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All meetings are held the **SECOND** Saturday of the month at 10:30AM at ... um...read inside.

Immediately following the meeting is a Lunch Ride

We welcome owners and fans of all bikes

Our next meeting is: September 9, 2017

Following Meeting: October 14, 2017

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Greetings Beemers! It's September, and you know what that means, it's Frankenmuth time! For those new to the club, every year on the 3rd Saturday of September, we ride up to Frankenmuth to the Bavarian Inn Restaurant for a Chicken dinner. This is one of the club sponsored rides so the dinner cost for a member of the club is just \$5. Please get your payment to Jim Mick. One of the easiest ways to pay next to cash when you see Jim is to use Bill Pay from your banking institution. Please see Jim's section of the Newsletter for the ways to pay. The dinner is scheduled for 1:30pm Saturday, 16 September. The Bavarian Inn Restaurant is across the street from Zehnder's and at the road that goes through the Covered Bridge. Betty Ward has secured some

parking spaces at the South end of the parking lot again this year. For those interested in riding up to Frankenmuth, some of us will be meeting at Ted's Coney Island in Richmond, Mi. located at the intersection where M-19 turns left off of North bound Gratiot. Plan on side stands up at 9:30 am. So if you want breakfast, get there early. The route will be back roads through the thumb up through Vassar and over to Frankenmuth. No one has notified me of any other starting location, so if you are planning on a different route and want some company, please email the group. This always one of our best and most fun events, and I am really looking forward to this ride.

I will not be here for the September meeting, we still do not have a location for the meeting as yet. The lunch/dinner ride for this month is the Zukey Lake Tavern as it was switched from last month. So, please look for email or Facebook post, or the webpage for a meeting location and starting point for the lunch ride. If anyone know of a restaurant with a side room that we could use or another meeting room that we could use please let me and the other officers know.

As to the dealership, I have not had a chance to go meet the new owner. He was out for the last few weeks and I have not been able to meet him this week. I do not have any new information to share at this time. I know that when they get up and running they are going to have a Grand Opening. The expectation at the beginning of August was that it would be some time toward the middle of September. That is what I know now, if you need service now, I suggest BMW Southeast until the new dealership service is stocked and ready.

I have not received word from anyone that they are going to do a color tour this October. Perhaps a few people will get together to make up their own color tour and invite others. That is how these annual events get started. Unfortunately in Michigan we are so colorful that it has become extremely popular and now most of the smaller hotels and motels are requiring two night stays. I am not a fan of that policy, but then I am not a business owner either. Again, this is why we have a group email and a Facebook page and a website to let others know what you are planning on your own. So please consider letting others in on your secret riding locations.

This morning, I thought it was end of October with the temperature only at 45 at my house. It quickly warmed up, but it also shows that the days are getting shorter and at a faster rate as we get into

September. Although we have had a rather mild summer, from now to the end of October is my favorite time of the year to ride. So hopefully there are still many more miles in store for the group before the dreaded white stuff starts to show up. Yes, Keith it something wondrous that happens to water when it gets chilly.

As you know, I have had to cancel the observation run this year as I am not in town. For those that are interested, the observation run is a favorite route between 100 and 125 miles with a map, turn by turn instructions, and a list of questions for the participants to observe along the way. It is like the old road rallies from college days. A list of questions that you have to answer then the conclusion is usually at a favorite restaurant. Sometimes there are prizes other time not. For me I like to create questions that are of objects or signs that as a rider you should be observing every time you ride, such as manhole covers, items that cross the road, unusual items that might cause a distraction or are just interesting. These types of rides take a lot of preparation because even though it is generally one of your favorite routes, you have to drive the route 3 to 5 times looking for questions and making sure your turn by turn directions are correct, then you have ride the route another 2 to 3 times to verify that you can observe everything and have the places to stop on a bike to write down the answers and read the next few questions. Quite involved but they are fun to create and to participate.

That is about it for now, hopefully we will know A LOT more about the new dealership soon

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.





