



The Call of the Road Newsletter

BMWMOA Club #277, BMWRA Club # (tbd)



BMW Motorrad Club
Lehigh Valley Beemers



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Club Monthly Breakfast

The Next LV Beemer 'Breakfast Club' meeting will be **Sunday, October 9** at the **Starlite Restaurant in Fogelsville – Rts 100/78**. Please sign up on MEETUP by Friday October 7 so we can finalize our reservation. Also – check out the post-breakfast ride sponsored by Dave Smith!

President's Message

Dear Fellow Lehigh Valley Beemers Club Members,

September was another great Riding Month! I hope you all got some riding in!

It kicked off with Cows and Crabcakes to Lee's Landing (led by Todd Poole), and wound down with a 3-week EPIC SOLO RIDE across the USA (also led by Todd Poole)! Todd jazzed up his ride by first joining the first day of the three-day trip (900 miles) to the Adirondacks led by Roger Sposili and attended by Randy and Liza Miller and yours truly. Amazing trip – perfect weather and nothing but twisties. The Adirondack trip is worthy of becoming an annual trip. We stayed in Lake George Village 2 nights >> after labor day it isn't crowded.

Also during September, 15 members (and our Special Guest Joel Hess from the Eagles Mere Motorcycle Museum) attended a joint BMW Club picnic at Todd Trumbore's Bavarian Barn in Harleysville with many of his Del-Val BMW Riders! Great cookout, it was really cool walking through his museum sporting a variety of mostly German bikes. We did a little speechifying and agreed we'll do it again. Thanks Todd – and DVBMWR's!

Another ride that the club runs once or twice or thrice a year is to swing down to MD for lunch on the water. Five members hit up the Chesapeake Inn and Marina for lunch. Lastly, David Dunn and Vince Kelly were scheduled to ride the BRP to Little Switzerland, then swing down to the BMWRA National Rally in Waynesville NC. Vince had to cancel out on the latter trip, but David headed out to NC and lasted until Friday morning September 30 (was scheduled to end Sunday) when Hurricane Ian chased him and other Rally-goers out of the area! At this writing Roger Sposili is on yet another ride down to TN via WV and other points south on a journey he likes to do often. There will be opportunities to do this trip in 2023. Additional Solo Trips in September: Tim Otoole (see Best Photos) and Roger Sposili (see photos).

Breakfast for October 9 is again at the Starlite Diner. Please try to attend to meet fellow club members and talk bikes and riding. Dave Smith is planning a post-breakfast ride. Only 2 riders are signed up so far and it looks warm and sunny on Sunday – please see if you can attend. He'll be heading over to NJ and up to the Hawks Nest.

For the seventh consecutive month, we have a new club member – Rob Van Ingen. Rob joined on 9/11 and lives in the Quakertown area. More details on Rob to follow once he joins meetup and summarizes his ride(s). Please welcome Rob to the Club at robsvaningen@gmail.com! And since I had not gone to press yet - new member Robert Banwart joined on October 4, making it the 8th straight month we've see a new member. We are 60 members strong now! Robert lives in Reading and more details to follow he connects with the club on Meetup. Please welcome Robert to the club at rbanwart@att.net.

Speaking of membership, the end of 2022 will see us all getting emails from the Club/BMWMOA to sign up for 2023 LV Beemer Club membership. Dues will remain \$25 per year. Please pay via credit card in the link provided. The fiscal year going forward is 1/1/xx to 12/31/xx, for dues. Exception: New members joining the club in the 4th quarter of the year will have their dues satisfied through end of the following year. Congratulations Robert Banwart!

October is slim for planned rides; breakfast and two rides are in Meetup currently. Some of the club leadership will likely schedule one or two additional 1-day rides during the month when weather looks good. Look for those postings and please sign up if your schedule permits! Hope to see you on a ride or at breakfast this month!

The newsletter is focused this month on getting across visually to club members the great riding, comradery, great times, friendship building, and memories many of are able to experience and create as club members. Look at the places and the faces we've been this month! I urge members who have not yet engaged to plug in and ride. Make new friends. Make new memories! See you soon! The Road Calls!

Ride Safe!

Regards!

Vince

Vince Kelly

Lehigh Valley Beemers Club President

BMWMOA Regional Coordinator (NE PA, NJ)

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Best Picture from the Road !



Ride Leader Tim Otoole while on his Wild Rest Ride in September got a visit from a Bald Eagle that was thinking about lunging along the road.



Tim Interrupted him.

The video then bobbed back and forth with our might road warrior attempting to avoid the aviator – which he did - and in looking back he verified what he THOUGHT he saw! A quote, “OH MY GOD!!!”. Close Call. Stats for Tim’s Solo Trip that was shortened due to hellacious rainstorms in the west: Overall ride: 10 states, 4700 miles. The Road Called!



