



# 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

Our *next* meeting is scheduled for July 13th

Following Meeting: August 10th

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### PREZ SEZ



Hello All,

June has flown by for most of us, here we are now in July! I do hope some of you have made it to some rallies or have a good amount of roads covered. I really enjoy hearing about your travels and we are always happy to publish your stories.

I hope to see you at the next meeting and bring you info on upcoming club events. Ride on and ride safe!

Betty

## **CLUB LUNCH RIDES**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Lunch Ride Destination</b>	<b>Ride Planner</b>
July 13th	El Patio - Waterford, MI	Layne Stewart

## **DINNER RIDES** – Arrive between 6:30-7pm and hungry,

Watch for emails giving the location each week . . .

July 3rd	<u>Ponchos and Ciscos</u>	36942 Jefferson Ave. Harrison Twp., MI 48045 586-465-6161
July 10th	<u>Christies Bar and Grill</u>	95 E. Clarkson Rd. Lake Orion, MI 48362 248-693-6224
July 17th	<u>Amores Grill</u>	53100 Gratiot Ave. Chesterfield, MI 48051 586-749-9262
July 24th	<u>The Lakeville Inn</u>	1315 Rochester Rd. Leonard, MI 48367 248-628-4460
July 31th	<u>Rogers Roost</u>	33626 Schoenherr Sterling Heights, MI 48312 586-979-7550

## **EDITOR'S CORNER**



Welcome to the July newsletter. Man, things are hopping now! We had a very successful Frankenmuth Ride and our members are riding all over the place. The BMWOA Rally in Salem, Oregon is up next along with the BMW RA rally at the beautiful Biltmore in Ashville, North Carolina. Having been to the Biltmore myself, I can affirm that the place is worth the trip and the roads in the area are some of the best anywhere.

If you go, make sure you get to the Wheels Through Time museum in Maggie Valley. It is owned and operated by Dale Walksler and includes many fine examples of vintage and antique American motorcycles. And everything runs. You can also see Dale in his new TV show – *What's in the Barn?* – on the Velocity network on Sunday evenings.

And our next event is the Waldo Lunch Run on August 17, 2013. Always a fun time.

Remember that articles, trip reports and photos are always welcome here and I will make sure that they get into the newsletter. The more, the merrier!

Get out and Ride!

## Treasurer's Report

*by Jim Mick*



Check book balance carried forward into June: \$1525.35

Check book balance for the end of June is \$1617.03

PayPal account balance for the end of June is \$14.26

Here's how we ended up with more money at the end of June even though the club paid the bill at Frankenmuth...

Brian Burrington won \$41 during the 50/50 drawing at the June Club meeting. From the club's \$41.00, \$18.65 was reimbursed to Betty W. for the donuts.

Two member and 2 associate membership renewals added \$50 and another \$15 was deposited in our PayPal for a 5<sup>th</sup> Membership renewal (less fees) leaving the club with \$14.26 in PayPal. See who these 5 renewals were in the "MEMBERSHIP" report.

The remaining \$589.50 from Allen G. (previous Treasurer) was deposited. This completed the turnover of treasure responsibilities, money and records.

\$120 was collected at the June club meeting for 24 Frankenmuth reservations. \$86 was collected by Rhys B. during the Frankenmuth dinner lunch run. The bill for the **Frankenmuth dinner was \$776.17** which included \$75.15 for 33 drinks, 18 dinners at \$20.99 each, another 18 dinners at \$10.49 because of coupons, 2 children dinners at 6.99 and 3.47. We also used three \$20 Gift Cards to reduce the total. Sales tax and tip made up the remainder of the bill.

A special thanks to John S. for the Gift Cards and coupons which saved the club almost \$250. You can help us save more next year. HOW? Check out John's article in this Newsletter.

## Frankenmuth 2013

*by Rhys Blair*

Officers and Members,

I just want to take this moment to say thank you to everyone that made it to lunch on Saturday. We had 36 adults and two future bikers join us on Saturday. This was almost as good a turnout as last year!

I also want to say thanks to our group leaders for leading the 3 groups and providing routes both via GPS and paper maps. Thanks Pete, Maury and Keith. I'd also like to thank Jim Mick and Layne Stewart for collecting the 5 dollar entry fees in my absence at the last club meeting. And of course to John S. for bringing the discount card and coupons that take a pretty hefty bite out of the overall cost of this meal. Jim Mick our treasurer will have a cost breakdown in the next newsletter so you all see what a chunk this meal takes out of our club budget and where the extra 5 dollar user fee comes in handy. Again, thanks to everyone for attending and working this annual event.

