



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

Our *next* meeting is scheduled for April 12th

Following Meeting: May 10th

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Prez Sez



Welcome to Spring and April Motorcity Beemers,

I sincerely hope that by the time you folks are reading this newsletter the temps have risen to at least the 50's maybe even the 60's, the sky is blue and the sun is shining. One can only hope. I am laying here on the beach in view of the Disney Hotel in Ko Olina, Oahu, Hawaii. It is 83 degrees, the sky is endlessly blue melting into a green-blue sea on the horizon and the sun is a golden ball high in the sky. Did I mention I'm holding a Long Island iced tea. The only thing wrong with this picture is my motorcycle is some 6,000

miles away, covered in the garage. It is ready to ride though! Don did my 6k inspection back in March and the black beauty is ready for this year's riding schedule.

Speaking of riding schedules, I hope by now most of you have been working diligently on your seasons riding schedule. Steve Penczak and I are heading to Rolling Thunder in D.C. Memorial Day weekend with a couple of other riders. In July Steve, Ken Mitchel, Keith Harrison and me are doing

18 days on the road while we tour the grand island of Newfoundland from one end to the other, eh?

There is the club ride to Burkesville, KY which should be a must for any first time rally goer or better yet the Mini-Rally in Sturgis. Either of these rallies will get you tuned up for the rest of the riding season. If you are a member of the MOA or RA you should be getting their club magazines. In each magazine is a list of upcoming rallies with all the details about attending. By the way, in the next MOA magazine you should find your Mileage Contest entry form. This is always a fun event. You say you are not a big rider, you don't put a lot of miles on your Beemer. No problem, fill out your form anyway, send it in, you mileage counts toward the "Average Rider" award. If you don't have a lot of miles, when you turn in your form you help bring down the average miles ridden by the average rider. Then you feel better, you know "average!" After all, not many of us are going to get very close to the most miles ridden awards. Ask Dick Hautau how difficult it is. You can ride your buns off, ride your wife's buns off, purchase three sets of tires and still not come close to these guys and gals that turn in 45,000 to 60,000 miles a season. Yikes, that's like riding 243 - 324 miles every day for 185 days straight. No thanks, I'll settle for being an average mileage rider

I'll be home in a couple of weeks to get out on my bike and ride some. But in the meantime you folks at home should be getting ready to ride if you are not already. Be sure to check with Don about maintenance or Eric about parts at the dealership. If you are really getting into the spirit, see Tony about a new Beemer, or check out his stock of gently used, somewhat experienced motorcycles. You just might find one that suits you to a Tee. I'd like to stay and chat, but someone just fetched me another "tea" and is rubbing lotion on my back. Gee I like Hawaii. See you at the May meeting?

Aloha

Rhys B. Blair
The Prez

Editor's Corner



Hello Spring – at least that is what is says on the calendar. Well, I'm back from Florida and ready to get out and ride on these pot-holed roads here. I did get to ride almost every day during February and March for the first time ever so this winter has not been bad for me.

First up is the Open House at the Beemership on April 12. Please come and support our home and spend some of your tax return money!

Also. 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.

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
April 12th	Pompeii – 1120 Military St. Port Huron, MI	Layne Stewart

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

Watch for emails giving the location each week . . .

April 2nd	Red, Hot & Blue	33800 Van Dyke Rd. Sterling Heights, MI 586.979.6400
April 9th	Copper Penny	24975 Harper Ave. St. Clair Shores, MI 586.777.1112
April 16th	CK Diggers Bar & Grill	2010 W. Auburn Rd. Rochester Hills, MI 586.853.6600
April 23rd	Ponchos & Ciscos	36942 Jefferson Ave. Harrison Twp, MI 586.465.6161
April 30th	Apple Orchard Inn	62840 Van Dyke Rd. Romeo, MI 586.752-2188

Beemership Open House

As you may have heard, the Beemership is having an Open House on April 12th. Please make sure to attend and bring something for the refreshment table. Also, this is a great time to pick up that new accessory or piece of riding gear that you know you need. See you there!

2014 Spring Open House
Saturday, April 12th
10:00AM - 4:00PM

Join Us For
Food, Refreshments, Demo Rides, and Good Times!!!
(weather permitting)

20th Anniversary Shirts

This summer marks our 20th anniversary as a BMW Motorcycle Club, The Motor City Beemers. That's quite an accomplishment in anybody's book. Given that, we have an opportunity to purchase some custom clothing, mainly "T" shirts, but not limited to only "T" shirts to commemorate this occasion. The only catch is that the shirts must be pre-paid at time of ordering. And I suppose we have to settle on a design or signage on the shirts or clothing prior to ordering. I have included some of the information here. This will give you all an opportunity to discuss at the next meeting in April and definitely no later than the May meeting to make a decision to or not to order shirts. Check it out:

Dear Rhys,

I hope this email finds you well. Are you looking forward to spring?

I'm trying to reach you today about some new custom T-shirt designs for your motorcycle club. Excel Sportswear designs and prints custom T-shirts for motorcycle clubs all across the country.

We're are officially licensed by BMW Motorrad, so we're able to provide you with custom designs that still conform to BMW Motorrad's branding and identity standards.

You can see more of our custom designs on our website at www.bmwmotorradcustomtees.com. And if you'd like to have us create a brand-new design specifically for your club, we'd be delighted to work with you to create something exclusive. Do you have an anniversary coming up, a spring ride planned for your club, or another special event on your schedule? Our shirts are a great way for your club members to show their pride, even when they're not on their bikes.

