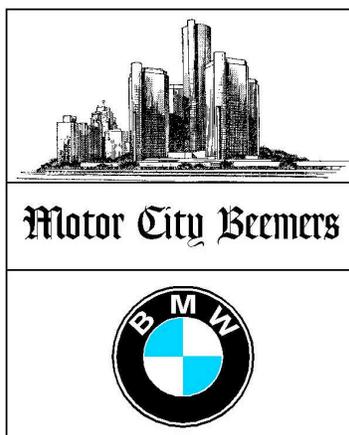




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THE PREZ SEZ

I am very glad to announce that Helen 2 Wheels will be giving her motorcycle camping / packing presentation at our monthly meeting on December 2nd. So be sure to bring your better half and make sure they know which of her bags you NEED for Christmas.

We are looking for ideas for the Snowy Months. So far we have a car trip to Lafayette Coney Island in Detroit, being as that missed our summer schedule. Another idea is a go-cart racetrack north of the Beemership...and we should have more details on that later. If you have a suggestion for a guest speaker or trip, please be sure to get a hold of me.

Will we ride in December...Dick Hautau has volunteered to lead a ride, weather permitting. The ride will leave later than normal due to the packing demonstration.

We have invited the Detroit Touring Club to attend Helen 2 Wheels presentation. So be sure to welcome our visitors.

Ride Safe.....

Ives R. Potrafka
President - MC Beemers

2007 CLUB DUES DUE

Dues for 2007 are due. Remember that dues are \$10 for Members and \$5 for Associate Member (member's significant other). Please give Sharon Saarinen your dues with Membership Form at the next meeting, or mail them to:

Sharon Saarinen
6094 Whispering Oak Drive
Washington, Michigan 48094

Make checks payable to Motor City Beemers and include Membership Form. We need these dues to cover things like the doughnuts, Frankenmuth Chicken Dinner, and the steak picnic in the fall.

BLAIR COLOR TOUR

Rhys met up with Ken at the Beemership at 8:00am Saturday morning. It was raining and approximately 41 degrees. They headed north meeting up with the two other bikes, Ives and John at a rest area just north of Flint at about 9:15am. The rain was heavy at times but the gang headed north to Wheelers Restaurant in Standish. The decision as to whether to proceed or turn around was going to be made after breakfast. Coming out after breakfast the roads were wet but the rain stopped. There were patches of blue skies to the north. The decision had been made for us. Heading north we hit I-75 for a quick trip to Rhys place where we would be spending the night. We left our sleeping bags at the cabin and rode northwest towards Petoskey. Out of Petoskey we took the route along the lake. Roads were wet and with the exception of some light sprinkles there was no rain to speak of. The tunnel of trees was great. The trees still had their leaves. We only passed 3 cars, two of these pulled over to let us go by. The third car was going slow but on a straight section of road so we could easily pass.

We went to the Legs Inn in Cross Roads Village. We arrived early to avoid the crowds and any possibility that the rain would turn to snow. Dinner was great. Our waitress was light - hearted knowing that Sunday was her last day for the season and joked around with us. Not being crowded we ate at a leisurely pace enjoying the bantering and story telling. Some customers thought we were a little crazy because of the cold and precipitation. That was reinforced after they heard we rode up from Detroit. Finishing dinner early, we mounted up and headed to the cabin while there was still light. We stopped in Petoskey for gas to eliminate the need for an early morning stop. We wound our way back to the cabin. Thank goodness Rhys knows the roads so well. I don't believe anyone else could have found that cabin again. All 4 bikes were parked in the garage and we headed in for the night.

Rhys, ever the good host, made ice cream floats with vanilla ice cream and your choice of root beer or Vernor's. We settled in to watch the Detroit Tigers play...couldn't get a clear signal so switched to plan B; the video tapes. We started watching a John Wayne movie but continued talking most of the way through the movie. It turns out Ken; the newest member of the crew is also a boater. He crewed on Port Huron to Mackinaw and Chicago to Mackinaw races. He also had recently ridden down south to ride the Dragon. I keep repeating this but, the people in this group have had some great experiences. It is always interesting to sit down as a group and listen to some of the things our members have done. We stayed up late enough to hear

the final score of the Tigers game and then hit the sheets. With only 4 participants this year we each got a room to ourselves. Mine was the living room couch, I found it very comfortable.

