

# 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: ... **September 14, 2024 10:30 am**

Following meeting is: ... **October 12, 2024 10:30am**

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Greetings, Beemers!



This past month, a young friend I've known since he was about seven years old (and is now well into his twenties and living in California) called to tell me he bought his first motorcycle after taking the MSF class and getting his endorsement. I'm very proud of him, both in his accomplishments, but also in his care he has taken in doing this, and asking all kinds of insightful and well thought out questions before the class, and before and after getting the bike. He bought a "real", but modest bike, one that isn't crazy, but will also serve him for a number of years until he decides what kind of riding he enjoys most (AND stands a fair chance to serve him well, then, too). Good news, I understand his mother is still willing to talk to me! The only bad part? He has got more miles on his bike in the first week than I have all riding season (and he's in the land of no "non-riding" season!).

It's already September, which means our Frankenmuth Chicken Dinner is coming up (September 21). Again, as before, you pay \$5, we cover the rest. Sounds like we might have a few of our Florida Alumni joining us! There may be other things going on before or after – I'm sure Paula will be hitting her favorite Frankemuth stores, and some people may continue on to Port Austin as we have in the past (but...make your own plans for lodging, if you do).

A few years ago, we decided as a group to slowly re-form into a less formal club that didn't handle other people's money, and thus, not needing a formal set of bylaws or a charter. Just a group of people who like to get together, do stuff and ride together once in a while. That time is rapidly approaching. Our Treasurer, Jim, has reported it is likely at the end of our Frankenmuth event, we will probably have accomplished our goal of bringing the treasury down to zero, which means it is about time for the "Next Steps" in our clubs evolution (and yes, we have a plan in place in case the remaining funds don't cover everyone who shows up at Frankenmuth. Don't worry about that – it's still \$5).

But also with that, I plan to NOT run for club leader when my term ends (either next May, or when we formally dissolve the club, whichever comes first. I'd suggest holding off the dissolution vote until next May, in case people wish to step up as officers to maintain the current structure). My goal has been to bring the club to transition point in an orderly manner. I'm not sure how "orderly" it was, but we've reached that transition point. It is now going to be up to others to decide what to do next. My recommendation – which should hold no weight – is that we continue to meet at Triumph Detroit on the second Saturday, we continue to eat and ride together, but with fewer formal officers, and more "person who took the reins this week". But that's all up to the members to decide. As past officers have done, I plan to stay active in the club and provide guidance when asked, but also to stay out of the way of whatever people wish to do.

As I've said before, while formally, it may be the "end" of the Motor City Beemers as defined by our bylaws, I don't see it as the end of the club as a group of people. It should be looked at as a great opportunity to do the things that the members wish to do, rather than just 20+ year old traditions (or keep doing the traditions, if that's what people want to do!)

Yes, it's September, as I'm writing this, I see a few days in the weather forecast where the high isn't expected to hit 70F (but the forecast has changed non-trivially since this morning). But that's good riding weather...so get out and ride! (and perhaps I can follow my own advice).

## **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>

There are several activities coming up:

- **Port Dover Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>, September 13**

If you're in our Facebook group, you may have seen Jim Mick's event announcement:

Do you have interest in riding to Port Dover, on Friday the 13th? There will be a LARGE batch of motorcyclists riding into Port Dover, as they do every Friday the 13th. Several from the Club have made the ride before COVID but we'll need info on passport/immunization proof, etc.

If you're planning to attend the event, please reach out to Jim. I was hoping to join him, but now I have a doctor's appointment that day.



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- **Annual Chicken Dinner, Frankenmuth, September 21**

While preparing this newsletter, I noticed I'd neglected to submit my \$5 to cover Frankenmuth participation. So I submitted my payment to Jim via my bank's Bill Pay facility. Easy and quick.

As in prior years, I plan to meet any interested riders – or drivers – for a leisurely breakfast at Ted's Coney Island in Richmond at 8:00am, with kickstands up for Frankenmuth at 9:30am. I'm looking forward to meeting you there! Two, three, or more wheels are welcome!

Like Nick above, and Jim below, I have some comments about our club's officer roles and responsibilities in the days ahead. With the anticipated elimination of club funds, Jim will no longer have any official duties, and the role of Treasurer will effectively – but unofficially – end. And, once our current club bylaws become officially void, there will no longer be a mandate for any of us officers. As for "Communications Officer" – the official title of the newsletter editor in the bylaws: I will not continue in the role – no matter the club's next structure. Members can already announce and coordinate events and share information through our two digital methods: mailing list (mcbeemers @ groups.io) or through our MCBeemers Facebook group. Those methods should continue to be usable to the membership for the foreseeable future.

I've enjoyed my years in multiple officer roles for the club, but all things come to an end. Thank you.

As always, when you can, get out there and ride!

# Treasurer's Report

Jim Mick

**TREASURER'S REPORT** 28 Aug 2024

by Jim Mick

43 Members for 2023: **new members**

11 Members have paid for Frankenmuth (including our 2 new members).

Assuming a Chicken Dinner at Frankenmuth will be about \$35 per person (with gratuity), we have just about enough in our check book balance to take it to zero and no longer be in need of a Treasurer.

**Life-long members** of the club since they were active when their spouses passed away.



Jeff A, Mike B, Cathy B, Jill B, Brian & Sheila B, Tom C, Jeff & Carrie D, 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, John Saarinen, Eli S, Tim S, Robb S, Chris V, Jim V, Mary V, Rob Z, & Charlie Z.

**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 July:	\$814.68
Check book balance for the end of Aug:	\$417.52
Balance one year ago:	\$1487.13
Balance six mo ago:	\$778.68

Balance three mo ago:	\$808.68
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8/10 Received \$10 from Nick H & Paula E, \$10 from Pat & Lynn K, \$10 from Jeff & Carrie D for Frankenmuth

8/10 Withdrew \$17 to reimburse Nick H for donuts

8/10 Reimbursed Don M \$430.13 for 2024 and 2025 picnics.

8/26 Received \$10 from Brian & Sheila B for Frankenmuth

8/29 Received \$10 from Jim & Jeri M for Frankenmuth