



# 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**  
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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: February 9, 2019**

**Following Meeting: March 9, 2019**

**Web site: <https://MCBeemers.org>**

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It's February! Banquet time!!!! The vortex has ended, and Punxsutawney Phil just said we'll be able to get our bikes out early this year! Whether he's mistaken or not, our next meeting will be on Saturday, February 9, at 10:30am, followed by a lunch nearby.

Our Mid-Winter Banquet (MWB) will be on Saturday, February 16 at Luis' Chop House again this year.

- The restaurant is south of 23 Mile Rd, at 50355 Gratiot Ave, New Baltimore, MI 48051. The event will start at 6:00pm with dinner at

7:00pm. The cost is \$15 for members and associate members, \$37 for guests.

- As in previous years, Nick Holland will present a slide show of our 2018 riding season at the MWB. Please bring any photos you may have to the meeting, or to a Wednesday dinner, or get them to Nick electronically.

- Nick is also collecting photos from your participation in the 2018 "Off the Beaten Path" Poker Run. The MWB will be where qualifying photos will let you draw up to ten cards to make your best poker hand. You need not be present to win – if you participated in the Poker Run but are unable to attend the MWB get your photos to Nick and we will draw a poker hand for you. Even one photo gives you a chance to win. With only one card, the chance may be smaller than that of the winning the lottery, but there is still a chance you could win.

Our ride planning meeting will be on Saturday, March 9. We have our Picnic reserved for the 3rd Saturday in June, and the Frankenmuth ride and lunch in September. Several members (Jay, Brian, Josh) are already planning rides. We have a new season-long Poker Run planned. I'm considering adding a riding-based points system for 2019 awards. So, your input at the March meeting will be very much appreciated.

If you have not yet renewed your membership, please contact Jim Mick ASAP. Dues are \$15 for regular members and \$10 for associates.

Until next month, get out there and ride (Phil and weather permitting)!



The official groundhog has told us that we can expect an early spring, whatever that means. And as I'm writing this, Sunday after some very bitter, sub-zero cold days...tomorrow (Monday) is forecast to hit 50F. Dang, the groundhog is good! Something tells me it won't quite last (namely, the forecast). Hope you had your battery float chargers in place last week, or otherwise had your bikes (and idle cars) batteries protected.

Big Excitement among the officers is, of course, the Mid-Winter Banquet. I'm looking forward to it, and I know Paula and Cathy have been putting a lot of effort into making it fun for all. If you haven't signed up and want

to, get your money to Jim ASAP. If you are on the fence about going, JOIN US! It's a great dinner, it's a fun time.

**Club communications:** Last Wednesday, we did something we haven't done often – canceled a Wednesday dinner due to the cold the day before the dinner. We couldn't promise the restaurant would be open, and really didn't want to encourage anyone to go out in the cold or put out the effort to find out that no one else did, or that the restaurant was closed, so after calling the restaurant and a little discussion, we opted to cancel the organized dinner. Moral: Always check the website, Facebook and/or mail list for last-minute announcements.

**Membership:** Jim has been reminding people of the need for renewals. I'm also going to remind you to encourage your biking friends and neighbors to come to our meetings and dinners. Really, we sell ourselves once people show up. As far as motorcycle clubs go, we are a bit different – we really demand little from our members. Participate when you can, don't when you can't. While we are nominally a BMW club, it's really about the people.

**It is pictures collection time!** See the long version last month, but I'll try my best to be at the January meeting and Jan-Feb Wednesday dinners to get pictures from you, or e-mail me.

**Bent Beemers:** Are you aware of anyone dropping or otherwise having an "incident" with their bike? If so, let Cathy know the details, so we can award that person our club's Bent Beemer award. Yes, this is hopefully all about fun (and just a little surprise and embarrassment). Be proud of your Bent Beemers!

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

# Treasurer's Report

Jim Mick



Check book balance for the end of January	\$3277.47
Check book balance for the end of December	\$1992.47
<b>(new)</b> Balance one year ago	\$2535.45
Balance end of July	\$1883.97
Balance end of October	\$1377.47
<b>PayPal</b> balance for the end of January	<b>\$28.85</b>
<b>PayPal</b> balance for the end of December	<b>\$958.85</b>

- 68 members for 2018
- 36 member renewals for 2019
- 22 members paid for MWB
- 13 members paid for Picnic
- 12 members paid for Frankenmuth

- Jan 8 'Received \$15.00 for membership renewal from Donald W.
- Jan 12 ' Received \$270.00 at Club meeting for Membership Renewal, MWB, Picnic and Frankenmuth for Dennis G, MWB, and New Associate Membership and MWB for Linda H; Membership Renewal, MWB, Picnic & Frankenmuth for Dennis K; MWB for Jerome & Margaret P; Membership Renewal, MWB, Picnic & Frankenmuth for Tim S; Membership Renewal, MWB, Picnic & Frankenmuth for Betty W; Membership Renewal for George Y; 50/50 winner was Allen G (\$40 to club).
- Jan 17 'Received \$70.00 through PPal for membership from George & Lori D & Joey I, plus MWB for George & Lori.
- Jan 28 'Transferred \$1000.00 from PPal to Checkbook.

Since dues are due in January, the password for accessing 'member' information on the Yahoo site will be changed after the February meeting. If you are paid up for 2019 you'll get the new password by E-mail. It hasn't been changed for at least 2 years. If you are not paid up, you will lose access to the Yahoo 'member' information.

## 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](mailto: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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