn't have to think about having to ride back to where you were staying. At the next meeting, I will try and remember to get a show of hands of who went to the RA rally and who went to the MOA rally. The next RA rally will be in September 2019 in Woodstock VA (different Woodstock for us old guys) and at this time I am unable to find where and when the next MOA national rally will be. Also, if you aren't a member of both the RA and the MOA, I encourage you to join both. They both have very good magazines and benefits.

This is also the time of year that we need to start looking for officers for next year. During the summer, the board starts putting together a slate of candidates for the next year. At the September meeting we submit that slate to the general membership and open the nominating process. Hopefully, we will get additional nominations. We then close the nominations and if we have more then two members nominated for a position, we have an election with the votes being tallied at the October meeting. In the past we occasionally would have elections, but this hasn't happened in several years. This is your club, you all need to be involved or it will no longer exist. You can't continue to depend of a small group of members to do all the work while you enjoy the benefits without contributing. Read the bylaws and see

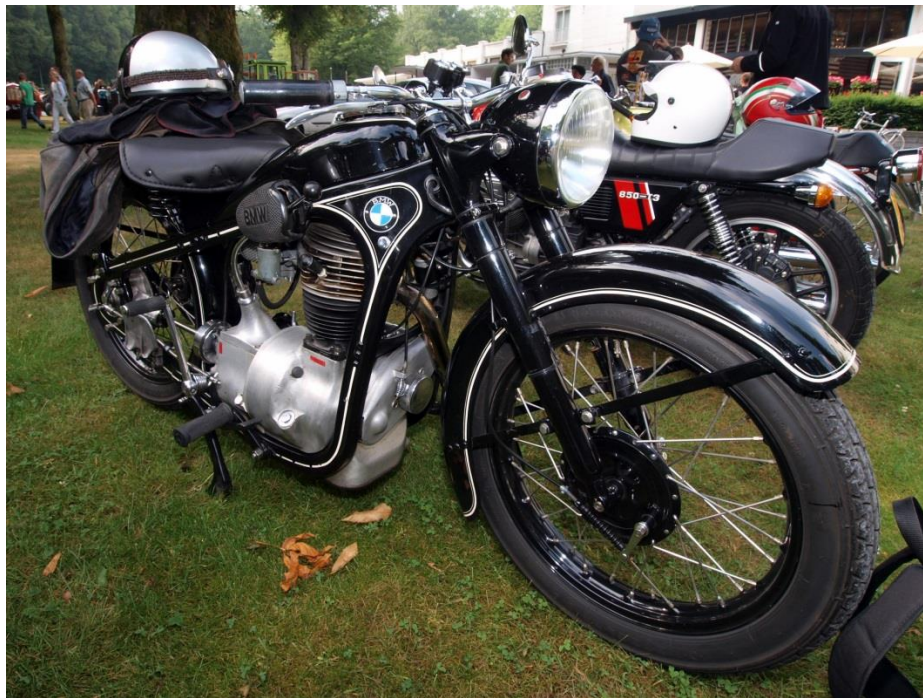
what each board member does and consider running for one of the positions. Contact me, Adrian or any board member to discuss what we do in detail and join the group. Remember that this is your club and you need to contribute to its future.

That is it for this month. Remember, get out there and ride.

Ride hard, ride safe, Sean

**See photos from our RA Rally trips here:**

<https://fourwindsbmw.smugmug.com/FourWindsAnnualRallies/BMW-RA/2018-Wellsboro-PA/>



## Minutes

### Four Winds BMW Riders - General Membership Meeting July 21, 2018, Mingo Creek County Park, Finleyville PA

In Sean's absence due to RA Rallying, Adrian called the meeting to order at 12:10 PM. Four members (two riders) attended, including one new member, Carl. Carl is not new to motorcycling, but new to BMW. He hails from Speers, PA. Adrian noted that the slim turnout for today's meeting was attributable to many members attending the RA Rally in Wellsboro PA.

Adrian encouraged all to attend the Four Winds Rally in New Bethlehem beginning on August 17. Details are posted on the club's website. He reported the Board of Directors recently decided to waive the participation fee for club members current with their dues, arriving only for Saturday and not planning to have dinner. Hearing no dissent, Adrian suggested we dispense with the balance of business affairs and proceed to enjoy the hamburgers and hot dogs he was preparing.

All agreed this was a great venue for a meeting. Discussion continued for the next two hours or so; a good time was had by all.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Donley, Acting Recording Secretary