



Motor City Beemers

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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: September 12

Following meeting is: October 10

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It's Frankenmuth time! Every year on the 3rd Saturday of September, we ride up to Frankenmuth for a chicken dinner. This is one of the club sponsored rides so the cost for a member of the club is just \$5. Please, get your payment to Jim Mick ASAP. There's a BIG change this year: we're having it at Zehnder's of Frankenmuth, across the street from the Bavarian Inn that hosted us in prior years. There will be reserved parking for us in the lot behind Zehnder's.

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

- Where: Zehnder's of Frankenmuth, 730 S Main St, Frankenmuth, MI 48734.

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

- Optional: Breakfast and/or group ride to Frankenmuth. 8:00am breakfast, 09:30am sidestands up. Ted's Coney Island, 67176 Gratiot Ave, Richmond, MI 48062. Ted's is located at the intersection of M-19 and north-bound Gratiot. The route will be back roads through the thumb, through to Vassar and over to Frankenmuth. This always one of our best and most fun events, and I am really looking forward to this ride.

- Optional: After dinner group ride from Frankenmuth to Port Austin. If you'd like to join us, we have a block of rooms at the Blue Spruce Motel. \$115.54 including taxes. Call Stephanie at 989-738-8650 to reserve your room.

Our August meeting was very well attended! Jeff Anderson led our lunch ride to Bullfrogs in Ortonville, with a dessert ride Cook's Farm Dairy. It was a great ride on a great day! Thanks for leading once again, Jeff!

I want to thank Rhys for coordinating the group ride to Waldo, Ohio for their world famous fried bologna sandwiches. And pie, of course. I saw photos of eight riders this year! I was up north once again at Lady Biker Day – an annual women's rally to support Camp Quality for kids with cancer. This year was their 20th, and was expected to be the last. The rally has raised well over \$300,000 since it began in 2001.

If you've been participating in this year's Off the Beaten Path Poker Run, please get your photos to Nick so he is not overwhelmed later in the year. I've got some pictures I need to send, and I have 5 more to get before the season ends. How about you?

Our September meeting will be September 12, 10:30am, at the dealership. Josh is thinking about a lunch ride to Foxfire Fixin's, just south of Marine City. It's an eclectic restaurant that renovated their outdoor seating this year.

Till next month be safe and get out there and ride!



Yes, it's already September, and our Frankenmuth chicken dinner ride is coming up. Yes, that's lots of fun, but consider joining some of us on the overnight trip to Port Austin. It's a nice ride through the thumb, including a very impressive cluster of wind turbines, a nice bonfire. Details in Cathy's article above!

It's a major election year. And once again, most of us find it easier to criticize those in office or running for office than to actually do the job we, the armchair experts, "know" they are doing wrong. Which is my way to slide into Once Again asking you to consider running to

become one of the officers of your club. I don't think there's any current officer who wouldn't welcome someone stepping up and offering to take their position.

I think I have been doing a pretty good job of keeping the website up-to-date for Poker Run pictures. If your pics aren't up there, either you haven't sent them to me, or I'm not doing as well as I thought, so please contact me and probably resend them.

I recently discovered it is possible for me to push-start a Harley with a cranky starter motor. Kinda a bummer, I was really enjoying the ride up to that point. Other than that, I've done sadly little riding this summer. So, I'm rapidly running out of things to babble about today.

Hope to see you guys at the September meeting and at Zenders!

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 August	\$2912.55
Balance one year ago	\$3070.37
Balance end of February	\$2593.55
Balance end of May	\$2749.55
PayPal balance for the end of July	\$188.11
PayPal balance for the end of August	\$212.37

We ended 2019 with 61 Members
 42 Members for 2020
 1 has renewed for 2021, and 1 lifetime membership
 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's picnic.
 18 prepaid for Frankenmuth

At the club meeting, Mike M. won the 50/50, \$17 to the club. Brian B. and Charles G. each gave \$5 for Frankenmuth. Bill H. gave \$15 to renew his membership for 2020. Don & Gale M. gave \$30 to renew their memberships for 2020 BUT I OWE THEM \$5. Jay M. gave \$20 to renew his membership and for Frankenmuth. James Uhls sent \$15 (\$14.26 net) using Pay Pal to become a member. Watch for information in the newsletters so you can get acquainted with Jim.

8/23 Nick & Pam N. sent \$10 using PPal to make reservations for Frankenmuth.

- Membership \$15.00 per calendar year
- Associate Member \$10.00
- Frankenmuth Dinner \$5 per member/associate

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.

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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