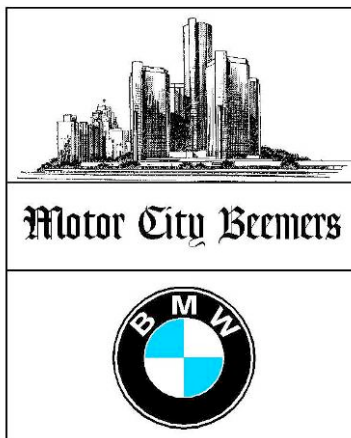




# Motor City Beemers



## Club Newsletter



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**Next Meeting; Saturday, December 6, 2008, 10:30AM @ BMW of Detroit**

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### **THE PREZ SEZ**

The year is drawing to a close, the roads will be getting slippery soon. That means we have to slow down when riding! Stop riding for the winter...no way. These last few days of summer have been fantastic. I put on almost 1000 miles in the last week and a half and not really gone anywhere. I will miss getting on the bike with just the outer shell of my jacket and keeping the windshield down and visor up. I hope to ride south on some rides this winter just to keep the bike limbered up.

I want to say that it was a great riding season and enjoyed riding with those who came along on the monthly lunch rides and the mid-month over night trips. I've come to know quite a few of you and found that we have a real good bunch of people. I am proud to say I am a Motor City Beemer member. I hope the club is filling a need for you the membership. We the officers have worked to provide programs and rides that you found interesting and enjoyable. I want to thank the officers for a great job this year. If you feel the officers did a good job please thank them. The officers are: Pete Payton, George Yosin, Ken Mitchell, Sharon Saarinen, and John Hooper. Looking forward to the 2009 riding season!

Ride Safe,  
John Saarinen

## **December 6th LUNCH RIDE- (Polar Bear Ride with Dick Hautau)**

This years Polar Bear ride will start from Kirby's following breakfast on a mystery route planned by our fearless ride leader Dick Hautau. The route will as always be dependant upon local weather and road conditions of the day! If the roads are snowy and slick, there will be NO RIDE! But that does not stop us if the snow is on the ground and the roads clear, Remember our club moto: WE RIDE!

Rides the past several years have included out Dexter way, Canterbury Village and Belle Isle Park. This year's ride will be a good one, as always, and may even include a special Lunch stop, weather permitting.

Ride Safe,

From New Zealand,  
Dick & Sharon Hautau

## **KEN MITCHELL SAY THANKS**

The Polar Bear Ride will close out my tenure as Ride Captain for 2008. I want to thank everyone who so quickly stepped up at the beginning of the year to plan and lead our monthly rides this year. The great participation on our rides in 2008 made for a terrific season. You made my job a pleasure.

## **NEWS FROM THE BEEMERSHIP**

Be sure to put Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, on your calendar. Phil Freeman from Alaska Rider Tours & Moto Quest Tours will be at the Beemership. Phil was born and raised in Alaska and is bringing some of that famous Salmon Alaska is known for. He has a number of DVDs showing the great Bike riding in Alaska, both on road and off. There might be other tricks and treasures during the day. He can answer all your questions about riding in Alaska. Even if you don't go to Alaska, it will be fun to learn about it. Who knows, you might even put riding in Alaska on your personal "Bucket List" someday!

Bill V.  
General Manager,  
BMW of Detroit

## **BMWMOA WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!!!!!!!**

BMWMOA members should have received an e-mail regarding a BMW survey of Products and Clubs. Even if you are NOT a BMWMOA member, you are encouraged to submit a survey response to help provide guidance to BMW regarding their products, services, and customers.

BMW Wants YOUR Input!

BMW is often accused of not being interested in our opinions as riders and consumers of their products. They have a new survey that will be held open through the end of the year. This survey is an opportunity for you to tell BMW what your experiences, both as a club member and a consumer, are like. Your opinions will help BMW better

understand what we desire in either venue, and may result in outcomes like special club member packages and accessories on new bikes (or cars). It may also help drive further product development more tailored to our market.

Survey: <http://www.psyma-surveys.com/uc/bmwclubs>

Please take the time to vote at the above link. As the single largest block of BMW enthusiasts in the world, we really have an opportunity to provide input into future club relations, product line up and a whole host of other topics

### **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](mailto: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!"

### **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](mailto:jyhooper@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](http://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](http://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!!