

Motor City Beemers

Newsletter



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Meetings are held the **SECOND** Saturday of the month
at

BMW Motorcycles of Detroit

1301 S Rochester Rd - Suite B
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
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We welcome owners and fans of all bikes

“We got donuts!”

Our *next* meeting is: ... our picnic, **September 11**

Following meeting is: **October 9**

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It's September! I've got a bunch more *Off the Beaten Path* photos, now. We trailered our bikes to the U.P., so Cathy and I didn't get a lot of points for our OTBP photos on that trip. As per the OTBP rules, we counted straight-line miles from the west side of Marquette. We did have a separate trip this past month to collect some more OTBP photos in the L.P. Do you have any OTBP photos yet? I'll share my OTBP spreadsheet tool via Facebook and the mailing list once I complete my list.



August meeting notes, based on minutes provided by Nick H., since I couldn't attend. (Thanks, Nick!):

- **2021 Picnic: Saturday, September 11, at [Columbus County Park](#), in St. Clair County**, in lieu of our monthly meeting. The Park's entrance is on Bauman Road, 2 miles north of Gratiot. We have the venue starting at 10:00am, for set up, meal prep, swatting mosquitoes and socializing. Food serving will start around 11:30. The club will provide water, soft drinks, brisket, and pulled pork. Members are asked to bring a dish to pass, and mosquito repellent is advised.
- **Frankenmuth Chicken Dinner: Saturday, September 18, at [Zehnder's of Frankenmuth](#)**, and an optional follow-on ride to Port Austin. There will be a club ride to Frankenmuth on Saturday morning, from Ted's Coney Island, 67176 Gratiot Ave, Richmond, MI 48062. Ted's is located at the intersection of M-19 and north-bound Gratiot. The route will be back roads through the thumb. 8:00am breakfast, 9:30am kickstands up. This is my favorite annual club ride, and I'm really looking forward to it!
(For the optional follow-on ride to Port Austin: the Blue Spruce Motel is accepting reservations from us without a deposit at the same rate as last year - \$119. Call 989-738-8650 to reserve a room for arrival the 18th departing the 19th.)
- **Where's Waldo:** Rhys discussed the annual baloney sandwich run. He wrote on Facebook just after the ride completed:

“And another Fried Baloney Ride to Waldo, Ohio is in the books. Six of us met at 9:00 this morning at Exit 15, the BP station on south I-75. We be four Marines and two LEOs riding an assortment of motorcycles. There was a Harley Ultra, a Victory, a Honda 1800A, an RT, a Bagger and my Classic. Today was my longest one day ride on it, a little over 400 miles. It was a good day. Thanks to all the riders that joined me on this belt busting ride. Until next August!”

- **Lunch ride:** I understand that Rhys led the group to the White Horse Inn for a nice lunch.

I hope to see you at the picnic, in Frankenmuth, and at the October meeting. Until next month, when you have the opportunity to ride, have fun and stay safe!!

| Ride | Destination or Base | Schedule | Club contact |
|---------------------------|--|----------------------------------|---------------|
| Club Picnic | Columbus County Park | September 11 | Don M. |
| Frankenmuth / Port Austin | Frankenmuth Chicken Dinner and optional breakfast group ride, optional Port Austin group ride. | September 18 (opt. September 19) | Don M, Jeff A |
| Color Tour | Irish Hills, MI | TBD | Josh G |

Frankenmuth Ride

You can review the route on [Google Maps](#), you can download [this GPX file](#) for upload into your GPS, and you can print out the page and put it in your tank bag map holder or tape it to your tank.

Ted's to Gratiot R

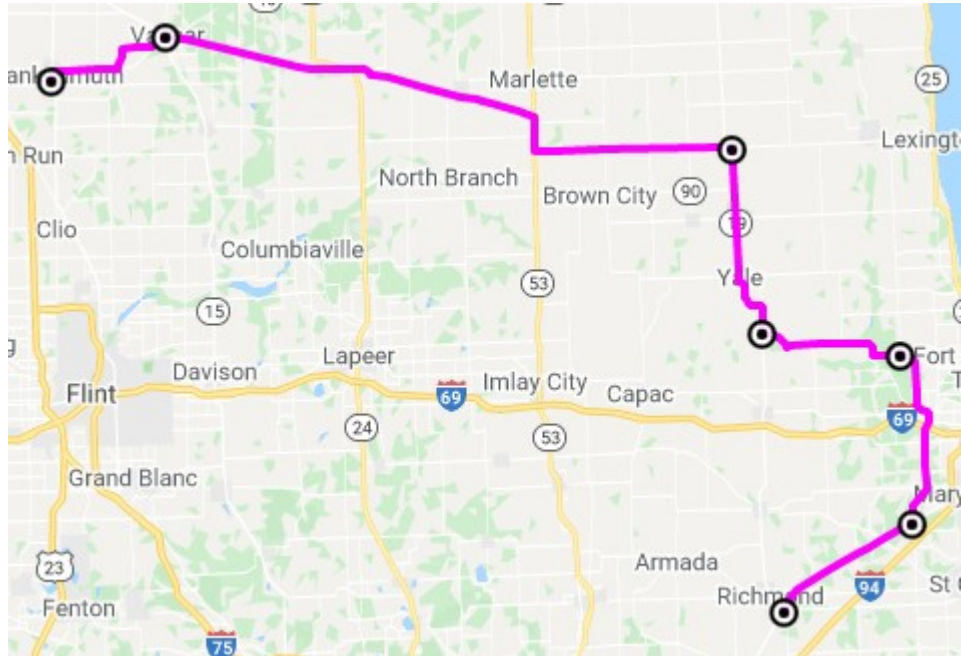
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Dorsey House L

