

# Newsletter

BMW-MOA  
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*NOTE: the Next LV Beemer 'Breakfast Club' meeting is at Superior Diner on Sunday June 13 @ 0800. Hope to see you there! Please let me know if you are attending by June 12 0900 so I can give them a head count for tables. Thank you.*

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### President's

### Message

Hello LV Beemers - Current and Prospective,

As you know by now, I was selected by attendees at last month's club breakfast meeting at the Superior Diner in Emmaus to head up the Club going forward. I am taking over for Mike Hopstock who has had the helm for 6 years. Mike will continue to be a member of the group and for the entire club I wish to thank him for his years of service! Mike is moving on to new opportunities: he recently purchased a new boat and plans on training his grandsons to fish!



Mike and I completed the transition at a dinner on May 30 at Keystone Pub (great place on Grape Street), along with Club Member Ron Paret and our Spouses (from Left) Donna, MaryAnn, and Cindy. The official turnover of the "LV BEEMER LOCKBOX" is now complete.

As in-coming president, my goals are simple:

- Grow Membership
- Grow Member Engagement / Increase Social Activities
- Share experiences /ride training opportunities to improve riding skills / safety
- Improve Club Communications/Coordination through a website presence or other Applications (for example, MEETUP).
- Increase Club Riding Opportunities (Day Trips, Overnight Trips, Long Distance Trips)

As I mentioned in the email sent to current and prospective new club members on May 29, I'd like to get more riders engaged in club leadership by soliciting members for the following roles:

- Vice-President
- Treasurer: David Dunn has volunteered (Thanks David!)
- Secretary
- Newsletter Editor
- Webmaster
- Ride Coordinators

As you complete your membership form please denote if you'd like to volunteer for any of these positions. If you have any questions please email me at [LVBEEMERS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:LVBEEMERS@GMAIL.COM) or text or call me at 610.704.7611 anytime. **Please consider joining or re-joining the club and submit your forms and \$25 check to me by June 18.**

To Grow Membership, I recently reached out to BMWMOA Members in the Lehigh Valley area, and about 15 MOA members 'connected' with me on the MOA website. They received the May 29 email with the invitation to join the club.

I also sent the invitation out to the 40 or so current members on our club membership list to confirm who wishes to continue with the club going forward. *NOTE: please ensure that if you want to continue with the club complete the attached form and submit the membership fee to me by June 18.*

Lastly, I will be working with Ted Moyer, BMWMOA Executive Director and coordinator of membership to identify more potential MOA members in the area and invite them to join. I expect to meet with Ted via ZOOM or TEAMS in early June.

To develop a website, I've reached out to Ted Moyer and have been reviewing how other BMW Clubs do it. MOA now assists clubs in creating websites to manage club activities. As I meet with Ted on membership, I will get plugged into the website development actions needed. At this point, if any new club members have web development experience, and wish to volunteer to assist in this effort, please contact me! Also, if you have any other ideas on communication and ride tools, please let me know.

On the rider safety training front, up until several years ago I would take the MSF Advanced Rider Course (ARC) annually at a local training location to bone-up on riding skills on one of my bikes after sparse winter riding. Unfortunately, Pennsylvania dropped the previous training provider and no longer offers the ARC. I want to research this more and give club members more information on training/retraining opportunities to improve their riding skills and ultimately their safety. We also want to hold periodic seminars on safety topics and riding situations. We are fortunate to have David Dunn in our Club - who was recently chosen to be a member of the BMWMOA Foundation Board of Directors. I will be discussing this subject further with David to bring safety information/training to club members. We are committed to rider safety.



**DAVID DUNN** (Director)

After working as an investment banker, owning several businesses, and doing small business development, is ready to retire and help the foundation advance its goal of 'training every rider'. While he currently works in Economic Development and co-runs a manufacturing incubator in Allentown, PA, he is eager to be in saddle and on the road - as much as possible.

David and his wife Vikki have three grown children and one granddaughter. David has been riding motorcycles since college except for a 15-year break while raising his kids. He came back

to riding in 2004, while living in Vermont, when he purchased an 02 RT and joined the MOA.

David has served on many non-profit Boards and was elected multiple times to run/chair a large school board. He has donated his time toward helping many charities from United Way to Habitat. He is also a Paramedic (13 years) and now teaches EMT's in the Lehigh Valley.

David currently rides a 2015 K1600GT and enjoys the open road. He loves long distance touring, motorcycle camping and splitting his time between riding and working EMS at rallies. 'I am really looking forward to building the Foundation into a self-sustaining organization that supports rider safety, education and training. One day, I hope every rider is trained.'

Foundation Webpage: <https://www.bmwmoa.org/page/foundationhome>

Lastly, we all bought motorcycles so we can ride. I've found that riding with others with the same passion for riding is more fun than riding alone. I can do it, but prefer the crowd. So, I will work with our ride coordinators to schedule and lead rides. My goal is to create a database of rides – by collecting/creating GPX files so that we can take the ride now, or anytime in the future. And, if you cannot attend a ride, pull the GPX file off the website and take the ride yourself when you have the time. Think DVR for rides. I will be coordinating with Bruce McKelvy - our BMWMOA Regional Coordinator to work other local chapter presidents to share their ride GPX Files, and share ours as well. I will also schedule cross-club rides.

As you know, I've re-instituted annual dues for the club. The purpose of this is to increase social gatherings and to fund activities for a website and other apps to improve club communications / coordination of rides / social activities. In bouncing this off several members, we settled on an annual dues amount of \$25 for a member including spouse for this first year. We will account for the funds through our treasurer periodically and adjust this fee going forward based on our spend through the year. I will keep you informed of this as we go.

