



Motor City Beemers

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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: ... **On Line March 13**

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

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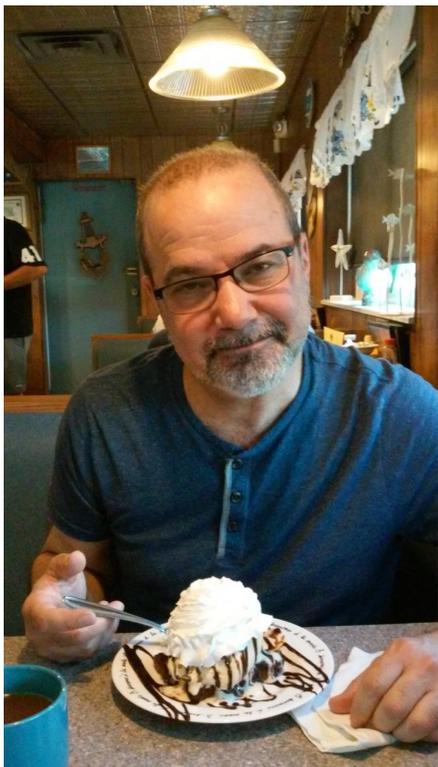
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Happy March, everyone!

At our February online meeting, we discussed this year's new Off The Beaten Path competition, which gives members the opportunity to plan their own rides all across Michigan, visiting State Parks. Briefly, points are awarded for each park visited based on the straight-line distance between BMW Motorcycles of Detroit and the State Park, if you start your motorcycle trip from southeast Michigan. (If you start a trip from a vacation spot or second home, please use your starting location instead.) This means that visiting a few distant State Parks will offer you more points than visiting a lot of close parks.

We also discussed some of the safety and social distancing requirements we should consider for the group rides we do together: such as Sunrise-Sunset, Where's Waldo, Frankenmuth, monthly lunch rides, and any other rides we may participate in together as a club. For ride planners, this means not only considering riding safety, but also considering the safety of our staging / meeting locations, fuel and meal stops, and overnight stays. Frankenmuth was our sole indoor exception in 2020; both the meetup breakfast and the Dinner itself were indoor events. Our 2020 lunch rides and our face-to-face meetings were all outside events, and we should be able to continue these types of precautions during 2021. If you're planning

any group rides for club members in 2021, please keep current best health practices in mind, and when there are any changes in practices recommended by the CDC and the State Health Department, let's adapt our plans to match.

Our March planning meeting will be held on-line on Saturday, March 13, at 10:30am. If you use a tablet or a smartphone, be sure to use the app called "Jitsi Meet" and avoid the commercial app from the same company, "8x8 Meet." Or, use a laptop or desktop browser and connect to <https://meet.jit.si> -- our meeting name will be **MarchMcbeemers**.

Until next month, if you have the opportunity to ride, have fun and stay safe!

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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There is some interesting news at our dealership. I have had a couple chats with Lincoln, sounds like some exciting changes will be taking place in the next year or so, including staffing and construction. More than that, I will let him tell us in the future.

I keep looking at ads I'm seeing of the new BMW R18. I kinda want one. Good looking bike, if you ask me, and I'm rather curious how a two cylinder 1800cc engine rides. Someday. Not this year. And so far, my Small Electric Car is satisfying my itch for a "Something Different" vehicle that I'd spent the last year or two wanting to scratch.

I'm leaving in the Off the Beaten Path 2021 page because, well, it's good info and it's more work to remove it. Yes, the newsletter is out late and I'm lazy.

Got some info from Jim VanDenBerghe about his IBA Saddle Sore 1000 (SS1k) rides. He'll be doing another "All Yooperland" SS1k ride, starting on July 10th in (and ending in) Wakefield, and a similar SS1k ride all in Wisconsin. As someone claiming Yooper blood and who lived four winters in the Keweenaw, it looks like a nice ride, and some of the best parts of the ride look like they will be done in daylight where they can be appreciated.

Jim said this:

I'll be posting ride details on the IBA Calendar (<https://ironbutt.org/IBACalendar.html>) in the future, but now have a thread on the ADV Riders Forum:

<https://advrider.com/f/threads/july-10th-2021-iba-all-yooperland-ss1k-and-alternative-ss1k.1486836/>

So, if this is something you are looking to do, this looks like a good one. I might have to think about doing it, myself (though honestly, in the U.P., part of me loves the driving, the other part of me loves the stopping).

Off The Beaten Path 2021 Riding Competition



1. Ride to as many Michigan State Parks as desired between April 1 and October 31, 2021. There are 110 Parks, Scenic Sites, and Recreation Areas which qualify as “Parks” per the Michigan DNR at their website: <https://www2.dnr.state.mi.us/parksandtrails/#list>. *State Campgrounds and Trails do not qualify for this competition.*
2. Up to 10 photos of a rider with bike or with gear at a recognizable landmark of a Michigan State Park – such as a sign – may qualify that rider for points at that park. Only 1 photo per park will qualify. Photos must be submitted to Nick Holland by December 31, 2021 for acceptance.
3. If starting from southeast Michigan, points will be awarded based on the *straight line distance* in miles between BMW Motorcycles of Detroit and each Park, using the Google Maps “Measure Distance” tool to determine the distance between the Dealership and each Park, rounded to the nearest mile. Multi-day trips to multiple Parks that start from southeast Michigan use the Dealership for all distance measurements.
 - *Example: Bald Mountain State Recreation Area: 7.47 miles. 7 points.*
 - *Example: Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park: 431.90 miles. 432 points*

Yes, you create a huge points advantage when you visit a series of distant parks in a long trip from home.
5. If starting from an “up north” location – such as from a bike moved by trailer or stored at a vacation home – use your starting location instead of the dealership to measure your distance. This provides a measure of fairness for out-of-town starting locations.
6. No cheatin’. Any dispute regarding rules or qualifying photos must be resolved through Josh, whose decision will be final.

Google Map’s “Measure Distance” tool is available from the smartphone app with a long press on a location, or with a right mouse click on the <https://maps.google.com> website.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Mick



If your name is not here, your membership has expired:

Jeff A, Cathy B, Brain & Sheila B, Tom C, Ron & Tanya C, Paula E, Josh G, Nick H, Mike & Sharon M, Don & Gail M, Jim & Jeri M, Norm O, Jerry & Margaret P, Curtis U, Mary V. Jim V.

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| Check book balance for the end of January | \$2545.41 |
| Check book balance for the end of February | \$2570.41 |
| Balance one year ago | \$2593.55 |
| Balance six months ago | \$2912.55 |
| Balance three months ago | \$2375.41 |
| PayPal balance for the end of January | \$212.37 |
| PayPal balance for the end of December | \$212.37 |

22 Members 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.

2/5 Received \$15 in PPal from Jim V for renewal of membership.
2/10 Received \$25 via Bill Pay from Jerry & Margaret P for renewal of 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.