



The Call of the Road Newsletter



BMWMOA Club #277, BMWRA Club # (??)

June 1, 2022

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Club Monthly Breakfast

- *The May LV Beemer 'Breakfast Club' meeting will be Sunday, June 12 at the Valley View Diner at 570 Nazareth Pike, Nazareth, PA @ 0800-1000. Please sign up on MEETUP by June 10 so a head count can be finalized for a reservation.*

Picture from the Road



10 "Beemers" Enjoying Breakfast on the Road at Joey's Bakery and Restaurant in Ridgway, PA during the May 'US Route 6 Trip - at the end of Rt 120. Great Stop! Good Coffee! (Missed Ya Tim!)

President's Message

Dear LV Beemers Club Members,

Club riding events ramped up significantly in May, and the club continued to grow!

Six (6) new members joined the Beemers during the month, bringing our total membership to 51 ! Sixteen new members have joined since the first of the year.

Reaching out a warm welcome to our newest club members. Please welcome them to the club when you see them:

- Scott Ross – Scott hails from Emmaus and rides a 2002 BMW 1150GS. Scott generally available for weekend day rides.
- Joshua Mount - Joshua lives in Allentown -and has a modified 1985 K100 café! He's generally available for weekend day rides. I gifted Joshua 1 year of BMWMOA Membership to 'test drive'.
- John Strasser - John is retired and lives in Milford, PA. John currently rides an '04 K1200GT, and rides about 12K miles a year. John is a new BMWMOA member in 2022.
- Patric (Pat) Hubner – Pat is a new BMWMOA member, and lives in Coopersburg. He rides a 2020 R1250RS. He's generally available for weekend day rides.
- Santo Olmeda Jr. – Santo is a new BMWMOA member, and lives in West Lawn. He rides a 2022 BMW R1250GS, and a 2020 Triumph Street Triple RS. He's available for weekend day rides, and extended rides as his schedule allows. Look for information about Santo elsewhere in this newsletter.
- Miguel (Mike) Alves – Mike rides a BMW GS Adventure. Look for information about Mike elsewhere in this newsletter. He also has a 1996 Honda Goldwing 1500. I gifted Mike 1 year of BMWMOA Membership to 'test drive'.

During our ride along US Route 6 in May, the subject of types of ear plugs came up. Some riders use re-usable, some use throwaways. Here are some recent links to reviews of motorcycle ear plugs for your reference. What do YOU recommend??

- [The Best Motorcycle Ear Plugs - Updated for 2022 - Biker Rated](#)
- [Best Motorcycle Earplugs \(Review & Buying Guide\) in 2022 | The Drive](#)
- [TOP 6 Best Motorcycle Ear Plugs 2022 - Motorcyclist Lifestyle](#)
- [10 Best Motorcycle Ear Plugs – Reviews & Guideline 2021 | BikersRights](#)

If you have not signed up for a scheduled ride or breakfast yet – please look at your calendars and try to join us for a ride, trip, or breakfast. Ride Master Roger Sposili will be scheduling additional weekday rides going forward – for those that are retired and those that want to play hooky from work! Please check out Meetup periodically for new rides and click 'attend'!

ALSO – I NEED YOUR HELP!

As I mention in the June/July update section - We are sparse for scheduled day rides in June/July/August. Granted it's vacation time, I have one with my family in July. [A Note to Ride Organizers](#) – please plan at least one day ride (**Just 1**) through August, that should fill up the calendar a good bit. Try to hit Saturdays and Sundays, but a weekday ride could work also. [And a Note to Club Members](#) – Jump onto Meetup and mention in the discussion section ([Discussions | Lehigh Valley Beemers BMW Riders \(LVBBMWR\) \(Allentown, PA\) | Meetup](#)) what kind of day ride you would like to see. A favorite road (s), location, or a favorite breakfast or lunch location -and our ride organizers can use that as input to map a twisty ride to it. With teamwork we can share the load of planning enjoyable rides. Also – for newer members – if you'd like to become a ride organizer just shoot me a note and I can make it so. Roger and I can give you some tips on creating routes and converting GPX files to add to your GPS.

