

# Motor City Beemers

## Newsletter



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

**BMW Motorcycles of Detroit**

1301 S Rochester Rd - Suite B  
Rochester Hills, MI 48307  
(248) 402-4010

*We welcome owners and fans of all bikes*

*“We got donuts!”*

Our *next* meeting is: ... **December 11, 2021**

Following meeting is: **January 8, 2022**

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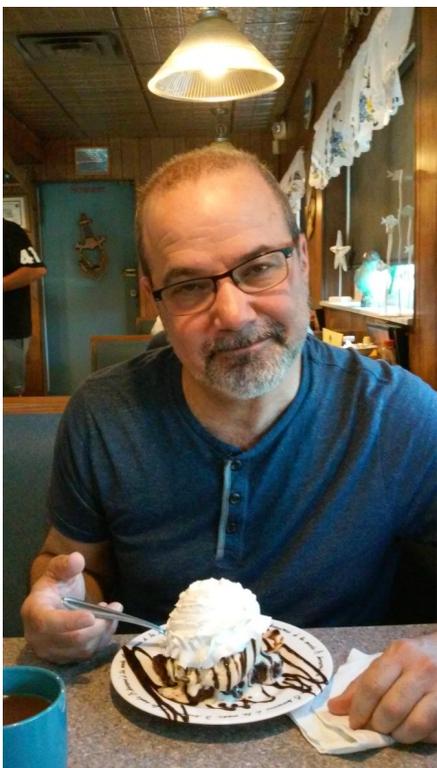
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It's December, and my bikes are now in storage for the winter. I got in a riding day early in November, and since then, it's been mostly waiting for another good day to sneak a bike out for a ride, and scraping ice and snow from the car windshield on recent mornings.

I was unable to able to attend the November meeting. Nick provided minutes to me so I will start with what happened – and didn't happen – at the meeting:



1. The meeting room at the dealership is small, but usable. There was a single chair in the room. If you plan to attend any of our meetings over the winter and need to sit, consider bringing your own folding chair. The meeting room entrance is north of the dealership showroom, past the car rental office, and I'm very grateful to GM Jeff for arranging the meeting space.



2. We are losing two officers: Nick and Jim are both stepping down. No one jumped in to volunteer. We need YOU to consider taking on either the role of Treasurer or Communications Director. Both Jim and Nick are offering to mentor any new officer – no prior knowledge or skill is required. All that is needed is a little of your time to help keep our club operating.
3. The Mid-Winter Banquet is normally held the third Saturday in February. At the meeting, a recommendation to find a different venue was proposed, but an alternative to Louis' Chop House in Chesterfield was not articulated. We must make reservations as soon as possible, so if you have a proposed alternate, bring it to the December meeting in person, or post your suggestion on the group mailing list or to the Facebook group for review at the December meeting where a final decision will be made.
4. Nick spoke with Jennifer about the dealership's expansion plans – they are still awaiting approval by local government before any ground breaking can begin.
5. A small group went to lunch at Rochester Mills. I'm sorry I missed it!

## Our December Meeting – Saturday, December 11, 10:30am, Dealership Meeting Room:

### Agenda:

- Mid-Winter Banquet: By the consensus of members present, confirm our venue. By the consensus of the members present, select one or two alternate dates in the event of an availability issue for the primary date at venue.
- 2022 Membership Dues – these can be paid at the meeting if convenient and if Jim is attending. See his report below for more information.
- 2021 Off the Beaten Path photos and scoring.
- Post-meeting lunch – The Hamlin Pub

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

Jim and I have both announced we are stepping down from our positions with the club. I think this is a great opportunity for the club – with our new location, the fact that many of our founding members are either less active or elsewhere now, and we are gaining new members, change is coming. With the way Jennifer at the dealership is moving motorcycles, we have a lot of new potential members, as well. As I have said many times before, some things with the club have been on autopilot for a long time, “because that’s how we always did it”. New membership and new leadership gives opportunity for new ideas. If there are things you like or things you want to change, become an officer, and make it happen!

This year has been flying by. Recently, Josh wrote me asking for notes from our last meeting. After another few days flew by, he poked me again about it...why was he in such a hurry? But..hey, sooner I send ‘em out, the fresher they are in my mind. A day later, he shoots me his column for this month, and I suddenly realized, OH, it’s the bloomin’ end of November already!

Right after finishing last month’s newsletter, I got an e-mail from Jim VanDenBerghe, about his plans for a “Great Lakes 100” – riding around all the Great Lakes in 100 hours, about 2437 miles:

I’m planning another Great Lakes 100 for 2022 – date TBD but probably sometime in July or August. I have several Riders ( not MC Beemer members, but several BMW Riders ) who are interested in doing the ride. This won’t be a big group ride. Riders break up into smaller groups and we meet up sometimes at gas stops, maybe for meals and then at night at the motel. In 2008 we went CW. We all met in Rice Lake, WI and spent night #1 in Hearst, and night #2 in Brockville, ON, and were home for night #3. There were 8 Riders and 3 groups formed.

So, for 2022 the tentative plan is to go CCW. Riders would all meet at the Wyandot Service Plaza on the Ohio Turnpike on DAY 1. The planned route won’t be the shortest – via Ithaca, NY and International Falls, MN. Night #1 in Smith Falls. On night #2 in Hearst, night #3 in Rice Lake, WI. The IBA rule is for Riders to start & end at the same location and all 5 Great Lakes must be inside the route and the ride must be done in under 100 hours. It’s a fairly easy IBA ride to do in 100 hours. Riders would have the option of doing a shorter route. In 2018 I did a shorter route in about 79 hours. if I remember correctly.

I’m interested in knowing if any MC Beemers may be interested in doing this IBA ride. Could you please post a note in the Newsletter asking anyone who may be interested in sending me an email so I can keep them in the loop as soon as more information about the ride becomes available? I could give them a copy of the current plan – subject to minor changes.

BTW, I would handle the certification paperwork as far as Riders having their IBA certificate and IBA number issued (if not already an IBA member). All they need to do is collect their receipts and get them to me after they complete the ride.

FYI - [Iron Butt Association Great Lakes 100](https://www.ironbutt.com/themerides/gl/index.html) (https://www.ironbutt.com/themerides/gl/index.html)

If you are interested, shoot him an e-mail at [vandenbe@triton.net](mailto:vandenbe@triton.net)

## 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

It's time for a new treasurer... If you might be willing/able to take on the job, let's begin talking.

Get more 'bang for your buck' by renewing your membership for 2022 now. Membership is \$15.00 & Associate Member \$10.00 per calendar year.

If your name is not here, you can rejoin at any time. 7 Member for 2022.

Cathy B, Don & Gail M, Jim & Jeri M, Jim V, Mary V.



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| Check book balance for the end of November    | \$2218.75       |
| Check book balance for the end of October     | \$2258.75       |
| Balance one year ago                          | \$2375.41       |
| Balance six months ago                        | \$2718.41       |
| Balance three months ago                      | \$2966.41       |
| <b>PayPal</b> balance for the end of November | <b>\$351.34</b> |
| <b>PayPal</b> balance for the end of October  | <b>\$341.34</b> |

- 11/12 Received \$25 from Don & Gail M for 2022 memberships
- 11/16 Received \$25 from Cathy B for 2022 membership and 2 special events
- 11/16 Received \$55 from Jim & Jeri M for 2022 memberships and 3 special events
- 11/23 Paid \$145 to Don M for 2022 Picnic Club reservation

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.