



# Motor City Beemers

## Club Newsletter



BMW MOA Club #231

BMW RA Club #209

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All meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 February 14, 2015

Following Meeting: March 14, 2015

Web site: [www.bizblvd.net/mcbeemers](http://www.bizblvd.net/mcbeemers)

*Eat to ride, ride to eat!*

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## Prez Sez

Maury Feuerman



Since this is my first newsletter, let me start off by thanking our previous exec committee and especially those who have continued on the exec committee even though they decided to make me your new President. **That is to say, everyone that was involve last year.**

For those of you who may not know me, let me just say that, "I really like to ride" and for me the greatest love of riding is twisties. When you read the word **twisties**, just think of the Cookie Monster; say it slow and out loud!!!

Now that does not in any way imply that I am particularly good at it but then again there are a number of things that you can enjoy doing without being good at them you just need to do them

enough to enjoy them! (Yes, Keith, I am talking about Golf)

I would like to provide a couple of thoughts on the direction that I would like to move the club this year!

1. We have a couple of great resources that every member should learn to use:
  - a. The MCBeemers Yahoo Group: <https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/MCBeemers/info>
  - b. The Motor City Beemers web site. <http://www.bizblvd.net/mcbeemers/>
2. We have a fabulous core group of riders that have extensive knowledge of Michigan and Ohio roads that I would like to encourage to get involved in leading rides, Bob Hahn this includes you!
3. We have the ability to put some money behind rides to provide greater benefit to our members and there is a lot that we can and should be doing other than riding in a straight line to go to lunch once a month. Pat help me out!!!
4. Everyone's input is wanted! We will have an executive meeting at 10:00am before our regular scheduled meetings each month and any member who would like to attend is welcome.
5. Some of the most fun that I have had on rides has occurred literally at the last possible moment. I would like to do a shout out every Thursday evening on our email group and see if we can come up with places to go. I have personally ridden 500 miles or more with Ives, John, Rhys, Keith and others with only a days notice that I could get away. When we have weather we should take advantage of it.

All of these items and lots more are going to be explored in this and coming newsletters. Start first by attending our winter annual dinner as I understand Betty will be personally entertaining and that is something you won't want to miss! (More to come in this Newsletter)

## Editor's Corner

Nick Holland



By blood, I'm half Yooper (resident of Michigan's Upper Peninsula, thus "U.P.er"). I went to school in Houghton, Michigan. One of my four-wheeled vehicles is a Jeep Wrangler. What you Trolls (what Yoopers call those who live "below the [Mackinac] bridge") call snow, I consider a light frost. I'm writing this while the "Snow of the year" is falling...and I'm unimpressed (Of course, I wrote that before going out in the snow).

But I'll admit it... I'm ready for Spring. This might have something to do with the Corbin seat I got for Wolfie, my K1200LT.

HEY! Newsletter idea! How about telling us about upgrades you have done to your bike? Tell us what you started with, what you did, why you did it, what you think of the results, and would you do it again? (Guess I have an article to write for next month)

So far, I like our new club leadership, but that may just be because I won the 50/50 drawing last month. 😊

February is a short month full of holidays and events. In addition to Superbowl, there is Groundhog Day, Valentine's Day, several president's birthdays, Valentine's Day [Paula: "you put that in twice" me: "maybe I'll remember this year?" her: "Unlikely"], Chinese New Year, among others. Something for everyone! I've also got Paula's birthday and my parent's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. As a group, we have our Mid-Winter Banquet coming up, too. There are still a few spots available for the Mid-Winter Banquet on Feb 21. If you are sitting on the fence trying to decide if you want to do it...trust me, YOU DO! It should be a blast.

Part of the fun of the Mid-Winter Banquet is the slide show – if you have pictures to contribute to the slide show, please get them to me as soon as you can. Paula and I are looking forward to seeing you there!

## **Club Lunch Ride**

These rides take place immediately after our Saturday meeting

Date	Lunch Ride Destination	Ride Planner
February 14	El Patio Mexican Restaurant on Metropolitan at Ryan Road	Rhys
March 14	The Great Baraboo on Moravian at Utica Road	Rhys

It's winter. We probably won't go on our beloved bikes, but if the weather gives us a break, we'll take it and reserve the right to change the plans for a longer ride.

## **2015 Mid-Winter Banquet tickets STILL AVAILABLE!**

Our 2015 Mid-Winter Banquet will be held at Camp Ticonderoga, 5725 Rochester Rd., Troy, MI 48084 on February 21.