## Waldo Ride

by Rhys Blair

Club Members,

This is just a reminder to mark your calendar for our annual club ride to Waldo Ohio for a fried baloney sandwich. As usual the ride is scheduled for the 3rd Saturday in August which this year is Saturday, August 17. As is the norm we have two departure points, the first is from the Dealership at 9:00 a.m. and the second is from exit 15 on I-75 south at Monroe at 10:15 in the truck stop parking lot.

We will take a leisurely ride down I-75 to I-280 to Ohio 420 to U.S. 23. We follow U.S. 23 to the Waldo exit which is 10 miles south of Marion Ohio. Our destination is the G&R Tavern in the village center.

The G&R Tavern does not take reservations and seats no more than 50 patrons. You are served first come first served. Some trips we have had to wait up to 30 minutes, many times much less, but regardless of the wait, the sandwiches and the pie are definitely worth the ride and time in line. So if you have a hankering for a fried baloney sandwich plan on joining us. There will more at the July meeting and definitely at the August meeting. There is no need to let us know in advance if you are coming or not. If you are at the departure points at the designated time then we figure you are going, if you are not, we won't look for you...it's really simple.

If have any questions drop me a line, see me at a club meeting or give me a call.

## Our Club's Newest Licensed Rider

by Rhys Blair

Duncan took the MSF basic course this weekend. Scored a perfect score on the range portion and a 96% on the written.

The first photo is Duncan working the range during the pre-test portion. The second is he and Duke reviewing what he learned on the range before the range test and the third is him with his new blue card which signifies he is eligible for his motorcycle endorsement as soon as he is 16 and can apply for his driver's license. He was relatively low key during the whole thing, even though he led the 10 people on his team through the testing portion as the lead rider. He was pretty flawless on the course even if I do say so myself.



*Check out that lean angle!!!!*





*Duke can't believe that Duncan does not want to play!*



*OH NO!!!! Everybody better watch out now.*



*Duncan using his newly licensed skill!!!*

## **MEMBERSHIP**

We had five member renewals during June which takes us up to 98 active members in good standing. George and Lori Domany found themselves too busy to stay active so their membership had lapsed a few years. Nathan and Beth Fuchs renewed when they realized it had been longer than they thought since they last renewed. Jay Mick renewed his membership, using PayPal, especially for the opportunity to join his many friends in Frankenmuth. One new member is in process at the time I am writing this, but not yet completed. When it is completed, we'll be up to 99 (or 100 if there is also an associate member) active members in good standing.

A revised Membership Application is attached and copies are at the Dealership.

Instructions, and your options for joining the Club and renewing your membership, are included on the Application.

Send renewals to Jim Mick at [Jim@RidingIsWonderful.com](mailto:Jim@RidingIsWonderful.com)

## **MOTOR CITY BEEMERS NAME TAGS**

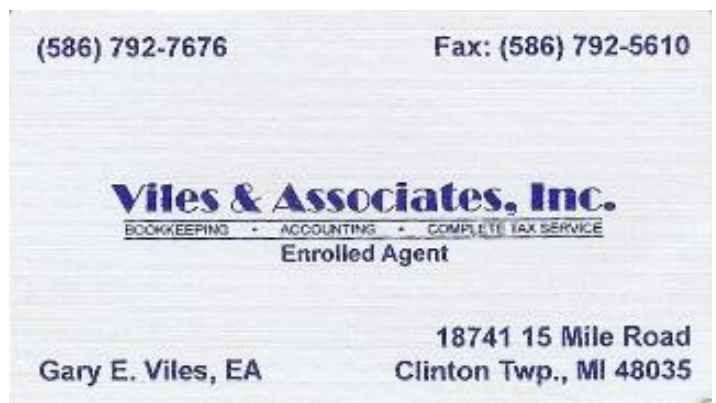
Motor City Beemer name tags are available for purchase at Highest Honor, Inc. Highest Honor, Inc is located at 34711 Dequindre Road, Troy, Michigan 48083. Their shop is just south of 15 Mile Road, on the west side of Dequindre. Herb and Jeff have a die set up with the club logo and can add your name 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.**, Ron's parents, who have volunteered to print the free copies of the newsletter available at the dealership. They are also BMW riders.





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**For Sale . . .**

2-piece (comfort seat) for my 2009 R1200RT

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**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@yahoogroups.com](mailto: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  
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)