



# Motor City Beemers



## Club Newsletter



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

Our *next* meeting is scheduled for November 8th

Following Meeting: December 14th

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### Prez Se



Hello Everyone,  
 Fall is now upon us! Get those last few riding days of the year in!  
 November brings us to officer elections so try to make this meeting.  
 Lunch ride will be to the Chuck Wagon BBQ in Dexter!  
 We are looking forward to a soon open house at the dealership and new  
 winter activities!  
 See you soon and ride safe!  
 Betty

### CLUB LUNCH RIDES

Date	Lunch Ride Destination	Ride Planner
November 8th	Chuck Wagon BBQ – Dexter, MI	Layne Stewart

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

Watch for emails giving the location each week . . .

November 6th	Thai Orchard	60 Cherry St. Mt Clemens, Mi <a href="tel:586.783.1727">586.783-1727</a>
November 13th	Lugi's	44905 Morley Dr Clinton Twnshp, Mi <a href="tel:586.468.7200">586.468.7200</a>
November 20th	Bad Brads West	6525 23 mile rd Shelby Twnshp, Mi <a href="tel:586.254.7010">586.254.7010</a>
November 27th	Poncho and Ciscos	36942 Jefferson Harrison Twnshp, Mi 586.465. 6161

**Editor's Corner**



Welcome to the November newsletter.

The cold weather is here and the warm riding season is ending. I am not a fan of the cold weather so I do not look forward to putting my bikes away for the winter. Thankfully this year, I will be spending a significant portion of this winter down in Florida so if you are in the neighborhood, stop by and say Hi.

In this issue, look for the nice trip report on the Fall Color Ride to Leggs. Looks like another great ride. Officer Elections and the planning for the Winter Banquet are the Hot Topics for the next meeting.

A problem has been identified recently for members who attempt to read this newsletter on a phone or iPad. If you try to open the PDF file directly from the email. You only get the first two pages. To overcome this problem, you need to press and hold the PDF file, then open it in a separate window. If you have problems, let me know.

I have added "Links" section so if you have any interesting links, send them to me.

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!

## Elections

*by Rhys Blair*



It is that time of year again. We need to select a slate of officers to run the club next year. This is your opportunity to make the big decisions (where we are having lunch on club meeting days), handle our huge monetary resources (all \$1500.00), run things, I mean really run things like the monthly meeting and handle the special event stuff...you know, the Frankenmuth Chicken Ride and Lunch, the Fried Baloney Run to Waldo, Ohio, the September Steak Fry and the Club's Color Ride to Legs

Inn. This is your chance to show us all how it's done. Submit your name for one of the offices you think you can run better than those already running that office. Now, all seriousness aside we need your help, so throw your name in the hat so we can vote you in and get rid of the bums currently running this operation.

Thank you.

## Mid-Winter Dinner

*by Rhys Blair*

Stay tuned for news of next year's picnic as there may be a few changes discussed at upcoming meetings. Again, thanks to everyone who said they were coming and actually showed up. You made the event what it was.

We should all be thinking about where we would like to hold our 2014 Mid-Winter Dinner. Last year we held it at the American-Polish Culture Center in Sterling Heights. We had a great time with a slide show of our club and its' members doing their favorite thing, riding, camping, drinking, riding etc.

Please come prepared to discuss and provide input so we can do it right for the majority of club members. If you have a favorite spot let us know. If you want to help set it up let us know.

Thanks for your interest and input.

## Treasurer's Report

*by Jim Mick*



Check book balance carried forward into Oct:	\$1539.73
Check book balance for the end of Oct:	\$1541.85
PayPal balance carried forward into Oct:	\$229.26
PayPal account balance for the end of Oct:	\$229.26

Picnic summary: Keith H. reserved the Pavilion for \$95 and was reimbursed in cash from collections. Rhys B. used the club Debit Card to purchase steaks for a cost of \$249.18 so that got taken directly from the checking account. Left over steaks were purchased by interested club members at \$5 each.

The total deposited for September was: \$149.30. That was \$15 from a new member, \$14.30 from the 50/50 and \$120.00 left over from cash collections for the Picnic.

Larry Turk won \$33.00 during the 50/50 drawing at the Oct Club meeting. Net amount that will be added to the club funds from the 50/50: \$32.00 (since we had no donut expense).

I received one Membership Application as the Oct Newsletter was being published. That took our membership from 105.5 (because he had only paid), as reported in the October Newsletter, to 106 current members in good standing.

## **Membership**

*by Jim Mick*

Be looking for the biography and picture of our newest member and make a connection with Homer Walker. Homer paid his dues at the Sep club meeting so some of you met him then. I received his Membership Application in the mail at the end of the month. When you have occasion to see his E-mail address, don't be surprised with the 'difference' you'll see. Homer was the new 'half member' mentioned last month but is now #106!

