

# 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: ... **November 11, 2023 10:30 am**

Following meeting is: ... **December 9, 2023 10:30am**

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Greetings, Beemers!



It is official, saw some white stuff on the ground yesterday (Halloween) and this morning, so we are kinda wrapping up the Michigan motorcycling season. One advantage of riding an older bike that isn't worth much at all -- I'm not too worried about what I ride it in. I do try to always keep my LT pointing out of the garage and last in, so if the weather turns good for a day, I can ride.

As you may have noticed, we did cancel our picnic -- it would have been Saturday, which probably wouldn't have been too bad, weather-wise, but a few days later, we got that white stuff on the ground. But also, as we announced last month, we are moving(? Returning?) the picnic to June, which should make a few people happy.

Also, now that we are in cooler and colder weather season, we will probably be doing "local" lunches after our Second Saturday meetings. So, think about places we could be going. Lots of stuff in the area.

And entering Winter means spring will be coming soon...so start thinking about officers for 2024. Please step up and kick some of us out of office!

BMW Detroit is going to have an unveiling of the new BMW R1300GS on Thursday, November 9 at 6:00pm. I plan on going, hope to see some of you guys there, too. Would be nice to see how things are going in the construction at our old home. I'm not really a GS-type customer, but it does look like some serious fun. And I'll admit to having driven around in the Upper Peninsula and looked at the snowmobile trails going off into the woods and having thought, "right this moment, trading my LT for a GS would be fun". Sounds like they will have pizza. And no, I have no plans to return the club to BMW Detroit. We got a great home at Triumph Detroit, I'm not shopping around. But that doesn't mean I have no interest in what is going on at our old home.

Keep your eyes out for acceptable weather...and if it happens, go ride!

## 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://www.windycitymc.com/--triumph-detroit>

I was unable to make the October meeting, and I'll be unable to make the November meeting, too, due to schedule conflicts.

I laid my bikes up for winter storage in the middle of October. They're still accessible, if I have the opportunity to get some riding in, should both time and weather cooperate.

I'm also hunting for one of my float chargers, which is stored somewhere I haven't yet looked. I've looked everywhere, because I put it in a safe place I wouldn't forget. I'm clearly struggling with cognitive decline.

I do have a plan for winter maintenance. Last year, the RT's antenna came loose. I have it tucked under the windscreen for now, but hope to be able to repair it in the off season. I met Joseph when I stopped in at BMW Motorcycles of Detroit a week or two ago. He's their new parts associate, and he helped me determine what was needed. Unfortunately, the piece that broke free is part of a larger assembly, and that assembly is a) very expensive and b) no longer available from BMW. I may be able to find a used assembly, or, failing that, remove the antenna entirely and cover up the fairing hole, since I don't use the radio anyway. Joseph was kind enough to provide me with a spare BMW roundel he had on hand, in case I decide to cover the problem up.

Are you still riding? Good days are few and far between, now. When and if you can... get out and ride!



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# Treasurer's Report

Jim Mick

37 Members for 2023:

Jeff A, Mike B, Cathy B, Jill 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, Eli Shapiro, Tim S, Robb S, Chris V, Jim V, Mary V, Rob Z, & Charlie Z.

Mary V and Jill B are 'life-long members' of the club since they were active when their spouses passed away.



As 'the Prez' said in the May '23 newsletter: "Membership requirements, for the most part, is just "show up!". If you like what you see, we'll ask you to fill out a membership form, so you can get our newsletter, club (e)mailing, and get you on our Facebook group which lets you know what is going on. We are not collecting dues. And as we have said for a long time, your brand(s) of motorcycle is NOT a criterion."

Check book balance for the end of Sept:	\$1357.13
Check book balance for the end of Oct:	\$1357.13
Balance one year ago:	\$2011.94
Balance six mo ago:	\$1772.13
Balance three mo ago:	\$1472.13

'Haven't yet paid for the club's bill in Frankenmuth.