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All meetings are held the **SECOND** Saturday of the month at 10:30AM at ... um...read inside.

Immediately following the meeting is a **Lunch Ride**

We welcome owners and fans of all bikes

Our next meeting is: August 12, 2017

Following Meeting: September 9, 2017

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Greetings Beemers! I trust this newsletter finds you in good health and lots of miles into the riding season. I know many of you have put on some miles going to the two National rallies, the short one up in Petoskey and the further one out in Salt Lake City, UT. I would really like to hear a road report about the MOA Rally in Salt Lake City. Looking at the weather the weekend before up in Petoskey, the temps in SLC were supposed to be at the 100 degree mark all four days. Images of the MOA rally in Bloomsburg, PA came to mind. Not a rally experience that I want to repeat. Once definitely but twice, no thanks.

Well, it is August, the dealership has been closed for just over a month. But progress is being made, the

dealership's FaceBook page has the new address. The hope is to be open sometime in August, so keep a close watch on their FB page and I will try to keep up with the news as well.

The August 12th Meeting for our club will be held at the St. Clair Boat Harbor in St. Clair, MI. the entrance to the harbor is just south of the draw bridge over the pine river. The meeting will be located in pavilion #4 at the south end of the Boat Harbor. When you approach the parking lot for the trucks with trailers, you are supposed to bear right and then go down the left lane toward the boat docks, then turn left and go around the building, then straight ahead to the last pavilion on the right. I will be watching for you.

Due to the meeting location change, I have decided to change the lunch ride schedule as well. From St. Clair, MI. the best **lunch ride is the Dorsey House up on M136**. So that will be the lunch ride destination rather than the Zukey Lake Tavern. We will swap the August and September lunch rides.

The meeting location for September is still an unknown. Hopefully, we will have a location by mid August. So, stay tuned to the emails, newsletter, website, and facebook page for club information.

The dinner locations have been quite popular this year. We have had to add tables almost every week to accommodate the 12 to 16 members that have been coming to the dinners. So if you want to share your favorite place with the group, email Betty Ward the location and she will add it to her list. Things to think about when it comes to a restaurant for the club dinners, is the ease of location to get to around 6:30 pm, the ease of parking, and the ability of the restaurant to accommodate 10-15 people. Not always so easy to do especially when we all want separate checks.

September has the Frankenmuth chicken dinner run and then the stopover in Port Austin for some.

October is the traditional Color Tour on the 3rd weekend of the month to the Legs Inn in Cross Village at the end of the Tunnel of Trees, M119. I was not able to reserve the cabin(s) for the weekend. This is the end of their season and they told me I had to reserve them for a minimum 2 night stay. As the time gets closer, they said it is possible that an availability may come open for a single night stay but they could not guarantee that. I will not be going on this ride as I have other engagements to attend to that weekend. So, if you are going, and you want to stay at Legs Inn, call them and see what you can reserve. I mentioned this in the June meeting and it did not seem to raise any eyebrows so, I figured I would put it here and will again discuss it next month as well. If you do go, be very careful on M119 at that time of year the leaves on the road can be quite slippery.

Now is a good time to check your bike for proper function such as tire pressure, oil levels, tire tread, controls and lighting.

See you at the St. Clair Boat Harbor in a couple weeks. Ride Safe.



It's August already...where does the time go? Where did our dealer go? Well, we have some hopeful news about where it will end up. Still, last weekend, I met a fun sounding biker, and handed him our "Please join us!" card, but had to explain the "where" was somewhat complicated. Fortunately, Pat's got us taken care of for this month.

My Trailer Project is taking shape. The trailer itself has had all the lights replaced or upgraded with new LED lights, the wiring is mostly done, and I've figured out how to do the coupler to the hitch. I picked up a hitch for my LT from <http://www.customcruiserchrome.com/>. Next comes wiring the bike for the trailer. I suspect there's going to be a newsletter article about the whole thing when I'm

done! And this will probably lead to an article about LED upgrades for motorcycle lights (still love the Xenon/HID for headlights, but there are a lot of other bulbs begging for replacement with LEDs!)

Last year, I replaced the failed audio system of my LT with a rebuilt one. While I was initially pretty happy with it, it seems the laser on the CD is kinda tired, and often skips then decides the disk is just not playable anymore, requiring an eject and reinsert, something I prefer not to do on the road (admittedly, mostly with CDR copies of CDs, not too bad with original CDs, but who likes carrying their original CDs on a bike?). Well, no big deal, there's that external input cable, I'll just hook it to my phone or other MP3 player, right? Well...seems the external input cable doesn't work on mine. I was going to talk to Don about it when I bought Wolfie in for his annual checkover...but, well, the dealer isn't there anymore. Well, that's on me for not checking it out sooner and bringing it in earlier. So, I'm trying something different. At the "Relocation" sale of our dealership, I purchased a Sena 20S dual communications system. I have heard all kinds of good things about in-helmet audio systems over the on-bike systems, and maybe it would be good to be able to talk to Paula on the road. Plus the same fix for my LT would work on my other bikes, too. The Harley has a stereo, but cassette tape only (and needs to be reworked anyway), the K100 and Blast have nothing but their exhaust note to listen to.

