

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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Shelby Township, MI 48317

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We welcome owners and fans of all bikes

“We got donuts!”

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

Following meeting is: ... **May 10, 2025 10:30am**

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Greetings, MCBeemers!

It is definitely motorcycle season. Perhaps not every day, but I'm seeing a lot of bikes on the road now. It is spring in Michigan, with all the unstable weather that is typical. Last week, the forecast was to hit 60F, but in the morning, snow was accumulating on the cars. But watch out for potholes – caught one with my Small Electric Car the other day – unfortunately, where the gas powered version has a spare is one of the places batteries hide out, so they give the owner a can of tire sealant and an air compressor. Well, that just doesn't work when you cut the sidewall of the tire with a pothole. So...not only needed a new tire, but also needed a tow.

As you are probably aware, our March meeting was the first back at BMW Detroit, and in their new, expanded showroom. Speaking for my self, I think it worked out quite nice for us, and hopefully, them. And this gives us some interesting options going forward on the structure and membership of the club. And for those wondering why I was reluctant to endorse renaming the club...things like this is why. Motor City Beemers is (if my history and counting is correct) on their fourth change of venue since its founding (more if you count the "floating" time between Van Dyke and Rochester locations).



April's meeting will be our formal nomination meeting for officers to be elected in May. At least one current officer (me) won't be running for reelection, so we are going to need some new blood if we wish to continue under the current bylaws of the club. If we do not have a full slate of officers, we probably need to start the formal revision or termination of the existing bylaws.

For reference, the existing bylaws are on the website at:

<https://mcbeemers.org/mcb-nl/bylaws2018.html>

Get out and ride. And if you haven't done so...get your taxes done!

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/>

OK...

This remains unchanged from the last several months: Nick has defined our next steps: dissolution and reformation. I won't be able to make the meeting – as usual – but if this does come to a vote 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. It has been an honor to serve you in a variety of offices (VP, President, and Editor), but it is now time for me to quote both Porky Pig and General Sherman. **If nominated, I will not run; if elected, I will not serve. That's all, folks.**



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I went riding last week, on a day off. I didn't go out for more than a few hours, and even so, I needed heated grips. Two weeks earlier it was a lot warmer – but there were still pockets of road salt still on the roads. Have you been out yet? Tell us about it, via email or Facebook!

-Josh-

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.”