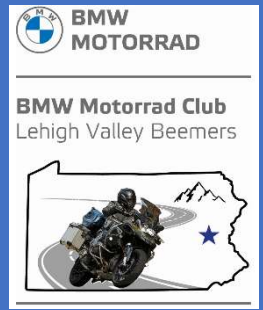




The Call of the Road Newsletter

BMWMOA Club #277, BMWRA Club # (tbd)



February 2022

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Club Monthly Breakfast

*The February LV Beemer 'Breakfast Club' meeting is at the Superior Restaurant in Emmaus –
Sunday February 13 at 0800*

*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 February 11.*

NOTE: See Treasurer's Report!

President's Message

Dear LV Beemers Club Members,

Things are heating up as far as club activities for the 2022 riding season! Can't come soon enough.

In my BMWMOA Regional Coordinator role in the past couple of months I have connected with 9 other local BMW clubs in PA and NJ to open a dialogue on sharing BMWMOA information, and coordinating club rides and rider training amongst clubs. Some examples below. I've invited the club leaders into our club's private meetup group so they can view our scheduled rides. They are reciprocating and plugging me into their websites/I.O. Groups so I can keep tabs on their events and rides. The clubs are as follows:

- Black Diamond Beemers – Mountaintop PA. Ken Osiecki is President.
- MAC-PAC Riders – West Chester, PA. Bruce McKelvy oversees a club of equals.
- Delaware Valley BMW Riders – Ambler PA. Todd Trumbore is President.
- BMW Dutch Country Riders, Harrisburg, PA. Lee Hetrick is President.
- BMW Motorcycle Club of North Jersey. Lincoln Park, NJ. John Slater is President
- Skylands NJ BMW Riders, Asbury NJ. Bob Spine is President.
- Mid-Atlantic Riders, Woodbury NJ. Dominic Pirocchi is President.
- New Jersey Shore Riders, Jackson NJ. Mike Palmer is President.
- New Sweden BMW Riders, Milmay NJ. Ron Cesaretti is president.

This effort is just getting underway, and I plan to get to know the clubs in 2022. To-date, I've met up with Bob Spine of Skylands and have attended two of their meetings. The most recent was at the Warrenside Tavern in Stewartsville NJ on February 2. Ron Paret attended with me. Bob attended our sparsely attended January breakfast also. We plan on opening rides between the clubs (weekday and weekends, trips also) since we are so close geographically. Bob is laser focused on rider safety training also and I will be leaning on his knowledge and expertise to connect our club up with relatively local training opportunities. See the May 31 non-sport bike track training day in Meetup. More to come. P.S. Skylands has a great group of riders engaged in their club!

Todd Trumbore of the Del-Val BMW Riders has a "Bavarian Barn" in Harleysville PA. (See our Meetup posting of the Vintage BMW Motorcycle Owner's Club 9/2021). Todd has invited our club down to get a tour of the barn and grab lunch. I will be scheduling that in Meetup after Todd and I nail down a time frame.

The New Sweden BMW Riders have a weekend event May 14 and 15 called the 'New Sweden 450'. It's listed in the BMW Owner News. Unfortunately this overlaps with our to Eagles Mere for the Museums Tours and Lunch at the 1887 Inn on May 14. But it's an option for club members should they want to plug into it. Weblink here: [BMW Motorcycle Owners of America \(bmwmoa.org\)](#).

I've recently inquired about obtaining a club charter with the BMW Riders Association (BMWRA). I will provide updates as I receive them. I've placed the national BMWRA Rally at end of September in the Club's Meetup schedule. Currently David Dunn and I are planning to attend.

I want to wish a warm welcome to new club members this year: Randall and Liza Miller of Pennsburg, Bryan Croke of Mountaintop, and Tom Heller of Bangor. Randall and Liza attended the January 'Freezeout breakfast', Bryan and Tom are signed up for the February 13 breakfast. With Liza joining that brings our female club membership (riders) to 4, or about 10 % of club membership. Please come out and meet our new riders!

RIDE SAFE!

Regards!

Vince

Vince Kelly

Club President and Newsletter Editor

BMWMOA Charter Club #277

BMWMOA Regional Coordinator (NE PA and North NJ)

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January Recap

- Sunday January 9 – Breakfast at Superior. Four attendees: Randall and Liza Miller, Bob Spine of the Skylands BMW Club, and Vince Kelly braved the ice storm and had a nice breakfast getting to know each other.
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February/March/April Events

February

- Breakfast – February 13 at Superior Restaurant at 0800. Currently 14 are signed up to attend.
- HERMY's /BMWMOA Sponsored Event: WYBDR EXPEDITION DOCUMENTARY FILM PREMIER IN HAMBURG. Wednesday February 23. Seating is limited to 180 occupants and are available on a first come/first served basis. Sign up on Hermy's Facebook page. Doors open at 6:30 and the ride film begins at 7pm sharp. The Strand's concession stand will be open for cash sales and Hermy's may surprise you with a few giveaways to boot! Parking will be on-street around the theatre with an additional lot available at 4th and Pine Streets. I'm signed up. I'm planning some additional BDR rides going forward.

March

- Breakfast meeting moved to Sunday March 6 (First Sunday) and venue changed to Chris' Family Restaurant on Tilghman Street in Allentown. Currently 12 are signed up to attend.

April

- Change your tires at Craig and Geli's Garage in New Tripoli. Saturday April 23.
 - 28th Gathering of the Nortons, at Washington Crossing. Breakfast at Lori's in Newtown early. See details in Meetup.
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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 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 Year:	35
New Members in 2022:	4
Total Membership as of 2/1/22:	39

New members in 2022 so far: Randall and Liza Miller of Pennsburg, Bryan Croke of Mountaintop, and Tom Heller of Bangor. Welcome to the Club!