M-19 R

M-90 L

S. Main L



Port Austin

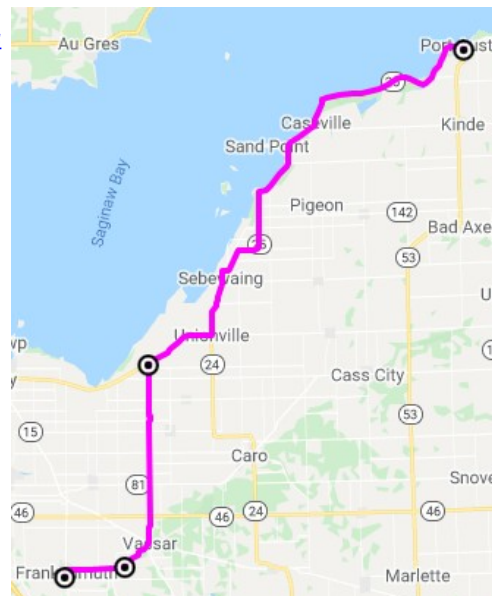
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Zender's to Genessee R

Along Sohn Road

M-25 R

M-53 R to Hotel





This September is a busy month for the Motor City Beemers – Our regular Saturday meeting will be replaced by our picnic, and the very next week is our Frankenmuth Chicken Dinner/Port Austin ride. Hopefully, you have paid up if you are planning on attending either or both of those events.

The picnic meet will be provided by Lakeshore Smokehouse – a curious place near Lakeport State Park that serves excellent brisket, pork, and chicken. Highly recommended. Heck, the property there is worth a drive-through. When not getting catered meals, the process is you drive in, drive literally all the way around the property, get in line, then drive back around to find a place to sit and eat. They have open tables, sheltered areas, and

even cabins and shipping containers turned into dining rooms. Unique, at least in my experience. We've been suggested to try it out by a number of our friends, and when looking for a catering source in that area, we tried them, loved 'em.

And of course, the Frankenmuth dinner the week after that. Don't think I need to say a lot about that, other than our one-time impromptu side-trip to Port Austin a number of years ago has turned into a regular event, maybe even more fun than the Frankenmuth Chicken Dinner itself.

I am probably a little late to be trying to sell you on these events...but hey, I need to write something here.

Jennifer at our dealership has been kicking butt and moving motorcycles. She's looking for help – both inside the sales area and Don is looking for help in the repair shop! So if you know anyone who would like a job working with motorcycles, sales or service, be sure to give them a call. With luck, permission from the city of Rochester Hills, and availability of contractors, maybe next year we will be able to meet inside the enlarged dealership again. But in the mean time – keep in mind, it's a small store, and Saturday is their busy day, so we need to stay out of the way of their sales operations. Really, it's a wonderful problem to have, but yes, it's a bit of a problem.

Oh, and speaking of Jennifer – seems I did a disservice to her when I said she had two Iron Butt awards a few months ago – I was wrong. She had FIVE, and I wouldn't be surprised if she has got more since she informed me of my error. She does some serious riding.

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>

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

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

Hosting Dealership: <https://bmwdetroit.com/>

Treasurer's Report

Jim Mick

If your name is not here, you can rejoin at any time. 44 Members for 2021 Membership is \$15.00 & Associate Member \$10.00 per calendar year.

Jeff A, Mike B, Cathy B, Rhys & Jill B, Brain & Sheila B, Tom C, Ron & Tanya C, Walter D, Paula E, Eric G, Dennis G, Josh G, Bill H, Linda H, Nick H, John J, Alan & Jodi K, Mike & Sharon M, Alvaro M, Don & Gail M, Jim & Jeri M, Nick & Pam N, Norm O, Michael P, Don & Carolynne P, Jerry & Margaret P, Tim S, Robb & Joan S, Curtis U, Jim & Debbie U, Jim V, Mary V.

These have reserved a place at the Picnic: 22 prepaid – Active member cost \$5.



Cathy B, Rhys & Jill B, Brian & Sheila B, Walter D, Paula E, Dennis G, Josh G, Linda H, Nick H, Alvaro M, Mike & Sharon M, Don & Gail M, Jim & Jeri M, Don & Carolynne P, Tim S, Rob S,

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| Check book balance for the end of July | \$2807.41 |
| Check book balance for the end of August | \$2906.41 |
| Balance one year ago | \$2912.55 |
| Balance six months ago | \$2570.41 |
| Balance three months ago | \$2718.41 |
| PayPal balance for the end of July | \$326.34 |
| PayPal balance for the end of August | \$341.34 |

These have reserved a place at the 'Chicken Dinner' in Frankenmuth: 16 prepaid – Active member cost is \$5.

Cathy B, Rhys B, Brian & Sheila, Dennis G, Walter D, Paula E, Josh G, Linda H, Nick H, Alvaro M, Don & Carolynne P, Tim S,

Robb & Joan S

8/14. Received:

- \$5 from Rhys B for Frankenmuth
- \$20 from Brian & Sheila B for Picnic and Frankenmuth
- \$10 from Walter D for Picnic & Frankenmuth
- \$10 from Nick H & Paula E for Frankenmuth
- \$25 from Alvaro M for Membership, Picnic & Frankenmuth
- \$10 from Robb S for Picnic and Frankenmuth and
- \$14 when Don M won the 50/50

8/19 Received \$5 from Joan S for Frankenmuth.

8/24 Received \$15 in PPal from John J for Membership

Due to receive \$45 through BillPay from Dennis G & Linda H in early Sep for membership renewal, Picnic and Frankenmuth

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.

A very good way to pay is to use your Bank/CU 'Bill Pay' option. Most banks/CUs charge no fee, so at least you save postage. Just, 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 the memo for what you are paying.