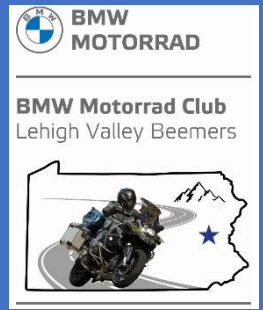




The Call of the Road Newsletter

BMWMOA Club #277, BMWRA Club # (tbd)



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Club Monthly Breakfast

The January LV Beemer 'Breakfast Club' meeting is again at the Superior Restaurant in Emmaus – on Sunday January 9 at 0800.

Ride to Breakfast if you Dare!

To attend breakfast, please RSVP On the LV BEEMERS MEETUP EVENT, 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 – No later than Friday morning January 7.

President's Message

Dear LV Beemers Club Members,

Happy New Year!

As I look back to 2021, I have great memories of meeting new club members, rides, time spent at breakfasts, lunch runs, and the Fall Picnic. During the year, together we re-energized the club. We have at least 20 new members and as of year-end we have 35 active club members - and I am expecting several new members in January. I'm excited that club members are getting fully engaged in club activities. I'll say I am satisfied with where we are as a club after 6 months 'on the job', however I am committed in 2022 to improving and growing the club and providing all members with more ride and socializing opportunities. As always, I am open to new ideas and feedback. Please reach out to me anytime.

My favorite ride of 2021 was the trip up to Eagles Mere PA in August. Not the best of weather but we had an enjoyable and safe ride as led by Jim and Ron. Had a good sized group for the ride - 9. I thoroughly enjoyed lunch at the 1887 Inn. The tours of the motorcycle, auto, and airplane museums the two owners provided us under the direction of Mr. Joel Hess - were just amazing! Following the ride, club member Jim Fortney was so impressed with the motorcycle museum that he donated his 1962 R60/2 to the museum (wink wink). Jim, and the museum's owner, were quite happy with the arrangement.

I'm thinking 2022 will be an even better year. I'm looking forward to rides with club members and seeing more members engage in rides and social activities. We have some significant trips scheduled in meetup, and I'll be adding more (ride to MOA Rally in June for one). We have more work to schedule day trips/lunch or breakfast runs (weekdays periodically plus weekend days) and if you have some ideas for ride destinations please reach out.

I want to wish a warm welcome to two new club members who joined in December and attended the Monthly Breakfast at Superior: Frank (Chip) Richardson, and Jim Sposili (brother of member Roger). Chip rides a 2018 BMW R1200RT and hails from Orefield, while Jim rides a 2011 BMW R1200GS and lives in Bath. This brings club membership up to 35. Hope to see you gents at the January breakfast as my gimpy left knee heals.

I also want to send a special 'thank you' to Geli and Craig for sharing their story about Geli's late father, Mr. Günther Holweg, and his amazing skills. See the article and photos in this newsletter. Kudos to my son Ryan who interpreted several of the German language articles into English to enable me to develop the article.

Hoping everyone had a great Holiday Season! Looking forward to 2022 and the great rides and memories we will experience through the year!

RIDE SAFE!

Regards!

Vince

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A Club Member's Father's Legacy

Some club members know fellow long-time club members Angelika (Geli) and Craig Haviland. If not, you'll know a little bit more about them after reading this article. Geli is a lifelong avid motorcyclist who owns several motorcycles. She has two motorcycles with sidecar (Ural, BMW), and two motorcycles sans sidecar (Suzuki 750, BMW 650 GS). The purpose of this story is to introduce you to two 'new' motorcycles that just arrived on the U.S. Shores from Germany after many months in transit – and the history behind them. They have now made their way safely to Geli and Craig's basement!

Geli gained her love of motorcycles from her late father, Günther Holweg. Geli's father was born in 1937 in Germany and passed in early 2021. He is very missed. Günther Holweg was both an electrician and a carpenter in his successful professional career. But early in life he gained interest in practical mechanic work on motor vehicles (it was reported he never bought a new car), and eventually motorcycles (2 wheeled and with sidecars). Now we know why Geli has so many sidecars! As time went on, he became a renowned antique motorcycle restorer in his beloved Germany, focusing on German-built motorcycles. Geli recently shared with me several German motorcycle magazine articles that describe her father's amazing work. One of the articles, dated 2014, indicates that up to that time Günther had restored over 100 motorcycles since 1972! An amazing aspect of his work is that since most of the motorcycles he restored were VERY old (Pre-WW2, dating back to ~ 1901), he would fabricate all the parts he needed for the restoration. He was a true craftsman.

