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All meetings are held the **SECOND** Saturday of the month at 10:30AM at
BMW Motorcycles of Detroit
1301 S Rochester Rd, Suite B
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
Phone: (248) 402-4013

We welcome owners and fans of all bikes

Our next meeting is: December 9, 2017

Following Meeting: January 13, 2018

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Greeting Beemers! 2017 is rapidly coming to a close. It's Thanksgiving and I am thankful first for my wife Lynn and then for a great community of friends in this club. I consider myself very fortunate to be a part of this group and enjoy the comradery of our events. I am also thankful that the new dealership is in business and now open. Last Saturday was their Homecoming event and it was a great success. A lot of our club were present as well as many from the Touring club and a lot of faces I did not recognize. I had about 25 of our greeting business cards and left only 2 in the card holder next to our newsletter holder on the shelf near Tony's desk. Lincoln knows how to throw a good party, the food was great and plentiful, I didn't see too many smudges on the new BMW's.

Lots of people looking over the new K1600Bagger, me included.

The December meeting will be at the Dealership, 1301 South Rochester Rd, Rochester Hills, MI. This is located in small building to the North of the Rochester Hills Chrysler, Jeep, Ram dealership. The meeting is on 9 December and will start at 10:30am in the BMW Motorcycles showroom. We will have a 50/50, and need to accept the revised By-Laws.

The November meeting had a lot of business discussed. Primarily about the By-Laws and the need to bring them up to date. Also, since the October meeting had a motion to modify the By-Laws concerning the timeline of the club officers, it was further discussed and voted on at the November meeting. The current officers will continue to serve until the end of the May meeting. It was decided to adjust the term of the Club Officers from January to January, to one year term from May to May. This was done for two reasons, first it was felt that due to the unknown status of the dealership and the state of flux of the meetings that it would be better to keep the current officers until the meetings are well established again. Secondly, the December meetings were getting to be scarcely attended for our club officer voting month. The May meeting is almost always a very well attended meeting and our members that winter in the South are usually back up here so that we will have a better forum for electing the new club officers. Another discussion was should we just vote at the meeting or send out ballots to the whole membership. One version of the By-Laws said we send out ballots, another said we will use the membership in attendance at the meeting. This needs to be finalized, and I want opinions to be heard. I have updated the By-Laws and they will be posted on the website as well as the Facebook page, please review them and be prepared to discuss them at the December meeting for acceptance by the club. I have put in both election methods so that you can see what the language will be depending on the outcome of the vote.

So, for elections, the new nomination month will be April, with the selection made during the May meeting with the new officers taking control of the club immediately following the adjournment of the May meeting.

We also discussed looking at getting some T-shirts or other articles with our logo. I gave the dealership our large (old) logo and the highway sign for their wall. Lincoln made it clear that he would like to have a new club logo sign as the old one is not our current BMW approved logo and it is really beat up poster board. It doesn't look too bad up on the wall until you get close and see some water stains and creases in the foam board. The discussion at the meeting about shirts or hats was that many of us said that we would buy them, but we need our logo finalized first. I will bring this up at the December meeting again and will talk with Lincoln to see if their Art work department could help us and how much it will cost. Betty has a quote

for the shirts just need the logo we want on them. I don't remember the prices.

The winter banquet is coming up in February, we need the bent beemer stories and pictures of your riding season this year. I know there are a lot of pictures out there because I posed for several of them. (Never mind, I know, those cameras broke) The location of the banquet is at Louis' Chop House, 50355 Gratiot Ave, Chesterfield, Mi. The date is 17 Feb 2018, time to be determined yet. The cost for members will be subsidized by the club again this year. We will have a 50/50, and door prizes. This is our chance to get together in our Sunday best (NOT Black Tie, but preferred no jeans either) and visit with great friends, eating great food, telling great stories, basically having a great time!

Even though the officer elections have moved to May, the Membership dues are still collected in January. You have until January 31st to pay your 2018 dues to remain as a member in good standing. After that, you will not be eligible for the perks of being a club member, such as the cost reduction benefit at the banquet, picnic, and Frankenmuth chicken dinner. The dues for 2018 will remain the same as the past few years, \$15 for a Regular Membership and \$10 for an Associate Membership. Associate memberships are for family members, spouses, or significant other of a regular member. You CAN and are encouraged to pay your dues early, Jim Mick has made paying very easy and it can take many different forms of payment, cash, paypal, billpay, or check.

