



Motor City Beemers

Club Newsletter



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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 October 11th

Following Meeting: November 14th

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Prez Sez



Autumn, fall, October whatever you like to call it, for some of us this is the best month/part of the year for riding, for that matter living in Michigan. For those of us that don't or can't get away to another part of the country where the temps stay above freezing the sky doesn't cloud up and fill the air with white flakes known as snow, this is about the last real month for getting out and riding. The air is crisp from dawn to dusk, the sky can be filled with dark clouds and the wind blows cold, or the sun can shine like a summer day and a breeze can hardly be found. October is the month for hot cider and warm fresh baked doughnuts

from the our local apple orchards. It is also that time when the leaves turn from green to gorgeous reds, yellows and orange only to fall to the ground and turn brown and dead as that last skunk you just dodged on that two-lane road you are out enjoying. The days are shorter, brisker so you have to dress a little warmer, maybe turn on that heated seat and those heated grips. Regardless, you are out on the bike Saturday and Sunday trying to squeeze in as many miles as you can before you have to put the old steed to bed for a couple of weeks or months. It's all good, no matter how many or how

few the miles and hours you log before it's over for 2014.

We have one more major ride coming up the weekend of October 18 - 19 to Legs Inn on M-119 or the Tunnel of Trees as some of us call it. It's our annual Color Tour of some 17-18 years. At this writing I'm told all the spaces are taken, all the money is paid and we're just waiting for a beautiful fall weekend to get started. Ken and Ives always put together a great tour with roads all over the mid and northern part of Michigan. Some of these roads barely show up on most Michigan maps, but those two guys find them and then we ride them. Thanks boys! The ride is capped off with a fantastic Polish meal at Legs Inn, the last weekend the restaurant is open for the season. We stuff ourselves, maybe imbibe a bit and then stroll back down the hill to our cabins for a little more talk and then the Sandman takes over until the morning sun comes up over the big hill we are sleeping under. We get dressed, packed and mount up for the ride home. A couple hours down the road some of us stop for breakfast at a local diner, review the route we rode the day before and then say our good byes and head for our respective homes. For most of us we have logged between 500-600 miles in two days. Hopefully they have been sunny and dry...

Our next meeting is Saturday, 10/11 at our favorite Beemership at 10:30. Come on out and have a doughnut, piece of pie and a cup of coffee. Buy a 50/50 ticket, listen to the president ramble on and then head out with the group for lunch. This week we are headed to Lake Orion to the Forest Mexican Cantina Restaurant. Ride along and have some chips and salsa and wash it down with your favorite libation.

Last Saturday was our favorite dealership's open house. Some of us got there early and brought some goodies including desserts and coffee. Hope you had a chance to stop by and take advantage of all the discounts on merchandize and maybe even had a chili dog or that white bean chicken chili, yum. And did you see the size of those hot dogs...wow!

That's all I have for this month. It's time to get ready for a ride and make sure all my heated gear works as designed. See you on the road somewhere, shiny side up, rubber side down.

Rhys B.
The Prez

Editor's Corner



Welcome to the October newsletter. First, I would like to apologize for the lateness and limited content to this month's newsletter. Bobi and I have sold our house and we are in the process of packing up and moving 20 years of stuff. The old saw about things expanding to fill up the available area is all too true. So we have been selling, giving away, donating and throwing away a ton of things over the last month. And I am down to only four motorcycles. I have not owned that few since the Seventies!!!

As the warm weather riding season comes to a close, we now enter the time when warm jackets and heated gear is the norm. Great riding time with the Fall colors to add a bit of spice to the scenery.

The Frankenmuth Dinner was a great event. Good food, great friends, and beautiful weather. Parking near the entrance was a big improvement this year (Thanks Betty!). I had a great time as usual.

I mentioned last month that I was looking for someone to take over the Newsletter position. I believe that we have a volunteer so I think this will be my last one. Please thank the new person as soon as we make the announcement.

Well, the cold weather has arrived and our bags are packed. Our current house has been sold and our new MI house is being readied. So, off we go to the sunny south for the winter. Stop by and see us if you are in the area!

Get out there and Ride!

CLUB LUNCH RIDES

Date	Lunch Ride Destination	Ride Planner
October 11th	Forest Mexican Cantina – Lake Orion	Rhys Blair

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

Watch for emails giving the location each week . . .

