



Motor City Beemers



Club Newsletter



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THE PREZ SEZ

Our riding season got off to a great start following last month's meeting. The weather has continued to improve and every day you see more and more motorcycles on the road. Even with this increasing number of motorcycles on the roads car drivers continue to be unaware of our presence. Remember to always drive defensively.

Come on out and participate in the club rides. Check the ride schedule posted on our website for upcoming rides. We still have a need for additional lunch destinations and ride leaders. It isn't hard, pick a restaurant you like to eat at and decide how to get there. We are all interested in new places to eat. Help make this club a rewarding experience for all of its members.

Ride Safe,
John Saarinen

News Letter Editor Needed

John Hooper, who has done the news letter for the last year and a half, has family obligations which will require us to find a new editor. Please talk with John or myself about this position. We need someone to step forward and help out the club. Please come and talk with me at the May club meeting or give me a call.

Respectfully,
John Saarinen

TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP:

It's that time of year again when we need to renew our members and pay our dues. Dues remain at \$10 for a member and \$5 for an associate member. An associate member is anyone who is your child, spouse, or significant other. This remains one of the best deals available. Your membership pays for the doughnuts at our monthly meetings, the Frankenmuth chicken dinner in June and the September steak picnic. Please renew by sending your renewal to Allen Gigliotti along with a check made out in his name. With proper ID he will also accept cash at the meetings.

I believe we are going to have a great time again this year and would love to have you join us. We will be changing the password to the website and updating the Yahoo Group e-mail list. If you have not renewed, you won't be getting the new password.

NEWS FROM THE BEEMERSHIP

Let BMW Motorcycles of Detroit get you revved up for the upcoming riding season. Call our service department to get your bikes ready for the road. Make sure you stop by to join us Saturday, May 2nd for our Spring Sensation Open House and get reacquainted with our friendly staff, enjoy the pig roast, live music by a local band, "Orange Marsupials", and Demo Rides.

Angie Goodman,
General Manager

APRIL RIDE TO BISTRO 1882 IN PORT HURON

This was our largest first ride of the season. We had 18 members take the ride to the Bistro 1882 in Port Huron. We broke up into two groups when we left the dealership. Van Dyke construction traffic was worse than expected and we did get strung out. Light traffic allowed us to regroup shortly after exiting the construction area until we got to Port Huron. The weather couldn't have been better. The blue skies kept us all warm even though there was chill in the air. The Blue Water Bridge was absolutely beautiful with the blue sky as a back ground. We had the entire restaurant to ourselves when we arrived. The entire second floor filled with riders and our gear. As usual the food and service was good. We broke up into smaller groups for the ride home.

MAY 2nd, MEETING/OPEN HOUSE/LUNCH RIDE CASTAWAYS, LAPEER

We will have our club meeting May 2nd at 10:30AM as usual. Following our meeting, BMW of Detroit is having it's Open House. There will be food, live music and demo rides. Please bring a desert of some type to share at the Open House if you feel like it. If you are bringing a desert call Angie at the Beemership on 586-274-4000 to tell her what you are bringing. We want everyone to have a chance to enjoy the open house so we won't be leaving the Beemership until 2:30PM for the ride to Castaways near Lapeer.

ANNUAL FRANKENMUTH DINNER RIDE, JUNE 13TH

The annual Frankenmuth Dinner ride is scheduled for June 13, 2009. The ride will leave from the Beemership (BMW Motorcycles of Detroit) around 11:00 am. Dinner is scheduled for 2:00 pm - 2:30 pm.

The cost of dinner is included in your annual dues. The ride organizer, Jerry Pokorski (pokorskij@yahoo.com) will need a firm head count of those planning on attending no later than at the June 6th meeting.

Thanks and hope to see all the members there.

EUROPEAN BIKE RALLY, May 15th – 17th, 2009

I am currently planning on going to the European Bikes Rally in Burkesville, Kentucky, May 15th through the 17th. It is being put on by the BMW Motorcycle Club of Nashville. It sounds like it could be a good time. This area has some very good riding roads and is only a short distance from the Dragon/Blue Ridge Parkway/etc. If interested check out their web site at: <http://www.bwmcon.org/rally.html>

Respectfully,
John Saarinen

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!"

MOA RALLY, JULY 17th - 19th, JOHNSON CITY, TENNESSEE RA RALLY JULY 24th- 26th; CAANAN VALLEY, W.V.

This year the MOA Rally will be in Johnson City Tennessee on July 17th-19th. This is a great riding area and close to Michigan. Anyone interested in going can go to the BMW MOA website and gather additional information. If anyone is interested in going we can discuss at travel plans at our monthly meetings

BMA RA Rally will be on the following weekend in Caanan Valley West Virginia. This is only a few hours north of Johnson City and would make sense for those that can get the time off to stay in the area to do some riding if they plan to attend both.

Both of these rallies are in the middle of some of the best riding roads in the country. The

scenery is beautiful, the roads are twisty, and the locals are friendly. It should be a great time. Give some thought to joining us on the ride.

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It is the time of year when we begin planning our return to the 2 Wheel world. Part of the planning is to get our Bike ready. **The other part is to get US ready!** Along with physical exercise, motorcycling training centers might be just what you need for getting you ready. Check the above web site for a class being taught near you. It will be a great investment in your personal safety. Basic Rider Course (BRC) A 15-18 hour Motorcycle Safety Foundation course for the inexperienced rider. Motorcycles are provided. The State of Michigan riding skills test is waived for course graduates. To obtain your motorcycle endorsement you must take the written test & visual exam at the Secretary of State Office. One-weekend courses are very demanding and not for the totally inexperienced student. The Weeknight/day course is recommended for the inexperienced student and provides extra range time on basic skills. Performance Based Course (PB) A 6-7 hour course for the experienced, but unlicensed, rider to become licensed and legal. **Also, many experienced, licensed riders use the PB as an annual refresher and skills tune-up.** Students must provide their own motorcycle with a clutch (no scooters). This course covers braking, turning, counter-steering, speed judgment, and other techniques. All students will take a riding skill evaluation at the beginning of class. If a student fails this evaluation, then he/she must enroll in the basic rider motorcycle course (BRC). Each student must provide proof of insurance for his/her bike and the bike must pass a safety inspection before the student may take the skills Experienced Rider Course (ERC) A 6-hour Motorcycle Safety Foundation course for the experienced licensed rider. Emphasis is on advanced riding skills. Student must provide their own motorcycle.

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>

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 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.

New Highway Pegs for your R1200RT or 'tried and true' Highway Pegs for your

K1200LT. Riding Is Wonderful has completed their first production run of Model R12R Mick-O-Pegs for the R1200RT which will mount to the forward two bolts to each valve cover. These are so new, you may not find a picture yet, but if you look at www.RidingIsWonderful.com you can find a picture of the prototype on the 'prototypes' web page. The production version will have cleaner cuts and bends, but look very similar. Don't expect to see them at a club meeting until April - Jim's doing rallies in the SE and Jason is working on Saturdays.

2007 URAL W/SIDECAR - \$8000.00

6000 Kilometers, 1st Owner, Dealer Serviced, Custom handlebars for rider comfort, Auxiliary light on sidecar

Photos Upon request.

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