



Motor City Beemers



Club Newsletter



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BMW RA Club #209

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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 June 8th

Following Meeting: July 13th

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PREZ SEZ



Hello All,

Here it is June already! Summer will fly by, so don't blink! Hee, hee. Those who attended the European Rally enjoyed the roads and atmosphere in lower Kentucky. I believe we had 18 who participated in this.

Hope to see you at this meeting and afterwards we will be off to Rocky's for shopping / browsing and lunch. We will also be taking a head count for our Frankenmuth ride and dinner.

Please keep in tune with our officers so you don't miss a thing!

Safe riding,
Betty

CLUB LUNCH RIDES

Date	Lunch Ride Destination	Ride Planner
June 8th	Puzzlers Place	Layne Stewart

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

Watch for emails giving the location each week . . .

June 5	<u>Camp Ticonderoga</u>	5725 Rochester Road Troy, MI 48084 (248) 828-2825
June 12	<u>Capri Club</u>	6343 Dyke Road Clay, MI (810)794-7431
June 19	<u>Ikes Family Dining</u>	8550 Van Dyke Avenue Sterling Heights, MI 48312-1143 (586) 979-4460
June 26	<u>Murphys Inn</u>	505 Clinton Avenue St. Clair, MI 48079-5094 (810) 329-7118

EDITOR'S CORNER



Welcome to the June newsletter. Things are now picking up! The Burskeville Ride is history and a great ride it was – even with the bit of rain we had. Maury and I preceded the ride with over 1,000 miles of great North Carolina twisty roads with nothing but sun and boy, did we have fun.

Up next is the Frankenmuth lunch and much more riding. So get those wheels rolling.

Remember that articles, trip reports and photos are always welcome here and I will make sure that they get into the newsletter. The more, the merrier!

Get out and Ride!

Treasurer's Report

by Jim Mick



At the May Club meeting, we had two additional draws from the 50/50 cage. After the lucky winner pocketed \$50 with the first draw, Don McIntyre won a free membership to the RA. That worked out well since Don did not have a current RA membership. Then Ives Potrafka won a preregistration for the 43rd Annual Wisconsin Dells Rally which will be held from Sep 6th through Sep 8th. I think that Ives will be glad to lead a group to WI. Check out their web site for rally information and registration at www.wiscbmwclub.com and let Ives know

when you make plans to attend.

Previous check book Balance: \$1480.65. 50/50 added \$50. 50 copies of Membership Applications was \$5.30 leaving a balance of \$1525.35. Membership stands at 93.

The Club Newsletters and Membership Applications have moved within the Dealership. Now they can be found in the corner to the right side just before you get to the bathrooms.

Burkesville Ride 2013

by Rhys Blair



Well, it is 6:50 a.m. and there are three of us now at the Beemership Thursday morning waiting to hit the road. Joe, Don and Rhys all arrive just about the same time this beautiful Thursday morning. At 7:00 sharp we roll out south on Van Dyke to I-696 and I-75. The ride is uneventful, not much traffic and in short order we are at exit 15 around 8:00 a.m. As we ride into the BP station we see Layne fueling his ride and we three follow suit. We take this opportunity to take a relief break, grab a cup of joe and a donut and shoot the bull until about 8:30 when we decide it's time to head south and get this show on the road.

We ride about 90 minutes or so and pull off at the Troy Ohio exit to re-fuel and locate the La Fiesta Mexican Restaurant for lunch. At the moment the skies are clear and no hint of impending rain. We pull into the restaurant and park, in passing we ask a local if there was rain coming or had it just passed. He said on the most part it had passed and they didn't expect any more. We proceeded into the restaurant for lunch. Layne impressed everyone by ordering in Spanish, but that didn't bring our meals any quicker. Our meal was almost over when Joe turned around and announced it was raining, great, we still had hours to go. We went outside and took a poll as to whether or not we would suit up, we decided against it hoping that the rain would pass us by as we rode further south. Once on the road it seemed to subside and the road was dry down through Dayton and into Cincinnati. Coming out on the south side of the city toward the steel bridge over the river it started raining again and to make matters worse there was a car-median accident on the northbound side that caused our traffic to slow down to a crawl. We still had to get to the Kentucky Welcome Center to meet Steve and I didn't want to arrive wet. We had agreed on a 1:00 p.m. meet time and up to now we were well ahead of the arranged time. We were lucky and pulled into the rest area at 12:55 just minutes before the heavens opened up. We had taken our rain gear out and headed for the mens room to don it and lucky we did! The rain come down like a cow peeing on a flat rock. We waited for it to subside, about 30 minutes but to no avail...it was not going to slow down. I suggested we mount up and head down the road to see if we could out run it. We rode in this down pour to Lexington about 57 miles and then west another dozen miles or so before it started to slow down and dry up. From that point on it was somewhat overcast, but dry so the ride did get much better. By this time we were a little more than have way. We stayed on the two lanes all the way to Burkesville and the ride proved to be pretty much uneventful right up to arriving at the hotel. And just like it was advertised, Maury and Keith had a cooler of iced down beer waiting for us. We checked in, unpacked and changed all while having a nice cold beer and greeting one another as each rode in from different places. It was another great howbeit wet ride and we were glad to be in familiar surroundings for some great riding.

