



Motor City Beemers

Newsletter



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Meetings are held the **SECOND** Saturday of the month
well...you best read the newsletter this month.

We welcome owners and fans of all bikes
“An eating club with a motorcycle problem!”

Our *next* meeting is: **November 14**

Following meeting is: **To Be Determined.. Stay Tuned.**

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Greetings Beemers!

We're moving the November meeting – indoors! We'll get together one hour later, at 11:30am, at the Rochester Mills Beer Company Brewpub, 400 Water Street, in downtown Rochester, which is north of the dealership. Bring your mask!

The brewpub opens its doors at 11:30, so we will likely start the meeting a little later. We'll have lunch there after the meeting, with no planned lunch ride.

On the agenda for this meeting:

- Officers for 2021:

We last held an election in 2019, and due to the pandemic the officers extended their terms in 2020. We need your nominations for new officers, and to hold a new election. Paula and I will both retire at the end of 2020, and not continue to serve in 2021. Will you run for an office? Each officer is willing to help you take over our roles.

- Discontinuing winter meetings?

It's been difficult – but safer – to meet outdoors during the pandemic. With the arrival of winter, outdoor meetings become impossible. Shall we defer meetings until spring?

I missed the October meeting, but Jeff Anderson let Josh know the club had a great lunch ride. Jeff noted the group of 8 bikes went through Almont and Memphis to reach the Dorsey House for lunch, dodging some construction, and passing an accident scene which had a couple of riders down within a large group of stopped riders – I hope the riders are OK.

Till next month be safe, and on warmer days, get out there and ride!

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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It's November. Riding season is about done, but the weather forecast I just looked at shows some very ride-worthy weather in the near future, assuming you don't have to work the ride-worthy hours, like I probably will.

If you are a retiree, please don't gloat. ☺ At least, not too much.

I've been suggesting for quite some time that, as a club, we have to think about making some changes to better fit our desires and our times. Sometimes change comes from within, other times, it's thrust upon us.

Well, we've had a couple things thrust upon us which will require some change.

First – meeting outside the dealership doesn't work for the winter (it barely worked for the summer – we got really lucky with weather!). So, **our next meeting will be at Rochester Mills Beer Company**. They don't open until **11:30am**, so that will be when our meeting starts, NOT our usual 10:30 at the dealership. And, as Cathy indicated above, we have some decisions to make about our format going forward. Do we want to keep regular meetings? Or Ride More, Meet Less? Take some time off for the winter? Bring your ideas to our next meeting!

Second – as of December 15, Yahoo Groups is being shut down by Yahoo. We have a few tools for communicating to our members – the big ones being Yahoo Groups e-mail list and Facebook. Unfortunately, this removes one of our options. If you aren't a member of our Facebook group, please reach out to me or any other officer and we can add you to our group. If you are not searchable on Facebook, you have to friend one of the officers (or my cat, Molly Holland), and . We may look at some other ideas, as well, but if you have ideas, let us know. A few personal goals: Simple to use, somewhere people normally are anyway. Most people today have e-mail, many people use facebook, so both are good ways to communicate with people. I really don't want people to need to use Yet Another login to find out what is going on with our club. Jim provided some good words on club communications as well, unfortunately he wrote them before the news of the Yahoo Group shutdown happening, so I removed those parts.

So, I hope you can join us at our November meeting and help plot our course for the future. And...think about running for an officer's position!

Happy Riding!

Membership. Anyone who applies and pays \$15 (\$10 as an associate) becomes a member until Dec 31 of that year. Free memberships are also given out by the Dealership with the purchase of a bike. Members receive the monthly **Newsletter** by E-mail. Members also may reserve a place at our Mid Winter Banquet (the MWB is a mixed-up BMW), Summer Picnic and Chicken Dinner at Frankenmuth for just \$5 for each 'club sponsored' event. The club picks up the balance of the tabs (less alcohol drinks) at those 3 events. Each NEW MEMBER will be invited by the Treasurer to also become a member of the following Group and Facebook Page.

Club Facebook. This also allows you to correspond with everyone in the club, but they need to look to the Club Facebook page (MCBeemers).

Most members of MCBeemers will likely prefer one of the two ways we can communicate. Non-members may pick up information from our monthly Newsletter, but they will not be invited to the Club Facebook.

The Newsletter is only once a month – by E-mail and posting at the club website. Any Facebook posts on the Club Page may be seen when other members go to the page.

Statistics. Of the current 44 Members (including associate members), only 17 use Facebook. You might want to add 7 to that number because with some couples, only one is active with Facebook.

This makes getting the word out to ALL MEMBERS a difficult challenge. Only the Newsletter does that, but the newsletter is only once a month.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Mick



Check book balance for the end of September	\$2305.41
Check book balance for the end of October	\$2335.41
Balance one year ago	\$2587.55
Balance end of April	\$2749.55
Balance end of July	\$2820.55
PayPal balance for the end of September	\$212.37
PayPal balance for the end of October	\$212.37

45 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.

22 attended Frankenmuth

At the club meeting, Debbie Uhls paid \$10 to become an Associate Member of Jim. Jim Uhls also won the 50/50; \$20 to the club .

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., located at **34711 Dequindre Road, Troy, Michigan 48083**. The easiest way to get your ID tag is to send Jeff an e-mail at: www.jeff@highesthonor.biz or call Jeff at **248-588-7845**.