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Filename not specified.** |  |  | | --- | | **Dear Club Members:**    Spring is here.  The Riding Season is officially underway!  Many of you have already been out riding.  Now that the 2023 Ride Plan is scheduled in MEETUP, please consider signing up for a ride that interests you.  Meet fellow club members and enjoy the camaraderie!    By the time you receive this month's newsletter, some of your fellow club members and I will have ridden to Essington PA on March 31st and enjoyed a great dinner with the PA DMV American Motorcycle Training (AMT) Team.  Saturday April 1 we will be attending the Advanced Rider Clinic (ARC) getting rid of the winter cobwebs and tuning up our skills for the upcoming riding season. The forecast is saying it may be a bit wet in the morning, but training is 'rain or shine'.  If you are interested in signing up for a future DMV Motorcycle Course, please see the training section of the newsletter.  I will ask attendees to provide feedback on the training and we'll update you in an upcoming newsletter.    Club Training and Safety Director Bruce Dimon and I recently discussed the article in the March BMWMOA Owner News on Group Riding (Page 48).   [BMW Owners News for March 2023 by bmwmoa - Issuu](https://u2306505.ct.sendgrid.net/ls/click?upn=M3V7pKe308SQRDM8wYnXBZRG6b565CyM0YekrJEQCi-2B7pYLfIc2FbruUrWfW9FVJzDlNNbyEEG-2BTnbEfJn5A5B1fXV6ZvVKf6HDeLUETS228a0qFL6J6wXvH3Ta-2Fbh2OWzNdi-2F-2F1YOis-2F5BuGJ8H3pUkVTm2DaRFr10tcR4ZU8GfURmg3XSUtKIaRMB16Jm2vc1VzEsbk84dpqRoFUrxVFGhm4FqZ3Qydd-2FZLrRU8S0-3DWB_-_l3iAlvzwfiTzDWrs-2FEV3pnQwLAzXP-2BA9KemM2ORNsb9wgB3k2Yn1PuWNaNy5dSAXC8lJlOvfQk3GL9y67vinZ-2FsIa-2B0tirHEUoAOhJ-2FAvHl0wxp88lswlZX8ENg3lCU0wIt2ycGSVDb6HIkzwXYQDeiXeYx-2BGjBi0qGerb2sKhi2q0HnRueQyO4-2BEk7kzb-2F1gRvUTF6wf5-2BaFMgj63BIew-3D-3D).  Highly recommended reading. In his 'Focus' this month Bruce elaborates on some key rules on group riding and his own experience with riding in groups.  Both are worth the read.  Two key messages:  A group's speed should not be faster than its slowest rider, and, if you are uncomfortable with the pace - Ride Your Own Ride.  Just ensure to communicate with your ride leader of your intent.    Also, Bruce recently was interviewed on a motorcycle podcast - Episode #62 of the "ARRIVE ALIVE" podcast hosted by Len Bilello.  Bilello discussed Bruce's 51 years of riding over 700,000 miles, and more.  Here's the link to the podcast.  You'll get some good insights from Bruce and learn a little about him.    [Skilled Rider, "Bruce D" shares years and many miles of riding strategies | Arrive Alive - Motorcycle Safety Podcast (arrivealivepodcast.com)](https://u2306505.ct.sendgrid.net/ls/click?upn=M3V7pKe308SQRDM8wYnXBXkhBTgEaF8dzUng647rb-2BQ-2FJ2FpfCi-2FQaeKbM7zPBXLH6HvhglQtL0NKl2ETu3wvBjqDAoE4Pa7DZAdzNA8HLTZwJHtfJQmTNpbo8LLnTfUXkzE5arOP16rpFED7IYRRfEvi2ZTaAm9z5h7Yp16dBWKPuaf8121q82nj1USOwMRPkJKjUBXdBSAcsZd2-2FLBge6rcvp2okRJInFsxyoUTWWOYNZxcEGayPg-2FaI2SBef4yToa_l3iAlvzwfiTzDWrs-2FEV3pnQwLAzXP-2BA9KemM2ORNsb9wgB3k2Yn1PuWNaNy5dSAXFxdHe0vOg0pBL7m9sv5sombJUqppT6QkDI8wuYTCzh3EH7DjwiaK-2FeRngRQkOyrnbyVVycvQCjSgDYj04BntQ9lFj74zx384gbupr7iNfiEzl1KOTFEfE8bYXxJkXUzJTmFS7-2BNx6yLKEL3oPe7Sjg-3D-3D)    Please join me in welcoming new member Robert Tikovsky to the Beemers!  Robert hails from Bethlehem, having moved here from Germany in 2021.  He also lived in Oklahoma and Texas in the early 2000's.  He currently rides a 2013 BMW GS Adventure.  Robert recently learned of the club and is excited to meet and ride with other experienced BMW riders.    Several Club members have pulled the trigger and purchased a motorcycle airbag vest.  It is a great safety device.  But Pricey.  Is it worth it?  See FortNine's Assessment of current airbag vests on the market in the safety section of the newsletter, as input into whether you want to take the dive.  It's a good idea.  I'm thinking about one.    The club merchandise store wrapped up in early March.  