



Motor City Beemers

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 February 11, 2017

Following Meeting: March 11, 2017

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Greetings Beemers! The meeting this month is our planning meeting. I have decided to keep the meeting at the Dealership. We have a few categories to plan. The lunch rides, club events and club rides, any rallies the membership wants to attend, some new dinner locations, and possibly some of the old farts rides.

Also coming up the Saturday after the meeting, 18 Feb, is the Mid-winter banquet at Louis' Chop House on Gratiot South of 23 mile rd. Please get your payment of \$15 for members and \$35 for guests to Jim Mick. As part of the Banquet, Nick has established a slide show of the members for the last

year. Please get your pictures from your riding or other events to Nick Holland.

Would anyone be interested in a photo tag riding game, or maybe some geo-caching? Who has been riding a couple times each month so far since October?

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the dealership on the 11th.

Pat.
 Patrick Kelley
 President, MC Beemers
 R1200GS

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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So, who else broke out their bikes a couple weeks ago when we had a slight break in the weather? I got my LT out. In fact, I even managed to take it somewhere... Got all the way there before I realized I had forgot to wipe off the mink oil I had slobbered all over the seat in the fall. Well, turned out it had soaked in just fine (to the seat, not me), so no harm.

Jim forwarded the newsletter of another club to me recently...and showed some of the differences in motorcycle clubs. "Must own a BMW"? "Must attend X meetings and Y rides"? And a surprising list of other rules and regs that I don't think we'd ever imagine trying

to force upon our group. Heck, we got a treasurer who doesn't own a BMW, we got a co-VP that's a back-seater.

I was talking to another biker in St. Ignace a while back, who told me how his group was very diverse in terms of brands, but the entered and exited their stops in formation, parked in neat, tight rows, and in order. I snickered to myself at the idea of trying to impose that kind of rigor on our group...not gonna happen!

I find it interesting to see the different kinds of riders we have in our group. We got the Go-Fasts, we got the Go-Fars (tourers), we got the Go-Hards (Ironbutts), we got a few Back-seaters. We got people who will rack up a thousand miles in a weekend, but drive a cage to and from work, we got others who ride wherever and whenever they can. Some are content with one bike, others can't imagine life with only one bike. Some who will travel with a tent, and those of us that consider "roughing it" is when the motel room doesn't have a hair dryer. We got people who love riding in big groups...others who consider one bike fine, two fun, and three a crowd. People who wouldn't consider buying a used bike...and those that won't consider buying a new one. People for whom motorcycles are their life...and others for whom motorcycles are just part of their life.

Diversity brings its challenges, but it brings a variety of perspectives which keep life fun, and I don't think the MCBeemers would be anywhere near as much fun without the diversity we have.

Mid Winter Banquet is coming up in February! For those that missed it last year, you missed some really good food at Louis' Chop House. They really did a great job hosting us, too, like they wanted us to come back. As long-timer MCBeemers know, part of the banquet is the slide show...and I'm in the process of collecting pictures for this year's. I'll try to at least stop by all the upcoming Wednesday dinners and the February club meeting with my laptop to get a copy of your pictures for this year. Bring a CD/DVD, Flash drive, or SD card, and I'll get a copy and return it to you right then. If you have just a few, e-mail them to me at nick@holland-consulting.net (though be aware that most e-mail providers will limit how many full-size pictures you can send in one e-mail).

Nick.

2002 K1200LT, 1985 K100RT, 2002 Buell Blast, 1990 HD FLTC

(guess you can see where I am on the "one bike's enough" view)

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
February 11	Club PLANNING meeting!	

Wednesday Dinner Gatherings

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

February 1	Twisted Rooster	45225 Marketplace Blvd. Chesterfield, MI 48051 586.949.1470
February 8	Original Pancake House	20273 Mack Ave. Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236 313.884.4144
February 15	La Saj	13776 Southcove Dr. Sterling Heights, MI 48313 586.566.6600
February 22	Jimmy Dee's	43820 Groesbeck hwy Clinton Twnshp, Mi 586.463.7500
March 1	CK Diggs	2010 W Auburn rd Rochester Hills, MI 48309 248.853-6600

Treasurer's Report

Jim Mick



Check book balance for the end of Jan:	\$3017.77
Check book balance for the end of Dec:	\$2681.77
Balance end of Jul:	\$2177.63
Balance end of Oct:	\$2144.77
PayPal balance for the end of Jan:	\$573.78
PayPal balance for the end of Dec:	\$518.78

I deposited \$336.00 into the check book and \$55.00 was added to PayPal:

- \$30.00 was received from Don & Gail M by BILL PAY for MWB.
- \$15.00 was received from Don W by BILL PAY for 2017 membership.
- \$30.00 was received from Keith & Bobi H by BILL PAY for 2017 membership.

- \$25.00 was received from Doron & Julia H by Pay Pal for 2017 membership.
- At the club meeting \$71.00 was received from the 50/50 when Pat K surrendered his winnings back to the club. A big 'THANKS' from the club.
- Also at the club meeting \$220.00 was received from George & Lori D for 2017 membership and MWB, from David F for MWB, from Nick H & Paula E for MWB, from Norm O for MWB, from Jerry & Margaret P for MWB, from Ives & Renee P for MWB, from Tim S for 2017 membership and MWB, and from Prabhakar P for 2017 membership.
- At lunch following the club meeting, Betty W was reimbursed \$100.00 for our Picnic reservation at Fort Gratiot.
- \$15.00 was received for Walter D for 2017 membership.
- \$30.00 was received from Jay M by PayPal for 2017 membership and MWB.
- \$55.00 was received from Don & Carolynne P by BILL PAY for 2017 membership MWB.

MORE THAN ½ OF THOSE WHO HAVE RENEWED THEIR MEMBERSHIP HAVE ALSO PAID FOR THE MWB. (47 members and 24 MWB)

NEW INFORMATION about verification of your payments.

When you give me cash at a club meeting or Wednesday dinner, please watch me make a note on the master membership list. I keep all those master lists indefinitely, but I reprint a new one every few months.

When you pay using PayPal (please indicate sending money to 'family/friend' so the club has no fee to pay), I will almost immediately receive a notice from PayPal and will send you an E-mail to confirm (usually same day).

When you write me a check, you'll have verification when it gets deposited.

When your bank/CU sends me a check (through their "Bill Pay"), you will receive an E-mail from me when it arrives in my mail.

For all payments I receive between the 27th of each month, you can also verify your payments in the next Treasurer's Report which I send to Nick on the 27th.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS for 2017

Membership stands at 47 for 2017 and the password for access to “Members” at the Yahoo Group will be changed after the February Club Meeting. 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.

ON LINE BANKING (You’ll never regret the 10-15 min it takes!!)

SAVE YOURSELF (and the club) some money and frustration – send payments to the club for Membership renewal, Picnic reservation, Frankenmuth, Mid Winter Banquet reservations by using ON LINE BANKING. Almost all Banks and Credit Unions provide this FREE service. You don’t even have to sign up online and they don’t charge you for the postage. You can ask your local branch to set it up for you. Just tell your bank or credit union when and how much to pay whom (including address)... write it in your checkbook - without writing a check, or paying your mail carrier... It’s very easy to do on line - if you use a computer for anything. I know of no one who has converted to online banking and then gone back to the old (check writing) way. Have your bank or Credit Union send all MCBeemers payments to Jim Mick, 56750 Fairchild Rd, Macomb, MI 48042 any you’ll see verification of your payment in the Treasurer’s report in the next Newsletter.

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: _____

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