



Motor City Beemers

Newsletter



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All meetings are held the **SECOND** Saturday of the month at 10:30AM at
BMW Motorcycles of Detroit
1301 S Rochester Rd, Suite B
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
Phone: (248) 402-4013

We welcome owners and fans of all bikes

Our next meeting is: February 10, 2018

Following Meeting: March 10, 2018

Web site: <http://MCBeemers.org>

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Greetings Beemers! January is over, it's Mid-Winter Banquet time!!!!

The next meeting is February 10th at the dealership. The meeting starts at 10:30 am (or thereabouts) and then we will be going to lunch at a fairly close by location, please see the notice here in the newsletter.

Mid-Winter Banquet is the 17th of February at Louis' Chop House on Gratiot south of 23 Mile Rd just before the light at Cotton Rd. The event starts at 6:00 pm with dinner at 7:00 pm. There will be door prizes and at least one 50/50 drawing. For members of the

MC Beemers, the cost is only \$10 per person. For non-members the cost will be \$35, I think, please see Betty Ward's note on email or here in the newsletter for the exact amount for non-members. There will be a slide show of our various riding completed this season, but for that to happen make sure you get Nick Holland the pictures you took of your riding this last year. Also, if you have a nomination for a Bent Beemer award, please make sure you get that to John Saarinen, Betty Ward, Nick Holland, or myself ASAP. John Saarinen has volunteered to make them again for this year. So, your Bent Beemer should be for those little incidents that hurt your bike but not necessarily hurt you; or in most cases it was to someone you know. You can contact John Saarinen at [jsaarinen\(at\)peoplepc.com](mailto:jsaarinen(at)peoplepc.com). His email has been a little hit or miss so if you don't hear back from him let me know and I will call him to see if he got your Bent Beemer nomination.

Start thinking about where you would like to ride this year, not much else to do when there is still snow, ice and salt on the ground. The planning meeting for the 2018 riding season is coming up next month on the 10th of March. We have already reserved the dates for the picnic at Ft. Gratiot county park on the 16th of June, and the chicken dinner run to Frankenmuth on the 15th of September. I know we have a few people planning some ride events and one that will include a season long series of locations. More on that in March.

Also for the March meeting, I am looking to select a Nomination Chairperson for the Officer nominations and elections coming up in April and May. April will be the Nomination month and May will be the elections, the new officers will take over the club at the close of the May meeting. Current officers have agreed to hold their positions through the May meeting. As I have mentioned before, I will be stepping down from the presidency this year, so you will have to nominate and elect a new president. I don't know right now how many of the other officers are interested in running again. So, what I am looking for is someone to be the Nomination Chair and gather the various officer nominations and tally votes. This position has been in the by-laws for a long time but we have not really used it for the last several years, I would like to get back to a more formal Officer nomination and election for this year. Please consider putting your name into the hat for the chairman and/or think about running for one of the offices. This is your chance to help guide the club into the future.

Club dues of \$15 per member (\$10 per Associate member) were due at the end of January, so please; if you want to stay a current member of the Motor City Beemers with the various (food) benefits get your

dues to Jim Mick so he can mark you paid. He can take your money in a large variety of ways, please see his note in this newsletter. We will also see if he made it out of his yard when the temps hit 50. At the time of this writing he was still thinking about it.

We have a rather large contingent of our Beemers down south this year, and it has been nice seeing their posts on our Facebook page about riding, without snowmobile suits. Now is a good time to check your two wheeled steed to make sure the tires are still inflated and the battery tender is still showing green. Move it around a little to get the tires to a different spot so they don't get a flat spot. Depending on how you winterized it, and which camp you reside in as to whether or not you should get it out and start it then let it get up to temperature before putting it back to bed. Some camps say do this every couple weeks, or at least once a month and other camps say never do that.

With that I will bid you adieu for now and will see you at the next meeting.

Pat.

Patrick Kelley

President, MC Beemers



Bavarian Inn Perks Card

John's Bavarian Inn card has helped reduce the cost to the club of our Frankenmuth chicken dinner for a number of years now.



Mid-winter is a strange time to write about motorcycles. Still, it seems Jim and Jay got their bikes out and went for a ride!

As Pat said, this is Winter Banquet month. Louis' Chop House is our home for the evening, and it's a great place to eat...just ask anyone who was there last year or at any other time. And as Pat indicated, we'll again be doing the slideshow of biking pictures our members collected since last year, so get those to me. Best way is bring whatever media you have with you to the next MCBeemers meeting (Feb. 10). If you have just a few, feel free to e-mail them to me – nick@holland-consulting.net.

Unfortunately, the Wednesday dinners between now and the banquet are not reachable for me after work, so that

won't work for getting pictures to me.

As Pat indicated, officer elections were pushed back due to our issues with having a home last summer and fall, but the elections will take place, and we need some people to run for the offices we have. Pat's claiming we can't make him be president again, which is highly unfortunate, so start thinking about who else might make a top good officer. I doubt any of the other officers would be offended if you stepped up and said, "I'd like to do your roll next year". Not only would they likely not be offended, they'd probably thank you profusely and maybe buy you lunch. There's definitely a lunch in it for anyone who kicks me out of the newsletter editor's role!

Our club's base of operations has moved quite a distance north of where we were before. That will undoubtedly change our membership – probably some are going to decide it is too far away from them now to participate regularly...but there is a bunch of people who's back yard we just moved into. So, if you know bikers in the Rochester area, please make sure they know about our fun little group. I think this could be a very exciting opportunity for Motor City Beemers. New members means new ideas and new directions for the club, which could be great. Print out some of the cards below, or get an entire page full from the MCBeemers Facebook page, and on the newsletter page of the website.

