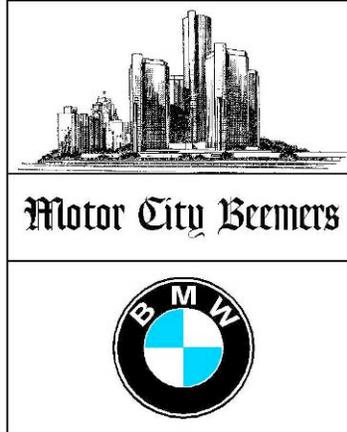




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THE PREZ SEZ

If you are not at the RA Rally in Houghton, you are missing a great time!!!! Not to mention some fantastic food and fellowship.

There were 12 Bikes and 17 people who made the trip to Frankenmuth to eat chicken on Saturday, June 14th. If you were not in the group, you missed a lot of fun and some great food! If you were in the group, you know how beautiful the route was our leader had selected. Jerry Pokorski did an excellent job in setting up the lunch with the Bavarian Inn and detailing the route. When people saw the 30 some odd turns on the route, they were worried about the group staying together. But Jerry had worked all that out and it was no problem. Besides the roads being good all the way to Frankenmuth, the scenery was truly outstanding!! The weather cooperated after a severe weather warning the day before and could not have been better.

At our July 5th meeting, Rhys Blair will lead us to the Dorsey House for lunch. It will be an equally pleasing ride. Make sure you join the group!

Thank you for your help making our Club so Great!
John Saarinen - President,
Motor City Beemers

"WHO'S THE NEWBIES?"

Meet **Tim & June Anderson.**

Early years:

Tim is originally from Grand Rapids and moved to the Detroit area (via Miami) in 1999. Tim & June met during, and married after college.

Career:

Tim & June are both graduates of MSU; their son (Dylan) is about to be a sophomore there and their daughter (Emily) at 17 keeps talking about Michigan so this is an MSU family!! Even Tim's E-mail address is ...@msualum.com

For the past 20 years Tim has worked the investment department of a couple of different Trust banks and they currently live in Rochester.

Tim spends most summer weekends at their cottage in the Grand Rapids area. He does a little woodworking and in the Fall Tim and Dylan like to go bird hunting.

Riding Experience:

June does not ride her own bike, but about 4 years ago she did spend Mother's Day weekend taking the Basic Rider Course with Dylan who was then just 15 year old. As the proud husband/father, Tim is pleased to say that both passed. Emily does not yet ride, but has expressed some interest so they are playing that by ear. (PS: I got Jeri to agree to take the BRC if I could find someone else that she knew who was taking the class...)

Tim had his first bike (a Yamaha 650 Special) at MSU, but stopped riding for almost 20 years (probably for the same reason that many of us did). He got back into riding shortly after they moved to this area. He's on his second BMW, an R1200GS and Dylan rides with him when he can. When they go to their cottage, Tim usually rides over and back.

Meet **Thomas & Alexandra VanEesbeeck**

Early years:

Thomas & Alexandra were both born in Germany, have known each other since kindergarten (no joke) and lived in Germany until recently. Thomas came to the US in 2001 and Alexandra followed him in 2002. They married here in Michigan in 2002. A wedding here was not an easy decision, with only Thomas' parents attending from Germany, along with coworkers in the back yard of a fellow worker. It was a beautiful wedding, but different - with so few long time friends/family attending.

Both got their education and training in Germany. Thomas was sent here by his company and the company lawyers took care of all needed paperwork for his L1 Visa (an inter company transfer). After that he got an H1B Visa which is for special occupation/skills and in 2006 he got his 'green card' (won in the US government DV lottery).

Career:

Thomas works as an electronics engineer in the automotive industry, mainly doing R&D in a small independent engineering company. Currently Thomas is experiencing a ridiculous amount of stress at work (some of us know what that's like!!). Alexandra is a medical assistant

for general surgery but she is not allowed to work in her job right now due to different standards in the medical field between here in the US and Germany. Alexandra is currently an Inventory Analyst at Meijer (which is a fancy title for restocking merchandise) just to be doing something. She is considering switching to something totally different (change of career), but plans are not in place yet.

Riding Experience:

Thomas started riding at 16 years old with a 125cc Yamaha dirt bike. He stayed with Yamahas for a while before switching to BMWs. His second motorcycle was an 1100cc Virago and then a V-max (which he sold in 2001 when he moved to Michigan). He spent 7 years without a bike but he's on his 4th bike now, an R1200GS Adv went to the dealer mid June due to a EWS failure. He recently stopped at a store to get a bottle of water and when he tried to restart the GS nothing happened. Reading through the manual and a call to the Dealership it was obvious that he had a problem with the anti theft system. BMW roadside assistance and a call to Don... and he picked it up within a week. He thanks Don for staying late on Saturday June 14th and waiting for him.

Alexandra has never been interested in getting the motorcycle license or riding her own bike but always rides with Thomas.

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

With gas prices like they are, the showroom is getting a lot of traffic. One of the first questions these days is "how many miles per gallon does this bike get?" BMWs on average get 50 mpg, if you did not already know. Also, BMW bikes are not near as expensive as a lot of people think. It is not uncommon that a Harley rider will come into the showroom and say something to the effect of "you mean I can have gotten a new BMW for that price! I just paid more than that for the Harley I'm riding!!"

The Beemership has new BMWs that are under \$10,000 and get 70 mpg. Previously owned Bikes are also handled by the Beemership, but seem to not stay on the floor very long. Some have found a home within a day of being placed on the floor! If you have a bike you want to sell, consider letting the Beemership sell it for you on consignment.

There are two new persons added to the staff. Angie Goodman is a new apparel sales person and comes to the Beemership with computer sales and purchasing experience. Angie is a very nice and competent lady who would enjoy helping you select your new apparel and accessories. Stop in and say hello to Angie!

Michael Kalso is new to the Sales team and comes with a lot of enthusiasm and knowledge. If you, or a friend, are looking for a Bike, Mike is the person you need. You will find Mike an easy person to talk with and one who wants to help you make the best decisions about your Bike needs.

BEEMERSHIP 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!!!!

The Fall riding apparel, accessories and gear will be arriving soon. You might be very pleased with what you will find!

Our Service Department is ready to help you keep your bike ready in top running condition. Certified BMW Mechanics are on duty to help you with any problems you might have.

Bill V.
General Manager,
BMW of Detroit

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>

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER RIDE

The Dealership is hosting a Dinner ride every Wednesday. Please come and join the fun. Not only will you have great rides but you will eat at some equally great places! We 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!!!

PICTURES ON THE WEB SITE

The pictures made during meetings have been placed on the web site for all to see. Take a look; some of them are fairly good.

The idea is to make this a common practice each meeting. The pictures may add to the flavor of the Club and be something we all enjoy. Take a look and let the President know your thoughts.

Some of these pictures are also posted on the Snap Fish web site in full 4 meg a pixel quality. If you would like access to the Snap Fish Albums, please send John Hooper (Newsletter Editor) an email and he will send you an invitation to view them. You will be required to set up an account in Snap Fish, but it is free. This way, only those who have been invited to view the album of pictures have access to them, not just anyone with internet access.

Send John an e-mail at jvhooper@comcast.net and he will add you to the invitation list for these and future Motor City Beemer Albums in Snap Fish.

CLUB ROSTER IS POSTED ON THE WEB SITE

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. If you are a current member, you have the password and can get to the Rooster.

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.

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 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

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!!