



Motor City Beemers

Club Newsletter



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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 August 8, 2015

Following Meeting: September 12, 2015

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Eat to ride, ride to eat!

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Prez Sez

Maury Feuerman



I would like to share several subjects with the club members this month!

First I had a great time riding in Morehead KY in July, great roads but experienced a lot of debris remaining on the roads including standing water, mud, trees and branches and even entire homes and cars that were washed onto parts of the road. Other areas witnessed entire sections of roadway that were collapsed or gaping holes large enough to swallow trucks. The devastation we witnessed from floods that swept that part of the country was just unbelievable!

Still we had a great time and some of the best riding that I have ever experienced.

Twice in the last month I have personally witnessed the results of accidents as a result of riders passing out because of dehydration!

One was a guy who worked all day doing physical labor with a landscaping company, came home took a shower and proceeded to unload his bike that a friend returned after performing some engine work. While his son watched, the 54 year old father backed it off the trailer and rode it down the block with no helmet and no protective gear. Moving no more than 10mph at the time, he passed out and went down resulting in damage to his face, hands, arms and shoulders. He spent 3 weeks in the hospital and another 3 weeks at home in bed and when I saw him he still looked pretty bad. In the ER they instantly knew from his blood work that he was dangerously dehydrated at the time. Prior to this incident he had been riding motorcycles for more than 40 years without a serious accident.

The second situation was a rider that was sitting on a highway trapped in a construction area during 90 degree temperatures who did not feel good so he took off his helmet and put it on one of his mirrors until he could get off the road. Once he started moving while not wearing the helmet he began to feel a little better so he decided to continue on the highway for another 3 miles to a posted rest stop. Half way there he began to feel faint and managed to get off the road before passing out at which point his 800 pound bike fell on him.

As a rule of thumb:

1. Riders may need to drink $(\text{Their Weight in Pounds} / 2) = \text{Oz of water per day}$. This means that the average 200 lb guy needs at least 100oz of water.
2. The effects of dehydration are cumulative throughout the day and may have nothing to do with how you feel at any given moment. Even after stopping and having a drink you could suffer the effects of dehydration. You must drink throughout the day even if you are not thirsty to protect yourself.
3. If you are dehydrated and lucky enough to get a warning sign PAY ATTENTION to your body and immediately get yourself into a safe environment, you may not make the remaining 3 miles either.

Enjoy the summer, protect yourself, ride safe and have some fun!

Editor's Corner

Nick Holland



Another dealership has a T-shirt that I just had to buy some time back: “How many motorcycles does one person need? JUST ONE MORE!”. That's so me. Well, I have gone to, if not the Dark Side, at least, the Noisy Side. I bought a 1990 Harley Davidson Tour Glide.

I've been getting the itch for another motorcycle for a while now. I love my K1200LT, it's got to be one of the finest motorcycles made. However, I'd like to have a smaller bike for commuting to and from work. The LT is not only big, but it is top-heavy; it isn't a lot of fun to get stuck in traffic jams with...and stop-and-go traffic is a part of my daily commute.

I've also got my '85 K100, but there's only one thing that makes a K100 feel “small”, and that's an LT. It's still top-heavy and still not much fun to creep through traffic with. BMWs are made to do the Autobahn, not stop-and-go traffic. And while my Buell Blast is light, it's tiny and I look like a clown riding it.

A few weeks ago, I found out about a 1990 HD Street Glide for a great price. And, I got to admit, I've always loved the look of the Harley machines. And, this was an FLT (frame mounted faring, dual front headlights), which I've always preferred over the more common FLH (front suspension mounted fairings, one or three headlights). And it turned out, this thing had the factory exhaust on it, which is far less obnoxious than most HDs on the road, which pretty much sealed the deal.

The first day I drove it to work, one of my coworkers said, “Hey, you aren't wearing leather. You got a Harley, aren't you supposed to wear leather?”. I told him, as I was wearing my mesh textile jacket, “I'm cross dressing!”

