



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 February 8th

Following Meeting: March 8th

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Prez Sez



Greetings Fellow Club Members:

By the time you are reading this rag, the 2014 Motor City Beemer Mid Winter Awards Dinner is history. If you missed it, and many of you did...you missed a great time. Food is very much a focal point for us club members and the American Polish Cultural Center did not let us down this year. We doubled up on the farmers cheese perogis this year, because last year they never got off the Harrison's table. They just disappeared after being placed in front of a certain editor. We had plenty of door prizes thanks to our fine friends at our favorite dealership. A couple of great First Gear Mesh riding jackets were given away along with 10

gift certificates donated by the club and 5 restaurant gift cards at diners we frequent on our Wednesday night dinner rides, thanks to Betty Ward. There was also a one year membership won by a non-member of the RA Club. The 50/50 was also a big winner, \$97.00 went to Layne Stewart. That more than paid for his entire evening dinner, drinks, and his raffle tickets. Way to go Layne. The real highlight of the evening as it is every year were the Bent Beemer Awards. We had several, and several folks have been awardees in past years. Honored recipients this year were Dick Hautau, George Dinich, Kelly Phillips, Ives Potrofka, George Domany, Cathy Beyers, Roy Spens and Joe D'felio. I have to hand it to John Saarian for his imagination and dedication to these awards. He makes them from scratch, comes up with the embellishments and does a great job awarding them. Kudos to Larry Turk who also provided creative input on these awards this year. We also had another great 90 minute video of your favorite 2013 rides put together by our own newsletter editor Keith Harrison. And if that was not enough we had over \$600.00 in door prizes donated by our own Detroit BMW Motorcycles Dealership and Motor City Beemers.

The dinner was the highlight of this past month, the upcoming meeting on Saturday, February 8 of course with be the next highlight. So if you are plum fed up with the cold, snow, slush filled roads, then come out and visit with us as we take a few minutes and talk about the upcoming riding season and club events. I'd like to tell you where we are going for lunch, but we have not yet made it to any of the "scheduled" lunch locations in the past month or so. George will bring the doughnuts however.

Lord willing and the river don't rise, some of us could be riding in less than 6 weeks if Mother Nature cooperates. So don your parka, slip into your mukluks and hitch up your sled dogs just one more time and join us at our next club meeting.

Ride Safe,

Rhys B. Blair
The Prez

CLUB LUNCH RIDES

Date	Lunch Ride Destination	Ride Planner
February 8th	TBD	Layne Stewart

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

Watch for emails giving the location each week . . .

February 5th	Twisted Rooster	45225 Marketplace Blvd. Chesterfield, MI 586.949.1470
February 12th	Pat O'Briens	22385 E. 10 Mile Rd. St. Clair Shores, MI 586.771.5715

February 19th	PF Changs China Bistro	17390 Hall Rd. R103 Clinton Twp. 586.263.0860
February 26th	Amore's Grill & Spirits	53100 Gratiot. Chesterfield, MI 248.749.9262

Editor's Corner



Welcome to the February newsletter.

As I write this column, I am packing for a return to the Sunshine State. Like many of you, I am tired of the snow and I can't wait for Spring to get here in Michigan. So off to Florida I go. I should be riding by next week – you have my permission to be jealous – or come on down and we can ride together.

The Mid-Winter Dinner is now history and I believe all who attended had a good time. I

would like to thank Rhys Blair for his tireless effort on this dinner. And thanks for the perogies, they were great!

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!



Treasurer's Report

by Jim Mick

Check book balance carried forward into Jan: \$1934.57

Check book balance for the end of Jan: **\$2717.64**

PayPal balance carried forward into Jan: \$243.52

PayPal account balance for the end of Jan: **\$411.19**

John S. won \$42.00 during the 50/50 drawing at our January Club meeting, but only took \$40. \$14.98 was reimbursed to Rhys B. for donuts so the net amount added to the club funds from the 50/50 was \$29.02 \$20.95 was reimbursed to John S. for materials purchased for making Bent Beemer Awards. \$175.00 was received for Membership/Associate renewals for 2014 and \$630 was received for 18 additional

reservations at the Winter Dinner. Payments were made from Checking Account for Club Charter w/MOA and RA for \$15 each, total -\$30 from Check Book. I have one check, not deposited, for renewal of one member and one associate.

PayPal received \$30 for renewal of two memberships for 2014 and \$140 for 4 Mid-Winter Dinner reservations. PayPal fee was \$2.33.

European Riders Rally

Received this note announcing the rally...

I just wanted to let you know the dates for the European Riders Rally this year.

It will be held on the 16, 17, and 18th of May. I hope you will be able to attend again this year.

If you want to pre-register, go to BMWCON.org and click on the Rally registration site.

As Rally chair this year, I'm hoping to have the best Rally yet. We have some good things planned and are still getting things together for it.

Some of you have to make vacation plans this month, so this is one reason I'm sending this notice .

If you have any questions, or need more information, please email me at: pw630@aol.com, or call me at [1-615-595-6203](tel:1-615-595-6203).

I look forward to seeing you again this year and I hope you have a great time.

*Thanks,
Polly Wright*

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS for 2014

by Jim Mick

Membership stands at 61 on 1/23/14 which means that 1/3 of our 2013 members have not yet renewed their membership. Your club officers have been considering an incentive to get more members to renew sooner. Be watching for a reason to renew before you get ready to pay for the club picnic reservation...

All renewal dues for 2014 should have been paid by the end of January 2014, but we have no penalty for late renewals. We just want you back. 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 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.

PayPal

by Jim Mick

You are seeing more and more information in our newsletter about having the option to **use PayPal** for MCBeeblers dues and other payments. Since I didn't have a PayPal account until you elected me to serve as Treasurer, I thought I should share some information I am still learning. With the increased postage recently going from 46 to 49 cents, there are even more reasons to avoid sending checks.

If you have a PayPal account, neither you, nor the club pays a fee for any transfer of money. The club's PayPal account is Jim@Ridingiswonderful.com ***That account is not for my personal use.***

If you don't have a PayPal account, you can transfer/send money to the club without YOU being charged a fee, but the MCBeeblers will be charged a small fee, which we have been willing to pay. You will need to choose your bank account or Credit/Debit Card if you don't have a PayPal account. We want you to have the convenience of being able to use PayPal.

Until one of our Canadian members uses it, I'm not as sure about how PayPal works for them...

If you have an E-mail address, you can set up a free PayPal account from which you can send money and also receive money.

It's probably a wise suggestion that you use an E-mail address that you are not going to change. The process is free, if you link your PayPal account to a Credit/Debit Card. It's secure and if you already do some 'online banking', I can't imagine that you would have any difficulty. The process will take 2-3 days but only requires about 4-8 minutes of your time (more if you study all of their 'agreement').

Here's the process:

1. Log on to www.PayPal.com
2. Click on "personal" in the top left
3. Click on "sign up" in the top right
4. You'll be asked to provide personal information, then to read and agree to their agreement.
5. When done, you'll be asked to provide Credit/Debit Card and/or bank info. Then you'll need to wait for a couple of days.
6. You'll be asked to check your bank statement within a few days. PayPal will make small deposits into your account. You'll need to know those deposit amounts in order to activate your account.
7. You'll also be asked to choose a few security questions and answers in case you forget your password.
8. From that point onward, you have a free PayPal account - touted as "The world's favorite way to pay and get paid".
9. There are limits to this personal, free account, but it should be sufficient for most of us.

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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**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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Macomb MI 48042

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