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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

We welcome owners and fans of all bikes

Our next meeting is June 10, 2017

Following Meeting: July 8, 2017

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Greetings Beemers!! Although the riding season has started by the calendar, there was better riding days back in January and February than there has been for April and May. We had a very mild winter but a very cold and wet spring. Now it is Memorial Day, the unofficial start to SUMMER!!!! Let's hope that the temps warm up a little and not go straight to the 90s. I would very much like several weeks in the mid 70s, and I don't mean DISCO time. Anyway, the year is off to a bit of a rocky start, even though our trip to Rocky's was good, and the open house at the dealership went very well, the B5 ride was not so good.

The use of the table at the open house, I think, was a big success. We had lots of interest and I think we ended up with 5 or 6 new members that day. A couple from new bike purchases and a few from stopping at the table and signing a registration form. A big thanks to Nick, Rhys, and Keith for hanging around the table to answer questions and promote the club.

The first club ride overnighter for the Betty's Beach Bum Baseball Bash or B5 ride to Traverse City did not go as planned. There were 5 of us that went up to the area to attend the baseball game, but due to weather, tires, and other extenuating circumstances, only 2 rode, the rest drove. Okay, OK.. Betty and Tim rode, I drove!! Anyway, we were in Traverse City have early dinner at the Bootleggers and Dillinger Pub and Grill when the rain started. Not really a downpour just a steady drizzle, so I decided to check the Beach Bum's website and found out that they called the game a rainout. So we got hold of Jay and let him know since he was in Frankfort. After finding out that Traverse City rolls up the sidewalks at 6:00 pm we went to the casino for some entertainment. Sorry, No Big Winners. Went over to the ballpark for a couple picture and back to the hotel in Kinsley, very nice place to stay, very quaint. Sunday, we stopped in Grayling for breakfast before going out separate ways. Lots of intermittent DOWNPOURS. I was heading across the state to check out Harrisville for the Beemer Blast ride coming up and then home. I did not think that I could get home before Betty and Tim but they stopped several times due to the rain. We did have fun, just not as much as it would have been if the ballgame would not have been called or there had been no rain. Next year maybe?

Next up is the Picnic, June 10th. There is no meeting at the dealership that day. We will meet at about 11:00 at the Fort Gratiot County Park around 7 miles North of Port Huron at the intersection of M25 and Metcalf Rd. Head towards the shore on Metcalf and the park entrance is on the right. Our pavilion has been the first one on the right as you go toward the beach. So far as of the writing of this, we have about 20 attending the picnic. Should be a lot of fun. Rhys is going to be our grill master this year as he has done most years. Please bring a dish to share in one of the following categories, Potatoes / Vegetables, Salads, Deserts, or Appetizers. I am not even going to try to keep track of the fixins, so if you have a specialty that you want to share bring it. You might want to bring plates and silverware, and possibly some storage containers if there are any leftovers. Looking forward to this really fun event with a lot of good food and great company. If you are coming and have not let me know, you have until Tuesday night, the 30th of May to email me at PAKEL62@gmail.com to let me know that you are coming and whether you want a steak, pork chop, or chicken (white or dark meat). After that, I have to give Rhys the final count on the meat types. If you come after that, you may have to bring your own steak to grill.

Two weeks after the Picnic, is the Beemer Blast on the 24th of June. We will watch the sunrise over Lake Huron at the Harrisville boat ramp and then watch the sunset over Lake Michigan at the Manistee boat ramp / beach. I am planning on camping and have reserved a space Friday night and then Saturday night at both the Harrisville State Park and the Orchard Beach State Park. I know that there are still a number of sites at the Harrisville campground but the Orchard beach campground is almost full. We have a couple of us that will be camping at Orchard beach for Saturday night. I am not sure if anyone has found a hotel available yet, I know a couple people were looking to hotel it.

That pretty much takes care of June. Check out the calendar at the dealership, and the Facebook page, and the website for what is going on with people in the club and events to attend. Lots of fun stuff coming up, look for the Nick and Paula's Excellent Adventure, and the Frankenmuth run. Also, please email me at the address above if you are interested in going to the Legs Inn for the Color Tour. They are requiring a two night booking this year.

See you out there and ride safe.

Patrick Kelley
President, MC Beemers

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,
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One downside of being the person who compiles the newsletter is coming up with something to say. Not that I'm ever short of something to say, it's just that everyone else gets first chance to say it. Weather gripes? Pat got that already. BMW Detroit Open House? Pat got that, too.

