



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: December 14, 2019

Following Meeting: January 11, 2020

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Greeting Beemers!

I'd like to thank Josh for running the November meeting while I was out of town. I heard that lunch at the Rochester Mills Beer Company was fun.

Our second annual Off the Beaten Path Poker Run has come to an end. 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 2019 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 at an upcoming Wednesday dinner or during the next meeting.

The Mid Winter Banquet is scheduled for the 3rd Saturday in February: the 15th. The cost is \$15 per member / associate member, and \$35 for non-members. Please pay Jim as soon as possible, using any of his flexible methods (cash, check, Paypal, bill pay).

Dues for 2020 will remain the same as this year, \$15 for members and \$10 for associates. Please feel free to do what I do, and send Jim one payment for everything in 2020 at once: dues, the Mid Winter Banquet (\$15), 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!

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

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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This has not been a good riding year for me this year. I am kinda glad I neglected to make note of the starting and ending odometer readings of my bikes... One never made it out of the garage. The Harley's entire season's experience was me trying to get the starter fixed, then finally deciding to take it to a repair shop down the street from me as I was obviously not going to finish it on my own. I happen to live about a quarter of a mile away from a really great Harley repair shop – Jerry B's. Great place, literally a “Mom and Pop” shop – Jerry spins the wrenches, his wife works the front counter. Harley only, but he was willing to put new rubber on my LT's wheels, IF I got the tires and pulled the wheels off the bike (DEAL!), which kept me on the road when BMW Detroit

was closed for that riding season.

Now, having a shop an easy walk home is convenient...IF you can get the bike there. Problem of course, the Harley's starter was throwing sparks, but not turning over. So riding it to the shop was not an option. I could toss it on my trailer ... except my trailer was at a coworker's for moving his bike around, and the charge was he had to store it for me for the winter. I have a Slick Wheelie (google for it) but between my Jeep's height and the Harley's front fender, it wasn't going to work easily. That leaves borrowing a trailer (embarrassing) or pushing the bike. And yes, it is possible for an out of shape asthmatic to push a Harley a quarter of a mile. I do not recommend it, however!

Now, when pushing a big broken bike, one thing you want to do is make sure the tires are fully inflated. Which I forgot to do. Jerry's a very straight shooter, he called me up to say, “you know, you could have saved yourself a heart attack by fully inflating the tires. And you could have made your mechanic happy if you had washed the bike first”. Oops. And Oops. I'm not a very good Harley owner, obviously.

But a few days later, Jerry called me to tell me my bike was done and ready for RIDING HOME. It was snowing that day. However, the snow had melted by the weekend, so Thor got rode home. And a few miles more...because...I finally could. It wasn't a very long ride due to the cold, but fun to get out none the less.

I have all the pictures I am aware of for the Off the Beaten Path Poker Run up on the web site. Please make sure yours are there! If they aren't...probably my fault, but make sure I get your pictures posted. If I don't have them, you won't entered for the Poker Run contest!

And as Cathy said, get your riding pictures to me for the Winter Banquet Slide Show. The sooner the better!

Treasurer's Report

Jim Mick



Check book balance for the end of November	\$2662.55
Check book balance for the end of October	\$2587.55
Balance one year ago	\$1479.47
Balance end of May	\$2824.37
Balance end of August	\$3070.37
PayPal balance for the end of November	\$138.11
PayPal balance for the end of October	\$113.11

- 61 Members
- 2 prepaid for MWB 2020
- 2 prepaid for Picnic
- 2 prepaid for Frankenmuth
- 4 Members for 2020

I missed the Nov meeting because I was in IL and didn't receive any of the money/info of who won the 50/50 etc.

Welcome to NEW MEMBERS: Alan & Jodi Klein whose 2020 membership I received by E-mail on 11/10 and their payment of \$25 by PPal. Jim & Jeri M paid \$75 for 2020 membership renewal and all club sponsored events.

A very convenient way to pay for ANY MCBeemers membership or function, 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.

If you intend to participate in all club subsidized events in 2020 (MWB (\$15), Picnic (\$5), and Frankenmuth (\$5) when you renew your 2020 membership (\$15), the annual cost for all is \$40. A member AND associate is \$75.

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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