

# Motor City Beemers

## Newsletter



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

**BMW Motorcycles of Detroit**

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Rochester Hills, MI 48307  
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*We welcome owners and fans of all bikes*

*“We got donuts!”*

Our *next* meeting is: ... **February 12, 2022**

Following meeting is:, **March 12, 2022**

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It's February. As I write this, heavy snowfall is predicted. Some of you are away for the winter; the rest of us will likely have to dig out.

I was lucky enough to make the meeting in January:

1. The Mid-Winter Banquet is scheduled for February 19, at Louis' Chop House in Chesterfield. If you are planning to attend, please get your payment to Jim ASAP. \$5 for members and associate members, \$40 for guests.
2. Time to nominate officers, or self-nominate. Please, consider taking on one of the five officer positions, as we need your help. These are: Treasurer, Communications Director, VP Events, VP Rides, and President.

*In particular, Nick and Jim are both stepping down. They are offering to mentor any new Communications Director and Treasurer, respectively. No prior knowledge, experience, or skill is needed. Nick is willing to continue maintaining the website for the club. So step up and help!*



3. Brian has already begun planning his ride in June across the state, which he noted "used to be Sunrise to Sunset." Brian noted that recent attendees felt it was too long a day, so he has shortened it so that people don't need to be up before dawn to participate. It will be on Saturday, June 22, with a meetup at 11am at the Junction of Hope restaurant in Chesaning, then riding across M-57 through Greenville to Muskegon with overnight lodgings arranged in Ludington. Please reach out to Brian if you would like more information.

## **Our February Meeting – Saturday, February 12, 10:30am, Dealership Meeting Room:**

### Agenda:

- Mid-Winter Banquet – please join us at dinner on the 19<sup>th</sup>. See Jim at the meeting to make your payment.
- Officer nominations for 2022. We have retirements, as mentioned above.
- 2022 Membership Dues– these can be paid at the meeting if convenient. See Jim's report below for more information.
- 2021 Off the Beaten Path photos and scoring. I've sent my photos to Nick. Have you?
- Post-meeting lunch – tbd

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

It's February, that means we are significantly through Winter. And yet, looking out the window, Winter appears to be doing well. And yet, on Jan 31, I saw a (very) few motorcycles on the road as the weather was in the 40s.

If you haven't (and you probably haven't!), send me your "Off the Beaten Path" photos, and any other photos you want me to put up on the website. It sounds like the Mid-Winter Banquet will be lower attended than in the past, and thus, we will just be getting a few tables at Louis', so we won't have the usual slide show we have had in the past. HOWEVER, that doesn't mean don't send me pictures that aren't related to the OtBP contest. They will be put on the website and I'll have a laptop or something with me to run a mini-slideshow IF it turns out we have the space to put it in.

The OtBP pictures I have are up on the website at <https://mcbeemers.org/pictures/2021PokerRun/> If I am missing yours, get them to me!

And, if you haven't got your money into Jim for the banquet, please do. Yes, it will be a bit different than past years, but the world has changed a lot lately.

I think I posted a few months ago about a neighbor asking me for some very basic riding lessons. Her goal was to get a full motorcycle endorsement, but buy a trike. After a little practice on my "drop bike", she decided to purchase an Indian, which she is very proud of, and is looking forwards to the spring when she can take the formal MSF course and get out and ride. I think that is part of our life as motorcyclists – encouraging and helping others to ride.

Speaking of motorcycles, there's a general attitude that "Bigger Is Better" when it comes to engines. Well, I think we know that Jennifer O., chief salesperson at BMW Detroit, is a very serious rider, and accomplished a lot on her tiny little 310R. She traded that in for a R1250GS, but has just purchased another 310R. There's a lot of fun to be had on tiny vehicles. I've driven cars ranging from a '69 Chrysler 300 to my Fiat 500e, and there's fun to be had in both big and small. And the cool thing is you can have a few motorcycles!

And yes...be thinking about officers for our upcoming elections. If you aren't happy where the club is going, run, and help set a better course! Love what we are doing? Help keep it going. We definitely need people to step up for Treasurer and Newsletter/Communications person.

As you start thinking about the upcoming riding season, think about writing up your travels, your purchases, etc. to share them with the club, either through the newsletter or postings on Facebook or our Groups.io mail list.

## **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

Only 7 have paid for February's Mid-Winter Banquet. Deadline for reservations is the Feb Club meeting. Who else is going with: Brian & Sheila B, Josh G, Nick H, Paula E, Jim & Jeri M,?

It's time for a new treasurer... but you haven't offered. If you might be willing/able to take on the job, let's begin talking. It will be difficult to continue as a club without a treasurer, unless we eliminate dues and everything is 'pay as you go', but then what do we do with the money in the club's account? I recommend dividing it up and giving an equal amount to all members who have renewed their membership for 2022.

Get more 'bang for your buck' by renewing your membership for 2022 now. Membership is \$15.00 & Associate Member \$10.00 per calendar year.

If your name is not here, you can rejoin at any time. 20 Members for 2022.

Jeff A, Mike B, Cathy B, Brian & Sheila B, Tom C, Josh G, Nick H, Paula E, Pat & Lynn K, Mike & Sharon M, Don & Gail M, Jim & Jeri M, Robb S, Jim V, Mary V.



Check book balance for the end of January	\$2450.75
Check book balance for the end of December	\$2364.75
Balance one year ago	\$2545.41
Balance six months ago	\$2807.41
Balance three months ago	\$2258.75
<b>PayPal</b> balance for the end of January	<b>\$391.34</b>
<b>PayPal</b> balance for the end of December	<b>\$341.34</b>

1/8 Received \$21 when Nick H won the 50/50. Also received \$65 for renewal of memberships & picnic for Pat & Lynn K, MWB and picnic for Nick H & Paula E, and MWB for Brian & Sheila B. Also received **\$40 through PPal** from Josh G for renewal of membership, MWB, Picnic and Frankenmuth. I think Josh overpaid by \$10 but I didn't catch it at the time.