



# 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

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: May 12, 2018**

**Following Meeting: June 9, 2018**

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

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- For Treasurer: Jim Mick
- For Communications: Nick Holland

Greetings Beemers! Is MAY, 2018; that means this is the end of tour for our current officers and the beginning of the term for the new officers that will be elected at the May meeting by the membership in attendance. The new officers will take control of the club immediately following my announcement of meeting adjourned.

So, each office has a nominee to fill the office. This year there is only one nominee for each office and in some cases it is the incumbent from past year(s).

- For President: Cathy Beyers
- For 1st Vice President: Paula Ellis
- For 2nd Vice President: Tim Skiver

I think the club has nominated a great set of officers. After 2 years and 5 months for me and several more for Betty Ward we are stepping down from serving the club and going back to active club membership roles. I have really enjoyed my couple years of being the president even with the struggles of the old dealership closure and transfer to the new dealership on Rochester Rd. Lincoln has great plans for the dealership and it will be fun to watch it grow.

The May meeting is scheduled for Saturday the 12th at 10:30am located at the BMW Motorcycles of Detroit, Rochester Rd, south of Avon. May is also the real start of our riding season. A lot of our Southerly Winter members will be back and enjoying the nice Michigan weather. The first rally this month is the Mini Rally in Delton Michigan. Generally a really fun rally for the field events. That is the first weekend of May. Two other rallies that are fairly well attended by our members are the European Riders Rally in Burkesville, Kentucky; and the Morton's Spring Fling at Natural Bridge, Virginia. Get to looking for the objects to have your picture taken with for the Off the Beaten Path 2018 Poker Run. Michigan has been divided into 5 zones and there are two objectives in each zone. Take your picture in your riding gear or better yet get your bike and the object in the picture and turn the pictures in for the Mid Winter Banquet. You will get a card for each of the ten objects captured. If you only get to one, you might not win the poker hand for the prize, but you can still have fun getting there. Please see the website, Flyer, and Cathy Beyers for details.

June is picnic month, our normal Griller will not be with us this year. Rhys says he needs a vacation. Last year we talked about switching it up a bit and instead of Steaks, going with a smoked brisket, porkbellie, and something else as the meat choices that way we will have a spread out and you can take what you want. We will discuss this more at the May meeting.

Betty Ward is working on the Betty's Beach Bum Baseball Bash (B5) ride to Traverse City area to watch the minor league game on June 2nd. We got rained out last year in May but had a lot of fun anyway. We stayed at the Kingsley Hotel/Motel just north of Kingsley. Nice place to stay. Let Betty know if you are interested, she may be able to get a box to watch the game, best vantage point in the park.

This is my last Prez Sez, next month it will be a breath of fresh air from our newly elected president. The passing of the helmet will be at the meeting.

I will be seeing you all, hopefully on two wheels this year.

So, TTFN; or if you prefer, Good Morning, and in case I don't see ya, good afternoon, good evening, and good night!



I think the last time it was May and I had as few miles on my bike as I have this year was when I didn't have a bike! Definitely some weird weather this year. But, looks like Spring is finally here. Or maybe we just jumped right to Summer.

Since last month, my collection of vehicles has grown by one – new Jeep Wranger, purchased from the car side of our sponsoring dealership. But that's not very motorcycle related, so moving on ...

For your amusement, I offer the following picture of our 2018 officers – from left to right, Jim Mick, guardian of our loot; Cathy Beyers, supreme leader; Nick Holland, communications dude; Paula Ellis, VP in charge of Party and Fun, and Tim Skiver, VP in charge of Going Places. Paula's happy, she still out-ranks me.

Ok, I'm playing a little fast and loose with the titles, but you get the idea. What, you want me to just repeat what Pat says? Nope! But, I think we've got a good group of people to lead the club for the new year. I'm excited.



Hopefully, you have already or are

working on getting your bike checked out for the riding season. I finally got Wolfie (my K1200LT) in for it's annual wallet-vac, just need to pick it up. My 28 year old Harley started right up, never would have guessed it had been sitting for probably close to six months...until it started gushing gas (stuck float valve, easy fix) and dumped a bit of oil on the driveway (haven't figured that one out, and it hasn't lost any oil since – and no, it's not dry!).

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.

Sounds like our May ride will be to Bullfrog's in Ortonville. Assuming we don't get iced out again!

## **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>
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

May 2	<b>Duggan's Irish Pub</b>	31501 Woodward Ave Royal Oak, MI 48073 238.549.3659
May 9	<b>Thai Orchid</b>	60 Cherry St Mt Clemens, MI 48043 586.783.1727
May 16	<b>El Patio</b>	2891 E Big Beaver Rd Troy, MI 48083 248.528.0106
May 23	<b>O'Halloran's Public House and Hall</b>	112 Macomb Pl Mt Clemens, MI 48043 586-329-1252
May 30	<b>The Raft</b>	7707 Dyke Rd Fair Haven, Mi 586.725.9100
June 6	<b>Copper Penny</b>	24975 Harper Ave St Clair Shores, Mi 48080 586.777.1112



# Treasurer's Report

Jim Mick



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 Apr:	\$1843.25
Balance end of Oct:	\$1743.45
Balance end of Jan:	\$2535.45
<b>PayPal</b> balance for the end of Mar:	<b>\$878.78</b>
<b>PayPal</b> balance for the end of Apr:	<b>878.78</b>

62 Member renewals for 2018

- 4/14/18 'Received \$77.00 at club meeting: New member also made his reservation for the Picnic and Frankenmuth. Allen G. won the 50/50 which added to the club \$42.00



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</p> <p>BMW Motorcycles of Detroit 1301 S Rochester Rd, Suite B Rochester Hills, MI 48307 <i>all brands welcome!</i></p> <p><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</p> <p>BMW Motorcycles of Detroit 1301 S Rochester Rd, Suite B Rochester Hills, MI 48307 <i>all brands welcome!</i></p> <p><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 . . .*

*. . . 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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