



# Motor City Beemers



## Newsletter



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All meetings are held the **SECOND** Saturday of the month at 10:30AM at BMW of Detroit

Immediately following the meeting is a Lunch Ride

*We welcome owners and fans of all bikes*

**Our next meeting is December 10, 2016**

**Following Meeting: January 7, 2017**

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Greetings Beemers!! Wow this is the last newsletter for 2016. This year is quickly coming to a close. I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving, I know I did. I beached myself on the couch Thursday night and if it hadn't been for the Christmas Decoration TIDE coming up I probably would still be there. So, first off since this is the December newsletter, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all. I want to thank you all for your support of the club, club officers, and myself over this last year. We have tried some new events and stuck with some of the tried and true. Some of the newer events worked out well and some not so well.

I would like to especially thank Cliff and Pam, and the rest of the Dealership team for their support of our club, and allowing us the use of the facilities for our club meetings. The dealership is having their Christmas Get Together, December 17th let's show them our support and that we are very glad that they are in business.

Also, our Wednesday night dinners have been a rousing success throughout this year. Thanks to Betty for that, we have had a very consistent 10 to 15 show up for dinner each week, with only a couple times being less and on occasion we have had to add tables to make room for up to 18 or 20. So if you haven't made a Wednesday night dinner, think about it. We generally get there between 6:20 to 6:40. We typically order around 6:50, sometimes earlier, sometimes later.

December is our election month. As a member you should receive an email at the same email address as this newsletter allowing you to self-nominate for one or more of the club officer positions. Being a club member comes with perks and responsibilities. You join a club to be around like minded people that enjoy the same things that you do. There are very few if any clubs that have more than 30 members that do not have the standard set of club officers. It is very hard to get 30 or more people together without someone or subgroup calling the shots as to times, meeting locations, and destinations. Thus the need for club officers.

Clubs that have been around a long time can get into a rut due to a lack of members willing to take on the role of an officer. Typically, when this occurs, only a few members end up being the officers year after year and then membership starts to dwindle and eventually the club ceases to exist. I don't mean for this to be a lecture on clubs but I have been a member of a lot of clubs and an officer of most. I have never regretted being an officer. (Mmmm, perhaps my becoming an officer is why they don't exist any longer.... I will have to contemplate that someday...Nah it couldn't be ME! Right?)

I don't see the role of an officer as a burden, but rather a privilege in that those like-minded people that make up the club have seen something in you that they like and are willing to put their trust in your hands to guide the club and keep it worth their while to stay a member of the club. The key is that you joined for the comradery so it is only natural to help keep that going by providing your input. A club is only as good as its members are willing to make it. I would like to see several nominations for each club position so that we have a real election at the December Meeting on the 10th.

Well, enough with the voting club positions. The bikes are all snuggled up with battery tenders and visions of curvy roads in their cylinder heads. Next month we will have to see who Santa was REALLY good to and who got the lump of coal. Remember the Bent Beemers are coming up at the Mid Winter Banquette so please get those special award notifications to the officers (unless it is one of the officers that was involved) so that John will have time to create them. The Bent Beemer is a special award given in all good fun to those that have had an incident with their two wheeled companion, such as a parking lot drop, or a

garage tip over, or minor accidents hopefully where no one got hurt. Speaking of the midwinter banquet, this year we decided at last month's meeting to make the cost \$15 per club member and the club will pick up the rest for members, guests will pay full price. Last year it was \$15 to reserve your space and you got back \$10 at the banquet. We had a rather large turnout and it took quite a chunk out of the account. So to prevent putting the summer picnic or chicken dinner run in jeopardy, it was decided to make the dinner \$15. This is still a great deal as the location for the banquet is always a nice place to eat.

One of the things I would like to see started next year is a club planning meeting to be held either in February or March to plan out the years riding events. Several other clubs do this, some as a pot luck luncheon and they are very well attended by the membership. This way there is much more input by the membership and everyone has at least a couple rides that they will attend.

Thank you again for allowing me to be your president this past year, I have enjoyed it a great deal. I joined this club because it is by far one of the most friendly BMW (and Others) clubs around.

Pat.

Patrick Kelley

2016 President, MC Beemers

## **Recruit a new member! Cut-out and carry these cards!**

Hi, I couldn't help but notice you also ride a  
BMW Motorcycle!

