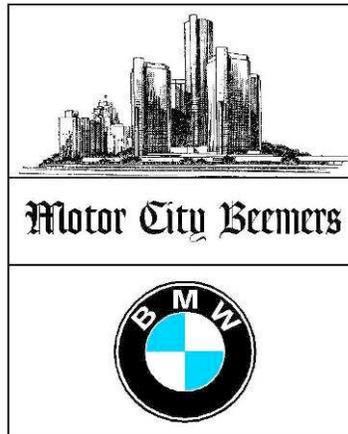




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THE PREZ SEZ

I took my first ferry ride across Lake Michigan last month while going to the national. Very uneventful and rather disappointing...seemed more like a slow bus ride. The Beemer and trailer made it in fine fashion as well. As many of you know, I am not a big rally goer. It is more of a place to ride to than an event to attend. One day of vendor dueling is all I need. I have to admit, this years location was excellent. There were lots and lots of vendors, the food was pretty good and I noticed plenty of camping spots still available when I got there on Friday. Nope, I didn't camp at all.... My better halves idea of roughing it is the Motel 6 :)

Been a very bad month for the K1200LT... She got towed in Milwaukee... Dead battery and 1/2 day of riding lost and we were headed north. We rode up to Copper Harbor on the way home.

AND THEN... last week I rode to Fairfax, VA (just outside of Washington DC) and pulled into the motel with fuel squirting out the right side of the fairing. OUCH..... another tow to Morton's BMW in Fredericksburg, VA to replace cracked fuel line quick disconnects and she was back on the rode. Finished a trip with a ride thru the northern portion of the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Now I am not blaming anyone for my trouble, but BMW did know the warranty ran out on July 10th, 4 days before the first mishap... AND I did walk around national with John - LOL.....

Ride Safe and I hope everyone has signed up for the picnic.....

Ives R. Potrafka - President - MC Beemers

LUNCH RIDE TO WHITIES AND OVER NIGHT AT FAIRVIEW AUGUST 4, 2007

Our lunch ride to Whities for fish went off without a hitch. George Yosin did an admiral job in leading the group as we wound our way west and north. There were approximately 14 riders on 12 bikes. This was my first time to Whities and was very pleasantly surprised. Good taste and generous portions. I made the mistake of getting the salad bar and found it almost impossible to finish the fish and French fries that were the main course. For anyone interested it is on 15 just north of I-69, on the west side of the street.

On the return trip we broke up into smaller groups. Our group of 6 stopped by Cook's Dairy on Seymour Lake Road for ice cream. They raise their own cows, and sell dairy products made right on site. For those that haven't had the opportunity I would say you should make the time to go there. The ice cream is delicious. A single scoop of ice cream in a waffle cone is huge. On a warm day it is hard to eat it all before it melts. That is why I like the waffle cone, it helps hold in the river of rich melting ice cream taste so you don't get it all over your clothes.

George, Don and Kelly rode further north to a cabin George borrowed for near Fairview, Michigan. I really wanted to go but I hope George invites us again next year. They rode up near Bay City by back roads. George said they saw lots of bikes out on the road. Heading up 65 near the Au Sable area they met some forest fire fighters. Talking with them they found out that the leader was from Vermont and owned 2 BMW's. He is a member of the Vermont MOA (VMOA). He was happy to hear that George and Don went to the MOA National Rally in Vermont. They exchanged riding stories, especially those in Vermont. The leader of the fire fighters said they were at 8 fires in the last 2 days and were waiting for their next assignment. Two of those fires were suspected to be the result of arson.

They took back roads hitting as many windy twisty roads as they could find. It was a great weekend for it. The cabin was 1 ½ miles north of Fairview off M33. The cabin slept 9 in beds. Shower and kitchen facilities were available. There is also room for tent camping if desired. The participants needed to bring towel, toiletries, and bedding/sleeping bag. George planned an out door cook out but because of the extremely dry conditions Michigan has been experiencing they went out to a restaurant for dinner. They went up to Lewiston Steak House in Lewiston, Michigan. They were celebrating an anniversary and their special was a \$4 prime rib dinner. It was great food, great riding.

