

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
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We welcome owners and fans of all bikes

“We got donuts!”

Our *next* meeting is: ... **March 12, 2022 10:30am**

Following meeting is: ... **April 9, 2022 10:30am**

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It's March!. There were a few bright sunny, and ... slightly warmer days in February but I didn't have the opportunity to go riding. I'm getting antsy and want to get a bike out soon.

We had a larger than expected turnout for the Mid-Winter Banquet. I'm very happy that 15 people were able to attend. a fabulous time. We had excellent food, terrific service, and excellent conversation – once I shut up and began eating, which let others talk for a while.

We were located in one of the main dining rooms, so we didn't have our annual slide-show, our Off The Beaten Path awards, raffles, or gifts. Yet we had a wonderful time and if you weren't able to attend you missed something special. We'll do our OTBP awards at a meeting once the riding season gets underway.



For the next meeting, Saturday March 12, 10:30am at the Dealership Meeting Room:

1. IT IS TIME TO NOMINATE OFFICERS.



Please, consider taking on one of the five officer positions, as we need your help. These are: Treasurer, Communications Director, VP Events, VP Rides, and President. For those who attend meetings, you may notice that I'm not attending very many of them, due to my work schedule. I am hoping someone will be willing to preside who has more Saturday availability than I do.

As I mentioned last month, *Nick and Jim are both stepping down.* They are offering to mentor any new Communications Director and Treasurer, respectively. No prior knowledge, experience, or skill is needed. Nick is willing to continue maintaining the website for the club. So step up and help!

2. Ride planning for the season. So far:

- Brian's ride across the state will be Saturday, June 22, with a meetup at 11am at the Junction of Hope restaurant in Chesaning, then riding across M-57 through Greenville to Muskegon with overnight lodgings arranged in Ludington. Please reach out to Brian if you would like more information.
- 2022 Off The Beaten Path: coming in April! Stay tuned.
- MOA Rally: Springfield, MO: June 16-18.
- 2022 RA National Rally: Waynesville NC, September 28 – October 2.

3. 2022 Membership Dues– these can be paid at the meeting if convenient. See Jim's report below for more information.

4. Post-meeting lunch

Until next month, if there's no snow, ice, or salt on the road, and you have the opportunity to ride, have fun and stay safe!!



Once again, a great time (and great food) was had at Louis' Chop House for our mid-winter banquet. Thanks to Don for pulling it all together. Our waiter was the son of the owner, which was quite fun. Speaking only for myself, I rather like that we have something of a relationship with the place. I was rather disappointed to find I had grabbed my camera, but forgot I had a telephoto lens on it, not my "all purpose" lens, and thus, didn't take many pictures.

March is here, the weather forecast for this weekend is saying almost sixty degrees on Sunday. Bet I'm going to be hearing a lot of motorcycles on the road Sunday. Might dig mine out, we shall see.

The year is already 1/6th of the way through...I remember how long five minutes was back when I was a child, now I can spend five minutes wondering why I came into a room. Coming up soon is the picnic, if you haven't done so, get your membership renewed and paid up for the picnic if you plan to join us. Note that preparation and advanced head count is required for the picnic, PLEASE make sure you decide and pay up *well before* the picnic date.

I got a message from Super BMW Salesperson "Iron Butt"/"310Jenn" Jennifer from our home dealership on Thursday, making me glad I wasn't more punctual about getting the newsletter out:

Come join BMW Motorcycles of Detroit for an afternoon of fun on Saturday, March 12th at 4pm in Birmingham, MI. We are hosting a screening of the Wyoming BDR (Backcountry Discovery Route). The screening will take place at the Birmingham 8 Theater at 211 S. Old Woodward Road, Birmingham, Michigan, 48009. Admission is free, but seating is limited, so please RSVP at 248-402-4007. Parking will be available in the nearby parking garage and food is available for purchase at the concession.

Sounds like an interesting film, 'specially for those into adventure riding, there's a trailer you can see on Youtube if you search for "Wyoming BDR trailer". Give the dealership a call if you are interested in going! Note, this will be a little after our meeting and lunch, so the timing isn't bad at all.

And yes...be thinking about officers for our upcoming elections. If you aren't happy where the club is going, run, and help set a better course! Love what we are doing? Help keep it going. We definitely need people to step up for Treasurer and Newsletter/Communications person. Jim and I will do everything we can to help with the transition to new officers, but it is time for someone else to step up.

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

15 attended the Mid-Winter Banquet.

It's time for a new treasurer... but **you haven't offered.** If you might be willing/able to take on the job, let's begin talking. It will be difficult to continue as a club without a treasurer, unless we eliminate dues and everything is 'pay as you go', but then what do we do with the money in the club's account? I recommend dividing it up and giving an equal amount to all members who have renewed their membership for 2022.

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.** **28 Members for 2022.**

Jeff A, Mike B, Cathy B, Brian & Sheila B, Tom C, Walter D, Dennis G, Linda H, Josh G, Nick H, Paula E, Pat & Lynn K, Alan & Jodi K, Mike & Sharon M, Don & Gail M, Jay M, Jim & Jeri M, Jerry & Margaret P, Robb S, Jim V, Mary V.



Check book balance for the end of January	\$2450.75
Check book balance for the end of February	\$1960.75
Balance one year ago	\$2570.41
Balance six months ago	\$2966.41
Balance three months ago	\$2218.75
PayPal balance for the end of January	\$391.34
PayPal balance for the end of December	\$416.34

2/9 Received \$25 through PPal from Alan & Jodi K for membership renewal.

2/12 Received \$20 from Walter D & \$35 from Jerry & Margaret P for membership renewal & MWB.

2/17 Received \$35 from Dennis G & Linda H for membership renewal & MWB

2/17 Received \$20 from Jay M for membership renewal & MWB

2/18 Paid Chop House \$600 for Banquet.