We have reserved their Hunt Room for Saturday, February 21st, 2015. Room includes two TV's, private bar and private bathrooms. Social hour will be at 6pm and a banquet style dinner to follow at 7pm. Cash bar. It's good food, great conversation, 50/50 raffle, a slide show and drawings of donated gifts. All this for only \$20.00 per member or associate member, and \$30 for non-member guests. We are limited to 50 guests, but a few seats are still available!

Our club treasurer, Jim Mick, will still accept your payment via Pay Pal.

In addition to the good food and great company, there's the "passing of the helmet", the "Bent Beemer" awards, the slide show, prize and fun fun fun!

If you have pictures of your last year's biking adventures to share with us, please contact Nick Holland to get them added to the slide show.

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

<p>Hi, I couldn't help but notice you also ride a <b>BMW Motorcycle!</b></p> <p>I'd like to invite you to join us, the Motor City Beemers, on the second Saturday, monthly, 10:30am</p> <p><b>BMW Motorcycles of Detroit</b> 34080 Van Dyke Ave Sterling Heights, MI 48312</p> <p><b><a href="http://www.bizblvd.net/mcbeemers">www.bizblvd.net/mcbeemers</a></b></p>
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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

February 4	Bath City Bistro	75 Macomb Place Mt Clemens, Mi 48043 586.469.0918
February 11	Twisted Rooster	45225 Marketplace Blvd Chesterfield, MI 48061 586.949.1470
February 18	Breggman's Lands Inn	67020 Gratiot Ave Richmond, Mi 586.727.3323
February 25	Juan Miguel's	21342 Hall Rd Clinton Township, Mi 48038 586.783.9751



## Treasurer's Report

Jim Mick



Check book balance for the end of Jan: \$3060.00

Check book balance for the end of Dec: \$2440.00

Balance 3 months ago: \$1878.00

Balance 6 months ago: \$2417.00

PayPal balance for the end of Jan: \$751.80

PayPal balance for the end of Dec: \$591.80

Nick Holland won \$53.00 in the 50/50 drawing at our January Club meeting [editor's note: "YAY!!!"]. \$18.00 was reimbursed to George Y. for donuts which left \$35.00 being added to the checkbook.

Renewals for club membership and payments for members and guests to attend the MWB added \$595.00 to the checkbook. PayPal increased by \$160 for additional membership renewals and MWB reservations.

I used \$10 from the club finances to buy \$10 worth of 50/50 tickets which were awarded to Norm Ott for something special.

Which way do you like it??? Do you want it briefer or more details (names of who did what?)?? First name and last name initial??? I haven't been giving receipts, so would you like the Newsletter to be your receipt and also be able to see who else is doing what?

Jon Booth bought a motorcycle from the Dealership and received a free one year membership in the club. Be watching for information and a picture so you can quickly get acquainted.

Our 2015 membership is 55 2/3. These 37 members and guests have paid to attend the Mid Winter Banquet (MWB): Cathy B, Rhys, Jill & Duncan B, George & Lori D, Bob H & guest, Bret H, Dick & Sharon H, Nick H & Paula E, Pat & Lynn K, Mike & Sharon M, Don & Gail M, Jim, Jeri & Jay M, Ken & Cindy M, Brad N & Heidi S, Norm O, Jerry, Margaret P & guest, Ives P, John & Sharon S, Larry T, Betty W & guest, Carol W.

## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS for 2015 (repeat info)**

by Jim Mick

Membership stands at almost 56 for 2015. (Lew O. still owes \$5 for his renewal).

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.

Following the February Club meeting, 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. Even more significant is that if you renew your membership later, yahoo will require us to send you an invitation again and you'll need to do a few things, indicated in the invitation, to resume your "membership" with Yahoo. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

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](mailto: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 MCBeemers 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](http://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](mailto: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.



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Look at [www.ridingiswonderful.com](http://www.ridingiswonderful.com)

## **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!

**ONE YEAR FREE MEMBERSHIP**

with purchase of motorcycle from BMW MOTORCYCLES OF DETROIT

**MOTOR CITY BEEMERS  
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

Club Web Site – [www.bizblvd.net/mcbeemers](http://www.bizblvd.net/mcbeemers)

Club eGroup Email – [mcbeemers@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:Jim@RidingIsWonderful.com)

AND send completed form by e-mail to: [Jim@RidingIsWonderful.com](mailto:Jim@RidingIsWonderful.com)