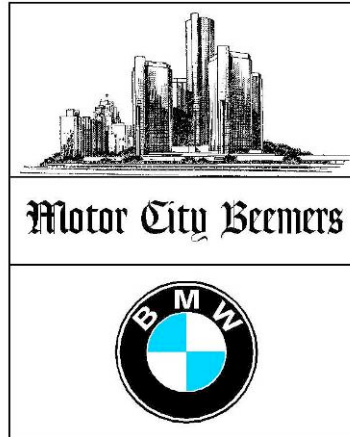




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THE PREZ SEZ

Our April meeting is coming. We are going to have a presentation on GPS units; programming and use thereof. This will be the last program for the winter/spring season. It will also be our first opportunity to go for a ride. In preparation, I just completed the Basic Rider Safety Course at Macomb College. It gave me a chance to not only brush up on my skills but was also a perfect excuse to ride the old Beemer to the class. It was a bit chilly and woke you up within minutes of hitting the road. It was fantastic!

Come on out and join us for this first club ride of the season. Hopefully the weather will be warm and sunny. Even if it is chilly, it will still be a great opportunity to get out and ride. If it is really cold, just keep warm thoughts and dress in layers. This is going to be a great riding season. We have a lot of new members so come along to meet them, enjoy the ride and lunch.

Thank you for your help,
John Saarinen - President,
MC Beemers

Wednesday Night Dinner Club

The Dealership is hosting a Dinner ride every Wednesday evening beginning in April. Please come and join the fun. Not only will you have great rides but you will eat at some equally great places! Peter would like this to be a club sponsored event along with the Dealership. Wednesday Dinner Rides will give every one a chance to ride together more often. Meet at the Beemership at 6:00 PM on Wednesday evenings and have a great time!!!

2008 DUES DUE

If you are not a current member, please pay your dues. Remember, dues cover the majority of Club expenses such as donuts, Frankenmuth chicken dinner, and the annual picnic at Stony Creek in September. Dues remain at \$10 for member and \$5 associate member (wife, husband, or significant other). Please give your renewal form and payment to Sharon Saarinen at the next meeting, or mail your renewal application to:

Sharon Saarinen
6094 Whispering Oak Drive
Washington, Michigan 48094

CLUB ROSTER IS POSTED ON THE WEB SITE

As discussed at several meetings, the Club Roster has been posted on the web site. It requires the password to access and available to all up to date Club Members Only names, phone numbers, town and e-mail addresses are on the Web Site. . The password has also been changed and shared with current paid members.

The hope is the Roster will help us contact each other for riding partners and bring the group closer together; making Motor City Beemers the kind of Club we all would like to see. Try it out and let President John know what you think would make it more helpful.

APRIL 5th LUNCH RIDE TO LAYTON CORNERS

Layton Corners is North West of Flint. It will take about 2 hours to get there from the Beemership. "Junction of Hope Restaurant" is in the North West Corner of the junction of M-57 and Lincoln Road, about 100 yards from the intersection.

The restaurant was started by a Lady who was foster mother to a number of people who were "mentally challenged". She worried that they should be trained to live productive lives and help support themselves. This restaurant is also serves as a training center for mentally challenged people from throughout the area. Many people have benefited from this facility and it's many programs.

The food is outstanding, the service is great and the prices are very, very reasonable! All income from the restaurant (including tips) goes to train and support the people in training.

APRIL MEETING PROGRAM ON GPS

Our own Ken Mitchell will be doing the program on GPS at the April Meeting. If you are considering purchasing a GPS unit for your Bike or think you might not be getting the most out of the unit you have, you will want to make sure you attend this meeting. Ken is well experienced in using GPS during his Bike Travels and will share his knowledge and experience with the group.

PICTURES ON THE WEB SITE

The pictures made during the March 1st meeting have been placed on the web site for all to see. Take a look, some of them are fairly good. You might want to pull down a couple and print them out for posterity (or some other sinister reason).

The idea was to make this a common practice each meeting. Beginning in April with the Lunch ride, the pictures may add to the flavor of the Club and be something we all enjoy. Take a look let the President know your thoughts.

NEWS FROM THE BEEMERSHIP

We would like to Welcome Bill Vujnov to his NEW POSITION as General Manager of BMW Motorcycles of Detroit.

