

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
(248) 402-4010

We welcome owners and fans of all bikes

“We got donuts!”

Our *next* meeting is: ... **The PICNIC, October 8 2022 XX:XX am**

Following meeting is: ... **November 12, 2022 10:30am**

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Hello, MCBeemers!

I'm sure you are tired of me starting off my articles with, "I can't believe it's ... already!". So I'll spare you, but apparently, I've long reached the age where time really starts going fast. So just assume there's a "Time Flies" statement at the top of every article I write.



I'd like to be telling you how much fun I had at the Frankenmuth Chicken Dinner and going to Port Austin afterwards, but unfortunately, I came down with a bad cold Thursday before, missed work Friday (how to impress your new employer: miss the first Friday on the job!), and pretty much stayed in bed all weekend, So, I'm hoping those of you that did go had a good time!

This month is the picnic – as last year, at Columbus Park in St. Clair County (which is “properly” called “Columbus County Park” – but it is the Columbus Park in and run by St. Clair County). This was a great venue last year, Don got us great food from Lakeshore Smokehouse, and of course, all the member contributions were appreciated, as well. This year will be mostly a repeat – same food from Lakeshore Smokehouse, same “bring a dish to pass”, and – as last year – this will replace our usual Second Saturday meeting for October, so if you go to the dealership that weekend, Jennifer will probably sell you a new motorcycle, but most of us won't be there, we'll be stuffing our face. Hope to see you there!

Our reservations at the park start at 10:00am, we expect the food to arrive for us at or before 12:00pm.

The park entrance is on Bauman, west of Gratiot.

Gratiot has a detour for the bridge construction just south of Bauman: if you're taking Gratiot north, follow the paved detour: left onto Arlington, right on Big Hand, left on Bauman.

If you're taking I-94, you will miss the detour: exit at the Division Rd / Fred Moore Hwy exit #258. Cross the freeway, then turn right onto Palms. North on Palms to Gratiot, turn left. Southwest bound 3.5 miles to Bauman, turn right.

And with the end of the year rapidly approaching, a reminder: Per our bylaws, at the November meeting, we will vote on annual dues for 2023. Our plan we discussed in the spring was to reduce our dues to zero for 2023, to help run down the treasury in preparation for the dissolve the club AS IT EXISTS UNDER THE CURRENT BYLAWS (nothing stopping people from showing up for chat, rides and eating on the second Saturday, just removing the requirements for five officers and handling money). Nothing is cast in stone here, but I recommend this plan, unless we get an infusion of new and active members in the very near future (and being it is October, that doesn't leave much time). At no point does anything become irreversible.

There's still riding time left this season and lots of pretty leaves to see...just watch out for slippery leaf piles!

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/>

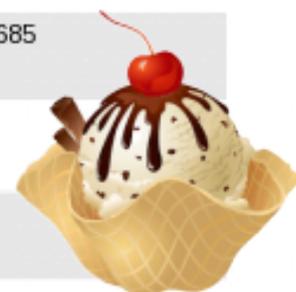
Off the Beaten Path

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, 2023.
- 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



It was a lovely ride to Frankenmuth! The day was sunny and warm. Jim sent the officers an email with his review of the event. He wrote:

Of the 14 who reserved their place for Frankenmuth (220917): Only Cathy B, Rhys B, Josh G, Mike M, Jay M, Jim M. and Robb S. met for breakfast in Richmond. Josh led the way up Gratiot, out M136, through one of my favorite little towns, Vassar, and ultimately to Frankenmuth. There, we were joined by Brian & Sheila B who came by 4 wheels. Nick H & Paula E didn't come since Nick had picked up a wicked cough. Jeri M spent the day with her cousin. Don & Carolynne P also didn't make it. I think there was something about multiple soccer games...

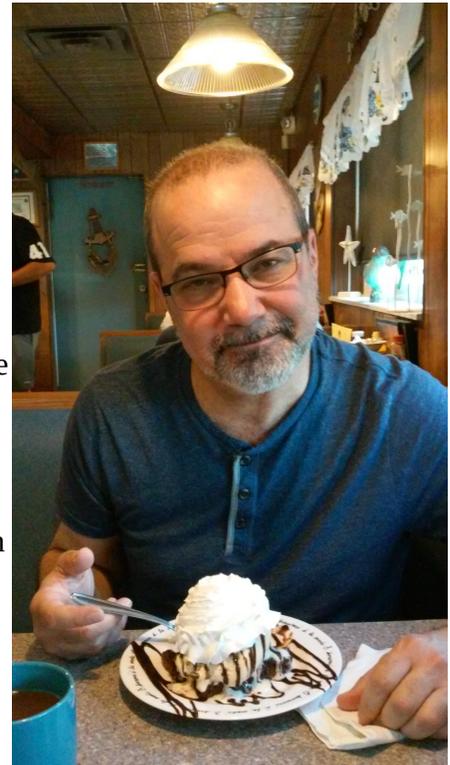
Our server was outstanding and kept the food coming faster than we could consume it. Fourteen paid \$5 to reserve a place in Frankenmuth and the total bill was \$350.00 so Frankenmuth decreased the club funds by the difference of \$280.

Cathy, Robb, and I continued on to Port Austin where we met up with club member Bob H. for a good time 'round the campfire. As good a time as possible without Paula or Nick. When I checked in, the staff member at the desk had been the one who'd spoken with Paula and told me how disappointed she'd been to have to cancel due to Nick's cold.

The weather was pleasant and warm into that evening. In the morning a passing front sent us some rain. Bob left very early to try to avoid it, while Robb decided to wait for it to pass. Cathy and I rode home in the rain as she had a commitment on that Sunday. The rain reduced the traffic and it was a pleasant, if damp, return home.

- Let us know if you were able to attend the RA National Rally! It ran from September 28 - October 2.
- See you at the Picnic on October 8! Jim's report below will tell you if you've already paid your \$5.00 to attend. If not, you still can – just reach out to Jim.

While there is some good weather left this year – 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. 34 Members for 2022.

Jeff A, Mike B, Cathy B, Rhys 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.



These 10 have reserved their place at the Picnic (221008): Cathy B, Josh G, Nick H, Paula E, Pat & Lynn K, Jim & Jeri M, Don & Carolynne P.

These 14 had reserved their place at Frankenmuth (220917): Cathy B, Rhys B, Brian & Sheila B, Josh G, Nick H & Paula E, Jay, Jim & Jeri M, Don & Carolynne P, Robb S.

Check book balance for the end of Sep:	\$1698.75 (after Frankenmuth)
1Check book balance for the end of Aug:	\$2023.75
Balance one year ago:	\$2243.75 (after Frankenmuth)
Balance six mo ago:	\$1975.75
Balance three mo ago:	\$2003.75
PayPal balance for the end of Sep:	\$480.42
PayPal balance for the end of Aug:	\$475.42

- 220910 Received \$20 from Rhys B for membership & Frankenmuth.
- 220914 Received \$5 in PPal from Jay M for Frankenmuth.
- 220917 Received \$5 from Mike M for Frankenmuth.

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.