

# Motor City Beemers

## Newsletter



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Meetings are held the **SECOND** Saturday of the month  
at

### **BMW Motorcycles of Detroit**

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Rochester Hills, MI 48307  
(248) 402-4010

*We welcome owners and fans of all bikes*

***“Eat to Ride, Ride to Eat!”***

Our *next* meeting is: ... **May 8**

Following meeting is: **June 12**

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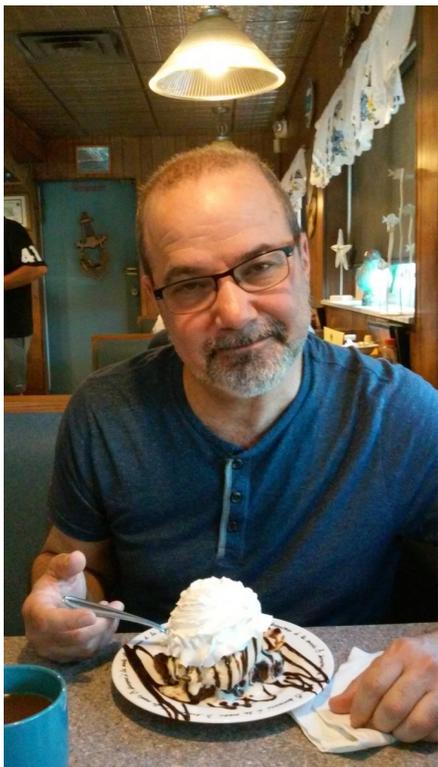
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It's May, everyone!

We had good riding weather throughout most of April. Most. The late April snow was something of a surprise. It always snows in April, but I'd expected it to happen weeks earlier. The bikes stayed in the garage for several days.

*April meeting minutes on the BMW logo and the lunch ride:*

- **BMW Logo and Branding:** Jerry P. raised strong objections to the proposal to drop BMW AG's logo. He volunteered to take on the changes and obtain the approvals needed on the club's behalf. The vote was tabled pending the outcome of his efforts.
- **Lunch ride:** Jeff led our lunch ride to visit Rocky's Great Outdoors. Jeff writes:

*"Nice spring weather for 8 riders leaving the dealer for lunch at Culver's, and 6 of us made it there together! Unfortunately 2 riders missed the Orion Road turn, but we have a fix for that - all future rides going north on Rochester Road we will be regrouping at the U Haul dealer just north of Tienken Road.*

*"A nice relaxing ride to Rocky's and plenty of things to buy and look at. Departure was around 3 PM and we all avoided the late afternoon rain. The round trip mileage from the dealer was approximately 100 miles."*

I'll add that the separated group was able to get back together at the restaurant. Jeff's photos from the ride are included below.

**Our May Meeting – Dealership parking lot, weather permitting:** If the weather is inclement we'll meet online as a fall-back option. *To meet online, be sure to use the smartphone app called "Jitsi Meet" or use a laptop or desktop browser and connect to <https://meet.jit.si> – type in our meeting name: **MayMcbemers**.*

May Meeting Agenda:

Ride planning: We'll review the table of planned rallies and rides (shown below). It will be your opportunity to add anything I've missed, provide corrections, and to update the group with any new information.

Lunch ride: Weather permitting, Jeff will lead a ride to Metamora's White Horse Inn. He writes:

*"Leave the dealer and turn right on Avon Road, left to Dequindre and then turn right on 25 mile road. 25mile to Mound, turn left and continue to 32 mile road. Turn right and travel to Romeo Plank, turn left. Travel to Armada Center and turn right, about 1 mile then left on Capac road. Travel to Dryden road and turn left, continue west on Dryden to Metamora. I rode this route last week and it's nice without any construction. White Horse Inn will have outdoor dining and we can make a reservation for our party (I just called and confirmed with them). I say kickstands up @ 11:45AM and we should get there around 1 PM. The ride home can be open, Lapeer Road/Rochester Road/Van Dyke south all gets us back to home."*

You can review Jeff's route on [Google Maps](#) or download [this GPX file](#) for your GPS.

Until next month, when you have the opportunity to ride, have fun and stay safe!!

## Rides and Rallies

Ride	Destination or Base	Schedule	Club contact
Off the Beaten Path	Michigan Parks	April 1 – October 31	Josh G
Sunrise / Sunset	Manistee, MI	June 26	Brian B
MOA Lake Superior Big Lake Beemer Blast	Wakefield, MI to Great Falls, MT	June 19 - July 2	
3 U.P. SS1Ks,	Wakefield, MI	July 10	Jim V
Where's Waldo	Waldo, OH	August 21	Rhys B (assumed)
RA Rally	Bessemer, MI	September 3 - 6	
Frankenmuth / Port Austin	Frankenmuth, MI, and optional Port Austin, MI	September 18	Don M
Color Tour	Irish Hills, MI	TBD	Josh G





I hate to admit it, I haven't got my bikes out of the garage yet. It's been yet another strange month, it seems.

