



Motor City Beemers

Club Newsletter



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BMW RA Club #209

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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 January 10, 2015

Following Meeting: February 14th

Web site: www.bizblvd.net/mcbeemers

Eat to ride, ride to eat!

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Prez Sez

Rhys Blair



The end of one year, 2014, brings the beginnings of another year, 2015. And as the New Year is ushered in I say to you "Good bye as your Prez" and "Hello as your 2nd Vice President and Ride Captain". 2014 went by pretty darn fast for me. It also brought with it two great rides for me. The first was to our Nation's Capital and the 27th Annual Rolling Thunder Rally honoring our POWs and MIAs. It was a lot of fun to ride along and mingle with some 500,000 veterans and their friends on motorcycles. I made the journey with Steve Penczak, who I have been riding with for 30 some years, and Ken Benardino and George

Benskey, two long-time riding friends who invited us along on their annual pilgrimage. It was a touching and fun weekend for a couple of old veterans. The second big ride was our 18 day ride to Newfoundland with Keith Harrison, Ken Mitchell and Steve Penczak. This was a pretty epic ride which included icebergs the size of cruise ships, whales, a puffin colony, scenery that was breathtaking and people so friendly it defies words or explanations. It was just the bomb!

2015 brings with it a couple more rides I think...Rolling Thunder has already been penciled in and quite possibly a ride toward the National BMW Rally in Billings, MT. I love riding out west. The air is clear and clean, the two lane roads are in great shape, everyday brings a new view of the mountains and it ain't crowded like back east or down south. Kind of looking forward to both May and July now. On another note, Duncan and I are hoping to make a father and son trip to Guatemala with our church. We're building a new church down there and it would give Duncan and I a chance to work together on it.

Now I will hand the reigns of this fine club over to another member who is no stranger to club responsibility, Maury Feuerman. Maury has been this club's vice president of special events for several years and did a bang up job in doing so. I know he will do a great job this year as the "Head Guy." I would also like to take a moment and say thanks to Betty, Keith, Nick, Jim and Ives for their service to the club in their respective capacities. I also look forward to serving the club as the Ride Captain and will get a list of lunch rides submitted ASAP. After all, you gotta have lunch rides, if your motto is "Ride to Eat and Eat to Ride!"

See you all at the next meeting.

Rhys
The Prez

Editor's Corner

Nick Holland



I'm writing this at the beginning of January, having survived both the usual holiday crazies plus a month of insanity at work. It's so easy to forget the true meaning of the season with all the hectic activities and obligations...but fortunately Paula makes me watch *The Grinch* every year. ☺

I'd like to thank Betty and Paula for arranging a very special birthday dinner for me last month at one of my favorite restaurants and with a bunch of fun people. Yes, Betty's Wednesday dinners are a lot of fun, even when Paula doesn't put me in antlers and a blinking red nose. If you haven't been to one, you are missing out!

Speaking of eating... the mid-winter banquet is coming up! Last year was our first; it was great, both for the food and the people, and we would not miss this one for anything. As is tradition, the Helmet of Leadership will be passed on to our newly drafted president, and in Maury's case, he might actually be able to fill it!

(Betty handing over the Helmet of Leadership to Rhys last year) →

Maury has indicated he has ideas about some new directions and activities he wishes to take the club in...so we are going to hold him to that. Next time, maybe he will be more careful what he says in front of the newsletter editor!



Club Lunch Ride

These rides take place immediately after our Saturday meeting

Date	Lunch Ride Destination	Ride Planner
January 10	The Ham Center on Van Dyke at 12 Mile	Rhys
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.

New Officers

Nick Holland

During the December meeting, we confirmed our slate of new officers for 2015 (mostly by no one objecting to the nominations by saying "I'll do it!"). Pictured below are five of the six officers, missing is Ives Potrafka who had the sanity to be somewhere warm.



From left to right: Rhys Blair, Maury Feuerman, Betty Ward, Nick Holland and Jim Mick.

