



Motor City Beemers



Club Newsletter



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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 September 13th

Following Meeting: October 11th

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Prez Sez



Fall is on its way, September brings cooler evenings, shorter days and a rush to get in those rides we have been neglecting or putting off all summer. I know, cuz I've been doing it myself. Well it's time to get after it.

Saturday is our first "Fall" meeting. So far the weather is looking pretty good. Rumor has it we're riding out to Brown's on Harsens Island for lunch so bring your ferry money. For most of you, you'll only have to pay one way, some of you they may give you your money back to get off their little piece of paradise.

The following Saturday is our annual club ride to Frankenmuth for a great lunch together at the Bavarian Inn. If you are planning on going get your money into Betty or one of the club officers on or before Saturday's meeting. Try PayPal. The fee is only \$5.00 per paid up member. Not bad for an average costing lunch of \$15-\$20.00. Details to follow.

Then on Sunday, September 21 there is another ride I'm going on. It's called the Wild Ride in the Countryside sponsored by North Oakland Headquarters Land Conservancy and Boomers Bike Shop. Find the details at <http://www.nohlc.org/>. or call [248-795-2908](tel:248-795-2908). It's a worthy cause and should be a lot of fun. It goes rain or shine. Check it out.

October is our annual Fall Color Tour to Legs Inn on October 18-19. Get your money and reservation in to lves soon if you want to sleep inside a cabin. It gets chilly sleeping outdoors up there this time of year if you don't get in a cabin. Details should be in this rag somewhere or call lves or better yet, show up at this month's meeting with your money.

Well that's all I have for you this month. See you at the meeting or on the road somewhere getting those last thousand miles or so in before the leaves start falling or something worse...

Rhys B. Blair
The Prez

Editor's Corner



Welcome to the September newsletter. The chill is in the air and you can tell that Fall is coming. So Winter can't be that far behind. Don't let those great riding days be wasted.

The next event up is our Frankenmuth dinner. It is important to get your \$5.00 in by the September meeting so that Betty can get a final count to the restaurant.

As I have mentioned in this newsletter before, Bobi and I will be spending the cold months at our

Florida home. Cold means about 8 months in my estimation. As such, we won't be around that much – although we have no intention of leaving this club.

With that in mind, I am putting out the call for a new Newsletter Editor. It's not a difficult job (If I can do it, anyone can!) and I will assist as much as needed. So step forward and volunteer. The power of the pen is fun!

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
September 13th	Brown's – Harsen Island	Layne Stewart

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

Watch for emails giving the location each week . . .

September 3rd	Logan's Roadhouse	14235 Hall Rd. Shelby Township, MI 586.532.8860
September 10th	Brengman's Lands Inn	67020 Gratiot Ave. Richmond, MI 586.727.3323
September 17th	Waves	24223 Jefferson Ave. St. Clair Shores, MI 586.773.3279
September 24th	Jimmy Dees	43820 Grosebeck Clinton Township, MI 586.463.7500

Treasurer's Report

by Jim Mick



Check book balance for the end of July:	\$2417.00
Check book balance for the end of Aug:	\$2475.00
Balance 3 months ago:	\$2401.89
Balance 6 months ago:	\$2259.89
PayPal balance for the end of July:	\$508.86
PayPal balance for the end of Aug:	\$532.83

If you can't make it to the Sep Club meeting, but want to make it to Frankenmuth, consider using PayPal to pay your \$5. See the article elsewhere in this newsletter about PayPal.

Prabhakar P. won \$37.00 during the 50/50 drawing at our August Club meeting. That left \$36.00 for the club, but George Yosin was reimbursed \$18.00 for the mixed donuts so the net amount added \$18.00 to the checkbook.

Don and Carolynne Perkins used PayPal the day before our meeting to become members which added \$23.97 to our PayPal account (\$1.03 fee from PayPal). They are on a 2003 K1200LT so introduce yourself and make some new friends.

At the August meeting Dave Damouth joined and also paid for the club ride to Frankenmuth for the chicken dinner which added another \$20 to the checkbook. Dave rides an F800 so here's another potential friend.

Dick & Sharon H. paid for Frankenmuth which added \$10 to the checkbook.

Lew O. mailed a check for \$20 during Aug to pay for his and Darlene's dinner at Frankenmuth. They will receive a \$10 refund, so that added \$10 to the checkbook.

Our active membership is now 80.

Frankenmuth

by Betty Ward

Hello Members and Associates,

It is now time to look forward to our ride and dinner to " Michigan's Little Bavaria" ! Yes, reservations have been made for our club at the Frankenmuth Bavarian Inn for Saturday, September 20, 1:30 pm. I was also able to reserve at least 10 parking spaces in their south parking lot ;) I will see if I can reserve a few more.

Our club buys the dinner and non-alcoholic drinks. It requires a \$5 copay paid prior to this special event. Anyone attending who is NOT a member or associate member must pay for their meal.

Looking forward to this club event with a lot of wonderful people!

So mark your calendars, watch for more info, and I will need a final count by our September club meeting.

Fall Color Tour - Leggs Inn Ride

Date: October 18th-19th

Location: We will meet at Junction of Hope, 4136 Peet Rd (M-13), Chesaning, MI 48616
[\(989\) 845-2139](tel:9898452139) This is actually about 5 miles or so West of Montrose City on M-57, West of M-13

Time: Arrive 10:00AM - leaving at 11:00 AM SHARP

This will be our brunch stop and the only food stop until dinner at Legg's Inn at Cross Village. We do of course make fuel stops.

I have reserved cabins 1,2 & 3. The cost has increased this year to \$30.00 each and your spot is ONLY reserved when you have paid in advance of the trip. I will release the cabins not spoken for on October 1st.

As always, there are 2 bedrooms and 2 day beds for each cabin. Bedrooms are a first come, first served basis, with the only exceptions being couples (still \$30.00 for a bedroom).

If the cabin does not have 4 occupants, then the cost might be increased to help balance the cost. For those that get a day bed, it is recommend to bring a sleeping bag. Blankets are provided, but can be in short supply if it is really cold.

For those new members, this is a weekend ride. We ride a winding route up thru lower Michigan from our brunch spot and try to arrive at Leggs Inn by around 6PM. We get settle in cabins and then walk up the hill to Leggs in for a traditional Polish dinner.

The ride up is planned and we ride as a group. You can either decide to ride home alone and get up whenever you want, or there are usually many small groups you can tag along with.

We ride, RAIN or SHINE.... I will post the latest GPS site to this eGroup closer to the date.

Payment can be sent directly to me at:

Ives Potrafka
645 McMunn Street
South Lyon, MI 48178

I will also be at the September monthly meeting and I accept CASH :)

Ride Safe Everyone...

PayPal - (REPEAT INFO for Jan, Feb, June, Sep, & Dec)

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 so 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 (if you use the option of sending money to family and friends). 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.

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.
10. If you discover something is different than noted, please educate me.

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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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

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National Motorcycle Club Membership Information

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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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