At the October club meeting, Larry Edmonds (from Sarnia) submitted an application for 2014 (since this year's about gone) and I received payment for 3 membership renewals and 1 associate renewal for 2014. That's another \$70 added to the club's checking account.

### **RENEWALS for 2014.**

Jim Mick doesn't mind receiving just your money for renewals, but someone needs to make sure we have the correct E-mail address, phone numbers and address on file. If you give Jim a new application with your dues payment, he will be able to check that information against our master membership list. If you would rather do the 'checking' you can visit the club web site: <http://www.bizblvd.net/mcbeemers/> Once there, find the "Club Directory" located on the left, about half way down the "Main Menu". Choose the format you desire, click there, find your name and verify all the information is correct. Send Jim an E-mail at [Jim@RidingIsWonderful.com](mailto:Jim@RidingIsWonderful.com) if you find incorrect information. Once Jim receives your dues for 2014, he'll update the list, and we can watch our enrollment membership numbers soar in 2014. On 10/12/13 our 2014 membership stood at 5. All renewal dues for 2014 should be paid by the end of January 2014.

Send renewals to Jim Mick at [Jim@RidingIsWonderful.com](mailto:Jim@RidingIsWonderful.com)

## **New member – Larry Edmonds**

Hello from Sarnia, Ontario.

Like so many people I got my motorcycle licence when I was in high school. That was 1969. I got involved with lots of different hobbies and past times after high school and motorcycles were not a priority. Fast forward to the year 2000 and I decided to buy a vintage bike and get back into the sport. It started with a 1972 Triumph Bonneville but it didn't stop there. Since then I have owned Honda, Suzuki, Kawasaki, Yamaha and Bultaco bikes and I still have a Dnepr sidecar rig.

In 2002 I wrote off my 1981 Honda CB900F



by using it to cave in the front fender of a car that pulled out in front of me and that was when I got my first BMW. It was a 1987 K100LT. In November of 2005 I traded it in on a 1998 K1200RS.

In 2006 my wife, Kathy, and I rode our bikes to our first BMWMOA rally in Vermont. We attended seminars, took the experienced rider training and met people who we still count as friends.

I enjoy long distance endurance riding and have completed 4 IronButt SaddleSore rides. In June of this year I completed the Lower Great Lakes SaddleSore and in July I completed a Border to Border ride from Sarnia to the Mexican border at Del Rio, Texas in 34 hours.

From there I was supposed to ride out to the MOA rally in Oregon but unfortunately my bike's differential had a catastrophic failure 185 miles after leaving Del Rio and I left my riding partners in Fort Stockton, TX and headed home in a U-haul. I replaced the differential but started to think it was time to buy a bike that was made in this century. So in late August I purchased a low mileage 2002 R1150RT which is working out great.

I am looking forward to meeting other members and sharing some rides.

Larry Edmonds

P.S. Anybody interested in a '98 K1200RS?

## **Fall Color Ride To Leggs Inn**

*by Rhys Blair*

I tell my wife all the time I hate starting out a trip in the rain, putting on the rain gear, getting the bike all dirty, it's just something I don't like doing. Well Saturday morning it was cool and dry, no rain, great...maybe it was really going to go south of us and we would be rain free all day. So it's 7:00 a.m. and I roll out of the drive way headed north up North Ave to Jim Mick's place. Yes, it's dry, dark and very cool 42 degrees as I ride toward 26 Mile Road. I ride into Jim's driveway, turn the bike

around to be ready to ride out and guess what, it starts to rain, yes, rain. Jim comes out of the house and dons his riding gear, says good bye to Jeri and off into the darkness we ride in the RAIN! We ride up North Ave to Armada Center and head west to Capac Road which we rode north to I-69. And did I mention in the rain! As it did last year it rained right up until we reached the Hope Junction Restaurant. When we got to the restaurant Allen Giglanti was already there, then we were joined by Ken Mitchell and last but not least about 9:20 in rolled John Saarinen. As always we enjoyed a great breakfast and service by our friends at Hope Junction.





We were all on our bikes and ready to leave by 10:25 and off into the cool, overcast morning we rode west on M-57. Now for most of my life living in Michigan I have been led to believe there are very few decent motorcycling roads. I know better, but someone that really knows better is Ken Mitchell. From what I figured out is that, he must take a topographical map of Michigan and overlays it on a Michigan road and highway map. From there he looks for all the roads that parallels rivers and roads that run between any areas with elevation. A combination like that guarantees winding and twisty roads. That's pretty much what and where we road on Saturday. Every time I looked

at my GPS we were somewhere close to a river, lake or stream or there was some sort of elevation on one side or the other of the road. It was a great ride. By the way, not only were the roads great, but this year the color was the best I have seen in many, many years. The trees were draped in reds, golds and yellows. When the sun peeked out the woods lit right up like they were on fire.