Naw. I'll also say something about the open house. Pat and I (and others) manned an MCBeemers table at the Open House. I'm pleased beyond belief that we got the number of new members out of our table as we did. MCBeemers is a darned good product, it just needs a little salespersonship. Guess who our best salespeople are? That would be you, our members.

There are just a few realistic ways that people will learn about MCBeemers and join the club. 1) They can buy a bike from the dealership. 2) They can just happen into a meeting at the dealership. 3) Members can recruit others. Well, for unknown reasons, #1 isn't working. #2 happens, but is just dumb luck, not what you want to base a business plan on. That pretty much leaves #3, us recruiting other people. And really, that's how it should be. Nothing is going to beat, "You will enjoy spending time with us".

We have a few things that many people probably find "different" about us compared to many other motorcycle clubs. We really have no expectations or demands placed on members – we don't care what kind of bike you own, we don't demand that you show up or participate in any particular events. Our dues are VERY minimal (thanks to BMW Detroit, we have very minimal overhead costs!). Want to sit in on one of our meetings or join us at lunch or dinner before you join? Go ahead, we don't check membership lists.

So, print out some of our "calling cards", cut them up, and keep them with you, and hand them out as you find people that might make a great addition to our club. In addition to ones I sprinkle through the newsletter to fill up blank space, I've put a PDF file with a page of ten cards ready for cutting up on the Facebook site and on the website at <https://mcbeemers.org/mcb-nl/MCB-invites.pdf>. This month, I've given a cards out to a friend of a neighbor, a neighbor, and stuck one on a BMW I found in a parking garage,

At our last meeting, Rhys expressed to me some exasperation over how people didn't know how to properly eat their cooked meat – that you have to let met "rest" after cooking. I confessed it was news to me, too, so I suggested that he write an article for the newsletter on proper EATING of meat, which he has done. He's always a fun guy to read his writings. This will be important for our upcoming picnic. And yes, Rhys is doing his grill magic again. Experienced MCBeemer Picnic goers know what that means...for those recent joiners, he's a master, his grilling should not be missed!

ON THE WEBSITE: see the For Sale section, Jim Mick is selling his hydroplane. That looks like fun! Ken's K1200LT is there, too. The LT is still probably the best highway mile-eater you can get for the money!

Nick.

Grilling and Chillin' Your Meat

Rhys Blair

This month once again we are having our annual club picnic and steak fry. I love grilling, which should never be confused with BBQ. Grilling is a quick searing process that we use up north here for our meats. Steaks, chops, chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers and fresh vegetables are just a few of the items we can grill. BBQ is a low heat, long time process with lots of spice rubs and sauces that are famous in the south, southeast and southwest. These meats are normally tougher cuts and or muscle cuts of meat. Sausage is also great smoked or in BBQ.

Grilling is done over medium to high heat and usually with a medium to high end cut of meat. Both methods are an art and take attention to details. Grilling can take as little as 10-20 minutes where BBQ can take 16-20 hours depending on the cut and texture desired. There is one common denominator between both these styles and that is both styles require the meat to "rest". Resting your meat means to allow the juices to return to the center of the meat so it stays juicy and tender. I usually let my steaks rest 15-20 minutes before cutting into them. And don't worry, your steak or whatever type of meat you have will not get COLD, trust me! I have been doing this for over 30 years and it only gets better. I rest my Thanksgiving turkey, my Christmas prime rib and my Easter leg of lamb which usually get roasted in the oven, but the same rule applies.

I like to grill, our house is the family party house. We have an in ground pool, seating capacity for at least 24 on the deck and around the pool. We have family and friends over every weekend from Memorial Day to well after a Labor Day. When we have that many folks over I am doing a lot of grilling. I have a secret for grilling for that many at a time. Let's face it, I don't want to be stuck behind a hot grill on a party day with guests all about and me busier than a one armed paper hanger in a chicken coop. So I start grilling a couple hours before our guests are to arrive. My secret is my trusty coolers. I line them with aluminum foil and as my meat gets close to done on the grill I place the meat into the cooler, stacking it as I go. Once the meat is in the cooler, the lid goes on and we let it rest and steam itself to perfection. The contents will stay table hot for at least an hour. In the meantime I am mingling with our guests, swimming or enjoying an adult beverage or two. Try it, you'll like it! Grilling doesn't take a lot of seasoning, kosher salt, fresh ground pepper, garlic butter and any store bought grilling spice. BBQ on the other hand can take 15-25 seasonings all combined together and rubbed copiously all over your piece of meat.

I said all that to say this, when you take your piece of meat off the grill at the picnic in June, give it at least 15 minutes before you cut into it. I want you to enjoy it to the fullest.

