



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 ^{Shopping or} Lunch Ride

We welcome owners and fans of all bikes

Our next meeting is March 12, 2016

Following Meeting: April 9, 2016

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Greetings Beemers! Well it is March, can you believe it? The mid-winter banquet was a rousing success, thanks to everyone that came out to enjoy a FANTASTIC meal and GREAT company. Cliff, Pam, and Jackie were able to attend from the Dealership. A special thanks to Betty Ward for setting this up, she did a great job. I have not heard any complaints about the venue this year. The TV worked very well and thanks to Nick for putting the picture slideshow together from several of us. I think it looped through a couple times. Also a thanks goes to the dealership for their generosity with door prizes and to the businesses that donated gift certificates. Thanks to John Saarinen for the Bent Beemers / Bergman Basher awards, all in great fun and I think everyone

enjoyed themselves. Many of us sat around until about 10:30, we had to crash through the locked door to get out. Hopefully they will let us come back again.

It's March, time to dust off the bikes, do some T-CLOCKS, general maintenance and get ready to RIDE! That is if you haven't already been riding, with the weather being so nice. Cathy and Paula have been working on the rides for this year. Look here in the newsletter for a listing of some of the rides, I will discuss more at the meeting on the 12th. We have a few rides planned for this year outside the standard lunch rides. As I mentioned, I will be hosting an observation/fun run, the date for that is the 27th of Aug, that is weekend before Labor Day. I don't want to steel any thunder but we are also planning a Beemer Blast ride for June. This should be a very fun and memorable ride, details at the meeting. We are going to do another Color Tour this year as well, may not be what everyone is used to though. We will still be doing the picnic at Ft. Gratiot park North of Port Huron on 25 June. The chicken dinner run is still on the docket as well. Look to the list of rides each month. Lots to do.

To go with our club rides, there are numerous rallies held all across the country and Canada. We have a calendar at the dealership above the water cooler in the club corner where people can write down when and where they are going. We plan on writing down the rallies that we know members are going to attend. The full list of rallies are found in the back of the MOA's Owners News magazine and the RA's On The Level magazine. If you are not a member of those organizations, the dealership has copies of them to look at.

The dealership has a few events being planned for this summer as well, the first of which is the Open House on 14 May, same day as our May club meeting, and you will probably notice that there is no lunch ride scheduled for that day so that we can support the dealership and have lots of bikes for tire kicking and storytelling.

If you know someone that might like our group, invite them to the meeting. Hope to see you all on the 12th.

As always if you want to email me my address is: pakel62@gmail.com

Patrick Kelley



I would say the Winter Banquet was quite a success. The food was FANTASTIC, they had a huge screen monitor they actually let us use (yay!) for our slide show, the staff took great care of us (and took no guff from Dick H!). Many thanks to Louis' Chop House for making our banquet a great experience.

Hopefully, most of you took the opportunity to get to know some of our members better. I had a great time talking to Norm; he's lead an interesting life, and we've got a few things in common. There's a lot of really interesting people in our club, but even if we had nothing to do with motorcycles, I suspect I could talk to and listen to most of the people in the group for hours.

The Bent Beemer awards were a lot of fun, as usual, thanks to John Saarinen for his craftsmanship and creativity. And of course, thanks to Betty and anyone else involved in making the dinner happen.

It's a little early to say for sure, but I suspect I may know where next year's Winter Banquet will be. And, as you take pictures of your rides this year, keep a copy in a folder for next year's slide show.

Those that didn't come: you really missed out. Start planning to be there for next year!

