



# 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: March 14, 2020**

**Following Meeting: April 11, 2020**

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

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It's March! We're well over the hump of mid-winter, and riding season will soon be here. There were several days of warm weather in February, and I know a few of you were able to get out and ride before the final blizzard of February.

We had a fabulous Mid-Winter Banquet! I hope everyone had a great time, I know I did! We held our drawing for the 2019 Off the Beaten Path Poker Run, and we also drew cards for Tim and Jay, who participated in the Poker Run by submitting photos but who were unable to attend the Banquet. I won 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Brian 2<sup>nd</sup>

place, and Jim won 1<sup>st</sup> place.

It's March, and that means it's time to plan where we want to ride this year. Unfortunately I will not be at the meeting, but Nick, Josh, and Paula will be there. Please, if you're coming to the meeting please bring your riding ideas so they can get them on the schedule. I know we have a few rides planned and talked about but not yet scheduled, such as Brian's Sunrise/Sunset Ride, a Fall Color Tour, and a Low Displacement Ride. We also have some events on the calendar already:

- The picnic on June 20<sup>th</sup>
- The BMW MOA National Rally in Great Falls, Montana, June 25-28
- The Frankenmuth Chicken Dinner Run in September with the overnight at Port Austin
- The BMW RA Fall Colors Rally in Lewsburg, West Virginia September 24-27
- A brand new 2020 Off The Beaten Path Poker Run, with 10 new locations in Michigan, and 1 in Ohio, April - November
- Jim V. is coordinating several Iron Butt Association rides, and has invited us to ride along:
  - o A SaddleSore Tifecta starting and ending in Sault Ste Marie, June 20. (Yes, these conflict with the Picnic.)
  - o A Great Lakes 100 ride in July, specifics TBD.
  - o A Lake Huron SS1000 starting and ending in Lansing, August 15.

Nomination season for club officers has arrived! Please send any officer nominations you may have via email to [mcbeemers.nominations@gmail.com](mailto:mcbeemers.nominations@gmail.com), or come in person to the April meeting. Yes, you can nominate yourself, as well as nominate other people. You can nominate for any or all of the four officer positions: Communications Director, VP for Events, VP for Rides, and President. Voting will take place at the May meeting.

*Just a reminder March is a good month to get the bike ready for the season. If you need service contact Don before it gets really busy.*

Until next month, get out there and ride weather permitting!



Mid-Winter banquet was, as usual, great. Many thanks to Paula for organizing it with Louis' Chop House, Paula and Cathy for acquiring prizes and decorations, and all those that participated! The slide show is up on the website...yes some of the thumbnails and slides are at funny angles – your phones do funny stuff that I have to figure out how to fix. Also up at the website are the entries for the 2019 Poker Run.

Paula and I just came back from attending the Trenary, Michigan Outhouse Classic. Yes, they drop snow on a strip of mainstreet, build outhouses, put them on skis, and race them down the street. As they say, “What else are you going to do in the U.P. in the middle of winter?” Of course, the toilet (er...outhouse) humor is rampant. Some of the groups (like a Breast Cancer awareness group) were there to be seen and took over a minute to complete the course. Others were there to WIN and did it in less than 30 seconds. It's harder than it looks, as two people have to push the outhouse, fast and hard, but if they don't push equally, the outhouse will go spinning off to one side or the other. Not exactly a motorcycle destination, and as it was, it was an exciting drive in a four-wheel Jeep. We had two days of driving through white-outs and bitter cold, fortunately, the day of the race was actually quite beautiful – for February in the UP. Still, the area is quite nice at all times of the year.

I made a couple minor edits to Cathy's column. From memory (and too late to check), I believe Don indicated that he had made reservations for our Picnic at another park this year. Also, we are hoping the person who does the event coordination for our next Chicken Dinner will investigate the events going on in Frankenmuth before setting the schedule – there's nothing sacred about the third weekend, and there crowds for Oktoberfest activities makes our event a little less fun.

