



Newsletter

BMW-MOA
Charter Club #277

November 12, 2021

Editor: Vince Kelly
LVBEEMERS@GMAIL.COM



LV Beemers Club History

INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE

Club Monthly Breakfast and Ride!

President's Message

Recent Rides Summary - October

Upcoming Rides and Events – November-December 2022

Club Business

Club Photos for the Month

November Club Monthly Breakfast and Ride!

NOTE: the Next LV Beemer 'Breakfast Club' meeting is BACK at the Superior Diner in Emmaus – Sunday November 14. Arrive between 0730 and 0800 – we will be seated for breakfast at 0800. A half-day ride will follow for those Interested, route TBD. Who wants to lead the ride?

To attend, please RSVP On LV BEEMERS Meetup Group for breakfast and indicate if you are doing the ride, and number attending. For those not on MEETUP please send me a note at LVBEEMERS@GMAIL.COM to let me know you are coming. Or Call me.

President's Message

Dear LV Beemers Club Members,

I'll keep it short this month.

Last Month I briefed you on rider safety and inquired who is interested in attending a rider safety course if I bring one to the club through the BMWMOA Foundation. Still looking for that input. Silence means no one is interested. That's what I have so far. Please shoot me a note at lvbeemers@gmail.com to let me know of your interest. I personally am interested in some advanced rider training. If no one else is – I will pursue it for myself. Let me know. Don't forget to investigate the online training/refresher materials for rider safety training.

For those who were able to attend – a great time was had by all at the club Fall Picnic on October 9. Thanks to everyone who attended. And special thanks to Dave Smith for bringing the grill and the cornhole, Chef Master David Dunn, My Wife MaryAnn for working with me to coordinate the event, and thanks to everyone for all the good food (And beer) we shared! I will work with the club leadership team to plan 2022 events well in advance so everyone can mark them on their calendar! I'm thinking a spring event and a fall event going forward.

I will be posting an informal Christmas gathering on MEETUP for late December. Please sign up if you can make it. For those of you not using MEETUP – please call me or email me so I can add you to the list.

I'll be incapacitated for a short while in early to mid-December as I am getting a body part replaced. I'll leave it at that! 😊 During winter I expect the leadership team and I will be laying out rides and loading them into MEETUP for the coming year, so club members can place them on their calendars. Club leadership is currently me, Stuart McLaren (Vice-President), David Dunn (Treasurer and Membership Czar), Ron Paret (Lead Ride Coordinator), and Ben Porobenski (leadership consultant). In addition, Roger Sposili, David Dunn, and Jim Fortney are currently 'event coordinators' in MEETUP. These members can create and lead a ride event in meetup.

Please let any of us know of any ride ideas for rides and we will try to integrate them into the 2022 ride plan. Also – please consider volunteering for a ride planner/leader role for 2022 rides. It's fun. If everyone does one, that eases the burden on the few.

Wishing everyone and their loved ones a Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving! 🍁

Thanks! RIDE SAFE!

Vince

Vince Kelly
Club President and Newsletter Editor
BMWMOA Charter Club #277
BMWMOA Regional Coordinator
LVBEEMERS@GMAIL.COM, 610.704.7611

Recent Rides Summary – October

- A few folks rode to the October 9 picnic. Most of us drove since we were bringing stuff. Some members rode AND brought stuff.
- On October 17th, Ron Paret joined the Lancaster Motorcycle Meetup Group (Mark Finnegan's group) for a spirited ride up Route 339.
- Ron Parent and Ben Porobenski hosted a ride to Chesapeake City MD and had a great lunch at the Chesapeake Inn and Marina. Great ride and location for lunch. According to meetup there were 7 attendees, and it looks like a good time was had by all per the photos in Meetup. See end of the newsletter for a photo. In addition to Ron and Ben, Roger Sposili, David Dunn, Mark Pederson, and Bruce McKelvy and a guest joined the ride.

Upcoming Rides and Events –November / December, and Future Rides

November/December

- Vince Kelly executed a 'fly and ride' November 1-9, 2022, flying to Phoenix and renting a GS with tripmate Dave Fisher from Rochester NY, traveling tarmac and dirt for 2800 miles through eastern and northern AZ, Southern UT, eastern NV. Will provide highlights in the December Newsletter.
- Sunday November 14 – Breakfast at Superior Restaurant in Emmaus, followed by a Club Ride. Weather permitting (looks good as of today, dress warm).
- Sunday December 12 - Breakfast at Superior Restaurant in Emmaus, followed by a Club Ride. Weather permitting.

