

# 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  
(248) 402-4010

*We welcome owners and fans of all bikes*

*“We got donuts!”*

Our *next* meeting is: ... **November 13, 2021**

Following meeting is: **December 11, 2021**

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It's November. Don has repaired my RT's fuel leak, and I have a heated vest so I am planning on riding this month if I have the time, and if both weather and temperature permit it.

I won't be able to attend the November meeting, but I have some very good news: we have an indoor meeting room at the dealership!

The dealership's new G.M., Jeff Bottrell, has arranged for a meeting room for us in the same large building where Don and Edwin have service and parts. The meeting room entrance is the door just to the north of the car rental office. The meeting room is to the immediate left of the doorway. Jeff says it's "nothing much," but it will keep us warm and dry for meetings!



A half dozen of us were able to get together for the quickly-planned "Fall Color Tour" on Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> of October. It started overcast but turned bright and sunny. I led the group, and I only went the wrong way a couple of times. And, in trying to find some color, I took the group down some dirt roads that had sure looked paved by satellite imagery, but were actually still dirt. Yes, there was some color along the way, but it was still early in the season in this part of Michigan so it was mostly still green. Lunch at the Crave Kitchen afterwards was fun!

## **Our November Meeting – Saturday, November 13, 10:30am, Dealership Meeting Room:**

### Agenda:

- Check out the meeting room! (After the meeting, please stop by the showroom and thank G.M. Jeff for the meeting room!)
  - It is time to get our photos (and point counts) to Nick. If you're unsure of your points, note the park locations (if not obvious in the photos) and we'll count your points for you.
  - The intersection of Avon and Dequindre at Yates Cider Mill is going under construction. For a year. Starting now. Alternative eastbound routes for rides – including the post-meeting lunch – should be discussed.
- If it's not raining or snowing, Jeff A. has a short ride planned to the Stoney Creek Roadhouse. It was very well received by the group when we went there in October. If the weather does not cooperate, plan on meeting for lunch. But avoid the construction by the cider mill.

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Recently, a friend and neighbor told me she and a friend of hers wanted to move up from the back of the motorcycle to the front. They are both in their sixties, both of their husbands are long-time riders, and they figured it looked like more fun to ride than to be the passenger. I offered the services of Thumper, my Buell Blast, what I call my “Drop Bike” – as if it is dropped, everything that hits the ground is about \$5. She asked if I’d give ‘em some riding lessons.

So, I pulled Thumper out, cleaned its carb (about a 1 hour job, total, very simple, been probably a couple years since it was last started), new battery (because...bike batteries) and took it for a test ride.

Now, I’m not a MSF teacher. Our goal was just to get them to where they could take the MSF class and focus on the lessons of the road rather than the mechanical moving of the bike. I think we did pretty well, especially since both ladies told me their plans were to get trikes, but after a couple hours in an abandoned Kroger parking lot, both had rejected their plans and were planning two-wheelers instead.

I know at least a few other members in the club have worked to help encourage others to join the ranks of motorcyclists. If you haven’t...you don’t know the fun you are missing.

As Josh indicated, get your contest pictures to me... And start collecting your 2020 and 2021 pictures for our winter banquet in a few months. Yes, we missed that last year, but hopefully you have some 2020 pictures to show us what you were up to.

Jim has announced he’d like to step down as Treasurer, and I’m going to do the same – I don’t plan to run for re-election to the newsletter editor’s position for next year, and would like someone else to step up. I think this is a great opportunity for the club – we got a lot of new blood in both membership and leadership, so I think this could be good thing for everyone. Of course, I’ll do everything I can to help with the transition, and will provide guidance if requested afterwards. I can continue to host the website, or let someone else take it over, either way, I’m good. And I’ll still be around as an active club member.

And next month is December. Oh how time flies when we get older.

## 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

It's time for a new treasurer... If you might be willing/able to take on the job, let's begin talking.

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. 48 Members for 2021, 1 Member for 2022: Jeff A, Mike B, Cathy B, Rhys & Jill B, Brain & Sheila B, George 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.



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| Check book balance for the end of September    | \$2243.75       |
| Check book balance for the end of October      | \$2258.75       |
| Balance one year ago                           | \$2335.41       |
| Balance six months ago                         | \$2718.41       |
| Balance three months ago                       | \$2807.41       |
| <b>PayPal</b> balance for the end of September | <b>\$351.34</b> |
| <b>PayPal</b> balance for the end of October   | <b>\$341.34</b> |

10/7 Received \$15 from Jim V for membership in 2022.

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.