February's after-meeting lunch is at Bar Louie, 1488 Rochester Rd (SE corner of Teinken (25 miles) and Rochester Road, about two miles north of the dealership.

Betty figured, probably rightly, that since Wednesday, Feb 14 is Valentine's day, people wouldn't want to do a dinner with the group that night. Well, Paula and I are going out, and if anyone else wants to join us, we are going to Gim Ling, a great Chinese restaurant we found recently, so I've put it on the schedule.

Nick.

<p>Hi, I couldn't help but notice you also ride a Motorcycle!</p> <p>I'd like to invite you to join us, the Motor City Beemers, on the second Saturday, monthly, 10:30am BMW Motorcycles of Detroit 1301 S Rochester Rd, Suite B Rochester Hills, MI 48307 <i>all brands welcome!</i> http://mcbeemers.org</p>	<p>Hi, I couldn't help but notice you also ride a Motorcycle!</p> <p>I'd like to invite you to join us, the Motor City Beemers, on the second Saturday, monthly, 10:30am BMW Motorcycles of Detroit 1301 S Rochester Rd, Suite B Rochester Hills, MI 48307 <i>all brands welcome!</i> http://mcbeemers.org</p>
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Club events

Lunch rides took place right after the Saturday meeting on the second Saturday of the month, and hopefully will resume soon...somewhere. Other events as we can make them happen!

The most up-to-date events list should be here: <https://mcbeemers.org/activities/index.html> Bookmark this

Date	Event
1/13/2018	Regular meeting. 10:30am 1301 South Rochester Rd, Rochester Hills, MI.
2/10/2017	Regular meeting. 10:30am 1301 South Rochester Rd, Rochester Hills, MI. Lunch: Bar Louie, 1488 Rochester Rd., Rochester Hills, MI.
3/10/2018	Regular meeting. 10:30am 1301 South Rochester Rd, Rochester Hills, MI. Lunch: O'Connor's Public House: 324 South Main St (aka, Rochester Rd). East side of street, park behind building.
4/14/2018	Regular meeting. 10:30am 1301 South Rochester Rd, Rochester Hills, MI.
5/12/2018	Regular meeting. 10:30am 1301 South Rochester Rd, Rochester Hills, MI.
6/9/2018	Regular meeting. 10:30am 1301 South Rochester Rd, Rochester Hills, MI.
7/14/2018	Regular meeting. 10:30am 1301 South Rochester Rd, Rochester Hills, MI.
8/11/2018	Regular meeting. 10:30am 1301 South Rochester Rd, Rochester Hills, MI.
9/8/2018	Regular meeting. 10:30am 1301 South Rochester Rd, Rochester Hills, MI.
10/13/2018	Regular meeting. 10:30am 1301 South Rochester Rd, Rochester Hills, MI.

Wednesday Dinner Gatherings

Usually, we order about 6:30pm

February 7	Little Camille's By The Bay	51083 Washington St New Baltimore, MI 48047 586.725.4866
February 14 (yes, Valentine's Day!)	Gim Ling	31402 Harper Ave St. Clair Shores, MI 48082 586-296-0070
February 21	Juan Miguel's	21342 Hall Rd Clinton Township, MI 48038 586.783.9751
February 28	La Saj	13776 Southcove Dr. Sterling Heights, MI 48313 586.566.6600
March 7	Bath City Bistro	75 Macomb Place Mt. Clemens, MI 48043 586.469.0918

Treasurer's Report

Jim Mick



More members are using 'Bill Pay', but not this month!!

Check book balance for the end of Jan:	\$2550.45
Check book balance for the end of Dec:	\$2292.45
Balance end of Jul:	\$2359.79
Balance end of Oct:	\$1743.45
PayPal balance for the end of Jan:	\$778.78
PayPal balance for the end of Dec:	693.78

43 Member renewals for 2018 and 20 have signed up and paid for MWB.

- 1/2/18 Received \$25.00 from Doron & Julia H using PayPal for renewal of membership.
- 1/3/18 Paid \$15.00 to renew our Club Charter with the RA.
- 1/11/18 Received \$60.00 from George & Lori D & Joey I using PPal for renewal of membership and 2 reservations for MWB.
- 1/11/19 Received \$20.00 from Brian & Sheila B using Bill Pay for 2 reservations for MWB.
- 1/13/18 Received \$15.00 from Don W using Bill Pay for renewal of membership.
- 1/13/18 (Jan Club meeting): \$190.00 received from Rhys & Jill B, Brett H, Norm O, Prabhakar P, Mike P, for renewal membership, Nick H, Paula E, Pat & Lynn K for 4 reservations as MWB, Picnic and Frankenmuth, Brett H for MWB reservation, and NEW membership from Jeff Anderson.
- Steve Triner is another new member – Steve bought a bike from BMW Motorcycles of Detroit. Look elsewhere in the newsletter for introductions to get to know Jeff & Steve. \$33 was received from the 50/50 when Jerry P won.
- 1/19/18 Received \$15.00 from Charlie Z for renewal of membership.

New member: Jeff Anderson!

[This] photo shows my recently purchased 1998 BMW R1100RS, serviced and inspected by Don Lusk @ BMW Detroit and ready to roll! I have been riding motorcycles all my life (owned 47 total along the way and currently have 15). I am a Charter Life Member of the AMA, a long time Cycle Conservation Club of Michigan Member (enjoy both dual sport and single track trail rides) and a member of the Michigan Sport Touring Riders. Retired from Chrysler after 31 years and now work for an Automotive piston supplier in Auburn Hills (pistons have been supplied to BMW motorcycles over the years). I live in Rochester Hills about a mile from the BMW dealer. Looking forward to riding with the club this summer.



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. 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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