



# Motor City Beemers

## Club Newsletter



BMW MOA Club #231

BMW RA Club #209

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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 January 11th

Following Meeting: February 8th

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### Prez Sez



Greetings and Happy New Year to all of our Members.

I want to start out by saying thank you to our past president Betty Ward. Betty has been a long time active member, our Wednesday Night Dinner Coordinator and our president for the past two fun filled years. Thank you from your past boards and me personally for taking the reigns of leadership for our club.

Well, we "our club" goes into its 20th continuous year in 2014. That, my friends, is a long time for a very, very casual motorcycle club. In all those years we have met in only one venue for our monthly meetings and that is the showroom of BMW Motorcycles of Detroit. We owe a lot to this dealership. For example a good portion of our treasury was supplemented by Jim Musgrave and his 20-30 dollar raffle ticket purchases on meeting days. We have never had to pay a cent for rent in all these twenty years for a roof over our heads, thanks to our favorite dealership. We have never had to pay for a

single cup of coffee in twenty years, now, for a generation of folks that are in their late 50s to early 70s that in itself is a heck of an accomplishment because most of us grew up on coffee. On the most part we have never had to pay for a single door prize or gift for our mid-winter dinner in all of the years we have been meeting in January or February because the good folks at the dealership have always provided. Our club and its members owe a lot to "our" dealership because of these things and many more. What would it be like if we didn't have an authorized BMW dealership and mechanic on this side of town, I wouldn't even like to entertain the idea? Many thanks to Tony, Eric, Don and mostly Cliff for affording us this opportunity to thrive and exist as we do. Thank you!

Now on to some other highlights:

January 11 is our first club meeting of the New Year. Come on out and join us for a little coffee and doughnuts, a short meeting and a lunch somewhere. I'd check with Layne but he may not know until that Saturday.

February 1 is our Mid-Winter Dinner and Bent Beemer Awards. We'll be meeting at the Polish American Cultural Club. Read the article in this current newsletter for all the details. Be sure to plan on paying for your attendance at the meeting or through PayPal. See there.

May 16 is normally the Nashville TN BMW club's rally down in Burkesville, TN. Details to follow. We usually have about 15-20 club members attend this event.

May is also the RA Rally, a lot of our members like to attend this rally.

June 21 is our annual club picnic up at Fort Gratiot Park. Don't want to miss this meal on the beach for \$5.00 per person.

July is the MOA Rally and a big draw for our club members.

August 16 is our annual Fried Baloney Ride to Waldo, Ohio. Can't go a whole year without a fried baloney sandwich and their world famous cream pies.

Sep 20 is our annual Frankenmuth Ride for fried chicken for a measly \$5.00 per person. Can't be that with a stick...and we through in a 2 hour motorcycle ride to boot!

Oct 18 is our annual Color Tour to Legs Inn for those more hardy souls. Some years it rains, some years it snows, but every year the ride, food and camaraderie can't be beat.

And in between all of the above events are monthly lunch rides, weekly dinner rides and a whole bunch of other events we do as a club or a group. So there is no reason you can't get out and join us for a couple rides be it lunch, dinner or just ice cream. Come ride, eat and kick tires with us, you'll have a great time.

Respectfully, your new Prez,

Rhys B. Blair

## CLUB LUNCH RIDES

Date	Lunch Ride Destination	Ride Planner
January 11	TBD	Layne Setwart

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

Watch for emails giving the location each week . . .

January 8th	Malones Tavern	32350 Van Dyke Ave. Warren, MI <a href="tel:586.978.0055">586.978.0055</a>
January 15th	Bath City Bistro	75 Macomb Place Mt. Clemens, MI <a href="tel:586.469.0917">586.469.0917</a>
January 22nd	East Side Marios	2273 Crooks Rd. Rochester Hills, MI <a href="tel:248.853.9622">248.853.9622</a>
January 29th	El Patio Mexican Restaurant	2891 E. Big Beaver Rd. Troy, MI <a href="tel:248.528.0106">248.528.0106</a>

## Editor's Corner



Welcome to the January newsletter and the new year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Betty for her work as President for the last two years and welcome Rhys to the job. Both have served the club well and deserve a round of thanks for their efforts.