Lastly – Roger Sposili is asking for input to a potential day or overnight ride to the Catskills in NY State. He wants to ride through the Big Indian Wilderness, perhaps with Hunter mountain included. Please shout out to Roger in Meetup if you are interested. Alternately, you can email him at sposilirj@msn.com.

Lastly – Keep your updates coming so I can include your rides/events/photos in the newsletter! Thanks Joe and Tom!

RIDE SAFE!

Regards!

Vince

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May Recap, Club Member Ride Summaries

May

- May 14 – Reprise of 2021 Eagles Mere PA Ride, lunch at the 1887 Inn, and personal tour of the motorcycle, auto, and air museums. We invited riders from The Skylands NJ Club, and MAC-PAC and Del-Val Riders Clubs in PA. Weather was iffy, but we still had 37/40 riders attend the event – some drove cars while others rode. About 50-50. We will be scheduling several more ride vents to Eagles Mere this season for LV Beemers that wish to attend, and for other local clubs whose members were not able to attend May 14. If you missed May 14, you could hook up one on of the other rides. I'll keep you posted.



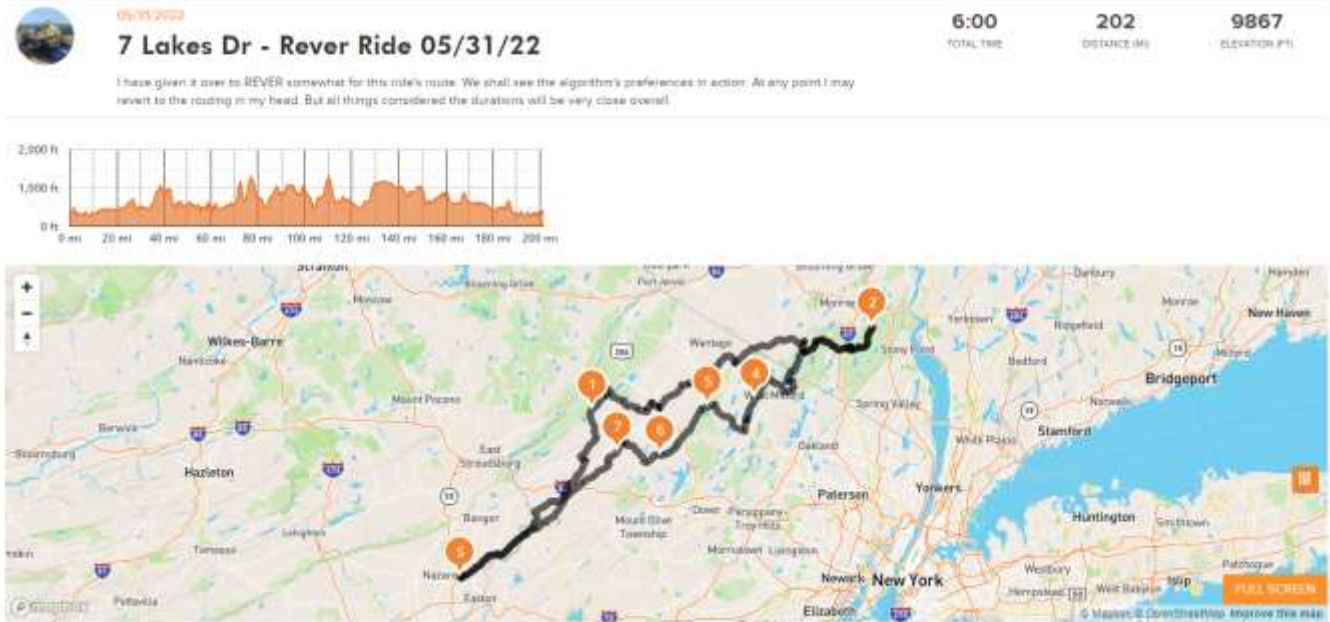
- May 15 – 15 members attended the breakfast and club meeting at the Starlite Diner on Route 100 in Fogelsville. We originally schedule it at the Powderbourne Sportsman's Club - but they are not open for outside dining yet. This was a great venue since we had our own private room where we could raise hell and meet and discuss upcoming rides. We'll be going there again.
 - *The Post-Breakfast Ride was a blast as reported by Washie – Ron Washburn! Per Rides Master Roger Sposili - The May 15 after breakfast ride targeted the curvy roads threading through the coal regions and included a spirited run up Rt 339 – a favorite road of many club members. An “appreciation tour” of sorts as it gave us all a reason to be grateful for not having had to navigate our early years or present days enduring life in such economically depressed and environmentally compromised regions. Privileged indeed. For the riding we held a good brisk pace as we took in an eyeful of PA's coal region so like similar locales in the WV hills, twists, turns and all. In all about four hours of motorcycle adventures!*

