



Newsletter

BMW-MOA
Charter Club #277

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NOTE: the Next LV Beemer 'Breakfast Club' meeting is at the *Powderbourn* Sportsman's Club in East Greenville PA on Sunday September 12 at 0800. For those around Allentown we will MEETUP at the East Penn Diner on Rt 29 at 730 AM to ride/drive down. A half-day ride will follow for those Interested, location TBD. Seeking a ride planner/leader for the post breakfast ride. Please RSVP On LV BEEMERS Meetup Group for breakfast and indicate if you are doing the ride or not, and number attending. For those not on MEETUP please send me a note at LVBEEMERS@GMAIL.COM to let me know you are coming.

President's Message

Dear LV Beemers >>> Two Things for Your Consideration.....

Thing 1

As the summer winds down, I find myself 3 months into my term as President still seeking Club members willing to take on leadership roles with the club - to work with me and the rest of our small leadership team to guide club activities and improve your (our) experiences. As of this writing, here is the leadership team, and the gaps:

President – Vince Kelly
Treasurer / Membership – David Dunn

Director -
Ride Coordinator Lead -

Ron Paret. Additional Event Coordinators/Ride Leaders are Jim Fortney, David Dunn, and Roger Sposili. Additional volunteers to plan and lead rides are welcome!

Vice-President – Vacant

Secretary - Vacant

Newsletter Editor - Vacant, Vince -Acting (I will work with you)

Webmaster - Vacant (MAY BE needed after we get Club Website developed by MOA – currently waiting on MOA to provide development schedule for our website).

If we divvy the leadership activities up, it won't be a significant time burden on any one of us and it will result in a better club by getting more opinions/inputs - as opposed to one - on how to run the club, club activities and rides to pursue. No dictator or ego here - I'd like to share club leadership. Ron and David have been working with me on activities. Please consider volunteering for one of the open positions above. As we head into the winter, I will be scheduling a monthly leadership meeting (we can do ZOOM/Microsoft Teams OR we can meet in person over a dinner) to discuss and decide on team plans for the coming year. As we formulate activities, we will lay them out in the MEETUP app so that you can see the schedule, and sign up for those you can attend.

Thing 2

Our Annual picnic is coming up on Saturday October 9. Two Items:

1. **Sign up!** Please sign up in MEETUP to attend! You, your spouse/companion, and your family are invited to attend! This is a great opportunity for all 32 club members and their families to spend time getting to know each other (especially new members who have not been able to join us for a breakfast or a ride yet) and to talk about riding and future plans. Please sign up and identify how many are coming so we can plan ahead on item 2..... the picnic will be very informal and chill. Just want to get together to have fun, eat some food, talk about past and future rides!
2. **Food and Activities.....** My Wife MaryAnn has volunteered to be chief picnic coordinator (CPC) – but she needs your help! Please volunteer, or ask your spouse to volunteer, to join her to make it a great picnic. We are thinking of catering the event (like a hot food truck) so that no one is stuck at a grill sweating the afternoon away, and the club will provide bottled water and sodas - but we will need to get some members to bring extra dishes such as salads and desserts. MaryAnn will make a list up and I will send it out for signups. I know Ronnie Porobenski is already planning to make her famous Jambalaya! We also need activities such as games and such. And as far as beer/alcohol – BYOB. I'm planning on bringing a six pack of my fave IPA, we can all share.
3. **Entertainment** – Covered - My Band, Rustix Classic Rock will provide some entertainment. **Harry – if you want your band to play, we can split it up.**

Thanks! RIDE SAFE!

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P.S. Feedback on the newsletter is welcomed. Too Much (!)? Too Little? Other Topics you'd like to hear about...

