



Motor City Beemers

Newsletter



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Meetings are...er...were held the SECOND Saturday of the month

We welcome owners and fans of all bikes

“An eating club with a motorcycle problem!”

Our next meeting is: ... **To Be Determined.**

Following meeting is: **To Be Determined.. Stay Tuned.**

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Greeting Beemers!

I'd like to thank Josh, Nick, and Jim for holding the November meeting at Rochester Mills, and Josh for posting minutes.

- The December meeting has been canceled. Our January meeting is tentatively planned to be online – specifics of are still to be determined.

- Officer elections will take place in January, with voting at the online meeting if held, or with voting via the Facebook Group or voting via email.

- There are 5 officer positions. All candidates are running unopposed:

- President – Josh Grosse
- VP Rides – Jeff Anderson
- VP Events – Don McIntyre
- Treasurer – Jim Mick (incumbent)
- Communications Director – Nick Holland (incumbent)

- The Mid Winter Banquet status will be discussed at the January meeting (or via Email/Facebook if there is no meeting). At this point, holding the banquet in February appears questionable. We may decide to cancel the event for 2021, or we may defer it to later in the year.

Additionally:

- The Yahoo Groups mailing list is ending mid-December. An alternative email service is still under consideration – per the November minutes, Nick noted that our Facebook Group doesn't meet all our communication needs.

- If you participated in the third annual Off The Beaten Path Poker Run, please send your Poker Run photos to Nick via email or Facebook. And, please send Nick any other photos from your riding season that you'd like him to share on the club's website.

Dues for 2021 will remain the same as this year, \$15 for members and \$10 for associates. If you've paid \$5 for the canceled 2020 Picnic, Jim will credit you for it in 2021. While we don't have a Banquet priced, the member price for the 2021 Picnic and Frankenmuth Dinner will remain the same as this year: \$5 each for members.

Till next month be safe and try to get out there and ride if the weather and timing permit!



Unfortunately, meeting at our dealership isn't working out. Meeting in a restaurant doesn't seem to work well in general, and even worse with table size limits and social distancing. Restaurants are about eating. Sure, some have meeting rooms, but either we need to promise them a certain amount of food being purchased or pay for the room.

I've been hinting for quite some time that we need to think about new options and structure to our club; it seems the situation has been pushed upon us now.

So...as I keep saying...your ideas and input are welcome. But I think we need to ask ourselves – do we gain

anything other than a meeting place by being associated with a dealership and a single brand of motorcycles (especially when the dealership is not providing that meeting place)?

There has been talk about “do we even need meetings?” Personally, I look at the formal meeting as an excuse to get together with friends, go to the dealership, and eat and ride. So yes, I rather like the meetings myself. But your opinion may be different.

Be watching your e-mail for an update on a new e-mail service to replace Yahoo Groups. If we can sign you up automatically, we will, but most likely, you will need to confirm you wish to be part of the group. You will receive a separate e-mail from me about that.

In not exactly motorcycle related, but maybe is – I got myself an electric car last month, a five year old Fiat 500e. It's ... interesting. For one, I've spent a lifetime of driving cars, looking at the gas gauge, and then the trip computer, and starting to plan the “when and where do I get fuel?” when I have 50-100 miles to go on the tank. Well, now I have a car that has a maximum range of 80 or so miles when things are good (more when things are great, much less if I have to use the heat or roll down windows or air conditioner or head wind or..). Electric vehicles are interesting, but I don't think they will replace a “normal” car for me for quite some time yet. But I will say, that zero-RPM torque is a lot of fun. I could see an electric motorcycle being perhaps MORE practical for me than an electric car, again not as a cross-country vehicle, but as an “run-about-town” vehicle, they have some definite potential, if you pardon the deliberate pun.

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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New Members: Ron and Tanya Crowell

We are happy to welcome as new members, Ron and Tanya Crowell! Here's what Ron had to say about himself:



"Hello All, My wife (Tanya) and I live in Rochester Hills and have two adult children and three grandchildren. I spent 36 years working in the Fire Service before retiring in 2016. Tanya and I enjoy camping (RV'ing) and riding our motorcycle around the state. We try to take a trip a year on the bike outside Michigan. I also spend a lot of time fishing on the beautiful lakes and rivers Michigan has to offer. We are looking forward to meeting the club members and enjoying the rides with the club. I need to thank my good friend/neighbor Jim Uhls for telling me even though I ride a Harley I can join the MCBeemers and inviting me to join. Stay safe."

Absolutely, Ron! It's good to see some chrome on a bike and not just on our heads!

Treasurer's Report

Jim Mick



Check book balance for the end of November	\$2410.41
Check book balance for the end of October	\$2335.41
Balance one year ago	\$2662.55
Balance end of May	\$2749.55
Balance end of August	\$2912.55
PayPal balance for the end of November	\$212.37
PayPal balance for the end of October	\$212.37

45 Members for 2020

7 have renewed for 2021. Membership is \$15.00 & Associate Member \$10.00 per calendar year.

17 prepaid for Picnic – Active member cost \$5. The club decided to not have a picnic in 2020. Since nobody asked for a

refund, I have carried forward payments to our 2021 picnic.

At the November club meeting, Curtis Uhls paid \$15 to become a member for 2021 and Ron & Tanya Crowell paid \$25 to become members for 2021. Mike & Sharon M used BillPay to send \$35 for Membership renewal and Picnic.

You can still send payments for any club functions using Pay Pal to 'jim@ridingiswonderful.com'. If you have a Pay Pal account (rather than using a CC/DC) and call me a "friend", neither the club nor you pay a fee. But if you use Pay Pal and a CC/DC, the club does pay a fee.

ESPECIALLY WITH THE ISOLATION... A very good way to pay is to use your Bank/CU 'Bill Pay' option. If your bank/CU charges no fee, have them 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.

MOTOR CITY BEEMERS NAME TAGS

Motor City Beemer name tags are available for purchase at Highest Honor, Inc., located at **34711 Dequindre Road, Troy, Michigan 48083**. The easiest way to get your ID tag is to send Jeff an e-mail at: www.jeff@highesthonor.biz or call Jeff at **248-588-7845**.