

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: ... **June 11, 2022 10:30am**

Following meeting is: ... **July 9, 2022 10:30am**

Web site: <https://MCBeemers.org>

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It seems I'm president now. I'd like to thank Josh for his work during his term as President – he did a great job in a difficult time for the club. Josh and I have swapped jobs – he's going to be doing club communications, I'll be president. Jim (Treasurer), Jeff (VP for rides) and Don (VP for events) are going to stay on in their previous roles. If you have comments on how I'm doing my job or ways to improve the club, bring 'em up on Facebook or our groups.io list for public discussion, or shoot me an e-mail (on the cover of the newsletter)

As you have hopefully seen through Josh's postings to Facebook and our groups.io mail list (and/or were at the meeting!), we've come to a decision on how we are going to run the group going forward.



In short, we will stop growing the treasury through 50/50 raffles this year, and at the end of this year, we'll be reducing the dues to zero (dues for 2022 are still as they were because they were set last year), and run down the treasury through our normal activities until we get to where we can't do the club's normal contribution to activities, we decide to dissolve, or other people step up and take the leadership going forward. And yes, that option is still there – up until the official dissolution of the club, nothing is irreversible. Josh gets credit for coming up with the brilliant "slow shutdown" idea, which is something I hadn't thought of. The vote was actually unanimous, which surprised and pleased me; it is great that we had everyone rowing in the same direction.

Key to remember is the "shutdown" is only the shutdown of the group *as defined by the current bylaws*. Nothing says a group of people calling themselves MCBeemers can't get together and eat and ride. But as a group handling other people's money, rules have to be defined and followed. Even before COVID, our events we spend money on have seen declining participation over the last few years. An MCBeemers with a more informal structure and without a treasury *may* be what people want. Let's make this a good thing!

In other news, the long awaited construction of the new Dealership is starting! Temporary office trailers have arrived! I'm definitely looking forward to this. BMW has a good product, with Jennifer, they are moving that product. And now they will have a good place for showing it. Hopefully, this will allow even better sales there, plus merging the accessories and bike sales areas, and hopefully, allow future MCBeemer meetings to take place in the main dealership itself.

Wishes for happy and safe riding to all!

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/>

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.

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| 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 |



The club is evolving. We'll still collect dues for 2022 memberships, but – as of this decision – not in 2023 or later years. Active members – defined by dues payment this year – can take part in the club's subsidized annual events. Next year, there will be no dues; active membership will be defined by participation in meetings and events for existing members, and application submissions at a minimum for new members.

Nick and I have swapped offices; as President he will now preside officially over meetings – something he'd been doing for months anyway, as I often found I had to work on meeting days. I'll be responsible for club communications and publishing this Newsletter.

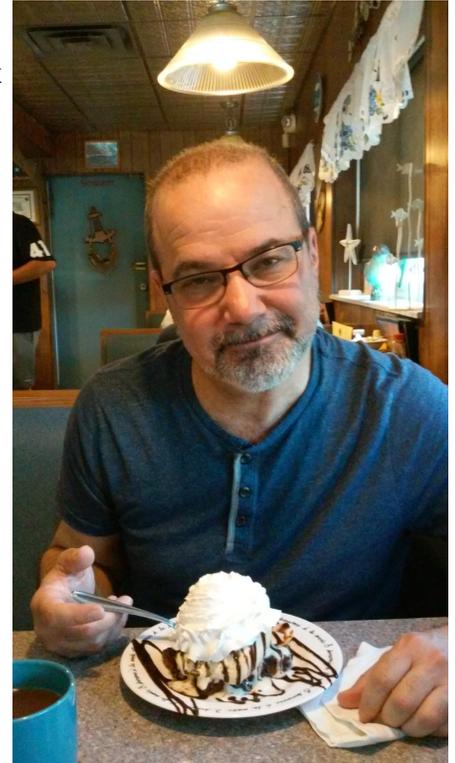
About the club's evolution:

- I'm pleased that the attending members voted unanimously to continue operations with a "slow" dissolution. It gives us several paths forward that we can choose from while we continue to operate. Jim stated that at our current expense rate we have about two years of operating capital; this gives the club time to find alternatives to dissolution, or if necessary to smoothly transition to a social group without a treasury.
- During this time, perhaps some of us will become interested in leadership positions. If so, the club could continue under its existing by-laws. Perhaps the new dealership facilities will bring in new members. Perhaps we'll be able to renew our Wednesday dinners, and reestablish lost social contacts.

It's a new future for the club; I am hopeful that this is the right path forward.

Meanwhile, please participate in club events – to get to this column you had to pass by the 2022 OTBP poker run. This year, it's ice cream! We have monthly rides that Jeff is orchestrating; we have Brian B.'s ride across the state, we have Jim V.'s Iron Butt around the Great Lakes, and there are MOA and RA rallies scheduled.

So get out there and ride!



Treasurer's Report

Jim Mick

Membership is \$15.00 & Associate Member \$10.00 for 2022.

If your name is not here, you can rejoin at any time. 33 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, Don &Carolynne P, Jerry & Margaret P, Tim S, Robb S, Chris V, Jim V, Mary V, Charlie Z.



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| Check book balance for the end of May | \$2003.75 |
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| Balance one year ago | \$2718.41 |
| Balance six months ago | \$2218.75 |
| Balance three months ago | \$1960.75 |
| PayPal balance for the end of May | \$475.42 |
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No money received or paid out this month.

HOW TO PAY: PayPal. 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, is willing, and does pay a fee.

"Bill Pay". Use your Bank/CU 'Bill Pay' option. Most banks/CUs charge no fee – not even 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.

"Cash or check". Bring to a club meeting and hope Jim is there, mail it to the address above, or give it to another officer at the meeting.