One thing our Dynamic Duo (CoVPs Cathy and Paula) are doing different for this year are TWO lunch destinations for the riding season. One "long" ride lunch as before, one "local" lunch, for fair-weather bikers in foul weather, and those who have some other obligation in which prevents them from spending the whole afternoon with the group. You will note that they have filled out the meeting ride calendar through the entire year (though I suspect changes MAY happen if there is sufficient interest)

Check out the calendar later in this newsletter; you will notice a number of additional things – a "Beemer Blast" ride across the state – where we hit a sunrise on Lake Huron and a sunset on Lake Michigan (though I suspect Paula will have to tell me about the sunrise, I'll have to tell her about the sunset) and Pres. Pat's reprising his highly successful Observation Run. You may spot a few things "missing" – all that means is someone will have to step up to organize them, if people wish to do so.

You will also find a list of rallies for the year that Cathy and Pat thought people might be interested in.

The events section will probably look a little better next month, once I can get together with Cathy and Paula to figure out what some of the notes mean.

Another thing we are looking at doing is starting a Facebook page for the MCBeemers. The Yahoo Groups are nifty, but it's Yet Another Thing for us to log into, whereas much of the world (and I suspect, most of you reading this) already use Facebook, so checking in to see if anyone wishes to join in on a ride is (hopefully) nice and easy. If it works out, great, if it doesn't that's fine too...just like the Yahoo groups, no one is forced to join Facebook, it's just an optional service. This will be a "private" Facebook group, it won't be known to people we don't tell about it, no one will be able to see what we post there unless they are an MCBeemer member activated by one of the group administrators. Some people want to see MORE info about what fellow MCBeemers are doing, in which case you will want to "Follow" the Facebook group, others will want to see only when they want to look – those people will chose not to "follow" the Facebook group (or not use Facebook at all). More will be coming on this soon.

Nick.

Fontana Dam Village Resort Rally 2015

Betty Ward

The Fontana Dam Village Resort Rally for 2016 is April 22-24, 2016. Coming soon!

So here I am telling you about my wonderful adventure to the BMW "2015" Fontana Dam Weekend Get-Away Rally. The Rally is located at the Fontana Dam Resort in North Carolina. Yes, located near a great bunch of twisties!

My plan was to pack the Beemer and ride into work, located in Macomb township, on the Thursday prior to the rally and casually ride south, as I say. However that Thursday morning was below 30 degrees. I decided to drive the truck to work, work to noon, and drive back home to pick up the bike hoping to ride in 40 degree weather.

As I arrived home to about 35 degrees and the darn little snow flake was blinking on the Beemer dash! Yes, while riding around Anchor bay the snow was flying and so was I! Yay on my way! It was a chilly start due to the unreliable heated jacket. I was still happy to be on my way out of town.

After some construction issues I spent the night about 5 hrs from the rally.

Hotel was another story! Ask me later! On Friday morning I had planned to ride back roads to the rally. Ugh, more traffic hang-ups. I did make it to the rally site and checked in near 5:30-ish, instead of 3pm like I had planned.

The rally held at a real nice resort lodge! I was happy to be there! They had arranged a welcoming social for the riders with a buffet of appetizers! Perfect! Food and drinks. While there I had my girl friend from South Carolina meet me there!

Saturday morning was all rain. No harm, my girl friend drove us to Cherokee Village! Sweet, me being of Cherokee descent, was great to see the museum. We came back by 1 pm to a partly cloudy afternoon, time to do some riding! A must see and do was the Bald River Falls, The Dragon, and the Hell Bender! My favorites! More for you to ask me about. Then back to the resort for the dinner, MOA chat and drawings! Yes I did see Dick and Sharon Hautau there too ☺. It was a very nice rally set up! I highly recommend this rally!

My trip home on Sunday consist of going back to Cherokee Village for a few pics and then through the Great Smokey Mountain National Park to Gatlinburg. I rode on hwy 441! It was beautiful! Do it! It was a terrific weekend!

