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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
“An eating club with a motorcycle problem!”

Our next meeting is: July 13, 2019

Following Meeting: August 10, 2019

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Hello fellow MC Beemers. It's July!

The June meeting coincided with an Open House at the Dealership. If you missed it, you missed food, fun, and demo rides! Lots of us spent the day there, helping out with demos and talking with prospective Beemer owners.

We had our annual picnic on June 15. The weather threatened rain, but didn't actually deliver any the entire time we were at Fort Gratiot Park. Special thanks to George and Lori for making the brisket again this year. About 25 of us enjoyed the day and George's wonderful brisket. Those of us who rode got in

a lovely ride there and only a light sprinkling on the way home.

I've heard that Brian's Sunrise/Sunset ride was fun! The group included a number of MC Beemers Off the Beaten Path Poker Run stops. Jim has an article about the ride in this newsletter.

As I write this, our Canada Eh! Ride starts tomorrow. Josh may have an article about it in the August newsletter.

The July lunch ride will be to the White Horse Inn, deferred a month due to the Open House.

Until next month, get out there and ride!



Seems we just finally got riding weather...and now as I'm writing this, the calendar year is half over. How time flies when we get older!

One nice thing about riding motorcycles is the people you meet. Last weekend, while stopping our favorite ice cream shop, we ended up spending a lot of time talking to a fellow couple of bikers. Of course, I gave them an invite and information card about our club. Hopefully, you carry those with you – you can download a PDF file from the website and print them and cut them out. Link to those cards is at the bottom of this page!

The picnic was lots of fun. As usual, we got great food, this year, George and Lori put lots of labor into smoking brisket for us, and the results were great. The other food brought by members was great as well. Thanks to all who brought food, and thanks to all who joined us. I would encourage you to clear next year's third Saturday in June!

Pictures from the party are up on the website in the pictures section.

Speaking of pictures... they are starting to roll in for the 2019 Poker Run. I'm doing things a little different this year, rather than compiling everything at the end of the year, I'm taking pictures as we go and putting them on-line. Again, in the picture section, see the 2019 Poker Run pictures. Feel free to send me "extra" pictures, those are going in a separate section, and will be part of the 2020 Winter Banquet slide show.

As you have probably heard, since the dealership Open House was on our last meeting day, we decided to slide our lunch ride schedule back a week. So this month's ride is to Whitehorse Inn, in Metamora. The Open House was a lot of fun, lots of people were there, and lots of test rides took place. I think there might have even been a few sales that came out of it, which is good for all of us.

Last Wednesday's dinner ended up being unexpectedly complicated. Our scheduled dinner location wouldn't accept a reservation and, we found out, this was due to a huge number of customers that night...and when we got there, there was a line of 20 people waiting for a table. Well, that wasn't going to work. Across the street was a nice little diner, which we moved to. We were keeping an eye out for others that showed up after the first group of us, we posted the update on facebook, and texted the regulars we had number of. Moral, perhaps, is have a Facebook account, if you find we aren't where we expected to be, you can check the FB group for last-minute updates. Failing that, look around for another local spot.

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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Sunrise to Sunset & Off The Beaten Path

Jim Mick

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Brian did a great job pulling together plans for this year's Sunrise and Sunset ride across MI last month. Lodging was free to those who tagged along because Brian said it was donated by him. Several on the ride combined the ride with 'bagging' some photos to build poker hands at our 2020 MWB.

Six of us met near the western shore of Lk St Clair to begin the day, but we arrived at our cabin in the woods just south of Ludington in 4 groups. That's just what Brian had in mind: we started off together and ended up together, but groups formed and disbursed throughout the day.

The road was flooded at our meeting place and it was cloudy so no one ventured through the puddle to get a picture of a cloudy sunrise. It was muggy so after sharing phone numbers, we headed for breakfast with a gas stop along the way. Active, long time members, will recognize the 'Junction of Hope' restaurant where we had a leisurely breakfast and talked over plans for the day.

Josh & Dennis were able to communicate as well as Brian and Jay, but Bill and I were not 'on line'. I'm sure that suited Bill just fine (Bill is not an avid fan of electronics).

Sunday's plans were VERY FLUID (often changing). There were discussions about plans for the day (like breakfast FIRST since most of us had no supper on Saturday). I actually left first for a short Lakeshore ride. Then Jay, Bill and Brian headed north for the restaurant that Bill recommended (Kuntry Kubbard @ M10 and M31), met me returning from my ride, so I did a U-Turn and joined them for breakfast. Dennis and Josh headed south and had breakfast at/in New Era on their way to our first OTB Path stops for Sunday in Baldwin.

Follow along as I jump back to Saturday and mention two OTB Path stops where most of us stopped for pictures on Saturday... It is my opinion that OTB Path is the most fun and least frustrating, if done with others. For the Hotdog Hall of Fame in Rockford, 6 of us ended up parking a block away, Dennis asked a 'local' for help. Men don't NORMALLY ask for directions so it was good to have Dennis along to get all 6 of us to the right place. Between Rockford and our next stop, our one group of six became 2 'groups' and one solo rider.

Josh had done research on Google so he had very accurate information on particulars. He said 'you can't miss' the Brown Trout Statue in Baldwin. He was correct. It was on the main drag with a very nice paved area to pull off alongside the highway. Bill had already left the two groups to visit some friends. Bill won't be in MI for the MWB so he was not interested in 'bagging stops'. When Brian, Jay and I arrived in Baldwin and 'bagged' the trout, we noticed a 1600 BMW across the street in a parking lot next to a FREE museum. Before the 3 of us left the statue, Josh and Bill came out and yelled for us to join them in the museum. I don't normally do museums but it was worth the time (and I got a free sticker I plan to put on my boat).