Geli and her brother are now in the process of dispositioning the many motorcycles their father had remaining in his basement workshop. Many completely restored. Some not yet finished. He always had plenty of backlog. Some will be kept in the family. The rest sold.

Over the years Günther would seek out old/broken motorcycles that needed significant restoration work. Apparently, he needed the challenge! In some cases he would restore bikes owned by others. In any case, some of his restorations were special to him and he kept them and rode them. Occasionally he would let Geli ride them when she was visiting home. Below is a summary of each 'new' bike in Geli's stable, with a little history about them.

1917 Harley Davidson Model J, with Sidecar

While Europe lay in ruins during the first World War, In the U.S. production of modern means of transportation flourished, including motorcycles. Until then, Harley-Davidson motorcycles were still considered a luxury product for well-off citizens. However, as the USA entered the war in April 1917, H-D recognized the use of such vehicles for modern warfare and convinced the US Military of its value in the war effort. Harley modified the model J by painting them olive-green, and attaching sidecars to make them more useful to the war effort. Even though the USA was involved in the war for only about a year and a half, every other motorcycle left the Harley Davidson factory as a war machine in 1917-1918. A total of 15,500 units of the 1000cc Model J with V2 four-stroke engine were shipped to the Western Front in the First World War. These were used predominantly by couriers or reporters running messages on the Western Front. These couriers had a high casualty rate. (Vince's note: my grandfather was one of these couriers – he survived the war). In some locations, machine guns were added to the sidecar and the rider would make strafing runs of the enemy.

One of these 15000 + H-D Model J's wound its way to the passionate motorcycle restorer/collector Günther Holweg aus Steinbronnen in 1990. He purchased it from someone in the Netherlands. Mr. Holweg spent over 600 hours in the restoration of this motorcycle. It was his favorite. He would ride this to motorcycle shows. In all, he rode the Model J over 20,000 kilometers. The longest trip he took was 575 kilometers. Pretty cool.

Specifications

➤ 14 Horsepower 3 speed (gears)	➤ 1000 cc engine, V2 four stroke
➤ Top speed: ~ 75 km/Hour.	➤ Motorcycle weight: ~ 400 pounds.
➤ Sidecar weight: ~ 1000 pounds.	

- Modifications made by Günther: Carbide Lamp replaced with Electric Headlamp; kickstarter replaced with an electric starter, front wheel brake added.

1919 Wanderer Model 2 ½ PS

Wanderer was a German manufacturer of bicycles, motorcycles, automobiles, vans and other machinery. Established as *Winkhofer & Jaenicke* in 1896 by Johann Baptist Winkhofer and Richard Adolf Jaenicke, the company used the *Wanderer* brand name from 1911, making civilian automobiles until 1941 and military vehicles until 1945. Wanderer automobiles eventually became one of the four rings of 'Audi' (as we know it today). Wanderer was based in Chemnitz, Saxony – the city Geli's Mom was born. Small world.

Günther picked up the Wanderer in late 1976 for a price of 425 Deutsche Marks (DM). Again he spent over 600 hours restoring the Wanderer over a period of 15 months and completed work in early 1978. The before and after pictures are amazing - Günther again had worked his magic!

Geli's father advised her to ride the Wanderer since it was lighter and easier for her to ride at the time. Over time, while she lived in Germany and after moving to the USA and going back to visit, this was 'Geli's Bike'.

Specifications

➤ 2.5 Horsepower	➤ Displacement: 251 cc, Single Cylinder 4-stroke
➤ Top speed: ~ 60 km/Hour.	➤ Motorcycle weight: ~ 400 pounds.
➤ Fuel Economy: 3 Litres per 100 km	