We woke early to find it snowing. About 1/2 to 3/4 inch of snow accumulated before we pushed our bikes out of the garage. It was a little slippery with the snow on top of the leaves and grass. Rhys, Ives and Ken all confirmed that it was 34 degrees as we left the cabin. We decided to head the most direct route back to the interstate. Heading down a hill on a curvy road as we approached the interstate the temperature dropped to 32. It continued to snow for the next hour and a half. The roads were wet with plenty of spray from the passing cars. The snow collected on our windshields and worked its way up, then over the top of the windshield hitting the face shield of our helmets.

We stopped for breakfast at the Lumber Jack Inn just off of I-75. We got more than our share of funny looks. Everyone was still warm and dry. We were finally out of the snowbelt and needed the breakfast break. They let us spread out our riding gear on some of the unused booths to give it a chance to dry out and come up to temperature. It also gave us an opportunity to call our wives to let them know we were okay and heading home.

Heading south on I-75, I broke off from the group at I-475 north of Flint. Heading east on I-69 I felt it was getting warmer. It was a great trip and well worth the time.

Rhys, as usual, was a great host and the cabin comfortable. The roads were wet in places but dry where needed to make for a terrific ride. This is a good bunch of people and very interesting to hang around with. There were even good colors...ranging from reds, yellows, and even white.

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.

Any body interested in joining the RA (Rides Association) please give Sharon Saarinen your name and membership number when you renew your club membership. Membership forms for the RA are at the Beemership next to the newsletters. We need 10 members to get the clubs fee waved.

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 nickname for a cost of only \$8.00.

The easiest way to get your ID tag is to send Jeff an e-mail at: 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 wear their ID tags proudly with their one of a kind moniker. It will help us to get to know each other. Works a lot better than "Hey you!".

MONTHLY CLUB RIDES

December 2, 2006 Weather permitting Dick Hautau will lead a ride.

OTHER RIDING OPPORTUNITIES

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 or go to the group's website: <http://SunParlourBeemers.org>

DEAR ABBY

I've never written to you before, but I really need your advice on what could be a crucial decision.

I've suspected for some time now that my wife has been cheating on me. The usual signs...phone rings, but if I answer, the caller hangs up. My wife has been going out with the girls a lot recently, although when I ask their names she always says, "Just some friends from work, you don't know them."

I sometimes stay awake to look out for her cab coming home, but she always comes walking up the drive as I hear the sound of a car leaving, around the corner, as if she has gotten out and walked the rest of the way. Why? Maybe she wasn't in a taxi at all?

I once picked up her cell phone, just to see what time it was. This caused her to go completely berserk. She quickly snatched the phone out of my hand and cursed me hysterically, screaming that I should never touch her personal property, then accused me of trying to spy on her.

Anyway, I have never broached the subject with my wife. I think deep down I just didn't want to know the truth, but last night she went out again and I decided to really check on her. I decided I was going to park my Harley Davidson Lowrider next to the garage and then hide behind it so I could get a good view of the street around the corner when she came home. It was at that moment, crouching behind my motorcycle that I noticed a small amount of motor oil leaking through the gasket between the rear head and rocker arm cover.

So is this something I can easily repair myself or do you think I should take it back to the dealer?

Fred in Seattle

FOR SALE:

For sale section of the newsletter is for all club members to post ANYTHING (legal) that 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

1999 R1200C Jens Schoening Jens.Schoening@hna.hella.com

1996 R1100R for sale, excellent condition, for details contact Allen Gigliotti,
giglioa@comcast.net

Highway pegs for LT's: www.ridingiswonderful.com/ridingiswonderfulinc/ Jim & Jason Mick

1995 BMW K1100LT \$5,500. Less than 18,500 miles. Dealer serviced. The Bike is located in Warren, Michigan. It comes with hard bags, truck, waterproof liners and tank bag. It also has a Corbin seat, heated hand grips, radio, 4 speakers, and adjustable tinted windshield. If Interested contact Patricia @beemerlt93@yahoo.com