The accommodations were comfortable and the weather was great. In the morning George headed to the Upper Peninsula, and Kelly and Don headed south to home. George rode to Newberry and stopped to eat. He ran into someone he knew and found out that they were very close to the forest fire they are still trying to get under control. He spent the night in Newberry and rode south on Sunday. George continued to see a lot of motorcycles, mostly Harleys on the road. Hopefully next year we will have the opportunity to go the cabin, and actually get to go.

MOTOR CITY BEEMERS ANNUAL PICNIC AT STONEY CREEK PARK

SEPTEMBER 15, 2007

WHEN & WHERE: SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH. STONY CREEK METRO PARK AT THE LAKEVIEW PAVILION (SAME LOCATION AS IN PAST YEARS)

TIME: 11AM TO ABOUT 5PM.

STEAKS PROVIDED AND GRILLED TO PERFECTION BY RHYS "THE MASTER CHEF" BLAIR. CONDIMENTS, BEVERAGES AND OTHER ESSENTIALS PROVIDED BY ABLE ASSISTANT FRANK EMMERICH.

MINIMAL RULES:

1. NO GLASS CONTAINERS ALLOWED.
2. LUNCH WILL BE SERVED AT 1:30PM SHARP!!!
3. WE NEED A FIRM HEAD COUNT BY SEPTEMBER 1TH. IF YOU DON'T LET ME KNOW YOUR COMING, WE WON'T HAVE A STEAK FOR YOU. PRETTY SIMPLE EH?

THIS IS GENERALLY AN ADULT PICNIC. IF YOU BRING ANY CHILDREN, PLEASE BRING THEM SOMETHING TO EAT. STEAKS ARE FOR THE ADULTS.

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO PASS. THE CLUB PROVIDES A STEAK, POTATOE SALAD, CHIPS, AND POP AND WATER. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, WE GENERALLY HAVE APPROXIMATELY 25+ PEOPLE.

THIS IS A MEMBERS ONLY FUNCTION. IF YOU ARE BRINGING YOUR SPOUSE OR SIGNIFICANT OTHER THEY MUST BE A MEMBER!!!

PLEASE STICK AROUND TO ASSIST WITH THE CLEAN UP TO BEGIN AROUND 4:00PM.

REMEMBER TO CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE BY SEPTEMBER 1ST TO FRANK AT BMWFRANK@COMCAST.NET OR 586-744-8618.

FRANK...

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 then "Hey you!".

NEWS FROM THE BEEMERSHIP

Alaska Tour, July 14th -August 15th, 2008

Come in and Talk to Peter "Rockman" Payton Adventure Tour Specialist about our Alaskan Tour scheduled for July 14th thru Aug 15th summer 2008. Some highlights of this tour include: (1) MOA Rally in Gillette, Wyoming, (2) Dawson City summer music festival, (3) Halibut fishing in Valdez, Alaska with Fish Central, (4) Touring Alaska with Alaska Rider Tours, 7 days in Alaska, (5) Explore the world famous AL-CAN highway (6) Top of the world highway, (7) Kenai River, (8) The Salty Dog Saloon, Moose nuggets (9) wildlife viewing, (10) Vancouver Island, BC, (11) Seattle, Jackson Hole, (12) 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 ~ \$8150 per person, includes registration for MOA Rally in Gillette, Wyoming, nightly hotel stay, most dinners, daily bag lunch on the fly, fishing trip, 2 banquet style meals, tour t-shirts, sticker ...and more.

We will be holding an informational meeting on Saturday morning, September 15, 2007 from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. Stop in for information; discuss the trip route, trip expectations/activities, and accommodations.