New Home

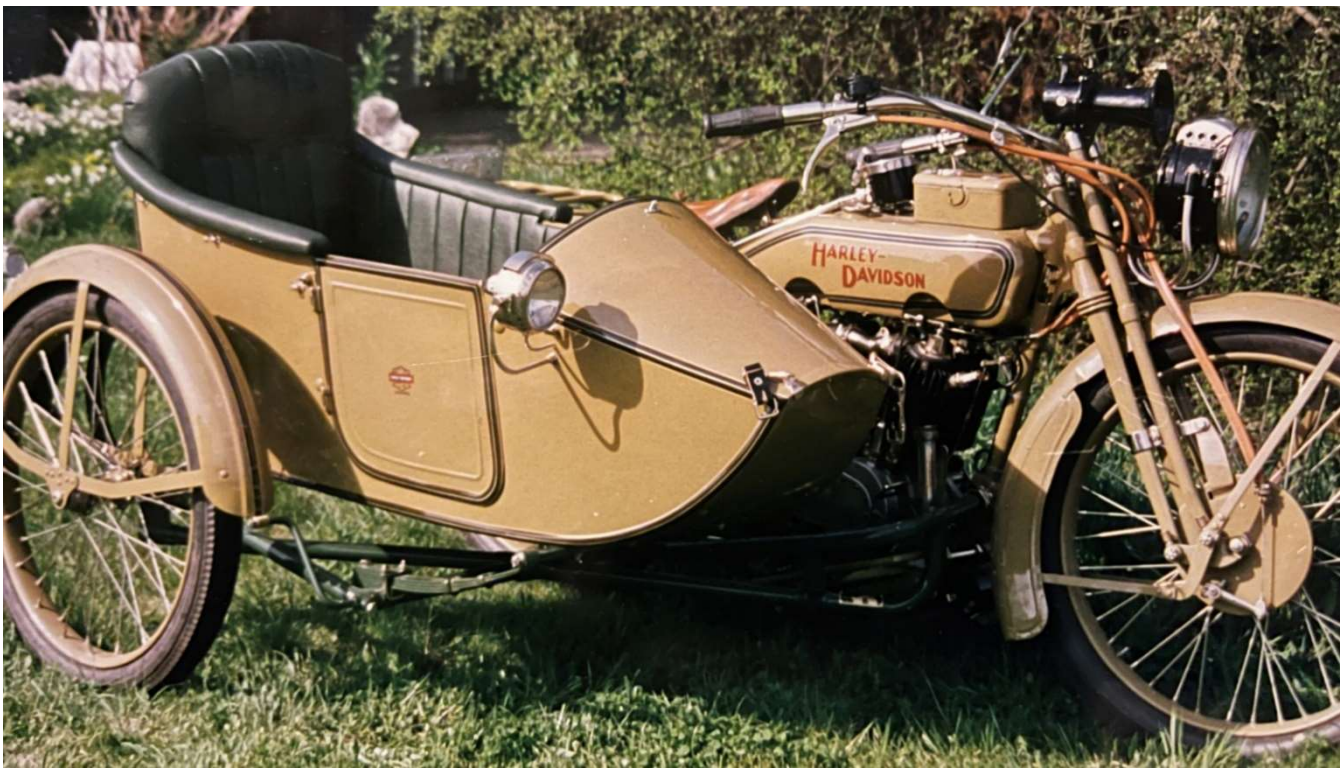
Well, the Wanderer 1.5 PS and the Harley Davidson Model J are now in their new home. Geli's father wanted her to have the 'Wanderer' since it was always 'her bike'. Günther made a special request that the Harley Davidson Model J move back to its original home – to the USA. Plus he knew that Geli had a 'thing' for sidecars. She sure does >> She now has 3! If anyone wants a ride, Geli can be found in Jim Thorpe now and then giving tours in her sidecar. But don't expect to see the Model J there!



**Günther Holweg Riding the H_D Model J
In The Snow!**



1917 H-D Model J with sidecar and canopy



Restored 1917 H-D Model J with sidecar



1919 Wanderer Model 2.5 PS, as Purchased |



Restored 1919 Wanderer Model 2.5 PS



Geli proudly riding her 1919 Wanderer

The photos below and the last photo on the previous page are of Geli and Craig and their Family in a parade in Germany circa 2000



Craig and Geli's mother driving Günther's antique Wanderer automobile



Günther riding with Geli's and Craig's children in the Harley Davidson Model J

December Recap

- Sunday December 12 – Breakfast at Superior! ~ Twenty Attendees in all – including a special guest that Geli and Craig brought along, shown in the second photo Craig's right.
- Several members rode, with Todd Poole getting the nod of riding the longest distance to breakfast! Well, maybe Todd came in second considering Efrain attended!



- Saturday December 18 – Hermy's Happy Holiday open house. A number of members attended.

January Events

January

- Breakfast – January 9. Anyone riding? No other rides or events currently scheduled in January.

Future

- See MEETUP for several rides and multi-day trips planned for 2022 and sign up.