It is interesting to compare my 1985 K100RT, my 1990 Harley FLT and my 2002 K1200LT. No question in my mind, the K engine beats the Harley V-twin in just about everything, even in only its second year of production on the K100. The K100RT is much “Sportier” than the Harley, but the HD is clearly designed for comfort – nicer seats, stereo, and smoother at 70MPH (the K100 has a horrible chassis buzz at about 70MPH – solved by going faster!). The much newer K1200LT, on the other hand, has the “luxury” thing down pat, it's only real issues are the height and center of gravity.

If I had to chose ONE motorcycle, it would be the LT, no question. The cool thing is, I don't have to chose. The low center of gravity of the HD makes it a lot easier to handle in stop-and-go traffic, and if she chooses to do so, Paula could drive the Harley. But when we ride together, the LT is going to be the choice.

For me, biking is about fun. There's no rule about there being one kind of fun. The BMW and the Harley are both fun...different kinds of fun, but both fun to me. Heck, I have motorized-vehicle fun with four-wheeled vehicles, too. I spend a lot of my life in vehicles going from place to place; I can't comprehend wasting it driving a dull vehicle.

But, I've found the group I like to ride and hang out with...the Motor City Beemers.



Hello fellow riders, here it is August already and some of you have just returned from the MOA Rally out in Montana. Riding out west is one of my favorite rides, sorry I had to miss it due to other obligations here at home.

Okay, let's see our next meeting is August 8, and I won't be available for that meeting either, just getting back on Friday from vacation and heading out with 40 seniors and their dad's for their first campout in the woods. Nothing I can see is scheduled for

Saturday so I say weather permitting we ride up to Junction Buoy have lunch and watch a few freighters steam by. We need someone to lead this ride after the meeting.

The following Saturday is our annual Fried Baloney Ride to Waldo, Ohio for the best darn baloney sandwich and cream pie this side of the Mason-Dixon Line. The ride starts from the dealership about 8:30 and stops at exit 15 on I-75 to pick up the second bunch of riders. It is also a gas and rest stop before heading down to Waldo. I will not be able to attend this ride, so we'll need someone to step up and make this one happen too.

The following Friday will be our second MCBFMOFBR (Motor City Beemer Friday Morning Old Farts Breakfast Ride). This time we will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the abandoned Mexican Restaurant on 32 Mile Road across from the Ford plant. From there we will ride up M-53 to Rose Bud's in Clifford for a great breakfast or lunch whatever you prefer.

From there some of us are riding on up to Lake Houghton to get ready for the Yoopers Madness II Iron Butt Ride. If you are interested in doing this ride it's not too late to register. Check last months newsletter for all the details. Currently Keith Harrison, George Domany, Steve Penczak and yours truly are going to attempt to stay awake and ride this loop around our northern part of the State.

Don't forget our monthly Wednesday night dinner runs that Betty has so consistently scheduled for us some 5 years now. Great job Betty.

That's all I have for now. If there is someplace you want to ride to come September or October get it into me ASAP. Hopefully I'll have an update on my Backroads Boogie Ride that I will be doing that first week of August.

Be safe out there everyone, hopefully we'll see you on the road on two wheels sometime, someplace.

Rhys B. Blair
Ride Captain

MCB Friday Morning Old Farts Breakfast Ride

Rhys Blair

Friday, July 24 was the inaugural test run of the MCB Friday Morning Old Farts Breakfast Ride.

It was led by Keith Harrison and his wife Bobbi on their new to them K16. Joining was Tim, George, Don and yours truly. We met at the Harrison's riverfront estate at 8:30 for coffee and a tour of their new digs. Then we were on the road by 9:00 for Lexington via the back roads. We arrived in Lexington about 10:00 and had breakfast at Wimpy's. The owner was our waiter and he wouldn't let any of us use our cell phone. We had to talk to each other. Upon leaving about 11:00 we went our separate ways.

The discussion at the table was lets do this at least once a month on Friday. Whoever can make shows up somewhere at a pre-designated place and we ride to breakfast. So watch for the next ride on a Friday morning in August.

Frankenmuth Ride and Dinner

Betty Ward

It is now time to look forward to our ride and dinner to " Michigans Little Bavaria" !