About one-third of club members took advantage of the opportunity and ordered club merchandise.  We will open the 'store' annually in January for existing and new members going forward.    The first big trip of the year begins April 20 - The Big Bend Texas Loop Multistate Tour (AKA "Texas Toast").  Five club members and one club friend are taking the trip. Look for periodic photos and updates in the MEETUP event for the trip.  As a result - the May newsletter may be a bit late. Who wants to collaborate with me on it?    Ron Paret recently informed me that he is stepping down as Club Vice-President.  Ron has been President of the Blue Knights PA III Motorcycle Club for many years.  In re-visiting his club's bylaws recently, he is precluded from holding elected or appointed board positions in other motorcycle clubs.  I want to thank Ron for his membership, help and leadership with the club.  He will continue to be a club member and ride leader.  Ron contributed to this month's newsletter in the 'Stories from the Road' section.  Check it out.    We had no volunteers come forward for the club banner and bylaws committees.  The banner effort will be tabled until there are club members interested in pursuing it.  Randy Miller and I will proceed to develop a set of draft club bylaws for club member consideration during 2023.  The goal is that bylaws are approved, and an election held in November 2023, with new officers taking office in December.  Two positions are expected to be up for election:  Vice-President and Secretary.  If you are interested in a position, you will be able to 'get on the ballot' once the bylaws are approved by a majority of club members who vote on the bylaws.  Look for updates on this through the summer.    I look forward to seeing you on a ride soon.  Ride Safe!    Vince Kelly  President  BMWMOA Regional Coordinator, PA, NJ      *P.S.  Who's been at the "Rock Store" ?*[*Home - The Rock Store (rock-store.com)*](https://u2306505.ct.sendgrid.net/ls/click?upn=M3V7pKe308SQRDM8wYnXBZRG6b565CyM0YekrJEQCi-2B7pYLfIc2FbruUrWfW9FVJzDlNNbyEEG-2BTnbEfJn5A5GGRiZomKZesu88pCosc4K48l9PFri-2FPc703A1Mxo2s5udyyrrqJB8JXWByDORcw7Fm72RcQVu22NSeU7men1S7A1mxg8UKyZpXSgb9FO-2FUAR2iD_l3iAlvzwfiTzDWrs-2FEV3pnQwLAzXP-2BA9KemM2ORNsb9wgB3k2Yn1PuWNaNy5dSAXacLh5n6ZdsNWvPX5Mk6xVvNw6ellgrEDPOOSiP46XJl-2BPQLQc9Qb8c3xdLAy8v1NihbOS7NYDgfMP5tqmDbhcANnRPBydYuSRJo5k4MU-2FQTl1GIgVfJ3TO88oHQ6rxMq-2FCATV-2FNnnIbjiGKRx-2BkgVg-3D-3D)      ***“ONLY THOSE WHO RISK GOING TOO FAR CAN POSSIBLY FIND OUT HOW FAR THEY CAN GO”.***     S. ELLIOT |  |  | | --- | | Items with this highlight include weblinks to referenced materials. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | | **Club Monthly Breakfasts / Rides**    There are two breakfasts and related rides in April:    Sunday April 2 is a Ride to Ephrata PA for the American Legion Breakfast, hosted by Bob Nelson, with a post-breakfast ride led by Bob. However - we need to change it up as Bob just learned his daughter is having her baby this weekend and he needs to catch a flight out of town later Sunday.  Congrats Grandpop!  Check out any changes in Meetup.  If you want to lead the post breakfast, let Bob know.    Sunday April 16 Breakfast is hosted by Tim Otoole at the Starlite Diner in Fogelsville at 0900.  Tim will then lead us on a twisty ride to Van Sant airport to hang out.  Please sign up on MEETUP by Friday April 14 so we can finalize the reservation. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | | **Bruce Dimon’s Focus on Safe Riding / Rider Training**    Group Riding Refresher    Riding in a group is fun and enlightening or it can be scary and dangerous. It’s fun to ride with your friends who, if they are good riders, will show you good lines through the turns with braking points and trail braking transitions noted by their brake lights. You can see how much they turn their head and what their body position is. Alternatively, they might be wobbly, following too closely, and going too fast.    