

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: ... **December 9, 2023 10:30 am**

Following meeting is: ... **January 13, 2024 10:30am**

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Greetings, Beemers!



Hopefully you got your bikes in the garage and on a battery tender for their long winter nap. I'm still a fan of the cheap Harbor Freight float chargers. They just work, and when you find one was run over by a car or motorcycle and then sitting in a puddle, and the electronics are shot, it is only \$10, so I'm not crying one bit.

I saw a few fellow MCBemers at the BMW Detroit unveiling of the BMW R1300GS last month. Looks like an amazing bunch of technology on that bike. We also got to see the progress at the new dealership building...looks like they will be moving into the new building very soon (but "very soon" is a relative thing when it comes to local building inspectors). I half-expect the same question that I keep getting asked, "Are we going to move back to BMW Detroit?" -- and my answer is (still) "no". As long as we are welcome at Triumph Detroit, I'm quite happy with their support of our group, I'm not shopping around. But officer elections are coming up in a few months, that's a great way to show your displeasure at my plans!

I guess my thoughts are kinda torn on the R1300GS. If that's the kind of riding you are into, this is probably The Machine. One of the curious features that I think some people might like is the automatic ride height adjustment -- when you come to a stop, the bike drops down a couple inches, when you pull away from a stop, it lifts itself back up. And there are all kinds of other technical ride improvement technologies that I'd probably never put to any serious use. But mostly, I look at it from a "how maintainable is this?" standpoint. When the bike is ten years old, I suspect a lot of those parts most bikes don't even have will be needing replacement or rebuilding, and that will be expensive -- if the parts are even available.

Speaking of unusual bikes -- MCBemers Alum Ives posted a picture on Facebook of him sitting on a big trike, a brand I haven't seen before: "Rewaco". The thing was so huge, it makes a K1200LT look small (even in trike form). Impressive machine!

And for NEW bikes, Triumph Detroit will be giving a look at their new Triumph Scrambler 400, a small single cylinder bike. And ... while most of my bike are ranging from big to huge, small bikes have a certain charm, and this looked like a good price point. Tuesday, December 5 at Triumph Detroit.

Also -- if you are looking for a place to store your bike for the winter, Triumph Detroit has a winter storage program, which can be teamed up with a maintenance job -- bring your bike in, store it in a nice cozy place for the winter, and get it back in the spring with fresh oil and any other maintenance needed. Call them for details. Apparently for enough maintenance, you can get free storage. I rather wish they did BMW now...

Our next major event is the Winter Banquet. Don is working on plans for that, he might have something to tell us at our next meeting.

Hope to see you at the December meeting!

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.windycitymc.com/--triumph-detroit>

Sorry this is late. Nick sent his column on time, but I have been slow to get this published, so Nick's comments about the Triumph Scrambler 400 are now out-of-date. I politely request his forgiveness. And yours.

I found my missing float charger, so both bikes are resting comfortably. I still plan on tackling a bit of maintenance – or redesign, if needed – and that will depend on parts availability or perhaps my ingenuity, after I do a bit of tear down to discover which bits are broken.

I have not been on a bike since I put mine away for the winter. We've had one or two days that have been *possible* riding weather, but either I didn't have availability, or I didn't have the courage. As I age, I count myself less and less among the winter hardy.

Don't be like me. When and if you can... get out and ride!



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Treasurer's Report

Jim Mick

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, 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 Nov:	\$1357.13
Check book balance for the end of Oct:	\$1357.13
Balance one year ago:	\$2011.94
Balance six mo ago:	\$1772.13
Balance three mo ago:	\$1487.13

'Haven't yet paid \$___ for the bill in Frankenmuth.