

# 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

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*We welcome owners and fans of all bikes*

*“We got donuts!”*

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

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

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Greetings, MCBeemers!

It's June, the weather is getting warmer, flowers are coming up, and Paula is busy planting. I'm happy to report that not only have I got (one of) my motorcycle(s) out, I've already racked up more miles than I have all of 2023. Granted, that wasn't really hard. As expected, the old LT just fired right up. When I joined the club, there were a lot of K1200LTs under our members...I think I'm the last of us still running an LT. Still a fine bike at 22 years old.



As a business point, at the May meeting, all existing officers were forced to retain their offices for the next 12 months.

June 15 is our picnic. We will be again meeting at Columbus County Park (That's Columbus Park run by St. Clair County. I'll not talk about my wondering exactly where Columbus County was located, ok?). Same as before -- club will provide a BBQ meal, but you are encouraged to bring something along to share with others. We have access to the site from 10:00am to 3:00pm. So...similar to past years, except in June, so probably won't have the cold weather we've had a few years in the past. But it is Michigan, be ready for everything. Last day to get your money in and sign up is our meeting, June 8.

Our hosting dealership, Triumph Detroit, has Track Day at Grattan Raceway, Monday, July 8. They will have three categories (Novice, Intermediate, and Advanced), and 35 available slots for each category. Definitely not something you just show up to -- you are going to have some bike prep and inspection before hitting the track. The link to the info and signup on FB is on the website activities page. I've never done a track day, but Keith H did a talk about track riding some time ago, and it sounds like at the novice levels, pretty much anyone with a bit of riding experience could do it...you don't have to be a Pete or a Keith to ride track (though I do recall Keith rolling his eyes a bit when I suggested riding my LT on the track. I'm not sure if that was regarding taking an LT out on a track, or just a general response to me).

Happy Riding!

## **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>



Jim forwarded a report from Brian – which had input from Jay and Jim – on their “S’More MotoCamping” experience, with photos. You’ll find it following Jim’s Treasurer Report, starting on Page 7.

I’m planning on being at the picnic! Hope to see y’all there. If you haven’t yet joined us at an event there, I can say that Columbus Park is a terrific venue, managed by the very same team that hosted us at the Fort Gratiot Park for many years.

Several weeks ago, Cathy and I stopped by the new showroom at BMW Motorcycles of Detroit. It’s a stunningly beautiful facility with plenty of room for bikes, gear, and accessories. On that day, there were about 60 bikes on display, with Schubert helmets on the shelves and Klim gear in the process of being merchandised. I spoke with GM Jeff Botrell about the showroom and the dealership’s desire to stock unique accessory brands that aren’t available everywhere. An open house is being planned, date was still TBD when this



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press.



My bikes are out of storage! Yay! I can now do some riding!

Below is a list of the (non-meeting) events on the club's activity page from our website. Once again, note that our Picnic is first on this list.

6/15/2024	MCBeemers Picnic, Columbus County Park
6/17-6/21	MOA Rally in Redmond, OR (hopefully more info soon)
7/13/2024	MCBeemers meeting: 10:30am. Triumph Detroit.
8/8/2024	Motorcycle Night, Jimmy John's Field.
8/10/2024	MCBeemers meeting: 10:30am. Triumph Detroit.
8/29-9/1	BMW RA National Rally, Fryeburg, Maine <a href="#">Website</a>

# Treasurer's Report

Jim Mick

## TREASURER'S REPORT 28 May 2024

by Jim Mick

40 Members for 2023:

The following **IN RED** have reserved a spot at the Picnic:

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, **Jason 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 May:	\$808.68
Check book balance for the end of Apr:	\$778.68
Balance one year ago:	\$1772.13
Balance six mo ago:	\$1487.13
Balance three mo ago:	\$1133.43

5/12 Deposited \$25 for the Picnic from Nick & Paula, Brian & Sheila, and Jason.

5/22 Deposited \$5 from Josh for the Picnic





S'More MotoCamping May 15-20

I was nominated to be ride captain for this trip; not sure if I was successful. We almost never followed the route I had planned, instead we changed/adjusted our plans after the ride started. Some changes were due to traffic & weather, others a 'group vote'. Through it all, nobody got lost and we arrived back home safely, but two days early.

We were all able to communicate through Sena, which makes traveling a lot easier.

As lead rider, I tried Josh's recommendation for changing lanes. I would signal my desire to change lanes, then Jim (normally bringing up the rear) would 'take the lane' for Jason and me to move over. That worked well especially on expressways. We typically were not strictly following the normal 1 & 2 sec staggered formation when off the expressways but we never had anyone try to pass us.

On Wednesday morning, the traffic dictated using Gratiot for heading south since I94 was obviously 'rush hour' traffic. I won't admit how I got Jim very concerned when we began entering the tunnel into Canada. If we had not been on motorcycles, we would not have been able to squeeze between the cement barriers to make a U-Turn.

Breakfast at Jason's favorite place: Waffle House, then lunch at one of the club's favorites: Waldo. Waldo now has the 'mile-high' cream pies.

Lodging went without a hitch the first two nights in Fairborn, OH and Mt. Vernon, KY and the back roads were usually very pleasant riding.

When we looked at the forecast in the chosen area for MotoCamping, it had changed from a 40% chance of rain, to "rain/showers/thunderstorms/scattered thunderstorms" EVERY HOUR, of the entire weekend. Jim sent an E-mail to the others involved in this S'More experience indicating that we were 'wimping out' and heading home from Mt. Vernon.

One of the many highlights of the trip is when we stumbled across a very interesting road, free ferry, and a little history lesson. Again, at a Waffle House, for breakfast, we were adjusting our plans on Friday morning for heading home. It was raining and Jim asked our waitress, at the WH, about a road Jim saw on my phone map. We were south of Lexington KY, and slightly north of Richmond, KY. Jim thought the 'Tates Creek Road' looked interesting, but ended at a river. The waitress gave us a history lesson. At the end of Tate's Creek Road, the oldest operating, FREE, car ferry still operates daily for crossing the Kentucky River. The road continues at Valley View with the same route number but we noticed that as we entered downtown Lexington that it still had the name: 'Tate's Creek Road'. We stopped at a rest area to make plans for overnight and found lodging choices very limited if wanting to spend under \$100.

Don't stay at the Red Roof Inn at the south side of Dayton, OH. We were very disappointed about A/C fan not working, asked for two more pillows and 1 more towel, but only got 2 more towels. The evening staff was unable to meet the many requests they had.

In the morning, we were greeted by a little ball of fur. It was a good thing that we didn't have room for this friendly feline.

We hit Waffle House one more time Saturday morning, then we followed my GPS, avoiding highways, which should be called 'avoiding expressways'. We all agreed that Saturday morning's trip on back roads, starting just north of Dayton, was the best of the trip. My GPS had us starting on US40, (3 hours 21 minutes), then 235 north to 65 east along the river then 25/24 to I75 in Toledo.

There are several 'MotoCamping' sites on the Internet, but here's a link to the right one:  
<https://www.motocamping.club/camp>

Brian (Jason & Jim)