Recent Rides Summary - August

- July 30-August 1 - Vince attended (and worked a little bit as Regional Coordinator) at the BMWMOA Getaway at Skytop Lodge in the Poconos, July 30-August 2. This is the first BMWMOA Getaway I've attended. My wife MaryAnn attended as well. A total of 80 people attended, most of which were couples. Together we enjoyed full team dinners Friday and Saturday night, and breakfasts with other riders we met. Saturday was ride day. We befriended 3 other riders and their spouses, one of which I already rode with again in Virginia, another who signed up for my Ireland trip in August 2022, and another who lives very near a best friend/riding buddy in Rochester NY - and I hooked them up. We had such a great time we have decided we will attend the Skytop Getaway every year.
- August 1 - Hermy's BMW Ride Event. At least Harry, Ron, Roger, Tim and Ron attended.
- August 4 – David Dunn organized a last-minute dinner and ice cream ride to SKIPPER DIPPERS Bar and Grill on Route 309 in Tamaqua. Ron and Vince joined in. Great backroads to 309. Photo attached.
- August 8 – LV Beemers Breakfast held with 12 members in attendance. Of these, riders broke off into two rides: the 2nd Annual 'Officers Down' Memorial Ride led by Ron (looked like a great time), and the National Toy Train Museum in Strasburg led by Vince and Roger. Riders that day: Ron, Ben, Vince, Roger, David Smith, David Dunn. See photos here and in meetup.
- Club member David Dunn spent August 11 - 15 at the BMW RA Rally in Waynesville, NC riding the Blue Ridge Parkway and dozens of other mountain roads. He left just before the hurricane came through and wiped out large sections of the BRP.
- While not a scheduled club ride in meetup, I am summarizing a trip I just took Aug 18-25 down to the BRP, Smokies, and Chattahoochee Mountains with two friends from Rochester NY. We hit some great roads during our Trek: WV Rt 250, VA Rt 16 (Back of the Dragon – over three mountains), NEBO Valley Road (a mid-Atlantic BDR re-visit), Diamondback loop Rt 226A and 80 in NC, NC 197 and NC 19W while staying at the Switzerland Inn for 2 nights. Then headed down to the Smokie Mountains via 'the Rattler' - NC 209 - before settling into the Iron Horse Motorcycle Lodge for three nights. From there we ran the tail of the dragon (US129), The Foothills Parkway, Moonshiner 28 (NC, SC, GA), WARWOMEN Road, then off the Helen GA which is a small German Village and a place that warrants a stayover, GA 60 to TWO WHEELS OF SUCHES (Suches, GA) – a great Motorcycle Hangout, TN 30 and TN 315 up to Tellico Plains TN which starts the Cherahola Skyway. We then ran the Cherahola Skyway (TN 165 from Tellico Plains TN and then NC 143 to Robbinsville, with a stopover at Bald River Falls on an off path), and of course the moonshiner 28. Not for the faint of heart. See figures 1 thru 4 in the photo section for some day ride maps, and a photo of Bald River Falls.
- August 21 – 2nd Annual 'Officers Down' memorial Ride - Saturday, 8/21 Blue Knights/police 85-mile escorted ride recognizes 93 central PA officers who made the ultimate sacrifice – from state & local law enforcement, prison guards, parole, fish wardens, game wardens, state constables, forest rangers, liquor control, motor carrier enforcement, sheriff's office and office of the attorney general. A significant portion of your registration goes to PA C.O.P.S. to support Concerns of Police Survivors. Ron and Ben supported this worthy cause.
- August 28: Saturday – Eagles Mere Run. Vince organized and hosted an All-Day ride to Eagles Mere PA for lunch and a tour of their museums. There was a significant chance of rain that day but (9) brave souls threw caution to the wind to take the 200 + mile round trip ride. Riders included Jim Fortney, Vince Kelly, Ron Paret, Mark Pederson, Todd Poole, Kris Skibicki, David Smith, and Ron Washburn and Terry Grube. Ride leaders Jim and Ron did a fantastic job of getting through the ride on roads that were sometimes very wet. Most of the ride was dry.

Overall, we had a great ride to and from, and a fantastic lunch at the recently restored Inn. We were provided a special menu to order from, all entrees were excellent. The owners offered us a private tour by their personal motorcycle mechanic, Mr. Joel Hess of the Eagles Mere Motorcycle Museum, Auto Museum, and Air Museum. Joel described how the owner hired him full time away from a Yamaha dealer last year, and Joel now maintains the existing bike inventory of around 110 motorcycles. In addition, he also evaluates, purchases, and restores motorcycles that the owner wishes to add to the museum (his personal stable of all licensed and operating bikes). Joel provided us with an excellent 3-hour tour of all the museums, answering the thousand questions we had along the way. All in all, a great ride day. See MEETUP for more ride summary information from the participants, and additional photos. We all agreed we would make this an annual event and may even organize it as an overnigher/weekender trip. See the photo section for some of the photos you can find on meetup.

Upcoming Rides and Events – September/Beyond

These are known rides as of this writing of the club or for club members. We are looking to fill the calendar with at least 2 rides a month thru October (weekends) while also running some weekday rides for those who can make it or would want to take a day off from work to join in. Watch meetup for new ride events and sign up if you can make them. I will also be touching base with Bruce McKelvy and other BMWMOA Club Presidents (MAC-PAC, Skylands, Scranton, etc.) in the coming months to try and schedule inter-club rides.