Maybe George Domany can write a piece on BBQ and smoking meat for next month's newsletter. He and Laurie are quite proficient in the art of smoking and real BBQ.

I hope this helps and feel free to ask questions or share your grilling secrets on the 10th at our annual steak fry and picnic around the grill.

Just Grilling and Chilling

Rhys B. Blair

Paula & Nick's Excellent Adventure

Nick Holland

On the calendar in August is a ride to St. Ignace that Paula and I are organizing. Exact details are still up in the air a bit – depending on who is going, their interests, the weather, and other attendees suggestions – but it will probably be something like leaving late morning/early afternoon Friday (or maybe Thursday evening and stop at West Branch?), heading north up I-75, stop a few times on the way, and cross the Mackinac Bridge Friday evening. On our planned weekend, there's a "Motorcycles on the Mac" ride on Saturday morning, crossing back from St. Ignace to Mackinaw City and then back to St. Ignace, maybe some people will wish to participate... Us? We'll probably still be asleep, as that starts at 7:00am, and I only recognize one 7:00 in a day...and that "AM" one is NOT IT!

Targets for us to hit Saturday include the Soo Locks in Sault Ste. Marie to see some freighters up close, Tahquamenon Falls, and perhaps a sunset on Lake Michigan, then head back on Sunday, stopping in Frankenmuth, where Paula will lighten my wallet at the Little White House on Main Street and probably Tony's I-75. The ride between St. Ignace and Tahquamenon Falls is a lot of fun. I suspect the plans will stay relatively "lose" – if a rainy weekend is forecast, we may "cage" it instead.

Our favorite motel in St. Ignace (Quality Inn, Lakefront) is already over 50% booked for that weekend, so do not join us without making reservations, and make them soon! Yes, for those of us that actually have to work for a living, this will involve getting a Friday off.

Places we have stayed in the area include:

- **Quality Inn Lakefront:** 1021 N State St, St Ignace, MI 49781 (906) 643-7581
- **Bavarian Haus Lakefront Inn:** 1067 N State St, St Ignace, MI 49781 (800) 732-9746
- **K Royale Lakefront Inn:** 1037 N State St, St Ignace, MI 49781 (906) 643-7737
- **Holiday Inn Express:** 965 N State St, St Ignace, MI 49781 (906) 643-0200
- **Driftwood Motel:** 590 N State St, St Ignace, MI 49781 (906) 643-7744

The Driftwood is relatively cheap (I know that is important to a lot of you!), but it's further away from our favorite restaurants and a bit more spartan than our preference, though the Driftwood restaurant itself is very good. If you stay at the Driftwood, you will NOT be the only bikers there, it seems to be a favorite for bikers and snowmobilers. There is probably also camping, which we know nothing about, so you are on your own there.

Note that this trip involves crossing the Mackinac Bridge, which some consider quite an adventure in and of itself. If you haven't done this, you have two choices: either the center lane, which is further from the guard rails, BUT is steel grating, and many bikes get a little squirrely on that...or the outer lane, which gives you a great view of the water...waaaay below (I'm not helping, am I?). Realistically, there is maintenance taking place almost all summer on the Big Mac, so you may not have any choice in lane...and in fact, you will possibly end up driving in both. The best advice I heard for driving on grating is "The bike wants to do the right thing", don't worry about a little wiggle, just keep pointing it forward, it will get you through. And remember: no motorcycle has ever gone off the Mackinac Bridge. You are unlikely to be the first (still not helping?). Oh, and sometimes there are wicked crosswinds.

The people that run the bridge have some ability to help people terrified of big bridges across, but whether this applies to your issues or motorcycles is up to you to find out.

Meal plans include Jose's Cantina, a very fun Mexican place, for at least one dinner, and if it isn't too crowded, Java Joe's for breakfast. Both are easy walks from any of the listed motels except for Driftwood.

Hope you can join us, we really enjoy hangin' with the 'Beemers!

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!

