

Motor City Beemers

Newsletter



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

BMW Motorcycles of Detroit

1301 S Rochester Rd - Suite B
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 402-4010

We welcome owners and fans of all bikes

“We got donuts!”

Our *next* meeting is: ... **August 13 2022 10:30am**

Following meeting is: ... **September 10, 2022 10:30am**

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Can't believe it is August already! But...that means we got a couple of our Big Events coming up:



September 17, we have our **Frankenmuth Chicken Dinner** (ok, a really early dinner, but that's what we've always called it), followed by a ride to Port Austin. (I want to say "optional ride to Port Austin", but everything is optional with us!). Join us for one or both parts of the day or weekend! Both are a lot of fun. As we did last year and the year before, we will be meeting at Zehnder's at 1:15pm, probably be seeing food about 1:30pm. If you haven't been to our chicken dinner gathering in a while, it used to be across the street, but for various reasons that seem to have worked out nicely (including their parking lot being much more "motorcycle friendly"), we've moved over to Zehnder's. We probably will NOT have a dedicated room, as we probably won't have enough people for that. If you wish to join us in Port Austin, you need to figure out where you are staying – the people

at the Blue Spruce motel have taken good care of us, they hold a block of rooms for us, so we are all together (gotta keep those loud and obnoxious bikers away from the quiet people?), but some people have camped at local campgrounds. Depending on weather and interest, we typically have a fire at the Blue Spruce's fire pit, and try to do breakfast together in the morning.

October 8, our usual meeting will be held at an unusual location: Columbus County Park in St. Clair County, as part of our **annual Club Picnic**. Repeat: the meeting for October is NOT at the dealership! And yes, the picnic is in October this year. Variety is good, right? As last year, the primary meal will be from Lakeshore Smokehouse, in Lakeport, bring a desert to share.

If you want to join us for either Zehnders or the picnic, you need to be a paid up member of the club and pay \$5 for each event (you can also just pay the full cost, but membership is cheaper). If you just want to come to Port Austin, no membership or fee to club required. Yes, next year, we are zeroing out the membership fees, but this year, they are still the same as in the past. IF someone isn't going to the events, I'm still encouraging people to come to meetings at the dealership and lunch rides, but I wouldn't encourage them to pay dues to join.

I recently saw a guy sitting on his K1600, so me being me, I walked up to him and started talking. He lived in the Rochester area, bought his bike at the Plymouth dealership. I don't know if he was aware of our dealership, and wasn't aware of our club. So...I invited him, and gave him one of the "come join us!" info cards that you can get here: <https://www.mcbeemers.org/mcb-nl/MCB-invites.pdf> and print out yourself. I don't know if he will be showing up at the meeting, but if I didn't invite 'em, I am pretty sure he wouldn't!

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/>

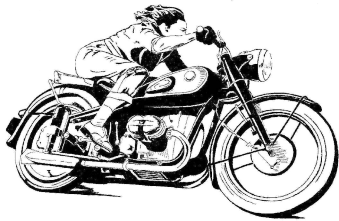
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Hosting Dealership: <https://bmwdetroit.com/>

Off the Beaten Path

2022 – The Year we Hunt for Ice Cream



- Score 1 point for any single photo of you and your bike, or you and your gear, at each location for a maximum of 10 possible points.
- Photos may be taken April 1 – October 31.
- Photos must be submitted to our Communications Director by January 31, 2022.
- In the event of any ties, winners (1st - 3rd place) will be drawn by lot.

Name	Address
Apple Knockers Ice Cream Parlor	220 W Prairie St, Vicksburg, MI 49097
Cook's Farm Dairy	2950 E Seymour Lake Rd, Ortonville, MI 48462
Grindstone General Store	3206 Copeland Rd, Port Austin, MI 48467
Hilltop Soda Shoppe	7117 South St, Benzonia, MI 49616
House Of Flavors	402 W Ludington Ave, Ludington, MI 49431
MOO-ville Creamery	5875 S, M-66, Nashville, MI 49073
Moomers Homemade Ice Cream	7263 N Long Lake Rd, Traverse City, MI 49685
Pekadill's	503 S Mears Ave, Whitehall, MI 49461
Plainwell Ice Cream Co	621 E Bridge St, Plainwell, MI 49080
Ray's Ice Cream	4233 Coolidge Hwy, Royal Oak, MI 48073





I got my first OTBP ride in this year!

Cathy and I escaped to Port Austin for a day. In a first for me, the Grindstone General Store was actually open when we got there!

As expected, the serving size was way too much and I couldn't finish it. So large, in fact, that I didn't even want to. And that was another first for me.

Our annual "Where's Waldo" ride was missed on our calendar, but we may still have it – Saturday August 20. Rhys will not be able to lead this year, as he has a prior commitment. We'll discuss the ride at the meeting, and I'll post an update to both the mailing list and Facebook after the meeting. At this writing I don't yet know if I'll be able to participate or lead.

Our post-meeting lunch ride this month will be to Bullfrogs in Ortonville. Jeff has prepared this ride: ([Google Maps](#), [GPX file](#))

1. Right on Rochester Rd. Regroup in the U-Haul parking lot north of downtown if needed.
2. Left on Orion Rd.
3. (Left on Atwater or Miller, then...) Right on Lapeer Rd.
4. Left on Burdick St, which becomes Seymour Lake Rd.
5. Right on Ortonville Rd.

Did you go on the Great Lakes IBA ride at the beginning of August? Have you stopped in to take photos at any of the creameries on our list?

Coming up we have the RA Yooper Rendezvous August 4-7 and the RA National Rally September 28 through October 2.

So get out there and ride!



Treasurer's Report

Jim Mick

Membership is \$15.00 & Associate Member \$10.00 for 2022.

If your name is not here, you can rejoin at any time. 33 Members for 2022.

Jeff A, Mike B, Cathy B, Brian & Sheila B, Tom C, Walter D, Dennis G, Linda H, 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, Charlie Z.



These 10 have reserved their place at the Picnic: Cathy B, Josh G, Nick H, Paula E, Pat & Lynn K, Jim & Jeri M, Don & Carolynne P.

These 6 have reserved their place at Frankenmuth: Cathy B, Josh G, Jim & Jeri M, Don & Carolynne P.

Check book balance for the end of May:	\$2003.75
1Check book balance for the end of June:	\$2003.75
Balance one year ago:	\$2785.41
Balance six mo ago:	\$2364.75
Balance three mo ago:	\$1975.75
PayPal balance for the end of May:	\$475.42
PayPal balance for the end of June:	\$475.42

No money received or paid out this month.

HOW TO PAY:

PayPal. Send payments for any club functions using Pay Pal to 'jim@ridingiswonderful.com'. If you have a Pay Pal account (rather than using a CC/DC) and call me a "friend", neither the club, nor you, pay a fee. But if you use Pay Pal and a CC/DC, the club, is willing, and does pay a fee.

"Bill Pay". Use your Bank/CU 'Bill Pay' option. Most banks/CUs charge no fee – not even postage. Just, have them send payment(s) to Jim Mick, 56750 FAIRCHILD RD, MACOMB, MI 48042. Once you input any payee name and address into their Bill Pay system, subsequent payments only require you to input the amount (and date). Please indicate in the memo for what you are paying.

"Cash or check". Bring to a club meeting and hope Jim is there, mail it to the address above, or give it to another officer at the meeting.