

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: ... **May 11, 2024 10:30 am**

Following meeting is: ... **June 8, 2024 10:30am**

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Hello, Motor City Beemers!

The riding season is upon us. I've even got my bike out of the garage, though through a complicated sequence of problems, starting with having misplaced my license plate stickers for my bikes! Stickers have been replaced, but other issues are causing me problems right now, so my mileage this year is still best measured in feet. But I'm hoping that changes soon.



Hopefully, you had a chance to go to Triumph Detroit for their open house on May 4. On our meeting day, May 11, they will be having a Zero Motorcycle demo day. As you are probably aware, Zero motorcycles are all electric. Probably not The One Motorcycle for Everyone, but they are an interesting option for many people as "one" of our bikes. Combine quiet, smooth, and low maintenance with high zero RPM torque and very sensitive motor control, electric motorcycles have some interesting potential.

May 19 is the Distinguished Gentleman's ride, with a group leaving from Triumph Detroit. And that's just what is going on in May!!

Looking at the bylaws, I see I should have called for officer nominations at the April meeting, which I neglected to do in preparation for the election at our May meeting. I REALLY think this means I'm not really qualified for the presidency. I hope you agree and will run against me! (something tells me I'm not getting out of it this easy..but I can hope).

I really should have more to say here, but...I'm going to stop here with "Get out and ride!"

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://www.windycitymc.com/--triumph-detroit>

Jeff reached out to me to let me know he's planned a lunch ride for the May meeting: a return to *Bullfrogs Restaurant*, in Ortonville. Weather permitting, of course.

I haven't yet pulled my bikes out of storage. I've been too busy. And every time I see a biker on the road, I'm jealous. Even, sometimes, I'm jealous of sport bike riders, hunched over their clip-on handlebars, or I'm jealous of cruiser riders, laying back with their legs splayed out onto front controls. I'm hoping to change that, soon, by getting my bikes out and doing some riding.



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Jim V. emailed our mailing list this past month, to let us know about two upcoming IBA rides scheduled in June. June 13, he's got a 3-day SS3K planned to Sioux Falls. The SS3K is a ride for IBA members only. June 26 he's got a 4-day Great Lakes 100 planned. This GL100 can be a first-time IBA ride if you aren't already a member. Please reach out to Jim (vandenbe @ triton . net) for more information.

As I did last month, below is a list of the (non-meeting) events on the club's activity page from our website. Our picnic is coming up in June! The Distinguished Gentlemen's Ride (<https://www.gentlemansride.com/>) that Nick mentioned above is not on the list. The 2024 "DGR" is scheduled for Sunday, May 19.

Please let us know of anything Nick should add or change.

Date	Event
5/4/2024	Triumph Detroit open house Website
5/9-5/12	BMW RA Southern Alps Weekend, Little Switerland, NC Website
5/15-5/20	Motocamping in the Smokey ?Mountains. See mail list or contact Brian B. for more info Website
6/15/2024	MCBeemers Picnic, Columbus County Park
6/17-6/21	MOA Rally in Redmond, OR (hopefully more info soon)
8/8/2024	Motorcycle Night, Jimmy John's Field.
8/29-9/1	BMW RA National Rally, Fryeburg, Maine Website

This spring has had some really lovely days. Even if the loveliness has been fleeting, I hope you've been able to get out and do some riding!

Treasurer's Report

Jim Mick

Jeff A, Mike B, Cathy B, Jill B, Brian & Sheila B, Tom C, Walter D, Dennis G, Bob H, Linda H, Aaron G, Josh G, Nick H, Paula E, John J, Pat & Lynn K, Alan & Jodi K, Mike & Sharon M, Don & Gail M, Jay M, Jim & Jeri M, Jeremy N, 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.

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 Mar:	\$778.68
Check book balance for the end of Apr:	\$778.68
Balance one year ago:	\$1772.13
Balance six mo ago:	\$1342.13
Balance three mo ago:	\$1133.43