2022 LV Beemer Club Member Renewal

Since we solicited for club attendance starting in May 2021, all club memberships will last until December 31, 2022. This membership end date will apply to all new members in 2022 as well.

As I mentioned in earlier newsletters, BMWMOA National is developing a website for the club that will be tied to the MOA website. We will all have individual website sign on securities and have the capability to renew club membership and to purchase club logo merchandise on-line with a credit card. The website will go live in 1Q, 2022.

As far as dues, initial dues were \$25. I will discuss with club leadership the level of club dues we will request for renewal and let you know in a future newsletter.

Other Club Business

Membership Update:

Current Members at Beginning of Month:	33
New Members this Month:	2
Total Membership as of 11/28/21:	35

In December, Frank (Chip) Richardson, and Jim Sposili (brother of member Roger) joined the club. Please join me in welcoming them to the club!

Treasurer Update

- David Dunn reports that the current club bank balance is \$681.77 after \$373.42 in expenses, and \$75 in deposits. Expenses covered logo development, and the 6 month fee for the use of MEETUP for club rides and activities (through June). It also reflects \$75.00 in deposits: \$50 in new member dues and the refund of a \$25 service charge.

LV Beemers Website Development and Other Social Media

- I met with Ted Moyer, BMWMOA Executive Director, in November along with Lee Hetrick who is president of the BMW Dutch Country Riders chartered BMWMOA club that covers Harrisburg, York, and Lancaster areas. Both Lee and I provided inputs to Ted to support BMWMOA developing a club website. Expect some progress in early 2022. I will request some club members to 'test drive' the beta website with the target to have the website GO LIVE in February/March 2022. The website will allow members, once granted access, to renew with the club for the coming year.
- 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.
- The LV Beemers currently use www.meetup.com to schedule and document our events. You can get an App for your phone as well. New club members can sign up 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

Motorcycle Training to Improve Rider Skills

I'm working with David Dunn and Mark Pederson to review available training courses and inform club members about them during the 1st Quarter 2022. We are currently researching possible use of the PA DMV Course (Advanced Rider Clinic – ARC), as a possible training activity for club members. Some information on it follows.

What is the ARC?

The Advanced Riding Clinic (ARC) is a motorcycle training course and is available to licensed motorcycle riders with intermediate skill level operating any street-legal two-wheel motorcycle that meets safety requirements. It is a nine-hour course consisting of approximately four hours of classroom activities and five hours of riding instruction. There is no formal skill evaluation (test). You must have your Motorcycle License and at least 3,000 miles of riding experience to participate in this course. And your own motorcycle. You can have an adult passenger with you for the course if you ride with a pillion.

What is the Cost of the ARC?

The ARC is FREE to Pennsylvania residents with a valid Pennsylvania Class 'M' driver's license.

The new(er) motorcycle safety training company for PA is American Motorcycle Training (AMT). They appear to offer the ARC class near Allentown at the following locations:

1. [Philadelphia County - Bartram Training Center:](#)
Classroom: **76 Industrial Highway, Essington, PA 19029 (The Clarion Hotel)**
Range: **9162 Bartram Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19153**
2. [Luzerne County - Luzerne County Community College:](#)
Classroom: **Education Conference Center Room 130**
Range: **1333 S. Prospect Street, Nanticoke, PA 18634**
3. Their website is at the following link: [AMT \(teamamtusa.com\)](http://teamamtusa.com)

I contacted AMT and was given the following response on timing of class schedules and signing up:

You may only sign up for classes 30 days or less in advance. Please be on the lookout for updates to the schedule as we get closer to March.

David Dunn is continuing to monitor MOA Foundation activities and will provide the club a list of other motorcycle training providers locations, dates, and costs for our use as well. Remember that the MOA foundation has a \$250 'Paul B Scholarship' for motorcycle training that we can each tap into for a course that charges. David Dunn and I will update on those courses and process for applying for scholarship 'free money' in an upcoming newsletter.

April 23, 2022 (Saturday) is Maintenance Day at Craig and Geli Haviland's!

Ride to Craig and Geli's on Saturday April 23 for the Club's First 'Maintenance Day'. Come to Install and balance new tires. I'll make this an event on Meetup. Please sign up and be specific as to what you'd like to do.

Previously I had requested a "Call for Club Equipment Inventory". The club owns the following equipment:

1. Tire changer.
2. Tire balancer.
3. The club owns a GOPRO, and it is available for club use. Please let me know if you'd like to borrow it and I will make arrangements with you.

