



# The Call of the Road Newsletter



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

## July 2022

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### Club Monthly Breakfast

- **The Next LV Beemer 'Breakfast Club' meeting will be Sunday, July 10 at the Starlite Diner and Lounge in Fogelsville, Routes 78/100 on Rt 100 @ 0800-1000. Please sign up on MEETUP by July 8 so a head count can be finalized for the reservation.**

### Picture from the Road

*Chip and Vince pushing it somewhere along the Jeb Stuart Highway in North Carolina - a hidden Gem of a road*



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## *President's Message*

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Dear LV Beemers Club Members,

The riding season continued in earnest in June. The big news is that four club members rode to the BMWMOA National Rally in Springfield MO – Roger Sposili, David Dunn, Chip Richardson, and me. This is well documented in the meetup event for the ride, and a LV Beemer Facebook page (use this link in Facebook to locate it for a daily blog on the journey: @LVBBMWR2022).

The club continued to grow in June with 2 new members joining during the month. This brings our total membership to 53 ! Eighteen new members have joined since the first of the year.

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

- Joe Leskin – Joe lives in Brockton PA (up the road from Hermy's) and rides an R850R. He rides about 5000 miles a year. A suggested ride is to Shunk PA (We did one in May...But we can do it again!).
- Tom Honsinger (Tom H) – Tom is down around West Chester way and currently owns a R1250GS ! He also owns an African Twin. Tom rides about 10,000 miles a year. One of the rides he wants to do is to Maggie Valley NC. There is a ride event end of September heading in that direction. Tom gets new member recognition AND new bike recognition in this newsletter!

Message to all members - 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 and other ride leaders will be scheduling additional weekend and 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'! You can set up Meetup to send you an email notification of new rides and events.

As mentioned in last month's newsletter – other ride leaders please try to put up a ride or two through October to fill out the riding schedule in Meetup. This includes putting up a ride after the Sunday breakfasts. Also, if you are new to the club and are an experienced rider and ride leader, please let me know if you are interested in being a ride leader for the Beemers – I'd like to offer as many rides as possible to the club membership!

Regards!

**Vince**

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## June Recap, Club Member Ride Summaries

### June

- June 4 – Day ride to Carsonville Hotel for lunch. Ten riders had a great ride over the mountains to lunch outside at the Carsonville Hotel. The club met up with the Lancaster Motorcycle Riding and Touring Group (LMRT) – which includes Mark Finnegan and Todd Poole too.
- June 12 – Sunday – Club breakfast at 0800 at the Valley View Diner in Nazareth. Graciously hosted by Liza and Randy Miller. It was a rainy day and only a few club members joined in breakfast. Honorary mention goes to Miguel Alves who rode to the restaurant but arrived just after everyone left.



- June 10-June 23 – BMWMOA Rally in Springfield Missouri. Four club members and two 'friends of the club' took the trip. Met up with some old friends, met some new friends, worked the rally, and did a ton of great riding. Highlights: Jeb Stuart Highway in NC, Route 125 and Peel Ferry in Arkansas, and many more! A 3500 Mile + ride! This is well documented in the meetup event for the ride, and also a LV Beemer Facebook page (use this link in Facebook to locate it for a daily blog on the journey: @LVBBMWR2022). Thinking of making this an annual trek (to and from Arkansas) by way of the Smokie Mountains. Any interest??
- June 24 – Bike Night at Rolling Hills Recreation, Schnecksville PA. Bikes, Ice Cream, friends hanging out. Great time had by 15 club members and family members!

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## July-August Look Ahead

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### July

- July 1 – 6PM to 9PM - Macungie Bike Night. No Club attendees.
- July 8 – Tim O'Toole sponsoring a Friday breakfast ride to THISILLDOUS, a great little restaurant in Belvedere NJ.
- July 10 – Post Monthly Breakfast Ride. Going forward we will schedule a separate event for a post breakfast ride to get a head count on riders and for riders to know the ride plan coming in.
- July 14 – Bike Night at Rolling Hills Recreation, Schnecksville PA. Check out the bikes, Mini-Golf, Ice Cream! When confirmed will post it in MEETUP.
- July 17 – Ride to Sky Café for breakfast, and post ride into North Jersey and New York through Belvedere.
- July 24 – Sunday ride to Grotto Pizza at Harvey's Lake for Lunch, via 'Giant's Despair' hill climb area in Laurel Run PA. ([\(20+\) Giants Despair Hillclimb](#) | [Facebook](#))

