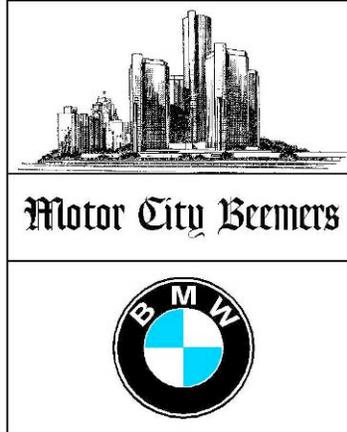




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THE PREZ SEZ

I sat down today to think about what I was going to write for my Prez Sez and decided to watch a TV show on assembly of the BMW Z4 in Spartanburg, S.C.. When they came to the part where they assembled the BMW roundel side light to the car they cut to a BMW executive. He started to explain that for years BMW management and marketing people thought the roundel represented a spinning propeller from their days of making aircraft engines. He said that recently they found out it is not a spinning propeller, but celebrates their Bavarian heritage. The blue and white are colors from the Bavarian flag. The roundel is just a circular section of the common blue and white check banners you see in Bavaria. Kind of took the mystique out of the emblem for me.

That aside, it is still the symbol of a great motorcycle that I enjoy riding and that has given me the opportunity to travel to far away places that I only dreamed about when I first started riding back in the late 60's. No one back then expected a motorcycle to go 100,000 plus miles on one bike without rebuilding it. Our bikes are now capable of 200,000, 300,000 miles or more without engine repairs. Even though the mystique of the emblem for me is gone, I am still very happy and proud to ride one of the best motorcycles in the world.

There isn't much time left in the season. Get out and do some riding! We have some great rides planned for October. Come on out and join in!

Ride Safe,
John Saarinen

MOTOR CITY BEEMER PICNIC SEPTEMBER 13, 2008

The picnic was a big success despite the weather. We had 31 attendees. I want to thank Rhys Blair, Sharon Saarinen, Ken Mitchell, and George Yosin for planning the picnic. I also want to thank Jerry Pokorski and Jim Baltista for coming early and helping to set up the tarps that acted as rain breaks. I may have missed someone in the rush to stop the rain from drowning the charcoal in the grill so I will apologize to anyone I missed. Dave McFall and Jim Baltista were the only ones to brave the rain and brought their bikes. Rhys was our grill meister and did his usual fantastic job of grilling the steaks and taught me a lot about grilling.

For those of you that missed this years picnic I will say that the dishes brought to pass were particularly good this year. The deserts leaned heavily towards chocolate...and they were great!

OFFICERS FOR 2009:

It's that time of year when we ask for nominees for officers of our club. We would like to nominate candidates at our November meeting. If we have more than one person interested in a position we can have elections in December. These positions will take effect at the January meeting. Please consider filling one of these positions. We believe that having new people will bring fresh ideas to our club and make it more fun for everyone. We currently have the following positions:

President - chairs our monthly meetings, calls officers meetings, arrangers for speakers or programs (winter meetings), helps coordinate club activities, writes Prez Sez for Newsletter and is signer on checking account.

First Vice President - brings or arranges for donuts at monthly meetings, helps arrange winter programs or speakers at monthly meetings, and acts as back up to president to chair monthly meetings.

Second Vice President - Arranges club picnic in September and Frankenmuth chicken dinner in June.

Third Vice President - Gets volunteers to lead monthly rides, organizes off meeting rides (day and extended), and updates ride schedule for our web site.

Treasurer - Handless all club finances which include: signer on checking account, maintains Excel spread sheet showing cash flow, 50/50 raffle money, collects dues, maintains updated membership list, and sends invites for new members to join e-group mail list.

Newsletter Editor - publishes newsletter every month using Word and submits PDF formatted to Ives Potrafka for posting on our web site.

October 4th LUNCH RIDE

Jerry Pokorski will be leading the Lunch ride at the Club's October 4th Meeting. This ride is a swap with the September scheduled Lunch Ride. If you enjoy watching beautiful old places, restored and turned into a productive business. Clare's of Lansing is a must see. The owner took what was left of an old train station and built what is now a fine dining area. Just blocks away from the State Capitol Building, Clare's offers a rustic atmosphere filled with ambiance of train travel days of old. The soft lighting takes you back in time. The hard wood floors with all of their unique squeaks and crackling offers a feeling of history. Also, the food is excellent! Check Clare's out on their web site at :

http://www.claras.com/10_99updates/cls10_99.html

Jerry was the Ride Captain of an earlier ride this year and selected an absolutely great route! This Ride promises to be just as good, if not better !!

Annual Color Tour – October 18-19

Wow! So far, we have 11 bikes and 13 people planning on making Color Tour 2008. Last year, there were just 2 of us. Eight men and 5 women will be enjoying all Michigan's North Country has to offer. At least 9 of the group are planning on staying at the Legs Inn cabins the 18th. A couple of our hearty women are planning on tenting next to the cabins. Come on with us and join in a beautiful late season weekend ride. We just need to talk Hoop into going along to ensure clear weather.

I'll post the route I have planned in various GPS file formats so you can have a look see. If there is something you would like change, send me your suggestions and I'll see if I can work them in.

At this point in the planning, we will have 2 departure rendezvous locations to avoid unnecessary travel. The first departure will be at 09:00 from the Park & Ride immediately across from the I-75 northbound Sashabaw Road (exit 89) exit ramp. There is a Culver's just to the north (right) of the exit ramp if you arrive early and would like a cuppa joe. The second rendezvous point will be at the northbound I-75 rest area just north of Flint (milepost 128). This location may be beneficial for those who live on the east or west sides of town and find I-69 or US 23 more convenient. If you choose to meet at the rest area, plan your departure from home so we can leave the rest area around 08:50. Please arrive just a bit early at the rendezvous points so we don't keep others waiting.

The only planned en-route stop I have is at Wheeler's restaurant in Standish for breakfast. It should only be about an hour from I-75 rest area 128 to Wheelers. That should put us at Wheeler's around 10:00.

The above plan is subject to change as we near the departure date based on your input or highway construction.

You might want to put my cell number in your phone so you can notify me of any problems/delays while making your way to the rendezvous points.

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NEWS FROM THE BEEMERSHIP

The **BIG NEWS** this month is the **OPEN HOUSE ON OCTOBER 11TH**! Enough said!!

Bill V.
General Manager,
BMW of Detroit

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!"

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>

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 jyhooper@comcast.net and he will add you to the invitation list for these and future Motor City Beemer Albums in Snap Fish.

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

TOP CASE: Fits an R1200 RT or K1200 GT, Model 2005s and up. Call Bill at 586-933-3561

NEW SEATS: For R1200RT and R1200 GSs, Call Bill at 586-933-3561.

TANK BAG: Previously owned tank bag fort and GT Bikes, 2005 and up. Call Bill at 586-933-3561

Don't forget to check the Club Web Site as well. You might find something you can't live without!!