

Motor City Beemers

Newsletter



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

Triumph Detroit

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Shelby Township, MI 48317
(586) 726-7400

We welcome owners and fans of all bikes

“We got donuts!”

Our *next* meeting is: ... **June 10, 2023 10:30 am**

Following meeting is: ... **July 8, 2023 10:30am**

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The calendar may not totally agree, but it's June, it's summer!



Our last club meeting was quite well attended, including by a couple of our returned snowbirds. More or less by default and without much fanfare, our existing slate of officers was drafted to continue service for this year – Josh Grosse, Newsletter editor (I did that for a number of years, so I'm giving him top billing!), Jeff Anderson as VP in charge of rides, Don McIntyre as VP in charge of events, Jim Mick as treasurer and me, Nick Holland, as president. I'm hoping for impeachment, myself.

If you follow us on Facebook you might have seen that long-time MC Beemer Roy Spens died recently. He had been battling cancer for quite some time, I know. He will be missed.

Things are going well at our new home at Triumph Detroit. Jim has pointed out that I repeatedly spelled "Triumph" on our website without the "h", not sure why I'm doing that, but hopefully I'll get over that soon (and I think they are all fixed now). I'm not sure this is going to get out in time, but Friday and Saturday, June 2 and 3, Triumph Detroit will be hosting a ZERO Motorcycles Demo Days (that's ZERO brand, not that there will be no motorcycles to demo). As many people know, I have a very modest electric car, but it is breathtaking from zero to 30MPH...limited only by traction. High torque at zero RPMs is impressive. I don't think many people will be turning in their touring bikes for an electric motorcycle, but for the short-haul performance enthusiast or commuter, they have a lot to offer. Nice thing about motorcycles, you can have a few, they don't take up as much space as many other things.

And, I got some notes from Jim – June 7, the Waldo OH Fried Balogna ride, kickstands up at 9:00am at the BP station at exit 15 on I-75. After that, Jim, Brian B., Jay M., are continuing to Hocking Hills State Park, staying Wednesday to Friday nights in Thornville Ohio

September 22-24: S'more with Motocamping Club near Blue Ridge Parkway. I'll put links on the activities page on the website, but feel free to contact Jim M. for more info.

Happy riding!

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>

June has arrived! May had some bright and sunny days that transitioned 35 degrees, or more, with cold-weather gear needed in the mornings followed by hot-weather gear later in the day. I hope your riding season, like mine, is well underway.

Jim forwarded an update on the BMW Riders Association national rally. In summary, it's scheduled for September 14-17 in Davis, West Virginia, with tickets and information available from the BMW RA at <https://bmwra.org/rally23/>.

Jim also provided some details on the upcoming Where's Waldo ride, June 7:

Where's Waldo? you may ask. If you are new to the club you will want to know that Waldo is an annual destination for MCBemers each year for a Fried Bologna Sandwich and Mile High Pie. This year we are going a little earlier than our normal Aug ride (which does not preclude a second trip). We will meet at the BP station in Monroe, MI at exit 15, on I75. Kickstands up at 9AM with a rest stop about half way. After Waldo, some will return to MI after lunch; some will continue on to other destinations. Brian B, Jay & Jim M will continue on to Thornville, OH for overnight lodging Wed-Fri while visiting the Hocking Hills State Park area and interesting riding in that area. Brian & Jim may return to MI on Saturday; while Jay may continue on to visit a friend in VA.

Jim also reminded me that the BMW MOA rally is June 8-10. More info about the rally in Doswell, Virginia is available at <https://rally.bmwmoa.org/>.

Jeff has planned the June lunch ride, which will be to Bullfrogs in Ortonville. He says, "Depart Triumph Detroit right on Van Dyke, left on 25 mile road, right on Mound, left on 32 mile road, right on Rochester road, left on Lakeville road, which turns into Seymour Lake road, left on Baldwin, right on Seymour Lake road and right on Ortonville road to Bullfrogs."

Jeff also attended the Distinguished Gentleman's Ride. He wrote:

The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride was amazing. 10 bikes left Triumph Detroit after coffee and doughnuts supplied by "JB" and his team. The M1 concourse was a great meeting spot and we each had our picture taken upon arrival, there were approximately 100 bikes present. All kinds and makes were represented and it was like a motorcycle show. Triumph, BMW, Harley Davidson, Indian, Honda, Royal Enfield, BSA, Janus and Moto Guzzi. A couple of pictures of the most unique are attached, 1967 Moto Guzzi Police Bike, Janus 450 hand made in Goshen Indiana and original unrestored Goldwing GL1000. The event raised over \$20,000 for Men's health awareness and prostate cancer research. A nice route was taken around Oakland County including a parade in Birmingham. It was very colorful with some unique attire and I noticed people along the route stopping to take pictures and smiling... good stuff and fun.

Jeff's photos from the Ride are on the following page.





Treasurer's Report

Jim Mick

Membership 36 for 2023:

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



As 'the Prez' said in the May 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.

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| Check book balance for the end of Apr: | \$1772.13 |
| Balance one year ago: | \$2003.75 |
| Balance six mo ago: | \$2011.94 |
| Balance three mo ago: | \$2076.94 |