So far, I must say the Sena 20S is quite a machine, but perhaps, too much. The thing does on-bike intercom, inter-bike short-range intercom, music, phone, FM Radio, some kind of tie in to some GPS units, and lots of other functions...all controlled by three buttons and a knob. Good news, all workable by gloved hand. Bad news: too many functions without any feedback display, prompts or labels you can read. You just need to know that push the back button for two seconds turns on the radio, something else tunes it, etc., something else links it to your phone ... Well, maybe I'm starting to understand how my parents felt when I first got into computers. This may be a young person's toy ... at a rich person's price. But, I'm trying to tackle one task at a time, and maybe pick the two or three things I want it to do, and focus on those. More as I make friends with it. I've got the one-listener music thing going pretty well now, only problem is I have to be careful when singing along with the music...

And yes, this month is the first Paula and Nick's Excellent Adventure ride. Hey, it's my second time ever leading a ride, what could go wrong? Leaving Friday morning for St. Ignace Friday night (~330 miles), Soo Locks and Tahquamenon Falls on Saturday, and back home Sunday. If you wish to join us DO MAKE RESERVATIONS, you can not just hope to find a place to stay there on the weekends anymore! Trust us on this! And let us know if you are joining us. More info back in the June newsletter, available at <https://mcbeemers.org/mcb-nl/MCB-NL-2017-06.pdf>

Ride safe, ride fun.

Club events

Lunch rides took place right after the Saturday meeting on the second Saturday of the month, and hopefully will resume soon...somewhere. Other events as we can make them happen!

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

Date	Event
8/11-13/2017	Daniel Boon Rally in Boone, NC
8/12/2017	MCB Meeting, lunch ride to Dorsey House. See Pat's article on page 2
8/18-20/2017	St. Ignace run
8/26/2017	3rd Annual Observation Run if someone steps up to run it..
9/9/2017	Meeting, Lunch ride to Zukey Lake Tavern
9/16/2017	MCBeemers Frankenmuth Chicken Dinner ride, overnight at Port Austin
10/14/2017	MCBeemers meeting, lunch ride to Anita's in Marine City
11/11/2017	MCBeemers Meeting, lunch at Great Baraboo
12/9/2017	MCBeemers Meeting. Lunch at Ham's

Wednesday Dinner Gatherings

Usually, we order about 6:30pm

Aug 2	Jimmy Dee's	43820 Groesbeck hwy Clinton Twnshp, Mi 586.463.7500
August 9	La Saj	13776 Southcove Dr. Sterling Heights, MI 48313 586.566.6600
August 16	Twisted Rooster	45225 Marketplace Blvd. Chesterfield, MI 48051 586.949.1470
August 23	Bath City Bistro	75 Macomb Place Mt. Clemens, MI 48043 586.469.0918
August 30	Juan Miguel's	21342 Hall Rd Clinton Township, Mi 48038 586.783.9751
September 6	Steiny's Restaurant & Banquet Hall	55161 Shelby Rd. Shelby Township, MI 48316 248.453.5376

Treasurer's Report

Jim Mick



More members are using 'Bill Pay', but not this month!!

Check book balance for the end of July:	\$2359.79
Check book balance for the end of Jun:	\$2359.79
Balance end of Jan:	\$3032.77
Balance end of Apr:	\$2412.07
PayPal balance for the end of May:	\$663.70**
PayPal balance for the end of Jun:	\$678.78

Error: I reported the \$15 from (new member) Joshua G in May and erroneously reported his \$15 as second time in June.
**Corrected above for the end of July.

Repeat information concerning verification of your payments.

When you give me cash at a club meeting or Wednesday dinner, please watch me make a note on the master membership list that you paid and what for. I keep all those master lists indefinitely, but I reprint a new one every few months.

When you pay using PayPal (please indicate sending money to 'family/friend' so the club has no fee to pay), I will almost immediately receive a notice from PayPal and will send you an E-mail to confirm.

When you write me a check, you'll have verification when it gets deposited. Most money is deposited on/about the 27th of the month.

When your bank/CU sends me a check (through their "Bill Pay"), you will receive an E-mail from me when it arrives in my snail mail.

For all payments I receive before the 27th, you can also verify your payments in the next Treasurer's Report which I send to Nick on the 27th.

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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