### August

- 8/4 thru 8/7 – Tim O and Ron P are hosting - Deliverance Trip to West Virginia. 7 riders so far! Park it in Elkins for 3 nights and loop around great roads in WV!
- 8/14 – Monthly Breakfast at the Starlite Diner in Fogelsville. We will have a Guest Speaker. Chris Durgan, of SKYMED. Chris and an associate will stop by and join us for breakfast. After breakfast Chris will describe the benefits of SKYMED, and a discount he can offer to BMWMOA Members. SKYMED advertises in the BMW Owner News Magazine. Chris will provide a handout and speak for about 15 minutes. It's a good session as he compares and contrasts SKYMED services against the other companies that provide accident insurance on the road. Both in the USA and worldwide. I kindly ask members to attend since if we get more than 15 members at breakfast Chris will provide our treasurer, David Dunn, with a check for \$200 that we can contribute to the club account. And we want the treasurer to be happy. Of course we will also have our 50-50 raffle.
- 8/14 – Post breakfast ride. Details to be announced on MEETUP.
- 8/17 thru 9/3 – Ireland and the Isle of Man 15-day Motorcycle Trip– Vince, Randy and Liza are heading on this bucket list trip to the Emerald Isle and the Isle of Man. We will ride the Isle of Man TT Grand Prix course, and be able to watch one day of races of the "Classic TT" race. There may be bikes remaining. Call Vince if you'd like to check it out. Details of IOM Classic TT race: ([https://manxgrandprix.org/mgp2022/#:~:text=The%20duration%20of%20the%20event,August%20\(August%20Bank%20Holiday\)](https://manxgrandprix.org/mgp2022/#:~:text=The%20duration%20of%20the%20event,August%20(August%20Bank%20Holiday)))
- 8/20 – Cows and Crabcakes -newly appointed ride leader Todd Poole is leading up this ride through Lancaster county and ending up at Lee's Landing in MD for a great lunch on the water. Don't miss it!

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## Club Business

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## Membership Update:

Members as of 6/1/2022:	51
New Members in June	2
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Total Membership as of 7/1/22:	53

## Treasurer Report – Month Ending June 30

With everyone out on their motorcycles, attending events and doing 'stuff', June was a quiet month financially for our club. Your Treasurer and several other members missed the monthly breakfast (we went to the Rally) and thanks are due Ron Paret for stepping up to handle those donations. I was informed that because of the small turnout, he did not hold the 50/50 raffle but simply collected the amount donated. Thanks again for everyone's generosity as we build our club's war chest.

\$ 1,149.15 >> End of May Balance  
\$ 150.00 >> Added in new member fees received via MOA  
\$ 25.00 >> Less Bank Account Service Charge  
\$ 104.88 >> Less Meet-Up Website fees  
\$ 1,169.27 End of June Balance

David Dunn

## LV Beemers Website, MEETUP, and Facebook

- The website is found at URL: [www.lehighvalleybeemers.com](http://www.lehighvalleybeemers.com)
- 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](http://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](http://www.meetup.com) (create a user ID and PW – it's free). Then tap this link. [www.Meetup.com/lehigh-valley-beemers](http://www.Meetup.com/lehigh-valley-beemers)

## 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.....zzzzzzz. No Change for June.....

## 2022 Club Leadership

**President, Newsletter Editor, Membership:** Vince Kelly ~ [LVBEEMERS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:LVBEEMERS@GMAIL.COM),  
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**Ride Master:** Roger Sposili, [sposilirj@msn.com](mailto:sposilirj@msn.com)

**Ride Leaders/Event Co-Organizers (in Meetup):** David Dunn, Vince Kelly, Tim Otoole, Ron Paret,  
Chip Richardson, Todd Poole >> **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.***

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*Member New Bikes !*

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**New Member Tom Honsinger is the proud new owner of a 2022 R1250 GS !**