I'd like to invite you to join us, the Motor City Beemers,  
on the second Saturday, monthly, 10:30am

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I suspect most of us have got our bikes tucked in the garage for their winter nap. Me? Eh. The Harley is deep in the garage with a thick layer of mink oil on the leather, and probably won't be seen until Spring. The LT and K100 are still accessible, and in fact, the LT took me to work Tuesday (Nov 28), and at least one of my coworkers is rooting for me to have a chance at a December ride, too.

Speaking of driving the LT in bad weather...heated seats don't suck. Rather nice, in fact. Just wish the Corbin seat was more comfy.

Winter Banquet planning has begun! Well, at least, I hope you are digging through your 2016 pictures for the

slide show(s). Without seeing any of what people are going to give me, I'm planning on doing what we've done in the past – one big screen with a few pictures from everyone, and maybe a couple laptops telling individual long stories. But, as usual, I'll make it up as I go, with whatever resources we happen to have available wherever we are.

And, repeating last months rant on elections: run, people, run! No, run FOR office, not away from it! If you like the way the club is being run, help out. If you don't like how the club is being run, show us how it should be done! Want to give a hard (HA!) working newsletter editor a break? GREAT! There's probably no current officer who would take a "challenger" as a personal attack...in fact, the only problem might be to get the current officers to make a real effort to keep their jobs if anyone even expresses an interest. But remember, it is YOUR club. If you want to see something done differently, help lead it. Oh wait, Pat already said all this. So I'll move on now!

Jim dropped me a note that the South Eastern Ohio Beemers are (quoting Jim here) "hosting their third Hopewell Road Rally on May 5-7 in the Logan, Ohio area. Page 100 of the December ON magazine". I'd like to provide a link or more details, but haven't found much, but looks like they have something on Facebook about it.

Speaking of rallies...here's an idea for an article for someone to write for the newsletter: "Why I love motorcycle rallies". Tell us about what you enjoy about the motorcycle rallies you have been to. I'll admit, I'm probably a hard sell, being that crowds are something I actively avoid. And camping. There's a reason we moved out of caves into bungalows thousands of years ago. But obviously a lot of you are into them, so sell those of us who haven't been to one on what we are missing!

As most people probably know, I purchased a 25 year old Harley last year. I'm definitely not getting the hang of the Harley Thing (buy your bike...then modify the heck out of it) quite right...one reason I kinda jumped on this bike was that it was very unmodified, and the little bit of modification I've made was to remove an extra set of highway pegs and handlebar tassels (and the horn fell off. But that wasn't intentional).

I think I have got my GPS/USB power situation figured out on my K1200LT – accessory shelf I got from another MCBeeper, and an automotive cigarette lighter socket and dual USB plug adapter attached to the bottom of it. Power comes off the switched dash light on the LT. Not too much power available there, but should be sufficient for a GPS and a phone and no disassembly required.

Nick.

## **Club events**

Lunch rides take place right after the Saturday meeting on the second Saturday of the month. Other events as we can make them happen!

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Alternate local lunch</b>
December 10	Club Meeting – Lunch at Azteca	
January 14	Club Meeting – Lunch at Great Baraboo	

## **Wednesday Dinner Gatherings**

The Wednesday dinners are a long-time, though less formal, tradition with the MCBeemers... we get together and eat! Food is usually ordered around 6:30pm, but some of us don't straggle in until closer to 7:00pm.

Absolutely no agenda other than Good Food and Great People!

December 7	<b>La Saj</b>	13776 Southcove Dr. Sterling Heights, MI 48313 586.566.6600
December 14	<b>Waves</b>	24223 Jefferson Ave St Clair Shores, MI 48080 586.773.327
December 21	<b>Jimmy Dee's</b>	43820 Groesbeck hwy Clinton Twnshp, Mi 586.463.7500
December 28	<b>Thai Orchid</b>	60 Cherry St Mt Clemens, MI 48043 586.783.1727
January 4	<b>Juan Miguel's</b>	21342 Hall Rd Clinton Township, MI 48038 586.783.9751

## Treasurer's Report

Jim Mick



Check book balance for the end of Nov:	\$2524.77
Check book balance for the end of Oct:	\$2147.77
Balance end of May:	\$2228.11
Balance end of Aug:	\$2360.63
PayPal balance for the end of Nov:	\$504.52
PayPal balance for the end of Oct:	\$554.52

My report for last month had an error. I failed to record a \$50.00 donation in September, from our PayPal account. The majority of club officers authorized me to send \$50 to the Distinguished Gentlemen's Ride fund raiser. As a club we showed our support of Jessica B who exceeded her goal of \$500 by raising \$807 on the ride to end Prostate Cancer.