September

- September 12 – Monthly Breakfast is at the Powder Bourne Sportsman’s Club in East Greenville PA. Meet at the East Penn Diner to ride or drive down. KSU at 0730. Following breakfast, we will do a 2 or 4 hour run. Specifics to be determine. Do we have a ride leader volunteer to propose a ride?? Jim Maybe??
- September 19 – 2 ride options - “Ride with the Blue” – Police Benefit Ride, Bushkill Township. Also, the St. Joseph Parish (Orefield) ‘Angel Ride’. Ron will add these two rides to meetup. Sign up and ride!
- September 30 through October 3, 2021 – The Vintage BMW Motorcycle Owners Club Rally is being held at the ‘**Bavarian Bike Barn**’ in Harleysville, PA. The Rally is being hosted by Todd Trumbore of the VBMWMO. Todd is also president if the DEL-VAL Riders MOA Charter Club. Details can be found at: <https://vintagebmw.org/rally-2021/>. I’ve not been to Todd’s Bavarian Bike Barn, but I need to get there! This looks like a great time! Consider attending. Go for the entire Rally (\$40), or just a day (\$15).

October

- LV Beemers Fall Picnic is scheduled for Saturday October 9 from 12 noon to 6 PM. Ben Porobenski and his wife Ronnie investigated venues and found a great deal in Coplay. I have rented the Coplay Pavilion for the event. See details in meetup and signup yourself, your better half, and your family members/children if they can make it. This is not a ride event, but you can ride to the picnic if you wish.
- October 19 – “Let’s Roll Ride” – honoring the victims of 9/11. PSP Hershey. Ron will add this to MEETUP.

Club Business

As I mentioned previously, I have established several GOALS to improve club participation and increase riding opportunities. I will status these periodically to let you know how 'we' are all progressing on them. Please hold me accountable to make your/our club better! If there are other goals you would like to see the club pursue, please contact me to discuss. I am always open to new ideas.

GOAL: Grow Active Membership

Current Members at Beginning of Month:	32
New Members this Month:	0
Total Membership as of 9/1/21:	32

Treasurer Update: David Dunn reports that as of end of August:

During August 2021, there were no cash receipts or disbursements in/from the club account. At month-end our account balance is \$1,360.24.

GOAL: INCREASE Club Ride Opportunities (Day Trips, Overnight Trips, Long Distance Trips)

- Current Status – Working. We are increasing our scheduled rides and activities, and letting the Club know about 'partner' events that they may want to ride so that we all have more opportunities to join a ride. I've also dropped two trips on the MEETUP calendar for 2022 – a weekender on US Route 6 in PA, and a trip down to Little Switzerland NC (Loosely based on my one ride summary in this newsletter). Please review these and provide a 'tentative' yes on whether you'd like to take those trips – for planning purposes. Also – if you have any rides you'd like to propose the club take – please let Ron or me know. We'll work with you to plan something.

GOAL: Grow Membership Engagement/Increase Social Activities

- Currently at 32 Members. Now that I am plugged into BMWMOA as Regional Coordinator, I am working with RC Bruce McKelvy to reach out to existing and new BMWMOA members in our area to see if they are interested in joining the LC Beemers, or other local clubs that may be closer to them.

GOAL: Club Web Presence / Increase Club Communications Ability

- Awaiting BMWMOA support on web site creation.
- Created a LV Beemers facebook page where members can post info/photos/ride summaries to friends and family since they can't 'see' our meetup app and photos we post in there. Facebook URL is: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100071203273876> . Check it Out. Save the link for future reference. Request to Join or friend it.

GOAL: Education / Improve Rider Skills and Safety

- No Change this past month: *More development is needed, nothing to report at this time. BMWMOA offers discounts and payments for rider safety training. Vince will have more discussions with MOA on this with David Dunn through his involvement as a MOA Foundation Director, and bring it to the club. In the meantime, if you have any connections or thoughts on training this please advise Vince and David Dunn.*

Regional Coordinator (RC) Role

I am working with Ray Tubbs – BMWMOA Digital Marketing Manager, Ted Moyer – BMWMOA Director - and coordinating with Bruce McKelvy (who has been our Club's Regional Coordinator) on how we 'share the RC workload' amongst the two of us and other RC's nearby in PA and NY. During August I got some clarity on this. My RC Role is the following:

Personally Connect with New BMWMOA Members:

Monthly I'll work with other RC's to personally welcome new MOA members in the NJ/PA area (those you see published in the monthly "BMWMOA Owner News". We would also direct them to a MOA chartered club closest to where they live – give them the info to sign up or contact that club to join.

