



Motor City Beemers

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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

Many of our “major” club events are on the **THIRD** Saturday of the month

We welcome owners and fans of all bikes
“An eating club with a motorcycle problem!”

Our next meeting is: December 8, 2018

Following Meeting: January 12, 2018

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Greeting Beemers!

I'd like to thank the dealership for arranging the 1st Annual BMW Detroit Anniversary Cider and Donut Ride. Rhys was gracious enough to lead a group, including Lincoln, on a day which was sunny and pleasant for those with heated grips or gear. Josh was grateful to Lincoln for the espresso machine, as we arrived at the dealership just a minute or two too late to join the group. We took a small group in a different direction for lunch at Metamora's White Horse Inn, and got to enjoy the day as well.

The Off the Beaten Path Poker Run came to an end on November 1. This is your reminder to get your pictures to Nick for our Mid-Winter Banquet as soon as possible. You can also send him your complete sets of 2018 adventure photos to share at the banquet, but please send them to him separately so that he doesn't have to sort through them to find and count Poker Run photos. He'll take your photographs any way you can deliver them: USB sticks, CDs, Email, or captured directly from your phones or cameras.

The Mid-Winter Banquet is scheduled for the 3rd Saturday in February: the 16th. The cost is \$15 per member / associate member, and \$37 for non-members. Please pay Jim as soon as possible, using any of his flexible methods (cash, check, Paypal, bill pay).

Dues for 2019 will remain the same as this year: \$15 for members and \$10 for associates. Please feel free to do what I did, and send Jim one payment for everything in 2019 at once: dues, the Mid Winter Banquet, the Picnic (\$5), and Frankenmuth (\$5).

If you're thinking of holiday gift ideas, don't forget that gift certificates from the dealership are a great idea!

If you're thinking about a group ride for next year, write it down and bring it with you to our planning meeting in the early spring! Your input makes the club what it is!

Till next month be safe and try to get out there and ride if the weather and timing permit!



It's already December, and the big news is I have a cat! Ok, actually, I (was) found (by a) cat, and Paula now has it. I know, not that big a deal for most people, but since this cat seems to not irritate my allergies, I'm somewhat unusually happy about this. Her name is Molly. So far, she has a very nice disposition and is adorably cute. And I think she knows it.

Oh. Motorcycle club. Right. I guess if you cared about cats, you probably have a few of your own, or hang out on the Internet. But heck, it's MY article!

At the last meeting, Rhys mentioned taking his bike on a ferry boat, and I asked for a newsletter article about what's involved with transporting a bike on a ferry, and as

usual, he came through with some great info and pictures...really too great to toss in the newsletter and forget about when you need it, so I'm going to put it on the website, hopefully soon.

It is pictures collection time! As you probably know, for the last several Winter Banquets, I've put together slide shows of our member's riding adventures. This year, we also have the Off The Beaten Path Poker Run pictures. UNLESS YOU TELL ME OTHERWISE, Poker Run Pictures will be part of our slide show, as well. So – get me pictures of both your Poker Run entries (ONE per site per person), and whatever pictures you wish to contribute for our slide show (which can be MORE than the one per site per person). As usual, after the winter banquet, I'll be putting them on-line on the MCBeemers.org website, but if there are any you DON'T want on the website, let me know.

IF your e-mail will support it, feel free to e-mail me your pictures (make sure I send you a response confirming I got them!), otherwise, show up at the January meeting or most dinners with a USB stick, a CD or DVD, or your phone and I'll get the pictures from you that way – I'll bring a computer so I can return the media to you right away. Unfortunately, I'll be on vacation for the December meeting and won't be able to get to the Dec. 5 dinner, but I'll try my darnedest to get to all the subsequent meetings and dinners.

YES, THE ACTIVITIES PAGE IS NO LONGER IN THE NEWSLETTER. Use the website "Activities" page. <https://mcbeemers.org/activities/> Thank you.

Mid-Winter Banquet: Most of this came from Cathy already, but Paula wanted me to review a few things about the Mid-Winter Banquet. It's at Louis' Chop House on Gratiot, same place as last year. February 16, happy hour starts at 6:00pm, dinner starts at 7:00pm. Menu will be similar to last year's, with a choice of prime rib, chicken, fish or pork chop, and a house salad, potatoes and vegetable sides. We will have the small room like we did last year, with the big screen monitor for our slideshow, plus I'll probably have a second computer set up for other shows. Cash bar and cash deserts. We will have both the 50/50 raffle and door prizes.

Tim tells me our lunch after the December meeting will be Penny Black, 124 W 4th St, Rochester, MI 48307.

And remember, if the weather lets you, seeing Christmas lights from a motorcycle is really a blast!

Treasurer's Report

Jim Mick



Check book balance for the end of Nov:	\$1479.47
Check book balance for the end of Oct:	\$1377.47
Balance end of May	\$1998.25
Balance end of Aug	2041.97
PayPal balance for the end of Sep:	\$918.85
PayPal balance for the end of Oct:	\$918.85

68 member renewals for 2018
 6 member renewals for 2019
 2 members paid for MWB 2019

- Nov 5: Mailed \$15.00 check to MOA for renewal of MCBeemers Club Charter
- Nov 10: 'Received \$112.00 for deposit (\$35 from Oct 50/50 and \$22 from Nov 50/50 when George D won,

membership renewals for 2019 from George D, Allen G, Jerry & Margaret P.)

- Nov 17: Louis' Chop House Deposit \$50 delivered for MWB on Saturday, 2/16/19.
- Nov 26: Received \$55.00 from Jim & Jeri M for membership renewal and MWB.

A very convenient way to pay for ANY MCBeemers membership or any event, is to use your Bank/CU 'Bill Pay' option and they pay the postage... Send payment(s) to Jim Mick, 56750 FAIRCHILD RD, MACOMB, MI 48042. Once you input any payee name and address into their Bill Pay system, subsequent payments only require you to input the amount (and date). Please indicate in their memo for what you are paying.

Stuff on the website

- Main website: <https://mcbeemers.org>
- Activities page: <https://mcbeemers.org/activities>
- Newsletters, current and past: <https://mcbeemers.org/mcb-nl/>
- Club pictures: <https://mcbeemers.org/pictures/index.html>
- Club invite cards: <https://mcbeemers.org/mcb-nl/MCB-invites.pdf>
- Membership info: <https://mcbeemers.org/howdoijoin.html>

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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