



Motor City Beemers

Newsletter



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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: January 13, 2018

Following Meeting: February 10, 2018

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Prez Sez,

HAPPY NEW YEAR Beemers!!!!

Baby It's COLD outside, well cold for Michigan. It was -2 this morning and the washer fluid is frozen. Here we are starting a new year with lots of promise for a great riding season. We will have our planning meeting during our March monthly meeting. We have a few new ideas for this year's riding. We will keep with our traditional rides, we do need a new Color Tour ride destination for October. The Waldo Fried

Bologna Sandwich ride has shifted to more of a weekday retired group ride. We are continuing the Wednesday night dinners throughout the year. Once it gets warm and the Southern contingent migrate back up to the Great North, the retired "Old Farts" rides will undoubtedly start back up. So keep an eye on the Club Activities tab at the Website, mcbeemer.org; and on the Facebook page, as well as here in the Newsletters.

The next meeting will be at the dealership, BMW Motorcycles of Detroit on Rochester Rd South of Avon (23mile). Our monthly meeting is always the second Saturday of the month starting at 10:30 am. We have some important by-law business to complete from the December meeting. We had a couple proposals for the by-laws, in Articles 9 and 10.

It was proposed that a change to the by-laws as required by Article 9 should be done with more than a simple majority vote as stated in Article 5. It was recommended that a super majority of the members present should be required to enact a by-law change. The definition of a super majority was in question and if that would be a 2/3's or 3/4 majority. Article 5 states that the club will operate on a majority vote, meaning 51%. The discussion was that changing the by-laws should be a more important vote and thus require a larger margin. This will be discussed again at the January meeting at which time a vote will be taken. To date, all the votes that have taken place in the club that I can remember have been unanimous with only one or two outstanding or abstaining. Proposed language for Article 9 could be "Any amendment or proposal to change the By-Laws of the organization shall be submitted to the president, be published in the newsletter and be discussed at a regular meeting before a "super majority" vote "of the members in attendance" is called. By-Laws will be reviewed annually during the May meeting."

For Article 10, the dissolution of the club with the remaining funds to be sent to a charity be changed. Most of the discussion centered on whether the vote on which charity is selected should be a super majority or simple majority vote of the members in attendance or should it be of the full membership in the club. But there is really no mention whether there should be a vote to dissolve the club or not. I think the dissolution of the club should be at least a 2/3's or 3/4 majority of the Full membership that can be contacted by the officers and brought to a final meeting at which time the a super majority vote of members in attendance will determine the charity to send the remaining treasury funds. Proposed language for Article 10 could be "In the event of dissolution of the Motor City Beemers, a (2/3's or 3/4) super majority vote to dissolve the club will be called by the Officers. The officers will contact the full membership of the

club with a notice of intent to dissolve the club. The notice will be published in the newsletter giving a date of the final club meeting. Each club member will provide the officers with their vote at the time of contact, or if they plan to attend the final meeting, hold their vote until then. All funds remaining in the treasury will be donated to a charity selected by a (2/3's or 3/4) super majority vote of the membership in attendance at the final meeting."

Moving off the by-laws to other club business. John Saarinen sent me the MC Beemer's registered logo. It is not what I thought it was so I will have a printed copy of it and our old logo at the January meeting for us to look at and see what we as a club want to do with it. We need to finish this so that we can then get a format that a vendor can use to print up some shirts, hats, banners, or flags.

The Mid-Winter Banquet is rapidly approaching. If you have not signed up and wish to attend, please get your \$10 to Jim Mick so that we can get a final head count by 9 February. The Banquet is on 17 February at 6:00pm at Louis' Chop House, 50355 Gratiot Ave, Chesterfield Twp. That is South of 23 mile rd. on the West side of Gratiot. This has always been a well-attended event and a lot of fun. We will have door prizes and at least one 50/50 drawing. For the Banquet, we do a fun prize called a Bent Beemer. These awards are given for incidents that happen to our members over the last year. The incidents are generally minor in nature such as a dropped bike in a garage or parking lot. These are more of the damage to the bike type incidents, where a little light hearted ribbing is in order. In a lot of cases, the recipient was unaware they were getting one. Hopefully everyone saw the email on this from Betty Ward.

Annual Dues are due by 31 January for you to stay in good standing in the club and get the benefit of a reduced cost for club events like the banquet. Annual Dues are \$15 for a regular member, and \$10 for an associate member of a regular member.

So, I hope to see you all at the meeting on the 13th of January. To our Southerly contingent, it is only a few hours by plane, you will also get to breathe in some of this winter wonderful slightly cool air, what do you say, you game for that?

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.



Well... Michigan winters can be cold, but at least we have no hurricanes, right? Nor alligators. No sharks in the water around us. All good things to remember when our southern friends rib us about our weather. The “Extra Layers” you need for protection from hurricanes are generally ... cinder blocks and concrete.