Interactions with Nearby Chartered BMWMOA Clubs, including our own:

Communicating with Clubs about BMWMOA Upcoming events and changes. ***I am also able to GIFT annual BMWMOA memberships to club members who are currently not BMWMOA Members. I've already communicated with LV BEEMER members who are not currently MOA members and gifted an annual membership to them! Let me know if I missed you! Also, if you have friends or family that are BMW riders and not currently BMWMOA members, please have them contact me via email/text/call so that I can send them the link and the activation code to gift them an annual BMWMOA membership.***

The following are my assigned Clubs:

1. PA - LV Beemers –Chartered Club CC277.
2. PA - Black Diamond Beemers in Scranton/Wilkes Barre. Chartered Club CC310.
3. NJ - New Jersey Shore Beemers - Sandy Hook Area. Chartered Club CC245
4. NJ - Skylands Beemers (I am now a member of their Club), Chartered Club CC215
5. NJ - New Sweden BMW Riders, Chartered Club CC113
6. NJ - BMW Motorcycle Club of North Jersey, Chartered Club CC039.

Interactions with Nearby BMW Dealers:

I will work with the following BMW Dealers to advance MOA and charter club membership (including our own). I will also work at MOA tables at BMW events at the dealerships (any volunteers for that??),and maybe helping the dealership out with whatever else they need help with that day.

- A. Montgomeryville Cycle Center, Hatfield PA. Bob Jones Owner
- B. Cross Country Motorcycles, Metuchen NJ. Dan
- C. Cross Country Motorcycles, Hasbrouck Heights NJ. Same owners as Metuchen.

Attend and Support Rallies and Get-Aways

As-Stated - attend and support BMWMOA events as a participant and support person.

CLUB-OWNED EQUIPMENT FOR USE BY CLUB MEMBERS

Previously I had requested a “Call for Club Equipment Inventory”. Through discussions I’ve learned the club owns the following equipment that is available for club member use:

1. Tire changer: Craig and Geli have this at their place in New Tripoli. They offered to have the tire balancer moved to their place and could host some work there sometime. We can talk about that at the next breakfast.
2. Tire balancer. John Schleicher (who has not yet renewed membership and who is busy on his sailboat all summer) has the tire balancer. I will contact John to see if he can move it to Craig and Geli’s place.
3. I have been advised that Mike Hopstock has a goPro (or equivalent) camera that the Club owns and that members could use for trips. If that is the case Mike – can you bring it to the next breakfast, and I will keep it for lending to the club members.