If you can do this rally, it was a blast for me! If you would like to hear more about this road trip of mine, there are more exciting details to this adventure! Enjoy your spring,

Betty

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	Alternate local lunch
March 12	Club Meeting – lunch at Malone's Tavern	
April 9	Club Meeting – trip to Rocky's	Azteca (Utica)
May Friday 13	Friday 13 th Canada ride	
May 14	Club Meeting – Dealership Open House	(Open House)
June 11	Club Meeting – Ride to Dorsey House	Great Baraboo
June 18-19	Beemer Blast (Sun-up/Sun-down across Michigan)	
June 25	Picnic	
July 9	Club Meeting – Lunch at Fenton Firehouse	El Patio
August 13	Club Meeting – Lunch at Pompeii – Port Huron	
August 23	Pat's Observation Run	
September 10	Club Meeting – Lunch at Tavern 109, Williamston)	
September 17	Frankenmuth Dinner	
September 17/18	After Frankenmuth Port Austin overnight Ride	
October 8	Club Meeting – Lunch at White Horse Inn	
November 12	Club Meeting – Lunch at Zukey Lake Tavern, Pinkney	
December 10	Club Meeting – Lunch at Azteca	
January 14	Club Meeting – Lunch at Great Baraboo	

Rallies

April 9-10	Moonshine Lunch Run	Moonshine, Illinois
Apr 22-24	Fantana Dam	North Carolina
Apr 30-May1	Camp and Ride	Romney West Virginia
May 6-8	Little Sturges	Sturges, MI
May 20-21	Morton Spring Fling	Natural Bridge, Virginia
May 20-22	European rider's Rally	Burksville, Kentucky
June 7-11	Americade	New York
July 14-17	BMW MOA	Hamburg, New York
Sep 30-Oct 2	RAMS Rally	

Other events:

Motorcycles of Charlotte First Annual Spring Rally: <http://tinyurl.com/ztj6b6s> There are no private or semi-private rooms remaining at The Iron Horse. Remaining accommodations are limited to: 2 bunk house beds, 2 RV sites with water and electric, 6 tent sights with 110 power, Lots of free range tent sights. We have been asked to cap this event at 150 participants to ensure we don't exceed the capacity of the dining services. If you (or others in your party) haven't registered yet, especially if you have already made lodging reservations, please do so!

BMW MOA Getaway is in Fontana, North Carolina, **April 22 to April 24, 2016**. Jim M. tells us it's 9 hours by I-75, and 10 hours by I-71, and there are golf course, marina, camping and resort motel, and not far from Tail of the Dragon. More info at http://www.bmwmoa.org/events/event_details.asp?id=751007

2016 Camp and Ride/Charity event is at Romney Cycles, Romney, West Virginia, **April 29-May 1**. In the last two years our group has raised more than \$4,300 for the WV School for the Deaf and Blind. Romney has selected the school again for 2016. It's a school that really cares about the kids and puts the money directly towards helping the kids. Let's plan another huge year for the kids! More info: <http://tinyurl.com/jkw4dr2>

31st Annual BMW Motorcycle Flea Market and MotoExpo is at the Winnebago County Fairgrounds, Pecatonica, IL, **April 30 1pm-6pm, May 1 8am-3pm**. Parts, gear, bikes and apparel for BMWs. Jim reports the most direct route is 400 miles or 7 hours, but that involves going through Chicago [ick]. Largest event of its kind; Saturday night camping, Serving lunch and supper on Saturday, breakfast and lunch on Sunday, More info: <http://blackhawkbmwclub.org/>. To register, contact Earve Brauer 815-962-8911 or rockbmw2000@yahoo.com OR Steve Frank 815-761-0048 or skynut69@yahoo.com. If you begin making plans to go, please share with the club and you may have others want to join you.

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

Hi, I couldn't help but notice you also ride a
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Wednesday Dinner Gatherings



The Wednesday dinners are a long-time, though less formal, tradition with the MCBeemers, 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 by 6:30pm, but some of us don't straggle in until closer to 7:00pm.

Absolutely no agenda other than Good Food and Great People!

← Dinner at Juan Miguel's, 10/28/2015. Hey, I'm even in the picture!