Yes reservations have been made for our club at the Frankenmuth Bavarian Inn for Saturday, September 19 , 130 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. Any one 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.

Respectfully

Betty Ward

MOA in Billings

Jim Mick

Brian Boers (our newest member), Jay Mick and I started 'heading west' on Saturday morning, July 18th. After 3766 miles we got back home Monday and Tuesday 7/27 & 28. Brian had to be to work Tuesday morning while Jay and I spent Monday night in Frankfort to pick up more parts for his business.

We saw Mike Madley, Pat & Lynn Kelley and heard that Dick & Sharon Hautau also made it to the MOA, but we didn't see them stop by Jay's booth.

We arrived a day early to go whitewater rafting. The water was low so it wasn't very exciting, but I did get thrown from my seat to the bottom of the raft one time. Then we made the 'required' Beartooth Pass run – getting back to our motel in Billings very late that night.

The newest model of Mick-O-Pegs (for the 2014-15 R1200RT) was a hit! Jay sold out of his first production run which he received the day before we left home. Thanks again to George Domany for lending his RT for prototype work. The new model is named after George – Model TG. The last leg was "S" for the Honda ST1300, so this NEW leg is "T", and the Bracket that mounts to the two studs holding the exhaust pipes is our "G" bracket (George).

This was my first real trip using GPS (Go Past Street)... and it was a learning experience. I didn't take my maps, but I think I will always want to take them in the future so I can see the bigger picture. The GPS would tell me to go one way and I knew there was a more desirable way – from previous experiences. At one place in the UP, the GPS wanted me to take US41 down to US2 once US28 split from US41, but I wanted to take MI94 back to US28 again. After two attempts to have me make turns on the next two streets, it told me to make a U-Turn when possible. Once it accepted my 'better' direction, it had my ETA decreased by 13 min from when I was on US41 before turning onto MI94. If you have traveled US28 and US2 to/from the west, you know that US28 is shorter, but you may be interested in checking out MI94 between US41 and US28. MI94 avoids some city driving (if there is such a thing in the UP).

Can't tell you much about the MOA 'cause Jay was a slave driver keeping Brian and me busy in the booth helping riders get more comfortable for their trip back home.

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
Aug 8	Meeting: 10:30a Lunch: Junction Buoy, Marysville (maybe?)	
Aug 15	Waldo Fried Baloney ride	Above, this issue
Sept 19	Frankenmuth Chicken Dinner	Above, this issue

Non-club events

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!

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Wednesday Dinner Gatherings



The Wednesday dinners are a long-time, though less formal tradition with the MCBeezers, 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

August 5	Thai Orchid	60 Cherry St Mt. Clemens, Mi 586.783.1727
August 12	Copper Penny	24975 Harper Ave St Clair Shores, mi 48080 586.777.1112
August 19	Steiny's Tavern	55161 Shelby Rd Shelby Township , mi 48316 248.453.5376
August 26	Juan Miguel's	21342 Hall Rd Charter Township of Clinton, Mi 48038 586.783.9751

Treasurer's Report

Jim Mick



Check book balance for the end of Jul:	\$2335.47
Check book balance for the end of Jun:	\$2319.47
Balance 3 months ago:	\$2307.70
Balance 6 months ago:	\$3060.00
PayPal balance for the end of Jul:	\$886.00
PayPal balance for the end of June:	\$886.00

50/50 sold \$71.00 of tickets at the July Club meeting. Dave High won \$35.00, George Yosin was reimbursed \$18.00 for 2 dozen donuts and \$16.00 was added to the checkbook. The 'second draw' won a nice little 2 pocket accessory bag. According to Maury, this little bag includes a tent, sleeping bag, a bike cover and comes with a 1099... If all that's true, everyone will want to purchase 50/50 tickets over the next three months as we intend to give an additional 3 bags to 'second draw' winners of our 50/50.

Our 2015 membership is at 84.

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 MCBemers might be interested in? let Nick know, we'll get posted here!



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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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Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Home: _____ Cell: _____ Work: _____

Email: _____

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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 _____

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