



Motor City Beemers

Club Newsletter



BMW MOA Club #231

BMW RA Club #209

June 2015

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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

Many months, we have a special event on the **THIRD** Saturday of the month

Our *next* meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2015

Following Meeting: July 11, 2015

Web site: www.bizblvd.net/mcbeemers

Eat to ride, ride to eat!

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Well as we head into June we are getting into the heart of our riding season and I hope that everyone in the club is having as much fun as I am! I just returned from a terrific week of riding in North Carolina.

One thought that I would like to share is that I learned a lot about the particular bike that I am riding. There were two other individuals with the exact same model bike as me on this ride and I was given the opportunity to ride both of them under some pretty aggressive conditions. I was amazed that although we had three of the exact same model with the exact same engines all three bikes felt very, very different.

You ask how this can be possible. Well it turns out that Keith has suspension upgrades in his with different electronic suspension settings and Mike has completely different suspension upgrades in his bike. My bike is factory stock!

So why am I telling you this? Because if you have a factory stock bike that you enjoy and are happy riding then simply enjoy it. If you are looking for something more out of your bike then why not invest a little time and effort to fine tune it to your preferences?

I found a wonderful little book written by Race Tech called the "Motorcycle Suspension Bible" that is available for download very inexpensively. With a little reading and some good help from more experienced friends you too can enjoy getting the most out of your bike.

Don't be afraid to explore you may be amazed by how much improvement you can achieve with a little effort! I have been and I am really enjoying it!

Editor's Corner

Nick Holland



The weather sucks. 'Nuf said about that.

As I would answer when asked if my younger brother and I were close in age, “18 months, TOO close!”. Yes, there's always been a bit of sibling rivalry (as in, there's “a bit” of water in Lake Superior). My brother got into motorcycles before me – by about three weeks. Now, to be fair, he did the hard part – convincing my parents to let him get one, getting around the “Not while you live in MY house!” objection, so I'm claiming I didn't get a bike to be like him, but I do admit he enabled the bike – I'd always been interested. He's also had a

bike more of the last 28 years than I have, so he tends to look at me as the “junior” in the world of biking, in spite of the fact that I've racked up more miles per year since I got a BMW (“ride, don't wrench”) than he has total on his bike he's owned for something like 14 years, and I'll turn left in a day more times than he has in his riding life. Last week, he called me to tell me about this really cool place he found to ride, called the “Tail of the Dragon”. He figured that many of you reading this would have heard of it. I had to explain that most of our club members have BEEN there, and all the rest have heard about it. And those of you who had been there used a motorcycle...not a minivan, like he did. He also didn't seem to understand that most of you RIDE to the Tail, not trailer your bikes behind a car. Well, there are different kinds of riders, just as there are different kinds of people, that's what keeps the world fun.

As always, I'm looking for newsletter content!

People sometimes ask me (ok, more that I *wish* they asked me) questions about submitting articles for the newsletter. Here are some of the questions and answers...

- **When is the deadline?** About 15 minutes before I send it out. If you haven't received it, you haven't missed the deadline. More practically, though: for special articles, a few days before the end of the month would be great. Officer's (regular) articles? Last day of the month. Or first day.
- **How publish-ready should it be? How much editing/proof-reading do you do?** I try to respect the voice of the writer. I'll make minor spelling and punctuation changes, but otherwise, I'll put it in as you submit it. If you want more work done by me, submit earlier, I'll work with you.
- **What format?** Body text of an e-mail is great. Word or LibreOffice are fine. If you have spent some time formatting the document to make it look pretty, Word or LibreOffice is probably better.
- **Can I write on my iPad/Tablet?** Unlikely. I lack evidence that good writing can be done on a tablet.
- **Pictures?** Maybe, carefully. Make sure you have the legal right to publish the pictures you provide. In general, it's just best if you took the pictures yourself. “I found it on the Internet” is NOT permission to republish elsewhere.

