

# 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: ... **October 12, 2024 10:30 am**

Following meeting is: ... **November 9, 2024 10:30am**

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Greetings MCBeemers!

Last month was our traditional Frankenmuth Chicken Dinner. We had 15 members get together at Zehnder's, I think everyone had fun and a good meal.



We have reached the goal of our club journey to run down the treasury. Jim's report shows us at zero dollars in the checkbook now. As a club, we no longer deal with other people's money. So...when we decide to terminate the existing bylaws, we do not have to worry about how the remainder of the treasury is disposed of. At this point, I'm going to suggest continuing on with our existing officers through our existing term, then vote to terminate the club under the old bylaws, then come up with a more informal (dis)organization. Still continue to meet, still continue to eat. But we'll only need one or two leaders of the group, and those can easily change as needed, rather than as scheduled. Future club events will be "pay as you go", but can still happen, of course.

Last meeting, member Jeremy told us about a show his employer is sponsoring, the Rochester Hills Bike Show and Family BBQ, being held at the Museum at Van Hoosen Farm, Rochester Hills, MI, on Sunday, October 6 from 1pm to 4pm. Proceeds go to victims and families of the June Rochester Hills Splash Pad shooting. Looks like a fun event for a good cause. Details and more info here: <https://reasonstoride.com/event/rochester-hills/>

It is October, the weather is starting to cool down, but there is likely a bit of riding time left. I'm way behind on taking vacation this year, so I'm going to be working four day weeks much of the remainder of the year. I'm hoping some of those days off land on good riding days.

## **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>

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Hosting Dealership: <https://www.windycitymc.com/--triumph-detroit>

- Four of us rode out of Richmond, headed towards the dinner in Frankenmuth. Pat was leading, and after we turned off Gratiot onto Bauman, I had no idea where he took us. Pat found every little fiddly bit of somewhat twisty road between Richmond and the northwestern Thumb. Just to give you a taste of the route, here's one little bit of it that I extracted from my GPS afterwards:



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- There's a Where's Waldo ride coming up, October 19. Jim M. writes:

*"Where's Waldo? Why go there? I'm glad someone asked. The MCBeemers have been going to Waldo since the club began. Rhys Blair, one of the founding members, would lead a ride every year to Waldo for FRIED BAGALONA SANDWICHES & MILE HIGH CREAM PIES.*

*"In memory of Rhys, weather permitting, I am planning a club ride on the 3rd Sat in October (19th). Following the plan of Rhys, we'll meet at Exit 15 of I-75 (Monroe), at the BP station on the NW corner about 09:00. Top off with gas, empty bladders, and kickstands up at 09:30. We'll head south on I-75, to I-280, to US 20, to US23 into Waldo. We'll plan a stop at the Rest Area on US23 near Upper Sandusky which divides the 2-hour trip into two slightly unequal legs. For one of our recent trips, we stopped at a local family-owned fudge shop after lunch. I may do that again, if there's sufficient interest.*

*"Expect to see a reminder Oct 15th on Facebook and by club E-mail. By then, we should have an idea of what weather to expect. I will 'wimp out' if the weather doesn't cooperate."*

- Speaking of Waldo, member John J. wrote in to tell of us his recent week-long ride which started with a Waldo meet-up. As you read this, you'll note John mentions locations in the Southeast – North Carolina in particular – which were just hit extremely hard by Helene's devastating weather. As I write this, rescue operations are ongoing. Please keep those people in your thoughts, and consider donating to rescue and recovery charities. John wrote:

*"On September the 6th I meet up with my brother Joe and his friend Matt for lunch at G&R tavern in Waldo Ohio for a Fried baloney sandwich and a slice of mile high cream pie (the Pie is back). Joe and Matt rode out of Osceola IN, meeting in Waldo was the starting point for our trip together our plans were to ride the triple nickel in OH, ride some of the Blue Ridge parkway, go to Chimney Rock NC, and run the Dragon Hwy 129 to Deals Gap. After lunch we turned and burned to Caldwell OH where my brother had made reservations for the night. It was the closest hotel he could find close to the 555, that had a pool and jacuzzi. (We have had bad luck with finding hotels that have working Jacuzzis.)*

*"Waking up on September 7th the weather was sunny but cold as we started our day my brother was in the lead using an app on his phone call Rever he put in a destination and said curvy roads and it did not disappoint we ran so many curved roads but unfortunately we didn't keep track of them and the app*

doesn't show them later. We picked up 555 and ran that to the end, the road was in good shape with some nice curves. Rolling across a lot of back roads with a ton of curves some more challenging than others at one point the road had deteriorated so badly that most of the time we were in the oncoming lane thankfully there was no traffic on that road and when you think it can't get any worse the road turns to lose gravel, fortunately that road only ran for about 20 miles. After that the roads opened up with a lot of blue sky and some nice tight turns but you never know what's around the next corner. Coming up over a blind hill with a right-hand curve my brother had to lock up his bike because there were about 20 goats in the middle of the road. That was new and different. We made it to Danville, WV for the night.

