



# 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 May 13, 2017**

**Following Meeting: June 10, 2017**

**Web site: [MCBeemers.org](http://MCBeemers.org)**

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Greetings Beemers! Riding is getting into full swing, lots of bikes on the road, both powered and human powered. It is time to ensure you implement the 12/5 rule as you ride. That means you should know everything that is going on around you up to where you will be in 12 seconds and where you were 5 seconds ago. It sounds easy, but it is actually quite difficult to maintain the whole time you are riding. But if you can, you will find that nothing will surprise you, as you will have seen the events unfolding and that allows you to react appropriately. Have ever been surprised by a car that passes you and you wondered where it came from? With the 5 seconds behind, you would have seen the car coming. In most accidents someone will usually say something like, "they came

out of nowhere!" Well, the laws of physics don't allow for that, they came from somewhere it, just wasn't where they were looking. The long and short of it, pay attention and anticipate actions. Look for that car that is looking to pull out into the roadway, don't think that they see you, even if they are looking right at you. Look at the front wheels to see where they are turned and if they are rolling. If the driver's head is looking back and forth rapidly, they are probably going to pull out. Have you ever bought a new car and all of a sudden you see a whole bunch of the same car on the road that you did not notice before? The same goes with motorcycles, those interested in motorcycles see motorcycles, those not interested in motorcycles DO NOT see you!

The next meeting is at 10:30 am, Saturday, 13 May at the BMW Motorcycles of Detroit Dealership on Vandyke between 14 and 15 mile roads. This day is also the Dealership open house. We have a lunch ride to the Metzger German restaurant out on Zeeb Rd by Ann Arbor, I would rather that we spend the day at the dealership to show our support and have a manned table with some of our information about our club and our events.

The website, [www.mcbeemers.org](http://www.mcbeemers.org) is up and running, it is phone friendly. Much of the content transferred over from the old website. A huge thanks goes out to Ives Potrafka for being web administrator for many years and to Nick Holland for setting up the new website. Check it out, if you click on club activities it provides a list of all the things we are doing this year (so far). Events are color coded Rally's are in white, club dinners are in Salmon [ed note: so that's what that color is, huh?], club events are in green, other club events are in purple.

We also have the Facebook page that will have events tagged in there. A couple note-worthy events for our club coming up is the "5 B" ride to Traverse City to watch the Beach Bums play a home game. This ride is Betty's Beach Bum Baseball Bash, the 20th of May. Some of us are staying in Kingsley for the night. We will hopefully have a suite to watch the game, but tickets don't go on sale until the 6th of May.

Another event two weeks later, the 10th of June, is our Club Picnic to Fort Gratiot County Park, north of Port Huron at Metcalf Rd and M25. This is one of the perks of being a club member. The cost of the picnic for club members is only 5 dollars. This is a Steak, Chicken, or Pork Chop entre' then it is supplemented by pot luck side dishes. The club furnishes the meat and drinks. So, where can you go and get a Steak dinner with lots of fixins for just 5 bucks? We generally get to the park sometime around 11 with dinner at 1:00 pm. We are in the pavilion on the right as you come down the road toward the beach. We always have a good turnout and a lot of fun at this event.

The 10th of June would normally be the club meeting at the dealership, but this time the meeting at the dealership is canceled in lieu of the picnic.

The next event two weeks later, 24th of June, is the Beemer Blast. This ride is the Sunrise over Lake Huron and Sunset over Lake Michigan. We will start the day by watching the sunrise over Lake Huron in Harrisville, Mi. up the coast from Oscoda. We will start at either the boat launch area at the Harrisville harbor, or on the beach at the Harrisville State Park. Not quite sure yet, still getting it hammered out. The same goes for the watching of the sunset over Lake Michigan in Manistee, MI. either at the boat launch area or the Orchard Beach State Park. What I need to know is how many people are interested and especially if you are interested in camping. A few of us have been looking for motels as well. Probably need a motel for Friday night in Harrisville and then one Saturday night in Manistee if you are not camping. Both state parks still have several campsites but they will start filling up soon.

That is about it for this newsletter, see you at the dealership. Stay aware and safe out there!!

Patrick Kelley  
President, MC Beemers

## **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,  
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I've got three really big bikes – the '85 K100RT being the smallest of the three – the Harley FLTC and the K1200LT being the other two. Guess I've always liked big vehicles (for cars, I've owned a '65 Plymouth Fury, a '69 Chrysler 300 convertible, a '76 Cordoba, a '56 Imperial, a couple big vans, etc.), but I'll say, small vehicles have their charms, too. I dug my Buell Blast out of the garage last week, de-gunked the carb and took it for a ride. It is on few people's lists of great motorcycles, but it does fit its name – it is a blast to ride. And I can extract and clean the carb in about one hour (and need to...since it tends to collect water, due to a bad design on the tank). But if you have been driving a motorcycle with a fairing or even just a windshield, getting out in the open air is a lot of

fun...and something that I really enjoy. Of course, after enough wind and pebbles and bugs, you want a windshield, then a full fairing..and one forgets about the fun side of an open bike. If I had a point to that, I have no idea what it was!

