



Motor City Beemers

Club Newsletter



BMW MOA Club #231

BMW RA Club #209

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All meetings are held the **SECOND** Saturday of the month at 10:30AM at BMW of Detroit

Immediately following the meeting is a Lunch Ride

Many months, we have a special event on the **THIRD** Saturday of the month

Our *next* meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2015

Following Meeting: June 13, 2015

Web site: www.bizblvd.net/mcbeemers

Eat to ride, ride to eat!

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Prez Sez

Maury Feuerman



The value of a “Shout Out”!

A few weeks ago I sent out an email via the club's MCBemers yahoo group (MCBemers@yahoo.com) asking if anyone wanted to go for a ride the upcoming weekend. I have learned how easy it can be to get people interested in a group ride if someone just extends an offer! Shortly thereafter there were several responses then a discussion about where to meet for breakfast and suddenly things were off and running, well riding.

We ended up having a terrific breakfast in Sterling Hts and then riding the Thumb. We stopped for a great lunch and I was finally able to ride about 340 miles at one time on my new bike. Once things

got going it was easy. We have lots and lots of people that like to ride and all it takes is a small spark of enthusiasm.

Why not give it a try? We have some wonderful resources and it's easy to find people to ride with!!!

Editor's Corner

Nick Holland



Well, for me at least, the biking season is off to a slow start. I've only managed about 200 miles through April on mostly one bike. And one of the three still needs its carb fixed for the season, which is making me appreciate my BMWs' fuel injection all the more. But it is starting to look like warmer weather is really here, even took a bit of time off when I should have been finishing this newsletter to go get an ice cream ... in St. Clair.

Meanwhile, I have a new coworker who is riding his Sportster from Lapeer every day it isn't actively raining. I feel lame.

Tuesday, May 5th, is a single-issue ballot for funding road repairs (and other things) by hiking the Michigan state sales tax to 7%. As bikers, road conditions are even more important to us than they are to our four-wheeled friends, but a lot of people are not convinced THIS is how to do it. I encourage you to read up on this issue, form an opinion, and get out and vote. While polling is showing a likely lopsided vote, polls predict the outcome only if the people who were polled actually show up to vote. Being this is a single-issue, odd-timed ballot with a preordained outcome, I suspect voter turnout will be low, which means your vote is all the more important on this issue, whatever your feelings are. Remember, no griping about the outcome if you don't vote!

Our friendly dealership, **BMW Motorcycles of Detroit**, is having their annual open house with refreshments and demo rides. Good way to try out something you don't (yet) have, and potentially make a dang fool of one's self. Last time I was able to make it, I tried a C650 (the BMW scooter), and really unimpressed the ride leader (Rhys, was that you?) when I couldn't find the turn signals (totally different than the K bikes I have, but notice I've rode enough bikes to know to LOOK for the turn signals), and I was a bit puzzled by the lever where the clutch usually is, as this is an automatic (it's the brake).

Rhys' Rants

Rhys Blair



May, finally, and with it comes weather in the 70's, lots of sunshine and great riding weather. April was brutal, a tease, a pain in the butt. One day warm and sunny, the next colder than a well diggers butt in North Dakota. My bike is ready, been in and out of the shop for a couple of things, nothing mechanical. I have a couple of trips this year that may require having to talk to someone else on a bike while in motion, so we are trying to get everything working like it was supposedly designed, we'll see how that works out.

Anyway, this month's ride is to Rocky's in Flint and as usual Ives will lead this one from the dealership after the meeting. It is suppose to be a great day for riding from what I can tell looking at the long range weather forecast, however this is Michigan and we all know how the weather can change in just 5 minutes. At Rocky's, the place where you can find both motorcycle gear and camping gear be sure to take your wish list along with you.

Next month we are supposedly headed for Birch Run. The rumor is that some folks would like to run up there via the two lanes and check out the stores in the area, so that's what we'll do. If someone has a route in mind, let me know and we'll get it posted, or if you want to lead it, then be my guest.

