



# Motor City Beemers

## Newsletter



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BMW RA Club #209

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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

Many of our “major” club events are on the **THIRD** Saturday of the month

*We welcome owners and fans of all bikes*

**Our next meeting is: April 14, 2018**

**Following Meeting: May 12, 2018**

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

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Greetings MC Beemers! April has sprung, although the temperatures sure have not sprung up much. IT'S RIDING SEASON!!!! Picture Kermit the Frog running around waving his arms with his head up high and screaming YYYYYEEEEAAAHHHH!!!!

Now on with the information. The next meeting is Saturday, 14 April 2018, at 10:30 am at the dealership located on Rochester Road, south of Avon (23 mile). Remember to park out in the open parking area to the Northeast of the dealership showroom, but not in the fenced area. There are plenty of open parking spots. If it is nice enough to ride, I expect you can park your bike in front or on the side of the dealership

showroom building. Lunch after the meeting will be at Puzzler's Pub at 3498 E. Bristol Rd, in Burton Michigan. After lunch we will head over to Rocky's Great Outdoors, on the Southwest corner of East Bristol Rd. and Saginaw Rd. Rocky's has a good assortment of just about everything outdoors and a lot of motorcycle gear. Plus a good assortment of vintage bikes on display throughout the store. Good place to just walk around for a couple hours.

The day before our April meeting is the Friday the 13 Rally over to Port Dover, Ontario, Canada located on the North shore of Lake Erie along Highway 3. The town goes all out and gets several thousand motorcycles throughout. A number of our club members have made the trek over to the rally the past few years. This year there will be two Rallies, April and then again in July. I would expect the July Rally to be very crowded.

Our April meeting is also our Nomination Meeting for club officers. Josh Grosse has graciously volunteered to be the Nomination Chairperson for this year and has set up an email address just for this purpose. He has received a few nominations, but with the size club we have there should be many more. So, please forward your nominations to [mcbeemers.nominations@gmail.com](mailto:mcbeemers.nominations@gmail.com), you can also bring your nominations to the April meeting and provide them to Josh at that time. After the meeting, Josh will begin to compile the ballot for the election of our club officers for the next year. Please check with your nominee to see if they are willing to be nominated for the office you have selected. Also, you can nominate yourself for any of the offices as well. Josh has the roster of club members to ensure any nominees are also a member in good standing (Paid Dues) for this year. Another point to be made about the officers, is that the term is from May to May as was changed this year in the by-laws. The new officers will take over at the adjournment of the May meeting.

In March we had our planning meeting to set the dates for our various club events and rides as well as some of the rides that our members like to participate. Please check the Website, [mcbeemers.org](http://mcbeemers.org) for club events, as well as our Facebook page, and the newsletter for the next months upcoming rides. I am not going to try and post them all here this time as I generally try to keep this to one page (or Two). But we have some of our traditional rides and a couple rides that were tried last year and for this year starting 1 April and going through 1 November, we have a new ride series that Cathy and Josh came up with as a different form of a poker run, called "Off the Beaten Path 2018 Poker Run." You ride to several or all of ten destinations in the state that is divided into 5 regions, 2 destinations in each region, get a picture of you in

gear or your bike with the object, then turn those in for the Mid Winter Banquet and get a playing card for each location visited, then you make the best poker hand and the top 3 poker hands will get a prize. Cathy and Josh have a flier with the contest rules, see the website or Cathy for details. Betty is going to try the B5 ride again this year to ride up to Traverse City and watch a semi-pro baseball game then spend the night and ride home on a Sunday.

The Picnic is set for June 16th at Ft. Gratiot County Park to the North of Port Huron. The Frankenmuth Chicken Dinner Run is set for September 15, and if interested an overnight in Port Austin at the Blue Spruce Hotel, get your reservations in. The two BMW National Organizations, the Motorcycle Owners of America (MOA) Rally and the Riders Association are back to back weekends in July, the MOA is 12-15 July in Des Moines, Iowa; and the RA is 19-22 July in Wellsboro, PA.

Rides in May are the Mini Rally, over by Sturgis Mi, actually being held this year in Delton, MI. the first weekend in May. Mike Madley heads over to Morton's Spring Fling at Natural Bridge Virginia, generally the 3rd weekend in May. That is the same weekend as the European Riders Rally in Kentucky that many of our club members have attended over the years. Over Memorial day weekend, Cycle Moore Campground in Interlochen, MI has their Vets Free weekend.

We have several suggestions for the 2nd vice presidents on Lunch Ride locations for the year, and as always if you have a favorite restaurant provide so it can be added to the list. Again check the Website, and Facebook pages for our club activities.

So, Let's start riding!!

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.



It's April, and my motorcycles have BARELY been out of the garage. There have been a few good days, weather-wise, but not time-wise for me.