We also offer low minimum orders, as well as assorted garment types—so if some of your members prefer hoodies to T-shirts, or want special moisture-wicking performance shirts to stay cool, we can make that happen.

That's the jest of the matter. Check out their website and come prepared to discuss for or against 20th anniversary club shirts.

Your Prez,

Treasurer's Report

by Jim Mick



Check book balance for the end of Mar:	\$2381.89
Check book balance for the end of Feb:	\$2259.89
Balance 3 months ago:	\$2034.85
Balance 6 months ago:	\$1934.57
PayPal balance for the end of Mar:	\$508.86
PayPal balance for the end of Feb:	\$493.86

Jerry Pokorski won \$56.00 during the 50/50 drawing at our March Club meeting. George Yosin was reimbursed \$19 for the donuts he brought so the net amount added to the club funds from the 50/50 was \$37.00

Kelly Phillips (our newest Canadian member) renewed her membership using PayPal. She appears to have a PayPal account since the club was not charged any fee. This added \$15 to our PayPal account.

Charles Grabner, Carol Weir, Hal Hess and Prabhakar Palaniappan renewed their memberships for 2014 at the club meeting which added \$60.00. Charles & Diane Heide renewed their membership by mail which added \$25.00. Active membership stands at 76 for 2014.

2014 European Riders Rally

by John Saarinen

Hi Gang,

I want to remind everyone that I will be cancelling the hold on the extra rooms for the European Rider Rally as of our April meeting. If you want to attend the rally and would like a room on the ground floor of the motel just down the street from the rally you will need to commit at our meeting. We have only 3 rooms left and the cost per person is a little over \$40 with double occupancy. We can make them single occupancy (at a higher price) if you would like.

This is a great rally opportunity. The town and area welcome the riders that attend. They are happy to have us there. The roads are well maintained with very few straight sections. They have many planned routes of the area or just take off cross country. Great riding and friendly people. Some of the group are riding down on Thursday, another group is leaving on Friday. It is a one day trip down, approximately 550 miles.

This is just a reminder that if you sign up for the European Riders Rally by April 27th you save \$10 of the registration fee.

Please also remember that I will hold the three rooms available until the day of our next meeting. If you have not reserved a room by the end of our meeting you will not get one of these rooms.

-----Forwarded Message-----

From: "bmwmcon.org"

Sent: Mar 31, 2014 2:03 PM

To: jsaarinen@peoplepc.com

Subject: European Riders Rally 2014

Hello fellow rally attendee,

You are receiving this email because you've attended a rally hosted by our club in the past. If you want to unsubscribe from this list, you may do so by clicking the link at the bottom of this email.

The European Riders Rally is less than two (2) months away! Now's the perfect time to be making your plans to join in the fun!

The event will be May 16th - 18th in Burkesville, KY as it has been for many years!

Don't delay! You have a little less than one month left to pre-register! The pre-registration deadline is on April 27th! Pre-registration saves you \$10 on the rally fee and you are guaranteed a rally t-shirt!

For all the details and to register please visit our website at www.bmwmcon.org and click on ER Rally from the menu.

If you have questions, please contact me at the email address below or simply hit reply to respond to this email. -- ridersrally@bmwmcon.org

I look forward to seeing everyone again this year!

- Polly Wright

European Rider's Rally Chair

BMW Motorcycle Club of Nashville

Something New at the Dealership (note the sold tags!)



the new for 2014
Hpete4 "Competition"

Distinctively clad in bright red "SOLD" tags; plus semi-active suspension, race ABS, carbon fiber bodywork, 4 operating modes for street and track, titanium components, launch control, power shifting and 195 hp., I could only resist for so long!!!

PayPal (REPEAT INFO)

by Jim Mick

You are seeing more and more information in our newsletter about having the option to **use PayPal** for MCBemers 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. 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 MCBemers 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.

Another New Ride

Look's like our Chicago area member got a late Christmas (or early Easter) present. Should be great for the Newfoundland Ride. Nice!!



March Links

by Steve Penzcak

Honeymooning by Motorcycle in 1934!

http://www.womenridersnow.com/pages/pioneers_honeymoon_by_motorcycle_in_1934.aspx?utm_source=March+11%2C+2014&utm_campaign=March+11%2C+2014+NL&utm_medium=email

A family motorcycling adventure

http://www.womenridersnow.com/pages/reader_story_riding_the_passes_of_the_sierra_nevada_mountains.aspx?utm_source=March+11%2C+2014&utm_campaign=March+11%2C+2014+NL&utm_medium=email

"I Wish I'd Done It Years Ago!"

http://www.womenridersnow.com/pages/reader_story_riding_the_passes_of_the_sierra_nevada_mountains.aspx?utm_source=March+11%2C+2014&utm_campaign=March+11%2C+2014+NL&utm_medium=email

<http://www.nbcnews.com/business/autos/road-hog-1-million-motorcycle-coming-soon-n41096>

Fond memories of St. Patrick's Day in Detroit.

http://www.youtube.com/embed/_AzRz7yS95o?rel=0

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.



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MOTOR CITY BEEEMERS
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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Macomb MI 48042

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Only

OR send funds via PayPal to: Jim@RidingIsWonderful.com
AND send completed form by e-mail to: Jim@RidingIsWonderful.com