

Motor City Beemers

Newsletter



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

Triumph Detroit
47488 Van Dyke Ave.
Shelby Township, MI 48317
(586) 726-7400

We welcome owners and fans of all bikes

“We got donuts!”

Our *next* meeting is: ... **February 11, 2023 10:30 am**

Following meeting is: ... **March 11, 2023 10:30am**

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As you may know, last month (January 2023), we did something very different and met at Triumph Detroit. By pretty much all measures I can think of, it was a big success. Lots of people showed up (relatively speaking), it was warm, good seating, and our hosts participated in our meeting. Apparently, they liked us, too – so our February meeting will be there as well. Beyond February? Well...that's to be determined, but I think a few of us are thinking big changes are in order.

For reasons I can't explain, I rather like the Triumph Rocket 3 (and III). Ok, after driving a BMW K1200LT, it's hard to get bigger and heavier...but the Rocket 3 tries. Funny thing, I'm not really into Go Fast, but still a fascinating machine. And yes, I sat on one. Triumph Detroit also sells a few other brands, including the Zero electric bikes and MV Agusta. They also have a big collection of used bikes and accessories. So, Lots of good stuff to look at. And they made us feel welcome, which is a nice change.



FYI – we have invited the staff of Triumph Detroit to our Winter Banquet.

And speaking of Winter Banquet – Saturday, March 4, 6:00pm at the Hamlin Pub at 22 Mile and Hayes. Make your reservation by **getting your money to Jim** by the weekend before – Saturday, February 25. But I'd really, *really* suggest getting your money to Jim at the next club meeting, February 11 (at Triumph Detroit, of course). Please don't wait until a few days before the deadline and wonder how you get your \$5 to Jim. For the \$5, the club covers your food, you cover your drinks.

We aren't really planning a formal Banquet slide show as we have done in the past. IF someone who is going to the banquet has a lot of pictures from their 2023 motorcycle adventures, let me know, we may set up a laptop in the corner with your picture set running. IF a few people contact me about pictures, we may do something more formal, but I'm not going to go chasing you down as I tried to do in the past, and I don't know what kind of display facilities we are going to have.

Also...we are approaching officer elections. I don't think anyone who is currently serving as an officer would be offended if you said, "I would like to do your job". Lots of big decisions to be made here in the near future. Be a part of it!

I hope to see you at the February meeting and at the (late) Winter Banquet in March!

Stuff on the website

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Last week, Facebook was kind enough to inform me that they noticed some unusual activity on my account, and locked it for my safety. After arranging to get my account unlocked, I learned that the unusual activity was our January newsletter.

January's newsletter had something in it that Facebook did not like, and I suspect it was our 2023 dues structure. After reviewing the January issue, I suspect the cause of our violation of Community Standards may actually have been a phrase in Jim's treasurer's report, where he used the word "free" entirely in upper case. I've gently edited his treasurer's report for this month to remove that leading sentence, in the hopes this February issue of the newsletter will pass Facebook's algorithmic muster. If not, and Facebook blocks access to it again, it should be available from our website (link on pages 1 and 3), and of course it is emailed to our mailing list members when I publish it.

This gives me the opportunity to discuss our fee structure for 2023. No dues are being collected. Major annual event costs – picnic, banquet, and Frankenmuth dinner – remain \$5.00 per member, and all 2022 members will be considered active for 2023. New members will be accepted if they submit an application and participate in one or more club activities, such as attending meetings, joining or leading group rides, or attending events. Returning members from prior years are always welcome.

The February meeting will once again be hosted at **Triumph Detroit**, 47488 Van Dyke Ave, Shelby Township, MI. I managed to make the first half of the January meeting, and enjoyed the people and the venue. They have couches you can sit on! They serve bean-to-cup coffee! Moreover, they were very gracious, interesting and interested in us. If you're thinking about another bike, they have a \$2M used-bike inventory, shared through their Chicago-based dealership group.

I've been waiting eagerly for spring, switching the float charger back and forth between my bikes. It's been very cold this week, which makes the wait for spring worse. I can't wait to get out there and ride!

I will be at the Mid-Winter Banquet on March 4, and I hope to see you all there!





We had 35 Members for 2022. To become a member of MCBeemers, look for guidelines elsewhere in this newsletter.

Jeff A, Mike B, Cathy B, Rhys B, Brian & Sheila B, Tom C, Walter D, Dennis G, Linda H, Aaron G, 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.

These 9 have paid \$5 for MWB: Brian & Sheila B, Josh G, Nick H, Paula E, Mike & Sharon M, Jim & Jeri M.

Deadline to make a reservation and pay your \$5 is February 25.

Check book balance for the end of Jan:	\$2056.94
Check book balance for the end of Dec:	\$2011.94
Balance one year ago:	\$2450.75
Balance six mo ago:	\$2003.75
Balance three mo ago:	\$2011.94