Deposited \$377.00 into the check book:

- \$16.00 was reimbursed to Nick H for the two dozen donuts.
- \$53.00 was received from 50/50. Maury F won \$53.00.
- \$210.00 was received from Brian & Sheila B, Maury F, Allen G, Dick & Sharon H, Pat & Lynn K, Don & Gail M, Jim & Jeri M, Jerome & Margaret P, Roy S, Betty W for renewal of their club memberships for 2017.
- \$105.00 was received from Dick & Sharon H, Pat & Lynn K, Jim & Jeri M, Roy S for the MWB (Feb 18th, 2017).
- Mike & Sharon M used "Bill Pay" to send \$25.00 for renewal of their club membership.

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS for 2017

Membership stands at 4 for 2017 and the password for access to "Members" at the Yahoo Group will be changed in Mar 2017. If you do not renew your membership by February 11, you will not receive the new password for accessing the 'Members Only' information on the Yahoo Group.

All renewal dues for 2017 should be paid by the end of January 2017, but we have no penalty for late renewals. We just want you back. The BEST (and cheapest) way to pay any dues, reservations, etc. to the club is to use your Bank/CU "Bill Pay" service – at no cost to you.

### **ON LINE BANKING (You'll never regret the 10-15 min it takes!!)**

SAVE YOURSELF (and the club) some money and frustration – send payments to the club for Membership renewal, Picnic reservation, Frankenmuth, Mid Winter Banquet reservations by using ON LINE BANKING. Almost all Banks and Credit Unions provide this FREE service. You don't even have to sign up online and they don't charge you for the postage. You can ask your local branch to set it up for you. Just tell your bank or credit union when and how much to pay whom (including address)... write it in your checkbook - without writing a check, or paying your mail carrier... It's very easy to do on line - if you use a computer for anything. I know of no one who has converted to online banking and then gone back to the old (check writing) way. Have your bank or Credit Union send all MCBeemers payments to Jim Mick, 56750 Fairchild Rd, Macomb, MI 48042 any you'll see verification of your payment in the Treasurer's report in the next Newsletter.

## MOTOR CITY BEEMERS NAME TAGS

Motor City Beemer name tags are available for purchase at Highest Honor, Inc. Highest Honor, Inc is located at **34711 Dequindre Road, Troy, Michigan 48083**. Their shop is just south of 15 Mile Road, on the west side of Dequindre. Herb and Jeff have a die set up with the club logo and can add your name and/or nickname for a cost of only \$9.00.

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). Spell out exactly what you want on your tag and when you want to pick it up. You can also call Jeff at **248-588-7845**. Tell him what you want on your tag and when you want to pick it up. You can have two lines of text, the first your name, and you can add a nick name as the second.

Join the growing number of members who proudly wear their ID tags with their one of a kind moniker. It will help us to get to know each other and sure works a lot better than "Hey you!"

*"A tip of the MCBEEMER helmet . . .*

*. . . goes to [Viles & Associates, Inc.](#), who have volunteered print the free copies of the newsletter available at the dealership. They are also BMW riders.*



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Club Web Site – [www.bizblvd.net/mcbeemers](http://www.bizblvd.net/mcbeemers)  
Club eGroup Email – [mcbeemers@yahoo.com](mailto:mcbeemers@yahoo.com)

Annual membership dues are \$15 per year for full membership and \$10 per year for each associate member and runs from January to January. Renewal payments are requested by January 31 of each year.

Please select 1 or more:  Membership (\$15)  Associate (\$10)  each Additional Associates (\$10)  
AND select one:  New  Renewal  Renewal following lapse of  years

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**National Motorcycle Club Membership Information**

Please check the appropriate boxes to signify current membership in the following national motorcycle clubs:

BMW Motorcycle Owners of America                      No       Yes       #: \_\_\_\_\_

BMW Riders Association                                      No       Yes       #: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this application and payment to “Jim Mick” at:

Jim Mick  
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