



Motor City Beemers

Newsletter



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BMW Motorcycles of Detroit
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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

Our next meeting is: August 11, 2018

Following Meeting: September 8, 2018

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It's already August and several of us have completed this year's new "Off the Beaten Path" poker run. I hope you have had the opportunity to pick a few of them up already. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me. I'll be glad to answer any questions.

After the July meeting, a group of us rode to Zukey Lake Tavern. We met up with Ives, who rode three days straight in order to have lunch with us. Actually, he was in the area for family events and included the MCBeemers family in his schedule.

July Events:

- The MOA and RA rallies took place in Iowa and Pennsylvania respectively. Please let me know if you attended either, and if you enjoyed the experience.
- Nick and Pam attended the Friday the 13th rally in Port Dover, ON. They said it was wonderful. A long day, but wonderful.

Upcoming Events:

- If you missed the July meeting, you missed a great discussion about the Fried Bologna Sandwich Run to Waldo, OH on Saturday, August 18. Rhys described the event and he recommended a starting point, but could not commit to being our central point of contact for the event at the time.
- Our annual Frankenmuth Chicken Dinner Run is on September 15. For the optional Port Austin overnight, we're staying at the Blue Spruce Motel. If you'd like to join us and have not made reservations, please contact them at 989-738-8650 for a booking.
- If you haven't paid for the Frankenmuth dinner, its \$5 for members and full price for guests. Please see Jim Mick as soon as possible.

That's all for now. I'll be riding most of the month of August, since every day is Saturday for me, now that I'm retired.

Till next month be safe and get out there and ride!



I made it to the Great Lakes Vintage Motorcycle Show – it was (literally!) just down the street from my house at Great Lakes Battery in St. Clair Shores. Now, it's not to be confused with some of the big shows that bring in hundreds of entries and thousands of spectators – it's a small operation, and held mostly in the parking lot of a battery store. I didn't count, but there were probably around 40 bikes, and the proud craftspeople who built/rebuilt/customized/restored-to-stock their machines. And, with one BMW entry, it had a much higher BMW to anything else ratio than most other bike shows I've been to. What was really interesting to me is how many Harleys there were – NONE! Not a single one entered the show, though there were a few that had parked

obviously having delivered people to the show. One of the guys at Great Lake Battery has found that if you put a lot of work and buffing wheel into it, you can make the aluminum on an old Standard Japanese Motorcycle shine like chrome, and with a lot of other work, can make the bikes look BETTER than they did brand new, and quite striking. Nifty show – Moto Guzzi, Triumph, Ural (ok, that was a cheat – new Ural in a vintage motorcycle show??), Kaws, Yamahas, Nortons and a Solex moped (gag. I had one of those when I was young. What an amazing piece of junk). The BMW was a 1974 boxer if I recall properly – looked like it could be just a few years old. Last year, they had someone's K-bike turned cafe racer.

One of our favorite writers, Rhys, is back to tell us about the Waldo Fried Baloney ride coming up on August 18th. I think if Rhys wrote a phone book, Paula would find it facinating, and I'm not sure she's wrong. And he's writing about food that's bad for our health, how wonderful it is!

After the July meeting, I finally made it to Hell, Michigan. Last year after Zukey Lake, we had somewhere we needed to be, and were unable to follow along to get ice cream in Hell. That was a fun destination, we'll have to try the eating establishments on either side of the ice cream shop. And yes, the road to Hell is paved, but since it's in Michigan, it's not very well paved.

September's Frankenmuth Chicken Dinner is coming up on September 15. If you haven't got your money to Jim for it and want to come, do it! Lots of fun, good food, and it's entertaining to watch certain people try to turn "all you can eat" into "all you can sneak out". You know who you are (and so do we). Afterwards, some of us are going on to Port Austin to spend the night, and a ride back down the thumb on Sunday – if you wish to join that part, you had best make reservations for the night.

More immediate: our ride after the August meeting will be to the Whitehorse Inn in Metamora.

Hopefully this coming weekend, weather permitting, Paula and I will be out getting some pictures for the "Off the Beaten Path Poker Run". How's your collection going?

Lincoln gave me a great idea for the website which I'm going to be trying to implement soon... keep watching here and on Facebook for an announcement.