- Thursday May 19-May 24 – Cross-PA ride on Route US 6 from Port Jervis to Presque Isle, Erie. 11 club members signed up for this ride, and had a great time! Ben Porobenski, Chip Richardson, Jim Sposili, Liza Miller, Randy Miller, Mark Pederson, Ron Paret, Tim Otoole, Todd Poole, Vince Kelly, and Roger Sposili joined in on the ride. We rode as one group of 11 and Roger did a masterful job as ride leader, with Vince picking up sweep most of the time. The group rode well together and enjoyed Rt 6 and the many twisty mountain roads that were mapped into the trip. Great lunch and dinner venues most of the time, and hotels were decent – we only had to reject (literally) one hotel Vince Proposed – the Bates Motel at Conneaut Lake! We ended up at a warm and comfortable Hampton Inn that last evening. See pictures and comments in Meetup. All in all, the ride was 1500 Miles +. Planned to be 1800 but we shortened some days due to rain and fatigue. They were the best days. Tim and Vince did an additional 40 miles of gravel riding in the Susquehannock Forests. Many in the group recommended we make this an annual event, and improve on the ride sections and venues that didn't work out so well. It's on the books for early May 2023 – date tentative.
- Saturday May 28 - the PA DMV motorcycle training course – Advanced Rider Course (ARC) was held again in May - down by the PHL airport. Three club members were scheduled to attend, but had to cancel out due to other personal commitments. Currently no additional ARC training sessions are scheduled this year. Hopefully more will be scheduled and I will update the club with this information.
- Fellow LV Beemers club member Tom Bruno, who is also a member of the BMW Skylands Club of NJ, provided the following update for May.....Attended the 'Down East Rally' hosted by the Southern Maine Riders club, with 4 other Skylanders. Rally was May 20-22nd. We had a scenic ride through the NY Catskills, crossing the Roebling aqueduct and camping in a cabin in Cooperstown, as the temperature dipped into the 30s that night. Crossed the Champlain bridge into VT then continued to NH where we camped at Winding river campground. We then took a half-day ride to Phippsburg ME, where the rally was held at Hermit Island campground. Foggy and rainy, we got soaked setting up camp but the SMR members were very accommodating, offering us the Kelp shed with its huge stone fireplace, to sleep in. The rain stopped and we didn't need it. Next day we helped the club setup then took a scenic ride to Liberty tool followed by a stop in Camden. Tried to book a sailboat ride the next day there, but the fog was too heavy. The SMR club led rides to The Maine Maritime Museum and Percival Motorcycle Museum, then hosted their 'famous lobster dinner'. I blasted home on the interstates on Sunday, temperature rose from 55 degrees in Maine to 93 degrees on the MA turnpike! Have over 5k miles on the S1000xr in less than 1 year. *Editor's Note: Take a trip, you'll always have a great time.*
- From Joe 'Huntz': This is my latest ride. I spiffed up for a solo ride to raise awareness to the world-wide gentleman's ride to raise awareness to men's mental health and cancer issues. I read there were over 2 million riders worldwide in recognition to "Gentleman's ride." I made some riders aware of what it's all about at Van Sant airport.



