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John Humphrey

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

**It was an absolutely beautiful day in January at 65 degrees and sunny.** We had many ride to the meeting and a large turnout of over 35 people. Two new members were welcomed to the club at the meeting: Tony Anderson and Jacob Harlich.

The latest marketing item is the new club reflective sticker (similar to the old ones). The original stickers were lost in history and it took a full year to find a vendor and reproduce them. I think they turned out well. It seems



everybody loves stickers ☺ We handed them out to each paid member at the meeting. We will give one to every member who asks for it. The new club stickers

will be available at the banquet.

I missed the November meeting because I was in Florida for Thanksgiving, so I hadn't seen your smiling faces for a quarter of a year! It was good to catch up with everyone.

The Annual Banquet Chairperson is Mary Hetzel. If you don't know by now, the Banquet date is Saturday, Feb 18, 2017. Chadwick Banquet Hall, Wexford, the same place as last year. You better get your membership and banquet paid if you want to go for only \$25.00 per person. We will have a cash bar. More details are on-line.

Jay Singh is working on meeting locations. We hope to have a couple of outdoor meetings in June and July. We prefer to have a meeting at a restaurant with a separate area, preferably with a door. We would like a large TV for presentations, but we have a projector and screen. Separate checks and ordering form the menu is needed. If you know someplace, let me or Jay know.

We will have occasional surveys that will be part of Club News emails. A reminder: The survey requires a separate email address for each person who wants to vote.

More local group rides and national events will be posted on calendar. We are considering having more Ride Captains and a Social Coordinator. Any volunteers? Finding volunteers to commit time, effort and enthusiasm is increasingly difficult. Typical reasons include: still working, other obligations and "been there - done that". That applies to the officers and board, as well. We now have over 100 paid members and many new and younger members in the club. I'm looking to you and to them to help out and get involved and help the club keep going strong. Thanks to the current and recent volunteers who joined the officers and board. I'll introduce them at the banquet.

The annual banquet is our big "dress up" event of the year. It is the club's way of showing our appreciation and giving back to the membership. If you are a paid member, the club subsidizes part of the cost of your dinner and entertainment. I look forward to seeing you on Feb 18<sup>th</sup> at The Chadwick in Wexford.



**Click links for tools from Brian Bailey's Presentation:**

[http://www.4windsbmw.org/documents/Hand\\_Signals.pdf](http://www.4windsbmw.org/documents/Hand_Signals.pdf)

<http://www.4windsbmw.org/documents/T-CLOCS.pdf>

## T-CLOCK Inspection Checklist

T: Tires  
C: Controls  
L: Lights  
O: Oil  
C: Chassis  
K: Kickstand



### Four Winds BMW Riders January 21, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Location: Bella Luna Trattoria, Monroeville, PA  
Board Attendance: John & Marge Humphrey, Jay Singh, Glenn Kidd, Joann Barr,  
John & Mary Hetzel, Diane Pears, Jeff Harlich

The meeting was called to order by President John Humphrey at 12:40 pm with over 35 people in attendance, many arriving on two wheels.

**Special Guest Presentation:** Brian Bailey, with the Pennsylvania Motorcycle Safety Program presented a special session from the Motorcycle Mentorship Program on Group Riding. Before beginning, Brian reminded us that his father had been a member of the 4 Winds Riders in the 1970s and his earliest memories of motorcycling were at the 4 Winds Rally.

**Banquet 2017:** Mary Hetzel, Banquet Chairperson explained Dinner details for the Banquet scheduled for Saturday, February 18, 2017 at the Chadwick Banquet Center, 10545 Perry Hwy. Wexford, PA 15090. Door opens at 6:00PM. This is the same location we enjoyed in 2016. The event will include taking member photographs. As before, the club is subsidizing the Banquet cost for members to the tune of approximately \$10 per member attending. The banquet cost for paid-up members is \$25; all others will be \$35 per person. There will be a cash bar. We will have a video of the 50<sup>th</sup> 4 Winds Rally playing before the Banquet, while Sean Barrett will be our featured Speaker.

The presentation: **The Emerald Isle on Two Wheels.**

**4 Winds 2017 Rally:** The Board advised it was not anticipating a repeat of the 50<sup>th</sup> Rally's size and offerings in the form of Big Name speakers and plentiful door prizes. There were no regrets for the success of the 50<sup>th</sup> Rally, but the considerable efforts of so many club members could not be expected again. Further decisions on the 2017 Rally are yet to be made. However, there was

concern that an effort be made to advise future attendees that the 2017 Rally would return to our more “Traditional” activities.

**New Officers:** It was announced that most of the 2016 Officers have accepted their continuing responsibilities. Changes are as follows: Jay Singh is our new Vice President replacing Diane Pears, who will continue to help Joann Barr on the Website. Glenn Kidd has moved from Director at Large to Recording Secretary replacing Tim Pears. Vince Giannetti rejoins the Board as a Director at Large.

**Future Meetings and Locations:** Our new Vice President, Jay Singh, is actively developing future meeting sights and speakers. It is anticipated that future meeting sights will be standardized for repeat use and will be chosen from the best of previous venues. Our continuing goal is to distribute meetings around our geography so that all members find at least a few meetings are near home. He would welcome comments and recommendations.

**Club Stickers:** New adhesive Club Stickers have been produced and received. The plan is to give each active member a sticker with their 2017 membership renewal. The new stickers will be available at the Banquet.

**New Members Introduced:** Tony Anderson and Jacob Harlich.

**Ralph Meyers:** It was reported that Ralph, our long serving Editor, had been in the hospital but was now home.

**New Business:** Dennis Mickanin proposed that a new form of membership be created for the small group of founding members of the club who are now inactive. The purpose is to encourage their attendance at Banquets and other events where they can share their recollections and interact with existing members. Group memberships would be restricted to those who were active in the 4 Winds Riders before 1980, but are now inactive. Benefits would include member discounted rates for Banquets. No dues would be assessed. As this motion would require a review of the By-Laws, the Board agreed to consider the proposal and report back at a future meeting. In the meantime the nine early members that attended last year’s 50<sup>th</sup> year Celebration Banquet would be invited to attend this year’s Banquet at the membership discount banquet rate.

**50/50 Winner:** Glenn Boyd

**Calendar:**

**Jan. 27 – 29 International Motorcycle Show:** Cleveland IX Center  
<http://motorcycleshows.com/city/cleveland-oh>

**February Banquet:** The Chadwick, Wexford  
**March Meeting:** TBD

Submitted by Recording Secretary,  
Glenn Kidd