And speaking of “changes”, “nothing sacred” and upcoming events – yes, officer elections are coming up. Please consider contributing back to the club by becoming an officer. If you don't like the way things are going, help set a new course. If you like how things are going, help continue it. Really, nothing we are doing now should be considered set in stone. Maybe we need to meet at some other location? Maybe we need to meet at some other time? Maybe we need to have some very different structure in how we do things? If we aren't doing things the way you would like, maybe others agree and changes should be made. The fact that “we have done this for twenty years this way” doesn't mean things can't be changed. Our next meeting is our planning meeting, and hopefully you will join us to help set the course for the year. After the meeting is a ride/drive lunch at Puzzler's Pub and then to Rocky's Great Outdoors in Burton. Great place to get some new gear, and if nothing else, see some really cool old bikes, for not only is it a store, it's also a museum.

## **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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# Treasurer's Report

Jim Mick



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| Check book balance for the end of January     | \$3245.55       |
| Check book balance for the end of February    | \$2593.55       |
| Balance one year ago                          | \$2661.37       |
| Balance end of August                         | \$2662.55       |
| Balance end of November                       | \$2587.55       |
| <b>PayPal</b> balance for the end of January  | <b>\$153.11</b> |
| <b>PayPal</b> balance for the end of February | <b>\$138.11</b> |

CORRECTION: 1/13/20 Received \$55.00 from Brian & Sheila B for membership AND MWB.

1/30/20 Received \$15.00 from John J using PPal for membership renewal.

2/8/20 Received \$30.00 from Walter D for membership and MWB.

Received \$75.00 from Dennis G & Linda H for membership and all club events.

Received \$18.00 from 50/50 when Nick H had the winning ticket.

2/15/20 Paid Louis Chop House \$775.00 for MWB. (15 Deville meals: \$450, 3 Event Appetizers: \$108.00, Room Charge: \$50.00, Sales Tax: \$33.50, Gratuity: \$133.50)

We ended 2019 with 61 Members

16 have renewed for 2020

15 attended the Mid Winter Banquet 2020

13 prepaid for Picnic

11 prepaid for Frankenmuth

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 for all three club events is \$75.

*[Editor's note: Jim VanDenBerghe has sent this info to the MCBeemer's mail list, I'm including it here as it might be of interest to people. People who have been on Jim V's rides highly recommend them!]*

Greetings MC Beemers:

For those of you who might be interested in earning your Iron Butt Association ( IBA ) number, I have several rides planned for 2020.

IMO opinion this is something every MC Rider should take a shot at, to find out if you have the defective gene for long distance motorcycle riding, or not. And based on the rides I have organized in the past, your chances of completing a SS1K ride ( > 1,000 miles in < 24 hours ) is about 95%. After accomplishing that, a Rider will know if he/she has the defective gene required for more IBA rides. There are several members in the MC Beemer Club that have their IBA number. The members I'm aware of are George Domany, Jim Mick, Ives, Rhys, and Betty. Allen Gigliotti ( RIP ) also earned his IBA number when we did a Great Lakes 100 together back in 2011. There may be other members, too.

So, in 2020 there will be three IBA rides I'm organizing all starting & ending in the Soo on June 20th. See: <http://members.triton.net/vandenbe/Trifecta/2020Trifecta.html>

I'm also planning a Lake Huron SS1K starting & ending on the west side of Lansing on August 15th. See: <http://members.triton.net/vandenbe/2020LKHURON/2020%20LK%20Huron%20SS1K.html>

The above rides will be posted on the IBA Events Calendar.

I am extending a special invitation to MC Beemer members for another Great Lakes 100 ride I'm planning for July 2020. This ride won't be posted on the IBA Event Calendar. The Great Lakes 100 is a ride around all 5 Great Lakes in < 100 hours. This is a fairing easy ride to do. I did my second last year with 7 other Riders, although all the IBA rides I organize are not big group rides. Smaller groups naturally form and some Riders do the ride solo. Some days we had 2 groups, other days 3 groups of Riders on last years GRT LKS 100. There is plenty of time to get a full nights sleep every night. It's a nice ride for Riders who want to do their first IBA ride.

For more info and the route, see: <http://members.triton.net/vandenbe/Trifecta/2020GRTLKS100.htm> . Big Great Lakes 100 ( this is not the shortest route possible around all 5 Great Lakes ). MC Beemer's could meet the other Riders in Wauseon, OH at the lunch stop or on the Ohio turnpike east of Toledo. See: <http://members.triton.net/vandenbe/Trifecta/2020GRTLKS100.htm>

Please email me if you have any question, etc. Hope to see and meet some of you on these IBA rides !

Jim V.  
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## 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!"

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