



Motor City Beemers

Club Newsletter



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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 ^{Shopping or} Lunch Ride

We welcome owners and fans of all bikes

Our next meeting is June 11, 2016

Following Meeting: July 9, 2016

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Howdy Beemers; I just got back from Montana visiting my dad. January in Montana normally is between 0 and -25 degrees but this time it was warmer there than here in Michigan. Temps were about 40 each day and high 20s at night. Anyway, I am back and so to the first order of business, the mid-winter banquet is only a couple weeks away, February 20th at Louis' Chop House, South of 23 Mile Rd on the West side of Gratiot. For those that have not been to a banquet, it is a lot of fun. Great Company, Great Food, and Great Awards. Give it a try, did I say it is Great fun? The end cost is going to be \$5 for a member if you show up, \$15 to reserve your space and you get \$10 back at the banquet. You can't even go to Mcky D's for 5 bucks. Then there are the Bent Beemers (or

other steeds). If you don't know what one is, you have probably been rather fortunate or you can come to the banquet and find out what they are.

On the subject of Bent Beemers, John Saarinen needs the nominations and particulars for them ASAP. For those that don't know, a bent beemer is a unique honor award for having some part of the motorcycle being in contact with the ground other than the normal parts that are supposed to contact the ground such as the tires, center or side stand. These are light hearted awards to those that have or will recuperate from their ordeal. Is that cryptic enough to spark your interest?

Next order of Business, What would you the members like to see the club do this year. I have a few ideas, Cathy and Paula are working diligently on ride locations. Last time I saw Cathy she had about 86 napkins full suggested locations. Maybe not quite that many, but it was a lot. I am planning on doing another observation/fun run again this year, with many of the comments from last year incorporated. Not sure yet when that is going to be, I am hoping June timeframe. I would like to propose a club camping trip perhaps to Tawas Point state park, that way there are some hotels very close in East Tawas for those that don't camp. How many would like to do that is my question to you all? I know several of our members are also members of the Michigan Sport Touring Association and have offered rides up to us. I know a few people in the Great Lakes Road Riders that also open their rides up to others. I can get a schedule of their rides if anyone is interested. I personally am planning on going to the Mini Rally in Sturgis, Michigan the first weekend in May, and to the BMW Motorcycle Owners of America (MOA) rally the third weekend in July located in Hamberg New York, just South of Buffalo.

So, if you would like the club to do an event of some sort, please drop me an email.

See you at the meeting, 11 June.

Pat

'13 R1200GS



With much celebration, I can report that the riding season (or at least MY riding season) is here! Finally not only am I riding to work regularly, but Paula has been on the back of the bike. And at least once, I thought my cooler mesh jacket would have been better. Summer is here!

For those that missed it (and you shouldn't have!), the May Open House at BMW Detroit was a lot of fun. Paula figured she wouldn't have much to do there, so she had proposed driving separately. Me? I knew better, I told her IF she got bored, I'd take her home and come back (she lives relatively closely). She did not get bored...and as I recall, we left somewhere around 3:30p. Only gripe

was (again) the weather...they seem to have bad luck with weather on their open house days, and not too many of our club members were there on bikes.

Of course, there were test rides. I only got around to one – the RnineT. My first bike had a fairing on it, though I often rode it without the fairing. My second bike had a windshield. My first BMW was a K100RT with a full fairing, but I've had reason to ride it with the windshield removed, and I must say, open bikes are a LOT of fun. Sure, you catch the occasional rock or bug, but for bopping around town, riding in the full open air is where it's at (for me). And so, I've found myself sitting on the RnineT at the dealership more than once. So, at the Open House, I took the opportunity to try the RnineT, And I must say, it was a LOT of fun. A very light weight machine, with lots of engine – nimble, fun, and pure riding. Wouldn't replace my LT with one, but wouldn't mind adding an RnineT to my collection.

A discovery made with the help of a friend of mine: the R1200R can be lowered so that Paula fits on it nicely. Maybe the RnineT or R1200C could be, as well...

Last month, I wrote about my upgrading the headlight on my LT with a modest-priced HID upgrade. I've now had the opportunity to ride the LT in the dark, and I'm happy to report it works very well.

I received a few pictures from various events, however since there was no story (article) to go along with them, I'm going to put them on the Facebook MCBeemers group rather than here. And if you are a Facebook user and not a member of the group, join us!

On May 11, we had what may have been a record crowd for the Wednesday night dinner, at Juan Miguel's. As I recall, we had something like 18 people there, and several people ended up stuck on a separate table (sorry guys...been there myself). If you haven't been to our Wednesday dinners in a while, please join us!

A number of us made it to the movie, "A Story Worth Living" on May 19th. I think it is safe to say that it was something of a disappointment to I think most there. In short, too much talk, not enough riding, and no cute toddlers on micro-motorcycles. So, if you missed it, I'd suggest "Why We Ride" instead.

Article request: I know a bunch of MCBeemers have been to various rallies and events already, but I haven't seen anyone send me a *post-rally* article. It would be great if someone would tell us about the trip to the rally, the events at the rally, and the ride home. Some of us have never been to a rally and other than "crowds" and "opportunity to part with money" are a little bit in a fog about what goes on. Enlighten us! Tell your stories! Same goes for those who have done Iron Butt rides.

Ride safe, Ride fun. Ride!

Club events

Lunch rides take place right after the Saturday meeting on the second Saturday of the month. Other events as we can make them happen!