We stopped for a late lunch in Kingsley at a Subway. Some of us had soup and a drink, it was really that kind of weather and they Subway had a tasty hot chicken noodle soup on the stove that really hit the spot. After that we headed north along Torch Lake and over to Boyne City then up to Petoski and the back way into Harbor Springs along the water. It was getting to be twilight when we headed up the hill to the Tunnel of Trees.

Surprisingly the road was dry and pretty much free of fallen leaves. We were now just 20 great miles from Legs Inn, a great Polish dinner and a good night's rest. This 20 mile ride takes almost 40 minutes as the road has too many curves and turns in it to really ride the speed limit. Besides, the colors are great, the road is dry why not enjoy the ride. After all, this is one of the main reasons for making this trip annually. We get to the Inn, park our bikes and Ken goes in to make the final arrangements, pick up the cabin keys and lets us know the final plans.





We head down to the cabin, find our places, stow our gear, check the bikes and now it's time for dinner. We head up to the restaurant, check our name on the list and we are ready to eat. We are seated at a table for 5, John makes nice with our waitress and she takes our photo. Some order pre dinner drinks, others explain the menu and then we check for what is not available. This is a regular routine this particular weekend we ride to Legg's. It's the last weekend they will be open until next season, so sometimes they are out of some of the more popular items. However tonight, they seem to have almost something of everything and the ordering begins. Dinner is just

great as it always is. We have been making this annual trek now for some 15 plus years to have dinner here this particular weekend. Dinner is great as usual and some of us force ourselves to have dessert too. After dinner we pick up extra linens and head back down the hill to the cabin.

It is still pretty early, not yet 9:00 p.m. but most of us are ready to turn in. It's been a great day to ride and most of us have over 400 miles by this time since we pulled out from our respective homes. Jim Mick is the first to turn in, then Ken Mitchell and I am not far behind him. Allen and John I think stayed up the longest catching up.

Morning come early, for some of us this was sleeping in. Jim was up first, then me, Allen and John. Ken, well that is another story. At 8:15 Jim tried to wake him before we pulled out to no avail. John tried again about 8:30 but apparently he wasn't getting up until he was ready. Allen, Jim and I headed out and actually rode M-119 to Bay Harbor. This road had really changed since the day before. Saturday it was dry and clear, this morning it was wet, dark, and covered in wet leaves. We all took a great deal of care maneuvering this piece of road this morning. No one wanted to end a beautiful weekend in the ditch on their side. We rode for about an hour and



stopped in Boyin Falls for breakfast at Betty's Café. About 15 minutes after we arrived John rolled in so the four of us ate together and talked about the ride, colors, dinner and our plans for the day. Jim was going to stop for fishing gear, Allen was headed straight home, John going into Gaylord for something and me, well I had to stop by our cottage and put up the storm windows and give the place a once over before the snow began to fly. After breakfast we all adieu went our separate ways. I rolled into the driveway around 4:00 p.m. to Duke's smiling face and 740 miles on the odometer.



As the photos will attest it was again another great Color Tour Ride thanks to Ken Mitchell for routing, leading and ramrodding this whole weekend. By the way, he did finally get up, and headed for home safely with no side effects other than being a little tired. Thanks to Jim, Allen, and John for making the ride more enjoyable even if the ride didn't start out all dry and sunny. It's always a gas to ride with guys who ride for the sake of riding and take all the little inconveniences in stride, the rain, cold and overcast skies knowing full well a day like this is still better than a "good" day at work. Thanks to Tim also for getting the ride "on the road" for Ken.

So mark your calendars the 3rd weekend in October 2014 for another club sponsored Color Tour to Legs Inn via the Tunnel of Trees. You won't be disappointed.





## **Free BMW ON Magazine Back issues**

*by Keith Harrison*

Bob Hann has informed me that he has a nice collection of old issues of the BMW ON magazine dating back to 2005. He had simply planned to recycle them, but is offering them to anyone for free first. If interested, let Bob know or send me a note and I will pass it on to him

## **Motorcycle Links**

The woman's Motorcycle Exhibition: The Real woman who Ride  
(video)

<<http://www.cycleworld.com/2013/10/09/the-womans-motorcycle-exhibition-the-real-woman-who-ride-video/>>

Enterprise to rent Harley-Davidson motorcycles in Vegas

<<http://www.usatoday.com/story/travel/destinations/2013/10/16/enterprise-motorcycles/2968371/>>

Skully demonstrates GPS, rear-view camera in motorcycle helmet

<[http://reviews.cnet.com/8301-13746\\_7-57607680-48/skully-demonstrates-gps-rear-view-camera-in-motorcycle-helmet/](http://reviews.cnet.com/8301-13746_7-57607680-48/skully-demonstrates-gps-rear-view-camera-in-motorcycle-helmet/)>

Top 10 Motorcycle Rides in North America

<<http://dsc.discovery.com/tv-shows/north-america/top-10/motorcycle-rides.htm>>

## **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](mailto: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!"

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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

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