

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: ... **November 12, 2022 10:30 am**

Following meeting is: ... **December 10, 2022 10:30am**

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Hello, MCBeemers!

Business: Our November meeting will be an important one. We will be setting the dues for our next year, taking effect in January. As you probably remember, earlier this year we voted to start a plan of running down the treasury in preparation for dissolution of the formal club under the existing bylaws. Our plan, if the members agree, is to drop our dues to zero for 2023, but to continue to fund events like the Winter Banquet, Frankenmuth and the picnic until



the treasury is mostly exhausted, then formally dissolve the formal club (or until people step up to run the club under its existing bylaws). As I've said before, and I still believe, I think this can be a good thing for our club. The existing bylaws exist primarily because we are club that handles other people's money. If we drop that requirement, we can become more responsive to what current and active membership wants out of the club. BMW Detroit is selling a LOT of motorcycles, so there's a lot of potential new blood and new ideas that are available to lead the club in new directions. If those directions suggest a new bylawed club, great, if it is just a bunch of people that get together periodically and eat and ride, that's fine too.

Our last meeting was our annual picnic. It was a bit cool (or cold, or just right, depending on who you talk to – I was very much towards the “just right”, I think Josh was much more towards “cold”). The food was fantastic, I think the general response was “even better than last year” – Smokey Jim's BBW on Huron Rd. in Marysville. I suspect we'll be going there ourselves in the future.

As a general rule, about a day after the newsletter goes out, I think of all the things I meant to put in the newsletter that month. That was true both when I was the person putting it together and now that I'm president. Back in September, we were notified a bit late about “Adventure Rider” and author Sam Manicom coming to our dealership to discuss his adventures in riding in various exotic places around the world, meeting great people, eating “interesting” food and catching exotic diseases. It was a fascinating talk, in this case, mostly about his trip through Africa, one of his first adventure rides. I'm probably not the right person to be writing about this – mostly, I love hearing other people's travel adventure stories, as it eliminates my interest in travel. Honestly, I don't like crossing the border to Canada, so keep that in mind when reading my comments. A few of his bits of wisdom that I'm remembering:

- Most useful thing to have with you when traveling by motorcycle: an umbrella. Get caught somewhere in the hot sun or your bike breaks down? It's a sun shade. Get thrown off your bike and break a limb? It's a splint until you can get to medical help (and that might be a while).
- The fruits and vegetables throughout Africa were, he said, amazing. Fresh and exotic beyond belief.
- The meat was terrifying. Often absolutely covered with flies.
- Be prepared (mentally, as there's probably nothing you can do about it otherwise) to interact with local law enforcement. It won't be fun.
- The people you meet will be extraordinary. Most on the “good” side of extraordinary.

BMW Detroit provided a nice (non-exotic!) meal. I was the only MCBeemer who made it there.

It may be November, but it isn't too late to ride! (and since half of you are in Florida...no excuses!).

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/>

I've put my bikes almost all the way into storage. Almost. I haven't yet plugged in a float charger, as I hope to be able to get a ride in on a warm-ish day if there's some sun and I don't have to go in to work. I hope for one of those days before the snow (and salt) strike.

I managed to get to the club's picnic in Columbus on the 8th. I had to bring along a 65-quart bin full of picnic things, and it was way too big to fit safely on a bike, so I drove to the park instead. The picnic was a small but lively gathering, a little cold, but fun! There was often sun, though I felt like I should have toted some firewood and fire starter along with the picnic things. Brrr!

Even though it was a brisk day, winter had not yet arrived, and winter is not yet here. While there is still some good weather left this year – if you can, 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. 35 Members for 2022.

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.



Of the 11 who reserved their place at the Picnic (221008): Here's who showed up: Cathy B, NEW MBR AARON GREER, Josh G, Nick H, Paula E, Jay M & guest, Jim M, Don M, Don & Carolynne P.

Check book balance for the end of Sep :	\$1698.75
1Check book balance for the end of Oct:	\$2011.94
Balance one year ago:	\$2258.75
Balance six mo ago:	\$2003.75
Balance three mo ago:	\$2023.75
PayPal balance for the end of Sep:	\$480.42
PayPal balance for the end of Oct:	\$0.00

Because of Pay Pal's recent user policy update, quickly retracted as an 'error', I have moved all of the club's money from Pay Pal to our Checking

Account and am removing the process for using Pay Pal to pay for Club membership and sponsored events.

221006 Received \$5 through PayPal from Jay M for Picnic
221008 Received \$20 cash from Jay M for his guest at Picnic
221008 Received \$20 through PayPal from Aaron Greer for membership and Picnic
221008 Reimbursed Josh G \$4.23 through PayPal for Picnic supplies (storage bags)
221012 Reimbursed Don M \$207 by check for Picnic BBQ.
221020 Transferred \$500.19 from PPal to Checking Account

HOW TO PAY:

"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.