Date	Event	Alternate local lunch
June 11	Club Meeting – Ride to Dorsey House	Great Baraboo
June 18-19	Beemer Blast (Sun-up/Sun-down across Michigan)	
June 25	Picnic	
July 9	Club Meeting – Lunch at Fenton Firehouse	El Patio
August 13	Club Meeting – Lunch at Pompeii – Port Huron	
August 23	Pat's Observation Run	
September 10	Club Meeting – Lunch at Tavern 109, Williamston)	
September 17	Frankenmuth Dinner	
September 17/18	After Frankenmuth Port Austin overnight Ride	
October 8	Club Meeting – Lunch at White Horse Inn	
November 12	Club Meeting – Lunch at Zukey Lake Tavern, Pinkney	
December 10	Club Meeting – Lunch at Azteca	
January 14	Club Meeting – Lunch at Great Baraboo	

Rallies

June 7-11	Americade	New York
July 14-17	BMW MOA	Hamburg, New York
Sep 30-Oct 2	RAMS Rally	Parker's Crossroads, TN.

From the MOA: “The BMW MOA Foundation is bringing rider training to our youth! Up to 24 students will have the opportunity for free riding instruction at the Hamburg Fairgrounds preceding Das Rally in July.

Do you know a young adult between the ages of 13 and 17 that would like to receive free rider training, attend the BMW MOA International Rally and have a good time? If so, please pass along the following information to young riders and parents. • July 12th and 13th, 2016, 8AM sharp and throughout the day until 5PM. Participants: male or female, ages 13 to 17 years old. No riding experience is necessary – this will be MSF-certified training on a dirt course. Lunch and snacks and MOTORCYCLES will be provided. Participants will need to provide: helmet, eye protection, full-finger gloves, over-the-ankle footwear, long pants, and long-sleeved shirt achieving full coverage of skin. There will be classroom as well as riding-course instruction. Included will be accident scene management, first aid introduction, along with personal riding instruction from noted riding experts.”

Other events:

Stockbridge All Clubs Day has been announced for Sunday September 18, 2016. Fliers have been uploaded to the Facebook group (Thanks, Pete!)

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 closer to 7:00pm.

Absolutely no agenda other than Good Food and Great People!

← Dinner at Juan Miguel's, 10/28/2015.

June 1	Louis' Chop House	50355 Gratiot Ave Chesterfield, MI 48051 586.949.9566
June 8	Jimmy Dee's	43820 Groesbeck hwy Clinton Twnshp, Mi 586.463.7500
June 15	Little Camille's By The Bay	51083 Washington St New Baltimore, MI 48047 586.725.4866
June 22	Original Pancake House	20273 Mack Ave. Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236 313.884.4144
June 29	Steiny's Restaurant & Banquet Hall	55161 Shelby Rd. Shelby Township, MI 48316 248.453.5376
July 6	Murphy's Inn	505 Clinton Ave. St Clair, MI 48079 810.329.7118

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

Hi, I couldn't help but notice you also ride a
BMW Motorcycle!
I'd like to invite you to join us, the Motor City Beemers,
on the second Saturday, monthly, 10:30am
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Treasurer's Report

Jim Mick



Check book balance for the end of May:	\$2228.11
Check book balance for the end of Apr:	\$2228.11
Balance end of Feb:	\$1553.09
Balance end of Nov:	\$1947.39
PayPal balance for the end of May:	\$524.52
PayPal balance for the end of Apr:	\$524.52

Having missed the May club meeting and I have received no money or report... no change since last month.

Our 2016 membership stands at 69

I made a transfer from PayPal to our checking account which added \$500.00 to the checkbook and subtracted \$500.00 from PayPal.

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With the Picnic coming up on June 25th, it's another ideal time to begin, or continue, using ON LINE BANKING

A Wall Street Journal article recently stated that a business check costs between \$4 and \$20 to fully prepare and process. That's as much as 5 times the cost of using something like "Bill Pay".

If your time is valuable...SAVE YOURSELF (and the club) some money and time – send payments to the club for Membership renewal, Picnic reservation, Frankenmuth, Mid Winter Banquet reservations by using ON LINE BANKING. You'll see verification of your payment in the Treasurer's report in the following Club Newsletter

[Jim's excellent information about on-line banking and using PayPal to pay for club membership and activities is available as a document on the Facebook group, and in past newsletters, for example, the February 2016 issue]

Bavarian Inn Perks Card

by John Saarinen

John's Bavarian Inn card has helped reduce the cost to the club of our Frankenmuth chicken dinner for a number of years now. John writes:

"It has to be in the name of a person not an organization. I put it in my name and have been giving the club the rewards back from the clubs dinner run but also our birthday dinners. We go to Frankenmuth to celebrate our birthdays every year. It gives the club coupons equal to 10% of the food and beverage purchase. They do the coupons in \$200 food (and beverage) increments resulting in \$20 coupons (10% of \$200 purchase). Dick Hautau used the card and coupon on his last visit, we rolled over to the next \$20 coupon bringing us up to \$80 of coupons we will use at the September Bavarian dinner.

The card carries over as long as we have over some dollar amount of purchases. This card also gets us reward dollars when used in the stores associated with the Bavarian Inn, including the bakery and junk shops in the basement of the Bavarian Inn. It also may get us reward dollars in some of the shops in the little shopping center on the other side of the river. Members should ask at every store they shop at near the Inn.



Also, John sent us a 50% a second meal coupon!



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 \$9.00.

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 print the free copies of the newsletter available at the dealership. They are also BMW riders.



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MOTOR CITY BEEMERS
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Club Web Site – www.bizblvd.net/mcbeemers
Club eGroup Email – 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: _____

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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 #: _____

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Signature _____ Date _____

Mail this application and payment to “Jim Mick” at:

Jim Mick
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Macomb MI 48042

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