Future

- See MEETUP for several rides and multi-day trips planned for 2022 and sign up.
- Club Vice-President Stuart McLaren was able to attend the Skylands BMW Club's (NJ) monthly Dinner recently as Vince Kelly couldn't attend due to being out of town riding. Stuart indicated that their club wants to connect with our club on planning rides with our club – since they do a lot of riding in our 'service territory'. We plan on doing just that not only with Skylands but also the Black Diamonds BMW Club (Scranton), the MAC-PAC, DEL-VAL Riders, the BMW Motorcycle Club of North Jersey, the New Jersey Shore BMW Riders, and the New Sweden BMW Riders (NJ). More to Come.

Club Business

Club Leadership Positions Update

As summarized in President's Message above.

Open Positions: Club Secretary, Newsletter Editor, additional events coordinators, Webmaster/Coordinator with BMWMOA.

Treasurer Update: An update of club financial status will be provided in the December Newsletter.

GOAL: Grow Active Membership

Current Members at Beginning of Month:	32
New Members this Month:	0
Total Membership as of 9/1/21:	32 (plus guest members such as Bruce McKelvy)

Currently we have 29/33 members signed up on the MEETUP App.

And of the 16 new members that have joined the club this summer, all but four have engaged in a breakfast and/or ride event. So we have yet to meet them. You know who you are! Please join us in club activities. The more engagement, the better experience for all. Hope to see you at Superior Diner this Sunday!

I am expecting at least 1 new member signup in November. He is planning to attend the November 14 breakfast. Please come to welcome him: Joe Custodio Jr. from Nazareth.

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

- As mentioned in the President's message above, more ride planning to come. Currently the only scheduled rides for 2021 remaining are November 14 and December 12 – following the monthly breakfasts.

GOAL: Grow Membership Engagement/Increase Social Activities

- Currently at 33 Members.
- In my role as BMWMOA regional coordinator, I am reaching out to new MOA members each month as they signup to see if local new BMWMOA members are interested in joining the club. I expect we may get our membership up to about 40 by Spring.

GOAL: Club Web Presence / Increase Club Communications Ability

- BMWMOA support on web site creation is available. I've not had time to coordinate this with Ted Moyer. SEEKING A TECH SAVVY-WEB DEVELOPER KNOWLEDGABLE CLUB MEMBER THAT CAN HELP COORDINATE OUR WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT WITH BMWMOA (THEY WILL BE DOING ACTUAL DEVELOPMENT). I WILL WORK WITH YOU.
- I've 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.
- Again, as a refresher, new club members can signup for our MEETUP Group using the following link. Warning: you must first have a meetup account. Signup at www.meetup.com (create a user ID and PW – it's free). Then tap this link.
 - www.Meetup.com/lehigh-valley-beemers-riders-club

GOAL: Education / Improve Rider Skills and Safety

- WIP.

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. David Dunn has the Balancer. David will move the equipment to Geli’s and Craig’s house by end of the year then we can schedule something at their place using meetup during 1Q. Geli and Craig – please pick a date on a Saturday or Sunday in 1Q2022 that you’d like to hold the event. Thanks!
3. It was reported that the club had a goPro (or equivalent) video camera that members could use for trips. I am checking into that and will advise the club what the outcome is on whether this is still available for borrowing use by club members for rides and trips.

New Club Logo Help

We need to develop a new club logo that incorporates the BMW Logo. There is a template. I’m seeking a graphic artist in the club that can help create our new logo. Any takers??

Club Merchandise Czar

Once the new Logo is set, we will pursue getting some Club Merch set up. Hats, shirts, maybe jackets. Any takers to lead the charge in this area??

Club Photos for the Month

October 9 Club Picnic @ Coplay Pavilion



MaryAnn Shopping for the Club



Vikki and MaryAnn in Awe of Chef David



Jan advising Ben on the proper way to drink Jameson



Mike and Floyd Commenting on Jan Advising Ben...!



Clockwise from Left: Bruce Ward (Future member?), Ron Paret, Kim & Dave Smith, Kris and Agata Skibicki, Vince Kelly



Awesome Teamwork on the Pierogies!



David Dunn, Fritz Spokas, and Sandra Sander.



Dancing, Dancing, Yeh! 🎵🎶🎷🎸

Donna, Cindy and Jan Tripping the Light Fantastic!

“Oh, OK, I’ll Share……! “



October 31 Chesapeake City Ride

