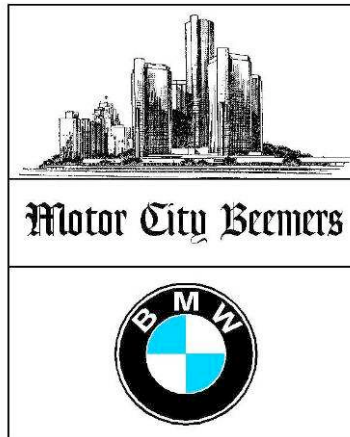




Motor City Beemers



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THE PREZ SEZ

Wow... a great time was had by all at the annual Frankenmuth Dinner ride. If you missed this one it was your loss. While the ride leader (me) was winging it (GPS error'd) - we got there in fine fashion and more importantly all safe and sound.

July 7th is our next monthly meeting and we will be heading to Grand Blanc Inn for lunch and then Rocky's for the 10% off day.. Once again I will be leading the ride. I think this time I won't pre-program the route and just let the GPS pick the way. I do this often when I ride alone, so I think it might be fun as a group. You never quite know where you will go, but I always manage to get there and enjoy seeing roads I haven't seen before.

On another note; Crawford Sales (Ural dealer) is hosting a Side Car Training Class in August. If your interested get a hold of Terry at Crawford Sales in South Lyon for details 248-437-8107

Ride Safe and I hope to see you all at the meeting.....

Remember, ride smart and be safe.

Ives R. Potrafka
President - MC Beemers

2007 CLUB DUES

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 sold out of coffee mugs.

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!".

WALDO, OHIO FOR FRIED BOLOGNA SANDWICHES - JUNE 2, 2007

Eight members headed south to Waldo, Ohio for fried bologna sandwiches despite the threat of thunderstorms. We ran into a small problem on I-75 just south of the Ambassador Bridge when Ken and I hit a pot hole. It knocked Ken's right rear view mirror off. My trunk flew open, depositing some of it's content on the left shoulder. Other than that the trip down went off with out a hitch. We got there just as a group of runners were clearing out and before the cyclists (bicycle, not motor) came through town. We got a table in the back. For some of the members of the group this was their first time to Waldo. Lunch was good as usual. From the comments I believe everyone had a good time. As we left the restaurant the police sealed off one of the streets at the main intersection (and just about the only intersection) in town for the cyclists. It turns out that this is an important stop on one of Ohio's biggest cyclist routes.

The group took a round about way to get home. Ken Mitchell and Ives lead most of the way. They used their GPS's with the weather alert to steer around the storms fronts. Despite the storms all around us, we only experienced a light drizzle for a few short minutes.

After crossing the Michigan border we split into two different groups. One continuing to follow secondary roads, and the group I followed which jumped onto I-75 to expedite our ride home.

I doubled back after the Ambassador Bridge to see if I could find the stuff I lost out of my top case. I found Ken's mirror in a lot worse shape than when it was on his bike. Most of the shoulder had just been washed clean by the heavy storms that moved through the area. I found one side stand disk. It appeared the rest washed down the storm drain just down hill from where I found the mirror and side stand disk.

Turning around and heading north again on I-75, I hit a 4 inch sharp step in the pavement in the second lane from the left just north of the Ambassador Bridge. To make a long story short; I want to thank Don from the Beemership for working with the insurance company and getting the wheels, tires, and suitcase I needed to be back on the road Tuesday evening so I could go to Asheville. Thank you Don! You are a trip saver.

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

We arrived Thursday evening at the Biltmore estates after a very slow start to the trip. We took US23 all the way down to Asheville. Other than the rush hour traffic in Columbus, Ohio, and the scattered construction sites south of Columbus, the trip went very smoothly. Dick and Sharon Hautau arrived on Thursday well ahead of the rest of the club members. George Yosin went into West Virginia and came down secondary roads. Ives and his wife came down back roads and got in Saturday.

We camped the first night. Lack of shower/other facilities, and a very noisy group from Cleveland who partied until 4am made us move to a motel about an eighth of a mile from the Biltmore House for the rest of our stay.

Friday morning five of us met and rode up to Ridgewood Barbeque near Bluff City, Tennessee. I want to thank George for finding a way out of Asheville, NC and onto I-26 north. It was about 95 degrees and sunny. It felt good to keep the bike up at speed. We arrived after the lunch rush and were happy to find the restaurant air conditioned. I assume from everyone's comments that they enjoyed their meal. As we were leaving Betty and friend rode up. They stopped at the restaurant on their way to Asheville. It sounded like their departure from Detroit got delayed. Because it was so hot, the five of us headed back to Asheville. We got caught in heavy showers for about 15 minutes on the way back. None of us stopped to put on our rain suits...it felt just too darn good.

