



# Motor City Beemers

## Club Newsletter



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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 June 14th

Following Meeting: July 12th

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### Prez Sez



Wow it's June already, and I get to lead the Saturday Lunch Ride...to the Dorsey House.

On a more serious note, our thoughts and prayers go out to long time club member and pillion rider Sharon Hautau. I believe on Monday, May 19 she and Dick were involved in a serious motorcycle accident near Findlay, Ohio. Dick managed to survive with only a few bumps and bruises but Sharon took the brunt of the hurt and pain. She was air lifted to a local hospital from down there so she could be cared for by her own physicians. She suffered a broken back,

neck and severe lacerations to her head and face. Sharon will survive and is in rehab now. More to follow as we learn about it.

May is also Memorial Day Weekend. This year I had the pleasure of spending it with some 4-5 hundred thousand Veterans and their motorcycles at Rolling Thunder in Washington D.C. Club member Steve Penczak a Viet Nam veteran, Ken Benardino and George Benskey another Viet Nam

vet and I spent 5 wonderful days riding to and from the POW demonstration which is in its 27th year. We left Thursday morning riding down U.S. 250 to Wheeling, WV then WV 18 to U.S. 250 again until we caught U.S. 50 which we rode right into the Capital. Because we were riding with a couple of Harley guys we did visit a few Harley dealerships. They don't have much stuff I need, but those Harley guys sure know how to throw a party and show their appreciation to our veterans. We caught the parade on Sunday and then left for parts west and were home in time on Monday to enjoy some fried chicken with the family and a few adult beverages to quench the thirst of a long ride home. On a side note, Steve and I both have I-Pass. It is the same as an EZ Pass for toll roads. They don't cost much, in fact they save you money on the actual tolls, but you save gads of time on the toll way as you buzz through in the EZ Pass lane. Ask me about it at the next meeting. As Tony the Tiger would say, "they're G R E A T!"

One more item. Saturday June 21 is our annual club picnic. This year Betty Ward is the coordinator so next time you see her ask her how you can help and what you can bring. She will appreciate your help a whole bunch. By the way, we're not grilling steaks this year...we're seasoning up and grilling "the other white meat" for all you pork lovers out there. By the way don't forget to bring your \$5.00 per attendee to make sure we reserve a huge bone in poke chop just for you. See you then.

Don't forget to come along to the June meeting on Saturday the 14th at 10:30 for doughnuts and coffee, a little socializing and lunch ride to the Dorsey House.

Just saying...

The Prez

## **Editor's Corner**



Welcome to the June newsletter. The riding season is in full swing now although I just saw that Michigan has the wettest May in a long time. Over 5.5 inches of rain. No wonder my BMW has spent way too much time in the garage!

I did get to spend some time in North Carolina with Maury riding the best roads in the area. Blue Ridge Parkway, Cherohala, The Snake, and of course, The Dragon. 1,000 miles in three days of nothing but curves. As I have commented before, a few traffic laws may have been broken!

So now I am deep into the planning for my upcoming July trip to Newfoundland with fellow club members Rhys, Steve and Ken. Newfoundland is known for whale watching as well as being the iceberg capital of the world. Should be plenty of photo moments on this trip, for sure.

Rhys and Ken have handled all of the route and accommodation planning so all I am left with is deciding on what to pack as well as which bourbons to bring to satisfy my riding partners. I have lots of choices after visiting those Kentucky distilleries at the European Motorcycle Rally last year.

So sorry to hear of Dick and Sharon's incident. Glad that Dick is OK and hope for a speedy recovery for Sharon. As many have said before, anything can happen so please be careful out there.

As mentioned by Rhys above, please save the date for the Club Picnic which has been moved to June 21. Betty will be talking about this at the next meeting. Note that the Club Bylaws require that you be a paid up member and have paid the \$5 event fee by the last meeting prior to the event. The June meeting is the last date when you can be paid for the Picnic.

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 there and Ride!

**CLUB LUNCH RIDES**

Date	Lunch Ride Destination	Ride Planner
June 14th	Dorsey House, Clyde, MI	Layne Stewart

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

*Watch for emails giving the location each week . . .*

June 4th	Amore's'	53100 Gratiot Chesterfield, MI <a href="tel:586.749.9262">586.749.9262</a>
June 11th	Miguel Cantina	13635 – 23 Mile Rd Shelby Twp., MI <a href="tel:586.247.4400">586.247.4400</a>
June 18th	Malones Tavern	32350 Van Dyke Ave Warren, MI <a href="tel:586.978.0055">586.978.0055</a>
June 25th	Crews Inn	31988 North River Road Harrison Twp, MI <a href="tel:586.463.8144">586.463.8144</a>

**Plea for Help!!!!**

As you can see, this month's newsletter is pretty sparse! As Editor, I try to find interesting things for members to read each month. But I also count on submissions by members to help add content. I know that many of you are out riding your motorcycle, going to interesting places or trying out new accessories or riding gear. I would love to get an email with an article on your experiences so that I can share it with the membership. If you don't like to write, just send me the highlights and I will pull something together.

Remember, this newsletter is for your benefit. If we don't have content, it is not worth reading.

## Brake Light Initiative

I read an article recently in Cycle World Magazine regarding brake use and its effect on the motorcycle during cornering. I have shared via this newsletter previous links to the document, "The Pace 2.0", an update to an old Cycle World article "The Pace" by Nick Lenatsch, on group sport riding skills. In the original article, Nick noted that in a highly experienced group riding in the mountains, you might not see a brake light all day. This comment has led to some riders staying off the brakes at corner entry to appear "highly experienced." I have ridden with many riders in those conditions and have witnessed the same thing – riders entering the curve at speed without lighting the brake light. Most times, no problem. Occasionally, the rider underestimates the curve and has to go to the brakes hard and late into the curve. This action can upset the bike and even potentially cause the bike to run wide off the road.

The new article discusses how using the brake at corner entry ("lighting the brake light" – Brake Light Initiative – BLI) versus coasting in to the turn adds safety and settles the bike suspension as well. I believe that this new article is aimed at changing the previous "experienced fast riders do not use the brakes" culture that the first article started.

In my own experience, I tend to lightly apply the front brake when I enter most corners. I have always felt this was a "checking to see that the brake still works" action instead of necessarily using the brakes to settle the suspension. It is nice to know that my habit is now viewed by others as beneficial! ☺

Here is a link to the article. It is definitely worth a read.

<http://www.cycleworld.com/2014/05/28/the-brake-light-initiative-treatise-on-motorcycle-control-using-your-braking-skills/>

## Treasurer's Report

*by Jim Mick*



Check book balance for the end of May:	\$2450.89
Check book balance for the end of Apr:	\$2401.89
Balance 3 months ago:	\$2359.89
Balance 6 months ago:	\$1919.57
<b>PayPal</b> balance for the end of May:	<b>\$508.86</b>
<b>PayPal</b> balance for the end of Apr:	<b>\$508.86</b>

John Joyner won \$37.00 during the 50/50 drawing at our May Club meeting. The club's portion was \$36. George Yosin was reimbursed \$27.00 for the chocolate cake so the net amount added to the club funds from the 50/50 was \$9.00

Eight signed up and paid for the Picnic which added another \$40 to the checkbook.

Active membership remains at 76 for 2014.

Pics from North Carolina



You are seeing more and more information in our newsletter about having the option to **use PayPal** for MCBeeblers dues and **NOW FOR THE PICNIC**.

If you have a PayPal account, neither you, nor the club pays a fee for any transfer of money. 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 without YOU being charged a fee, but the MCBeeblers 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.

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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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

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**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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