



# 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: November 10, 2018**

**Following Meeting: December 8, 2018**

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

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## Greeting Beemers!

The riding season is coming to an end (or is it?) unless you are headed South, and/or have good heated gear.

Update – I hope all of you had a good time finding these locations but the “Off the Beaten Path Poker Run 2018” is finished as of November 1st and Nick would appreciate the pictures as soon as possible. Please send them via email to [nick@holland-consulting.net](mailto:nick@holland-consulting.net) or copy them to a USB stick and deliver to Nick at one of the meetings.

Fall Color Ride – was canceled due to bad weather. I'll start planning a color ride for next year within the next couple of weeks.

Mid-Winter Banquet. The location is Louis' Chop House, South of 23 mile rd. on the West side of Gratiot. We will have a TV showing a slideshow of our riding adventures for 2018. Please get your pictures to Nick as soon as possible.

BMW Detroit Anniversary Cider and Donut ride. –Saturday November 3rd (weather permitting). Rhys Blair has agreed to lead the ride. The dealership will open at 9am for cider and donuts, kickstands up at 10:30 sharp. Don't forget to come with a full tank.

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



It's getting to be time to put our bikes away for the season. My seasonal put-away is mostly just work the bike into the garage, attach the trickle charger to keep the battery charged over the period of disuse, and an 80 watt flood light to put a little bit of heat in the garage to control condensation. The bikes with leather seats get a thick coating of mink oil slathered on them. The fuel injected BMWs don't seem to need anything more. The carb'd Harley has done well with the same treatment the past two winters.

Thor, my Harley, came with a Major Brand Name battery maintenance charger with a non-trivial list price, which I have continued to use with it. Meanwhile I have probably seven years of experience over several vehicles with the

\$10 (list price – commonly available for \$6 or less) Harbor Freight "Float Charger". I've had electrical challenges with the Harley all along, some of which at least fake a bad battery, but I can say the ONLY problems I've had with the bikes I've used the super-cheap HF float charger are when I forget to plug them back in. So if you are wondering if the \$40+ additional cost for a big name maintenance charger is worth it, my inclination is no, the cheap ones seem to do the job Just Fine.

**It is pictures collection time!** As you probably know, for the last several Winter Banquets, I've put together slide shows of our member's riding adventures. This year, we also have the Off The Beaten Path Poker Run pictures. UNLESS YOU TELL ME OTHERWISE, Poker Run Pictures will be part of our slide show, as well. So – get me pictures of both your Poker Run entries (ONE per site per person), and whatever pictures you wish to contribute for our slide show (which can be MORE than the one per site per person). As usual, after the winter banquet, I'll be putting them on-line on the MCBeemers.org website, but if there are any you DON'T want on the website, let me know.

IF your e-mail will support it, feel free to e-mail me your pictures (make sure I send you a response confirming I got them!), otherwise, show up at the November, December or Jan meetings with a USB stick, a CD or DVD, or your phone and I'll get the pictures from you that way – I'll bring a computer so I can return the media to you right away.

**A note from Ride Leader Tim Skiver** (which I'll quote directly because I'm sure you are all tired of my words):

I am not going to be in town for the meeting next weekend but I was thinking about lunch at Lucky's Steakhouse in Imlay City. Of course, the forecast is for only a high of 40 for that day so I'm not sure too many will be up for an hour ride. As an option for a local place, Miguel's Cantina, on Rochester Road north of Avon would probably work.

**Events and Activities:** As I have warned, I'm removing the Events page from the newsletter – please see the website for club, local motorcycle and BMW events at <https://mcbeemers.org/activities> . If anyone really prefers having it in the newsletter, let me know, if enough people complain, I'll put it back, but this saves me a lot of time in putting the newsletter together. The website activities pages can be updated more frequently and is structured to work well from your phone. Also – if you are a Facebook user, make sure we add you to the MCBeemers Facebook page. Yes, I know a few people are avoiding Facebook, but it is a convenient way to stay in touch with other MCBeemers and our activities.

**Officers:** Officer Elections are coming up. Start thinking about helping run this fine group by kicking someone out of office. We'll thank you for it!

# Treasurer's Report

Jim Mick



Check book balance for the end of Sep:	\$1337.47
Check book balance for the end of Oct:	\$1377.47
Balance end of Apr	\$1843.25
Balance end of Jul	\$1883.97
<b>PayPal</b> balance for the end of Sep:	<b>\$918.85</b>
<b>PayPal</b> balance for the end of Oct:	<b>\$918.85</b>

67 member renewals for 2018

I missed the Club meeting in October and have received no renewals/payments to/from anywhere so little has changed since last month.

## 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>
- Membership info: <https://mcbeemers.org/howdoijoin.html>

## MOTOR CITY BEEMERS NAME TAGS

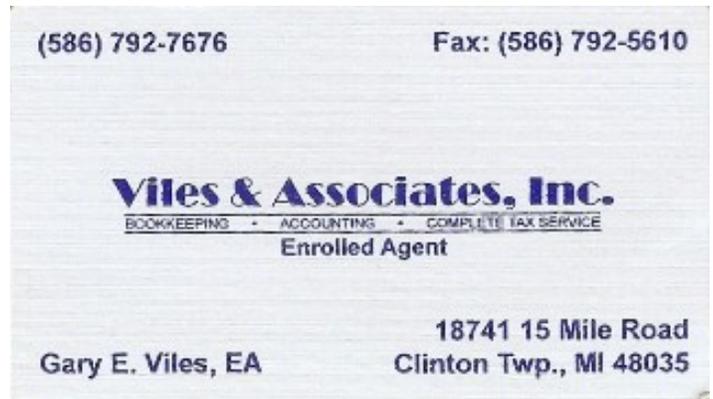
Motor City Beemer name tags are available for purchase at Highest Honor, Inc. Highest Honor, Inc is located at **34711 Dequindre Road, Troy, Michigan 48083**. Their shop is just south of 15 Mile Road, on the west side of Dequindre. Herb and Jeff have a die set up with the club logo and can add your name 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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