



January, 2016

John Humphrey

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

This President's Corner begins a new era in club communications.

During the Holidays, John and Mary Hetzel worked diligently on delivering notices through our new email system. We are working to co-ordinate these regular notices with a section on the 4WindsBMW.org website where "Club News" articles will be posted regularly. Of course, the club forum is always available to members for rides, and more. Make sure you are receiving these email notices, as this is our only means of communication. If you have questions about email notices, contact a club officer.

The January meeting was well attended at Bella Luna in Murrysville. Over 35 members showed up for the meeting. I want to thank Glenn Kidd for a great presentation on shooting video from a motorcycle. Glenn discussed various cameras, mounts, and problems. He also shared some video examples of getting good video. There were many question and comments during the presentation that showed a lot of interest.

We have discussed future presentations from: Sean Barrett about the Barber Motorcycle Museum; Eric Trow and Stayin' Safe motorcycle safety and Alec Jockel, from Cycle Gear on new sport-touring motorcycle accessories. Please consider making a short presentation of 10-15 minutes about a trip, motorcycle restoration or maintenance, a new motorcycle, accessories and riding gear. Photos would be preferred, but not

required. Please contact me with your ideas and requirements for connecting your computer to a TV or our projector. We all have a lot to share.

As part of our ongoing marketing for members, we displayed and sold some new club logo items including 3.5” embroidered patches and hats. Look for more items at meetings and available on our web store. Coming soon – club logo coffee mugs.

The annual banquet will be the “50th Golden Anniversary Banquet” and is February 20th at The Chadwick near European Motorcycles in Wexford. It’s going to be a good one with good food and lots of fun. Our speaker is Alberto Almarza, a Professor at CMU. He has ridden all over the world and will have great stories from his adventures. We are subsidizing part of the cost of the banquet for paid members only. Make sure your dues are paid when you register for the banquet on line or by mail.

Diane and I have volunteered to be co-chairs for the 50th annual rally. We will need many volunteers for this larger rally. We are doing it big in 2016 and plans are underway for stepping up the club’s rally commitment to make it the best rally ever. The date is August 19, 20, 21 at Red Bank Campground. Glenn Kidd has gathered much of the club’s history to submit an article to the BMW MOA and RA magazines about the club’s history, including the fact that the MOA was conceived at a Four Winds meeting in 1965. Our first rally in 1965 was the “Four Winds BMW Rally” and that became the name of the club.

More and more information is available on the 4windsbmw.org web site for upcoming monthly club meetings, forum and more. Keep checking the web site for the latest news and information.



FOUR WINDS BMW RIDERS
January 16, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

Location: Bella Luna Trattoria, Monroeville, PA

Board in Attendance: John & Marge Humphrey, Jeff Harlich, Glenn Kidd, Joann Barr, Ralph Meyer, John & Mary Hetzel, Tim & Diane Pears

Photos Here: <http://fourwindsbmw.smugmug.com/Events/2016/Jan-Bella-Luna>

The meeting was called to order by President John Humphrey at 12:20 p.m. with 34 people present, which overflowed our usual private room. Good to see Sonny Robison and Eric Trow.

Shooting Video from a Motorcycle Presentation: Glenn Kidd gave a well-prepared professional grade power point presentation about his recent experience researching cameras, experimenting with mounts for various positions and the resulting effects on sound, vibration, angle of view, etc. Good questions and comments from the audience. Members are encouraged to tell about a project, trip, or anything interesting – even a good video at meetings. Doesn't have to be long. Suggestions for guest speakers welcome.

Treasurer's report: Was given by Marge Humphrey. Embroidered logo hats are now available in both a standard and low-profile style. Mugs coming soon.

Recording Secretary: Tim Pears read minutes from the November meeting.

Corresponding Secretary: John thanked Joyce Elk for her years of service to the club and welcomed Mary Hetzel into the position for this year.

Newsletter Editor: John thanked Ralph Meyer for over ten years of outstanding monthly newsletter publishing from which he retired at the end of 2015. If anyone is interested in the position, let the board know. It doesn't have to be done exactly the same way or even every month.

Enhanced Mail Chimp E-mailing Communication: All future communication, news, events and articles will be transitioned to a space on the website, including the Forum and email announcements. John asked if everyone is getting the mailings, and if not, a reminder to check your Spam folder or let Hetzels know. The "President's Corner" articles and an expanded version of Meeting Minutes will be posted each month on the Newsletter website page as a basic reference archive of club activities.

Calendar Events: Joann Barr and Hetzels will coordinate together and asked members to submit anything that is happening of interest. John Hetzel announced the Progressive Motorcycle Show will be in Cleveland on January 29 – 31.

50th Anniversary Banquet February 2016: Joyce Elk will coordinate the Yankee Grab Bag gift exchange again this year. Bring a \$15 gift for the game.

Three entrée's were chosen (instead of two) and other menu items decided. Joyce will order and bring a cake to supplement the banquet dessert offerings, which is the only food allowed to be brought in.

Glenn Kidd passed out more copies of the new Annual Recognition Awards form with a variety of riding related personal trivia questions to be used as humor and contests for gift certificate prizes. It can also be found online.

Submit 2015 year end odometer readings to Walt for the annual club Mileage Log and chances to win over \$100 in total prizes.

Send all Hunt N Find Historical Marker photos from 2015 to Ralph Meyer for more contest prizes.

Two tiered price structure with discount for current Club Members = \$25, Non-Members \$35. For quite a few years, the club has been subsidizing \$10 or more for everyone, paying out hundreds, to keep the cost down for people and still have a nice event in beautiful venues with quality food. This year the club decided as a membership benefit, they will again gift \$10 toward the dinner price for members only. Non-members will pay the actual amount we are charged by the restaurant. John encouraged membership renewals, which are due by the Feb. meeting according to the bylaws. Essentially after the banquet discount, dues are only \$10 for the year and Assoc. members end up free!

History Projects: Walt Halaja brought a box of patches, pins, and old Anonymous Books that a key 4 Winds and MOA officer from the early days, Jean Rihl, had mailed to him as a donation to the club's archives. Jean was in charge of creating the Anonymous books for approximately seven or eight years back in the nascent years for the fledgling national MOA organization. Older members are being contacted in hopes of setting up a get together to learn more.

50th Rally 2016: Info blurbs have been put in the magazines. Are considering various items as special gifts for rally attendees.

New Business – Lifetime Membership Motion: Kevin Hart made a motion that was seconded by Ed Syphan that Sean and Nancy Barrett be given Lifetime Member status. John Humphrey referred to the proper procedure and requirements as stated in the bylaws which can be found on the website under the "About Us" menu tab. If all three qualifications are met, the proposal must first be submitted to the board for consideration.

"A member may be designated a LIFE MEMBER if they are found to meet the following qualifications: The member has a history of distinguished involvement with the Organization; The member is now relatively and comparatively inactive. A potential Life Member must be unanimously approved by the Board of Directors and then brought before the General Membership for a vote. If a Majority Vote of the General Membership decides to name the member a Life Member, then he/she shall be so named and have all the rights associated with the title (primarily, not being required to pay yearly Dues)."

New Members & Guests: Welcome to new member Matt Hetzel and his friend Madi Barton.

50/50 Drawing: Won by Walt Halaja.

Next Meeting = February Banquet: The Chadwick Banquet Center, Wexford, PA

-- Submitted by Tim Pears