In club related information, our treasurer, Jim, brought up that one thing that all our members need to remember is our club rides and events are basically "individual" events – there is no promise that all our members should be able to participate in any particular group activity without risk. Motorcycle riding is a risky activity. As a club, we do not have any kind of activity insurance; you are responsible for your personal safety. If you feel the other riders in a group ride are doing something inappropriate for your skills or comfort, it is your responsibility to do

what is appropriate. "I was following him!" is no more a suitable excuse for one's behavior and actions while riding than it is in any other aspect of life. Hopefully, that makes sense to everyone. 'Nuff said on that.

At our last meeting, we got to meet BMW Detroit's new salesperson, Jennifer Ott. We didn't get to spend a lot of time with her, because she was busy doing her thing – selling motorcycles (what a concept!). Sounds like when she's not selling, she's riding. For those that think BMW's 310cc bikes are not serious, I think she can pretty well shut you down with her history – she did TWO thousand mile Iron Butt rides in her first eight months with a G310GS, and won the female MOA mileage contest. Daaaang. Go, Jennifer! I'm very much looking forward to seeing what else she does at BMW Detroit.

She was willing to pose with her new R1250GSA for me at our last meeting. →

Judging from what I've seen BMW Detroit posting on Facebook, she's moving bikes to new customers, too. Welcome, Jennifer!



## 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: <http://mcbeemers.org/pictures>

Club invite cards: <https://mcbeemers.org/mcb-nl/MCB-invites.pdf>

Membership info: <https://mcbeemers.org/howdoijoin.html>

Hosting Dealership: <https://bmwdetroit.com/>

# Treasurer's Report

Jim Mick



If your name is not here, your membership has expired:

Jeff A, Mike B, Cathy B, Rhys & Jill B, Brain & Sheila B, Tom C, Ron & Tanya C, Walter D, Paula E, Josh G, Bill H, Nick H, Mike & Sharon M, Don & Gail M, Jim & Jeri M, Norm O, Jerry & Margaret P, Rob & Joan S, Curtis U, Jim & Debbie U, Mary V, Jim V.

Check book balance for the end of March	\$2610.45
Check book balance for the end of April	\$2678.41
Balance one year ago	\$2749.55
Balance six months ago	\$2365.41
Balance three months ago	\$2545.41
PayPal balance for the end of March	\$251.34
PayPal balance for the end of April	\$251.34

31 Members for 2021 Membership is \$15.00 & Associate Member \$10.00 per calendar year 19 prepaid for Picnic – Active member cost \$5. The club decided to not have a picnic in 2020. Since nobody asked for a refund, I have carried forward payments to our 2021 picnic.

4/10 Received \$15 from NEW MEMBER Mike Beaupre. \$15 from Bill H for membership renewal and \$25 from Robb & Joan S for membership renewals. Also received \$13 from 50/50 when Brian B won.

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](mailto:www.jeff@highesthonor.biz) or call Jeff at 248-588-7845. presented by BMW MOA... The rally will be held September 8th-12th, 2021 in Nelsonville, Ohio.

## New Member: Mike Beaupre

We'd like to welcome our newest member! (and look! An LT!) He told us this about himself:

"My wife Renee and I currently reside in the north Rochester area with our chocolate Lab, Sheba. I recently took early retirement from 20 years in sales and application development with a major German robotics and automation supplier, with the last 10 years working in the global entertainment and theme park industry.

I've been riding motorcycles most of my life, with my very first bike being a new Yamaha 80 I worked for and saved to purchase at age 14 while growing up in Waterloo, Ontario. To my mother's dismay I soon after got the racing bug, and raced motocross for a few years, then moved over to flat track until giving it up after being sidelined with an injury in my mid-twenties. Since then I've have had a few road bikes, but took a break from motorcycling for a after moving to Michigan in 1985 until buying a "like new" K1200 LT from a friend in 2008 that I still ride today. More recently I also picked-up a new Indian FTR 1200S in 2019, which is reminder to my much earlier days of flat track racing.

Now at age 62, and with allot more time available, am expecting to do allot more riding and hopefully even do a few longer trips or rally events this year. I'm looking forward to getting to know other Beemers MC members, and the opportunity to make a few new like-minded friends to ride with."