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

Get your 2015 Mid-Winter Banquet tickets now!

Betty Ward

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

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.

Our club treasurer, Jim Mick, will accept your payment at the January meeting, or via Pay Pal. I am looking forward to Banquet 2015 and hope you are as well.

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 CK Diggers, 10/15/2014

January 7	Engine House	309 Cass Ave Mt Clemens, Mi 586.468.2442
January 14	CK Diggers Bar & Grill	2010 W Auburn Rd Rochester Hills, Mi 248.853-6600
January 21	Thai Orchid	60 Cherry St. Mt. Clemens, MI 586-783-1727
January 28	Waves	24223 Jefferson Ave St. Clair Shores, MI 586-773-3279

New Member!



Mike Madley came to biking relatively late in life – in the mid 1990s at age 45. His first motorcycle was a 1994 Harley Sportster 1200XL. His first BMW was a 2001 R1100S which is currently for sale at the dealership (nice looking bike!), and he now has a 2014 R1200RTW.

Mike funds his motorcycle habit working as a sales manager at BHTC, a manufacturer of climate control modules for the auto industry.

Welcome Mike, to the MCBeemers!

Here's an idea... see a BMW rider that you haven't seen at our meetings? Cut out these cards, carry them with you, and invite them!

Hi, I couldn't help but notice you also drive a
BMW Motorcycle!

I'd like to invite you to join us, the Motor City
Beemers, on the second Saturday of every month at:

BMW Motorcycles of Detroit
34080 Van Dyke Ave
Sterling Heights, MI 48312

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Treasurer's Report

by Jim Mick



Check book balance for the end of Nov: \$2065.00

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

Balance 3 months ago: \$1817.00

Balance 6 months ago: \$2386.00

PayPal balance for the end of Nov: \$561.80

PayPal balance for the end of Dec: \$591.80

Jerry Pokorski won \$41.00 in the 50/50 drawing at our December Club meeting. \$15.98 was reimbursed to Nick H. for donuts which left \$25.02 being added to the check book.

9 members and 6 associate members renewed their membership at the Club meeting. Those memberships added \$195.00 to the checkbook. 12 members paid for the Mid Winter Banquet (MWB) which added \$240.00 to the checkbook.

I received two membership renewals with Pay Pal which added \$30.00 to Pay Pal.

I received one membership through mail with a check which added \$15.00 to the checkbook. A \$100 payment was made to the Ticonderoga for the MWB.

I received renewal for one member and one associate member at the Dealership Christmas Party and one additional renewal in the mail which will add another \$40 to the checkbook NEXT MONTH.

Our 2015 membership is 38 2/3.

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

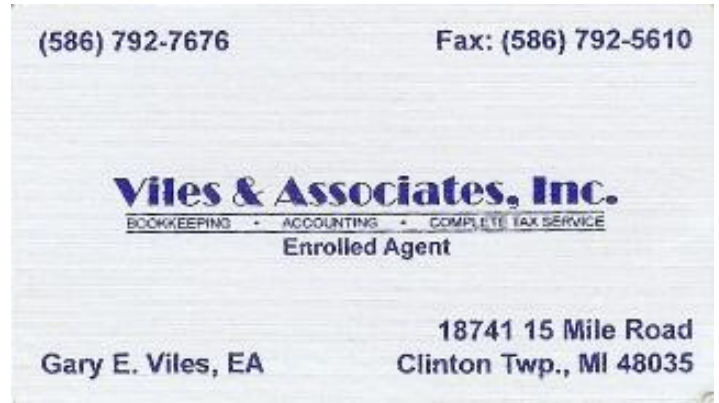
As you may have noticed, we MCBeemers are a rather diverse group, and many of us are employed providing services that other MCBeemers may want to take advantage of. Who would you rather hand your money to, a total stranger or someone you have rode and dined with?

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!

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

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

56750 Fairchild Rd

Macomb MI 48042

Dealership Use
Only

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

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