



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: Probably not in May, 2020 ☹

Following Meeting: June 13, 2020 hopefully?

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

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Greetings, Beemers!

It's May, and under normal circumstances I would be writing about voting for our nominated 2020 officers at the upcoming meeting. But the dealership's showroom is still closed, so our May meeting is unlikely. And we received no officer nominations, except for a single verbal nomination to renew everyone, which was made during the March meeting. Over the last few weeks, the officers held an email discussion about the 2020 club election. Our unanimous agreement was to continue in our roles for the time being, until the club is once again able to

submit nominations and vote. Paula – who wishes to retire from First VP and step aside – has graciously agreed to extend her time in office until we are able to hold elections.

You may have already heard about the passing of longtime member Gary Viles, due to complications from COVID-19. Gary and Mary were frequent Wednesday dinner attendees, and I will miss the little scenes Gary created, as he deeply enjoyed giving every waitperson he met a hard time. We're extending Mary a life membership, and I hope that she will be able to join us when we are able to hold our events and dinners once more.

As of April 24, recreational riding in Michigan is permitted under Executive Order 2020-59. The FAQ accompanying the order reads:

Q: Does the order prohibit a recreational ride on a motorcycle?

A: No. Like all outdoor recreational activity, however, it must be done in a manner consistent with remaining at least six feet from people outside the individual's household, and riders are strongly encouraged to follow all other mitigation measures recommended by the CDC to suppress the spread of COVID-19.

So, Beemers, until next time, be safe when you get out there and ride!



What a difference a month can make, eh? Oh wait. I said that last month in this spot.

As Paula mentioned, and was on our usual communications channels, Gary v. passed a few weeks ago. He will be missed, and I do hope that Mary feels always welcome at any of our club activities.

My riding report: maybe about 50 miles so far this year. Totally lame. I keep hearing about bored people, but I really don't know what that means. I'd say I'm fortunate to work for an "important" business, and I'm able to work from home...but then, I know many of you are happily retired and can't comprehend my saying "fortunate" about

"work". So I'll find some other topic...

So...how about that new BMW R18? 1800 cubic centimeters of boxer twin. The discussion on the MCBeemer Facebook group was ... well, "mixed" would be overly positive. I like it. Rhys says a few down payments have been put down on them by people we know. Don't think I'll buy one new, but I could definitely see me owning one in ten years. (yes, I'm that "one cheap thing" on a BMW – the rider!). I'll be curious to see if they do anything else with that 1800cc engine..or what people do with them. I know BMW owners aren't into customizing (sad, really...A rebel Beemer rider puts an aftermarket GPS on their bike and hopes their friends don't notice), but this bike (and the RnineT) are really begging to be the basis for some beautiful custom bikes, I think. The boxer is an attractive engine, and when it comes to good looking engines, it's the one of the two that ISN'T a Harley look-alike V-twin (The Honda Valkyrie is also a good looker, in my opinion). So props to BMW for something different.

As Cathy indicated, even if you guys vote the rest of us officers back in for another term, we need someone to take over for Paula as VP for events. She says its not that difficult or time consuming, but it does need to be done. And..as I have said before, please take this time to consider running for office in the club. We need some new blood, we need some new ideas.

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 April	\$2749.55
Balance one year ago	\$2707.37
Balance end of October	\$2587.55
Balance end of January	\$3245.55
PayPal balance for the end of March	\$238.11
PayPal balance for the end of April	\$188.11

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

4/21 I moved \$50 from Pay Pal to Checking Account.

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.

ESPECIALLY WITH THE ISOLATION... A very good way to pay is 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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