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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: September 8, 2018

Following Meeting: October 13, 2018

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Membership info: <https://mcbeemers.org/howdoijoin.html>

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It's September, and you know what that means, it's Frankenmuth time! For those new to the club, every year on the 3rd Saturday of September, we ride up to Frankenmuth to the Bavarian Inn Restaurant for a Chicken dinner. This is one of the club sponsored rides so the dinner cost for a member of the club is just \$5. Please get your payment to Jim Mick. The dinner is scheduled for 1:15pm Saturday, 15 September. The Bavarian Inn Restaurant is across the street from Zehnder's and at the road that goes through the Covered Bridge. We have secured parking spaces at the South end of the parking lot again this year. For the

optional Port Austin overnight, we're staying at the Blue Spruce motel. If you'd like to join us, please contact the motel at 989-738-8650 for booking.

The lunch ride to the White Horse Inn in Metamora was very well attended. I think I counted 22 of us at the long table. Some of us continued on for dessert at Cook's Farm Dairy in Ortonville, for ice cream.

I want to thank Rhys for coordinating the group ride to Waldo, Ohio for their world famous fried bologna sandwiches. And pie. I was told you had the Rain Man (Josh) with you, so you had no rain during the trip. What you don't sacrifice to ensure a great day of riding.

I've been riding a lot this summer. The last ride I was on was for a great cause! Lady Biker Day – a women's rally – is to support Camp Quality for kids with cancer. This rally has raised well over \$300,000 since it began in 2001, and this year donated more than \$14,000.

Have you completed this year's new "Off the Beaten Path" poker run? Some of us have. I hope you have had the opportunity to pick a few of them. Don't forget to send your pictures to Nick!!

Upcoming Events:

September 15: Frankenmuth Annual Dinner: For those interested in riding up to Frankenmuth, some of us will be meeting at Ted's Coney Island in Richmond, MI. Ted's is located at the intersection of M-19 and north-bound Gratiot. Breakfast at 8:00am, kickstands up at 9:30 am. The route will be back roads through the thumb, with Pat leading us once again through Vassar and over to Frankenmuth. This always one of our best and most fun events, and I am really looking forward to this ride.

September 16: All Clubs Day - Vintage Motorcycle Show: In downtown Stockbridge, 12:00pm-4:00pm. Come and enjoy a day of Vintage, Classic and Remarkable Motorcycles displayed around the Village Green by clubs & individuals invited to show their best.

October TBD: Fall color ride: A ride is being planned, and will be announced in the next newsletter, on the website calendar, on Facebook, and on the mailing list.

Till next month be safe and get out there and ride!



My worst motorcycling year is still holding its record for ... well, least miles. I've even discovered that if my Harley isn't started once in a while, it dumps a lot of oil on the ground on first starting. By the time I notice this, it has stopped. And this has happened a couple times this year, which indicates way too little running, apparently. The BMW has received more use.

We are going to try to fix this this following week on a vacation. Hopefully, by bike, but depending on weather, we may change this at the last minute as we desire. And if by bike, we'll land a few more "cards" for the Poker Run. But as a result, we probably won't be at the Saturday meeting for September, as with any luck, we'll be somewhere between Bay City and Grand Marias,

depending on a lot of things.

I'd love to tell you about my exciting bike upgrades of the month, but I got none. I did pick up an AirHawk seat pad at a garage sale a while back, and I must say, I do like it on my LT. It's inflatable (by lung), so you can adjust it quite a bit. If you are finding your seat uncomfortable on long rides, it's something to check out. That, and remove your wallet from your back pocket (yes, I was a bit slow to figure that one out).

Frankenmuth Chicken Dinner will be Saturday, September 15. We will be back in town Friday, the 14th, to make the final count available to the kind people who feed us, so make sure you have settled up with Treasurer Jim before then if you are going.

I've been pleased to see how many people in the club pounce on visitors to the dealership to share our enthusiasm for the BMW product and our dealership and hopefully entice people into our club. One of the first rules of sales I was taught when I entered the work world was, "ask for the deal" – if you don't ask, you won't get it. It applies to a lot in life – if you don't ask, the answer will be no, so make sure you are inviting people to join our club – even just show up for a Wednesday dinner or a monthly ride and lunch and see who we are if they are unsure. I've had a chance to meet some of the new members, and I am very much looking forward to what they add to our club.

And speaking of Wednesday dinners, scheduling problems (i.e., everyone's got vacations!) have led to something I've been wanting to do for a long time – plan the Wednesday dinner schedule out further. You will find two full months of dinners in the newsletter, and I hope to get a third on-line on the website activities page soon, too.

The September ride hasn't arrived in my inbox yet, hopefully we'll be getting details of that to you soon, too via the website and facebook groups.

And again – if you are a Facebook member and not part of the Facebook MCBeemers group, please let an officer know your facebook ID so we can extend an invite to you, or ask me on Facebook.

Don't be like me, ride your bike(s)!

Club events

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>

Date	Event
9/8/2018	Regular meeting. 10:30am 1301 South Rochester Rd, Rochester Hills, MI.
9/15/2018	Frankenmuth Chicken Dinner
10/13/2018	Regular meeting. 10:30am 1301 South Rochester Rd, Rochester Hills, MI.

Wednesday Dinner Gatherings

Usually, we order about 6:30pm

September 5	Amore's Grill and Spirits	53100 Gratiot Avenue, Chesterfield, MI 48051 586.749.9262
September 12	Nonna's Italian Kitchen	50528 Schoenherr Shelby township, MI 48315 586.884.6949
September 19	La Saj	13776 Southcove Dr. Sterling Heights, MI 48313 586.566.6600
September 26	El Charro's	16720 14 Mile Rd Fraser, MI 48026 586.294.3520
October 3	Copper Penny	24975 Harper Ave St Clair Shores, MI 48080 586.777.1112
October 10	Engine House	309 Cass Ave Mt Clemens, MI 48043 586.468.2442
October 17	Bath City Bistro	75 Macomb Place Mt. Clemens, MI 48043 586.469.0918
October 24	Thai Orchid	60 Cherry St Mt Clemens, MI 48043 586.783.1727
October 31	Halloween. No dinner	

Treasurer's Report

Jim Mick



Check book balance for the end of Jul:	\$1883.97
Check book balance for the end of Jun:	\$2041.97
Balance end of Feb	\$1700.25
Balance end of May	\$1998.25
PayPal balance for the end of Jul:	\$918.85
PayPal balance for the end of Aug:	\$918.85

67 member renewals for 2018
24 paid to attended Frankenmuth 9/15

- 8/11/18 'Received \$43.00 from 'the Prez' from the July Club Meeting 50/50.
- Also received \$20.00 from Charles G for Membership and Frankenmuth.
- Pat K. won the 50/50 which added \$35.00 to club funds.
- Received \$35.00 for Frankenmuth reservations for Rhys & Jil B, Walter D., Keith & Bobi H, Nick & Pam N.
- 8/12/18 'Received \$10 from Brian & Sheila B for Frankenmuth.
- 8/25/18 'Received \$15.00 check from Navtej Singh (Jolly) for new membership. Watch the newsletter for getting to know Jolly. He brings our membership to 67 for the year.

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!"

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