As is our Club's annual August tradition, we dutifully trek some 180 miles deep into the bowels of the Land of the Buckeye. (About a three hour tour.) This trek does not come unrewarded, for in the one horse town of Waldo is a Tavern that serves a heavenly handheld meal called a "fried baloney sandwich" the likes of which you have never had unless you have darkened the door of the G&R Tavern. It's not a fancy, upscale place adorned with all the modern conveniences of sports bars in the "D". No this place hasn't changed in some 40 years. The tables are scarred, the chairs are a tad rickety, the wallpaper is older than Hautau, but the food is why we ride this distance each year. The star of the menu is a quarter pound of homemade baloney, on a soft squishy bun, with a slab of sweet white onion, melted Monterey Jack cheese and sweet pickles and a little mayo or mustard. Along with this heavenly chow you can order deep fried mushrooms or onion rings (my favorite is the mushrooms) the crispy outside hides little hot drips of moisture that make your tongue dance. Now follow this little symphony of not on any diet menu with a huge 4" piece of cream pie, yes I said 4 inches of peanut butter cream, or chocolate cream, or coconut cream, or banana cream or...well you get the picture!☺.

Should you decide you want to make this pilgrimage with the club on August 18, follow closely. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. at exit 15 on southbound I-75 in the truck stop parking lot on your immediate right as you get off the freeway. At this point you will have time to fill your tank and empty your bladder and get that second cup of "joe" for the road. At 9:30 sharp whoever is leading this band of misfits will head out of the parking lot continuing south on I-75. We'll go east on I-280 until it runs into Ohio 420 which runs into east bound U.S. 20. At the intersection where U.S. 23 meets 20 we'll go south (or turn right for those of you who are directionally challenged.) This is the easy part, we stay on U.S. 23 until we get to the Waldo exit. Dig out your Rand McNally and see for yourself. There is only one Waldo exit, you miss it and your next big stop will be Columbus. No joke. There will be one rest stop on 23 about half way down for you older guys to...well you know. Our dining destination does not take reservations, no sir, never did and won't for us. The place will be crowded as many riders from far and wide will make this Saturday ride to dine on fried baloney and whatever is in this handheld delight. We may not be able to sit together, we might even have to eat in shifts, but you'll certainly have an opinion of your meal when you're done. I may even tell you how this ride come to be part of this club's riding schedule, maybe.

So if you are not faint of heart, or afraid to ride in Ohio with Michigan plates, never had a fried baloney sandwich or have had a fried baloney sandwich and you want another one, you know when and where to meet on Saturday, August 18. Don't be late!





Club events

The most up-to-date events list should be here: <https://mcbeemers.org/activities/index.html> Bookmark this

Cathy's "Off the Beaten Path Poker Run" details are at <https://mcbeemers.org/activities/PokerRun.html>

Date	Event
8/11/2018	Regular meeting. 10:30am 1301 South Rochester Rd, Rochester Hills, MI. After meeting, ride to Whitehorse Inn, Metamora.
9/8/2018	Regular meeting. 10:30am 1301 South Rochester Rd, Rochester Hills, MI.
9/15/2018	Frankenmuth Chicken Dinner
10/13/2018	Regular meeting. 10:30am 1301 South Rochester Rd, Rochester Hills, MI.

Wednesday Dinner Gatherings

Usually, we order about 6:30pm

Aug 1	Murphy's Inn	505 Clinton Ave. St Clair, MI 48079 810.329.7118
Aug 8	Twisted Rooster	45225 Marketplace Blvd. Chesterfield, MI 48051 586.949.1470
Aug 15	Jimmy Dee's	43820 Groesbeck hwy Clinton Twnshp, Mi 586.463.7500
Aug 22	Steiny's Restaurant & Banquet Hall	55161 Shelby Rd. Shelby Township, MI 48316 248.453.5376
Aug 29	Little Camille's By The Bay	51083 Washington St New Baltimore, MI 48047 586.725.4866
Sep 5	Amore's Grill and Spirits	53100 Gratiot Avenue, Chesterfield, MI 48051 586.749.9262

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Treasurer's Report

Jim Mick



Check book balance for the end of Jul:	\$1883.97
Check book balance for the end of Jun:	\$1978.97
Balance end of Jan	\$2535.45
Balance end of Apr	\$1843.25
PayPal balance for the end of Jul:	\$918.85
PayPal balance for the end of Jun:	\$903.85

66 member renewals for 2018

14 paid to attended Frankenmuth 9/15

- 7/5/18 Reimbursed Don M \$110.00 for reserving the pavilion for our 2019 picnic.
- 7/17/18 'Received \$15.00 in PPal from John J. for renewal of his membership.
- 7/26/18 'Received \$15.00 from Brian McGregor for NEW

membership. Watch for information about Brian in a Newsletter and help him feel welcome by introducing yourself and getting to know him.

In preparation for the 2019 Mid Winter Banquet...

Jay and I bagged another 'Off the Beaten Path' site the last week of July during a business trip. How are you doing with plans to get lots of cards at the MWB?

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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