Sign Up for the National Rally!

Note that as of December 1 everyone can sign up for the National BMWMOA Rally that will be held in Springfield, Missouri from June 16-19, 2022.

I've reserved 3 rooms (2 queen beds per room) near the Springfield Missouri fairgrounds where the rally will be held. If you're thinking of attending, please let me know.

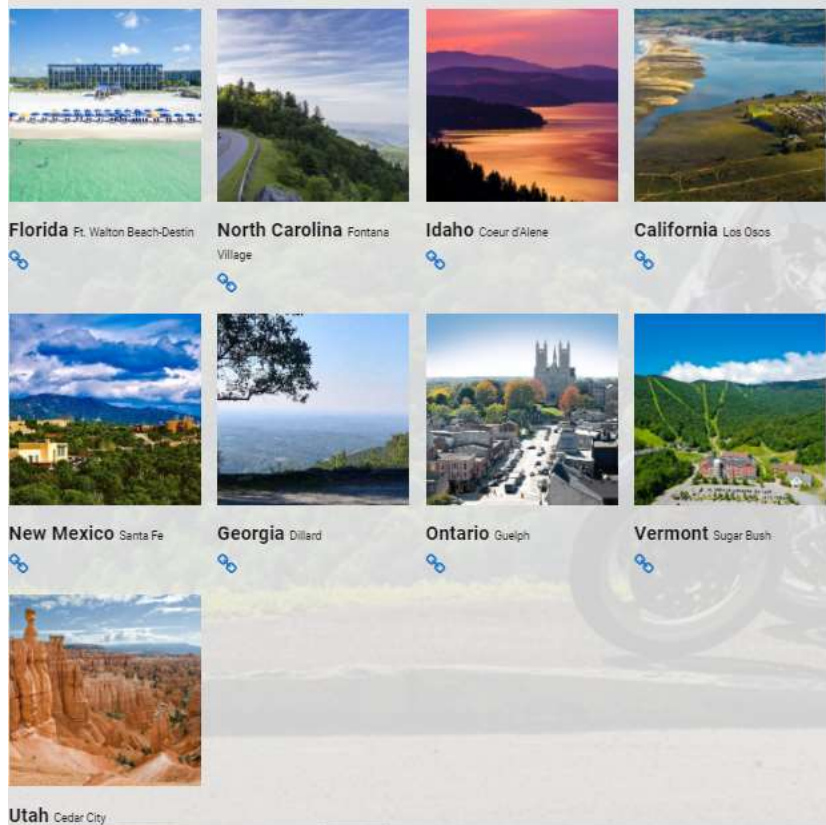
[2022 National Rally Registration \(regfox.com\)](http://regfox.com)

BMWMOA Getaways – 2022 – Anyone Signing Up??

Last week the MOA announced the 2022 Getaway venues. Some are existing, some are new. I'm thinking of a fly and ride to Coeur D'Alene in May, and possibly Vermont in September pending the meetup ride scheduled for Blue Ridge Parkway and Little Switzerland in September. Let me know if anyone is attending any of these and we can see if we can get a small riding group together.

[2022 Getaway Series \(regfox.com\)](https://www.regfox.com)

2022 Getaway Locations



- Ft. Walton Beach-Destin, Florida (\$129.00)
February 18- 20, 2022
The Island, Hotel by RL
- Fontana, North Carolina (\$129.00)
April 22-24, 2022
Fontana Village Resort
- Coeur d' Alene, Idaho (\$129.00)
May 6-8, 2022
The Coeur d'Alene Resort
- Los Osos, California (\$129.00)
May 13-15, 2022
Sea Pines Resort
- Sante Fe, New Mexico (\$129.00)
May 20-22, 2022
Drury Plaza
- Dillard, Georgia (\$129.00)
May 20-22, 2022
Dillard House
- Guelph, Ontario (\$129.00)
August 5-7, 2022
Delta Guelph
- Warren, Vermont (\$129.00)
September 9- 11, 2022
Sugarbush Resort
- Cedar City, Utah (\$129.00)
September 16 - 18, 2022
Courtyard Cedar City

2022 Club Leadership

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Editor, The Call of the Road Newsletter: Vince Kelly

Secretary: Open.

Merchandising Coordinator: Open

NOTES: members can also communicate via private or public messaging within the MEETUP App. If anyone is interested in volunteering for open leadership positions, please contact Vince.