July is Harsens Island month and we'll head to the San Souchi Bar for perch or whatever else they serve at the "Dive on the River." If you are looking for great service, wonderful ambiance, good looking servers then DON'T join us on this ride for lunch. This place thrives on the fact that it's really only one of two places on the island you can eat at on the river. They don't go out of their way to make you at home. The place reminds me of a "pirate" bar, don't know why, just does. Anyway that's where we're headed after the July meeting.

If you have somewhere you'd like to go for August, September or October now is the time to let me know so I can get it posted. If not, forever hold your peace!

June 20th is our club picnic at the Fort Gratiot Park so be sure to put that on you calendar. August 15 is the club ride to Waldo, Ohio for fried baloney sandwiches and mile high cream pies.

September 19 is the annual club ride to Frankenmuth for German style fried chicken and all the trimmings so be sure to get that on your calendar also. The picnic and the Frankenmuth ride will cost each of you paid up members a whole \$5.00 to participate so get it in your budget now. You'll hear more on this at meetings and from Betty Ward in the near future.

That's all I got, I'm probably late getting this to our editor anyway *[NOPE! -njh]*. See you on Saturday May 9, by the way, I think that is the day of the Dealership's Open House! Don't miss that.

Rhys

Club Events

Lunch rides take place right after the Saturday meeting, on the second Saturday of the month. Most other club events take place on the third Saturday of the month.

Date	Event	More Info
May 9 10:30am	Meeting: TBD Lunch: Rocky's, Flint	http://www.motorcycleandoutdoors.com/
June 13 10:30am	Meeting: TBD Lunch: Outlet Mall, Birch Run	http://www.premiumoutlets.com/birchrn/
June 20	Club Picnic	See page 9!
July 11	Meeting: TBD Lunch: San Souci Bar, Harsens Island	
Sept 19	Frankenmuth Chicken Dinner	

Non-club events

May 9: BMW Motorcycles of Detroit Spring Open House. <http://www.bmwdetroit.com/>

May 15-17: The European Riders Rally, in Burkesville, Kentucky. See John's article in the March issue of the newsletter. <http://www.bmwmcon.org>

June 27: Lake Huron / Three Bridges Saddle Sore 1K ride: Get Your Iron Butt Association number by looping Lake Huron and crossing the Blue Water (Port Huron), International Bridge (Soo), and the Big Mac bridges in a 1000 mile route in 24 hours! <http://members.triton.net/vandenbe/LKHURON1K.htm>

Aug 22: Yooper Madness II Saddle Sore 1k ride. Get your IBA number by looping around the U.P., and crossing the Mackinac bridge twice (and once at night!). <http://members.triton.net/vandenbe/2015YM.htm>

Oct 1-4: BMW RA's 2015 rally, "Thrills in the Hills" rally in in Harrison, Arkansas.

Come on, people, I know there is more going on in the area than this. Let me know so I can add it! nick@holland-consulting.net

Recruit a new member! Cut-out and carry these cards!

Hi, I couldn't help but notice you also ride a
BMW Motorcycle!

I'd like to invite you to join us, the Motor City
Beemers, on the second Saturday, monthly, 10:30am

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Wednesday Dinner Gatherings



The Wednesday dinners are a long-time, though less formal tradition with the MCBemers, started and run by Betty Ward. She picks out a dinner location, lets us know...and we get together and eat. Food is usually ordered around 6:30pm, but some of us don't straggle in until close to 7:00pm.

Absolutely no agenda other than Good Food and Great People!

<- Dinner at Waves, 1/28/2015

May 6	Camp Ticonderoga	5725 Rochester Rd Troy, Mi 248.828.2825
May 13	Louis'	50355 Gratiot Ave Chesterfield, Mi 48051 586.949.9566
May 20	Poncho & Cisco's	36942 Jefferson ave Harrison charter Twnship, Mi 586.465.6161
May 27	Little Camille's by The Bay	5183 Washington St, New Baltimore, Mi 48047 586.725.4866

Treasurer's Report

Jim Mick



Check book balance for the end of Mar:	\$2307.70
Check book balance for the end of Apr:	\$2467.70
Balance 3 months ago:	\$3060.00
Balance 6 months ago:	\$1878.00
PayPal balance for the end of Mar:	\$888.99
PayPal balance for the end of Apr:	\$888.99

Brian Boers (newest member) won \$60.00 in the 50/50 drawing at our April Club meeting. \$16.00 was reimbursed to George Y. for the donuts which left \$45.00 being added to the CkBk.

