



Motor City Beemers

Club Newsletter



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All meetings are held the 2nd 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 ride” or event on the THIRD Saturday of the month

Our *next* meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2014

Following Meeting: January 10th

Web site: www.bizblvd.net/mcbeemers

Eat to ride, ride to eat!

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Prez Sez

Rhys Blair



Wow, December already! Thanksgiving just behind us and I am barely over my turkey coma and pumpkin pie high and we're staring at Christmas and more food. What a country!!! Hey, what do you think about that snow we had the 3rd week of November? Didn't that give you a scare of what might be happening soon? I have to tell you, I did not enjoy that two days of snow at all. You can keep the white stuff this early in the year.

The next couple of club rides will probably be by car or snow shoe. I don't think I'll be getting the bike out

anytime soon. It may be late March or early April before I start thinking of any serious riding. My bike is all washed up and getting the occasional daub of wax this month. That ride some of us took up to Rose Buds did a number on my bike. It rained all the way up and back home again. The old girl was filthy. I didn't get her washed until November 23rd, a Sunday, I think. The weather was near 60 so I took the chance and washed her outside on the drive.

This month brings us to our annual ritual of trying to get somebody new to run for office in our club. We had to put a slate of officers together so we can vote on them during our December meeting. I'll have more on that in another article. The new year brings with it our annual Mid-Winter Dinner and this year we are making a change in venue and the price. I'll let Betty fill you in on that, she has really done a nice job putting together this year's dinner. Please make plans on attending it Saturday, February 28, 2015.

Sadly, that's all I have for this month. Right now I am going to find a nice warm place to finish the day out.

Ride Safe, Think Spring!

Rhys
The Prez

Editor's Corner

Nick Holland



For a few days already, we've felt winter, and it is still officially a month away. My bikes are packed in the garage for now (though not SO packed that one of them couldn't be pulled out should the weather give us a chance!), and the snow shovel is ready for use, and the scrapers/brushes are in the cars (old Yooper trick: have as many scrapers in your car as you are likely to have passengers. "I'd help, but you don't have another ... oh, you do?")

I have this strange goal of having a bike out at least once every month of the year. I actually came close a couple years ago by taking the bike out on February 38th, but haven't really succeeded

yet without some calendar tricks. But I still hope.

While I've been a biker for quite some time, this year was our first "long" distance/vacation ride – four days, about 1000 miles to Traverse City, Tunnel of Trees, St. Ignace, Tahquamenon Falls, Sault Ste. Marie and the Soo Locks, and back home (this trip was the source of my picture here). It was also our first time across the Mackinac Bridge by bike, too. Wasn't too big a deal for me – I had a pretty good idea what I was in for, and I've been across the bridge many times in really bad weather – two wheels and great weather was not going to be a problem. Paula, however, didn't find it fun. She was initially wondering why I was on the outer lane of the bridge...then she saw the gratings in the inner lanes of the bridge, and decided that my choice wasn't so wrong after all. On the way back, construction pushed us onto the grating, but Wolfie was rock solid. I don't think Paula has held onto me so tightly since I got the LT (bonus! ☺). We still have a lot to learn about light packing, but I love my Crampbuster, the beaded seat pad, and of course my Mick-O-Pegs!

Feedback from my first newsletter has been wonderfully positive. I appreciate all the kind words sent my way! I have a number of ideas I hope to be putting into motion in the newsletter, but to really make the newsletter shine and be relevant, I need **your** content. So...think about things you could contribute (or persuade others to contribute) to the the newsletter!

Editing this newsletter can be fun. When I got Betty's list of Wednesday dinners for December, I saw Betty and Paula were doing a bit of collaboration at my benefit/expense. Thanks, ladies! ☺ (and no further comment from me!)

Happy Holidays to all my MCBeemer friends!

Nick.

Club Lunch Ride

These rides take place immediately after our Saturday meeting

Date	Lunch Ride Destination	Ride Planner
December 13	TBD!	

Ok, it's winter. We probably won't go as a whole group anywhere and unlikely on our beloved bikes, but groups of us will probably go for a local lunch in the area.

The new year is upon us soon, and we'll be looking for destinations for lunch rides for 2014, so start thinking of places that you enjoy to both travel to and eat at!

November Ride to Rosebuds Café

Rhys Blair



After our November club meeting our lunch ride was to Rosebud's Café in Clifford. We had a show of hands for those joining us on the ride and a grand total of 3 raised their mittened hands and a time was set for departure. Clifford is approximately 60 miles directly north of the Dealership. On a normal day this ride would be a tad boring to say the least. However this was not a normal day, the sky was overcast, the air was full of moisture and the temperature barely made the 40 degree mark. We pulled out of the dealership parking lot about 11:15 and headed north to Rosebud's. The ride north as far as Romeo was not too bad, but as we continued up M-53 the temps dropped, the rain got wetter and the chill in the air became more apparent. I was in the lead and kept checking my mirrors to make sure my followers did just that, kept following. The last thing I wanted was to get up there and find that I was the only one in the column. Finally about 12:30 we rode into downtown Clifford

and rolled up to Rosebud's. Now you ask, what in the world would make 3 grown men ride 60 miles north in the rain and temperatures colder than a well diggers ass on their motorcycles to an out of the way restaurant? Cinnamon rolls, that's what, cinnamon rolls. The restaurant owner on request will make cinnamon rolls or sticky buns that will knock your socks off.