Josh & Dennis arrived at our cottage in the woods together, after Bill had stopped in and left. Brian and I arrived a little later and Jay had gone solo, stopped for supper before arriving at the cottage. So if you like some riding in a group and some doing your own thing, you would have loved Brian's plan for the sunrise to sunset ride across MI.

Now I jump forward to Sunday's plan to bag more stops. As stated before, OTB Path is the most fun and least frustrating, if done with others. As we headed for Allendale, we waved farewell to Bill on I69 as he headed home to take care of his dog. If you arrive at the college campus in Allendale to find the Scrap Metal Marching Band, you may need to do what Brian, Jay and I did. The band was not where my GPS

took me (it's an out of date/old unit that does a fair job). Jay ventured out and left Brian and me in the cul-de-sac scratching our helmets... If you arrive at the same location, do as we did... look to your left where we saw Josh and Dennis. They yelled for us to join them so we rode over to the 'no parking' lot. There they told us where to find the band. Then follow Dennis to the wrong parking lot where you can do an easy U-Turn back to the correct parking lot. Follow Dennis past the parking lot where the MSF class is underway. Park in the 'reserved parking' place and walk over or around the grass hill to find the band close to a shade tree.

After pictures 'bagging' the Scrap Metal Marching Band in Allendale, Jay decided to head for home. Josh and Dennis had started the next leg of their trip to Holland so Bill had gone solo as well as Jay. After the Wooden Shoe Factory, Brian and I passed Josh & Dennis (without seeing them honking and waving at us).

As Brian and I got close to the 12' Ice Cream Cone in E. Leroy, we noticed a 1600 BMW in a parking lot and Josh's RT1100 along the side of the road. After Brian and I passed by, I thought we should have stopped by and asked them to join us at the next stop. But it was a narrow road so a U-Turn is difficult. Brian and I continued to follow my GPS. Again, the 12' Ice Cream Cone was not where my GPS said it should be. Brian and I did a U-Turn and joined Dennis and Josh at the Route 66 stop on the corner. The Cone was out back, carved out of a tree!!! NEAT.

While Brian enjoyed a waffle cone and I ate a raspberry turnover, Josh and Dennis were discussing how many of the remaining OTB Path stops they would attempt that day. We were all getting tired of riding. Brian had already 'bagged' pictures in Pickney, Ann Arbor and Dundee and my initial plan was to get to the Daily Scoop Ice cream in Mason before those doing those three, but Josh started making a lot of sense. Since Pickney is close to a club destination after our August club meeting, Josh suggested he and Dennis could 'bag' the three (Pickney, Ann Arbor and Dundee) on the day of the August club meeting when we are going to Zukey Lake Tavern. That sounded so good - alter my plans, ride with Brian to Mason and go home.

On the way to Mason, my GPS took me down a road that was closed because a bridge was out. On the other road, Brian and I had to cross a flooded road, about 4" at the deepest and 100' long. Brian waited until I made it successfully. I could see the center line most of the way so that's where I crossed the large puddle slowly in 1st gear. In Mason, I paid the least ever for a single dip of hand scooped ice cream in a cone. It was just \$1.10.

Everyone made it home safely well before sunset. Two solo riders and two small groups of 2 each. Thanks to Brian and all other riders who made this an enjoyable end to the first half of 2019.

[Editor's note: I have been sent some pictures from this that I'll be putting on the website soon]

Treasurer's Report

Jim Mick



Check book balance for the end of May	\$2824.37
Check book balance for the end of June	\$3021.37
Balance one year ago	\$1968.97
Balance end of December	\$1992.47
Balance end of March	\$2692.37
PayPal balance for the end of May	\$98.11
PayPal balance for the end of June	\$113.11

- 68 members for 2018
- 60 member renewals for 2019
- 14 members paid for Frankenmuth

- 190605 Received \$15 from Steve Briarton through PPal for membership renewal.
- 190608 Received \$192 at the Club meeting: \$20 from George & Lori D and 1Guest for the Picnic; \$10 from Keith & Bobi H for the Picnic; \$5 from Alvaro M for the Picnic; \$30 from Jim & Jeri M and 2 Guests for the Picnic; \$25 from Gary & Mary V for the Membership renewal; and \$15 from Charles Z for membership; \$38 for the 50/50 when Allen G won at the May meeting and finally \$49 for the 50/50 when Keith H won this month.
- 190615 Received \$5 from Lynn K for Frankenmuth.

MOTOR CITY BEEMERS NAME TAGS

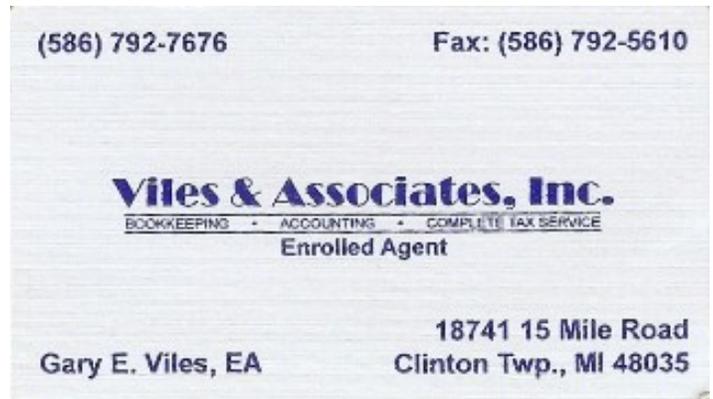
Motor City Beemer name tags are available for purchase at Highest Honor, Inc. Highest Honor, Inc is located at **34711 Dequindre Road, Troy, Michigan 48083**. Their shop is just south of 15 Mile Road, on the west side of Dequindre. Herb and Jeff have a die set up with the club logo and can add your name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