



# 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 May 10th

Following Meeting: June 14th

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### Prez Sez



By golly it's May already. Seems like only yesterday we had 90 plus inches of snow and Spring was just a wishful thought that we tantalized ourselves with as we watched the flakes pile up outside our windows.

There is no doubt that a bunch of you have been out on your bikes and racked up a few miles. Painfully, I can't say the same. I begrudgingly had to be in Hawaii for 16 days in April and when I got back there was a mess of yard things that needed tending to and on top of that Duncan got his drivers license and we had more truck things to do, i.e. upgrade a few suspension parts,

and a few other handling items. But the old girl goes and looks great now.

...that leads me nicely into another item that April and May brings around. Our annual MOA Mileage Contest. In your May MOA magazine you should have already found your 2014 Mileage Form. Fill it

out and get it mailed back in. This year, Michiganders rode 806,177 total miles. I only recognized about 10 of our club members who completed the 2013 contest. Dick Hautau managed a respectable 23,747 (he would have had more miles 'cept for all those BBQ joints he had to sample the wares at;) The least number of Michigan miles ridden was 1,303 and the most were 33,810 by some guy by the name of Charlie Dunn. He must be retired or unemployed because that comes out to approximately 188 miles a day or 2 front tires and 3 back tires and 6 services. Must be nice! So hop to it, fill out the starting mileage form and then DON'T forget to complete the ending mileage form in October and mail them in...that always helps. The average mileage rider this year is from Austin, TX and he clocked 8,741. It's really not a contest. I think of it like playing golf, but more fun. Instead of doing the season in less shots, you try to do the season with more miles. It's just a fun way of planning your riding season.

By now John Saarian has the ride to Kentucky just about ready to go. June brings our club picnic and July is the MOA Rally in Minnesota, August is the annual Fried Baloney Ride to Waldo, Ohio and in September we ride to Frankenmuth for chicken and October takes us North again to Legs Inn. In between these rides are our club rides on the second Saturday of each month and weekly Betty has us dining all over Macomb, Oakland and St. Clair Counties. Now think, if you attended everyone of the above mentioned rides this year you would easily have chocked up at least 8,740 miles and ridden them with friends. Go figure.

See you on the road.

Rhys B. Blair  
The Prez Says

**Editor's Corner**



Now that Spring is really here, we can finally get back to riding on a more normal basis.

Last month's Open House at the Beemership was a bif success. Rumor has it that one of our members traded in his LT on a new GS! I am sure that he will have fun on that new machine.

Reminder - the Club Picnic is June 21. Please make sure that your membership is paid prior to the next meeting and pay your \$5.00 to attend.

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 there and Ride!

**CLUB LUNCH RIDES**

Date	Lunch Ride Destination	Ride Planner
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	Layne to advise	Layne Stewart

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

Watch for emails giving the location each week . . .

May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Duggan's Irish Pub	315 Woodward Ave. Royal Oak, MI <a href="tel:248.549.3659">248.549.3659</a>
May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Rosie's O'Gradys	30400 23 Mile Rd. Chesterfield, MI <a href="tel:586.421.1962">586.421.1962</a>
May 21 <sup>th</sup>	Camp Ticonderoga	5725 Rochester Rd. Troy, MI <a href="tel:248.828.2825">248.828.2825</a>
May 28 <sup>th</sup>	Thai Orchid	60 Cherry St. Mt. Clemens, MI <a href="tel:586.783.1727">586.783.1727</a>

**Treasurer's Report**

*by Jim Mick*



Check book balance for the end of Apr: \$2401.89  
 Check book balance for the end of Mar: \$2381.89  
 Balance 3 months ago: \$2717.64  
 Balance 6 months ago: \$1541.85

**PayPal** balance for the end of Apr: **\$508.86**  
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John Gallaher won \$35.00 during the 50/50 drawing at our April Club meeting proving that "you need not be in it to win it". John was not an active member of the club (yet). George Yosin was reimbursed \$16.00 for the cookies he brought so the net amount added to the club funds from the 50/50 was \$20.00

Active membership stands at 76 for 2014.

