

Motor City Beemers

Newsletter



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Meetings are held the **SECOND** Saturday of the month
at

BMW Motorcycles of Detroit

47488 Van Dyke Ave.

Shelby Township, MI 48317

(248) 402-4010

We welcome owners and fans of all bikes

“We got donuts!”

Our *next* meeting is: ... **March 8, 2025 10:30 am**

Following meeting is: ... **April 12, 2025 10:30am**

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Greetings, Beemers!

There's the old expression, "Life is what happens when you are making other plans". At our last meeting in February, we found out that our meeting space at Triumph Detroit was going away, and going away very abruptly – they had just found out, themselves. Well, the people at BMW Detroit have been kind enough to welcome us back. Their new building has lots of space and a little alcove where we can get together and not be in the way of them putting sales in the register to keep the lights on and a roof over our head. And, of course, lots of motorcycles to look at, and a few people happy to lighten our wallet if we want to leave with a new motorcycle. This takes effect for our March meeting. Don't go to Triumph Detroit, I'm pretty sure their doors will be locked.



It's March. Our bylaws schedule our officer nominations for the April meeting, and voting for the May meeting. We have also planned on officially dissolving the MCBeemers under the old bylaws, and doing something new going forward. I'm still encouraging this, but as I've announced before, I'm going to be stepping aside from leadership of the group either in May, or when we decide to dissolve the bylaws, whichever comes first. So, in addition to my usual annual plea to consider running for office, think about what you want the shape of the group to be in the future – and step up and be part of the force that makes that change.

Our new hosting dealer will be having a presentation by *RawHyde Adventures*, promoting the *RawHyde Adventure* trip in April, 2025 to the Mohave Desert (now if that was dessert, I'd be all over that!), shortly after our meeting (1:00pm). That could work out for a local lunch and then back for the presentation. Or if it turns out to be a good riding day, I'd fully understand going for a RIDE.

Time to dig the bikes out of the garage, if you haven't already, see if the float charger came unplugged in December, and start planning your riding for 2025 – if you haven't already!

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.bmwdetroit.com/>

I'm grateful to the team at Triumph Detroit for hosting us, and I'm sorry they closed so abruptly. But it's nice to know we have a new old home, at BMW Motorcycles of Detroit once again.

This remains unchanged from last month: 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. And, just like Nick, I'll be stepping down from duties.

For those who may not have heard the news yet, Jim's son Jason was seriously injured in a car accident on the 27th, and underwent emergency surgery for a shattered right thigh. Jason is an active club member, so you may know him. Per Jim, recovery is expected to be several months. Please keep Jason in your thoughts.

As I write this, we've had several rainy days in a row, so most of the salt should be washed away. Spring is coming. It's not quite here yet, there is a very thick sheet of ice frozen to the bit of lawn between my porch and patio. But Spring will be here very soon. Temps near 60F are forecast for Tuesday. Check on your gear, recharge your headsets, update your GPS maps, put air in your tires, and check your lights and brakes. I am reminded of a line from The Lion King – Robert Guillaume as the voice of Rafiki, saying, "*It is time.*"

(Yes, I had to look up how to spell his name.)



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Membership Report

Jim Mick

MEMBERSHIP REPORT 28 Feb 2025

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.”