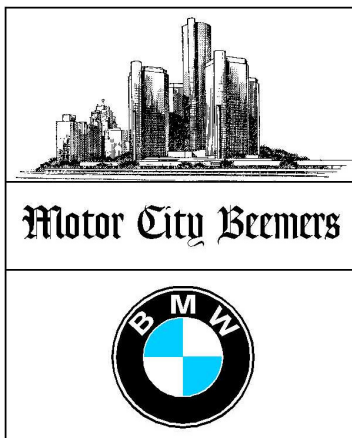




# Motor City Beemers



## Club Newsletter



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### THE PREZ SEZ

Well... ONLY 2 days and I am off on my Route 66 trip. The trailer is packed, the bike serviced, was oil checked, the tires check, the GPS programmed the new Rick Mayer saddle installed. My riding partner has his Yamaha Star ready to go and come Saturday we head for the starting point in Chicago....

So why did I tell you all this... I won't be going to the National this year... but I couldn't pass up the opportunity for the Route 66 trip.

So, by the time you read this, I will be on the road... Yes... I am taking a laptop along and will post the newsletter from the road... and hopefully many of you won't even get to read this until you return from the National.

Gotta go finish the Honey Do Chores before I can leave... Ride Safe...

Ives R. Potrafka  
President - MC Beemers

### JUNE MEETING

Saturday morning, July 1<sup>st</sup> was a fantastic day for a ride. So they went to lunch. No one wrote to tell us what happened so we'll have to guess.

## **JULY 1<sup>st</sup> DEMO**

At 11am, right after the meeting, the owner of Graphic Works demonstrated a clear laminate protector for your motorcycle. He applied it to the demo 1200LT on the floor. The shields are laser cut from flat sheets into shapes that can cover critical spots on a motorcycle to protect them from bugs, stones, etc. These sheets have moisture activated glue on the back side to hold them on the motorcycle. The sheets once applied are clear. They are guaranteed for as long as you have your bike. They will not discolor or come off accidentally. The only requirement is that you have to wash your bike periodically. Road dirt left on the material for months will cause the material to darken and dirt will collect along the edges of the shields where the adhesive is exposed. These products will be available through the dealership. You can install them yourselves or they can be installed by Graphics Works at the dealership... The shields turned virtually invisible after installation on the demo LT.

## **MOTORCYCLE SAFETY**

Lately there have been some unusually stories in the news about motorcycle accidents. One such story is the man who they thought was hit by lightning while in heavy traffic in Colorado. The second motorcyclist was killed by a falling tree in New Hampshire. The stories are posted below. These stories bring to mind that we have to watch out for other drivers but also for mother nature. I rode in some pretty strong thunderstorms and always worried about the lightning but never thought I made a very good lightning rod. Getting hit by lightning or a falling tree are pretty rare occurrences. Deer are another story. Michigan had 11 people killed by deer last year, 3 were motorcyclists. Keep an eye out especially on secondary roads. The chances increase at dusk or after dark.

### **Lightning Strike Kills Colo. Motorcyclist**

By Associated Press

THU JUN 22, 12:33 AM

WESTMINSTER, Colo. - A motorcyclist died after he was struck by lightning while riding in rush hour traffic between Denver and Boulder, police said.

Witnesses reported seeing a flash of light shortly before the motorcyclist struck the center divider on U.S. 36 Wednesday, police spokesman Tim Read said.

Gary Missi, 46, of Longmont was pronounced dead at the scene.

A coroner's investigation was under way to determine whether the lightning bolt, the collision or something else caused his death, Read said.

The lightning blasted a 4-inch-deep hole in the highway and sent chunks of asphalt hurtling across the highway.

# Falling tree kills biker on I

By LORNA COLQUHOUN

The Union Leader

June 14

WATERVILLE VALLEY, N.H. - A Canadian woman who was a passenger on a motorcycle riding on the Kancamagus Highway yesterday afternoon was killed in a bizarre accident when a tree fell on her, according to authorities.

Louise Croft, 43, of Ontario, Canada, is the seventh motorcyclist since Friday to die on New Hampshire roadways during the annual Motorcycle Week.

Croft was a passenger on a motorcycle that had just left the Sabbaday Falls turnout on Route 113, the Kancamagus Highway that stretches between Conway and Lincoln.

