



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 August 9th

Following Meeting: September 13th

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Prez Sez



Greetings fellow Beemer Pilots,

August, the month of Caesars. For some of us the riding season may be almost half over (notice I said for some of us?) Anyway I hope that many of you have already gotten some great rides in. By now the two National rallies are in the books, the RA in May and the MOA just last week in Minnesota. I am certainly looking forward to stories by those members that attended the MOA last month.

This month, besides the Club Meeting on Saturday the 9th we have our famous yearly Fried Baloney Ride to Waldo, Ohio and the G&R Bar and Grill. If you have a hankering for a fried baloney sandwich like you may have had as a kid then this is your ride. On a side note a couple of us rode to Newfoundland in July and found out that right up there next to lobster, crab and mussels as provincial favorites "Newfie Steak" is an everyday staple in the Iceberg Capital of the World. At various times we ate it at breakfast with our eggs, lunch on a sandwich and dinner as a main entre. In Trout River Keith Harrison actually convinced the local restaurant owner

that a baloney burger will sell better than their own specialty burger. But I digress, the other thing at G&R is their pie. They have cream pies that are 4-6 inches high sitting on your plate. Chocolate cream, peanut butter, peanut butter and chocolate, you get the picture? So come on down and join us on the 16th.

September of course we have our annual Frankenmuth Chicken Ride on the 3rd Saturday if you are a paid up member. A mere \$5.00 will get you a great chicken dinner. See Betty for the details on this ride, the soon the better. Then October we have our Color Tour to Legs Inn and I am betting that since Ives is back on a bike, a new bike, he'll be itching to lead this one again like in past years.

That is all I have other than to say my ride to Newfoundland was fantastic. We saw whales, moose, puffins, and icebergs! If you have never seen an iceberg in person they hold you in awe. Our first one was just a sliver of one in a village harbor, but as we rode along from day to day we saw them get larger and more in number. No lie, at one point we saw as many as 50 in one harbor and adjoining bay. We saw some that were as big as cruise ships, and that is just the 1/8th that sits above the water line. It was a great trip and if you ever get a chance take the trip and tour the island, it truly is a ride of a lifetime. Oh yea, they are 1/2 hour ahead of Atlantic Time, so when it was 9:00 a.m. here, it was 10:30 a.m. on the island. The only thing better than the scenery on this province are the people. They are the most friendly and genuine in the world. We did learn a local saying from a fellow rider that is popular in Newfoundland, "He's pretty handy, he could put an arse in a cat."

Keep riding and be safe out there,

Rhys
The Prez

Editor's Corner



Welcome to the August newsletter. As Rhys so capably stated, the riding season for most is now about half over. But there is still a lot of good riding to be had before the snow flies.

As I sit here thinking about my Newfoundland trip, I think back to all the good times we had on the road. If you compressed the USA to the size of Newfoundland, you would see similar scenery. The East coast was very similar to New England with all of the quaint fishing villages. St. Johns was like any big city. Gros Morne was similar to

Colorado and Utah. And the West coast was similar to riding the West coast of California. A great variety of scenery in a compressed amount of space. But the people were the highlight of the trip. I have never met more happy, open, giving, hardy people anywhere. Worth the trip, for sure. But go in the summer as it gets to 40 below there in the Winter.

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
August 9th	TBD – I've heard several potential sites	TBD

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

Watch for emails giving the location each week . . .

August 6th	Camp Ticonderoga	5725 Rochester Rd. Troy, MI 248.828.2825
August 13th	The Raft	7707 Dyke Rd. Ira., MI 586.725.9100
August 20th	Lakeville Inn	1318 Rochester Rd. Loenard, MI 248.628.4460
August 27th	Bath City Bistro	75 Macomb Place Mt. Clemens, MI 586.469.0917

Treasurer's Report

by Jim Mick



Check book balance for the end of July:	\$2417.00
Check book balance for the end of June:	\$2386.00
Balance 3 months ago:	\$2401.89
Balance 6 months ago:	\$1996.89
PayPal balance for the end of July:	\$508.86
PayPal balance for the end of June:	\$508.86

Ives Potrafka won \$36.00 during the 50/50 drawing at our July Club meeting. That left \$35 for the club, but George Yosin was reimbursed \$19.00 for the mixed berry pie and 'pull apart' pastry so the net amount added to the club funds \$16.00.

Immediately after the meeting, Pat Mulligan renewed his membership which brought our active membership to 78 for 2014 and added another \$15 to the check book.

Ride Report – 8th Annual Muskegon Bike Time

By Ives R. Potrafka

July 19th, 2014

Our eGroup is great... I posted for someone who wanted to ride to Muskegon and @ 9:00AM Maury, John & myself left I-96 & Milford Road and took the super slab towards the Muskegon Bike Time Rally. We met up with Jim just West of Grand Rapids and arrive downtown Muskegon around noon to a sea of motorcycles. Reminded me of the Friday the 13th Rally in Canada, a little smaller maybe, but just as impressive. They say 80 thousand motorcycles road thru the main street area last year over the 3-day rally. I would guess that there was somewhere around 8-10 thousand parked around the area.

I grew up in the Muskegon area, and back then, downtown Muskegon was no place for a Fruitport High School student to be, yet alone on a motorcycle. Wow, what a difference. The downtown area is re-vitalized now and they shut off the downtown main drag for several blocks to motorcycles only, with parking down the middle of the road and on both sides. We choose to park on a side street about ½ block from the main drag and then proceeded to the Holiday Inn to meet another friend of mine and to have lunch. As we set eating we watched the motorcycles drive by and a couple of scantily clad ladies to boot. No, it was not like Sturgis, or at least I didn't see anything remotely close. After lunch we walked up and down the main street, rename for this weekend to "Steel Horse Alley". You could find just about any make and model of large touring bikes, and a few smaller ones too. I would estimate that over 50% were Harleys, followed by numerous other brand such as Honda (mostly Goldwings), Indian, Victory, Kawasaki, Suzuki, Yamaha, Cam Am Spiders and yes, even some BMW's. There were trikes, trailers, and even a Hearse trailer being towed by a trike. There were antiques and brand spanking new motorcycles of all shapes, styles and sizes.

Maury even saw a 5-6 year boy old riding an ultra mini right along side all the other motorcycles down the main drag, revving the engine just like the big boys. My personal favorite was a chopper with about a 25 – 26 inch front tire and of course a supper wide rear tire. I can't imagine that it could be very easy to control going faster than a crawl. Some of the paint jobs were just beyond belief and there was even a Goldwing with gold leaf paint and trim. I suspect the paint job cost as much as the motorcycle.

The picture included with this article was taken by Maury and looks down Steel Horse Alley about 3-4 blocks from the north end of the cordoned off area.

We decided it would not be much fun to ride the supper slab home, so we took M-21 out of Grand Rapids to Owosso, then M-52 back to I-69. John scooted for home on I-69, Maury on I-75 and myself down US-23. Jim left from Muskegon towards home, which is north of Newaygo.

We were wheels up at 9:00AM and I arrived home right around 7:15PM. The skies were mostly clear, but no rain. I rode just a little less than 400 miles for the day and I suspect the Maury and John were closer to 500.

We had great weather, a good time was had by all and we arrived home safe and secure.
"Ride Safe Everyone"



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

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.

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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:

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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!"

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Club eGroup Email – 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)
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