

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: ... **April 9, 2022 10:30am**

Following meeting is: ... **May 14, 2022 10:30am**

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As I write this, April is on the horizon. It marks the start of our true riding season. I hope some of you were able to get out and about on one or more of the very nice days we had in March. In between the thunderstorms and the snow, I managed to get in a ride on a day off, and stopped for lunch at the Dorsey House. Spring foliage had not yet started so the views of Mill Creek along M-136 were pretty spectacular in late winter.

Our 2022 Off the Beaten Path poker run is ready for you to start riding this year, at any point between April 1 and October 31. In order to encourage more participation in the OTBP rides, the locations this year are a small selection of very popular summertime destinations and scoring has been simplified. Check it out on the next page!

I believe I'll actually be able to attend our next meeting on Saturday, April 9. It will be held at 10:30am at the Dealership Meeting Room:



1. IT IS TIME TO NOMINATE OFFICERS.

Yes, this is still on the agenda. 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. For those who attend meetings, you may notice that I'm not attending very many of them, due to my work schedule. I am hoping someone will be willing to preside who has more Saturday availability than I do.

As I mentioned previously, 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!



2. Ride planning for the season. To date:

- OTBP runs from April 1 through October 31.
- Brian's ride across the state will be Saturday, June 25, 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.

- MOA Rally: Springfield, MO: June 16-18.
- 2022 RA National Rally: Waynesville NC, September 28 – October 2.

3. 2022 Membership Dues— these can be paid at the meeting if convenient. See Jim's report below for more information.

4. Post-meeting lunch, TBD.

Until next month, ride, have fun, and stay safe!!

Off the Beaten Path

2022 – The Year we Hunt for Ice Cream



- Score 1 point for any single photo of you and your bike, or you and your gear, at each location for a maximum of 10 possible points.
- Photos may be taken April 1 – October 31.
- Photos must be submitted to our Communications Director by January 31, 2022.
- In the event of any ties, winners (1st - 3rd place) will be drawn by lot.

Name	Address
Apple Knockers Ice Cream Parlor	220 W Prairie St, Vicksburg, MI 49097
Cook's Farm Dairy	2950 E Seymour Lake Rd, Ortonville, MI 48462
Grindstone General Store	3206 Copeland Rd, Port Austin, MI 48467
Hilltop Soda Shoppe	7117 South St, Benzonia, MI 49616
House Of Flavors	402 W Ludington Ave, Ludington, MI 49431
MOO-ville Creamery	5875 S, M-66, Nashville, MI 49073
Moomers Homemade Ice Cream	7263 N Long Lake Rd, Traverse City, MI 49685
Pekadill's	503 S Mears Ave, Whitehall, MI 49461
Plainwell Ice Cream Co	621 E Bridge St, Plainwell, MI 49080
Ray's Ice Cream	4233 Coolidge Hwy, Royal Oak, MI 48073





I've got the newsletter out early this month!

April Fools! It's late, as usual. Yes, that was lame.

One advantage of procrastinating a bit on the newsletter is sometimes someone sends me something after the first of the month that makes good content, and it saves me being creative. Jim just sent me a note from the BMW MOA regarding a drive to get a lot of BMW "Slash 5" motorcycles (1970-1973 R50/5, R60/5 and R75/5. Yeah, I had to look it up) to the Springfield, MO rally:

To All BMW MOA Chartered Club members,

This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the BMW Motorcycle Owners of America! In honor of this

occasion, the BMW MOA "Wander Farther" National Rally Grand Prize bike is a beautifully restored 1972 Monza Blue Toaster Tank R75/5. Photos of this bike will be in the May issue of the _BMW Owners News_ and posted on the MOA Rally web page. You will really want to win this stunning bike!

Because the Slash 5 series was so critical in the growth of the BMW motorcycle line and BMW clubs, we are also celebrating the whole Slash 5 series at our Rally with the "Celebration of The Slash 5" and are asking everyone with a Slash 5 to bring it to the rally! We are planning the world's largest /5 "selfie" – a big group photo – and a special /5 Bike Show! Further, a representative from BMW AG's Archive division will be giving seminars about the development of the /5 series.

If you have a /5, please bring it to the rally and participate in the group photo, the bike show, and be a part of the biggest showing of /5's in decades! You do not have to be a BMW MOA member to attend. However, you can save money on your rally registration as a member.

If you think you will bring your /5, we are asking that you register your bike so we know what to expect from /5 owners. This is not a commitment but just a way for us to plan for how many /5s to expect. Please send questions to rallychair@bmwmoa.org. We hope you will "Wander Farther" to Springfield!

*Brian Burdette, Greg Feeler and Pat Carol
2022 Wander Farther Rally Team*

MOA Rally web page <https://rally.bmwmoa.org/>

Rally Registration: <https://bmwmoaf.regfox.com/springfield>

Slash 5 Registration: <https://airtable.com/shrqzVk1HNpa3vsm4>

Stuff on the website

Main website: <https://mcbeemers.org>

Newsletters, current and past: <https://mcbeemers.org/mcb-nl/>

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

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

Activities page: <https://mcbeemers.org/activities>

Club pictures: <https://mcbeemers.org/pictures>

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

Treasurer's Report

Jim Mick

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 (Not a good course of action).

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.** **29 Members for 2022.**

Jeff A, Mike B, Cathy B, Brian & Sheila B, Tom C, Walter D, Dennis G, Linda H, Josh G, Nick H, Paula E, Pat & Lynn K, Alan & Jodi K, Mike & Sharon M, Don & Gail M, Jay M, Jim & Jeri M, Jerry & Margaret P, Robb S, Jim V, Mary V, Charlie Z.



Check book balance for the end of March	\$1975.75
Check book balance for the end of February	\$1960.75
Balance one year ago	\$2610.41
Balance six months ago	\$2243.41
Balance three months ago	\$2364.75
PayPal balance for the end of March	\$416.34
PayPal balance for the end of February	\$416.34

3/16 Received \$15 from Charlie Z for renewal of membership.