

Minutes - Four Winds General Meeting
Saturday, September 17, 2022
Pitt Cycles, LLC, Warrendale PA

Dennis Mickanin, Director at Large, presiding

Dennis called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM. He welcomed 19 members and guests, arriving on 16 bikes. In Joe Burns absence due to travel, Dennis volunteered to conduct the business portion of today's meeting. At the outset he welcomed a new face or two, including Wayne – R1250 RT, and encouraged them to join the club.

As the first item of business, Dennis introduced Mike McCarney, co-owner of our host, Pitt Cycles, and thanked him for the hospitality, which included hot dogs, chips, drinks and dessert as well as meeting space for our group. Mike welcomed all and reported that after a long wait, new BMW motorcycles were on the sales floor and ready for sale. An initial inventory of parts is on hand, and the service department is ready to handle any requirements. Discussion followed and allowed Mike to expand upon the dealership's interest in becoming the best resource for our club members' Motorad needs. A link to the Pitt Cycles website has been added to Four Winds website.

Dennis next advised the Treasurer's report will not be available in Ed's absence; Ed is traveling. Preliminary indications are that the annual Four Winds rally in August boosted the checking account a bit. At last word, not all of the anticipated invoices from the rally have been received.

The annual rally, the 56th, by all accounts was a great success with a substantial improvement in attendance from the prior two years. Thanks were

extended to Joe Burns (Rally Chair) and all those assisting him in making things run smoothly. Photos have been posted on the gallery page of the Four Winds website.

<https://fourwindsbmw.smugmug.com/FourWindsAnnualRallies/4-Winds/2022-Four-Winds-Rally/>

Dennis next reported upcoming events of interest to club members include:

- Sept 22-25 Laurel Highlands Weekend sponsored by the BMW MOA
https://www.bmwmoa.org/m/event_details.asp?id=1566165
- Sept 24 - Kissell Motorsports Fall Festival which is to include a group street ride, BMW Bagger demo rides, and a presentation by the PA Chapter of the Motorcycle Sport Touring Association
<https://www.kissellmotorsports.com/--xListEvents?id=516348>
- Sept 29 – Oct 2 – the RA National Rally in Waynesville NC
<https://bmwra.org/national-rally-info/>

The next Four Winds monthly membership meeting will be held on October 15, 2022 at Bob and Kelly Monheim's deer farm outside of Vandergrift (1157 Monheim Lane, Vandergrift PA 15690). The club will provide meat and beverages; members are to bring side dishes or desserts as has been customary in the past. Additional details will be posted on the club's website. Any persons interested in helping to manage or steer our club's operations should note this meeting will be the time and place for choosing officers and directors for the coming year. If you would like to learn more details, please contact a club officer or director for information. All members are invited to consider this way of helping our organization.

Dennis asked for any old business; none was reported. He then asked for any new business. None was reported. All present were encouraged to browse the bikes and accessories on display in the new BMW showroom.

In concluding the meeting, Dennis called for the 50-50 drawing. Ready-K's ticket was drawn, and he left today's meeting \$28 richer than when he arrived.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David Donley, Recording Secretary