Group Size    I attend a charity ride every year because the host club’s members are a lot of fun and raise beaucoup bucks for a great cause. They run their group rides as a single group of 150 to 200 bikes thundering down the road. It’s cool to behold but, in order to maintain safety, they have to ride pretty slowly because a group’s speed should not be faster than its slowest members. Also, every group expands and contracts like an accordion due to normal variances in cornering speed. The leader at the front may have his cruise control set to 50 MPH but the last rider in the group varies from 30 to 70 mph.    Smaller groups avoid this 'accordion effect' and offer the advantage of seeing all the members on a long straightaway. If a slow rider in the back falls behind or somebody pulls over with a mechanical issue, the leader of the small group can notice. In my opinion, an optimal group size is five riders and six to ten is good. Opinions vary on this number and it depends on the group’s skills and experience with riding as a group and their general attitude and attention.    Group Formation    A staggered formation is when the riders position themselves in the right or left third of the lane, two seconds behind the rider directly in front of them and one second behind the rider who is ahead of them but on the other side of the lane.  This picture from the Motorcycle Safety Foundation’s library ([https://msf-usa.org/library/](https://u2306505.ct.sendgrid.net/ls/click?upn=M3V7pKe308SQRDM8wYnXBZRG6b565CyM0YekrJEQCi-2B7pYLfIc2FbruUrWfW9FVJzDlNNbyEEG-2BTnbEfJn5A5Hp98gbhnMx0J4LVJWI2FE4s4qRtsua1647Z-2BmzV0NRCkjB1x9cPHzLy0fUReIXjawvPqwl2HoCxpJghu1UMr2vSIW9cOopUCJ-2BmGdZX6tMTfqssLfJLijCLpE2Kk9Pk9g-3D-3DMZyu_l3iAlvzwfiTzDWrs-2FEV3pnQwLAzXP-2BA9KemM2ORNsb9wgB3k2Yn1PuWNaNy5dSAXsjKVJLemNL8IaouHwimFElXP-2B34KGojwLuQkXJ-2F9-2FKitTBjOCmBob-2FwukrfmPEtgw98W8gAWjs44QcXjo75mWuCGbjk5WvzttbCvCrweo-2F-2BgfHYSII4PwK0NXKBzk-2FDpRoWsVJ-2Bkk16Q7TPiTn7tZg-3D-3D)) shows the position and spacing. See visual below.  The advantage of the staggered formation is its compactness. On multi-lane roads with frequent stop lights, the group is more likely to stay together because the short length of the group makes it less likely that the rear riders will catch a yellow light. Moreover, its density discourages cars from changing lanes into the group. It also looks cool and is attention-grabbing, making us more conspicuous.    The downside to the staggered formation is it locks each rider into a fixed line going through a corner. Each rider is stuck on the inside line or the outside line. When the group leaves the shopping district and heads into the twisties, the leader should raise a single finger up in the air to tell the group to go to single file and spread out. Single file allows each rider to pick his own line through the curves without worrying about bumping into the side of their friend. Spreading out allows each rider to vary their entry speed without worrying about getting too close to the bike in front. After leaving the two-lane for a multi-lane road, the leader should raise two fingers above her/his head to tell the group to return to staggered formation. |  |  | | --- | | **Error! Filename not specified.** |  |  | | --- | | Group Rules    A rider in the Rolling Thunder ride across America told me about their strict rules for riding in a tight formation for hours. One rule was to use engine braking to slow down because “you don’t want your brake light to distract the rider behind you.” When one rider rear-ended another on I-66, it caused a long, and I’m sure a very distracting back-up.    If a rule does not make sense, it might be a bad rule or a rule to promote cool over safety. Ask the ride leader to explain it. We all can learn new things. If you are uncomfortable with his reasoning, leave or request to be in the back of the group where you can add a little more space and flash your brake light all you want.    