



Motor City Beemers

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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: October 14, 2017

Following Meeting: November 11, 2017

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Greeting Beemers! HAPPY HALLOWEEN!! The riding season is coming to an end unless you are headed South, and/or have good heated gear. As I am writing this, 24th of October, Last Sunday it was 75, this Sunday calling for snow flurries. Still might be able to get in a few shorter rides here and there. Depending on how mild this winter will be, we could be riding again in January or February like last year.

The next meeting is 11 November, and will be in the same format as the October meeting, that is a breakfast meeting starting at 09:30 am at Little Camille's By the Bay restaurant in their private room to the left, 51083 Washington St., New Baltimore, Mi. The meeting will commence after breakfast

approximately 10:30 am. This worked quite well for the October meeting, we had about 12 to 15 members there. Perhaps this month we will have a lot more in attendance.

The dealership has been cleared and given license to open. Mr. Lincoln Philip is the new owner of the dealership. It is located with the Chrysler Jeep dealership on Rochester Rd just South of Avon Rd (23mile). I talked with Lincoln for quite a while a couple weeks back. He showed me his plans for the dealership showroom. The showroom is in the front of the body shop building. The service shop is over in the Used Car / Hertz building, and Don is ready to service bikes. The showroom will be undergoing some renovations on the south end, as it will be expanded and a 2 story atrium established to show off a couple bikes sort of like some HD dealerships do. Lincoln is planning a grand opening some time in November. The delay in the Michigan business license made it so that an October grand opening was not practical. Until the renovations are complete, the showroom is going to be quite small. He does have all the bikes and parts from the old location, most of which is still in storage. Tony will also be working at the new dealership. I mentioned that we have Wednesday night dinners at various locations, to include some very close to the dealership. He said that he would try to attend a few when he can. He also mentioned that he will support our club and we can have our meetings at the dealership like we have in the past at the old location. I will discuss with Lincoln about holding the December meeting at the dealership.

Some other club news, the Winter Banquet is coming up in February, I will get the exact date before the November Meeting. We will be at Louis' Chop House, on Gratiot, south of 23 mile road. This is the same location as the last two years. Great location, Great food, Great friends make for a Great evening of fun and merriment.

The club by-laws need to be updated with current club practices. Our by-laws are quite short, only 2 pages. Most of the changes have been minor, such as moving the club meeting dates from the first Saturday to the second Saturday. Dues going from \$10 to \$15. One not quite so minor was our decision to split the Vice Presidency, creation of the Newsletter Editor, and elimination of the Recording Secretary. Not sure when these happened but probably within the last 10 years or so. I think I remember the split of the VP was around 2008 or 9. The editor and secretary positions were before I joined in 2008. Per the by-laws, any proposed changes must be announced in the newsletter and then discussed at the next regular meeting then voted on to take effect. As I read through the by-laws, my questions from the last newsletter about voting for officers were actually answered. Our club voting process is that nominations will be provided before or during the November meeting, then a ballot will be mailed out to the membership, ballots are to be returned prior to the December meeting where they will be tabulated by the current

officers in front of the membership. The winning officers will be announced and will serve for a term of 1 year, beginning in January.

Keeping the aforementioned nomination process in mind, there was a discussion at the October meeting about the turmoil of the dealership that has significantly affected the club meetings. The discussion lead to a motion that the current officers maintain their offices until the April or May meeting. It was felt that this would provide the stability to the club until our meeting location is finalized. I am putting this in the newsletter as required by the club by-laws as this would change the by-laws even if it is just a temporary change. I will bring this up at the November meeting for further discussion and vote. In the meantime, this is should not prevent any nominations for officer positions. We have about 70 members in this club. Everyone's voice is important to the health of the club. Please consider providing a nomination or self-nominate for one of the following positions.

President, who conducts the club meetings, represents the club to outside interests, settles any club disputes, and provides an article in the newsletter and any news pertinent to the club membership and club functions.

1st Vice President who is in charge of the club's special events such as the Banquet, Picnic, and Frankenmuth chicken dinner run.

2nd Vice President who is responsible for determining the monthly lunch rides and locations.

Treasurer, who maintains the record of the club's finances, and also provides the new member invite information.

Newsletter Editor, who publishes the monthly newsletter and in most cases also maintains the club website.

That is about it for now, Ride Safe, stay warm and I will see you at the meeting.

Patrick Kelley
President, MC Beemers.