As some of you may know, my wife and I have spent the last month at our southern home in Flagler Beach, FL. While the weather has been a bit up and down, I have ridden most every day. My condolences to those of you whom have your bikes stored for the winter. I have always suffered from **PMS** (**Parked Motorcycle Syndrome**) during these dark winter months so I know what you are going through.

One antidote for **PMS** is the **Progressive International Motorcycle Show** this weekend at the Suburban Collection in Novi. Go and sit on some new motorcycles and make vroom vroom noises. I am sure you won't be the only one!

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

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!

## **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](mailto:Jim@Ridingiswonderful.com).

Reservations should be made through me at [rhysb@att.net](mailto: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 meeting - 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](mailto: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 Dec: \$2034.85

Check book balance for the end of Dec: \$1934.57

PayPal balance carried forward into Dec: \$229.26

PayPal account balance for the end of Dec: \$243.52

Rhys B. used the club CC to make the reservation deposit of \$500 for the Winter Dinner so that came directly out of the check book balance.

Rhys B. also won \$28.00 during the 50/50 drawing at our SNOWY December Club meeting. \$11.28 was reimbursed to Rhys for donuts so the net amount added to the club funds from the 50/50 was \$44.72 Another \$40.00 was received for Membership/Associate renewals for 2014 and \$315 was received for nine reservations at the Winter Dinner.

## **Membership**

*by Jim Mick*

During December, we had one member renew membership using PayPal which added only \$14.26 because of PayPal's fee when using a CC. No fees are charged the club if you send you payment from your PayPal account.

An additional two members and one associate renewed their memberships during December, taking our 2014 membership to 44.

## **Renewals for 2014.**

*by Jim Mick*

All renewal dues for 2014 should be paid by the end of January 2014. 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 me an E-mail at [Jim@RidingIsWonderful.com](mailto: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 12/23/13 our 2014 membership stood at 44.

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

## **Motorcycle Links**

City Motorcyclists Slam Ald. Reilly's Proposed \$1,000 Noisy Muffler Fine

<<http://www.dnainfo.com/chicago/20131219/downtown/city-motorcyclists-slam-ald-reillys-proposed-1000-noisy-muffler-fine>>

New women and motorcycling event planned for 2014

<[http://www.womenridersnow.com/pages/registration\\_now\\_open\\_for\\_s teal\\_horse%20\\_sisterhood\\_summit.aspx](http://www.womenridersnow.com/pages/registration_now_open_for_s teal_horse%20_sisterhood_summit.aspx)>

<<http://voxan.com/en/technology/>> Voxan Wattman Motorcycle (\$TBA) may also just be the world's ugliest.

**[Motorcycle Made From Toys To Be Ridden](#)**

**[Start-up aims for cheap 84-mpg three-wheel car](#)**

**[Garmin equips motorcycle GPS with tire pressure sensors](#)**

**[Husband Asked to Choose Between His Wife and Motorcycle Puts Both on Craigslist](#)**

**[Caterham Motorcycles: Two-Wheeled Bids for Weirdness](#)**

**[1st Custom Indian Chief Classic Unveiled in NY](#)**

## **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!"

*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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**MOTOR CITY BEEEMERS  
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

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Club eGroup Email – [mcbeemers@yahoogroups.com](mailto: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  
56750 Fairchild Rd  
Macomb MI 48042

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Only

OR send funds via PayPal to: [Jim@RidingIsWonderful.com](mailto:Jim@RidingIsWonderful.com)  
AND send completed form by e-mail to: [Jim@RidingIsWonderful.com](mailto:Jim@RidingIsWonderful.com)