

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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We welcome owners and fans of all bikes

“We got donuts!”

Our *next* meeting is: ... **June 12**

Following meeting is: **July 10**

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It's June! Some days are actually turning hot!

1. I've updated and corrected the ride calendar which follows the column and the June lunch ride, correcting the dates and locations for the RA National Rally.

May meeting minutes: on the BMW logo and the lunch ride:

- **BMW Logo and Branding:** Jerry P. has submitted his proposal, which includes keeping our Gothic title ont. Now comes the wait for reviews and approvals.



- **Lunch ride:** It was a cold morning, with temps in the 40s. The White Horse Inn was not taking reservations and we could have had an hour wait for table(s). Instead 10 bikes participated in Jeff's "Plan B" ride: a counterclockwise, one-hour ride from Rochester Hills in a large loop back to Rochester for lunch at Rochester Mills Beer Co.

Our June Meeting – Saturday, June 12, 10:30am, 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: **JuneMcbeemers**.*

June Meeting Agenda:

The 2021 Club Picnic: Unfortunately, a picnic site in June is unavailable to us and we will need to postpone our annual picnic to later in the year. Don has proposed we hold it in September. We also have our annual Frankenmuth dinner that month. Would you like to hold the picnic on our meeting day? Any other recommendations?

Lunch ride: Jeff A. and Rhys B. have jointly planned an 85-mile lunch ride to our destination: Foxfire Fixin's near Marine City. Google claims the trip should take just over 2 hours; my Garmin GPS is of the opinion that it will only take 1 hour 50 minutes. There are **19** turns. You can review the route on [Google Maps](#), you can download [this GPX file](#) for upload into your GPS, and you can print out the following page and put it in your tank bag map holder or tape it to your tank.

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

Links above, in case the PDF loses them:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1umofPbqMCAhnh3PyIfXy9TxKc2JEsXfe&usp=sharing>
<https://jggimi.net/June-Lunch-Ride.gpx>

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
RA National Rally	Waynesville, NC	August 12-15	
Where's Waldo	Waldo, OH	August 21	Rhys B (assumed)
Frankenmuth / Port Austin	Frankenmuth, MI, and optional Port Austin, MI	September 18	Don M
Color Tour	Irish Hills, MI	TBD	Josh G



In the past, we'd be planning our summer picnic about now, but ... as Josh indicated, our desired places aren't available this month. Personally, I'm thinking "picnic and meeting combo in September" is what I'm leaning towards, but I could be persuaded in other directions.

Longest two week shutdown in history. But yes, things are starting to get back to less abnormal. People who want the COVID vaccine are generally able to get it, there's a race going on between taking down regulations and people ignoring them. I've seen a bunch of people's faces for the first time in a long time. I actually went to

my employer's office and saw coworkers for the first time since March. Kinda odd, got chewed out by the boss last week, and this week, we both were really glad to see each other in person.

If you follow our hosting dealership on Facebook, their new salesperson, Jennifer Ott, is really kicking butt. Every day seems to have another BMW motorcycle sold. Very nice to see. Of course, this should mean a bunch of prospective new members, so I probably need to have a chat with her about that.

I am aware of a few notable motorcycle purchases in the club. Rhys got himself an R18 Classic, and wrote a review for us. And I understand Keith bought a Harley, and I understand he likes it. I'm not surprised. Lots of people like to pretend there's one best car or motorcycle, and that's not true. And nothing forces us to limit ourselves to just one. I find fun in most of the vehicles I've driven, and the exceptions to that were mostly just excessively competent vehicles, they did their job as they were expected to do...and thus, were not terribly interesting.

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>

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

36 Members for 2021 Membership is \$15.00 & Associate Member \$10.00 per calendar year

If your name is not here, you can rejoin at any time:

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, Alan & Jodi K, Mike & Sharon M, Don & Gail M, Jim & Jeri M, Norm O, Don & Carolynne P, Jerry & Margaret P, Tim S, Rob & Joan S, Curtis U, Jim & Debbie U, Mary V, Jim V.

15 prepaid for Picnic – Active member cost is \$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:



Cathy B, Rhys & Jill B, Paula E, Josh G, Nick H, Mike & Sharon M, Don & Gail M, Jim & Jeri M, Don & Carolynne P, Tim S.

Check book balance for the end of May	\$2718.41
Check book balance for the end of April	\$2678.41
Balance one year ago	\$2749.55
Balance six months ago	\$2375.41
Balance three months ago	\$2570.41
PayPal balance for the end of May	\$311.34
PayPal balance for the end of April	\$251.34

5 prepaid for Frankenmuth – Active member cost \$5

5/8 Received \$20 from Tim S. for membership renewal and reservation for Frankenmuth.

5/8 Received \$20 when Bob H. won the 50/50 drawing.

5/19 Received \$25 into PayPal from Alan & Jodi K for membership renewal.

5/23 Received \$35 into PayPal from Don & Carolynne P for membership renewal and Frankenmuth.

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.

A very good way to pay is to use your Bank/CU 'Bill Pay' option. Most banks/CUs charge no fee, so at least you save postage. Just, 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 the 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**.

It's mid May 2021 and I have over 800 miles on my new R18 First Edition Classic. The difference between the R18 and the R18 Classic is the factory addition of the windshield, saddlebags, floorboard and heel toe shifter. I am also adding the factory engine guards and highway bars as they become available.

When you think of all the BMW motorcycles you are accustomed to in your riding memory, this one is NOT one of them. It is not lady like, it is not refined in the sense you think of any BMW you have ridden in the last 40 plus years. This is only my ninth BMW and my third R bike in 34 plus years. I had learned to enjoy and respect my RT and GS when this beast come along. I use the term beast because she is not gentle or reserve at all. That's why I own a K1600B. She is all those things plus much more. The Classic is all torque, power, noise with a capital N and rough. If you are happy riding any of the existing BMW motorcycles then stay with them.

This Classic shatters all your visions of those bikes you've ridden. This one snorts, jolts, rumbles and shakes like the Harley and Indian it was developed to imitate. There is no masking or cover up going on here, this bike is after that crowd that needs the chrome, the sound of a 110 cubic inch fire breathing, low slung, spoked-wheel American cruiser. This bike is not fast, oh it'll do triple digits no problem, it just takes a little longer to get into that area of your speedometer. No, this bike was meant for all the "blue line" roads in America and Michigan. I've ridden it several time on M-136 both directions out by the Black River and Dorsey House. I've ridden it along Abbottsfort Road through Ruby and along the River Road from New Baltimore to Fort Gratiot on Lake Huron.

Can you drag the pegs? Sure you can! Can you exceed the posted speed and not drag the pegs? Absolutely. I've done both. This is not a BMW for all BMW enthusiasts, just like the Bagger isn't. I personally believe this R18 First Edition in whatever model it comes out in will do very well, just like the Bagger did. If you are feeling adventurous take it for a test drive, it will stir something inside you... a definite distaste or maybe even a long lost passion for a time long ago. Now I own one and ain't looking back!