October 1 st .	Mario's Lugis Downtown	44905 Morleys Drive Charter Township of Clinton, MI 586.468.7200
October 8 th	Thai Orchid	60 Cherry St. Mt. Clemens, MI 586.783.1727
October 15 th	CK Diggers Bar & Grill	2010 Auburn Rd. Rochester Hills, MI 248.8536600
October 22 nd	Twisted Rooster	45225 Marketplace Blvd. Chesterfield, MI 586.949.1470
October 29 th	Dugans Irish Pub	315 Woodward Ave. Royal Oak, MI 238.549.3659

Treasurer's Report

by Jim Mick



Check book balance for the end of Sep:	\$1817.00
Check book balance for the end of Aug:	\$2475.00
Balance 3 months ago:	\$2386.00
Balance 6 months ago:	\$2381.89
PayPal balance for the end of Sep:	\$507.83
PayPal balance for the end of Aug:	\$532.83

Gary V. won \$44.00 during the 50/50 drawing at our September Club meeting. That left \$44.00 for the club, but George Yosin was reimbursed \$17.00 for the cookies and Apple Pie so the net amount of \$27.00 was added to the checkbook.

Ken M. used PayPal to pay for his lodging for the color ride in October. I passed that money to Ives at the Club meeting.

Don P. use PayPal to reserve 2 places at the table for the chicken dinner in Frankenmuth. That added \$10 to the PayPal.

Another 21 people paid for Frankenmuth reservations during the club meeting which added \$105 to the CkBk. Two more paid cash for Frankenmuth before the extended deadline on Monday which added another \$10 to the CkBk.

One used PayPal to pay for Frankenmuth and the Color Ride just before the extended deadline, but \$35 was removed to pay Ives for the Color Ride which left \$5 to PayPal. Total count for Frankenmuth was 32 by the deadline.

Three non-member guests showed up at Frankenmuth for dinner on 9/20/14 and paid for their meals. Sharon S. brought a Rewards Card for meals along with \$60 in coupons that went toward the total cost of the meals & drinks. **Maybe John & Sharon will write an article about the card and how each of you can use it to benefit the club.** A total of 33 meals were purchased and 19 drinks. With coupons, tips, etc. the bill was \$900.00. A check for \$865 was reimbursed to me since I paid w/my credit card.

Robert Green purchased a BMW from the Dealership in June and is welcomed as our newest member but that didn't last long. He rides a new 1600 and brought our active membership to 81.

Just before the end of the month, we had Bill Harlan from Rochester Hills send his application for membership and a check to bring our active membership to 82, but that didn't last long either. Bill's check for \$15 was added to the checkbook balance.

On Sunday September 28th I received an application from Doron & Julia Helfman from West Bloomfield. They purchased a new 1200 from Tony and brought our active membership to 84.

New Member

The following is an introduction from our new member, Bill Harlan:

Greetings.

First, kudos: communications within MC Beemers is quite superior to that I've found in BMWTCO, Seems largely due to efforts of yourself as Newsletter Editor, & Webmaster Ives.

So, in brief: I circumnavigated the U.S. a couple times back around 1979-88 on Honda 350 & Yamaha 400, then marriage/career intervened & no motorcycle next 25 years, until June 2014 ('09 1200RT). Main interest touring; rallies in PA and KY this summer; definitely Billings 2015. Happily navigate by means of paper maps. Retired teacher 2011. Multiple visits each week to Orion Oaks Dog Park with St. Bernard, Molly. Looking forward to Color Tour Oct. 18-19.

Brief enough?

Fall Color Tour - Leggs Inn Ride (repeat info)

Date: October 18th-19th

Location: We will meet at Junction of Hope, 4136 Peet Rd (M-13), Chesaning, MI 48616
[\(989\) 845-2139](tel:9898452139) This is actually about 5 miles or so West of Montrose City on M-57, West of M-13

Time: Arrive 10:00AM - leaving at 11:00 AM SHARP

This will be our brunch stop and the only food stop until dinner at Leggs' Inn at Cross Village. We do of course make fuel stops.

I have reserved cabins 1,2 & 3. The cost has increased this year to \$30.00 each and your spot is ONLY reserved when you have paid in advance of the trip. I will release the cabins not spoken for on October 1st.

As always, there are 2 bedrooms and 2 day beds for each cabin. Bedrooms are a first come, first served basis, with the only exceptions being couples (still \$30.00 for a bedroom).

If the cabin does not have 4 occupants, then the cost might be increased to help balance the cost. For those that get a day bed, it is recommend to bring a sleeping bag. Blankets are provided, but can be in short supply if it is really cold.

For those new members, this is a weekend ride. We ride a winding route up thru lower Michigan from our brunch spot and try to arrive at Leggs Inn by around 6PM. We get settle in cabins and then walk up the hill to Leggs in for a traditional Polish dinner.

The ride up is planned and we ride as a group. You can either decide to ride home alone and get up whenever you want, or there are usually many small groups you can tag along with.

We ride, RAIN or SHINE.... I will post the latest GPS site to this eGroup closer to the date.

Payment can be sent directly to me at:

Ives Potrafka
645 McMunn Street
South Lyon, MI 48178

I will also be at the September monthly meeting and I accept CASH :)

Ride Safe Everyone...

PayPal

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 so 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 use the option of sending money to family and friends). 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 MCBemembers 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
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.
10. If you discover something is different than noted, please educate me.

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 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: _____

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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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Macomb MI 48042

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