The most up-to-date events list should be here: <https://mcbeemers.org/activities/index.html> Bookmark this

Date	Event
6/10/2017	MCBeemers sorta-meeting/Picnic at Fort Gratiot County Park North of Port Huron. Meet at 11:00am. Bring a dish to pass. Steaks, chicken, or porkchop provided by the club.
6/24/2017	Beemer Blast -- Sunrise over Lake Huron, Sunset over Lake Michigan
7/8/2017	MCBeemers Meeting. Lunch TBD
8/11-13/2017	Daniel Boon Rally in Boone, NC
8/12/2017	MCB Meeting, lunch ride to Zukey Lake Tavern, Pinkney, MI
8/18-20/2017	St. Ignace run
8/26/2017	3rd Annual Observation Run
9/9/2017	Meeting, Lunch ride to Dorsey House (M136)
9/16/2017	MCBeemers Frankenmuth Chicken Dinner ride, overnight at Port Austin
10/14/2017	MCBeemers meeting, lunch ride to Anita's in Marine City
11/11/2017	MCBeemers Meeting, lunch at Great Baraboo
12/9/2017	MCBeemers Meeting. Lunch at Ham's

Wednesday Dinner Gatherings

Usually, we order about 6:30pm

June 7	The Raft	7707 Dyke Rd. Fair Haven, MI 48023 586.725.9100
June 14	Penne Lane	44905 Morley Dr Clinton Township, MI 48036 586.741.5583
June 21	Penny Black Grill & Tap	124 W 4th St Rochester, Mi 48307 248.841.1522
June 28	Copper Penny	24975 Harper Ave St Clair Shores, Mi 48080 586.777.1112
July 5	Murphy's Inn	505 Clinton Ave. St Clair, MI 48079 810.329.7118

Treasurer's Report

Jim Mick



Check book balance for the end of May:	\$2481.07
Check book balance for the end of Apr:	\$2412.07
Balance end of Nov:	\$2524.77
Balance end of Feb:	\$2298.07
PayPal balance for the end of May:	\$678.78
PayPal balance for the end of Apr:	\$633.78

The deposit of \$69.00 on 4/27/17 and \$45.00 into PayPal was:

- \$15.00 received in PayPal 4/3 from NEW MEMBER Josh G.
- \$15.00 received 4/8 from Michel P to renew membership.
- \$29.00 received when Prabhakar P won the 50/50 drawing
- \$10.00 received 5/13 from Rhys & Jill B for picnic.
- \$10.00 received 5/13 from Nick H & Paula E for picnic.
- \$5.00 received 5/13 from David K for picnic.
- \$5.00 received in PayPal 5/24 from Josh G for picnic.
- \$10.00 received in PayPal 5/25 from Don & Carolynne P for picnic.
- \$15.00 received in PayPal 5/28 from George & Lori D & Joey I for picnic.
- \$30.00 'Bill Pay' pending from Keith & Bobbie H. plus 2 guests for picnic.

Repeat information concerning verification of your payments.

When you give me cash at a club meeting or Wednesday dinner, please watch me make a note on the master membership list that you paid and what for. I keep all those master lists indefinitely, but I reprint a new one every few months.

When you pay using PayPal (please indicate sending money to 'family/friend' so the club has no fee to pay), I will almost immediately receive a notice from PayPal and will send you an E-mail to confirm.

When you write me a check, you'll have verification when it gets deposited. Most money is deposited on/about the 27th of the month.

When your bank/CU sends me a check (through their "Bill Pay"), you will receive an E-mail from me when it arrives in my snail mail.

For all payments I receive before the 27th, you can also verify your payments in the next Treasurer's Report which I send to Nick on the 27th.

ON LINE BANKING: Repeat information (You'll never regret the 10-15 min it takes!!)

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

MOTOR CITY BEEMERS NAME TAGS

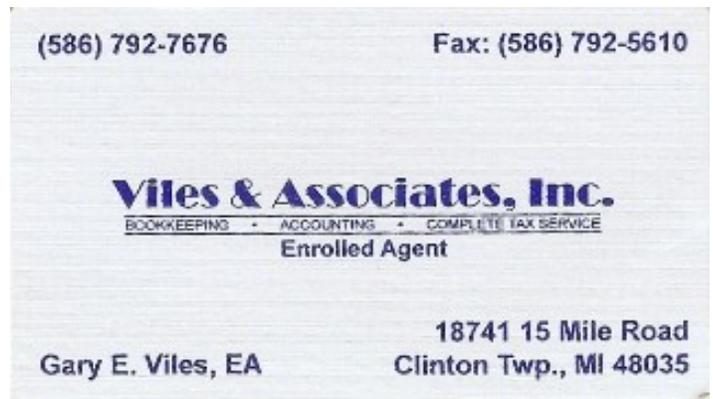
Motor City Beemer name tags are available for purchase at Highest Honor, Inc. Highest Honor, Inc is located at **34711 Dequindre Road, Troy, Michigan 48083**. Their shop is just south of 15 Mile Road, on the west side of Dequindre. Herb and Jeff have a die set up with the club logo and can add your name 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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