Renewal of 6 members, one associate member, and one new member (Brian Boers) added another \$115.00 to the CkBk.

Our 2015 membership is 83.

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ON LINE BANKING (new info)

SAVE YOURSELF (and the club) some money and frustration – send payments to the club for Membership renewal, Picnic reservation, Frankenmuth, Mid Winter Banquet reservations by using ON LINE BANKING. Almost all Banks and Credit Unions provide this **FREE** service. You don't even have to sign up online and they don't charge you for the postage. You can ask your local branch to set it up for you. Just tell your bank or credit union **when** and **how much** to pay **whom** (including address)... write it in your checkbook - without writing a check, or posting with your mail carrier... It's very easy to do on line - if you use a computer for anything. I know of no one who has converted to online banking and then gone back to the old (check writing) way. Have your bank or Credit Union send all MCBemers payments to Jim Mick, 56750 Fairchild Rd, Macomb, MI 48042.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS for 2015

Membership stands at 75 for 2015 and the password for access to "Members" at the Yahoo Group has been changed. If you did not renew your membership by March 27, you did not receive the new password.

When you renew now, you'll need to be invited back to the group and do a couple of things indicated within that invitation E-mail to complete the activation. More work for us and you, but **WE WANT YOU BACK!!!**

MOA Rally in Billings, MT July 23-25

Jim Mick

Jay Mick has plans for attending the rally as a vendor and has started making plans to get out there a day early to leave time for some whitewater rafting before 'work' begins July 23.

The club's newest member (Brian) and I (Jim Mick) will be going to help Jay sell Mick-O-Pegs.

Thanks to George Domany for lending his new RT for prototype work, Jay expects to be selling many Mick-O-Pegs to owners of the newer R1200's with the exhaust that comes out of the bottom of the engine. See the newest model (still a prototype) on George's bike.

If you have been considering going to the rally, you would be welcome to join us for the trip/part of the trip. Plans are still evolving and your input would be considered.

Right now, here's the trip out and back:

Date	Day	Destination	Miles	Ride time
18-Jul	Sat	L'Anse, MI	520	8 Hr 30 min
19-Jul	Sun	Crookstown, MN	451	8 Hr 5 Min
20-Jul	Mon	Williston, ND	362	5 Hr 46 Min
21-Jul	Tue	Billings, MT	306	5 Hr 15 Min
22-Jul	Wed	Billings, MT	60	1 Hr 0 Min
23-Jul	Thur	MOA		
24-Jul	Fri	MOA		
25-Jul	Sat	MOA/Dickinson, ND	318	4HR 24 MIN
26-Jul	Sun	Madison, WI	680	

If you ever thought of doing an Iron Butt (1000 miles in 24 Hrs) this might be the ideal time: From Billings to Madison is all expressway. Staying overnight in Billings on Sat, with an early departure Sunday morning can get you to Madison without a lot of nighttime driving Sunday night.

27-Jul	Mon	Home	460	7 Hr 30 Min
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Contact Jay (mickopegs@gmail.com) with questions/comments.

Summer Picnic

Betty Ward

Please mark your calendars for our annual picnic. This year, that will be Saturday, June 20, 2015. Our picnic is held at the beautiful lakeside 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 0.85 miles paved of walking trails. The picnic areas come with large grills. So, if you are a paid 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.

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.



Trading Post

Got something to sell or want to buy something you think your fellow MCBeeemers might be interested in? let Nick know, we'll get posted here!

For Sale: 2007 K1200LT. Gray, one owner. Less than 8,000 miles on meter. Excellent shape. All bells and whistles for that year. Currently set up for single rider but it has all the original equipment including double seat. Must see in person to appreciate. If you or a friend are interested please call **Al at 586-790-9100**. Asking \$10,500.00, OBO. A must see motorcycle for the up coming season.



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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