

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: ... **March 11, 2023 10:30 am**

Following meeting is: ... **April 8, 2023 10:30am**

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Greetings, Motor City Beemers!

We've had two very successful meetings at Triumph Detroit, and after a discussion with the manager there and members who have shown up at the meeting, we have a new home. I'm not prefixing it with "temporary" anymore. Although everything is always subject to change, at this point, we have better meeting facilities and a dealership that seems honestly happy to have us there, rather than one that considers us "in-the-way". So yes, we have a new home. I've updated the website to reflect that. And yes, this leads to a lot of new questions, but none of which need to be answered next week, or even answered in a "cut-in-stone" sort of way.

And Triumph does have some nice motorcycles. A few of us keep looking at that Rocket 3. I have NO idea why I'm drooling on it, I'm not a performance rider (my LT can scare me quite sufficiently thank you very much), just something about an engine larger than many cars have these days – on a motorcycle – just says, "ride me" to me. Don't think I want to own one, and thus, really hard to feel good about asking for a demo ride of something I just want to give maybe quarter throttle to and say, "Yeah, that was amazing, thank you very much", but I'd definitely like to try it.



Perhaps this is a good time to remind you that officer elections are coming up soon – April meeting for nominations, May for elections. I suspect no current officers would take it personally if you offered to take their office, some might even vote for you!

In other news...March 4 is our (late) Winter Banquet. After our February meeting, a number of us checked out the restaurant and room where we will be having our dinner, and it looks quite good. If you were planning on going, hopefully you have your money into Jim by now, as I'm writing this, hopefully we have final numbers to the restaurant.

Starting to see a few motorcycles out on the roads already.

Definitely some on the super-warm day we had recently, but also a few that have prompted me to look at the car's dashboard to see if I am right about the temperature outside...yeah, little colder than I'd like to be riding in. But I get it. Personal goal is to get some more miles on the bike this year. Definitely should help that I have a new job where I do periodically go into the office.

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/>

Facebook didn't care for our February posting, either. So this month's newsletter has not been posted there, instead, I'm providing our Facebook Group with a link to our website's Newsletter page.

The February meeting was hosted at **Triumph Detroit**. I was unable to attend but I do have Jeff's minutes. Jeff had to leave the meeting early, but he wrote:

We had a good meeting today with 12 members present. The dealership gave us another warm welcome which was nice. I talked a little about the BMW MOA foundation program "Safe Miles", which appeared in the latest BMW MOA magazine. This program offers training for riders to promote "safety". They have different contribution levels starting at \$100 to \$250 and up. Several local club chapters contributed to the \$100 & \$250 level. The vast majority of the group thought it was a good idea, but not everyone. When I left, the consensus was to wait and see what type of funds we have remaining after the Mid-Winter Banquet and the picnic.

The March meeting will be hosted once more by **Triumph Detroit**, 47488 Van Dyke Ave, Shelby Township, MI.

I was gifted a new float charger – thank you, Dennis! – so now I don't have to switch charging between my bikes. Which reminded me that there were some warm-ish days in February, with rain that removed the salt. Though as I write we have another winter storm on the horizon. I haven't had a chance to ride yet this year. Have you?

I will be at the Mid-Winter Banquet on March 4, and I hope to see you all there!





How many of our 35 Members do you know?

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.

To become a member of MCBeemers, look for guidelines elsewhere in this newsletter.

These 13 have paid \$5 for the MWB (March 4th): Mike B, Brian & Sheila B, Dennis G, Linda H, Josh G, Nick H, Paula E, Mike & Sharon M, Jay M, Jim & Jeri M.

Deadline to make a reservation and pay your \$5 was Feb 25th.

Check book balance for the end of Jan:	\$2056.94
Check book balance for the end of Feb:	\$2076.94
Balance one year ago:	\$1960.75
Balance six mo ago:	\$2023.75
Balance three mo ago:	\$2011.94

One reason we have more money now than a year ago is that we have not yet had our MWB in 2023, but had paid the bill (\$600) during Feb 2022.

Three months ago, we had paid \$350 for our Frankenmuth bill, \$207 for our Picnic and deposited the balance (\$500.19) from our Pay Pal account which has been closed.