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.





While it seems that logical, intelligent people would consider the riding season over (and some have declared the Michigan season over!), I never give up. I'll start burrying a few of my bikes in the garage this week, but I'm still hoping to get out a little more yet this year.

I admit it, I'm cynical. I've been watching the whole BMW Detroit dealership story with, well, at least a chunk of suspicion that our club might not have a "home dealership" in the future. Lots of promises can be made, but until things actually HAPPEN...it's just words. As I'm prone to do, I start thinking out alternative plans...what does the club do if we don't have a sponsoring dealership? What do I do if I have to drive across town

for maintenance on my bike?

Well...a couple Wednesdays ago, I got to meet Lincoln Philip, the owner and manager of what will become the new BMW Motorcycles of Detroit dealership. This was an inspiring moment. Now, impressions can be deceiving, but I've worked around salespeople much of my career, and I think I can get a "read" on them pretty well. He impressed me. He's been doing vehicle sales much of his life. He's new to motorcycle sales, but he recognizes what he doesn't know, and does a great job listening (which Keith exploited). I'm hoping he's going to have his own announcement soon about some of the services he can provide because of sharing resources with Rochester Chrysler (hint: Paint shop. Welding. Customizing). We may soon see a bright pink R1150RT. There's a lot to be excited about. And we have a date for our new dealership's open house/homecoming – November 18th. Details on Facebook and on the dealer website, <https://bmwdetroit.com>. Hope to see you there!

I have expressed my opinions before on those that claim the existence of a "best" motorcycle (or other vehicle) before, but I'll do it again. I own a Buell Blast, arguably one of the "least good" motorcycles built by a major manufacturer in the free world. It's certainly the least of the bikes I own. I don't think I'd like to try to do an Iron Butt ride on it (at least at my age – 30 years ago, I think I'd have liked to try to do it!). Single cylinder bikes are often called "Thumpers", and the Blast definitely earns the title. Over-rev the engine? Severe shake. Too slow in a gear? Severe shake. In the narrow "right" band? Less shake. Still, it has its charms. It's small, light, and short...sometimes feels like I should be able to do a "no feet" u-turn in my driveway, if not a sidewalk (no, I can't, but it feels like I *should* be able to!). And while flying down a freeway on an LT is a lot of fun, I don't forget I'm riding a bike. On the Blast, there's just nothing else around you, it seems. Turns out I'm not the only one – a young man I met recently started out on some wickedly fast Yamaha superbike, and just got himself an immaculate early 1980s Honda V65 Magna (seriously – it looks like it just came off the showroom floor), so he's used to lots of power. He took my Blast for a ride and came back with the biggest grin on his face, saying, "THIS IS A LOT OF FUN!". And that is a nice thing about motorcycles – you don't have to be restricted to just one...they take up a lot less room than a car (which I also have issues being restricted to just one of...).

As Pat mentioned, he dug up a copy of the MCBeemers bylaws...I'm putting them in the Newsletter Archive section of the <https://mcbeemers.org> website.

Ride warm!

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
11/11/2017	MCBeemers Meeting, Little Camille's by the Bay, 51083 Washington St New Baltimore, MI 48047 9:30AM
12/9/2017	<i>I bet this will change too, so I'm just deleting it now.</i>

Wednesday Dinner Gatherings

Usually, we order about 6:30pm

November 1	Penne Lane	44905 Morley Dr Clinton Township, MI 48036 586.741.5583
November 8	Waves	24223 Jefferson Ave St Clair Shores, MI 48080 586.773.327
November 15	La Saj	13776 Southcove Dr. Sterling Heights, MI 48313 586.566.6600
November 22	Day before Thanksgiving	You got better things to do, right?
November 30	Juan Miguel's	21342 Hall Rd Clinton Township, MI 48038 586.783.9751
December 6	Bath City Bistro	75 Macomb Place Mt. Clemens, MI 48043 586.469.0918

Treasurer's Report

Jim Mick



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

Check book balance for the end of Sept:	\$1918.45
Check book balance for the end of Oct:	\$1743.45
Balance end of Apr:	\$2412.07
Balance end of Jul:	\$2359.79
PayPal balance for the end of Sept:	\$693.78
PayPal balance for the end of Oct:	\$678.78

10/7 -\$160.00 for Betty W to arrange reservations for MWB & Picnic

10/16 -\$15.00 to MOA for 2018 Club renewal

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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