Treasurer Report

- Treasurer, David Dunn, reports that the club account balance as of the end of January is \$756.77 after \$75.00 in new membership dues were collected and without any incurred expenses during January 2022.
- In order to increase our fund balance, I have recommended that the President ask members to voluntarily contribute \$5.00 at each breakfast attended. The goal is to develop sufficient funds to support a club sponsored training event and subsidize future social events such as a picnic or Holiday Dinner at end of the year. *President's Note: I agree with David's Recommendation.*

LV Beemers Website Development and Other Social Media

- WEBSITE: David Dunn, Stuart McLaren and I had a zoom meeting with BMWMOA Executive Director On February 1 to review the draft LV Beemer website and steps to get it to final release. We have some web page development to do, and the current target is to GO LIVE by end of February. It will evolve after it's release. The website URL will be www.LehighValleyBeemers.com. As I mentioned previously, club members will be able to join the club, renew membership, and will be able to purchase club merchandise. While the BMW template website has a calendar section, we will continue to use Meetup as our ride and event scheduling tool, ride documentation tool (photos), and quick communication method (real time chat text messaging). **NOTE: IF ANY CLUB MEMBERS ARE FAMILIAR WITH WEB PAGE DESIGN USING WORDPRESS, AND HAVE SOME TIME TO HELP – PLEASE CONTACT VINCE. THANKS!**
- FACEBOOK: 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.
- MEETUP: 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 Safety Training

NOTE: AS OF 2/3/22, THE SCHEDULE FOR ARC CLASSES ON THE AMERICAN MOTORCYCLE TRAINING (AMT) WEBSITE HAS NOT YET BEEN PUBLISHED. I WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR THIS AND ADVISE WHEN I SEE THE SCHEDULE UPDATE.

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.

NOTE THAT THE BMWMOA IS OFFERING MOTORCYCLE TRAINING ALSO DURING 2022. CHECK IT OUT AT THIS LINK: [When & Where - BMW Motorcycle Owners of America \(bmwmoa.org\)](http://www.bmwmoa.org)

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.

If you are planning to attend and want to ride with members of the club, sign up for the rally on meetup.

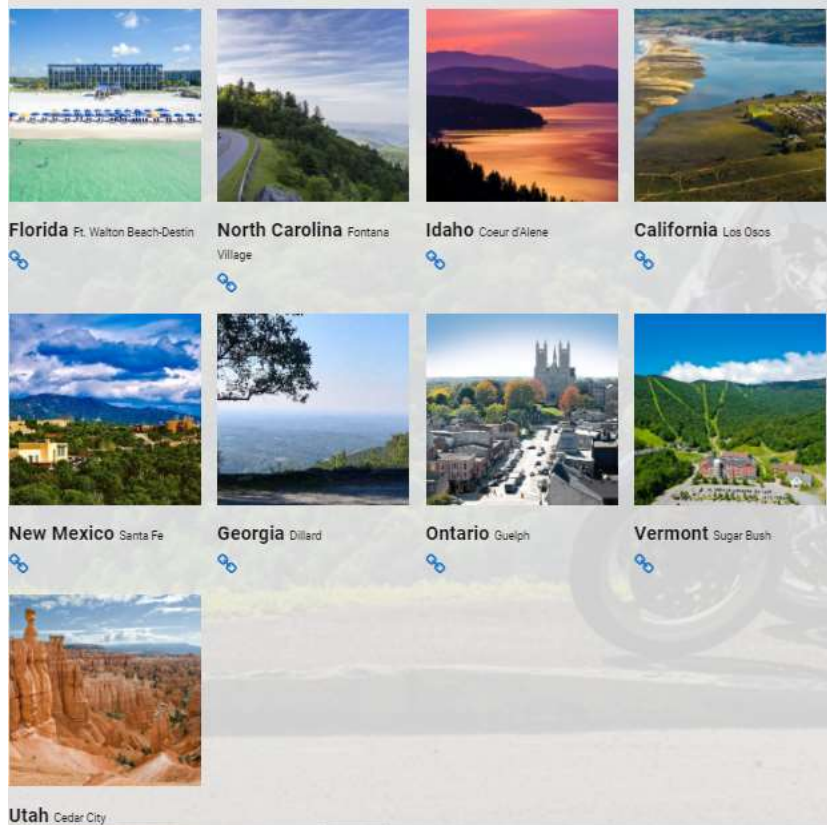
[2022 National Rally Registration \(regfox.com\)](http://regfox.com)

BMWMOA Getaways – 2022 – Anyone Interested in Coeur D’Alene, Idaho?

I’m attending the Coeur D’Alene Getaway in May. Flying into Seattle and renting bikes. Currently mapping a route to Coeur D’Alene that includes running up to Canada Route 99 in Canada (the Sea to Sky Highway), Lytton-Lillooet Highway (12), and then back in Washington State and run the North Cascades Highway (Route 20) east. After the Getaway, expect to slab it on Rt 90 and then jumping into Rt 97 and running through Blewett Pass, then connecting with the Stevens Pass Highway (Rt 2) through Cashmere, Leavenworth, and maybe even a high at Deception Falls. Then off to Olympic National Park to ride the 101-highway loop and run Rt 112 up to Neah Bay. About a 2,000-mile trip.

2022 Getaway Series (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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Treasurer and Membership: David Dunn, davidvdunn@gmail.com

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Secretary: Open.

Merchandising Coordinator: Open

Webmaster: Open