Check out our Tour/trip board

Stop by the shop and talk with Peter "Rockman" Payton, we are planning evening supper club rides. We will meet at the shop on Van Dyke at 6 pm on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month 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 Peter at 586-274-4000 for more details and to reserve your demo ride. The next ride will be Wednesday, September 12th. 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.

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.

We have a 2007 apparel line clearance sale, come in to the Beemership for more details.

Watch the web page for our newly expanding apparel line coming soon!!!

Peter "Rockman" Payton
Adventure Tour Specialist
Marketing

Truths about Bikers

Four wheels move the body. Two wheels move the soul.

Most motorcycle problems are caused by the nut that connects the handlebars to the saddle.

Life may begin at 30, but it doesn't get real interesting until about 60 mph!

You start the game of life with a full pot O luck and an empty pot of experience...The object is to fill the pot of experience before you empty the pot of luck.

If you wait, all that happens is that you get older.

Midnight bugs taste just as bad as Noontime bugs.

Saddlebags can never hold everything you want, but they CAN hold everything you need.

It takes more love to share the saddle than it does to share the bed.

The only good view of a thunderstorm is in your rearview mirror.

Never be afraid to slow down.

Don't ride so late into the night that you sleep through the sunrise.

Sometimes it takes a whole tank full of fuel before you can think straight.

Riding faster than everyone else only guarantees you'll ride alone.

Never hesitate to ride past the last streetlight at the edge of town.

Never do less than forty miles before breakfast.

If you don't ride in the rain, you don't ride.

A bike on the road is worth two in the shed.

Respect the person who has seen the dark side of motorcycling and lived.

Young riders pick a destination and go...

Old riders pick a direction and go.

A good mechanic will let you watch without charging you for it.

Sometimes the fastest way to get there is to stop for the night.

Always back your bike into the curb, and sit where you can see it.

Work to ride & ride to work.

Whatever it is, it's better in the wind.

Two-lane blacktop isn't a highway - it's an attitude.

When you look down the road, it seems to never end - but you had better believe, it does!

Winter is Nature's way of telling you to polish.

Keep your bike in good repair: Motorcycle boots are NOT comfortable for walking.

People are like Motorcycles: each is customized a bit differently.

Sometimes, the best communication happens when you're on separate bikes.

Good coffee should be indistinguishable from 50 weight motor oil.

The best alarm clock is sunshine on chrome.

The twisties - not the super slabs - separate the riders from the Wannabees.

When you're riding lead, don't spit.

A friend is someone who'll get out of bed at 2 am to drive his Pickup to the middle of nowhere to get you when you're broken down. Without asking, "What the hell were you doing?"

Catching a yellow jacket in your shirt @ 70 mph can double your vocabulary.

If you want to get somewhere before sundown, you can't stop at every tavern.

There's something ugly about a NEW bike on a trailer.

Don't lead the pack if you don't know where you're going.

Practice wrenching on your own bike.

Everyone crashes. Some get back on. Some don't. Some can't.

Don't argue with an 18-wheeler.

Never be ashamed to unlearn an old habit.

A good long ride can clear your mind, restore your faith, and use up a lot of fuel.

If you can't get it going with bungee cords and electrician's tape, it's serious.

If you ride like there's no tomorrow, there won't be.

Bikes parked out front mean good chicken-fried steak inside.

There are drunk riders.

There are old riders.

There are NO old, drunk riders.

Thin leather looks good in the bar, but it won't save your butt from "road rash" if you go down.

The best modifications cannot be seen from the outside.

Always replace the cheapest parts first.

You can forget what you do for a living when your knees are in the breeze.

Patience is the ability to keep your motor idling.

Only a Biker knows why a dog sticks his head out of a car window.

Keep the paint up and the rubber down!

There are two types of people in this world, people who ride motorcycles and people who wish they could ride motorcycles.

Never try to race an old geezer. He may have one more gear than you.

Gray-haired riders don't get that way from pure luck.

REMEMBER -

There is a reason you don't see motorcycles in front of Psychologist's Offices!

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 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, giglio@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