One of the most controversial rules that some clubs have is to stay together through intersections but blocking traffic. At a stop sign or traffic light, riders in the front block the intersection so the group can all get through without stopping for a stop sign or a changing traffic light. After the group passes, they rejoin the back. Some insist this is safer because it stops the cars for the safe passage of the riders. Legalities aside, it’s a provocation that could incite road rage.    Some examples of good rules are:   * Arrive at the meeting place with a full tank of gas. * Upon arriving, empty your bladder. * Be ready to leave at the scheduled time. * Know where the ride will end so you can put it into your GPS if you separate from the group. * If you plan to break off and leave the group, tell the ride leader so he knows you did not get lost or break down. * Learn the group’s hand or leg signals. * Listen to the ride leader’s briefing; she/he should tell you the rest of the rules.   Group Habits    I decided to join a rider club in North Idaho for their Father’s Day ride. They were a friendly bunch and the rider’s briefing explained their riding rules well, including passing cars one at a time. After we headed south into the rolling hills, I discovered  that they had the habit of passing on the double-yellow line even in blind curves. That part of Idaho was gaining population rapidly as people fled crowded cities. I let them pass the cars and I just fell behind until I was no longer a part of the group. On two separate occasions, the local newspaper printed stories of a car running into motorcyclists while passing in a blind corner. It was a local habit from the days when the population was sparse.    Good habits are organization, choosing to ride in a safe manner, having a rider’s briefing, knowing and using hand common hand signals. Hopefully you are in the habit of choosing to ride safely.    Group Responsibilities    What is the group’s responsibility to its riders? You’ll get a different answer from a lawyer than a rider instructor. Although the group sets the rules, the route, the signals, and the pace; it is your responsibility to ride your own ride. If you are uncomfortable with the rules, think the road is too dangerous, or are uncomfortable trying to keep up with the speed, then fall back and ride at your own pace and maybe your own route. It’s better to be the last rider at the destination than the first to come upon an accident scene. Repeat after me: ***“Ride your own ride.”***    Next Steps    Please read some of the resources at [https://msf-usa.org/library/](https://u2306505.ct.sendgrid.net/ls/click?upn=M3V7pKe308SQRDM8wYnXBZRG6b565CyM0YekrJEQCi-2B7pYLfIc2FbruUrWfW9FVJzDlNNbyEEG-2BTnbEfJn5A5Hp98gbhnMx0J4LVJWI2FE4s4qRtsua1647Z-2BmzV0NRCkjB1x9cPHzLy0fUReIXjawvPqwl2HoCxpJghu1UMr2vSIW9cOopUCJ-2BmGdZX6tMTfqssLfJLijCLpE2Kk9Pk9g-3D-3DRwVK_l3iAlvzwfiTzDWrs-2FEV3pnQwLAzXP-2BA9KemM2ORNsb9wgB3k2Yn1PuWNaNy5dSAXRq-2FYSHV3LGiFHnvIhIc-2BHzQxMNwVYmLbdq-2B26upkI-2FcEe78O1j1NIg4nYvyBvLAeNiLwFRz1w4hRohT3oACrmVbufoQYdsyonfzzR1oCG63sgmJmKqu97QQ60-2Fq-2Fz3xKLJ-2FG-2BT-2Fnrca1edrMXDhhRA-3D-3D) for information on riding safely in groups and solo.  If you want to improve your riding skills, take an advanced class from MSF, Total Control, Reg Pridmore, Jerry Palladino, or any of the ***FREE*** training opportunities in Pennsylvania. You will have more fun riding as your skills increase.    *Bruce Dimon*  *Safety & Training Director* |  |  | | --- | | **Rider Training Information and Links**    Here is the latest information on rider training that is available, and also a monthly training video for your review.    **BMW Performance Center Riding Academy**    In partnership with the BMW MOA, MOA Foundation and the BMW Performance Center Rider Academy, Premier Training opportunities for MOA members have been scheduled for 2023 at the BMW Performance Center Rider Academy in Greer, South Carolina.  