



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 December 14th

Following Meeting: January 11th

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Prez Sez



Wow, here it is December already and holidays approaching soon. A few of us will try to get out to ride on warmer sunny days! If you, do ride safe. With the new year arriving soon, there are a few updates on club activity. New and returning officers are here! Slight changes in special events and the mid-winter banquet.

Now is the time to start the planning for next year's motorcycle activities. Maybe this year it will be a big trip or just a few smaller ones. Or maybe a few weekend trips or long day rides. Or maybe it will be a track day or just a few lunch rides. Whatever works for you, let's make a resolution to ride more and enjoy your motorcycle as much as possible.

For those of you that have been good this year, I hope that Santa brings you all the motorcycle goodies that you want. And for the rest of you, better luck next year.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Betty

CLUB LUNCH RIDES

Date	Lunch Ride Destination	Ride Planner
December 14th	<u>Red Coat Tavern</u> 31542 Woodward Ave, Royal Oak	Layne Stewart

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

Watch for emails giving the location each week . . .

December 4th	Twisted Rooster	45225Marketplace Blvd Chesterfield, mi 586.949.1470
December 11th	Gus O'Connors Public House	324 Main St Rochester, Mi 248.608.2537
December 18th	Engine House	309 Cass Ave Mt Clemens, Mi 586.468.2442
December 25th	No Dinner	

Editor's Corner



Welcome to the December newsletter.

Well, Old Man Winter sure came early this year! I have not seen ice on Anchor Bay this early in years. My Michigan bikes are put away for the winter and I am looking forward to riding my Florida bikes soon. In this issue, look for info on the upcoming Elections that will take place at the December meeting. Make sure to attend and Vote.

Also, reservations are now being taken for the Mid-Winter Banquet – see Rhys' article for details.

There continues to be a problem with accessing the newsletter from the website when using a I phone or I Pad with IOS7. I believe that the PDF files attached to the email I use to distribute the newsletter work just fine but for some reason, you can't get the full newsletter from the website on a I Pad or I Phone. If anyone has any ideas, 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!

Lastly, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Important Notice:

Club members,

There was a major change in the dates for two of our biggest events for 2014. The club membership voted on Saturday to swap the dates for the Frankenmuth Chicken Dinner Ride and the Fort Gratiot Park Steak Fry. So mark your calendars accordingly.

- June 21 2014 (the 3rd Saturday of June) will now be our annual Club Steak Fry up north at the Fort Gratiot Park on Lake Huron. The weather should be better for outdoor picnicking.
- September 20, 2014 (the 3rd Saturday of September) will now be our club's annual Frankenmuth Chicken Dinner Ride. It will give us more a fall feeling and it shouldn't be so hot a day for club ride.

You heard it heard it first in your monthly newsletter.

Elections

by Rhys Blair



Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

Well the club has a slate of officers for our December meeting elections. I would like to thank all of you who stepped up to again propel this club into a new year, and for those of you who were a tad too bashful to through your name in the hat, maybe next year.

The following people are running for these offices:

President: Rhys B. Blair

1st VP: Ken Mitchel and Layne Stewart

2nd VP: Betty Ward

Treasure: Jim Mick

One other note,

George mentioned to me at lunch on Saturday at the Chuck Wagon Restaurant that due to the lack of consistency of members bringing doughnuts to our meeting he is forced to take this drastic step and create the informal position of Pastry at Arms. He tells me the only reason he comes to our meetings and pays his dues on time is for the darn doughnuts and of late there has been a serious breakdown in the delivery of these tasty, howbeit fat pills. He does however need two volunteers to assist him in the event he is unable to attend a particular club meeting. He will notify his underlings and they can bring the doughnuts. Remember the club pays for the doughnuts out of the 50/50 raffle money so somebody step up and help George guarantee doughnuts at our monthly meetings. Please!

Mid-Winter Dinner

by Rhys Blair

Hear ye, Hear ye,

The details for the 2014 Motor City Beemer Mid-Winter Awards Dinner are as follows.

Please reserve Saturday, February 1, 2014 for our annual awards dinner. Dinner will again be at the American Polish Cultural Center located at 2975 E. Maple Road, Troy, Michigan 48083 in room 1 (same room as last year.) The entrance is off Dequindre Road. Cocktails will be from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at our own in-room cash bar. Dinner to be served promptly at 7:00 p.m. to include soup, salad, main course of traditional Polish fare, dessert and coffee/tea. The cost of dinner will again be \$35.00 per person.

We will have introductions of new club officers, passing of the "White Helmet" and the highlight of the evening, the Bent Beemer Awards immediately following dinner. There will be the usual 50/50 raffle and door prizes.

We would again like to have a video of your favorite rides, motorcycles, and other motorcycle interests. In order to do this like last year, we need you to send your photos and videos to Keith Harrison so he can put this video together. You can send pretty much any format because our newsletter editor seems to be a wiz at this sort of thing.

New this year, members can use PayPal to send their payment to the club. Include "MCBeemers Mid-Winter Dinner" in the transaction. Send to: Jim@Ridingiswonderful.com.

