



# The Skylander

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## June Meeting Highlights

The June meeting took place at Touch of Class at 7:30 with about 26 members present. A brief shower just north of the shop caught a couple of members and they showed up slightly wet.

*Membership:* Nothing reported - all quiet this month.

*Secretary:* No correspondence this month.

*Treasurer:* Ellen reported that we have a \$731.13 balance.

*Adopt-a-highway:* Cleanup scheduled for 8/12 at 9 AM and there is an antique bike show at the fairgrounds.

*Good & Welfare:* Everyone is OK this month and Jim Brown is getting married this coming weekend.

*Ride Report:* Two rides were scheduled this past month. The first was rained out and the second one had two riders show up. With the published schedule, we would like to see more participation. Check out what is coming up and make your plans to participate.

Vermont trip - those who went had a very enjoyable time on beautiful back roads. They put a total of 1100 miles on their **bikes**. They also visited Bill Koptis who resides about 12 miles from the Canadian border.

Al Jagusch is responding to treatment and is able to walk better and is getting back use of his hand. Nice progress Alfie, we're wishing you the best.

Wellsboro trip. 24 people enjoyed a Friday through Sunday trip to the Grand Canyon area of Pennsylvania. Lots of conversation about the nice roads in the area and the many things to see. Future trips will be planned again to that area.

Ivan Sobel stated that he had a room available for the MOA rally. Call him soon to lay claim to it if you desire. He also will be having a barbecue at his place near the rally. See the directions in this issue.

At the Finger Lakes Rally a dinner cruise on Friday evening is planned. The boat leaves the dock at 7PM. Past reports stated the food was excellent and the drinks very reasonably priced.

A Lake George getaway weekend is being planned for either late September or early October.

Club long-sleeved T-shirts are available and mediums will be arriving soon.

The MOA elections results are: President - Paul Graves  
Vice President - Jim Shaw  
Secretary - Deb Lower  
Treasurer - Rob Lentini  
Directors - George Glascock, Don Hamlin, Tom Harbrecht, Matt Parkhouse and Ted Verrill.

July 28th - Special event - we will be going to the Methenney school to visit children with various problems and afterward taking in some ice cream nearby. We did this last year and the response of the school was tremendous. The staff and the children all appreciated our visit. If you have a sidecar unit, we would like your attendance to provide a few short rides to the kids around the school grounds.

Future possibilities: Anyone for attending an AA class baseball game in Wilson - just off Rte 78 just west of Easton? The new stadium is due to open the end of July.

**The July Meeting will be at Bob Hoffman's house starting at 6:30 PM on Tuesday July 6th. Food is provided and directions are in this issue.**

### SKYLANDS BMW RIDERS OFFICERS

President: Karl Kretschmer (908) 496-4053	Past Presidential Advisors:
Vice President: Ed Jankowsky (610) 258-9101	Max Monaco
Secretary: Ivan Sobel (973) 763-0414	Doug Ochwat
Treasurer: Ellen Cushing (908) 454-8894	

Ice cream runs will begin again - see the schedule in this issue. These are excellent places to indulge your sweet tooth.

## Keith Code Riding School

Those who have signed up - the suggested motel to make reservations is the Colonial Motel in downtown Watkins Glen. This motel is in the center of town and you can walk to everything. The foliage should be in top form at this time, thus Sunday night (Sept 26th) reservations are **highly** recommended. Call **(607) 535-7545** to make your arrangements.

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### Directions to Sobel Barbecue on 7/14

Route 9 North to Route 199 East - Turn Right onto Route 199

Route 199 East to the Taconic Parkway North

Exit at Jackson Corners Road

Turn Right onto Route 2 (Rte 2 becomes Rte 7 later)

Go 3.1 miles to the Route 7 and Route 11 split.

Take the right fork, continuing on Route 7 for 1.4 miles to Hilltop Road

Turn left onto Hilltop Road - Hilltop is on left side only.

Go 1.1 miles to the Sobel home - turn Right into driveway.

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### MEMBER FOR SALE ITEMS

Items will be posted for two months unless sold earlier

**Max Monaco** (908) 852-9321 (2)  
1996 Triumph Trophy 1200, Racing Green, 13K miles, Excellent condition, Bags 8 Liners, Heated grips, PIAA lights, Corbin seat & more. Warranty until 8/80. Asking \$7895.  
First Gear Kilimanjaro jacket & liner, size Large -\$260  
Kilimanjaro overpants size 36 - \$145  
Hein Gericke California II, Black jacket size 44-46 lots of vents - \$225

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Wanted - Member profiles to feature in monthly newsletter. Nothing fancy needed. Check earlier issues for subject material. Let club members know a little more about you. You may develop new friendships this way.

## Concours d'Elegance

Saturday June 19th promises to be an interesting ride for those who are interested in history as well as automobiles.

Lehigh University will be having its 10th Concours d'Elegance for the benefit of the Burn Prevention Foundation. There are two of these events each year - one on the East Coast and one on the West Coast. Needless to say, if you attend this event, you will see many one of a kind cars as well as some perfectly restored vehicles all vying for prizes and recognition.

The theme this year is Packard. I am sure that most of us have a mental image of what Packard means to us. By attending this event, you can add to that image because you will see Packard models you never knew existed. Mr. Packard himself was a graduate of Lehigh University in 1884. His first car will be here also.

The Featured Marque will be Ferrari - world renowned for red, racing and style. See some very interesting models.

The Anniversary Circle will feature the L29 Cord. 70 years of front wheel drive engineering.

From the General Motors Design Center, the original 1954 Pontiac Firebird show car as well as the 1997 Pontiac Rageous will be here.

The show field is open from 3 AM to 4:30 PM with the award ceremonies happening at 2:30 PM.

Admission is only \$4.00 for adults and \$4 for children 5 to 12 years of age. Children under 5 are free.

I had the opportunity to attend this event about three years ago and was highly impressed with the beauty of the autos exhibited and the dedication to perfection the owners strived to maintain their vehicles. Vehicles came from all over the East Coast. Trailer-ed to Lehigh University but driven around the local area. That year I saw at least 4 different vehicles constructed of stainless steel and they were from the thirties and forties.

Hopefully, the weather will be bright and sunny Saturday so we can get the full effect of this unique event. Join us at Touch of Class for departure at 9:30 AM and I am sure you will not be disappointed with this ride.

