



Motor City Beemers

Club Newsletter



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All meetings are held on the first Saturday of the month at 10:30 AM.

Next Meeting: November 7, 2009, 10:30AM at BMW of Detroit

Following Meeting: December 5, 2009 at BMW of Detroit

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THE PREZ SEZ

As the riding season draws to a close I find myself looking back on one great set of riding experiences. This year I got to attend a number of great rally's in Kentucky, Tennessee, and West Virginia. Rode to Alaska on an extended tour. Rode in the rain, snow, and yes, even in the sun (on some rare occasions). The lunch rides following our meetings took us to a number of good restaurants I might not have gone to on my own. I even got out for some of the Wednesday evening dinners. In fact we just got back from the color tour to Cross Village. The best part of these experiences has been the camaraderie of our fellow club members and the riders we met along the way. We have a lot of great people in this club. I hope you get a chance to attend the rides remaining on this year's ride schedule and join us again next year.

We still have a couple more rides coming this year. Tim Perry will be leading a ride to Tony Packo's in Toledo, Ohio on November 7th. There is also out Polar Bear Run (on bikes if no ice) on December 5th. Come on out and join in on the fun. It is your club, make it everything it can be!

John Saarinen - Riding is fun, why else would we do it?

Club Events

Color Ride

We had 8 members ride from the Beemership at 7:30AM on Saturday, October 17th to start the annual trip to Leggs Inn at Cross Village. We split up into 2 groups of 4 to make the ride to meet Ken Mitchell just north of Pontiac. Ken had planned a very fun route to Cross Village this

year. Just north of Flint we picked up our tenth member at a rest area allowing everyone to make any necessary adjustments.

The group stopped at the Doherty Hotel in Clare, Michigan for brunch and to pick up another member that brought the group to 11.

The route had some great curves and we arrived at about dinner time. Three additional members had arrived early and tried to put in for a table. They wouldn't accept the reservation until our entire group arrived. Our group had now swelled to 14 and we were told that it would be about an hour to an hour and a half before we could be seated. We took that time to get our 3 cabins and unload the motorcycles. We walked up the hill to the Leggs Inn and gathered in the bar area to wait for our table.

They seated us in the bar area at two adjacent tables. Dinner was good as usual. This being the weekend they close for the season they were again running out of some of their more popular dishes. They had more available than we experienced in past years. Following dinner we presented a Bent Beemer to Kourtney Thompson for an incident at last year's color tour. Some of us went to bed to get an early start the next morning.

The next morning we continued to be blessed with chilly but good weather for the ride home. We broke up into a number of small groups for the ride home. Six of us rode down the west coast of Michigan. I broke off at Boyne City to go visit my nephew and have another adventure. I was told that everyone had a great time. We hope that you can join us next year.

Bent Beemer

We are looking for nominations for this year's Bent Beemer Awards. If you know something that happened to someone...or their bike in the past year please forward their name, what happened, any broken/lost parts, or photographs to John Saarinen for review and possible award. This is in the spirit of fun and creating camaraderie. Remember to keep this to yourself and not submit anything that would reflect badly on the respectability of this cheap flimsy plywood award. We intend to present these awards in the first 3 months of next year so don't delay in your nominations.

Election of New Officers:

Your officers this year did a great job and I want to thank them for their service and for their successes. Our officers for 2009 are:

- John Saarinen - President
- Tim Perry - VP Ride Schedule
- Jerry Pokorski - VP Chicken Run and Steak Picnic
- Allen Gigliotti - Treasurer, and
- Dave Cronberger - Newsletter Editor.
- Ives Potrafka – Webmaster

It is that time of year to ask for volunteers for next year's officers. Volunteer yourself or someone else. If you are interested or willing please talk to the current officers to get a feel for what their job is like. This is your club; make it everything you want it to be. We need the following officers:

- President - Runs meetings, defuses arguments, write Prez Sez, buys donuts for meetings (but I get reimbursed by the club), & jack of all trades.
- VP Chicken Run and Steak Picnic - Organizes June Frankenmuth Chicken Run and September Picnic

The following officers have agreed to stay on for the 2010 calendar year, don't forget to thank them for their continuing service to the club:

- Tim Perry, VP Ride Schedule - Organizes and tracks monthly and special rides, controls ride schedule.
- Allen Gigliotti, Treasurer - Does our banking, keeps a balance sheet & handles membership rolls
- Dave Cronberger, Newsletter Editor - Publishes our newsletter, gets people to submit articles, and writes some articles.
- Ives Potrafka, Webmaster – maintains the club website.

Club Rides

November 7 Ride

Tim Perry is organizing the ride to Tony Packo in Toledo, Ohio. This restaurant was made famous in the television series, Mash. It was Klingers favorite restaurant. He made them famous for their hot dogs. Tim will provide routes to follow. This will be our first try at breaking the larger group into small groups of 3 or 4 riders. This should make the ride a little more fun since we won't have one large group trying to keep up with each other. Come on out and enjoy one of the last great riding opportunities for the season.

December 5 Ride

Dick Hautau – will be leading the annual Polar Bear Ride.

NEWS FROM THE BEEMERSHIP

Year End Motorcycle Clearance:

If you are looking for a new bike check out the year end clearance sale the BMW of Detroit. They have yearend clearance prices plus special financing available. Check our website for details.

BMWMOA NEWS

The contest ended October 11th. MOA members who entered the mileage contest need to get their forms signed and submitted before November 15th. A blank form is available on our web site if you have lost or did not receive one this year. Final mileage must be submitted on the MOA Mileage form. You can bring the form to our November meeting to get the necessary signatures. You need two MOA members to sign the form, or one of the following; dealership employee (with their stamp), any officer of our club, or Dick Hautau (our MOA Ambassador). Bring the forms and we can mail them in one envelope...or bring your own envelope (and stamp). It is a matter of bragging rights as to the most active riding clubs, so don't miss the opportunity to be recognized for your mileage. Bring your form if you haven't sent it in already.

Other News

Have you ever wondered about why New York State has motorcycle only safety checks on the highway? Or why in some states you can ride in the high occupancy vehicle lane (HOV) and not in another state. The American Motorcycle Association is a great place to learn about riding and rights.

The Motorcycle Show at the Rock Financial Showplace is coming. This year it will be January 1st thru 3rd. They have a "Club Connection" that allows clubs like ours to volunteer and do a little recruiting. Could be a way for our club to get some new members?

Rides

The Wednesday Night Dinner rides managed by Betty are going well and for a schedule check the club web site or the club group on Yahoo. Meet time at the restaurants is normally 6:30 to 7:00 PM.

Oct 28th dinner ride is to the:

Rec Bowl
40 Crocker Blvd
Mount Clemens, Mi 48043
(586) 468-7746

Training

There was interest in taking the Lee Parks advanced riding class at Alpha-Training in Lansing next year. Let Dave Cronberger know if you are interested so we can see if we can get a "club class".

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!"

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 Dave Cronberger know if they need to be removed.

Highway Pegs

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