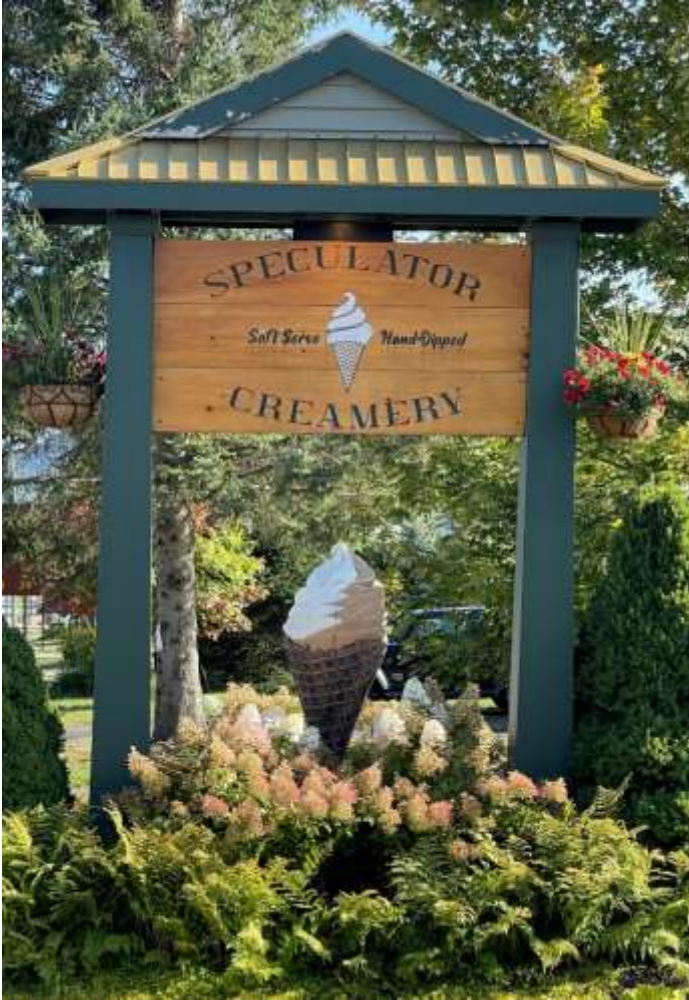
It's All About The Ride! Photos from Members on their September Journeys Described in this Newsletter!

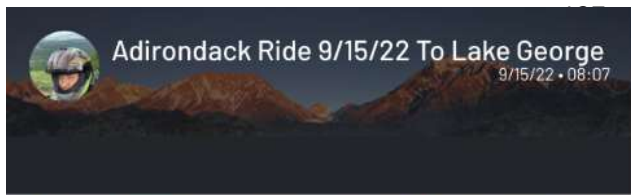












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| Avg: 45mph | | Max: 88mph |
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| Start: 58° | | End: 66° |





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Club Business

Membership Update:

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| Members as of 9/1/2022: | 59 |
| New Members in Sept to Oct 4 | 1 |
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| Total Membership as of 10/4/22: | 60 |

Treasurer Report – Month Ending September 30

End of August Closing Balance: \$1,699.27

September Receipts:

9/12: \$80.00 - 50/50 proceeds!

9/20: \$75.00 - New member fees

September Disbursements:

9/20: **\$150.00** - Annual Picnic contribution to Todd Trumbore

End of September Closing Balance: \$1,704.27

Just back from North Carolina, and now off to Marry my Daughter off in Vermont ! Wish Me Luck!

David Dunn

LV Beemers Website, MEETUP, and Facebook

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

BMW Riders Association (BMWRA)

No Update. David will seek status with BMWRA Leadership in October. I may drop this request. I've not heard from them in 6 months. They are not very well organized. At this point I'm thinking there is not much value to the club to get engaged with this organization. Definitely the junior circuit when it comes to BMW Clubs.

2022 Club Leadership

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

Treasurer: David (The Accountant) Dunn, davidvdunn@gmail.com

Ride Master: Roger (need a nickname) Sposili, sposilirj@msn.com

Ride Leaders/Event Co-Organizers (in Meetup): Vince (TechDog) Kelly, Randy (OI Milla) Miller, Tim (Wedge)Otoole, Ron Paret, Todd (need a nickname) Poole, Chip (need a nickname) Richardson, Dave (need a nickname) Smith >>

Additional Ride Leader Positions Available.

Webmaster: Chip Richardson

Secretary: Open.

Merchandising Coordinator: Open

Newsletter Co-Editor: Randy Miller. Always seeking additional Co-Editors. 🤝

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

NOTE: Nicknames must be by another club member. No 'self-proclaimed nicknames' allowed!

Current Member New Bikes ! And New Member Bikes !

I am not aware of any new member bikes during August. Let me know when you get a new bike, and I will post a photo of you with it proudly in the newsletter !

Waiting for a photo from Rob Van Ingen. See it in November report.

Marketplace

Garmin Montana 750i Satellite Communicator and GPS (Contact Vince Kelly If Interested)

- [Garmin Montana 750i Satellite Communicator and GPS - InReach Device \(bmwmoa.org\)](#)
- Purchased 1Q 2021. Cost new: \$900. Asking \$600. Perfectly good condition. Just want to try a smaller unit. Make an offer.

Garmin VIRB 360 Degree Camera

- [Garmin VIRB 360 Video Camera, extra batteries and charger \(bmwmoa.org\)](#)
- Purchased 3Q 2018. Only used on 3 trips. 360 degree camera is neat. Bought a SENA 50C recently and want to move this to a new home. Make me an offer!

NOTE: I Got New Tech. The Tech Above Is Fairly New. // TechDog Kelly

~~BMW GS large tank bag -- make me an offer -- contact David Dunn. Cost new about \$300. SOLD!~~

If you'd like to post a bike or other motorcycle items, please submit to Vince by the 25th of the month. Also feel free to post it on Meetup in the general discussion area.