See details at the following Link:    [2023 Premier Training Dates Announced - BMW Motorcycle Owners of America (bmwmoa.org)](https://u2306505.ct.sendgrid.net/ls/click?upn=M3V7pKe308SQRDM8wYnXBZRG6b565CyM0YekrJEQCi-2B7pYLfIc2FbruUrWfW9FVJzDlNNbyEEG-2BTnbEfJn5A5KYymTHjKESwoMSTA5tj4N1054GhP9Nv8qHqcY3DWag-2B9Onwu22-2B5tsj71C0smdOE9-2FDzmlHCrjOl6MNKgnUS-2FbtWo4i05QcE4ZIXk7QbYvrVaC2x-2FzD-2B2m4o6jmQUa3i7czt-2FVYBVgvG6Wb2utZe1lJjvfk-2BCTTt6beOdm6i7bwwApCIzmIkgv1JzRT-2Blly3w-3D-3D2PHf_l3iAlvzwfiTzDWrs-2FEV3pnQwLAzXP-2BA9KemM2ORNsb9wgB3k2Yn1PuWNaNy5dSAXrmC2cqEeyU5-2FIQhmLvLR0Z2vLV-2F1Se1X2tRKqMe-2BLfNfY9jQrZPCHU5qvHFhV-2FN0SDG1Fi5hoknoShLn6evTNKJb-2FCq6p9YAOm5yjk20do3iqXicKnw2sgxzdCKaj-2BL9Oyw093K29cRYY1nmhsrabA-3D-3D)    **Ride-Like-A-Pro Training (**[**Home (ridelikeapropa.com)**](https://u2306505.ct.sendgrid.net/ls/click?upn=M3V7pKe308SQRDM8wYnXBZRG6b565CyM0YekrJEQCi-2B7pYLfIc2FbruUrWfW9FVJzDlNNbyEEG-2BTnbEfJn5A5BIhBCsB2a6wKOp8WaSEq06EmgS1S5F5E7Mnd1zcCAC4gWzKEzu87MOjd8z6lGsFqMqyfnvWqTJGve2VbCKDXG6vBjweL8Q4cMeBrxjE1JTx9LL1Xkb7e5WUj2WKawo1tSZrzWjWxwWWCB6s3XsDJfA-3DpUI6_l3iAlvzwfiTzDWrs-2FEV3pnQwLAzXP-2BA9KemM2ORNsb9wgB3k2Yn1PuWNaNy5dSAXnff9mBAsENKfnUlhm7pXjQJ8EfKxwef3s9HjdJ1oy5ZT5inx81K4q4SGXipwQqjYaMd80N2OiV-2FzihrvR9hsXEWKK6Cw6ZFzpUVX1AuHPMSY41HhYfzktn13AZjLAdah-2Fmy35Ofi2aDAAqgdjq6x3g-3D-3D)    This training provider states this is an advanced motorcycle training class designed to teach riders the techniques that Motor Police Officers use for total control of their motorcycles:  It teaches riders to lean their bikes at slow speeds without fear of dropping it.  Classes are offered periodically during the year at Leesport PA, (Classic Harley-Davidson).  Classes are offered April 1, May 7, June 11, July 9, September 17.  Class length is 4 hours, there are 4 riders per class, and the fee is $150.  This fee would be reimbursed by the MOA Foundation Paul B Rider Safety Grant ([Paul B. Grants – BMW MOA Foundation](https://u2306505.ct.sendgrid.net/ls/click?upn=M3V7pKe308SQRDM8wYnXBZRG6b565CyM0YekrJEQCi-2B7pYLfIc2FbruUrWfW9FVJzDlNNbyEEG-2BTnbEfJn5A5DDcURhTH3cngcaoeLUOwzmpCUx1sFY2oZevKXTBGhRvS89XgLQsauq9HQ4BUMZeeMHbNOt6xR0DfzhrRNsiqfjbzOsvZLVTwkEdAZ9R5Hd3ohjsd49FMgBTKyrpOD3IfxoEeoFuXorazTOhBymu2-2BI-3Dc_mu_l3iAlvzwfiTzDWrs-2FEV3pnQwLAzXP-2BA9KemM2ORNsb9wgB3k2Yn1PuWNaNy5dSAXHd1cGEGnKfJunPfVJIegkXHUziEfcR8FjCZgUJXPLbl7UPS1oVACqVwG5H5boZY-2FWp33CCt-2BvtCKhThyBPDG4c-2FoUEIJIo7BUh2nd0cvi9usC-2FYtxjt69pkHulAuskiQfyj7DQqvTW8nil5-2BJyu4QQ-3D-3D)).    **American Motorcycle Training Advanced Rider Clinic (ARC)**    To attend the ARC or other DMV training classes (FREE for PA Residents),  you MUST complete an AMT Student Profile at this weblink.  When you hit the green link, click on ‘REGISTER FOR AN ACCOUNT’ – top right of page.    If you think you'd like to be an AMT instructor, let me know and I will facilitate a meeting with their Program Lead so you can get plugged into getting qualified for the position.  It is a paid position.    [**American Motorcycle Training (timetap.com)**](https://u2306505.ct.sendgrid.net/ls/click?upn=M3V7pKe308SQRDM8wYnXBZRG6b565CyM0YekrJEQCi-2B7pYLfIc2FbruUrWfW9FVJzDlNNbyEEG-2BTnbEfJn5A5ANofaLm-2FxEBPyjhPjupv8znRlG6awIPBs9pA8oizxvhqAp2zOTmnUgATX7cRuNiPM7gRdNDWc4rPTAh-2FH7sK4NK7efJ3ZxL4krLspBoAuCPlkplN-2FH-2FlcTy95SGGbwHjg-3D-3D5nJV_l3iAlvzwfiTzDWrs-2FEV3pnQwLAzXP-2BA9KemM2ORNsb9wgB3k2Yn1PuWNaNy5dSAXghn2kWxNOB4oKp88V7uWR-2FsDnTX6aiVeXUDDHPCmmF5HnkfMCTG9f-2BjOYYfB4EjQtyTTfR0uvzXKYJRqZmAdguB-2BIyihkZ536rREaMW60RNlPtb9qD0et23i1rP-2Fo7VaF-2B1v1m5DEBn1PEN2VJsChA-3D-3D)    Details of the Advanced Rider Clinic (ARC) class can be found at this Link:  [**American Motorcycle Training (timetap.com)**](https://u2306505.ct.sendgrid.net/ls/click?upn=M3V7pKe308SQRDM8wYnXBZRG6b565CyM0YekrJEQCi-2B7pYLfIc2FbruUrWfW9FVJzDlNNbyEEG-2BTnbEfJn5A5LOEMHnm8UhQxpIM-2Fx8blPRQg1ClsZunsdn5LBYku-2FGZNnN-2Fe7BWdGT-2BAeXUKtCkJNLyy7nkde28UgEDMJ8192ppVoPXBjeX0c0ZHodyk-2BnjyPkp9jD5z52jqeSdJjuz3w-3D-3DyCFg_l3iAlvzwfiTzDWrs-2FEV3pnQwLAzXP-2BA9KemM2ORNsb9wgB3k2Yn1PuWNaNy5dSAXIKp3Rdo2eHcaQRZn2YR4tXswEvCSug-2F5jSXFwq6sCxeIqnoMWx-2FpVjywZRYdI56n76EPGfW5dl31eEh0TYqQ8WM38sMMil8J5XDjCdG-2FPnHpJ47zzGQ5qUsYwVxLMh-2FAppnvUII7d78KJmwSwiWpMA-3D-3D)**·**    **Course is offered at this location Only at this time:**  **Philadelphia County - Bartram Training Center.