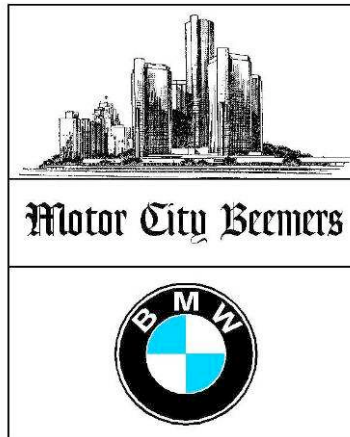




# Motor City Beemers



## Club Newsletter



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**Next Meeting; Saturday June 2, 2007, 10:30am @BMW of Detroit**

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### THE PREZ SEZ

FRIED BOLOGNA Sandwich. Yuk! or at least that is what I thought when I heard we were riding all day for one. As I road toward Waldo, Ohio I am thinking about the burger I will order and the harassment I might get. Then I got there and the pressure was too much and I caved in and ordered a Fried Bologna Sandwich. What a surprise! It certainly wasn't what Mom used to make for school lunch. It was great, served with sweet pickles and chips. I almost ordered a second one. That was three years ago and my first trek to Waldo. Wouldn't miss it now. So - If your wondering if the sandwich is worth it, the answer is yes. If you really don't think you can handle fried bologna, then they serve many other things and it all looks good, an we promise to not heckle those that order something else :-). The ride is an all day trip down and back, so plan accordingly. When You Asked? June 2nd, 2007 for the regular June meeting.

Don't forget about June 16th, 2007 and the annual ride to Frankenmuth for chicken dinner. We will leave the dealership at 11:30 AM sharp and plan on arriving at Frankenmuth at 1:00 PM of shortly there after. Be sure to let Frank know if you attending. NO last minute arrivals allowed as we have to book the room by the number of people signed up. Send Frank an email at [bmwfrank@comcast.com](mailto:bmwfrank@comcast.com)

On another note, if your bored on Memorial Day, jump on the Beemer and ride on out to South Lyon. I will be riding my URAL with my greyhound in the sidecar for the parade. He is really doing good learning to ride and would love to see you.

Remember, ride smart and be 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 Sharon Saarinen and include Membership Form. We need these dues to cover things like doughnuts, Frankenmuth Chicken Dinner, & steak picnic in the fall.

### CLUB COFFEE CUPS

We only have 2 club\_coffee cups available. They are priced at only \$15. Help support the club. They are a good size, quality cup...and best of all they have the club logo boldly displayed for everyone to admire. It is a great ice breaker by the coffee station at work. "You drive a BMW?" "No, I ride a BMW!" Pick one up at the next meeting and save us from having to carry them back and forth from the meetings.

### 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](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 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!".

### **MOTOR CITY BEEMERS - ANNUAL FRANKENMUTH LUNCHEON**

WHEN & WHERE: SATURDAY JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup>. BE READY TO DEPART AT 11:30 SHARP FROM THE BEEMERSHIP. MAKE SURE YOU HAVE A FULL TANK OF GAS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE. THERE MAY BE ONE "SHORT" STOP ALONG THE ROUTE. ESTIMATED TIME OF ARRIVAL AT THE BAVARIAN INN RESTAURANT IS 1:00PM.

THIS IS A MEMBERS ONLY FUNCTION. IF YOUR SPOUSE OR SIGNIFICANT OTHER ISN'T A MEMBER, GET WITH SHARON SAARINEN BY JUNE 2ND AND SIGN THEM UP AS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER (\$5).

WE NEED A HEAD COUNT TO RESERVE SUFFICIENT TABLES AND CHAIRS FOR EVERYONE. PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE BY JUNE 2ND TO FRANK EMMERICH AT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING: CLUB MEETING, 586-731-6951 OR BMWFRANK@COMCAST.NET

FRANK...