I'm pretty mechanically inclined, but in my older age, I've got more money than time, and I'd rather ride than wrench, so I tend to just hand the keys over to someone and say, "do whatever needs to be done". Well, we all know how that's going now for us east-side BMW motorcyclists. So the good news is, I'm getting my wrenches out more often, and whaddya know, I'm still pretty good at it. Pulled the wheels off Wolfie, my LT (one at a time!) and took 'em in to my local Harley shop to get new tires put on them, as he was willing to do the tires if I brought him the wheels. In my not greatest bit of planning ever, I the weekend before I replaced the tires, I added the trailer hitch to Wolfie. And removed it again to remove the rear tire. About ten minutes to remove,

fifteen minutes to replace, because by that point, I was more tired...and for that matter, so was Wolfie! (New tires, tired, get it? Yeah, lame, I know). I've also upgraded the brake lights on Wolfie to be LEDs rather than incandescent. Hopefully, I'll have newsletter article on that soon.

For those not wanting to do their own wrench work, there is of course, South East Michigan BMW way over on the west side. I have also got word from Jessica B., who was a fantastic resource at our old BMW dealership, that her new employer, Detroit Triumph (21 Mile & Van Dyke, in Shelby) is willing to do basic maintenance work on our BMWs, but call first.

We just got a tiny bit of, well, if not news, at least, "we're here!" from the new owners of "our" dealership. The following was posted on Facebook on 8/30/2017 (a couple days after Pat sent me his contribution to the Newsletter), and can be seen on the bmwdetroit.com website:

Hello Motorrad enthusiast! We are in the final stages of the approval process with BMW and our initial construction should be completed in the near future. We hope to be open for business soon, we thank you for your patience while we make this transition. It is our hope that we can bring to you an incomparable sales and service experience in the near future.

And that's all I know on that topic.

The first Paula and Nick's Excellent Adventure ride to the UP, well... didn't. No one else signed up to go with us, so that freed us to stretch our three day trip into a five day trip. And since the weather looked uncertain, we ended up taking a convertible instead of a motorcycle. Guess not much more to say on this topic since this is a motorcycle newsletter, but I'd like to retrace some of the steps with a bike some day. I was going to say that the leaves are STARTING to turn colors in the UP, but then, I just noticed a tree near my house turning colors too. Might be an early fall.

With the approach of the end of the year, it's time to start thinking about officers for the Motor City Beemers for next year. While it is a great honor to serve as an officer for this fun club, I doubt anyone currently serving would object to having someone else step up and say, "I'm willing to do it!". Keep in mind, this is a time of big change for the club forced upon us by the outside world, and it's probably a good time to look at ALL of our "traditions" and say, "is this how we want to keep doing things?". So, if you would like to step up and help out, consider tossing your name in the officer's hat for next year!

Ride safe, ride fun.

Club events

Lunch rides took place right after the Saturday meeting on the second Saturday of the month, and hopefully will resume soon...somewhere. 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

Date	Event
9/9/2017	Meeting, Lunch ride to Zukey Lake Tavern
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

Usually, we order about 6:30pm

September 6	Steiny's Restaurant & Banquet Hall	55161 Shelby Rd. Shelby Township, MI 48316 248.453.5376
September 13	Ike's Family Restaurant	38550 Van Dyke Rd Sterling Hts, MI 586.979.4460
September 20	Jimmy Dee's	43820 Groesbeck hwy Clinton Twnshp, Mi 586.463.7500
September 27	Original Pancake House	20273 Mack Ave. Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236 313.884.4144
October 4	Little Camille's By The Bay	51083 Washington St New Baltimore, MI 48047 586.725.4866

Treasurer's Report

Jim Mick



More members are using 'Bill Pay', but not this month!!

Check book balance for the end of July:	\$2359.79
Check book balance for the end of August:	\$2424.79
Balance end of Feb:	\$3032.77
Balance end of May:	\$2412.07
PayPal balance for the end of July:	\$663.78
PayPal balance for the end of Aug:	\$678.78

8/12: Received \$25 cash (from Pat K) for Picnic for Doron & Julia H, Gary & Mary V, and Charles Z.
8/12: Received \$40 cash for Picnic from George D, Walter D, Josh G, Nick H & Paula E, Pat K, Tim S, & George Y
8/17 Received \$10 for Picnic from Jim & Jeri M using Bill Pay

and \$5 from Jay M using PayPal.

Repeat information concerning 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. Most money is deposited on/about the 27th of the month.

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 snail mail.

For all payments I receive before the 27th, 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. 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!"

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