I've started populating the MCBeemers website activities page with 2018 activities. See <https://MCBeemers.org>, click on "Club Activities", and see our calendar of events. And if there's anything you want to post there that would be of interest to our club members, let me know. Note: I really don't want this to be a national list – it should be either local events, or MAJOR BMW-related national events, and of course, MCBeemer events.

As Pat reminded us, MCBeemer elections are coming up, so get your nominations for Newsletter

editor/communications person in. Remember: you can't complain about how we run things if you don't offer to take over running it!

I've had problems losing parts of my bikes that aren't, well, permanently (or properly) attached. When I bought my K100, I arrived to find the previous owner reattaching the rear fender to it and the battery. Well, the battery terminals turned out to be loose, and that should have been my warning, but no, the rear fender fell off (took BMW months to get the replacement parts, but to their credit, they did! Amazing for what was then almost a 25 year old bike). I more recently lost one of the K100's cowl storage compartment covers because it wasn't properly closed. And last summer, I lost a lid to one my Harley's side bag because..well, again, not properly fastened down before driving off. Seems both Harley and BMW have learned to put HINGES on their compartment covers since then. I was griping about this to a friend of mine. He topped my stories quite well. He has a Corvette, which has a removable top panel. Shortly after he got the car, he put the top on, but got called away before he finished bolting it down. Well, some time later, he got in the car, forgetting that he never properly attached the lid, and drove off. At a speed I won't put in print due to the law enforcement people reading my ramblings, the lid suddenly decided that it was tired of the ground-based existence and wanted to try flying, which it did quite well. My friend was quite aware of having suddenly transitioned from enclosed to open-air motoring, and immediately pulled over. Amazingly, the lid hit the ground and remained intact, due to the carbon fiber construction, but before he could reclaim it, two vehicles ran over it. The lid is kinda ugly now, but does its job. Unfortunately making it pretty by replacing it will cost him \$5000. There's always someone with a better/worse story!

Unfortunately, I've got another obligation the afternoon of our trip to Puzzler's and Rocky's, which I'll miss. I haven't bought much, but it's always a fun place to look around. But I will see you at the meeting!

Paula and I are planning on trying to beat the rest of you at Cathy and Josh's Poker Run! Looks like a lot of fun – and if audience reaction was an indicator at the March meeting, sounds like we are going to have to work at it. It's really a brilliant plan, at least for those of us that have work and other obligations that make being at particular places at particular times difficult.

And a reminder: Our website, <https://mcbeemers.org>, is full of fun and important information about the club and activities. We also have a private Facebook group, **if you are a Facebook user and not a member of the group, please let an officer know, we'll invite you to join it**, and of course, the Yahoo mail list. If you have something to bring to member's attention, I'd suggest using both the mail list AND the Facebook group, as many people don't monitor one (or both) continually.

With the relocation of our dealership, we've got a whole new potential area to recruit new members from...so if you know people with motorcycles in the Rochester area...make sure they know about us! Point them at our website, or forward this newsletter to them!

## 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

Cathy's "Off the Beaten Path Poker Run" details are at <https://mcbeemers.org/activities/PokerRun.html>

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
4/14/2018	Regular meeting. 10:30am. Lunch at Puzzler's Pub, 3498 E. Bristol Rd, Burton, MI 48529. After lunch, trip to Rocky's Outdoors.
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

April 4	<b>Twisted Rooster</b>	45225 Marketplace Blvd. Chesterfield, MI 48051 586.949.1470
April 11	<b>Camp Ticonderoga</b>	5725 Rochester Rd Troy, Mi 248.828.2825
April 18	<b>Brown Iron Brewhouse</b>	57695 Vandyke Washington, MI 48094 586.687.3300
April 25	<b>Waves</b>	24223 Jefferson Ave St Clair Shores, MI 48080 586.773.327
May 2	<b>Duggan's Irish Pub</b>	31501 Woodward Ave Royal Oak, MI 48073 238.549.3659

# Treasurer's Report

Jim Mick



Eckstein for membership renewal

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

Check book balance for the end of Mar:	\$1766.25
Check book balance for the end of Feb:	\$1700.25
Balance end of Sep:	\$1918.45
Balance end of Dec:	\$2292.45
PayPal balance for the end of Mar:	\$878.78
PayPal balance for the end of Feb:	863.78

61 Member renewals for 2018

- 3/10/18 'Received \$66.00 at club meeting: New member Brian C. (new bike); Bill H, Hal H, John & Sharon S renewals of 2018 memberships including \$26 from 50/50. Pat K won 50/50.
- 3/22/18 'Received \$15.00 through PayPal from Michael

## Cut out these cards and carry them with you...

<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> <a href="http://mcbeemers.org">http://mcbeemers.org</a></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> <a href="http://mcbeemers.org">http://mcbeemers.org</a></p>
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... or print a page at <https://mcbeemers.org/mcb-nl/MCB-invites.pdf>

## 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 . . .*

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