



Motor City Beemers

Newsletter



BMW MOA Club #231

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
“An eating club with a motorcycle problem!”

Our next meeting is: Not in April, 2020 ☹

Following Meeting: May 9, 2020 maybe?

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

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Greetings, Beemers!

I hope to find all members are safe and are social distancing. With that said, the dealership is closed for safety precautions, and our April 11 meeting has been canceled. We'll let you know about the May meeting.

The April meeting would normally be for officer nominations. As we are not meeting, this makes nominations through an Email to mcbemers.nominations@gmail.com more important than normal. Please get your

nominations in! You may nominate the current officers, other members, or yourself.

On the website, Nick has posted our tentative schedule of events for 2020, including our annual picnic this summer and chicken dinner this fall, and the BMW RA and MOA rallies. Whether or not we are able to hold these events is still wait-and-see. I want to thank Paula, Josh, and Nick for running the March planning meeting where these events were discussed.

As our federal and state governments permit, you may decide to ride in our Off the Beaten Path Poker Run, with participation any time between April and October. It is your decision to make whether you wish to ride this year. If you do, this Poker Run is designed for individual riders, so you can have some fun while social distancing.

Until next month, be safe!



What a difference a month can make, eh?

The good news is motorcycling can be a solitary activity where “social distancing” is kinda a natural, at least while riding. Bad news is we really will get to live by the expression, “it’s the journey, not the destination”, since we won’t have destinations for a while yet.

So... things are a little up in the air right now. So, we roll with it. So to speak. **Our April meeting is canceled.** May’s meeting will be decided based on governmental advisories, our host dealership, and whatever else is going on at the time. Please stay tuned to the website, the mail list and the Facebook MCBemers group for

updates.

As Cathy has said, we have officer elections coming up, and we need nominations for next year. Paula, our current vice president for events, does NOT want to be serve again next year, so we need someone to step up for at least that position. I think it is safe to say none of our current officers would be offended by someone wishing to take our office, and maybe even move the club in new and exciting directions.

Destinations for Cathy’s 2020 Poker Run are up on the website under the Activities section.

One change that is not related to the COVID19 quarantine is the suspension of our Wednesday dinners. Attendance has been almost non-existent this year, so after some consideration and discussion, we have decided to suspend the scheduling of the weekly dinners. Hopefully, if there is interest in the future, we can resume some other activities between our monthly meetings.

I did finally get one of my bikes out last week. The Harley was the last in, so the easiest out of the garage. Happy to report that the service it got last December has got it starting easier and running better than ever since I purchased it.

In motorcycle news... April 3, BMW will be unveiling their R 18, a 1800cc Boxer-engined ... monster. Supposedly 2:00p ET there will be a live unveiling. There has been a bit of teasing on this for a while. Definitely something I’d like to test ride someday!

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>

Treasurer's Report

Jim Mick



Check book balance for the end of March	\$2699.55
Check book balance for the end of February	\$2593.55
Balance one year ago	\$2692.37
Balance end of September	\$2587.55
Balance end of December	\$2960.55
PayPal balance for the end of March	\$138.11
PayPal balance for the end of February	\$138.11

- 3/14 Received \$31.00 from 50/50 when Robb S. won but opted to let the club keep his winnings. THANK YOU ROBB. The 50/50 is part of the reason our club can pick up most of the tab for our meals at Frankenmuth, our Picnic and MWB.
- 3/23 Received \$75.00 from Don & Carolynne P. using BILL PAY for membership renewals, Picnic and Frankenmuth. The extra \$30 was to be added to club checking account. THANK YOU DON & CAROLYNNE.

We ended 2019 with 61 Members
18 have renewed for 2020
15 prepaid for Picnic
13 prepaid for Frankenmuth

You can still send payments for any club functions using Pay Pal to 'jim@ridingiswonderful.com'. If you have a Pay Pal account and call me a "friend", neither the club nor you pay a fee.

A better way to pay is often to use your Bank/CU 'Bill Pay' option. If your bank/CU charges no fee, have them 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 [Picnic (\$5), and Frankenmuth (\$5) when you renew your 2020 membership (\$15)], the annual cost for all is \$25. A member AND associate for all three club events is \$45.

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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