New Hampshire State Police Sgt. Kevin Duffy said she was struck by a "decayed" tree that fell suddenly on the road. Fire and ambulance personnel from Conway Village were dispatched to the accident 15 miles west of town at about 4:15 p.m., Deputy Chief Keith Noble said.

The initial call, Noble said, was that a tree had

fallen on a motorcyclist.

"As we were responding, we were told that the patient was not breathing and had no pulse and that CPR was being performed," he said.

Noble said that it appeared that the woman was traveling with a group of motorcyclists and that she was a passenger; her husband was driving another motorcycle.

"When we got there, there were bystanders and friends doing CPR," Noble said. "I commended them for the fantastic job they did."

Noble described the tree as a birch measuring about 10 inches in diameter. It appeared that the group of motorcyclists was just departing the turnoff when the accident happened.

Croft, who suffered a massive head injury, was rushed to Memorial Hospital in North Conway, where she was pronounced dead just before 5:30 p.m., Duffy said.

Noble and Duffy said they were not sure whether Croft was wearing a helmet at the time of the accident. She was the only person struck by the tree, they said.

Three motorcyclists from Massachusetts and Connecticut were killed Friday afternoon in Stoddard. A Sunday afternoon crash in Thornton on Route 49 claimed the lives of three more bikers. Both accidents involved other motor vehicles.

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## **GENERAL**

Reminder: A vote at the May Meeting confirmed unanimously that we will continue our policy to no longer send the MCBemers Club Newsletter by snail-mail. Everyone with an e-mail address will have access via the internet. Anyone not connected via the internet can still pick up a copy at the Beemership.

A set of keys was mailed to the Beemership this week because the key ring had a "BMW Motorcycles of Detroit" key fob attached. There is a Master key, automotive remote fob, ignition key with Ilco on the key, and several door keys. If you think it is your missing keys, contact Frank Emmerich at the Beemership. If you can prove ownership - they are yours.

Any body interested in joining the RA (Rides Association) or are members please contact Norm Ott at ([motorcycleman@comcast.com](mailto:motorcycleman@comcast.com)) with your name and membership number. Membership forms are at the Beemership next to the news letters. We need 10 members to get the clubs fee waved.

Is there anyone interested in MCBemers Club coffee mugs? Frank at the Beemership can order club mugs if we have enough interest. They are the same size as the dealership mugs and will cost \$16 each. Drop Frank a line at the dealership, if there is enough interest he will place the order.

### **MOTOR CITY BEEMERS NAME TAGS**

Motor City Beemer name tags are available for purchase at Highest Honor, Inc. Highest Honor, Inc is located at 34711 Dequindre Road, Troy, Michigan 48083. Their shop is just south of 15 Mile Road, on the west side of Dequindre. Herb and Jeff have a die set up with the club logo and can add your name and/or nick name for a cost of only \$8.00.

The easiest way to get your ID tag is to e-mail Jeff at: [www.jeff@highesthonor.biz](mailto:www.jeff@highesthonor.biz). Spell out exactly what you want on your tag and when you want to pick it up. You can also call Jeff at 248-588-7845. Tell him what you want on your tag and when you want to pick it up.

Join the growing number of members who proudly wear their ID tags with their one of a kind moniker. It will help us to get to know each other. Works a lot better then "Hey you!".

### **RALLIES/OVER NIGHT RIDES**

MOA Rally July 20-23, 2006

Early registration is closed for the MOA Rally in Vermont. George Yosin volunteered to coordinate a club lunch ride at the rally. This is something we have done for most of the MOA rally's. It gives us a chance to get together as a group for an organized ride and have a chance to eat lunch together, share experiences, and make plans for other activities during the rally weekend. George will determine location/time to meet and will have a route and restaurant planned. Just in case you wondered, no George isn't buying your lunch!

October 21-22, 2006 Color tour.

This is a two-day trip covering approximately 720 miles. Last year the colors, dinner, ride and camaraderie was great. We stayed at Rhys's cabin at Lake's of the North and ate dinner at Legs Inn. The food was great.

### **MONTHLY CLUB RIDES**

April 1, 2006 Rhys Blair led a ride to the Dorsey House Restaurant in Port Huron.

May 6, 2006 Ryan Blair led a ride for fried bologna sandwiches in Waldo, Ohio.

June 3, 2006 Phil Aylesworth lead a ride into and back out of Canada.