Today’s vehicle tip is about cars, not motorcycles. If you haven’t tried it, the “high grade” windshield washer fluid, typically either orange or purple, is really worth the little bit of extra it will cost you per year. If you have a problem with washer fluid freezing, you DEFINITELY want this stuff. I found it when I had a van that was prone to freezing of the cheap fluid. The “good stuff” solved that problem instantly. What I wasn’t expecting is that it also

really did provide a bit of a coat on the windshield to bead up water. I discovered this after pouring the excess into my convertible, then having its wipers fail in a wet, rainy snowy day...I just didn’t need the wipers, as the snow and rain were beading up on the windshield and keeping my view clear. And I wrote this BEFORE reading Pat’s gripe about freezing washer fluid.

File this under Travel Tips – if you haven’t been there, and you have the slightest interest in 1) technology 2) military history 3) really cool vehicles 4) The US Air Force, and probably a few other things, you owe it to yourself to see the US Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio. We went a couple weeks ago (actually...that’s why Paula and I missed the December meeting), and had a grand time. We left on a Thursday evening after work, had dinner at Tony Packo’s in Toledo, then drove on to Dayton. We ended up staying at a motel literally across the street (literally – though probably ½ mile away) from the AF Museum. We spent most of Friday’s operating hours (9am – 5pm) at the museum, then had dinner and back to the room in preparation of continuing our trip south the next day. Again, this isn’t overly motorcycle related, since after spending a day walking around on hard concrete, I’m not sure I’d be enjoying riding a bike much afterwards. But, during the cold months, their traffic is way down, and rooms are easy to get. Admission is free. And ... you can see a few planes like the SR71 and the XB70 that science fiction movie makers hate, because they are real, and make their imaginary vehicles look dull.

And if you end up in the Nashville, TN area, stop by our friends at Jaws Jumbo Burgers for a fantastic burger... tell ‘em Paula and Nick sent you.

Winter Banquet is coming up, so again, I invite you to get me your motorcycle pictures for the slideshow. As usual, I’ll have compiled the pictures you sent me, and hopefully have enough gear with me to make something of whatever I have to work with in terms of tech and space. I’ve found planning too much in advance just doesn’t seem to work out.

Nick.

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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 |
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| 1/13/2018 | Regular meeting. 10:30am 1301 South Rochester Rd, Rochester Hills, MI. |
| 2/10/2017 | Regular meeting. 10:30am 1301 South Rochester Rd, Rochester Hills, MI. |
| 3/10/2018 | Regular meeting. 10:30am 1301 South Rochester Rd, Rochester Hills, MI. |
| 4/14/2018 | Regular meeting. 10:30am 1301 South Rochester Rd, Rochester Hills, MI. |
| 5/12/2018 | Regular meeting. 10:30am 1301 South Rochester Rd, Rochester Hills, MI. |
| 6/9/2018 | Regular meeting. 10:30am 1301 South Rochester Rd, Rochester Hills, MI. |
| 7/14/2018 | Regular meeting. 10:30am 1301 South Rochester Rd, Rochester Hills, MI. |
| 8/11/2018 | Regular meeting. 10:30am 1301 South Rochester Rd, Rochester Hills, MI. |
| 9/8/2018 | Regular meeting. 10:30am 1301 South Rochester Rd, Rochester Hills, MI. |
| 10/13/2018 | Regular meeting. 10:30am 1301 South Rochester Rd, Rochester Hills, MI. |

Wednesday Dinner Gatherings

Usually, we order about 6:30pm

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| January 3 | Penny Black Grill & Tap | 124 W 4th St Rochester, MI 48307 248.841.1522 |
| January 10 | La Saj | 13776 Southcove Dr. Sterling Heights, MI 48313 586.566.6600 |
| January 17 | Jimmy Dee's | 43820 Groesbeck hwy Clinton Twnshp, MI 586.463.7500 |
| January 24 | Penne Lane | 44905 Morley Dr Clinton Township, MI 48036 586.741.5583 |
| January 31 | Steiny's Tavern | 55161 Shelby Rd Shelby Township, MI 48316 248.453.5376 |
| February 7 | 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!!

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| Check book balance for the end of Nov: | \$1998.45 |
| Check book balance for the end of Dec: | \$2292.45 |
| Balance end of Jun: | \$2359.79 |
| Balance end of Sep: | \$1918.45 |
| PayPal balance for the end of Nov: | \$693.78 |
| PayPal balance for the end of Dec: | 693.78 |

December club meeting:

- \$75.00 from Walter D, Bob H, Robb S, Roy S, & George Y for 2018 membership renewal
- \$15.00 from Mats C for NEW MEMBERSHIP
- \$34.00 from the 50/50. Cathy B won the 50/50
- \$20.00 from Walter D & Roy S for MWB.

Other activity:

- 12/11/17 \$40.00 from Tom C, Don & Carolyn P for 2018 membership renewal.
- 12/16/17 \$45.00 from Mike & Sharon M using 'Bill Pay' for 2018 membership renewal and MWB.
- 12/23/17 \$20.00 from Don & Carolyn P using 'Bill Pay' for MWB.
- 12/27/17 \$45.00 from Jim & Jeri M using 'Bill Pay' for 2018 membership renewal and MWB.

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!"

"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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