Bill came to us with a long history of more than 25 years of bike ownership and has logged many, many miles in the saddle! He has owned the "other " tour bikes but has been converted by the BMW experience. He says he'll never look back!!!

We are excited about the new addition to our family here at the Beemership and look forward to a fun, safe and rewarding season with Bill at the helm. Come by and congratulate Bill on his new position.

OUR NEW SPRING & SUMMER HOURS ARE:

Monday~ Friday 9:30 AM ~ 6:00 PM

Thursday OPEN LATE: till 8:00 PM

Saturday 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

"Red Hot" Hot Dogs every Saturdays starting April 12. Stop in for a snack while you are out on the bike. It will be on Saturdays all summer long. Bring a friend by for a visit and a snack!!!!

Is your old riding coat worn out ? Our summer stock pile of First Gear has just arrived. Come in and check out the latest designs and technology. Loads of new inventory on hand to get you geared up and ready to ride all summer long.

Our Service Department is ready to help you get your bike ready for the riding season with certified BMW Mechanics.

Special sale on 2007 BMW R1200GS~ in stock. Stop by the store for more details.

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!".

MARCH 1ST MEETING DISCUSSION ON BIKE MIRRORS

At the meeting on March 1st, a question about mirrors to help eliminate the blind spot was raised. Below are a couple of links to the company that was mentioned, Multivex. In addition to the listed models of BMW's for which they already have mirrors, it is thought you can send them your specific measurements and they will make a mirror specific for your needs. .

Home Page: www.multivexmirror.net/index.html

No affiliation, but I do have these mirrors on my R1200RT. Takes a little getting use to, but they do increase the field of view to the side.

AND TO REPEAT, DO NOT RELY ON MIRROWS WHEN MAKING ANY LANE CHANNGES. ALWAYS LOOK OVER YOUR SHOULDER TO MAKE CERTAIN THE LANE IS CLEAR, DO NOT RELY ON THE MIRROR ONLY.

I ALSO SUGGEST ALWAYS KNOWING WHERE YOU ARE IN RELATION TO TRAFFIC, BY SCANNING AHEAD, MIRRORS, ETC. ON A REGULAR 10 SECOND SCAN CYCLE.

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY TRAINING, May 18th

A number of Club members have signed up to take the Experienced Rider Course (ERC) on Sunday, May 18th. The Club members will make up their own group and it will be a class for MC Beemer members only. If you are interested in joining them, the best advice is to register now. All classes have a \$25 fee and fill up very fast!!

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>

MONTHLY MEETING; APRIL 5th

Hoop will be leading us to the *Junction of Hope Restaurant* in Layton Corners, MI (North West of Flint) rain or shine for our first 2008 scheduled ride. Expect to ride unless we have ice/snow. We'll 4-wheel it if the weather does not cooperate. If your machine has not been ridden yet this season, you might want to re-commission it and take a short ride before our meeting to make sure it operates as expected. Be sure to T-CLOCS your ride before heading down the driveway

Please have your tank full when you arrive at the Beemership. It would also be a good idea to review the group riding hand signals and use them. The MSF website (http://www.msf-usa.org/index_new.cfm) has all sorts of additional useful information.

ROLLING THUNDER (RT); MAY 23-26 PLUS RETURN

Jim Mick has volunteered to lead us on this POW/MIA Memorial ride to Washington D.C. (<http://www.rollingthundermotorcyclery.com/>). The schedule of RT events has not yet been set for 2008. You can see what it was like last year by clicking <http://www.rollingthundermotorcyclery.com/magazine.html>.

WEST VIRGINIA TWISTIES; MAY 27-JUNE 6

I would propose tacking on our interest in the West Virginia twisties on the Rolling Thunder return leg for those that have the time. We would return no later than Friday, June 6th so we can still attend our regular June 7 meeting. That's a maximum of 15 days on the road – maybe less depending on how we feel. Check your schedules and let me know if you have interest in participating in either RT or both of these rides by April 6. kpsacone@comcast.net.

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 your postings to motorcycle items. The one thing that we ask is that once your items sell, please notify us so we can remove it from the newsletter. Please let John Hooper 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

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

Don't forget to check the Club Web Site as well. You might find something you can't live without!! Something is going on there that involves 3 sweaty women but the details are limited.