**  **Classroom Location:**  76 Industrial Highway, Essington, PA  19029 (The Clarion Hotel)    **Riding Range Location:**  9162 Bartram Avenue, Philadelphia, PA  19153     **Note that AMT has other ARC courses and club members can sign up for these training sessions as well.  See their website in the link above.**     **PRO RIDER TRAINING: Police Motorcycle Skills Training For All Riders**    Fee-based training course, in Sharon Hill PA – near Philly.  This course will allow riders to learn how to better handle their personal motorcycle on the road and at low speeds. This program will incorporate the techniques learned and mastered by police motorcycle officers, and will improve the riding abilities of even the most seasoned rider. At the end of the course, participants will receive a successful completion certificate, as well as a refined skill set and newfound confidence. Some of the exercises practiced in this course include: Slow Cone Weave, Lane Change, Off-Set Weave, Single & Double 360, Iron Cross, Straight line braking, Brake & Evade, Rear End Crash Avoidance.... Plus More!  Checkout the link.  Fee costs can be recovered by applying for a Paul B Grant with the BMWMOA Foundation.    **Here’s the Link:**[**Paul B. Grants – BMW MOA Foundation**](https://u2306505.ct.sendgrid.net/ls/click?upn=M3V7pKe308SQRDM8wYnXBZRG6b565CyM0YekrJEQCi-2B7pYLfIc2FbruUrWfW9FVJzDlNNbyEEG-2BTnbEfJn5A5DDcURhTH3cngcaoeLUOwzmpCUx1sFY2oZevKXTBGhRvS89XgLQsauq9HQ4BUMZeeMHbNOt6xR0DfzhrRNsiqfjbzOsvZLVTwkEdAZ9R5Hd3ohjsd49FMgBTKyrpOD3IfxoEeoFuXorazTOhBymu2-2BI-3DI-95_l3iAlvzwfiTzDWrs-2FEV3pnQwLAzXP-2BA9KemM2ORNsb9wgB3k2Yn1PuWNaNy5dSAXzENI0fUzaHiBvtIIKkpbQZnk5oyNG-2BBD82Bgw6TmndUnWgIpFhO2T7WCjq0q-2Fe-2BPejdfPwpdbhsto-2BLQtsbwZVyCijDyOUnTHbybMTSJ3DwutWA7bkjORcP5oLc-2BXYdHAUajSlgdLlEECOo0bacw6A-3D-3D)    [**Home | ProRiderPhiladelphia | motorcycle training class**](https://u2306505.ct.sendgrid.net/ls/click?upn=M3V7pKe308SQRDM8wYnXBZRG6b565CyM0YekrJEQCi-2B7pYLfIc2FbruUrWfW9FVJzDlNNbyEEG-2BTnbEfJn5A5LCIPW-2Bg7LwtrpRfy-2FNGvqrdwWaJKbiKx1wp37gPPRSdxpYNUQ5qVD3xKJfMGOiQHKSX6zL-2Fh307f-2Bje4BzdAqH4GYXVIatAdUpOShEIQ2cESJZq4bUHeaH5jF9-2BbMayAQ-3D-3DrxMN_l3iAlvzwfiTzDWrs-2FEV3pnQwLAzXP-2BA9KemM2ORNsb9wgB3k2Yn1PuWNaNy5dSAXN3HQXO3tKLU2q3ZxXLyELuclxiJ6ABJ-2F9F6iMiYCs3ZUOqo4B3hUNqTgqZR3S0gzfsJUEnksD9H99hImXWU-2FUrw5YI9txhwjCphpe8Bzewro1fJWQYz89QPpEoraq5fdjkl3uu43qkeYUHt-2FO8Fhdg-3D-3D)      **This Month’s Video Link for Motorcycle Training - Airbags**    Several Club members have pulled the trigger and purchased a motorcycle airbag vest.  It is a great safety device.  But Pricey.  Is it worth it?  See FortNine's Assessment of current airbag vests on the market the video link below (9 minutes length).  Maybe It'll change your mind.    I put a survey out to the club.  48 and 58 members opened the survey.  27 responded.  Of the 27 who responded, 5 currently ride with an airbag vest (several different manufacturers), 22 do not.  I plan on getting one after I getting some liposuction done.  Talk it up in the club Chat Forum - I added a topic on it.    [MOTORCYCLE AIRBAGS ASSESSMENT / RECOMMENDATION](https://u2306505.ct.sendgrid.net/ls/click?upn=M3V7pKe308SQRDM8wYnXBZRG6b565CyM0YekrJEQCi-2B7pYLfIc2FbruUrWfW9FVJzDlNNbyEEG-2BTnbEfJn5A5K7nvhTORre-2FCxvAqwSWeLmy-2FUWzPM58w5pkfF2WMowGmMAKiQJ688LaA1YCrWZ3YtxfVmE4wATvxswjVFte6tMudibz0YYH6lDhtF-2BDp02U1ZRpW-2BwIgebD0DgTzKr2ZLdZ8j3T8guuU9GM5-2FP-2BvVE-3DZIM2_l3iAlvzwfiTzDWrs-2FEV3pnQwLAzXP-2BA9KemM2ORNsb9wgB3k2Yn1PuWNaNy5dSAXDwlap5g74QwCfskSDXq5mRdCE0l2FQM9JKujmYuvlsouzt476cW1y93qfiWua2nb33w12P142-2BWP7Mp1wguxUs43ovAsoY6rzRL2tAywZqnPT-2BAObAwG2aXtFsqI0EBRRVYN36R-2FfoAp0Zdf99yrQg-3D-3D) |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | | **MARCH RECAP**    **Club Breakfast - Sunday March 12.**Roger Sposili - breakfast host, pulled a switcheroo and moved the breakfast from Nazareth Diner to the Blue Mountain Drive-In.  