



# Motor City Beemers

## Newsletter



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BMW RA Club #209

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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*

**Our next meeting is: March 10, 2018**

**Following Meeting: April 14, 2018**

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

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Greetings Beemers! It is March, and that means we need to think about where we want to ride this spring, summer, and fall. So I dub March regular meeting at the BMW Motorcycles of Detroit dealership on Rochester Road south of Avon, the Planning Meeting! So as I have mentioned in a few other newsletters and at the February meeting to bring your ideas of where and when you would like to ride this year. I know we have a few rides already planned such as the picnic on June 16 at Ft. Gratiot County Park north of Port Huron, and the Frankenmuth Chicken Dinner Run on September 15th with the overnight at Port Austin staying at the Blue Spruce motel. If you are interested in the overnight, please contact the motel and reserve your room, mention the BMW motorcycle

group.

We will need dates and POCs for a few of our more traditional club rides, such as the Color Tour in October, and the Fried Bologna Sandwich run to Waldo, OH usually in August, and this could be the 3rd annual Beemer Blast sunrise over Lake Huron and sunset over Lake Michigan ride. Most of our club events are generally held on the 3rd Saturday of the month, with the club meetings being the 2nd Saturday of the month. Speaking of the regular club meetings, the 2nd Vice President(s) are always looking for good ride destinations for lunch/dinner after the club meetings. So bring your favorite restaurant destinations, also.

One ride that had some takers early in the season last year that ended up being a bust was the B5 ride to watch a semi-pro baseball game in Traverse City. We ended up getting rained out but those of us that went still had a good time just no baseball. We will see if there is any interest again this year for that. Another ride that was fairly well attended in the last couple years was the Observation Run, think about that one too.

There is going to be a new ride this year, or should I say rides that will culminate in an award at the Mid-Winter Banquet next year, and no, not a bent beemer (Hopefully). Cathy and Josh have been working on this and will be presenting their idea at the meeting. This should be fun. Has anyone participated in any of the on-line scavenger hunts, ADV Rider hosts a few of them? You take a picture of your bike in front of the topic of the day. Also, Jay Mick has worked with Tiffany at Riverside Kayak Adventures to reserve a few spaces for a guided Kayak tour on the 28th of July.

So, lots of ideas, and lots of destinations to choose from in this state. The BMW RA Rally this year is the 19th to 22nd and is going to be in Wellsboro, Pennsylvania the weekend following the MOA Rally in Des Moines, Iowa the 12th to the 15th of July.

On to other club business, I hope you have been thinking about my request for a nominations chairperson. I would like one of our club members to step up and be the nominations chairperson whom everyone in the club can then send their nominations for club officers. April is nomination month then we can get a ballot

built and vote at the May meeting for our new club officers. I am stepping down as President this year and I believe Betty Ward is also stepping down as 1st Vice President (in charge of the main club events, the picnic, Frankenmuth, and Mid-Winter Banquet.)

Remember, parking at the dealership for our meeting attendees is to the North East of the dealership building in the open parking spaces outside the fenced area.

March is a good time to start getting the bike ready for the season as well. Unbury it and perform a T-CLOCKS. If you don't know what T-CLOCKS stands for, please GOOGLE the Motorcycle Safety Foundation and look at their website. Lots of great info there. Jim Mick was thinking about the possibility of a Club MSF Class, Interested? These are fun classes and give you chance to really work on your slow speed handling skills.

That should do it for this month, see you at the Meeting on the 10th of March, 10:30 am.

Pat.

Patrick Kelley

President, MC Beemers



### Bavarian Inn Perks Card

John's Bavarian Inn card has helped reduce the cost to the club of our Frankenmuth chicken dinner for a number of years now.



So... I seem to have won the (as far as I am aware) only "UN-Bent Beemer" award that our club has given out, along with an accusation of not having rode my bikes enough.

Other than that (and maybe even with that), the Winter Banquet was, as we've come to expect, fantastic. Lous' Chop House's food was great, company was great, and lots of fun. Lincoln P., owner of our hosting dealership, was kind enough to grace us with his presence. Cathy (and probably Josh) did a great job getting and setting up table decorations. As usual, John did a great job making the Bent Beemer awards, and while we missed his presentation style, Paula did a good job filling in for him.

The slide show seemed to be enjoyed, for those that wish to see it again, or see pictures from the banquet itself, it's on the website – <http://mcbeemers.org>, follow the link to "Club Pictures", then "Slide show at 2018 Winter Banquet" or "Winter Banquet Pictures".