I've been poking away at the club website – <https://mcbeemers.com>. One of my favorite “finds” was the old newsletters, they are some fun reading, and fun to see people's names I recognize, and those I don't. Right now, they are listed back to 2004, but I'm hoping to go through them all and add a “highlights” description, so if you (or I) am looking for a favorite article, it will be easier to find.

One **new feature** of the website is the “For Sale” section. I think this will work out better than selling things through the newsletter, as I can easily put a lot of pictures on a web page that I'd have to reduce to nothingness in the newsletter, and you don't have to try to get to me for the next newsletter at the right time before I put it together. It was suggested that perhaps more people read the newsletter than the website..well, I hope to make the website useful enough to touch base with periodically, and I can call things out here. For example, do stop by the “For Sale” page to see Ken M.'s selling his 2005 K1200LT for \$6000. And maybe soon I'll post my collection of brand new Powerlet products at prices far lower than you will ever find elsewhere.

On the calendar in August is a ride to St. Ignace that Paula and I are organizing. Exact details are still up in the air a bit – but it will probably be something like leaving late morning/early afternoon Friday (or maybe Thursday evening and stop at West Branch?), stop a few times on the way, and cross the Mackinac Bridge Friday evening. On our planned weekend, there's a “Motorcycles on the Mac” ride on Saturday morning, crossing back from St. Ignace to Mackinaw City and then back to St. Ignace. Us? We'll probably still be asleep, as that starts at 7:00am. Depending on weather, we'll probably hit the Soo Locks in Sault Ste. Marie and/or Tahquamenon Falls Saturday, and perhaps a sunset on Lake Michigan, then head back on Sunday, stopping in Frankenmuth, where Paula will lighten my wallet at the Little White House on Main Street. If you are interested in going, early reservations are probably going to be important, as U.P. tourist destinations have been crazy busy the last few years. Yes, this does involve crossing a really big bridge on two wheels! The ride between St. Ignace and Tahquamenon Falls is a lot of fun. I suspect the plans will be relatively “lose” – if a rainy weekend is forecast, we may “cage” it instead.

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!

The most up-to-date events list should be here: <https://mcbeemers.org/activities/index.html> Bookmark this

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
5/13/2017	MCBeemers Meeting. Lunch at Metzger German restaurant 305 N Zeeb Rd. Ann Arbor, MI
5/20/2017	Betty's Beach Bum Baseball Bash in Traverse City, MI
6/10/2017	MCBeemers sorta-meeting/Picnic at Fort Gratiot County Park North of Port Huron. Meet at 11:00am. Bring a dish to pass. Steaks, chicken, or porkchop provided by the club.
6/24/2017	Beemer Blast -- Sunrise over Lake Huron, Sunset over Lake Michigan
7/8/2017	MCBeemers Meeting. Lunch TBD
8/11-13/2017	Daniel Boone Rally in Boone, NC
8/12/2017	MCB Meeting, lunch ride to Zukey Lake Tavern, Pinkney, MI
8/18-20/2017	St. Ignace run
8/26/2017	3rd Annual Observation Run
9/9/2017	Meeting, Lunch ride to Dorsey House (M136)
9/16/2017	MCBeemers Frankenmuth Chicken Dinner ride, overnight at Port Austin
10/14/2017	MCBeemers meeting, lunch ride to Anita's in Marine City
11/11/2017	MCBeemers Meeting, lunch at Great Baraboo
12/9/2017	MCBeemers Meeting. Lunch at Ham's

## Wednesday Dinner Gatherings

The Wednesday dinners are a long-time, though less formal, tradition with the MCBeemers... we get together and eat, and talk about riding and eating! 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!

May 3	<b>Penny Black Grill &amp; Tap</b>	124 W 4th St Rochester, Mi 48307 248.841.1522
May 10	<b>Brown Iron Brewhouse</b>	57695 Vandyke Washington, MI 48094 586.687.3300
May 17	<b>Camp Ticonderoga</b>	5725 Rochester Rd Troy, Mi 248.828.2825
May 24	<b>Duggan's Irish Pub</b>	31501 Woodward Ave Royal Oak, MI 48073 238.549.3659
May 31	<b>Jimmy Dee's</b>	43820 Groesbeck hwy Clinton Twnshp, Mi 586.463.7500
June 7	<b>The Raft</b>	7707 Dyke Rd. Fair Haven, MI 48023 586.725.9100

# Treasurer's Report

Jim Mick



Check book balance for the end of Mar:	\$2368.07
Check book balance for the end of Apr:	\$2412.07
Balance end of Oct:	\$2144.77
Balance end of Jan:	\$3032.77
PayPal balance for the end of Mar:	\$618.78
PayPal balance for the end of Apr:	\$633.78

- The deposit of \$44.00 on 4/27/17 and \$15.00 into PayPal was:
- \$15.00 received 4/3 from NEW MEMBER Josh G. by PayPal
  - \$15.00 received 4/8 from Michel P to renew membership
  - \$29.00 received when Prabhakar P won the 50/50 drawing

## Repeat 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 that you paid and what for. 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. 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 and a little later when it gets deposited.

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.

## 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 . . .*

*. . . 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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