



Motor City Beemers



Club Newsletter



BMW MOA Club #231

BMW RA Club #209

May 2013

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All meetings are held the 2nd Saturday of the month at 10:30AM at BMW of Detroit

Our *next* meeting is scheduled for May 11th

Following Meeting: June 8th

Web site: www.bizblvd.net/mcbeemers

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PREZ SEZ



Hello Everyone!

Welcome to spring! It is finally here. We have a lot of great riding days ahead of us now. Some things to look forward to are: the upcoming European Rally in Kentucky, Lunch in Frankenmuth, The MOA & RA Rallies, the ride to Waldo, OH for fried bologna sandwiches and dessert, and let's not miss the steak cookout north of Port Huron. Summer will be fast and fun!

I am looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting. There we will update you on the latest details for the upcoming events and of course a lunch ride.

Ride safe,
Betty

CLUB LUNCH RIDES

| Date | Lunch Ride Destination | Ride Planner |
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| May 11 | Victoria's delights Oxford, MI | Layne Stewart |

DINNER RIDES – Arrive between 6:30-7pm and hungry,

Watch for emails giving the location each week . . .

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| May 1 | Amores Grill and Spirits | 53100 Gratiot Ave Chesterfield, MI 48051 (586) 749-9262 |
| May 8 | Crews Inn | 31988 North River Road Harrison Twp, MI 48045-1473 (586) 463-8144 |
| May 15 | Mexican Village Restaurant | 47350 Van Dyke Avenue Shelby Township, MI (586) 254-2290 |
| May 22 | Duggans Irish Pub | 31501 Woodward Avenue Royal Oak, MI 48073-0934 586-549-3659 |
| May 29 | Thai Orchid Cuisine | 60 Cherry St., Mt Clemens, MI, 48043 (586) 783-1727 |

EDITOR'S CORNER



Welcome to the May newsletter. As you may know, May is Motorcycle Awareness Month and at last, we have some great riding weather. So get out there and put some miles on your rides. We have many activities going on with the successful Open House at the Beemership as well as the Swap Meet. Up next for some of us is the Euro Rally down in Kentucky. Maury and I leave this Friday for some riding on the great roads in North Carolina with the MSTA but we will be at the Hotel next Thursday afternoon with refreshments. Stop by and share a cold one with us!!

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Treasurer's Report

by Jim Mick



We are growing - now a new record!! MCBeemers had 84 members in 2011, 90 members in 2012 and NOW we are at 93 because Prabhakar P. renewed his membership, David P. bought a bike and got a free membership for 2013, Aivan Y. and Nick H. joined members while Paula E. joined as an associate w/Nick. Let's all make them welcome.

Turnover of responsibilities from Allen G. to Jim M., and most of the money, was completed in April. There are slightly different 'Membership Applications' but you are still able to renew on line and send your payment to Jim using PayPal. All necessary information is included on the new Membership Applications.

Keith and Rhys have access to the Club account as well as the Club credit/debit card. Balance in the account, after the purchase of new checks, is \$1480.65.

MCB Open House

by Rhys Blair



We would like to say thanks to Tony and the folks at our favorite dealership for the Open House on Saturday, April 20. The weather was not the most favorable, the temps could have been a wee bit warmer, but the sun was out and so were a lot of riders and prospective buyers.

I did see a couple of bikes sold while I was there. A couple of previously owned bikes found new homes. Tony spent a lot of time out in the parking lot helping others load new bikes on trailers.

There were demo rides. Pete Lentini will probably comment more in detail on this, but he led the demo bikes out on a little jaunt. There were not many signed up after the first round of riders, so that group went for an extended ride throughout the entire county as I heard. When they returned I heard nothing but great things about the ride and the bikes. Someone riding the K16 thought he had signed on to be a test pilot with a rocket strapped to his thighs. He couldn't believe the way it accelerated and handled at every speed. Then the guy riding the new BMW scooter couldn't stop laughing he had so much fun riding it. Layne took out a demo, don't know why though, he was one of the guys that just purchased a new bike and was there to ride it home that day.



The food was great and it hit the spot and didn't take long for everyone to get their fill. A special thanks goes out to the Motor City Beemer club members who brought in a dessert to share with the dealership guests. Jill made a large platter of homemade goodies and a basket of chocolate covered pretzels that were colored our favorite blue and white. Maury's wife made that great chocolate cake that was richer than Maury himself.

Yours truly spent a couple of hours peddling club memberships. I managed to give away all of the current newsletters and then started on March's newsletter trying to encourage guests to the dealership to join our club. I wanted to be sure Jim Mick had something to do before the rally season got really busy. So hopefully we'll see some new faces at the next meeting and Jim will have a couple more bucks in the club coffers.

So thanks to everyone that made it to the Open House, to those that purchased a new or experienced motorcycle, and those that brought something to eat. We'll see you all at the next meeting which will be the Saturday before Mom's Day. Do her a favor and buy a T-shirt with your favorite roundel logo on it.

p.s. The dealership is now on their summer hours so it is open on Monday's!
Ride safe!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

It is that time of the year to renew your membership in Motor City Beemers. The dues have increased to \$15 for the primary member and \$10 for the associate member. An associate member must be associated with a primary member. This allows you to attend the Chicken dinner ride to Frankenmuth and steak picnic near Port Huron at a cost of \$5 each. The club picks up the balance of the cost of the chicken dinner and the steaks. The dues also cover the cost of donuts at the meetings. We need members to renew as early as possible so we can figure out a budget for the year. A revised Membership Application is attached.