"September the 8th was another chilly morning with the Temperatures in the low 50's but the sun was shining and would warm up nicely through the day. We were heading south on 119, it was a nice road with much milder curves and beautiful scenery looking across the mountains. We stopped in Pineville for lunch at a place called Cast Iron Grill. I don't recommend this place, the service was slow and the food was just OK. We hit the Back of the Dragon, State Road 16. It was another challenging road, with some real tight hairpin curves, with a couple of sharp turns that went up hill in the middle of the turn. Thankfully I was already in first gear and was able to accelerate through it. We made it to Kingsport, TN for the night.

"September the 9th the weather was a little better but still on the cool side we headed for Chimney Rock State Park arriving at the park around noon. The sun was shining and was warming up nicely. The parking lot up to Chimney Rock was challenging no flat spots at all everything was at an angle which proved to be difficult in parking. With a short elevator ride, we were up to the main area and then some healthy stairs to the first observation platform. Well worth the climb, the view was just beautiful. There were more stairs if you wanted to go to the top but my brother and I decided to pass, Matt on the other went for it, and told us the view was outstanding. We then headed to Maggie Valley to the Wheels Through Time museum. This is a great place to see the history of motorcycles and other related items. The staff there is very friendly and knowledgeable on all sorts of motorcycles. It's well worth the trip. This was my second time through, and still very enjoyable. We made it to Sweetwater TN for the night.

"September 10th was a beautiful morning with warm temperatures, which was a good thing. Matt wanted to ride the Dragon naked so he had to get there early but needed to wait until the camera guys were in place. If you've never been to the Dragon there are camera guys sitting in the corners taking pictures. If you notice the time. you can look up your pictures the next day. We headed to the Dragon Hwy 129 (318 curves in 11 miles). I have been here a few times, but was surprised at the changes that were made. The whole route had been repaved, and seemed wider than I remember. With the fresh black top, traveling through was a breeze, especially after the roads we were on all week. We stopped at a barbecue place called the Pit Stop in Dragon City that had a dragon out front that had smoke coming out its mouth. The food was good, even though on the expensive side, but it's a tourist trap. We spent the night in Cherokee NC.

"September 11th with no real plans for the rest of the trip we decided to start heading north. We had missed the blue ridge parkway, but had seen enough curved roads for this trip. Matt suggested we go to the Bush's Beans Museum in Chestnut Hill, TN. It's a small place, but quite entertaining. They have a restaurant beside the museum. The food was very good, with a sample platter of their new bean flavors to try. After lunch we headed to Cumberland Gap Falls in London KY. The falls were very nice and not too far a walk from the parking lot. We headed to Corbin KY for the night.

"September 12th, I decided to head home from here, with I-75 just out front it was a straight shot for me. My brother and Matt were heading to Bowling Green KY to the Corvette Museum, and then back

*home. It was a great week of riding and hanging with my brother and Matt. I can't wait until next year for another road trip with these guys.*

Thank you, John.

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

# Treasurer's Report

Jim Mick

## TREASURER'S REPORT 28 Sep 2024

by Jim Mick

43 Members for 2023:

15 members met in Frankenmuth

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 Sep:	\$0.00
Check book balance for the end of Aug:	\$417.52
Balance one year ago:	\$1357.13
Balance six mo ago:	\$778.68
Balance three mo ago:	\$808.68

9/10 Received \$5 through BillPay from Josh G for Frankenmuth

9/12 Received \$5 through BillPay from Mike M for Frankenmuth

9/14 Received \$5 cash from Pat K for Jill Bs reservation for Frankenmuth

9/14 Paid Nick \$14 for club donuts

9/27 Closed club checking account. ‘Wrote a check to Nick for \$418.52

which was PART of the 15 Frankenmuth Dinners. Nick paid the bill of \$675.91.