Rhys' Rants Still Nick rambling

Rhys Blair



This is actually still Nick here, but since I know you guys would rather read something Rhys wrote, I'm leaving his picture here. ☺

Pat Kelly is doing the club's first "Observation Run". Here's what he has to say about it:

"On 6 June 2015, D-Day, there will be an observation run hosted by Patrick Kelley. An observation run is basically a type of road rally. We will start and end in the parking lot of the Twisted Rooster restaurant at I-94 and Hall Road.

The run will consist of a route (approx 120 miles) and a list of questions to answer (things to observe along the way). You will be provided both a map and the list of questions. Plan to be in the parking lot at 09:45am with a full tank of gas and a pen or pencil. First kickstand up at 10:00, and then every five minutes for each of the other riders. These are generally individual events. This is not a race, but rather a fun run. There is NO prize for first to finish. There will be door prizes and a prize for first, second and third on most correct answers. This should be a lot of fun, for more info, contact Patrick Kelley, 586-206-8473 (cell)"

A mail list discussion indicated that a passenger on your bike might be helpful, though Paula has told me she has *no* intentions of observing anything when she is a passenger. She's just enjoying the ride.

Kevin Sugg sent me the following flyer as a potential ride destination for history buffs: civil war re-enacting! Sounds like some fun activities in addition to some definite ride potential.

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REENACTORS 1861 **LIVING HISTORY** 1865

MAY 1 - 3	HUDDLESTON FARMHOUSE MUSEUM CAMBRIDGE CITY, IN	JUNE 27 - 28	SANDY PINES HOPKINS, MI	AUG 22 - 23	CASCADES CIVIL WAR MUSTER JACKSON, MI
MAY 23 - 25	GREENFIELD VILLAGE DEARBORN, MI	JULY 18 - 19	CHARLTON PARK HASTINGS, MI	SEPT 19 - 20	FREEDOM FESTIVAL TOMPKINS, MI
JUNE 12 - 14	GORDON HALL DEXTER, MI	AUG 8 - 9	HALE FARM BATH, OH	OCT 10 - 11	WATERLOO FARM PIONEER DAY WATERLOO, MI

EVENT SCHEDULE 2015

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(734) 717-0412

DANA LUPHER, ADJ.
(586) 894-2438

KEVIN SUGG
(248) 763-9857

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	More Info
June 6	Observation Run 9:45a	This issue!
June 13 10:30am	Meeting: 10:30a Lunch: Outlet Mall, Birch Run	http://www.premiumoutlets.com/birchrn/
June 20	Club Picnic	See page 8!
July 11	Meeting: 10:30a Lunch: San Souci Bar, Harsens Island	See Rhys' article in May issue.
Sept 19	Frankenmuth Chicken Dinner	

Non-club events

June 27: Lake Huron / Three Bridges Saddle Sore 1K ride: Get Your Iron Butt Association number by looping Lake Huron and crossing the Blue Water (Port Huron), International Bridge (Soo), and the Big Mac bridges in a 1000 mile route in 24 hours!
<http://members.triton.net/vandenbe/LKHURON1K.htm>

July 23-25: MOA Rally: Billings Montana: See Jim Mick's article in the May Newsletter!

Aug 22: Yooper Madness II Saddle Sore 1k ride: Get your IBA number by looping around the U.P., and crossing the Mackinac bridge twice (and once at night!). <http://members.triton.net/vandenbe/2015YM.htm>

Oct 1-4: BMW RA's 2015 rally: "Thrills in the Hills" rally in in Harrison, Arkansas.

Come on, people, I know there is more going on in the area than this. Let me know so I can add it! nick@holland-consulting.net

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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I'd like to invite you to join us, the Motor City
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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 close to 7:00pm.

Absolutely no agenda other than Good Food and Great People!

