

# 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

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*We welcome owners and fans of all bikes*

*“We got donuts!”*

Our *next* meeting is: ... **December 14, 2024 10:30 am**

Following meeting is: ... **January 11, 2025 10:30am**

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It's December. For someone who hasn't put many miles on his bike this year (500.4), I'm a bit late getting it in the garage. I'm always hoping. But, with a forecast of snow tonight, I figured I better back it in the garage. Yes, backed in, so if I can find an excuse to ride in January, I'm on it. And I remembered to put the float charger on the bike, which is important on modern vehicles, as the battery is drained rapidly without running.



A little reminder Don gave me a few years ago: don't start your bike in the middle of winter unless you are really gonna ride it. Odds are, you won't run it long enough to get to operating temperature, and you are more likely to foul the plugs than do anything "good" for the engine.

I think our plans at this point are to continue to operate with the officers we now have in position until the end of our terms in May, then drift into a more informal group, getting together with riders on the second Saturday of the month (unless people decide to change that!) and whatever else people opt to do. A number of our current officers intend to step down after our terms. Doesn't mean we won't be around, but not as officers, just "people in the group". We probably won't have a newsletter, but hopefully put more emphasis on things like the website, the mail list and the FB group for communications of what is going on.

And being that it is December, not a lot of bike-oriented topics leaping to mind. But...hope to see you at our December meeting (December 14)!

## **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>

There was a lot going on in last month's newsletter. Very busy for a November. Now? Outside, it's becoming winter. Inside, I have a helmet I should clean. I'll probably get to it during one of my days off in January or ... April. It's kind of hard to do it now, because it will just sit on a shelf. It will be so much easier to jump into maintenance as part of the anticipation of spring riding.

I've been watching a lot of biking videos. Lots of them. Noraly of *Itchy Boots* fame is posting to YouTube and Facebook as she rides through Turkey all the way to the Pacific rim. The *Bikes and Beards* team is competing with Paul Sr. from *Orange County Choppers* in a three-way build-off competition, and the team from *FortNine* is continuing to produce astounding and entertaining short films on the engineering, physics, and the business of motorcycles.

Hopefully, that – along with checking on the bikes once or twice a month – will hold me until spring.



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# Membership Report

Jim Mick

(MEMBERSHIP) REPORT 28 Nov 2024

by Jim Mick

44 Members for 2024 (Including our newest member):

Life-long members of the club, since they were active when their spouse passed away.

Jeff A, Mike B, Cathy B, Naresh B, Jill B, Brian & Sheila B, Tom C, Jeff & Carrie D, Walter D, Dennis G, Bob H, Linda H, Aaron G, Josh G, Nick H, Paula E, John J, Pat & Lynn K, Alan & Jodi K, Mike & Sharon M, Don & Gail M, Jason M, Jim & Jeri M, Jeremy N, Don & Carolynne P, Jerry & Margaret P, John Saarinen, Eli S, Tim S, Robb S, Chris V, Jim V, Mary V, Rob Z, & Charlie Z.



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.”