



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

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: March 9, 2019

Following Meeting: April 13, 2019

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Greetings from Florida!

We had 27 attend the Mid-Winter Banquet! I hope everyone had a great time, I know I did. Everyone who submitted photos for the 2018 Off the Beaten Path Poker Run was there, and we drew cards for prizes. Betty Ward took 3rd, Paula Ellis 2nd, and Nick Holland 1st place.

It's March, and that means it's time to plan where we want to ride this spring, summer, and fall. Unfortunately I will not be at the meeting, in person. I will try to join via Skype but no guarantees. It was mentioned in the past to

bring your riding ideas so they can get them on the schedule. I know we have a few rides already planned such as

- The picnic on June 15th at Ft. Gratiot County Park north of Port Huron (contact Paula Ellis)
- The annual Beemer Blast sunrise/sunset ride June 29th – 30th (contact Jay Mick)
- Canada Eh ride July 3rd-July 8th (contact Josh Grosse)
- The Frankenmuth Chicken Dinner Run on September 21st with the overnight at Port Austin (contact Paula)
- The BMW MOA National Rally in Lebanon, Tennessee (June 13-15, 2019) pre-registration price will be in effect - \$65 for members and \$85 for guests. And, beginning June 1, the standard gate pricing will apply - \$85 for members and \$105 for guests. Register early for the best pricing available!
- Ride dates and contact names are needed for a few of our more traditional club rides, the Fried Bologna Sandwich run to Waldo, OH usually in August, the Color Tour in October and Betty's Beach Bums baseball bash (B5) ride to watch a semi-pro baseball game in Traverse City.

On to other club business, I hope you have been thinking about my request for nominations

Just a reminder March is a good month to get the bike ready for the season. If you need service contact Don before it gets busy.

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



The mid-winter banquet was lots of fun. Cathy and Paula did a great job of decorating tables and acquiring trinkets and door prizes. There were no technical difficulties with the slideshow display (yay!). Food was (as expected) great, the Louis' staff was great, I think fun was had by all. The only disappointment was the lack of Bent Beemer submissions and awards, though it was announced that Josh deserved one. Fortunately, I know we have precedent for retroactively awarded Bent Beemers, hopefully we can get Josh his in 2020. 😊

The slide show and pictures taken at the banquet are on-line on the website – click on the “pictures” link at the top of the site. Also – see the Poker Run submission pictures, filed under “2018”...it turns out Paula really is

knee-high to a grasshopper!

It's now approaching the 2019 riding season, so it's already time to start thinking about collecting your riding pictures for 2019 for the 2020 Winter Banquet slide show! Just start putting a copy aside for when we call for them at year's end.

In addition to Jim's reminding us all about renewals of our membership, I also want to continue encouraging members to recruit new members. We've got a new location, and I suspect there's a huge number of potential members in the Rochester Hills area, plus the rest of the Detroit area. Encourage people to just show up at our meetings and at our Wednesday dinners and see what we are about.

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

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>

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Treasurer's Report

Jim Mick



Check book balance for the end of January	\$3277.47
Check book balance for the end of February	\$2661.37
(new) Balance one year ago	\$1700.25
Balance end of August	\$2041.97
Balance end of November	\$1479.47
PayPal balance for the end of January	\$28.85
PayPal balance for the end of February	\$43.85

Since dues are due in January each year, the password for accessing 'member' information on the Yahoo site will be changed when I get help figuring out how to do it. So this is your last chance to renew your membership without having to jump

through hoops to log in again with Yahoo.

- 68 members for 2018
- 48 member renewals for 2019
- 26 members paid for MWB
- 13 members paid for Picnic
- 12 members paid for Frankenmuth

- Feb 2 'Received \$55.00 for membership renewal and MWB from Brian & Sheila B. using their Bank's Bill Pay.
- Feb 3 'Received \$15.00 for membership renewal from John J using PPal.
- Feb 7 'Received \$15.00 for membership renewal from Jim V.
- Feb 9 At the club meeting 'received \$57.00 for membership renewal for Hal H, and Norm O. and 50/50.
- Feb 9 'Received \$45.00 from Dick & Sharon H for membership renewal and MWB (owes \$10 yet). 'Also received \$25.00 from Nick & Paula N for membership renewal and \$15.00 from Jon K. for membership renewal.
- Feb 14 'Received \$15.00 for membership renewal from Walter D.
- Feb 16 At MWB, 'received \$183.00 when George & Lori won the 50/50 and gave their winnings back to the club. That's being very generous, THANKS.
- Also paid \$1026,10 to Louis Chop House (\$810 for 27 meals; the difference was for soft drinks, tax and gratuity). Those who attended paid \$5 and the club picked up the remaining \$33. The MWB was more expensive than \$1026, but no one turned in receipts for all the gifts they bought... My 'prize' was a \$25 gift card!! MWB was a culmination of several generous gestures.

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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