Back in the day when I was a working man, I stumbled upon this little jewel of a Café while out on the job. I worked for the telephone company and my job took me to all the central offices in all of the towns east of I-75 to the lake from time to time. One day I was taking the back roads and turned up in Clifford, and in doing so found Rosebud's. It was way past lunch time and I hadn't eaten and this looked like just the place. There is seating for all of 23 or so people and that is all. Anyway, I have been riding and driving to Rosebud's for over 10 years and dragging as many of my close friends up there as I can. That's when I found out about the sticky buns and cinnamon rolls.

So Ives, Jim and I parked our bikes in front of the little diner and went inside to chow down and warm up. We had just ordered and were talking about the ride when Bob Hann and his wife poked their heads in the diner door and ask to join us. It was their first time at Rosebud's, so the five of us had lunch together. Oh yea, we all had cinnamon rolls, in fact we cleaned the place out of cinnamon rolls.

Ives and I both took carry out orders home to our families to butter and grill them at a later time and place. Once lunch was concluded we bade farewell to Bob and his wife who were headed north to their condo at the tip of the thumb. Ives mapped out a different route as he was headed southwest from Clifford and Jim and I were headed southeast. We waved goodbye to Ives down the road a piece and Jim and I headed toward Armada and our individual homes. For me the ride was not much better until I was almost home, when I noticed the temperature had risen to almost 46 degrees and the rain pretty much wasn't. I logged about 137 miles since I left home and was not much in the mood to stop and top off my tank. I just wanted to get home and get out of my riding gear, warm up a bit, and maybe take a well deserved nap. We parked the old black stallion in his stall, undressed and petted my dog. It wasn't until Sunday, November 23 that I even washed the old boy and got all the road grime off him.

It wasn't the best day for a ride, but it was with good friends, for good food and at an inviting diner. It would also be one of my last rides for 2014 if the weather man was correct in his forecasts. I'm a sucker for wanting to go for a ride, even if the weather is less than inviting and the crowd is small. You never know when it might be your last ride for the season. Thanks Ives and Jim.

Rhys B. Blair

Officer's Slate

Rhys Blair

December, in our club means it's time to put together a slate for new officers to be voted on. At last month's meeting we went to great lengths to field a slate of possible candidates and I am happy to report these members have volunteered for the following positions:

President:	Maury Feuerman
First Vice President:	Betty Ward (Special Events)
Second Vice President:	Rhys Blair (Ride Captain)
Treasurer:	Jim Mick
Newsletter Editor:	Nick Holland
Web Master:	Ives Potrafka

I would like to thank Layne Stewart for being our Second Vice President and Ride Captain the past two years and our raffle ticket salesman. I would also like to thank Keith Harrison wherever he is for writing and editing our newsletter for the past two years also.

If you like being a member of our club maybe you would also like to be a club officer for a year or two. It's not overly difficult, if you can ride a motorcycle you can be a club officer. It takes about the same skill and abandon to execute an office.

During the meeting take a moment and thank the above folks for stepping up and leading your club for another year.

Rhys B. Blair
President

Mid-Winter Banquet

Betty Ward

This is a special event alert! Members, it again is that time of year! We will now be welcoming a new location for our 2015 Mid-Winter Banquet! Our 2015 Mid -Winter Banquet will be held at Camp Ticonderoga!!

Address: **5725 Rochester Rd, Troy, Mi 48084.**

We have reserved their Hunt Room for Saturday, February 21st, 2015. Room includes 2 TVs, private bar and private bathrooms. Social hour will be at 6pm and a banquet style dinner to follow at 7pm. Cash bar on your own. It's good food, great conversation, 50/50 raffle, a slide show and drawings of donated gifts. All this for only \$20.00 a person! Our club treasurer will start accepting your payment at the December meeting and pay pal after that meeting. I am looking forward to the banquet 2015 and hope you are as well.

Happy Holidays,

Betty

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 close to 7:00pm.

Absolutely no agenda other than Good Food and Great People!

Note there is no Wednesday dinner before Christmas or New Years!

← Dinner at CK Diggers, 10/15/2014

December 3	Eastside Mario's	2273 .Crooks Rd Rochester Hills, Mi 248.853.9622
December 10	Original Pancake House	20273 Mack Ave Gross Point Woods, Mi 313.884.4144
December 17	Jimmy Dee's	43820 N. Groesbeck Hwy Clinton Twmsp, Mi 586.463.7500
December 24 December 31	No dinner these weeks	Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

New Members!



Fred Reichert

Fred is a 37 year engineer at GM. He has been riding motorcycles since 1979 when he got himself a 1979 Goldwing (how's THAT for a "starter bike"?). Both his aunt and uncle worked for BMW, and in honor of the recent passing of his uncle, he's buying his first BMW, a brand new 2015 R1200RT, which will hopefully arrive at the dealership in January.