Send renewals to Jim Mick at Jim@RidingIsWonderful.com

2013 European Bike Rally in Burkesville, Kentucky May 17- 19 *A note from Rhys Blair*

For some of you, this may be the first major ride of the season, for others this is your first major ride, and for some well it's just another ride in a whole bunch of scheduled rides for 2013. This ride is a little over 500 miles from the dealership to the Riverfront Hotel/Motel in Burkesville, Kentucky. We want it to be as much fun as possible, but still get to Burkesville by a reasonable time. So here is the plan.

7:00 a.m. Depart Dealership (note: please arrive at dealership with a full tank of fuel and an empty bladder)

8:15 a.m. Arrive at Monroe Exit 15 to pick up south and west side riders. (we will have time to fuel, rest stop and be on road by 8:45)

11:15 Stop for lunch and refuel in Troy, Ohio about 160 miles from Monroe at La Fiesta Mexican Restaurant, 836 Main St.

1:30 p.m. Stop at Kentucky Welcome Center just south of exit 178 to pick up Steve Penczak and pit stop (about 90 miles.)

2:45 p.m. Stop in Lebanon, Kentucky on Rte 68 via Keene. We are now on Central time so we have travelled 150 miles in 2.5 hours. (Fuel, rest stop and pick up adult refreshments for final destination, remember we'll be in a dry county!)

6:00 p.m. Arrive Riverfront Hotel/Motel. We may have already stopped for dinner on the way down so it may be closer to 6:30 p.m.

If you have any questions or suggestions please let me know. I do try to be punctual so my departure time from the dealership will be 7:00 a.m. All other departure times will be based on a consensus of the riders at the various stops which will affect the final arrival time. Again, let me repeat that if you are a casual imbiber of adult beverages bring your hard stuff with you or pick it up at our Troy or Lebanon stops. Keith and Maury will be bringing a cooler and beer of which those partaking of will contribute to. They will be at the hotel no doubt before us laying around the pool and making a scene of themselves. Looking forward to a great ride.

MOTOR CITY BEEMERS NAME TAGS

Motor City Beemer name tags are available for purchase at Highest Honor, Inc. Highest Honor, Inc is located at 34711 Dequindre Road, Troy, Michigan 48083. Their shop is just south of 15 Mile Road, on the west side of Dequindre. Herb and Jeff have a die set up with the club logo and can add your name and/or nickname for a cost of only \$8.00.

The easiest way to get your ID tag is to send Jeff an e-mail at: www.jeff@highesthonor.biz. Spell out exactly what you want on your tag and when you want to pick it up. You can also call Jeff at 248-588-7845. Tell him what you want on your tag and when you want to pick it up. You can have two lines of text, the first your name, and you can add a nick name as the second.

Join the growing number of members who proudly wear their ID tags with their one of a kind moniker. It will help us to get to know each other and sure works a lot better than "Hey you!"

A tip of the MCBEEMER helmet . . .

. . . goes to **Viles & Associates, Inc.**, Ron's parents, who have volunteered to print the free copies of the newsletter available at the dealership. They are also BMW riders.



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Another recently received note.....

I just wanted to let your club know about the exciting new tour on the Blue Ridge Parkway and through the Smoky Mountains. Check out the Brochure and if you need more information feel free to call or check out the website at primitivemotorcycleguidedtours.com

Howard Nelson

Meet Your Tour Guide:

Howard Nelson

Born and raised in Steubenville, Ohio, Howard developed a career in the grocery business. During this time, he developed an interest in riding which led to him purchasing his first motorcycle in 1980.



Later he moved to Richmond, Virginia, became a grocery store manager and eventually started his own small business which he owned and operated for 13 years. In 2010, the call of the

open road led him to sell his business to pursue his passion for riding motorcycles and his love for being in the great outdoors.

Extensive riding followed as he explored Maine, Lake Superior, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Canada. From Natchez Trace Parkway to the Gulf Coast states, Howard soon discovered that the best motorcycle roads in the country were located in his backyard.

And now he wants to share his adventures on the Blue Ridge Parkway and the roads of the Smoky Mountains with you.

Howard is married and has 4 grown children.



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**MOTOR CITY BEEEMERS
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

Club Web Site – www.bizblvd.net/mcbeemers
Club eGroup Email – mcbeemers@yahoo.com

Annual membership dues are \$15 per year for full membership and \$10 per year for each associate member and runs from January to January. Renewal payments are requested by January 31 of each year.

Please select 1 or more: Membership (\$15) Associate (\$10) each Additional Associates (\$10)
AND select one: New Renewal Renewal following lapse of years

(Please Print)

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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Email: _____

National Motorcycle Club Membership Information

Please check the appropriate boxes to signify current membership in the following national motorcycle clubs:

BMW Motorcycle Owners of America No Yes #: _____

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Signature _____ Date _____

Mail this application and payment to “Jim Mick” at: Jim Mick
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