Reservations should be made through me at rhysb@att.net or through Jim Mick by sending your money to him through PayPal. We will accept cash or checks (checks should be made out to Jim Mick) at the next two meetings (December 14 and January 11.) We can accept reservation right up to Friday, January 24, 2014. Your money needs to accompany your reservation.

Please come join us for great food and a fun evening all about members and their motorcycles. Last year we had 34 attendees.

If you have any questions please contact Rhys B. Blair at rhysb@att.net or by cell at [586-216-3455](tel:586-216-3455).

Treasurer's Report

by Jim Mick



Check book balance carried forward into Nov:	\$1541.85
Check book balance for the end of Nov:	\$2034.85
PayPal balance carried forward into Nov:	\$229.26
PayPal account balance for the end of Nov:	\$229.26

Jerry Pokorski won \$48.00 during the 50/50 drawing at the Nov Club meeting. We had no donuts for which to reimburse so the net amount added to the club funds from the 50/50 was also \$48.00. Another \$445.00 was received for Membership/Associate renewals for 2014.

Membership

by Jim Mick

Our 2013 membership got up to 106 (which appears to be a record high). If you want to see our club grow, please tell one of the officers what draws you to MCBeemers; maybe we can do that even better.

At the November club meeting, 23 members and 10 associates renewed their memberships taking our 2014 membership to 38.

RENEWALS for 2014.

by Jim Mick

I don't mind receiving just your money for club membership renewals, but someone needs to make sure we have the correct E-mail address, phone numbers and address on file. I would also like to update our membership list with your MOA and RA membership numbers (as appropriate). If you give me a completed new application with your dues payment, I 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 if you find incorrect information. A third option is to renew at one of our club meetings and we can check all the info together. Once I receive your dues for 2014, and update the list, we can watch our enrollment membership numbers soar in 2014. On 11/10/13 our 2014 membership stood at 38. All renewal dues for 2014 should be paid by the end of January 2014.

Send renewals to Jim Mick at Jim@RidingIsWonderful.com

Motorcycle Links

Chak Molot Motorcycle takes huge strides to make riding much safer<<http://www.chakmotors.com/technology.html>> .

Gunbus 410: The World's Largest Motorcycle

<http://hiconsumption.com/2013/11/gunbus-410-the-worlds-largest-motorcycle/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=gunbus-410-the-worlds-largest-motorcycle>

Motorcycle Road Trip From Las Vegas to Yosemite

<<http://online.wsj.com/news/articles/SB10001424052702304069604579156091020412258>

ISO Launches First Standardized Motorcycle Program for Insurance Industry

<<http://online.wsj.com/article/HUG1737785.html>>

Elk chases couple on motorcycle in Montana

< <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wv91RLHcd5k>>

2013 Motorcycle

<http://www.motorcyclistonline.com/features/1113_2013_motorcycle_and_motorcyclist_of_the_year/iewall.html> & Motorcyclist of the Year

Ghostrider: Stockholm Run - The Other Way !! ...THIS GUY IS NUTS

<<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ZpLTCGoLKI>>

Latham man updates vintage motorcycle

<<http://www.bnd.com/2013/10/25/2867786/exchange-latham-man-updates-vintage.html>>

Honda's Grom mini-motorcycle is flying off dealer lots

<<http://www.latimes.com/business/autos/la-fi-hy-honda-grom-20131026,0,7349296.story#axzz2j2Gc8T5D> >

Best Craigslist Ad Ever? 2000 Yamaha WR400F

<<http://www.motorcycledaily.com/2013/10/best-craigslist-ad-ever-2000-yamaha-wr400f-1200-southeast-portland/> >

Never Too Old To Ride a Motorcycle

<http://www.womenridersnow.com/pages/reader_story_never_too_old_to_ride_a_motorcycle.aspx >

24 states in 8 1/2 months

<http://www.womenridersnow.com/pages/joan_krenning_reaches_30000_miles.aspx>

Just plain stupid...a COP drag racing

<<http://www.wmbfnews.com/story/23946615/mpd-motorcycle-officer-races-with-civilian-leaves-force-under-investigation>>

2014 Honda Gold Wing Valkyrie: Return of the Bruiser

<<http://motorcycles.about.com/b/2013/11/20/2014-honda-gold-wing- Valkyrie-return-of-the-bruiser.htm?nl=1>>

Watch As This Motorcycle Wheel Becomes A TV Screen

<<http://www.fastcompany.com/3021803/most-creative-people/watch-as-this-motorcycle-wheel-becomes-a-tv-screen#8>>

The Modern Motorcycle Diaries

<<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=85VErvTqgWc#t=223>> cool Video

Reporter fails compilation 2013 funny News Bloopers

< <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xcXAPahUWAs> (Preview)

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. 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.**, who have volunteered to print the free copies of the newsletter available at the dealership. They are also BMW riders.



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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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Macomb MI 48042

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Only

OR send funds via PayPal to: Jim@RidingIsWonderful.com
AND send completed form by e-mail to: Jim@RidingIsWonderful.com