MOTOR CITY BEEMERS - ANNUAL FRANKENMUTH LUNCHEON

We met at the Beemership and left for Frankenmuth at 11:30am. The weather was great, warm but not too hot. The sun made you glad the group wasn't bottled up in stop and go traffic. Ives lead the way going north on M53 until we got north of the traffic. We then zig-zaged our way north and west, following secondary roads until we hit Frankenmuth. Frank and Kris were waiting at the restaurant when we got there. There were 19 of us at lunch.

As usual the meal was great and the camaraderie was even better. Everybody ate their fill of chicken, potatoes, dressing, corn, salads, and ice cream pie for desert. It is safe to say no one left hungry. Kris took pictures and created a nice photo show from the pictures. Check it out at: <http://photoshow.comcast.net/watch/UE5UG8ck>

It was a good time enjoyed by all who attended. We hope to see you all next year. Our thanks to Frank Emmerich for setting up lunch.

MOA 35th 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 35th anniversary of the MOA. This year's 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 or 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 U.P. route is to go up the Houghton/Hancock and ride up through the Keewenaw Peninsula. Take the north shore route through Eagle River up to Copper Harbor. Take in Brockway Drive on the way up. Come down through the center through the tunnel of trees. Both routes through the upper peninsula are beautiful and worth the ride.

Early registration ended June 25th.
Adults (16 years and older) \$35 after June 25th.
Children (6-15 years old) \$10 after June 25th.

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.

NEWS FROM THE BEEMERSHIP

Alaska Tour, July 12-August 12TH, 2008

Come in and Talk to Peter "Rockman" Payton Adventure Tour Specialist about our Alaskan Tour scheduled for July 12th thru Aug 12th summer 2008. Some highlights of this tour include: (1) Dawson City summer music festival, (2) Halibut fishing in Valdez Alaska with Fish Central, (3) Touring Alaska with Alaska Rider Tours, 7 days in Alaska, (4) Explore the world famous AL-CAN highway (5) Top of the world highway, (6) Kenai River, (7) The Salty Dog Saloon, Moose nuggets (8) wildlife viewing, (9) Vancouver Island BC, (10) Seattle, Jackson Hole, (11) The Bad Lands...and more. The trip will be fully supported with a guide, mechanic, and a support rig for minor adjustments on the fly. Come in and see us for more details and trip registration. (\$1100 non refundable Deposit due at registration). The Cost ~ \$8100 per person, includes Nightly Hotel stay, most dinners, daily bag lunch on the fly, fishing trip, 2 Banquet style meals, tour t-shirts, sticker ...and more.

Check out our Tour/trip board

Stop by the shop and talk with Gary the "Road king" Latessa, we are planning a wed. night supper club. We will meet at the shop on Van Dyke at 6 pm on Wednesday evening and ride to a predetermined spot for supper. The rides will be to places located in the greater Detroit metro area. If you happen to be thinking about a new BMW this would be an ideal time to take the opportunity to ride one of our Demo bikes for the outing, contact Gary at 586-274-4000 for

more details and to reserve your demo ride. The first ride will be this week Wednesday, June 27th. Come join us as we check out the sites and bites in Port Huron

We also have end of the month road trips planned for July, Aug, and Sept, stop by the shop or call "Rockman" for more information.

Also check out our '07 GS Back country adventure tour pack special, visit the store for more details.

Join us on Saturday July 21st @ 10:30 am. as we join teams with the staff of REI outdoor adventure gear supplies. We will be holding a class in back country basics~ survival skills and back country motorcycle camping techniques. Call "Rockman" for more information at the shop~586-274-4000. There is no charge class, free coffee will be available for all those who attend.

We want to know what your summer tours were like~ we are putting together an in house display of BMW Tours~ so if you have any pictures and a brief story to tell bring them in and we will add it to our Adventure Wall.

For those of you heading out to the national rally, have a safe trip, and we look forward to seeing you when you return.

Peter "Rockman" Payton
Adventure Tour Specialist
Marketing

OTHER RIDING OPPORTUNITIES

Third Sunday of every month – Phil Aylesworth is trying to get a Windsor Beemer group started in Canada. For details 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

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

1996 R1100R for sale, excellent condition, for details contact Allen Gigliotti, giglioia@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 Jim & Jason Mick