



May 2019



John Humphrey

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The meeting at Driscoll and Sons in Sutersville was the last of the restaurant venues until November, 2019. The next 2 meetings are a State Parks and have been very popular. Moraine State Park date has been moved to the 4th Saturday of June, due to the MOA National. The club will provide the hamburgers, buns, and basic food at the shelter house. Club members; please bring appetizers, deserts, and sides.

As I said last month, it is getting more difficult to find a restaurant with accommodations for the club meetings. This is to simply illustrate the difficulty of getting a restaurant to serve 25-35 people, order from the menu, pay with separate checks while tying up their banquet room on a Saturday for lunch. I have received some ideas for local restaurants that could host a club meeting. Let Adrian and me know if you have a suggestion. Meeting locations in the South and North benefit different members. It matters less about the location and more about what the riding route is. Rt. 51, as an example, is bad with heavy stop and go traffic. That said, both Sean and Adrian have demonstrated nice routes to the South that avoids most traffic.

The weather was beautiful on Saturday and we had almost all meeting members riding their motorcycles to the meeting. The turnout of about 20 was probably due to the beautiful riding weather and lots of other things to do in the spring.

The club has purchased a large canopy tent, tables and chairs for the MOA National Rally in Lebanon, TN June 13-18. We would like to see a good turnout there. Also, the BMW RA National Rally is in Woodstock, VA the 1st week of September.

Joe Burns, Rally Chair, reports things are moving along. The design for the rally and the T-shirts is in the works with Ken Kucel coordinating. The notices of the Rally have been sent to the MOA and RA magazines and websites. We have already received several pre-registrations. If you have ideas for a speaker or other entertainment on Friday or Saturday nights let Joe or me know. Dennis Mickanin will have his excellent musical entertainer from last year, again this year.

If you have a problem with receiving club email, logging into the forum, purchasing membership or anything else on our website areas, please let me know. I take a personal interest in the website, email and credit card purchasing.

I look forward to seeing a good turnout of members at the next meeting at Moraine State Park.

Minutes

Four Winds BMW Riders - General Membership Meeting
May 18, 2019, Driscoll & Sons Café, Sutersville PA

John Humphrey, presiding

John called the meeting to order at 12:10 PM and welcomed 15 other club members attending. We arrived on ten bikes.

John asked if there was any old, unfinished business to follow-up on. None was reported, although Leo was quick to point out at least one distinguished "old-timer" was attending, namely, Gary Hoffman, who has been a Four Winds member for many years. Also welcomed was Don Poremski, a member making the trek from northeast Ohio. He extended greetings to all from the BMW Motorcycle Owners of Cleveland group.

John confirmed a few pre-registrations have already been received for the annual Four Winds Rally in August. An old theme, "Rally in the Valley," will be recycle for this year. Of note, Leo modeled his tee-shirt from the 2004 event. Members were asked to promote this year's rally, and John noted that our advertisement submitted for the BMW Rider's Association magazine did not make the current month's publication. Recently the RA has apparently been struggling with administrative tasks following the sudden death of Karen Jacobs and other unforeseen circumstances at the top of the organization. Our ad will make next month's publications.

John reported that he and Joe Burns did work Pittsburgh's Half-Marathon event on May 5th, riding the videographers escorting the runners. Joe was in the lead for the men's group, while John followed with the leaders of the women's group. It was an early start at 6:55 am, and the weather was lousy for riding. John described it as an interesting experience, as the task of leading the women's group placed him in the midst of the men's group. Cornering provided a few adventures in accommodating the occasional instructions from the videographer to speed up while boxed-in a crowd of runners.

John confirmed that arrangements are in place for a Four Winds canopy tent at the MOA National Rally beginning June 14 in Lebanon TN. The area adjacent to the tent will be reserved for club members who are camping. Experience dictates the space to be reserved should be at least twice as much as the event organizers might otherwise be inclined to give us.

Marge provided the Treasurer's Report, including the checking account balance which showed a modest increase due to membership dues, Rally pre-registrations and 50/50 proceeds. John asked that, with the exception of the 50/50's, members avoid cash payments to the club and rely on the PayPal option. It's proven much easier in recent years to handle the card transactions than to handle currency.

John called for new business.

Don Poremski has for sale a 2007 1200 LT, with trailer. Anyone interested should contact him.

Joann Barr is selling a pair of mittens/hippo's and a pair of gaiters. Both pairs are new; contact her if interested.

Members are encouraged to use the website's Forum when offering motorcycles for sale. Pictures are always helpful, and may also be placed on the Marketplace tab.

In response to an inquiry, nobody had any specific update on the possible sale of the Wexford dealership other than the previously reported suggestion that the prior sale failed at the last minute.

Marge asked that members wishing to sell gear or accessories at a flea market at the annual Four Winds Rally advise her of their interest. In order to organize the market properly, it will be critical to have advance notice of the quantity of merchandise and a general description. She is pleased to do the

work but needs cooperation from sellers in order to avoid surprises. Please let Marge (margehumphrey@msn.com) know if you are interested in selling.

The next monthly meeting will be at Moraine State Park (Lake Arthur) on June 22nd. The club will provide the basics (hot dogs, burgers and drinks), and participants will be asked to bring the sides and desserts.

The RA Rally is scheduled for September 5-9 in Woodstock VA.

The Cass Rally (West Virginia's Monongahela National Forest) starts on May 24th, and additional details are posted on the website. Arrangements are somewhat informal, and there is no requirement to register in advance. A reminder, there is no cell phone service in the area.

In concluding the meeting, John called for the 50/50 raffle. Bob Mihelic's ticket was drawn, and he left the meeting with an extra \$21.

Respectfully submitted,

David Donley, Recording Secretary