



Motor City Beemers

Newsletter



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All meetings are held the **SECOND** Saturday of the month at 10:30AM in front of
BMW Motorcycles of Detroit
 1301 S Rochester Rd, Suite B
 Rochester Hills, MI 48307
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We welcome owners and fans of all bikes
“An eating club with a motorcycle problem!”

Our next meeting is: August 8
 Following meeting is September 12
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Greetings Beemers!

Our July meeting – in the dealership lot – was well attended. We're still looking for replacement officers if anyone is interested. We decided to defer the picnic to 2021. Those who paid Jim for 2020 will be credited for next year.

Our lunch ride was to the Celtic Knot Tavern in Lakeville. I'd like to thank Jeff Anderson for coordinating and leading the ride! It was an awesome ride on a great day, and we had terrific food on the tavern's upstairs deck, overlooking the lake.

Our August meeting will be at the same place: outside the dealership on Saturday the 8th. Lunch ride TBD.

Rides:

- Some of us have sent Nick photos from our Off The Beaten Path Poker Run stops. Rhys was lucky enough to get a photo at the Tridge prior to the flood. If you don't get the Tridge this year, we'll give you a card for it if you participated in the Poker Run.
- Rhys is still planning to have his Where's Waldo ride on Saturday, August 15. More information should be shared at the meeting or on Facebook / Yahoo.
- Frankenmuth is on for 2020!! Also on for 2020, the optional follow-on ride to Port Austin!! But there is one major change to be aware of: we'll be having it at Zender's instead of the Bavarian Inn.

Where: Zender's of Frankenmuth

When: Saturday, September 19, 1:00pm seating, 1:30pm service

Cost: \$5.00 for members, \$30.69 for non-members. Coffee, tea, Pepsi products, taxes and tips are included. Cash bar extra.

Please get your money to Jim for Frankenmuth as soon as possible, as we'll need an accurate headcount.

For those heading to Port Austin afterwards: The Blue Spruce Motel is holding our usual block of rooms at the same rate as last year: \$115.54 including taxes. Call Stephanie at 989-738-8650 to reserve your room.

Until next time, stay safe when you get out there and ride!



To be honest, I was not quite sure what to expect at our first meeting since March last month. I was actually expecting a very small turn-out. I'm happy to report, I was wrong – very wrong. We actually had a pretty good turn-out. I didn't count, but I wouldn't be surprised if it was one of our bigger meeting in a while.

A long time ago, when I probably needed it, a dear friend of mine gave me a book called, Sacred Cows Make The Best Burgers, the basic point being what got you where you are won't necessarily get you where you need to go, things that people never think to question are usually the

most important things to question. We have a number of traditions in this club, but none of them should be considered sacred and unable to be re-examined. Our regular Frankenmuth chicken dinner is ...um... going to cross the road to Zender's. One reason that I didn't think of until AFTER the decision was made was I think we'll find the Zender's parking lot more biker friendly – the lot we have traditionally been in tends to be very "busy"...I think this is going to work out nicely for us.

As a club, we have a lot of big decisions to make about our future. Pretty much everything is open for discussion or change. Do we want to stay nominally a BMW club? Do we want to stay associated with our dealership? Are second Saturday's best? The more sacred the tradition, the more we should probably ask, "Is this how we want to do things?". "Yes" is a good answer. "No" may be, too.

All of the officers would love to hand off their jobs to someone else – some of us are willing to stay on, others...not interested at all. This is your club, we need your participation. If you aren't satisfied with how things are going or being done, don't complain – run! If you love the way things are going, run and keep 'em going!

My riding this year has been sadly minimal. Seems odd that while I'm not commuting to work anymore, my workday seems to be every bit as long. Has something to do with our two cats, Molly and Sweet Pea...but that's a long story that has nothing to do with motorcycles.

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



Check book balance for the end of July	\$2820.55
Check book balance for the end of June	\$2749.55
Balance one year ago	\$3060.37
Balance end of January	\$3230.55
Balance end of April	\$2749.55
PayPal balance for the end of May	\$188.11
PayPal balance for the end of June	\$188.11

We ended 2019 with 61 Members
37 have renewed for 2020
1 has renewed for 2021
15 prepaid for Picnic – The club decided at July meeting to not have this year. I will refund your payment if you desire, otherwise

I'll carry forward to next year.
13 prepaid for Frankenmuth

At the club meeting, Norm O paid \$30 for 2020 and 2021 membership. He also won the 50/50 and gave his winnings to the club – total 50/50 was \$41.

You can still send payments for any club functions using Pay Pal to 'jim@ridingiswonderful.com'. If you have a Pay Pal account (rather than using a CC/DC) and call me a "friend", neither the club nor you pay a fee. But if you use Pay Pal and a CC/DC, the club does 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

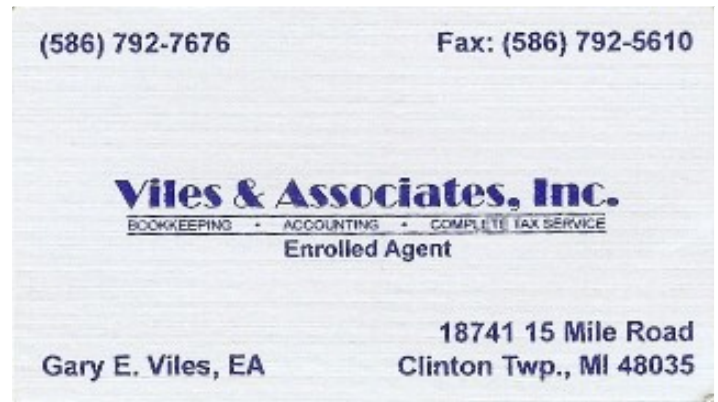
Motor City Beemer name tags are available for purchase at Highest Honor, Inc. Highest Honor, Inc is located at **34711 Dequindre Road, Troy, Michigan 48083**. Their shop is just south of 15 Mile Road, on the west side of Dequindre. Herb and Jeff have a die set up with the club logo and can add your name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

"A tip of the MCBEEMER helmet . . .

. . . goes to Viles & Associates, Inc., who have volunteered to print the free copies of the newsletter available at the dealership. They are also BMW riders.



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