# **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: ... October 14, 2023 10:30 am Following meeting is: ... November 11, 2023 10:30am Web site: https://MCBeemers.org

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#### Prez Sez



Riding a motorcycle is fun, of course. But honestly, if I could toss my leg over a broom and fly, yeah, I think I'd do that. Happy October, everyone! With that, 2023 is 5/6ths over. sigh.

I anticipated telling you about the 2023 picnic this issue, but ... well, that didn't work out. Unfortunately, the only dates available for us were generally undesirable. I brought up the least objectionable date at our last meeting, and was greeted by a lot of disapproving stares. Jim said no one had paid up for the picnic, and precisely no one of the people that were at the meeting said they would be going. So ... we decided to chancel it for 2023.

We did get a suggestion for doing it in June next year, and there was some interest expressed in that by others. So I am happy to

report that our spot is reserved at Columbus County Park for June 15, 2024. Mark your calendars!

Last month was our annual Chicken Dinner. Put bluntly, not very well attended, but I think those that were there had a lot of fun. After eating, Paula spent a lot of my money (and some of her own) doing a little shopping in Frankenmuth. But there's something of a message there -- something about the venue or the date didn't work for people..but to make it better, we need to know what you would prefer.

Not time to put the bikes away quite yet, but getting close. You got your plans? Fortunately, my BMWs are pretty good, keep 'em on a float charger, and in the spring, they just fire up. Isn't fuel injection wonderful? Yeah, if it breaks, not a side-of-the-road repair, but ... good news, it doesn't break very often. I've heard plenty of reasons why the \$10 Harbor Freight float chargers aren't good, but they have done well for me..only problem I have is forgetting to attach them or them falling off. And when I run over one with the car or motorcycle, I don't cry...I got spares!

Riding season isn't over yet! Get out and ride! (I'm mostly saying that to myself).

### Stuff on the website

Main website: http://mcbeemers.org

Activities page: http://mcbeemers.org/activities

Newsletters, current and past: <u>http://mcbeemers.org/mcb-nl</u> Club pictures: <u>http://mcbeemers.org/pictures</u>

Club invite cards: http://mcbeemers.org/mcb-nl/MCB-invites.pdf

Membership info: <u>http://mcbeemers.org/howdoijoin.html</u>

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

# Editor's Corner

We had a very nice ride up to Frankenmuth for the annual dinner. The ride started at Ted's Coney Island in Richmond, as we'd done in recent years, and the break for a quick rest at the Marathon in Peck was also a repeat stop, but from there the route went more directly west, and then through the cute little town of Otter Lake, which I'd never seen before. And coming into Frankenmuth from Millington was also a little different, as we passed one of the Zehnder family farms before arriving in town from the southeast. We passed a couple of restaurants which looked interesting from the outside: Slo' Bones BBQ Smokehouse, and Poblano's Mexican Grill & Cantina. Maybe on another trip I'll try one of them. Or, both!



As Nick noted on Page 2, and as he previously posted to Facebook and our

mailing list, the annual picnic has been canceled for 2023, and is reverting back to summer for 2024. We will return once again to Columbus County Park. I like how club members are treated by the St. Clair County parks staff at both of the parks we've utilized, and the Columbus park has excellent facilities.

Jeff was able to lead the lunch ride to Bullfrogs in September, and he's got the October ride planned. He writes:

The group has asked about going to the Dorsey House so here's my proposed route. From Triumph Detroit -Right on Van Dyke to 25 mile L, 25 to Mound R, Mound to 32 L, 32 to Rochester Road R, Rochester Road to Dryden R, Dryden to Capac L and a short jog to Belle River R, Belle River to M19 L, M19 to 136 R and to Dorsey House. About 60 miles and about an hour and a half travel time. Hope for good weather!

I managed to get a lengthy ride in last week. Cathy and I rode to Cheboygan, for dinner at the Hack-Ma-Tack Inn. Nice place, great food, though pricey. It was a fun trip, and the weather cooperated, with blue skies and bright sun.

We've had a warm start to our fall season. That won't last. So, while you still can... get out and ride!

Josh Grosse

# **Treasurer's Report**

37 Members for 2023:

Jeff A, Mike B, Cathy B, Jill 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, Eli Shapiro (NEW MWMBER), Tim S, Robb S, Chris V, Jim V, Mary V, Rob Z, & Charlie Z. Mary V and Jill B are 'life-long members' of the club since they were active when their spouses passed away.



As 'the Prez' said in the May '23 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 Sept:	\$1357.13
Check book balance for the end of Aug:	\$1487.13
Balance one year ago:	\$1698.75
Balance six mo ago:	\$1772.13
Balance three mo ago:	\$1772.13

9/4 Received \$10 from Dennis G & Linda H for Frankenmuth.9/12 Received \$5 from Walter D for Frankenmuth9/18 Paid \$145 to St Clair County P&R for club Picnic reservation6/15/24

NOTE: 'Haven't paid the Sept bill for Frankenmuth yet.