



# 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 Lunch Ride

*We welcome owners and fans of all bikes*

**Our next meeting is November 12, 2016**

**Following Meeting: December 10, 2016**

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Greetings Beemers! November? Already? Well the boat just came out of the water yesterday and tomorrow is Halloween, only two months left in 2016. The next meeting is the 12th of November.

The November meeting is nominations time. Think about who you want to guide the club for the next year. I really would like to see at least 2 nominations for each office. We will be voting for our officers during the December meeting.

It looks like the color tour was a great weekend. The colors were beautiful. I know at least 5 of the six

clubs were represented and one from Toledo.

We need to set the location for the Mid winter banquet soon, to help with this, how many of you will attend.

See you at the meeting!

Pat  
Patrick Kelley

**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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I got a November ride in today. Usually at this time of year, my ride into work is before the sun is very bright, and my ride home is usually in the dark, but today, I got a chance to go to our other office today during daylight, and actually see a bit of the world while the sun is up...and yes, a late fall motorcycle ride is a really fun thing to do. An open vehicle IS the proper way to see colors.

November is a time to start thinking about winterizing our rides, find what you did with the float chargers, and maybe dig out the heated gear, for those of crazy enough to keep riding, and maybe think about those winter time upgrades.

Quick summary of the lessons I've learned on winterizing my bikes:

- ◆ Float charger: keeps the battery fully charged in spite of the bike's electronics trying to slowly drain it. Fully charged bikes start in the spring, the batteries don't freeze, and survive to ride another year. People seem to like the Battery Tender brand, but I've done great with the \$5 Harbor Freight float charger (and a \$15 plug so I can attach it directly to the Powerlet plug on the Beemers). One per bike is highly recommended, you won't actually remember to move it between bikes.

- ◆ Don't start the bike for sake of starting it. Don from Detroit BMW tells me that's more likely to foul the plugs than it is to actually do any good for the bike (though thinking about it, it might have been k-bike specific advice...R bike owners, ask Don yourself!). If you get a chance to ride, great, but don't just fire it up for a couple minutes and think you are doing any good.

- ◆ Full tank of gas. Now, people might want to say that's for preventing condensation and rust, but most of our bikes have aluminum or plastic tanks. I just like to be ready to roll if there's a break in the weather!

Other than that, put it away, keep it accessible in case you get the urge and opportunity to ride, and look forward to the spring. I was pleased that even my old, carb'd Harley, had no trouble firing up this spring (I was putting money on it needing a new battery), the fuel-injected BMWs started in the spring like they did the fall before. I sometimes think the more work you do to winterize an engine, the more trouble you may have in the spring.

Lessee...Random thoughts: Winter banquet pictures – start collecting your 2016 pictures for me. I'm happy to report that 2016 is almost over...and I didn't buy another motorcycle this year. Not that it's getting colder or anything, but when I removed the cover from the bike last Friday, it was actually covered in a thin layer of ice (NOT frost!). But I predict several more riding days yet this year...and I intend to USE 'EM!

Gibraltar Trade Center is having a motorcycle swap and expo this coming Saturday and Sunday. Usually not a lot of BMW specific stuff, but sometimes odds and ends you just don't see anywhere else.

Club elections – run, people, run! No, run FOR office, not away from it! If you like the way the club is being run, help out. If you don't like how the club is being run, show us how it should be done! Want to give a hard (HA!) working newsletter editor a break? GREAT! There's probably no current officer who would take a “challenger” as a personal attack...in fact, the only problem might be to get the current officers to make a real effort to keep their jobs if anyone even expresses an interest.

Nick.

## **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!

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Alternate local lunch</b>
November 12	Club Meeting – Lunch at Zukey Lake Tavern, Pinkney	Malone's
December 10	Club Meeting – Lunch at Azteca	
January 14	Club Meeting – Lunch at Great Baraboo	

## **Wednesday Dinner Gatherings**

The Wednesday dinners are a long-time, though less formal, tradition with the MCBeemers... 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!

November 2	<b>P. F. Chang's</b>	17390 Hall Rd Clinton Township, MI 48038 586.263.0860
November 9	<b>Bath City Bistro</b>	75 Macomb Place Mt. Clemens, MI 48043 586.469.0918
November 16	<b>Moose Preserve</b>	43034 Woodward Ave Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302 248.858.7688
November 23	<b>(No dinner – Happy Thanksgiving!)</b>	
November 30	<b>Mr B's Food &amp; Spirits</b>	423 S. Main St Rochester, Mi 48307 248.651.6534
December 7	<b>La Saj</b>	13776 Southcove Dr. Sterling Heights, MI 48313 586.566.6600

## Treasurer's Report

Jim Mick



Check book balance for the end of Sep:	\$2144.77
Check book balance for the end of Oct:	\$2147.77
Balance end of Apr:	\$2228.11
Balance end of Jul:	\$2177.63
PayPal balance for the end of Sep:	\$554.52
PayPal balance for the end of Oct:	\$554.52

Deposited \$3.00 into the check book:

- \$20.00 was reimbursed to Rhys B for the two dozen donuts.
- \$13.00 was received from 50/50. George Y won \$12.00
- The additional \$10 received last month, but not yet deposited, was added to the \$13 from the 50/50 to cover our donuts. Net deposit this month \$3.00.

### **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS for 2017**

Membership stands at 4 for 2017 and the password for access to "Members" at the Yahoo Group will be changed in Mar 2017. If you do not renew your membership by February 11, you will not receive the new password for accessing the 'Members Only' information on the Yahoo Group.

All renewal dues for 2017 should be paid by the end of January 2017, but we have no penalty for late renewals. We just want you back. The BEST (and cheapest) way to pay any dues, reservations, etc. to the club is to use your Bank/CU "Bill Pay" service – at no cost to you.

### **Bavarian Inn Perks Card**

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



## 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](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 . . .*

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**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](http://www.bizblvd.net/mcbeemers)  
Club eGroup Email – [mcbeemers@yahoo.com](mailto: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       #: \_\_\_\_\_

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](mailto:Jim@RidingIsWonderful.com)  
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