Joe looking hot with his 'Red Headed Italian' >> 🤩

- May 31st – Tuesday – 7 Lakes Drive Ride – Hosted by Ride Master Roger Sposili - **Seven Lakes drive:** Link to REVER GPX, <https://a.rever.co/rides/4077373>
This is a ride to NYS Harriman State Park. Pack a lunch, there are a number of picnic areas within the park and we will pull over and enjoy a break in the shade to eat. Standard State Park amenities & rest rooms available.



June -July Look Ahead

June

- June 12 – Sunday – Club breakfast at 0800 at the Valley View Diner in Nazareth. Graciously hosted by Liza and Randy Miller. See Meetup for details.....and sign up!
- June 16-18 - BMW MOA National Rally. Four (4) Club members are heading out on June 11 to take the long path to the rally, along with three club guests. See meetup if interested in joining a group ride to the Rally.
- June 24 – **TENTATIVE** – Bike Night at Rolling Hills Recreation, Schnecksville PA. Check out the bikes, Mini-Golf, Ice Cream! When confirmed will post it in MEETUP.
- No other Rides Currently Scheduled for June due to a number of members heading out to the National Rally. It's an opportunity for other ride leaders to plan and initiate rides on Meetup. Several Day Rides (Weekend and weekday) are expected to be scheduled during the month. Check Meetup periodically for updates.

July

- July 1 – 6PM to 9PM - Macungie Bike Night
- July 14 – **TENTATIVE** – Bike Night at Rolling Hills Recreation, Schnecksville PA. Check out the bikes, Mini-Golf, Ice Cream! When confirmed will post it in MEETUP.
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Club Business

Membership Update:

Members as of 5/1/2022:	45
New Members in May	6

Total Membership as of 5/31/22:	51
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Treasurer Report – Month Ending May 31

We keep bringing in the funds to build our reserves!...May added breakfast donations and new member dues! After discussions with some members that only breakfast attendees were 'adding to the pot', we will switch our breakfast donation (\$5.00 suggested) to a 50/50 raffle format – with an occasional door prize, when available. If you donate at the breakfast, you get to participate in the raffle. We will deposit only 50% of the donations, but agreed the new format is a fair, fun incentive.

\$ 964.14 End of April Balance
\$ 85.00 added from Breakfast donations
\$ 100.00 added new member fees (MOA transfers for April New Members).
<u>\$ 0.00 in expenses incurred</u>

\$1,149.15 End of May Balance

David Dunn

LV Beemers Website, MEETUP, and Facebook

The website is found at URL: www.lehighvalleybeemers.com

All members have received a sign on User ID and Password. Give the website a try. It's sparse today but Chip Richardson and I will try to make it more interesting and keep things updated there on MOA and RA activities. I think we will get good use out of the discussion forum. This is where we plan to publish the monthly newsletter so that members can discuss the topics in the newsletter, or bring up topics they'd like to see in future newsletters.

Our new members have used the new website to sign up for the club. The new process is working perfectly.

- **FACEBOOK:** The LV Beemers Facebook page is a public space 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. The 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 the Meetup App (and website at www.meetup.com) to schedule and document our Rides and other Events. 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

- *MEETUP Tutorial – Continued - One final word about setting up ‘text push notifications’ and ‘email notifications’ when a new ride is posted, chat comments added, etc. (Reference Vince’s two Emails of May 29) – you can set it to ping you when club members ‘chat’ WITHIN AN EVENT, BUT THE CHAT AREA IN meetup proper (when not in an event or ride – Hit DISCUSSION when entering MEETUP) – does NOT have the ability to automatically notify you when some posts a chat. For example – Ron Paret posted on May 29 “Any interest in 4-day Elkins WV trip in June? Tim OToole and myself considering extended weekend ride.” There is no way to be automatically notified of these chat items. So, check into MEETUP every couple of days to ensure you know what’s going on and what people are talking about.*

BMW Riders Association (BMWRA)

We made formal application to the BMWRA to become a chartered club in early March. In late March Drew Alexander, BMWRA charter clubs coordinator, reached out to me and provided me the Charter Club guidelines and the BMWRA Bylaws. I reviewed and accepted them. I checked in with BMWRA in May – I was told there was a board meeting soon and our charter application should be approved..... still waiting.....

