



Motor City Beemers

Club Newsletter



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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 April 9 12, 2016

Following Meeting: May, 13 2016

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Greetings Beemers!

Wow, can you believe that it's April already, seems like just a month ago I was writing the March Prez Sez. The days are quickly getting longer as we just passed the Spring Equinox. Only three months until the Beemer Blast.

Hopefully you have been able to get the bike out and evict the spiders from the helmets and boots, and are now ready to ride. There is a lot happening each month so be sure to check out the calendar here in the newsletter, the website, as well as at the dealership and the events on the Facebook page.

As for the Facebook page, I hope you have been able to check it out. The next event is the Camping Demo

at REI Sunday, 3 April. Then the meeting at the Dealership on the 9th of April with the ride to Rocky's Motorcycle and Camping Gear in Flint. Thanks to Ives for setting this up, we will receive a 10% discount on purchases that day.

Another month from now and we will see some good friends back up here in the North from way down there in the warm country. I told him that it is warm up here but he doesn't believe me. The Mini Rally is coming too.

On another note, for all you MOA members the Mileage contest is starting up in a couple weeks. Bring your form to the meeting with your part filled out and Tony will stamp it from the Dealership. The contest is not much of a contest for most of us, but rather a great way to keep track of how much you ride.

I will see you at the dealership for the meeting or at dinner Wednesday nights or at the Camping Demo or how about ALL of the above.

Ride Safe!

Pat



Spring is here, at least on the calendar, if not the actual weather. I am happy to report that I've pulled three of the bikes out of the garage, and two of the three have taken me to work (though sadly, not much else). Even the Harley seemed eager to get going...certainly not quite as eager to start with its 25 year old carb as my fuel injected Beemers, but it did fire up with just a bit of fiddling with the throttle and choke (wow, so easy to get used to fuel injection!), and that was a pleasant surprise!

Part of the fun of owning a motorcycle is customizing it. This doesn't seem to be as big a deal in the BMW world as it is in, say, the Harley world, but still, we do tend to buy a lot of stuff for improving our "rides". I've picked up a couple things I'm looking forward to trying – one is an

AirHawk seat cushion I purchased at a garage sale for almost nothing over the winter, another is a HID (Xenon) headlight upgrade for the LT. Now if only the weather would cooperate. If the HID headlight retrofit works out as well as I've heard, you will probably see something about it in a future newsletter.

I've also decided I'm going to take a stab at fixing my factory radio/CD player for my LT. I spent much of a day last summer tearing the plastic off the bike and putting in a new sound system to replace the failed factory system. Well, I'm disappointed. Can't hear it on the highway, and the automatic volume control that I thought was kinda cutesy isn't – it's really almost mandatory on a motorcycle. At a stoplight, you just can't be blasting your tunes at the volume you were at on the freeway. Thumb controls on the handlebars might just cut it, but opening the accessory case to turn the volume up or down does NOT. I know, the big thing now is in-helmet speakers, bluetooth and listening to music from your phone, but I kinda like the "bubble of sound" the factory stereo gave. Besides, if I am singing along to Florence and the Machine, probably best that people around me have some idea what I'm singing to. There, I stated this goal in public, maybe that will encourage me to actually do it.

Facebook users: make sure you join our MCBeemers Facebook group. So far, we have about 26 members in the group, so we are still missing a lot of you. Not sure it is worth joining Facebook for, but if you were considering doing it anyway, it might just be the last little push you need. If you are Facebook friends with another MCBeemer who isn't part of the Facebook group, you can "invite" them (and any officer can then confirm them). This has been working out very well (speaking for myself), fair number of fun posts.

One nice thing about the MCBeemers Facebook group is the ability to share documents to the group, and even allow anyone to edit them, assuming you are using a real computer – mobile devices seem to be unable to edit documents. We are using this feature to keep the Wednesday dinner schedule on-line there, so it's Yet Another Place you can look when you realize it's Wednesday, you have the evening free, and you feel like joining us for dinner...if only you could remember where! There is no reason we couldn't be doing other things with the feature as well, like other club events.

Nick.

Club events

Lunch rides take place right after the Saturday meeting on the second Saturday of the month. Other events as we can make them happen!

Date	Event	Alternate local lunch
April 3	REI Outfitters Camping Demo – 2:00p at REI	
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	Parker's Crossroads, TN.

Other events:

Motorcycles of Charlotte First Annual Spring Rally: <http://tinyurl.com/ztj6b6s> Robbinsville, NC, **April 21-24:** 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.

Stockbridge All Clubs Ride and Swap Meet is in Stockbridge, MI is Sunday, May 1, 10:00am. The **Stockbridge All Clubs Day** has been announced for Sunday September 18, 2016. Fliers for both have been uploaded to the Facebook group (Thanks, Pete!)

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 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 around 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!

April 6	Twisted Rooster	45225 Marketplace Blvd Chesterfield, MI 48061 586.949.1470
April 13	Bath City Bistro	75 Macomb Place Mt Clemens, MI 48043 586.469.0918
April 20	Camp Ticonderoga	5725 Rochester Rd Troy, Mi 248.828.2825
April 27	El Charro's	16720 14 Mile Rd Fraser, Mi 48026 586.294.3520
May 4	Bad Brad's BBQ	6525 23 Mile Rd Shelby township, mi 586-254-7010

Treasurer's Report

Jim Mick



Check book balance for the end of Mar:	\$1693.09
Check book balance for the end of Feb:	\$1553.09
Balance 3 months ago:	\$2516.39
Balance 6 months ago:	\$1880.39
PayPal balance for the end of Mar:	\$1024.52
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During the Mar club meeting, \$81.00 worth of 50/50 tickets were sold. George Y. won \$41.00. The remaining \$40.00 was deposited in the checkbook.

These Members renewed their membership before, during or after the Mar club meeting: (mbr \$15, associate \$10) for 2016:
George D. 1; Charles G. 1; Hal H. 1; Don & Carolynne P. 2; Tim S. 1;
Charles Z. 1;

The above membership renewals added \$140.00 to the checkbook and brings our 2016 membership to 68.

[Jim's excellent information about on-line banking and using PayPal to pay for club membership and activities is available as a document on the Facebook group, and in past newsletters, for example, the February 2016 issue]

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!"

"A tip of the MCBEEMER helmet . . .

. . . goes to Viles & Associates, Inc., who have volunteered print the free copies of the newsletter available at the dealership. They are also BMW riders.



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MOTOR CITY BEEMERS
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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

Dealership Use
Only

OR send funds via PayPal to: Jim@RidingIsWonderful.com
AND send completed form by e-mail to: Jim@RidingIsWonderful.com