The breakfast was attended with 21 attendees, and at least 2 club members attended on two wheels - Todd Poole and Chris Eugster (shown below)  Impressive!    A good time was had by all! |  |  | | --- | | **Error! Filename not specified.** |  |  | | --- | | **Error! Filename not specified.** |  |  | | --- | | **Error! Filename not specified.** |  |  | | --- | | **Error! Filename not specified.** |  |  | | --- | | **Sunday March 26 - Tire Changing and Coffee at Geli and Craig's Place.  This was rescheduled to Saturday May 6 due to the weather forecast.** |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | | **APRIL SCHEDULE SUMMARY**    *Kicking off the riding season with a busy April.  Sign up for a ride!*    **April 1 - Saturday - Rider Training - Advanced Rider Clinic - by AMT at Essington PA.**    **April 2 - Sunday - American Legion Breakfast in Ephrata, followed by a post breakfast ride led by Bob Nelson.**    **April 15 - Saturday - Tax Day - Baumunk's General Store and Rt 154 Ride, Shunk PA**    **April 15 - Saturday - Blue Knights PA Bike Breakfast and Breakfast Run, Classic HD in Leesport PA.**    **April 16 - Sunday - Monthly Breakfast at the Starlite Diner in Fogelsville, followed by a twisty ride led by Captain Tim Otoole to Van Sant Airport.**    **April 20 - Thursday - First Club Trip of the Season - Big Bend Texas Loop and Multi-State Tour.  Through May 6-ish.  6 Riders.  Look for pics and chat updates in MEETUP.**    **April 23 - Sunday - 28th Annual Gathering of the Norton's.  Held at the Performance Garage Club, NJ Route 12, Flemington NJ.  Not far from Frenchtown.** |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | | **Members' Stories from the Road**  **by Ron Paret** |  |  | | --- | | I recently lost a friend and fellow Blue Knight who passed away on a ski trip in Vermont in early February. Although our law enforcement careers didn't cross, we were both avid motorcyclists and rode together many times.  His name was Greg Miller, and he was featured on a WFMZ news story.  My second friend named Greg Miller was a Pennsylvania State Police Corporal. We were both involved in drug law enforcement, and had our ups and downs in the PA and Federal Court systems with issues involving search and seizure.  Both of us prevailed in the end. Several years ago, all three of us happened to attend a benefit ride at the State Police Academy in Hershey. I had the opportunity to introduce Greg Miller to Greg Miller. (sorry, no photo). That was memorable for me.    Ron    *If YOU have a good story you'd like to share about a motorcycle ride, trip, or bike that was memorable please submit your write-up to the Editor and we will Publish it here.  It could be when you started riding as a teenager, or a recent trip.  It could be about a first or favourite bike you had.  What about it made it special to you?   Please try to provide a photo or two if available.* |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | | **Merchandise Results**    19 club members of 58 total members ordered 49 club merchandise items including hats, Long Sleeve and Short Sleeve T's, Fleece Vests, Fleece Quarter Zip Pullovers, and polo shirts.  Overall, a good first merchandise sale.    *When the merch manufacturing is completed, All American Graphics will contact me for pickup.  It should be ready by our April 16 Breakfast and I will hand orders over then.  I will reach out to anyone else who is not able to attend breakfast and coordinate exchange after that.*    I hope to see you out on a ride with your club merch!  We will open the 'store' annually in January for existing and new members going forward.  Look for new offerings and a BMW Roundel Logo option for 2024. Please provide input on what type of merchandise you want.    The Club purchased a dozen extra hats in the event any new or existing members want to purchase one until the next store opening. |  |  | | --- | | **Error! Filename not specified.