RA RALLY IN ASHVILLE, NC JUNE 7 – 10, 2007



**Ridgewood Barbecue**  
900 Elizabethton Highway (Old 19-E)  
Bluff City, TN  
(423) 538-7543

Meat 4.5  
Sides 5  
Sauce 5  
Service 3  
Atmosphere 3

Overall 4.5

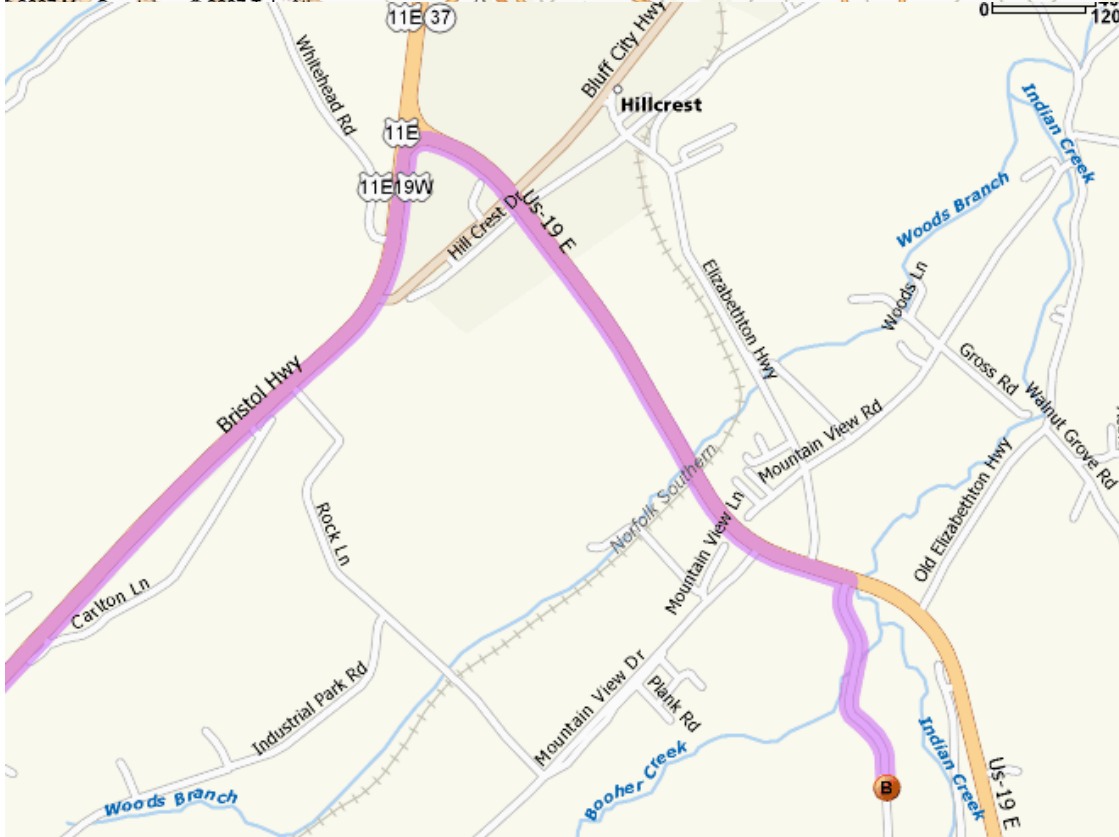
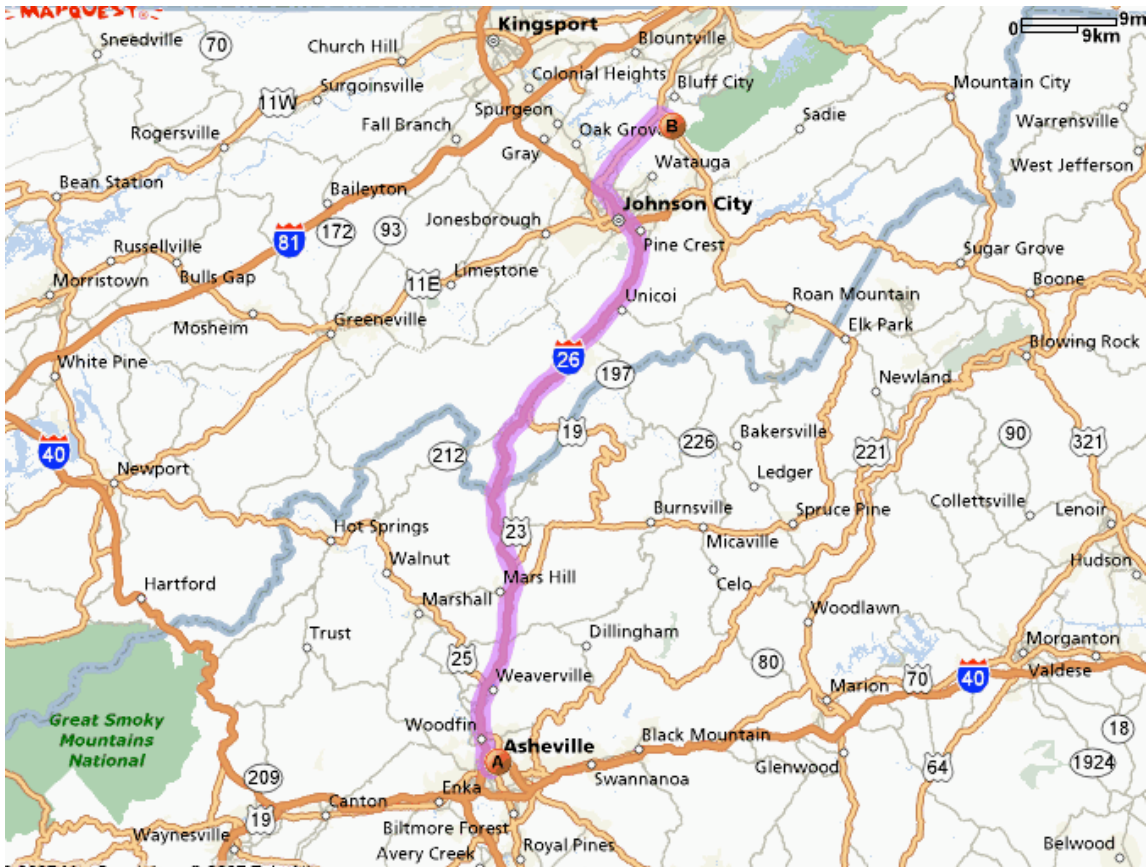
**Reviewer's Comments:** This is far and away the best barbecue known to man. The two highlights of Ridgewood is their incredible barbecue beans and their oh so tasty sauce. Both the best I have ever tasted (and I have had alot of barbecue). The portions are very generous and the prices are extremely reasonable. The only real drawback to Ridgewood is the fact that they do not serve barbecued ribs. But, one taste and that is a fact that is easily forgotten. So, for the bbq experience of your life, go to Ridgewood Barbecue in Bluff City, Tennessee. You will not be sorry.