So, Meeting at the dealership on 9 December at 10:30 am. See you there.

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.





We got a home! For those that didn't make it to the new dealership's open house before Thanksgiving, our new home actually exists, and it is looking *very* nice. Judging from the number of people there – and people that I did not at all recognize – I suspect Tony and Lincoln are going to be doing very well with the new location. A big thanks to Lincoln for putting on a great event, with great food.

If you haven't seen Rhys recently, he has got himself a K1600B, the "bagger" version of the k1600. If you have seen him, you already know. He's very happy with it. BMW Detroit has (had? it's been a couple weeks!) one as a demo, and I had a chance to sit on it at the Open House. It reminds me a lot of the good features of my

Harley, the good features of my LT, and a lot of other nice stuff...all rolled into one. Might be driving one in a few years when the used prices get to my (tightwad) scale, though need to keep something AT LEAST as comfy for Paula as the back seat of the LT.

While most sane people have their bikes hidden away in the garage, my LT was out taking me to work last week, while Rhys (on his new Bagger...did you hear about that?) and Bob were enjoying the weather and retirement. I know we weren't the only ones with our bikes out – a November day in the 50s is plenty of reason to get the motorcycle out. I heard and saw a lot of fellow bikers on the road. I'd like to say the reason the newsletter is a bit late is that I took Paula up on her suggestion to take a ride Sunday (DECEMBER RIDE!!), but unfortunately other life problems (namely...mother with a computer) took priority.

Rhys has a new bike – K1600Bagger.

As Pat mentioned, Winter Banquet is coming up, so start gathering your biking pictures of our and your travels for the slide show. There will be pictures of Rhys' new bagger, I'm sure.

As always, I'm looking for content for the newsletter. You really don't want to see just Pat's important news and my drivel, do you? Got a new bike you really love (new or used)? Tell us about it! Hopefully, Rhys will write something up about his new K1600Bagger!

I seem to have a lack of anything exiting to say (except to mention Rhys' new bike...which is exciting, I'll admit!), and the newsletter is already running late, so I'll leave you with a new club invite cards with the new dealership address (which is also exciting!).

(Sorry Rhys, couldn't resist!)

Hi, I couldn't help but notice you also ride a
Motorcycle!

I'd like to invite you to join us, the Motor City Beemers,
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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
12/9/2017	At our new dealership! 1301 South Rochester Rd, Rochester Hills, MI. 10:30am! Starting to look normal again!

Wednesday Dinner Gatherings

Usually, we order about 6:30pm

December 6	Bath City Bistro	75 Macomb Place Mt. Clemens, MI 48043 586.469.0918
December 13	Copper Penny	24975 Harper Ave St Clair Shores, Mi 48080 586.777.1112
December 20	Amore's Grill and Spirits	53100 Gratiot Avenue, Chesterfield, MI 48051 586.749.9262
December 27	Thai Orchid	60 Cherry St Mt Clemens, MI 48043 586.783.1727
January 3	Penny Black Grill & Tap	124 W 4th St Rochester, Mi 48307 248.841.1522

Treasurer's Report

Jim Mick



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

Check book balance for the end of Nov:	\$1998.45
Check book balance for the end of Oct:	\$1743.45
Balance end of May:	\$2481.07
Balance end of Aug:	\$2359.79
PayPal balance for the end of Sept:	\$693.78
PayPal balance for the end of Oct:	693.78

- 11/11/17 \$200.00 from Brian & Shelia B, Allan G, Charles G, Josh G, Nick H, Paula E, Pat & Lynn K, Don & Gail M, Jerry & Margaret P, Tim S, & Betty W. ('18 Mbrship) and \$20.00 from Jerry & Margaret P for MWB.
- 11/20/17 \$35.00 from Cathy B for '18 Membership, MWB, Picnic and Frankenmuth. Using Bill Pay, Cathy has made reservations for the entire 2018 season!!

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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. . . 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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