**Club Picnic**

Please mark your calendars for our annual steak fry held the 3rd Saturday of June. This year that will be Saturday, June 21, 2014. Our steak fry is held at Fort Gratiot County Park located in the northern part of St. Clair County, just off M-25 on Metcalf Rd. This 30 acre park offers breathtaking views of Lake Huron and 852 feet of lake shoreline/beach. Current facilities at the park include beach access, restrooms, picnic areas as well as a children's playground and .85 miles paved of walking trails. The

picnic areas come with large grills just great for grilling huge 1 pound rib eye steaks. So, if you are a paid up member or associate member and you want to have a great grilled to perfection steak, a bunch of homemade sides, wonderful dinner companions in a perfect setting mark your calendar, save your five dollars per person and plan on attending this annual club event.

There will be more details to follow, this was just a tease to remind you it is only a month from today.

Ride Safe,

Betty Ward  
Vice President  
Special Events

### **Anniversary Shirts (repeat info)**

This summer marks our 20th anniversary as a BMW Motorcycle Club, The Motor City Beemers. That's quite an accomplishment in anybody's book. Given that, we have an opportunity to purchase some custom clothing, mainly "T" shirts, but not limited to only "T" shirts to commemorate this occasion. The only catch is that the shirts must be pre-paid at time of ordering. And I suppose we have to settle on a design or signage on the shirts or clothing prior to ordering. I have included some of the information here. This will give you all an opportunity to discuss at the next meeting in April and definitely no later than the May meeting to make a decision to or not to order shirts. Check it out:

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*Dear Rhys,*

*I hope this email finds you well. Are you looking forward to spring?*

*I'm trying to reach you today about some new custom T-shirt designs for your motorcycle club. Excel Sportswear designs and prints custom T-shirts for motorcycle clubs all across the country.*

*We're are officially licensed by BMW Motorrad, so we're able to provide you with custom designs that still conform to BMW Motorrad's branding and identity standards.*

*You can see more of our custom designs on our website at [www.bmwmotorradcustomtees.com](http://www.bmwmotorradcustomtees.com). And if you'd like to have us create a brand-new design specifically for your club, we'd be delighted to work with you to create something exclusive. Do you have an anniversary coming up, a spring ride planned for your club, or another special event on your schedule? Our shirts are a great way for your club members to show their pride, even when they're not on their bikes.*

*We also offer low minimum orders, as well as assorted garment types—so if some of your members prefer hoodies to T-shirts, or want special moisture-wicking performance shirts to stay cool, we can make that happen.*

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That's the jest of the matter. Check out their website and come prepared to discuss for or against 20th anniversary club shirts.

### **For Sale**

Here are a couple of items for sale. Al Dolecky of Dee's Marine and Power Sports took them in on trade and are now for sale. I'd like to post them in our newsletter under the sale section please.

- One completely restored 1946 Indian Chief with zero miles driven on the restoration. See photos. (Black)
- One 2007 BMW K1200LT set up for a single rider and a pillion seat. This bike only has 8,000



miles on it. It is almost brand new. (silver or champagne)

If interested in either or both, contact Al Dolecky during the day at [586-790-9100](tel:586-790-9100). Tell Al you heard about them through the Motor City Beemers.



## **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.



### **FOR SALE**

### ***"MICK-O-Pegs"***

***Expanding comfort***

***for more models***

Spring Loaded Highway Pegs for your K1200LT, pre-2010 R1200\_, R1150\_, R1100\_, R1200GSA and even the new 1600GT/GTL (if equipped w/engine guards).

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with purchase of motorcycle from BMW MOTORCYCLES OF DETROIT

**MOTOR CITY BEEMERS  
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

Club Web Site – [www.bizblvd.net/mcbeemers](http://www.bizblvd.net/mcbeemers)  
Club eGroup Email – [mcbeemers@yahogroups.com](mailto:mcbeemers@yahogroups.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

Dealership Use  
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)