

Motor City Beemers

Newsletter



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

BMW Motorcycles of Detroit

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Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 402-4010

We welcome owners and fans of all bikes

“We got donuts!”

Our *next* meeting is: ... **December 10, 2022 10:30 am**

Following meeting is: ... **January 14, 2023 10:30am**

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Happy December, fellow MCBeemers!

As mentioned in last month's newsletter and a number of times before that, the November meeting had a bit of important business, including the next step in our plans to slowly close down the club as it is defined by our current bylaws. The bylaws indicate that we set the next dues to the club in the November meeting and published in the December newsletter. We did hold our vote at the November meeting, and the in favor of setting the dues to \$0.00 per year, effective in January. And this is the December newsletter, and here's the official publishing. Unless Josh comes up with a more cool wording for the same thing, in which case HE is the official publisher.



The vote of the eight people present was six in favor of setting the dues to zero, and two abstaining, no active opposition.

Another item of discussion at the meeting was the location of the Winter Banquet. For the last several years, we've had it at the same location, but the idea was brought up and there seemed to be general interest into considering somewhere else for this February. Don will hopefully have some news for us on the final decision on where and when it will be soon.

One little problem we've had with our last several events has been people not committing to join events until basically the last minute. Last year's Winter Banquet nearly doubled in size between the expected attendance the week before and who actually showed up. Somewhat worse, people were just showing up – no one had any idea that they were coming. That's just not fair to anyone. I hope you all can make the Winter Banquet, but please make a decision and make it happen. That way we can accurately plan for how many people are going to show up. I'd always like to have a *little* slop in the numbers for special events like a last minute new bike purchaser or an unexpected return to the area of a club alumnus, but doubling the number because a bunch of people couldn't find other things to do is just not a good way to run things. The banquet is coming up in February. I'm going to let Don give us the details.

My barely used-this-year bikes are in the garage for the season, but one is facing outwards and ready to roll if we get a break in weather at a time where I'm able to exploit it. I know some of you with newer bikes cringe at the idea of riding your bike before the roads are scrubbed clean of salt, but maybe that's an advantage to a 20 year old bike.

Last week's meeting was supposed to be outside, but we were let in. Something tells me (namely the look on J.O.'s face when she unexpectedly showed up at the dealership on her day off and saw us in there) that this won't happen next meeting, so I'm going to be hoping for some good weather for our next meeting, and otherwise keep it quick. And maybe we need to consider a virtual meeting for January (stay tuned).

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://bmwdetroit.com/>

There have been some warm(er) days in November. I hope you had an opportunity to get out there and ride! I didn't. Weather and days off from work didn't cooperate with each other.

I was unable to make the November meeting, but I understand from Nick's Facebook post, and then his column above, that the club voted to set 2023 dues to \$0.00. We will continue operating as a formal club until our treasury is depleted. That process, which we decided upon earlier this year, will begin in January. We will deplete our treasury and then become a pay-as-you-go social club without formal bylaws, unless we vote for a revision to this plan.

FOR DECEMBER: New member Aaron Greer introduces himself:

I started riding motorcycles as a Cadet at West Point, I had never been on a motorcycle before then. I took an MSF course on base and went out and bought my first motorcycle two weeks later, a Triumph Thruxton named "Ginger." I still have that bike today.

I was introduced to BMWs while stationed with the Army in Germany. My (soon to be) father in law had a mid 80s K100 LT sitting in his garage and asked if I wanted to "borrow it permanently." It was a big old gold beast that I referred to as "Camel." I didn't think I was going to like it, but I wasn't going to turn down a free motorcycle either. I took it for a ride and was immediately smitten. My girlfriend (now wife) and I rode that big ol' bike all over Europe, including a very wild ride from Germany to Budapest and back on a single weekend.

Older K Bikes in Germany were very affordable, so I returned Camel and found a recently restored 1990 K100 RS 16V that we affectionately called "Skittles," due to an outrageous yellow and green paint job that had been expertly applied in 1990. That paint was in perfect condition, but was definitely a color scheme that only a 90's child could love...so I loved it. That bike and I dailied 12 months out of the year, including a February ride from the German-Czech border to the German-French border.

While getting ready to exit the military, I purchased the ultimate K100 bike: a 1990 BMW K1 in Marakesch Red, "The Flash." I imported that bike back to the US and rode it around the Pacific Northwest while a grad student at the University of Washington. During this time, my wife obtained her endorsement, so she rode her Harley Sportster and did not need to be relegated to the tiny backseat on the K1. Our terrier rode in a tank bag (see photo).

After thoroughly enjoying the BMW 4-cylinders, I have now gone backwards in time with my current ride: a 1976 R90S in Daytona Orange, still to-be-named. This may seem like a dinosaur compared to the K Bikes: no ABS, no fuel injection, rear drum brake, etc. but I have been enjoying it to the max over the past few months and I think this is a bike that will be staying long term in the stable next to my Thruxton.

Cheers,

Aaron



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. 35 Members for 2022.

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, Charlie Z.

Check book balance for the end of Nov:	\$2011.94
Check book balance for the end of Oct:	\$2011.94
Balance one year ago:	\$2218.75
Balance six mo ago:	\$2003.75
Balance three mo ago:	\$2023.75
PayPal balance for the end of Nov:	\$0.00
PayPal balance for the end of Oct:	\$0.00

Because of Pay Pal's recent user policy update, quickly retracted as an 'error', I have moved all of the club's money from Pay Pal to our Checking Account and am removing the process for using Pay Pal to pay for Club membership and sponsored events.

HOW TO PAY:

"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.