** |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | | **CLUB BUSINESS**    **Membership Update:**    Members as of 03/01/2022 (New & Renewals):       57  New Members or renewals in March:                       1                                                                      --------  Total 2023 Membership as of 03/31/2023:              58      **Treasurer Report – Month Ending March 31, 2023**    As we are now 'springing along'... getting our bikes on the road on those warm, sunny days, it has been quiet financially ... Be safe out there!    February month-end balance 2/28/23:     $2,948.39    **Accounts Receivable:**    50/50 Proceeds:       $40.00    Club Dues Received: $50.00    **Expenses:**  None    March month-end balance 3/31/23:        $3,038.39    Sincerely,    David V. Dunn  Club Treasurer |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | | **NEW MEMBER'S BIKES AND MEMBERS' NEW BIKES**    **Below, New Members and Their Bikes....**    New Member Robert Tikovsky and His Ride when he was in Europe - a 2008 BMW GS Adventure.  He currently rides a 2013 GS Adventure here in the USA. |  |  | | --- | | **Error! Filename not specified.** |  |  | | --- | | **Error! Filename not specified.** |  |  | | --- | | **Above, Members' New Bikes....**    Bob Nelsen - Club Member Bob Nelson looking like he's itching to ride his 'new to him' 2014 R1200RT.  Sweet!  See you on the road soon Bob.  Good luck with your grandchild!          Several other club members are working on obtaining new bikes this spring.  See updates in the May or June Newsletter when their 'ships come in'. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | | **BOARD MEMBERS AND CLUB LEADERSHIP**    **2023 'Appointed' Officers**  **President:**       Vince Kelly,  [LVBeemers@gmail.com](mailto:LVBeemers@gmail.com)  , 610.704.7611.  **Vice-President:** *VACANT- Seeking a volunteer for Appointment, position up for election when Bylaws are completed.*  **Secretary:**    *VACANT - Seeking volunteer for Appointment, position up for election when Bylaws are completed.*  **Treasurer:**     David Dunn -  [davidvdunn@gmail.com](mailto:davidvdunn@gmail.com)    **2023 Leadership Positions**    **Ride Master:**  Roger Sposili, [sposilirj@msn.com](https://u2306505.ct.sendgrid.net/ls/click?upn=M3V7pKe308SQRDM8wYnXBZRG6b565CyM0YekrJEQCi-2B7pYLfIc2FbruUrWfW9FVJzDlNNbyEEG-2BTnbEfJn5A5JigF-2F2-2F21n2e8OVtijlfo5Cw5w01nLJ1Xnah1oa2HAeE8mWs2lG0a7gHoeVA-2FDDQl5oGrSXZXfDhPQj7Pj0rFVuorYMJpsM6I0bEO5Mtq9zOI-6_l3iAlvzwfiTzDWrs-2FEV3pnQwLAzXP-2BA9KemM2ORNsb9wgB3k2Yn1PuWNaNy5dSAX5R0T7tyLcaMKIe9Uz97lmku-2Bz2xDwLrSlcJJoixm41mFAXynBSZHklG3X42Bx-2Bj4cd1Q5TwIFyG-2BS1OfQ8fBUjhnhEiHYmKp8rCumUF60drCGVGNAl6YCRSTidPEChLs9EBgI1Y6j35gjSuNXBSkJA-3D-3D)    **Safety and Training Director:**Bruce Dimon, [brucedimon@hotmail.com](https://u2306505.ct.sendgrid.net/ls/click?upn=M3V7pKe308SQRDM8wYnXBZRG6b565CyM0YekrJEQCi-2B7pYLfIc2FbruUrWfW9FVJzDlNNbyEEG-2BTnbEfJn5A5EexcOuHfLv17p5lu6lWerOKV8yP3eXVyKp62BeVeUDJnFzXhZl1-2BU-2F22dMRVuVZ6ZoXUzYii1SkCx6-2BvG37qrpzbkDo-2B41XfVEPzs1f5aTVK-2BOvpIYSZvLfEaCFOaKl9Q-3D-3DO7bV_l3iAlvzwfiTzDWrs-2FEV3pnQwLAzXP-2BA9KemM2ORNsb9wgB3k2Yn1PuWNaNy5dSAXMpRh1xu40wlD5ECbSJUGi6LsgvOhgDLUxVZyhbSRI4TaIWLcCMOLehjRq9gX7C3S350oNL4UKR2wcHvin8vhvEcU3bzixvjx2ntRdwvQX6N8XxnBkbjPn04fMmT9q4mYrkXWoPm3XSeKg0qIo44QPg-3D-3D)    **Webmaster:**Chip Richardson,  [RichardsonF@PTD.Net](mailto:RichardsonF@PTD.Net)    **The Call of the Road Newsletter Editor:***VACANT, Vince Kelly Acting.  Seeking volunteer for appointment.*    **Membership Chair:***VACANT, Vince Kelly Acting.  Seeking volunteer for appointment.*    **Merchandising Chair:**  *VACANT, Vince Kelly Acting.  Seeking volunteer for appointment.*    **Social Chair:***VACANT, Vince Kelly Acting.  Seeking volunteer for appointment.*    **Ride Leaders/Event Co-Organizers (in Meetup):**  Rob Banwart, Vince Kelly, Randy Miller, Bob Nelson, Tim Otoole, Ron Paret, Todd Poole, Chip Richardson, Dave Smith, Roger Sposili.    **Trustees (Past Presidents)**  Mike Hopstock Floyd Keim |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | | **Error! 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