

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: ... **January 11, 2025 10:30 am**

Following meeting is: ... **February 8, 2025 10:30am**

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Greetings, Beemers!

First of all, on a purely personal note, thanks to all who expressed their sympathy over our loss of Paula in December. I was very touched by how many people showed up for her funeral and/or expressed their condolences to me and Paula's family. You all made it very clear it was OUR loss, not just mine.



With the new year, we need to be thinking about the structure of the club going forward. We have successfully run the treasury down to zero, so the next step is to formally dissolve the club. Officially, our existing slate of officers are in office until May, but we need to either come up with new officers in May, or end the existing bylaws. I've indicated I do not wish to remain president after my term, but I'll serve through the end of my term if the club desires. Josh has already informed us in prior newsletter columns that he will not continue, and I do believe Jeff is wishing to step down, as well. But Jim is sounding like he has every intent to stay active in the leadership of the club.

We do have a Winter Banquet coming up, February 15 (third Saturday of February). Due to our new non-financial structure, the dinner will be "pay your own way". Please let Jim or Don know of your plans to attend by our meeting, Feb 8.

I heard a statement recently -- "February is a short month, so we are almost to March, which means we are almost to Spring". This means riding season is coming up soon. I'm hoping to get well into the four digits in my mileage this year, but ... as we've all learned I'm sure, the old quote still applies: "Life is what happens when we are making other plans".

Nick.

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>

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Hosting Dealership: <https://www.windycitymc.com/--triumph-detroit>

It was difficult for us to change our club's direction, when we decided to migrate our club from a formal organization into a purely social group, and to wind down and eliminate our financial operations and the bylaws necessitated by a treasury. We have succeeded! We've even gained some members during our zero dues experiment!

We have another experiment coming up in two weeks: the Mid-Winter Banquet. It'll be our first try at an unfunded event. Saturday, Feb 15. As Nick noted, please let Jim or Don know if you plan to attend.

Nick has defined our next steps: dissolution and reformation. I won't be able to make the meeting – as usual – but I would ask that my proxy be voted in favor of terminating our bylaws.

As to biking – I'm looking forward to a point in time when there have been two heavy rains following the final salting of the roads. Like the swallows arrival at San Juan Capistrano, it's my sign of a spring returned.



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Membership Report

Jim Mick

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No change since last month

44 Members for 2024

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.”