## Recent Rides Summary

Since our club is all about riding, every newsletter will have a rides section to document significant rides for the month and to share pictures with the entire club. Everyone is encouraged to provide a brief summary of their ride events and a couple of photos to the newsletter editor for inclusion in the monthly newsletter. Recent rides by club members and non-club friends Follows.....

### April

In April, David Dunn, Ron Paret, Ben Porobenski and Vince Kelly took a twisty ride down to Chesapeake City Maryland and worked up an appetite for lunch at the Chesapeake Inn Restaurant and Marina – on the C&D Canal. Ron lead the ride famously. Vince tried out his Garmin helmet cam and put together a brief video of some parts of the ride.



**L to R: Ben Porobenski, Ron Paret, Vince Kelly, David Dunn**



**Left to Right: Ben, ?, ?, ?, Ron.**

Ben and Ron also did a 3-day ride to the Flight 93 National Memorial in Stoystown PA. If you have not visited the Memorial, it is highly recommended. Brings back memories of that time so that we never forget. The ride included areas in and around State College PA including Bald Eagle and Rothrock State Forest Roads.

## May

Vince Kelly joined 'LMRT' (Lancaster Motorcycle Riding and Touring MEETUP Group) for a "Wellsboro Overnighter" May 26/27 after the groups three-day trip to West Virginia was deferred due to storms. Vince Met up with the LMRT riders in Duncannon



PA, and we headed north to Wellsboro to try to beat the storms expected to arrive from the west ~ 3 PM. We then headed up 15 to Route 44, with a stop at the Waterville Country Store – a unique place.

After that stop we high tailed it up to the Penn-Wells Lodge in Wellsboro - a great place to stay in that rustic town – with a main street USA. We all rested and then met for dinner at the Gaslight pub for some good fare and watched the Sixers first playoff game of the season.

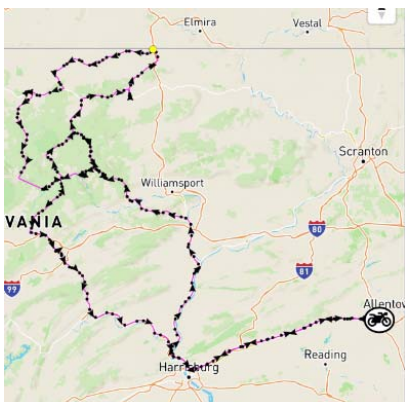
Thursday May 27 was a perfect riding day. Cleaning off the bikes for an 8 AM start brought sunny skies and 55 degrees. We booked north on 287 and swung over to



Cowanesque Lake near the New York State Border, eventually swinging south on Routes 49 and 449 back to PA Route 6.

After a stop at the Sheetz in Coudersport, we headed south on Route 872 to Route 120 to 144 to 44 and

stopped for lunch at the Mountain Top Inn at intersection Routes 44/664. Great BBQ was had by all!



Routes 872, 120, 144, 44 and others are great roads in the Susquehannock, Sprout, and Elk State Forests of central PA. If you've not ridden them yet, look into it. You can get lost for days there!



LMRT Ride Crew (From Left): Todd Poole, Mark Finnegan, Mike (?), Vince Kelly on top of Hyner Run State Park overlooking the west branch of the Susquehanna River and Route 120.

**Carsonville:** Ron Paret and Jim Fortney took a spirited ride to the Carsonville Hotel for Lunch on Thursday May 27. Always a nice ride there and backyard's now open.

**Airplanes for Breakfast:** on Monday – Memorial Day May 31, Jim Fortney, Vince Kelly, and Ron Paret took a casual ride to Homestead Coffee Roastery for breakfast in Upper Black Eddy PA. During Breakfast we talked about other breakfast destinations and then headed to the Sky Café in Pittstown NJ, only a 20-minute ride from Homestead. We hung outside and watched the planes takeoff and land right in front of us while many sat at tables inside and outside eating breakfast. Definitely a future breakfast destination! We then took a ride to the Van Sant Airport in Erwinna PA – not far from Frenchtown NJ. If you've never been, they have bi-plane and sailplane rides, plus a small booth grilling up burgers, dogs, and oysters. We met up with a lot of bikers – hanging around while looking at and talking about our bikes and rides while watching a bi-plane perform 'touch and goes' on the grass runway. A great place to visit and hang.



Jim Fortney and Ron Paret at Sky Café



Jim Checking out a new car at Van Sant Airport

## Annual BMWMOA Rally!

So far two members of our Club are attending the annual BMWMOA Rally in Great Falls Montana – David Dunn and Vince Kelly. A friend of Vince's - Dave Fisher – from Rochester NY is joining us for the trip. Let Vince know if anyone else is going and we can meetup along the way or at the Rally.

## Upcoming Club Ride Events

There are no 'scheduled' ride events locally for the Club so far for June, other than the Great Falls Rally. As we get ride coordinator volunteers, let's work to schedule rides at least a month in advance so that more riders have an opportunity to join in.

## Club Monthly Breakfasts

Breakfast and Ride – Club breakfasts have been the second Sunday of each month at 0800 at the Superior Diner in Emmaus for some time. Rarely does it involve a motorcycle ride afterwards. I am interested in your opinion for rides for breakfast - not necessarily tied to one location. Maybe more like a destination for a ride where we then have breakfast. Maybe on a Saturday, or a Friday for those that have 4-day work weeks. Please let me know your opinions and also if you'd like to lead a ride to a breakfast location at [LVBEEMERS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:LVBEEMERS@GMAIL.COM).

**!! RIDE SAFE !!**

*Vince*

Vince Kelly

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