



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 March 8th

Following Meeting: March 12th

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Prez Sez



My Fellow Club Members:

I don't know about you, but I am just about fed up with winter. Our family took a week and went to Florida to help adjust, but I'm thinking that might not have been a good idea even though the sun shone every day and the temps were in the mid 80's. We even spent a whole day with Keith Harrison our newsletter editor down at his winter palace in Flagler Beach. He took us to a great bar and grill for lunch, persuaded my son and his friend that they should rent jet skis and go out on the ocean for hour on Pounce Inlet. What was he

thinking, two 15 year olds on the ocean on jet skis while he and I sat at the bar drinking...yea what was I thinking?

Usually March is the month that I get antsy and want to get out in the garage and tinker with the bike

and riding gear. However, Tuesday of the week we got back from Florida I was out in the garage, cleaning, waxing and detailing the Beemer. I even took a peek under the cover at the Corvette while it lay hibernating the winter away. I scheduled my Spring maintenance at the dealership with Don already, maybe that's something some of you may want to consider. Some of us have already started planning our summer riding get-a-ways, I know I have.

John Saarinen is working on the European Riders Rally and getting that ride put together so if you are of a mind to head to Burksville, Kentucky you may want to touch base with John.

The March meeting brings an REI rep to the meeting with gear and such to help us with this new upcoming riding season. You don't want to miss this one. Don't forget the meeting is Saturday, March 8 at 10:30. Get there early have a cup of joe and a donut and catch up with everybody. Take a walk around check out the bikes, both new and used. See Don to schedule your bike maintenance before he is all booked up. Hopefully we won't have to dress up like polar bears to enjoy the meeting.

One last item, if you have a favorite lunch or eating establishment you want the club to check out let Layne know ASAP. I know he is still looking for people and places to put on our club meeting riding schedule.

See you all there Saturday so we can commiserate together until the snow goes away and we can ride together.

Rhys B. Blair
The Prez



CLUB LUNCH RIDES

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

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

Watch for emails giving the location each week . . .

March 5th	Shamrock Pub	7715 Auburn Rd. Utica, MI 586.731.6886
March 12th	Mario's Lugis Downtown	44905 Morleys Drive Charter Township of Clinton, MI 586.468.7200
March 19th	Waves	24223 Jefferson Ave. St. Clair Shores, MI 586.773.3279
March 26th	Bangkok Cuisine	8583 26 Mile Washington, MI 586.781.9700

Editor's Corner



Well, March is here already – actually, it seems like it has taken forever to get here! And although Winter in Detroit has been worse than ever, the weather here in Florida has been great. I know, I know, no one wants to hear that. I have been riding every day and enjoying it a lot.

So I always think of March as a transition month. Winter is almost over and Spring is on the way. Daytona Bike Week is here and the riding season Up North is about to begin. So get your bikes ready, check the tires, wax the paint and buy

something new. And get those trips planned.

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 Feb:	\$2717.64
Check book balance for the end of Feb:	\$2259.89
Balance 3 months ago:	\$1541.85
PayPal balance carried forward into Feb:	\$411.19
PayPal account balance for the end of Feb:	\$493.86

At the Mid Winter Awards Banquet on Feb 1st, Layne S. won \$98.00 so the net amount added to the club funds was \$98.00.

Rhys B. used the Club CC to pay the balance of \$445.75 for the Banquet which came directly from the checking account. The CC was also used to purchase nine \$25 gift certificates and one \$50 gift certificate from the Dealership to be used as door prizes so that additional \$275.00 was taken from the checking account.

Two Banquet tickets were paid during the banquet which added \$70 to the checking account. Two Banquet tickets were paid using PayPal which **added \$67.67** (\$70 - \$2.33 fee) to the PayPal account.

Brad Nicol & Heidi Salamon renewed their memberships and **Brad won a 1 year RA Membership** during the banquet. Gary & Mary Viles and Joseph Dfelio also renewed their memberships by mail. These renewals added \$65 to the checking account. Kevin Wemyss renewed his membership using PayPal which **added \$15** to our PayPal.

Rhys B. won \$43.00 during the 50/50 drawing at our February Club meeting. Nick H. provided the donuts as a donation to the Club so the net amount added to the club funds from the 50/50 was \$43.00

Walter Kubit, Chuck Dennis, Dave & Alena High renewed their memberships for 2014 at the club meeting which added another \$55.00.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS for 2014 (Renewal deadline extended) *by Jim Mick*

Membership stands at 69 on 2/25/14 which means that about 1/3 of our 2013 members have not yet renewed their membership.

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. **CUT OFF DATE has been extended to March 15th. On that date, Ives P. will change the Yahoo PASSWORD so those who have not renewed their membership for 2014 will lose access to 'Member Only' information and will no longer receive the monthly Newsletter.** It will only take you 10 minutes to renew your membership using PayPal – even if you don't have a PayPal account.

Here's a refresher on that process:

Log on to <https://www.paypal.com>

Scroll down about half way to 'Send all over the place' paragraph and click on "Send Money"
Enter the Club PayPal E-Mail: Jim@Ridingiswonderful.com and the amount.
Click on "Send Money". Providing a bit more info and you're done.

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 or if everything is current.

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.

RA RALLY – 2014

Greetings everyone,
It's the end of February. Can you believe the RA Rally at The Barber Motorsports Park and Museum is only 3 months away. The Rally committees have been hard at work putting together a unique rally at an incredible location.

I'm sending an attachment for mail-in for you to share with your club members. You may want to print out copies to share with those that prefer mailing in their registration with a check rather than registering online. In either case, preregistered participants will be eligible for a drawing for a free set of tires. To register online, go to bmwra.org, click on the "club"-drop down to National Rally and follow the links. Remember, RA members save \$10 on the admission and another \$10 if they preregister.

Take a browse on our new website, our rally page and of course, you can vote thru Feb 28 for the next board of directors while you're there.
See you in Birmingham!

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PayPal (REPEAT INFO)

by Jim Mick

You are seeing more and more information in our newsletter about having the option to **use PayPal** for MCBeeomers 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 MCBeeomers 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.

March Links

by Steve Penzcak

[Hovercraft Deer Rescue \(Preview\)](#)

[Motorcycle-mad pupils get hands-on with project](#)

[Is Harley-Davidson the Worst Motorcycle Money Can Buy?](#)

Is **Harley-Davidson** the worst motorcycle money can buy? Let's get this out of the way right now. No. It's actually the *second* worst.

At least, according to [Consumer Reports](#).

[How to Clean Your Motorcycle Helmet](#)

[50 States Ranked for Highest Motorcycle Ownership](#)

[The Dalton Highway Dos and Don'ts: Welcome to the food chain.](#)

[At \\$130,000, This Classic Honda Motorcycle Is a Steal](#)

[EntroSys BikeAir motorcycle A/C system](#)

[Quick Tips for Commuting on a Motorcycle](#)

[A scooter made for touring](#)

[Video](#)

[Extreme Motorcycle Drifting On Ice](#)

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