June 10, 2006 Ives Potrafka led the ride to Frankenmuth in his 4 wheel BMW.

July 1, 2006 Ives Potrafka led a ride to lunch.

August 5, 2006 Glenn Hibbert will lead a ride to Bouy Junction, Marysville.

August 22, 2006 John Saarinen will lead a ride to St Clair County

September 9, 2006 Picnic at Stony Creek. Members with paid up dues will be treat

The barbecued steaks grilled by our very own Grill Meister Rhys Blair. The only man brave enough to wear an apron!

October 7, 2006 Stuart Krueger will lead a ride to Grand Blanc Inn and Rocky's (Flint)

November 4, 2006 Dick Hautau will lead a ride destination to be announced.

December 2, 2006 Ride captain needed to pick destination and route.

## **OTHER RIDING OPPORTUNITIES**

Sunday, July 23, 2006 - Another poker run? Ride with a bunch of Harley folks? Well let me suggest why this is a poker run you want to attend. The proceeds go to a children's group (Clarkston Scamp) that is well established and helps kids with special needs. The money gets used for just the children.

This poker run isn't organized by a motorcycle group, but by the Lambda Chi Omega Sorority. Don't get all excited, this isn't a bunch of coeds looking to meet a bunch of motorcycle guys. The Sorority is an organization of ladies that have been together since the 20's and look for unique ways to support Clarkston Scamp. As in most poker runs there are prizes, fun, and fellowship. But the first place prize is a dinner at Schuler's Restaurant & Grill in Marshall Michigan. A dinner in Marshall? Did I mention that transportation is provided by airplane? The second place is an airplane tour of Oakland County Lakes. Very unique!

I would like the Motor City Beemers to support this ride. It's for a very good cause! There is a flyer on the bulletin board at the Beemership.  
Frank...

Every weekend

Group of BMW riders (primarily LT) ride every weekend and once month take longer trips. They are based out of Toledo but do ride into Michigan if that is what the group decides.

Their big trip is to the CCR Reunion over Labor Day weekend. Departing Saturday, August 26th and arriving at CCR on Monday, August 28. Leave for home Saturday, Sept 2, arriving home Sunday night the 3rd. This will be a no Interstate ride. Ride will include Deals Gap and Dragons Tail in TN and NC. Contact Fred Turner for more information at 419 420 7422.

Third Sunday of every month – Phil Aylesworth is trying to get a Windsor Beemer group started in Canada. For details contact Phil, [purpleduck@gmail.com](mailto:purpleduck@gmail.com) or go to the group's website: <http://SunParlourBeemers.org>

## **FOR SALE:**

The for sale section of the newsletter is for all club members to post ANYTHING (legal) they have for sale or wanted. Take advantage of a circulation of 90+ club members. You don't have to limit you postings to motorcycle items. The one thing that we ask is that once your items sells, please notify us so we can remove it from the newsletter. There are several items that have been posted for some time now. Please let John Saarinen know if they need to be removed.

1995 K1100 LT

All stock (bags, trunk, radio with rear speakers, heated grips, elec. windshield, gauges, touring seat) heavy metallic gun metal gray paint, new battery, new tires and all servicing done, including spline lube.

\$5200.00 Dale & Denise 734-789-8249

1986 K100 RT

New Black paint, new seat, very good tires, new battery, all service done, bags.

\$3500.00 Dale & Denise 734-789-8249

I would like to buy a used low drivers seat as I am too short for comfortable riding. Bill Meier  
810-987-4566 or [meierbj2@comcast.net](mailto:meierbj2@comcast.net)

2000 K1200LT

48 K, Backup Back Rest, J-Pegs, AutoCom Intercom System, ZTecnik Arm Rest, ZTecnik Trunk Rack, RKA Saddle Bag Liners, HID Headlight. Dealers telling me it is worth between 8-10K, make me an offer. Ives Potrafka phone: 248.207.1575

1999 R1200C

Jens Schoening [Jens.Schoening@hna.hella.com](mailto:Jens.Schoening@hna.hella.com)

1996 R1100R for sale, excellent condition, for details contact Allen Gigliotti,  
[giglio@comcast.net](mailto:giglio@comcast.net)

Highway pegs for LT's: [www.ridingiswonderful.com/ridingiswonderfulinc/](http://www.ridingiswonderful.com/ridingiswonderfulinc/) Jim & Jason Mick