Figure 1: Full Aug 18-25 Trip Tracking

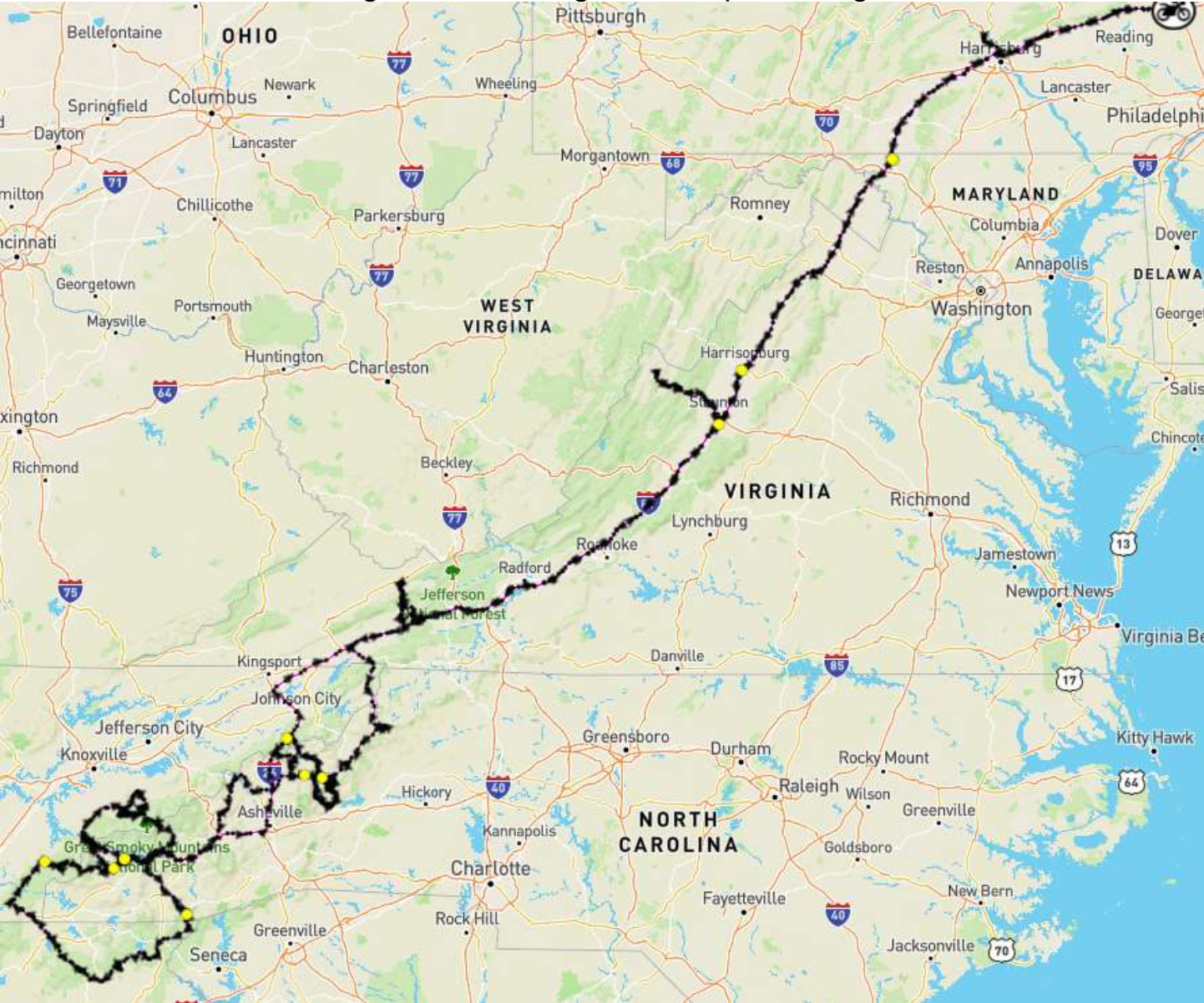
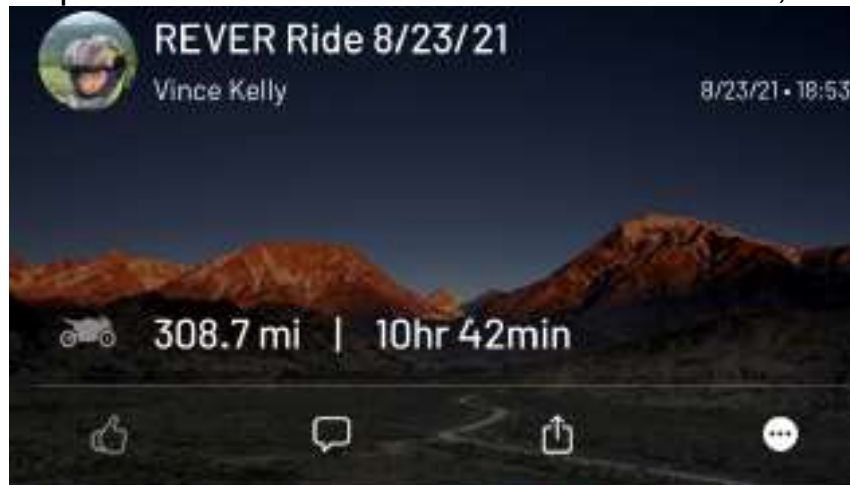


Figure 2 – Day Trip Tracking Around Little Switzerland on the BRP



Figure 3 – Day Trip Track Down to Chattahoochee Mountains, Cherahola Skyway



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Moonshiner 28, to warwoman road, to Clayton, Georgia, To Helen Georgia, two Dahlaonega, Georgia and up route 60 Through Suches Georgia and stop at "two wheels of Suches". To Copper Hill Tennessee where we had lunch, then over to route 30 and up through reliance to route 315 and 68 to Tellico Plains. Ran the Cherohala Skyway Including a run up to bald River Falls, to Robbinsville North Carolina, and back to Ironhorse Lodge. With Dave Fisher and Chuck Parker

Figure 4 – Bald River Falls Along the Cherahola Skyway, Tennessee
(Taken with my iPhone)



Skipper Dipper



Breakfast and August 8 Rides



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