

# 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  
(586) 726-7400

*We welcome owners and fans of all bikes*

*“We got donuts!”*

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

Following meeting is: ... **August 12, 2023 10:30am**

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Here we are mid-year already. Some of our snowbirds are back in town – I know of at least Cathy, Pat and Lynn, Keith and Bobbi are (or were!) in town recently. Maybe we'll be graced with a few of their presence at our next meeting!



Brian B. sent me this about his plans for September:

INSTEAD OF HEADING SOUTH in late September, Brian, Jay and Jim are now making plans to head north earlier in September. It's another Motocamping Club gathering near the Sleeping Bear Sand Dunes in NW Michigan so it's an easy day trip. You are invited to come along. We'll make it a Sunrise to Sunset ride on Thursday, Sep 14th, with a stop at Junction of Hope about 9AM for breakfast. Come to watch the sunrise over Lake St. Clair about 7AM (by Selfridge ANGB boat launch) and then watch the sunset somewhere over Lake MI after setting up camp.

So ... If you are interested in joining them, touch base and make plans.

At our last meeting, Jeff A. told us about his experience test-riding the Zero brand electric motorcycles Triumph Detroit sells at their recent demo day. Sounds like a lot of fun. I'm having trouble imagining an electric motorcycle as my ONLY bike, but as an about-town or commuter bike, it might make a lot of sense. And as much as noisy engine advocates like to fight it, the sound of performance in the future will probably be mostly scuffing tires and a relatively faint whine of an electric motor. Zero seems to have a very different design philosophy than BMW on their electric bikes – BMW's seems to be a fairly "practical" commuter scooter, Zero seems to be after the more traditional motorcycle look and market. But so far, I've driven neither, so maybe I should stop my commentary here.

Hopefully, you are getting more riding in than I have so far this year... Get out and ride, and I'm gonna try to do the same!

## 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>

I'm a little late getting our newsletter out, and for that my apologies. The other officers' submissions were timely, so the blame falls to me.

Jeff submitted a trip report again, this time for the Lucky Thumb AMA District 14 Flat Track Racing he attended on June 9:

*The Flat track racing was really cool, and I stayed later than I should have, and ended up riding home in the dark. No deer were injured in this event, although I saw plenty in the corn fields. I think my loud HD pipes scared them off! I will definitely go back, but take a car so I can stay for all the racing.*

*The yellow Yamaha was the most unusual with a Harbor Freight predator engine hooked up to some snowmobile style trans. I saw several vintage Triumph's going up against each other. Many of the bikes hit the rev limiter crossing the start/finish line. In summary this was really cool and family friendly with some little ones getting exposed to the sport.*

*Grassroots racing at its finest!*

Jeff's photos follow below, and on the next page.



As the club didn't go to Bullfrogs after the June meeting, it's staying as Jeff's lunch destination for July: *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.*

I've been doing a little riding this year, but mostly commuting. I hope y'all are getting in more riding than me!

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**RACE FEES:**  
- \$30 / Class - \$40 Cycle & Quad Combo

**GATE FEES:**  
- Adults - \$10 each per day  
- Kids 6-12 yrs - \$5 each per day  
- 5 & Under - FREE

**FREE GATE FEES:**  
For the 2023 summer race season (8 races), if you ride into LMC on a Harley motorcycle, your gate fee is paid by the Michigan Harley Davidson Dealers Association!

**NEW RIDERS:** m0-5icc Production Shaft Drive and 0-5icc Production Multi-Speed classes - If you've never raced before, we will pay your race fee to race ONE race weekend, (Short Track & TT Scrambles). Both classes are 4-8 yr olds. Bikes must conform to AMA & D14 rules; rider is responsible for AMA & D14 membership, (AMA 1-Day Pass \$20 & D14 \$15)

**Victory!**

**Adult & Youth Bike Classes**

**Girl Power!**

**QUAD CLASSES**

**2023**  
Times shown (i.e. 4-6-8) designate Sign Up, Practice, Racing

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**JUNE 9 & 10**  
Friday 6/9 - TT Scrambles 4-6-8  
Saturday 6/10 - Short Track 3-5-7  
Sunday 6/11 - Rain Date

**ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND**  
**JULY 21 & 22**  
Friday 7/21 - TT Scrambles 4-6-8  
Saturday 7/22 - Short Track 3-5-7  
Sunday 7/23 - Rain Date

**AUGUST 4 & 5**  
Friday 8/4 - TT Scrambles 4-6-8  
Saturday 8/5 - Short Track 3-5-7  
Sunday 8/6 - Rain Date

**AUGUST 18 & 19**  
Friday 8/18 - TT Scrambles 4-6-8  
Saturday 8/19 - Short Track 3-5-7  
Sunday 8/20 - Rain Date

**COMBO CLASS PURSE:**  
Minimum Guaranteed Payouts:  
- For motorcycles:  
\$1000 each race, paid back \$500=1st, \$300=2nd, \$200=3rd, will payback based on signups, 1/2 way thru the field

**ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND ONLY:**  
- Winslow, 0-5icc classes & below will receive Awards  
- 86-250 class & above will receive LMC certificates: 1st = \$30, 2nd = \$20, 3rd = \$10

**AMENITIES:**  
Electric hook ups \$40 per weekend, rustic camping, food vendor on grounds, portable toilets.

**Celebrating 61 Years of Racing!**  
CHARTERED AND INCORPORATED IN 1962  
7394 Bevans Road, Deford, MI 48729  
3 miles north of M-46 & M-53 intersection, then west on Snover Road 2.5 miles  
LuckyThumbMotorcycleClub.com  
Raymie @ 810-404-2895 | Ron @ 810-705-1317 | Shawn @ 989-484-7324

65 miles VAN DYKE NORTH to BEVENS RD (Not 46) LEFT 2 miles ON LEFT



# 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."

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