**Reviewed By:** Travis B. Wood ( [twood@lexmark.com](mailto:twood@lexmark.com) ) on 01/27/98.

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Now that I have your attention, I would like to invite everyone going to the RA Rally in Ashville, N.C. to a lunch ride to the Ridgewood Barbeque. I will propose meeting Friday morning at 10AM at the front entrance to the Biltmore Estates. The route I am planning to Ridgewood's is shown below. I can be talked into taking a more interesting route there, or on the return trip. We can discuss routes at the June 2<sup>nd</sup> club meeting.

To wet your appetite you can read more praise of the barbeque by searching "Ridgewood Barbeque, Tennessee". You will find that this little family run restaurant located near Bluff City, Tennessee is very highly rated. They make their own barbeque sauce, smoked meats (beef and pork, but I highly recommend the pork), and barbequed beans. Last time I was there the prices were extremely reasonable.



For anyone going to the RA Rally in Asheville, North Carolina this lunch ride is an opportunity to get together with friends and break bread at a restaurant with true local color and great food to boot. This has a Bluff City address and is just north of Elizabethton, Tennessee.

This area is full of great roads to ride. Deals Gap (the Tail of the Dragon) is about 45 minutes east, and Blue Ridge Parkway is 30 minutes north. However just pick a small town north of the Blue Ridge Parkway and it would be very hard to find a straight road to follow. All the towns north of the ridge are located in valleys. The trip over the ridges can make for some very interesting rides, some fast most slower but plenty of turns. There is a lot to see and do in that area. The natural tunnel, one of the 8 natural wonders of the world is just north of Kingsport Tennessee. This tunnel found by Daniel Boone as a way of passing through the mountain was cut by two rivers that washed out the mountain and met in the middle. Today they built the road bed up by 10 or 15 feet and run two train tracks side by side and still have room for the river to run next to them. Cumberland Gap; historically significant as the gateway to the south during the Civil War but also one of the best views of the plains of central Tennessee. Into spelunking?...there are too many caverns in this area to list here. Gatlinburg, Pigeon Forge, Cherokee National Forest, Mt Mitchell (highest point in the Smoky Mountains) are all within a 90 minutes ride time. I encourage you to attend this rally and take as many rides as possible out into the surrounding area. Travel back roads in any direction to the north and east and you will be amazed by the riding opportunities you will find.

### MOA 35<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL RALLY West Bend, Wisconsin JULY 12-15, 2007

Dust off your camping gear (or your motel gear) the MOA national Rally is coming. This is the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the MOA. This years rally takes us to one of the most ethnically German areas of the country, West Bend, Wisconsin. Many Germans immigrated to Wisconsin from the land of BMW. The shortest land route takes you through Chicago with some toll roads. Alternate routes include riding to the west side of Michigan and taking the ferry across and riding up across the Mackinaw Bridge, through the Upper Peninsula, and drop down into Wisconsin along Lake Michigan.

I would like to suggest that on the way there, or on the way back you ride through the Upper Peninsula. The ride along Lake Michigan is beautiful and can be fun stopping along the lake for a swim.

An alternate route through the UP takes you up to Houghton/Hancock area. Follow the road up to Copper Harbor through the center of the peninsula and on the way back down ride along the lake. Catch Brockway Mountain drive before dark for some great views of the lake and forests of the peninsula. Come back down along the lake to catch the sunset at Great Sand Bay. At dusk and after sun set you have to always be on the look out for deer. Many of the roads in the UP near dusk and at night are very hazardous because of the deer. This is especially true as you approach Eagle River. There are large cedar swamps and the deer hide there to avoid the heat of the day but like to come into town at night to feed on the lawns and short shrubs. Half the fun of the rally is in the adventures that you experience getting there or getting back.

Early registration must be received by June 25<sup>th</sup>.

Adults (16 years and older)	\$30 early registration	\$35 after June 25 <sup>th</sup> .
Children (6-15 years old)	\$5 early registration	\$10 after June 25 <sup>th</sup> .

## MONTHLY CLUB RIDES

We are looking for ideas of where to go and what to do after our winter meetings. Check the web site for planned rides.

## 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](mailto:purpleduck@gmail.com) or go to the group's website: <http://SunParlourBeemers.org>

## FOR SALE:

For sale section of the newsletter is for all club members to post ANYTHING (legal) that they have for sale or wanted. 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. Please let John Saarinen know if they need to be removed.

PAINT PROTECTION FILM: Protect your bike's paint from stone chips and damage from your tank bag. Kelly, 248.312.0968 or [graphixwerk.com](http://graphixwerk.com)

K1200LT Champagne, 26K miles, 6CD changer, and Bailey windshield, MC BMW maintained, asking \$8900. Bill Meier 810-824-7382 or [meierbj2@comcast.net](mailto:meierbj2@comcast.net)

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

HIGHWAY PEGS FOR LT's: Gives you optional places to put your feet for those long trips. Note that this is a new web site address: [www.ridingiswonderful.com](http://www.ridingiswonderful.com) Jim & Jason Mick