March 2	Amore's	53100 Gratiot Ave Chesterfield, MI 586.749.9262
March 9	Original Pancake House	20273 Mack Ave Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 313.884.4144
March 16	P F Changs	17390 Hall Rd Sterling Hts, MI 586. 623.0860
March 29	Steiny's Tavern	55161 Shelby Rd Shelby Charter Township, MI 248.453.5376
April 6	Twisted Rooster	45225 Marketplace Blvd Chesterfield, MI 48061 586.949.1470

Treasurer's Report

Jim Mick



Check book balance for the end of Jan:	\$3080.39
Check book balance for the end of Feb:	\$1553.09
Balance 3 months ago:	\$1947.39
Balance 6 months ago:	\$2326.47
PayPal balance for the end of Jan:	\$980.26
PayPal balance for the end of Feb:	\$1024.52

During the Feb club meeting, \$66 worth of 50/50 tickets was sold. David F. won \$33. \$16 from the remaining \$33 was reimbursed to Nick H for the donuts, leaving \$17 for the CkBk.

These Members renewed their membership before, during or after the Feb club meeting: (mbr \$15, associate \$10) for 2016 and purchased tickets for the (Mid-Winter Banquet – mbr/associate \$15, non-member guests \$35):

Mike E. 1 w/PPal; Brett H. 1 (+1); John J. 1 w/PPal; Walter K. 1; Jay M. 1

(+1) using BillPay; Jim & Jeri M. 2 (+2) using BillPay; Steve P. 1 w/PPal; Guest of Jerome & Margaret P (+1)

The above membership renewals and tickets for the Mid-Winter Banquet added \$165.00 to the checkbook and another \$44.26 to PayPal.

\$100 was taken from the CkBk to pay for our picnic reservation. \$360 was taken out of our CkBk to provide \$10 bill for each member attendee at the Mid Winter Banquet (MWB).

At the Mid Winter Banquet, George & Lori D. won the 50/50 and gave their winnings of \$152 BACK TO THE CLUB so the entire \$303 was added back to the checking account. We had 36 members & associates attend the MWB and we brought 4 additional guests. A check was written for Louis' Chop House to take \$1552.30 from the checking account.

Our 2015 membership ended the year at 86

Our 2016 membership stands at 61

33 of our membership are members of MOA and 19 are members of RA

Mid Winter Banquet Attendance: 36 members & associates + 4 guests

ON LINE BANKING (repeat info from previous Newsletters)

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 MCBeemers payments to Jim Mick, 56750 Fairchild Rd, Macomb, MI 48042** any you'll see verification of your payment

in the Treasurer's report in the Newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS for 2016 (Repeat Info)

by Jim Mick

Membership stands at 29 for 2016 and the password for access to "Members" at the Yahoo Group will be changed soon. If you do not renew your membership by February 14, you will not receive the new password for accessing the 'Members Only' information on the Yahoo Group.

All renewal dues for 2016 should be paid by the end of January 2016, but we have no penalty for late renewals. We just want you back. The BEST (and cheapest) way to pay any dues, reservations, etc. to the club is to use your Bank/CU "Bill Pay" service – at no cost to you.

PayPal (REPEAT INFO)

by Jim Mick

As of 1/25/15, 12 members have used PayPal to pay the club for membership renewals and club events. If you have a PayPal account, the club pays no fee for any transfer of money –IF YOU CALL ME FAMILY/FRIEND rather than indicating that you are paying for product/service. You will, however pay a small fee (<\$1). 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, but the MCBmembers will be charged a small fee (>\$1), 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.

For our Canadian members, it appears that there's not much difference ... other than a built in 'exchange rate' at the time money is sent.

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.

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 \$9.00.

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 Web Site – www.bizblvd.net/mcbeemers
Club eGroup Email – mcbeemers@yahoo.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

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AND send completed form by e-mail to: Jim@RidingIsWonderful.com