



# 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*  
*“An eating club with a motorcycle problem!”*

**Our next meeting is: January 11, 2020**

**Following Meeting: February 8, 2020**

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

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It's February! Banquet time!!!! Our next meeting will be on Saturday, February 8, at 10:30am, followed by a lunch nearby.

Our Mid-Winter Banquet (MWB) will be on Saturday, February 15 at Luis' Chop House again this year.

- The restaurant is south of 23 Mile Rd, at 50355 Gratiot Ave, Chesterfield, MI 48051. The event will start at 6:00pm with dinner at 7:00pm. The cost is \$15 for members and associate members, \$37 for guests.

- As in previous years, Nick Holland will present a slide show of our 2019 riding season at the MWB. Please bring any photos you may have to the meeting, or to a Wednesday dinner, or get them to Nick electronically.

- Nick is also collecting photos from your participation in the 2019 "Off the Beaten Path" Poker Run. The MWB will be where qualifying photos will let you draw cards to make your best poker hand. You need not be present to win – if you participated in the Poker Run but are unable to attend the MWB get your photos to Nick and we will draw a poker hand for you. Even one photo gives you a chance to win.

- Our ride planning meeting will be on Saturday, March 14. We have our Picnic reserved for the 3rd Saturday in June, and the Frankenmuth ride and lunch in September. Brian and Josh are already planning rides. We have a new season-long "Off the Beaten Path" Poker Run planned. So, your input at the March meeting will be very much appreciated.

If you have not yet renewed your membership, please contact Jim Mick ASAP. Dues are \$15 for regular members and \$10 for associates.

Until next month, get out there and ride!

## Stuff on the website

Main website: <https://mcbeemers.org>

Activities page: <https://mcbeemers.org/activities>

Newsletters, current and past: <https://mcbeemers.org/mcb-nl/>

Club pictures: <https://mcbeemers.org/pictures/index.html>

Club invite cards: <https://mcbeemers.org/mcb-nl/MCB-invites.pdf>

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Pictures pictures pictures! Get your 2019 riding pictures to me for the Winter Banquet slide show! Please don't wait for the last moment – it takes a while to sort through your pictures on your phone or (hopefully) real camera, people always underestimate this and then say, “I ran out of time!” And it does take me time to put it all together, too.

Speaking of pictures... I know the world has been using their phone as their ever present camera. Fine, I get that, I use my camera phone a lot as well. But make sure you back up your pictures periodically to something OTHER than your phone. Phones break, phones get

lost, phones get stolen. I know many people have lost a lot of pictures they valued because they were on a phone and no where else. The major platforms offer various ways to “keep your pictures for you”, which is great sounding, but until you have proven you can pull those pictures out on another device, it's just an empty promise. (and as I write that, I just took a few moments to back my phone up...)

Had a few riding worthy days recently, seen a few motorcycles on the road. Not mine, unfortunately. Saw a convertible with the top down in 30F weather, too – but I suspect that was a matter of a broken top, the driver did not look like they were having fun.

And as spring rapidly approaches, it's time to start thinking about this riding year's activities. This club is what you make of it – it's not for the officers to entertain you. So ... please think of things that you would like to participate in doing, and consider helping guide the club by taking charge and becoming an officer.

And, as I keep nagging – we need YOU to help recruit new members to the club. We are in a new location, we have a lot of old members who are enjoying their retirement time “elsewhere”, or even moving away. One of the lessons I learned when running my own business is you can't wait for people to find you, you always have to be actively recruiting new business, and as a club, we have to always be recruiting new members. So...get out and tell people about us. As far as motorcycle clubs go, we are very easy going, a lot of people who would never consider joining most motorcycle clubs will fit in great with us.

# Treasurer's Report

Jim Mick



Check book balance for the end of January	\$3245.55
Check book balance for the end of December	\$2960.55
Balance one year ago	\$3277.47**
Balance end of July	\$3060.37
Balance end of October	\$2587.55
<b>PayPal</b> balance for the end of January	<b>\$223.11</b>
<b>PayPal</b> balance for the end of December	<b>\$138.11</b>

1/6/20 Received \$40.00 from Josh G for membership and all events using PPal.

1/6/20 & 1/26/20 Received \$30.00 from Steve B for membership using PPal.

1/6/20 Received \$15.00 from Jim V for membership using PPal.

1/11/20 Received \$55.00 from Jeff & Cyndi A for membership and MWB.

Received \$75.00 from Nick H & Paula E for membership and all events.

Received \$45.00 from Pat & Lynn K for membership, Picnic & Frankenmuth and \$15 from 50/50 when Chuck G. won.

1/13/20 Received \$55.00 from Brian & Sheila B for membership and \$25.00 from Nick & Pam N for membership using BillPay.

1/17/20 Received \$15.00 from Tom C for membership

We ended 2019 with 61 Members

29 have renewed for 2020

13 prepaid for MWB 2020

11 prepaid for Picnic

9 prepaid for Frankenmuth

A very convenient way to pay for ANY MCBeemers membership or function, is to use your Bank/CU 'Bill Pay' option and they pay the postage... Send payment(s) to Jim Mick, 56750 FAIRCHILD RD, MACOMB, MI 48042. Once you input any payee name and address into their Bill Pay system, subsequent payments only require you to input the amount (and date). Please indicate in their memo for what you are paying.

If you intend to participate in all club subsidized events in 2020 [MWB(\$15), Picnic (\$5), and Frankenmuth (\$5) when you renew your 2020 membership (\$15)], the annual cost for all is \$40. A member AND associate for all three club events is \$75.



## 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!"

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