Sadly there may be something to the charge that I didn't ride enough last season, and this year isn't looking too good, either – road construction plans are not only making me doubt how many miles I'll get during the week to and from work, but I'm also planning on commuting with an automatic transmission vehicle. And of course, everyone's seen the bumper (hubcap, wheel, tire) crop of potholes Michigan has had this year, many of which look quite unpleasant to hit on a two-wheel vehicle.

Hopefully, soon, I'll get my 'LT in for its annual poke-and-prod (and Wallet-Vac) by Don to make sure it's ready for the riding season. And then, I want to finish working on getting the trailer wiring done on the LT.

As Pat indicated, elections are coming up. PLEASE give some thought to contributing a little time to the club by running for an officer's position in the club. While this term will be a bit shortened compared to usual, we've had a lot of changes in the club over the last year, so I suspect there is going to be a lot of opportunity to make changes in how things have been done in the club, it's an exciting time to be an officer of the Motor City Beemers!

Have you acquired any interesting accessory for your bike? Please think about writing an article for the newsletter!

Nick.

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## 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

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Event</b>  |
|-------------|---|
| 3/10/2018   | Regular meeting. 10:30am 1301 South Rochester Rd, Rochester Hills, MI.<br>Lunch: O'Connor's Public House: 324 South Main St (aka, Rochester Rd). East side of street, park behind building. |
| 4/14/2018   | Regular meeting. 10:30am 1301 South Rochester Rd, Rochester Hills, MI.  |
| 5/12/2018   | Regular meeting. 10:30am 1301 South Rochester Rd, Rochester Hills, MI.  |
| 6/9/2018    | Regular meeting. 10:30am 1301 South Rochester Rd, Rochester Hills, MI.  |
| 7/14/2018   | Regular meeting. 10:30am 1301 South Rochester Rd, Rochester Hills, MI.  |
| 8/11/2018   | Regular meeting. 10:30am 1301 South Rochester Rd, Rochester Hills, MI.  |
| 9/8/2018    | Regular meeting. 10:30am 1301 South Rochester Rd, Rochester Hills, MI.  |
| 10/13/2018  | Regular meeting. 10:30am 1301 South Rochester Rd, Rochester Hills, MI.  |

## Wednesday Dinner Gatherings

Usually, we order about 6:30pm

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| March 7  | <b>Bath City Bistro</b>           | 75 Macomb Place<br>Mt. Clemens, MI 48043<br>586.469.0918           |
| March 14 | <b>Poncho and Cisco's</b>         | 36942 Jefferson Ave<br>Harrison Township, MI 48045<br>586.465.6161 |
| March 21 | <b>Nonna's Italian Kitchen</b>    | 50528 Schoenherr<br>Shelby township, MI 48315<br>586.884.6949      |
| March 28 | <b>Mr. B's Food &amp; Spirits</b> | 423 S. Main St<br>Rochester, MI 48307<br>248.651.6534              |
| April 4  | <b>Twisted Rooster</b>            | 45225 Marketplace Blvd.<br>Chesterfield, MI 48051<br>586.949.1470  |
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# Treasurer's Report

Jim Mick



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

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| Check book balance for the end of Jan: | \$2550.45 |
| Check book balance for the end of Feb: | \$1700.25 |
| Balance end of Aug:                    | \$2359.79 |
| Balance end of Nov:                    | \$1998.45 |
| PayPal balance for the end of Jan:     | \$778.78  |
| PayPal balance for the end of Dec:     | 863.78    |

53 Member renewals for 2018

- 1/31/18 'Received \$45.00 from Dick & Sharon H. using Bill Pay for renewal of membership and MWB.
- 2/1/18 'Received \$45.00 from Nick & Pam N. using PayPal for renewal of membership and MWB.
- 2/4/18 'Received \$15.00 from Jim V. using PayPal for

renewal of membership.

- 2/5/18 'Received \$25.00 from Jay M. using PayPal for renewal of membership and MWB.
- 2/8/18 'Received \$15.00 check from Steven B. for NEW MEMBERSHIP dues. Be watching for Steve at club events and an introduction from him in the newsletter.
- 2/10/18 'Received \$95.00 from Jeff & \_\_\_\_ A., Jerry P for their daughter to attend MWB, Tim S. and Betty W for MWB, including \$20.00 from 50/50 which was won by Mike M.
- 2/13/18 'Received \$25.00 check from Gary & Mary V. for renewal of membership.
- 2/13/19 'Received \$25.00 check from Alvaro M. for renewal of membership and MWB.
- 2/17/18'Received \$87.00 from 50/50 at MWB. Jay M. won.
- 2/17/18 Paid Louis' Chop House \$1107.20 for MWB.
- 2/17/18 Refunded \$35 to Jerry P for MWB (non member guest).

## 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!"

*"A tip of the MCBEEMER helmet . . .*

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