

Monthly Newsletter to the Midwest VJMC Community

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This is a newsletter covering what is going on in the Midwest with our VJMC friends. Please send us your events, activities, or interesting stories. We will keep you informed about the above topics and want to see our region grow. Please pass this newsletter to any of your friends and let's build a community. Any correspondence will be kept private and no information will be given out without your permission.

October 2023 Edition: Buddy Walton: KC VJMC has a new meeting location!

Mark Bayer: Nels Hoadley, KCVJMC Webmaster *"Remember to follow our Website (vjmc.com) and Facebook pages"*

Our club recently changed our monthly meeting location as well as the day and time of meetings. Sometimes change is good! Hopefully this new location and day change will bring in some new faces, and bring back some old faces and friends. So far the attendance has been very positive! I know almost everyone in Kansas City loves BBQ so how could we go wrong in that we are meeting at a BBQ restaurant. No matter where the location is some members have to go a little further than others. One reason we changed the "day" was to avoid conflict with NFL football game season (no games on Tuesdays). Also it frees up weekends and Sundays for us to ride more! It's been a fun group so far, we have plenty of lively motorcycle talk, Pat Yelton gives a tech presentation and then we have the usual planning for upcoming events. If you have something to add, a subject to discuss, an event to mention or maybe another place to ride or meet up, occasionally let us know.

Our club is YOUR club and we want to make each year even better than before, which means it really does take a group effort to keep everything moving forward! Happy Fall riding season to everyone, let's hear about your latest project also! If you are passing through the Kansas City area at the time of a meeting or event, make sure and join us, you will be welcome. Just check out our website and/or Facebook page, we would love to have you join us!



<u>KCVJMC Webmaster Nels Hoadley</u>: A website is a great way to keep in touch with VJMC members in your area and to also promote your activities says Nels Hoadley. First, a site has two parts, the domain name and a web server. It actually costs very little to have a site. We use BlueHost and the domain and server together cost around \$140 a year or about \$12 a month. That's just one trip to Taco Bell monthly!

Nels stated that our site is a simple one and is also low maintenance. He noted that the number of viewers go up during the summer and down during off season. Our most active month is July with viewers going down during the winter months. We had around 300 this past July alone who viewed around 890 pages. Nels noted that our site numbers have been going up a little bit every year with approximately 1,200 visitors this year.

Our site includes photo albums, an event calendar, a copy of the Midwest Newsletter, and additional information as it is needed. We really want to communicate with our friends and keep them informed.

Our group really appreciates the work that Nels has done and his efforts have no doubt helped our events grow. Our site was instrumental in promoting the annual Meetin In The Middle Rally for the last several years. Nels also created our QR code (quick response) which is also attached. Make sure and check our Facebook page (Kansas city vintage Japanese motorcycle club then highlight our link} as well as the <u>KCVJMC.com</u> site. I might mention that opening a Facebook page is free and can also be effective. Please make sure and attend one of our events in 2024 and if you do, track one of our members down, we want you to feel welcome.





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