2022 Club Leadership

President, Newsletter Editor, Membership: Vince Kelly ~ LVBEEMERS@GMAIL.COM,
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Vice President: Ron Paret ~ reparet@aol.com

Treasurer: David Dunn, davidvdunn@gmail.com

Ride Master: Roger Sposili, sposilirj@msn.com

Ride Leaders/Event Co-Organizers (in Meetup): Bryan Croke, David Dunn, Jim Fortney, Vince Kelly, Tim Otoole, Ron Paret, Chip Richardson, **Additional Ride Leader Positions Available.**

Webmaster: Chip Richardson

Secretary: Open.

Merchandising Coordinator: Open

Newsletter Editor: Open

If any of our newest members are interested in Joining the Leadership Team, please get in touch with Vince. Thanks.

Motorcycle Safety Training

I continue to work with David Dunn, Mark Pederson, and Bob Spine of the Skylands Club to review available training courses and inform club members about them. Here's what we have so far:

a. PA DMV Offers American Motorcycle Training (AMT) Training - ARC

- Advanced Rider Courses (ARC) was 'scheduled' for May 28. There are no additional ARC classes scheduled as of publication of this newsletter. Check and sign up on the PA DMV website to attend any that are scheduled. Their website is at the following link: [AMT \(teamamtusa.com\)](http://teamamtusa.com).

b. BMWMOA Foundation Training Information

- 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 as he receives them.
- The MOA Foundation has a (UP TO) \$250 'Paul B Rider Training Grant' for motorcycle training that every member can tap into to offset training costs. Club members can apply for a Paul B Grant at the following MOA web URL: [Paul B. Grants - BMW Motorcycle Owners of America \(bmwmoa.org\)](http://bmwmoa.org)

c. Other Training Nearby

- Locally, there is a half-day Motorman "Ride like a Pro"
[Training schedule and Registration \(ridelikeapro.com\)](http://ridelikeapro.com)

d. BMWMOA Offered Training Courses

- a. BMW and the BMWMOA is offering three types of training classes – both road rider training and off-road/adventure rider training. The BMWMOA events webpage provides details of the many training events offered. Each of these training classes is offered several times in 2022. Look at the BMWMOA website events schedule for one that may interest you (d.4 below). These include:
- (1) Premier Training at BMW Performance Center (On-Road and Off-Road) – Greer SC. 2 days.
 - (2) Adventure Training at Westmoto38 in Borrego Springs CA and Globe AZ and Death Valley CA. 4 days.
 - (3) BMW MOA Street Fleet Smoky Mountain Tour with the BMW Performance Center! BMW Performance Center and Roads. 2.5 Days.
 - (4) CHECK OUT BMWMOA-OFFERED TRAINING EVENTS AT THIS LINK: [When & Where - BMW Motorcycle Owners of America \(bmwmoa.org\)](http://bmwmoa.org)**

e. Addition Training Resources

Addition training and information links: - TBD.

The Grapevine

- Joe 'Huntz' heard that Route 125 will be Oiled and Chipped. Say it ain't so. We need a ride to check it out. Also – he's been finding good roads South of I78, West of Reading, North of Lancaster. Anyone wanna join him?

Member New Bikes !

New Members Mike Alves and Santo Olmeda Jr both have 'new' 2022 BMW's:



Mike Alves just bought a brand new R1200 GS! He picked it up on May 28 and christened it in that heavy rainstorm ! Don't clean it Mike!

Santo Olmeda Jr.'s 2022 Brandy
New Triple Black GS!

