



Motor City Beemers

Newsletter



BMW MOA Club #231

BMW RA Club #209

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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!

This is my final Prez Sez column. I've retired from both work and as a club officer. I'm grateful to everyone who has given of their time and energy to help make our club successful in the years I was President. I'll be spending more of my time traveling, and even more time riding.

Our January meeting will be held online – details are further down. We have two key agenda items: voting for new officers and alternatives for the Mid-Winter Banquet.

- 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)

- Due to COVID-19, the Mid-Winter Banquet must be canceled for 2021 and deferred to February, 2022.

Online meeting details:

- We're going to try to meet online at 10:30am on Saturday, January 9, using a service called **Jitsi**.
 - If you have an iPhone or iPad, pre-install **Jitsi** from the App Store.
 - If you have an Android device, pre-install **Jitsi** from Google Play.
 - If you want to use a desktop browser, use <https://meet.jitsi.org>.
- Use **JanuaryMcbeemers** as the meeting name.

If you can't make the meeting or have problems connecting, please feel free to vote for officers via a message to the Facebook Group. If you don't use Facebook, you can send your votes and comments via email to mcbeemers@groups.io instead. Nick has arranged for this new email group to replace Yahoo Groups.

As a reminder:

- 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. The member price for the 2021 Picnic and Frankenmuth Dinner will remain the same as this year: \$5 each for members.

As always, be safe and try to get out there and ride if the weather allows!

Thank you all.



About this time, I am normally begging people for banquet slide show pictures. No banquet, but we still have lots of storage space on the website – so if you have ride pictures you would like to share with your fellow MCBeemers, get them to me, I'll put them up on the website. In fact, feel free to describe each picture, this can actually be a lot more informative than the normal slide show pictures-without-a-story.

We got new officers. See above! At this point, the vote is something of a formality, as we have no opposition for any of the slots.

NEW MAIL LIST SERVICE!!

As indicated previously, Yahoo Groups has “gone away”. I've set us up with a new group e-mail system based on the service, “groups.io”, which on my little bit of investigation so far, actually looks a little nicer than Yahoo Groups, at least for us. As before, the primary use of it is via e-mail – you send an e-mail to “mcbeemers@groups.io”, and it ends up being sent to all the members of the group.

IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS, you should be getting an invite for the mcbeemers@groups.io group via e-mail. I always tell people not to click on links on unexpected e-mail, and that still holds. However, you are now advised to expect this e-mail from groups.io, and the welcome message will include our club website and other things you should recognize as relevant, not a random bit of spam or malware.

If you click on the link, you will be given some options about how you get e-mail from the group. For our group, the two most likely to be useful to you are “receive all messages” or “only receive special notices” from club officers. I doubt this group will generate enough e-mail to be worthy of the “digest” messages (grouping all of a day's e-mail into one message). IF you prefer, you can also just respond to invite e-mail and you will be put in the group, but you if you want to change any options, you will need to create a groups.io account.

PLEASE do sign up for this. This is a primary means of communication between club officers and members, and optionally, between club members.

I'm admittedly complete new to the “groups.io” service. I know it's used for a lot of other things, so if you are a user and have tips, please let the club know of other ways to use the basic (i.e., free) version of this service. One nice thing, for the basic e-mail, no new password or account is needed. Otherwise, I'll be seeing what other tricks we can make it do for us.

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>

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

Treasurer's Report

Jim Mick



Check book balance for the end of November	\$2410.41
Check book balance for the end of December	\$2440.41
Balance one year ago	\$2960.55
Balance end of June	\$2749.55
Balance end of September	\$2305.41
PayPal balance for the end of November	\$212.37
PayPal balance for the end of December	\$212.37

11 have renewed for 2021. Membership is \$15.00 & Associate Member \$10.00 per calendar year.
 19 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.

I renewed our Club's Membership with the MOA and the RA at a cost of \$15 each.
 Dec 26 'received \$35 via Bill Pay from Don & Gail M for 2021 Membership and Picnic.
 Dec 28 'received \$25 via Bill Pay from Jim & Jeri M for 2021 Membership

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**.