His other hobbies include home improvement, activities with his church, and woodworking. His claim to fame is a "clean criminal record" – he's NEVER received a traffic ticket! Fred, we've got a few people with this group who will be happy to help you change that!



Bob Greene

Bob is a 53 year old auto designer who drives a K1600GTL. His claim to fame is having have had a stroke, broke his collar bone, and had a perforated ulcer, all in 2014.

Hopefully, his joining the MCBeemers will mark a positive start to better 2015!

Please welcome our new members!

Treasurer's Report

by Jim Mick



Check book balance for the end of Nov:	\$2065.00
Check book balance for the end of Oct:	\$1878.00
Balance 3 months ago:	\$2475.00
Balance 6 months ago:	\$2450.89
PayPal balance for the end of Nov:	\$561.80
PayPal balance for the end of Oct:	\$507.83

Ives P. won the 50/50 drawing at our November Club meeting. That added \$37.00 for the club, and since I received no bill for the donuts and brownies, I guess they were donated by some very gracious club member.

Fred Reichert purchased a bike from the Dealership which will be delivered in Jan/Feb so he is welcomed as our newest member. Eight members and three associate members renewed their membership. Those memberships added \$150 to the checkbook.

I received three memberships, and one associate membership renewals through Pay Pal which added \$53.97 to Pay Pal (fee of \$1.03 for one of the three transactions).

Our 2015 membership is 19 ³/₄.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS for 2015 (repeat info)

by Jim Mick

Membership stands at almost 20 for 2015. It's not too early to renew your membership.

All renewal dues for 2015 should be paid by the end of January 2015, but we have no penalty for late renewals. We just want you back.

Sometime in early 2015, **Ives P. will change the Yahoo PASSWORD so those who have not renewed their membership for 2015 will lose access to 'Member Only' information and will no longer receive the monthly Newsletter.** It will only take you 10 minutes to renew your membership using PayPal – even if you don't have a PayPal account. Here's a refresher on that process:

Log on to <https://www.paypal.com>

Scroll down about half way to 'Send all over the place' paragraph and click on "Send Money"

Enter the Club PayPal E-Mail: Jim@Ridingiswonderful.com and the amount.

Click on "Send Money". Providing a bit more info and you're done.

I don't mind receiving just your money for club membership renewals, but someone needs to make sure we have the correct E-mail address, phone numbers and address on file. I would also like to update our membership list with your MOA and RA membership numbers (as appropriate).

If you give me a completed new application with your dues payment, I will be able to check that information against our master membership list. If you would rather do the 'checking' you can visit the club web site: <http://www.bizblvd.net/mcbeemers/> Once there, find the "Club Directory" located on the left, about half way down the "Main Menu". Choose the format you desire, click there, find your name and verify all the information is correct. Send me an E-mail at Jim@RidingIsWonderful.com if you find incorrect information or if everything is current.

A third option is to renew at one of our club meetings and we can check all the info together. Once I receive your dues for 2015, and update the list, we can watch our enrollment membership numbers soar in 2015.

PayPal (repeat info)

by Jim Mick

You are seeing more and more information in our newsletter about having the option to ***use PayPal*** for MCBeemers dues and other payments. Since I didn't have a PayPal account until you elected me to serve as Treasurer, I thought I should share some information I am still learning. With the increased postage recently going from 46 to 49 cents, there are even more reasons to avoid sending checks.

If you have a PayPal account, neither you, nor the club pays a fee for any transfer of money –IF YOU CALL ME FAMILY/FRIEND rather than indicating that you are paying for product/service. 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 without YOU being charged a fee, but the MCBeemers will be charged a small fee, 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 \$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!"*

MCBeemers Networking

Nick Holland

As you may have noticed, we MCBeemers are a rather diverse group, and many of us are employed providing services that other MCBeemers may want to take advantage of. Who would you rather hand your money to, a total stranger or someone you have rode and dined with?

We already have a page here showing a couple of our member's activities – the Mick family's Mick-o-Pegs and Mary and Gary Viles' accounting and tax service. I suspect we have other members who would like to expose their talents and skills. We will probably be reducing the sizes of the entries here as we get more. This bit of free advertising is open ONLY to MCBeemer members, but since the newsletters are publically visible, you may get queries from non-members (which could be good or bad, consider this before adding your name and business to the list!).

If you wish to have your business added, shoot me an e-mail (nick@holland-consulting.net) with your name, your business name, the services your business provides, and how someone would contact 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.



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Trading Post

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

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One Owner, 8300 Pampered Miles, Radio. Extra options include: Michelin Pilot 3 Tires (1500 Miles), Cylinder covers, Garmin GPS/GPS Mount, Strut Lights - Clear/Amber Lenses, Top Case, Hyper Brake Lights Rear. Oil changes every 3000 miles, always serviced at BMW dealership. Call Chuck (586) 484-3833



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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): _____

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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 _____

Mail this application and payment to "Jim Mick" at:

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