<- Dinner at Waves, 1/28/2015

June 3	Duggans Irish Pub	31501 Woodward Ave Royal Oak, MI 248.549.3659
June 10	Waves	24223 Jefferson Ave St Clair Shores, Mi 586.773.3279
June 17	Juan Miguel's	21342 Hall Rd Charter Twnshp of Clinton, Mi 48038 586.783.9751
June 24	Murphy's Inn	505 Clinton Ave St Clair, Mi 810.329.7118

Treasurer's Report

Jim Mick



Check book balance for the end of May: \$2532.70

Check book balance for the end of Apr: \$2467.70

Balance 3 months ago: \$2132.70

Balance 6 months ago: \$1965.00

PayPal balance for the end of May: \$876.00

PayPal balance for the end of Apr: \$888.99

50/50 sold \$100 of tickets at the May Club meeting. John Saarinen won \$50.00, George Yosin was reimbursed \$20 for the cookies and cheesecake which left \$30.00 being added to the CkBk.

Renewal of 1 member, and 4 reservations for the Picnic, added another \$35.00 to the CkBk.

\$12.99 was spent from PayPal to purchase some prizes to be given out from 'second draws' in our club 50/50 drawings.

Our 2015 membership is 84.

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ON LINE BANKING (repeat info from May Newsletter)

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.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS for 2015

Membership stands at 84 for 2015 and the password for access to "Members" at the Yahoo Group has been changed. If you did not renew your membership by March 27, you did not receive the new password.

When you renew now, you'll need to be invited back to the group and do a couple of things indicated within that invitation E-mail to complete the activation. More work for us and you, but **WE WANT YOU BACK!!!**

Summer Picnic

Betty Ward

Hello Club Members:

Here's a great way to start your summer! June brings us to one of our favorite annual club activities, our Club Picnic. This year the picnic is June 20th, the 3rd Saturday in June.

If you are a club member or associate member, the club invites you to join us for a small fee of \$5.00 per person to enjoy chicken, pork or steak, onions, mushrooms, soda and water. All you have to do is bring a dish to pass. That dish can be an appetizer, salad, or dessert. The club will also provide the plates, plastic ware and napkins. Not a bad deal at all!

To get in on the fun and good eats please let me know on or before our June club meeting Saturday, June 13th that you are coming and what you plan on bringing. We would like to collect your money on or before, (using pay pal) or pay at the club meeting. Please indicate which meat you would prefer. Honestly it is a great get-together.

We start to gather at the picnic grounds around 11:00 a.m. to get set up and the grills fired up. The grilled meat and trimmings are usually ready about 1:00 p.m. We welcome any assistance during this process. Our picnic is held at the beautiful lakeside Fort Gratiot County Park located in the northern part of St. Clair County, just off M-25 on Metcalf Rd. This 30 acre park offers breathtaking views of Lake Huron and 852 feet of lake shoreline/beach. Current facilities at the park include beach access, restrooms, picnic areas as well as a children's playground and .85 miles paved of walking trails. Our picnic usually draws 35-40 folks so get your reservation in as soon as possible so we can reserve you a steak.

If you have any questions drop me a line at bettyward27@gmail.com or call me at 586-201-1105.

Looking forward to hearing from you all soon.

Betty Ward

1st Vice President, Special Events

Save time/postage/hassle by making your picnic reservation using your bank/credit union's 'Bill Pay' system or your Pay Pal account. For the picnic, please include which meat you want for each person (steak, pork, chicken).

If you have a Pay Pal account, neither you nor the club gets charged a fee if you indicate you are sending money to a 'friend'. Send payments to Jim@Ridingiswonderful.com and include for what you are paying.

If you set up our Treasurer as a 'payee' at your bank/credit union, it's a simple process to send this and all subsequent payments to the club. If you do online banking already, it should be a breeze. Your local branch will also be glad to set it up for you (if you don't do much online). Have your payments sent to Jim Mick, 56750 Fairchild Rd, Macomb, MI 48042 and include what you are paying.

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!"

"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.



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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**MOTOR CITY BEEMERS
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

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): _____

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

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OR send funds via PayPal to: Jim@RidingIsWonderful.com

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