Frankenmuth 2013

by Rhys Blair

This is to remind you that on Saturday, June 15, 2013 we will again be having our annual Frankenmuth Chicken Dinner Ride to the Bavarian Inn in Frankenmuth. To participate you must be a paid up member or associate member and pay a \$5.00 fee per attendee for dinner.

The club will again pick up the balance of dinner and drinks (less alcoholic beverages). Dinner is scheduled to be served at the Bavarian Inn between 1:30 and 2:00 p.m. If you don't plan on riding in a group from the dealership please plan on being at the Bavarian Inn no later than 1:45 at the very latest.

For those of you who wish to ride in a group, please meet at the dealership no later than 11:00 a.m. with a full tank of fuel and an empty bladder. We will have a group leader ready to ride to Frankenmuth.

We will need a headcount for this event so the appropriate number of tables will be set up. Please send me an email at rhysb@att.net, text or call me at [586-216-3455](tel:586-216-3455) no later than Saturday afternoon, June 8. confirming your attendance.

I will not be at our Saturday meeting to collect your \$5.00 but not to worry, give your money to Jim Mick or Keith Harrison and they will see that you are marked paid.

Last year was our best turnout with over 40 attendees at dinner. We had great weather and of course the best club members were in attendance, so let's see if we can make it happen again this year.

MEMBERSHIP

You get the most 'bang for your buck' by renewing your membership to Motor City Beemers in January each year. Dues are \$15 for the primary member and \$10 for the associate member and expire in January. An associate member must be associated with a primary member.

All members are invited to attend two major Club subsidized events each year:

- 1) Ride to Frankenmuth for a chicken dinner w/all the trimmings and
- 2) Pot luck picnic near Port Huron where the Club provides and cooks steaks.

Each major event will cost members \$5 w/preregistrations. The club picks up the balance of the cost of the chicken dinner, gratuity, picnic reservations, and the steaks. Your dues also help cover the cost of donuts at the meetings. Not only does renewing your membership in January give you the most for your money, but it also helps the Club figure out our budget for the year.

A revised Membership Application is attached and copies are at the Dealership.

Instructions, and your options for joining the Club and renewing your membership, are included on the Application.

Send renewals to Jim Mick at Jim@RidingIsWonderful.com

MOTOR CITY BEEMERS NAME TAGS

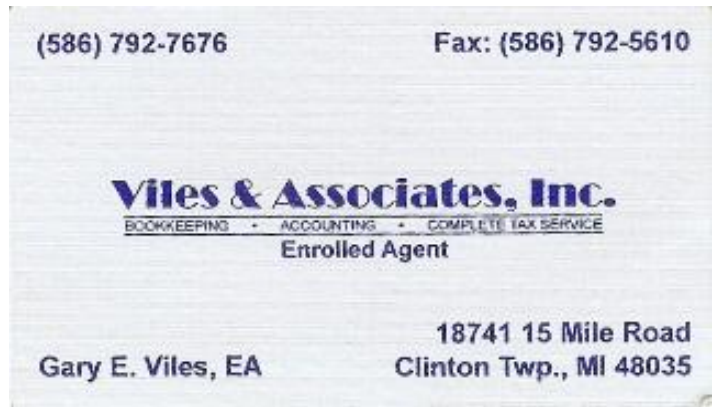
Motor City Beemer name tags are available for purchase at Highest Honor, Inc. Highest Honor, Inc is located at 34711 Dequindre Road, Troy, Michigan 48083. Their shop is just south of 15 Mile Road, on the west side of Dequindre. Herb and Jeff have a die set up with the club logo and can add your name 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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**MOTOR CITY BEEMERS
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

Club Web Site – www.bizblvd.net/mcbeemers
Club eGroup Email – mcbeemers@yahoogroups.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: _____

Phone Home: _____ Cell: _____ Work: _____

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 #: _____

BMW Riders Association No Yes #: _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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