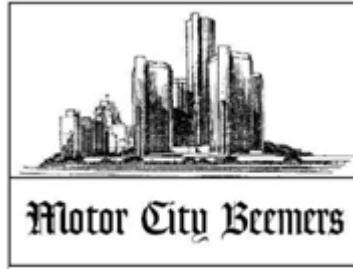




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Club Newsletter



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

Next Meeting: December 5, 2009, 10:30AM at BMW of Detroit

Following Meeting: January 9, 2010 at BMW of Detroit

Web site: <http://www.bizblvd.net/mcbeemers>

Meetings in 2010 will be on the second (2nd) Saturday of each month

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THE PREZ SEZ

We are approaching Thanksgiving and Christmas and want to thank all of you for your help and friendship this last year. I look forward to another year with our club and know that it will be just as good...if not better next year. I've had a great time riding, talking, and hanging around with all of you. I am thankful we have such a great bunch of people in our club. We need to be thankful for another great riding season with some fantastic riding opportunities. I got my chance to ride to Alaska this year and piled up more than 21,000 miles this year. I keep thinking that the riding season isn't really over, it is now an opportunity to get those heated jacket liners out of the closet and give them a chance to breath.

Ride Safe,

John Saarinen

CLUB EVENTS

Tony Packo's Ride Report,

The October ride took us to Tony Packo's in Toledo, Ohio. There were 8 bikes, 9 riders/passengers that took the ride. Ives wife Renee met us at the restaurant. Per the wishes of the members making the ride Tim Perry lead us by surface roads to Toledo. Basically we rode west until we hit Telegraph and headed south until we hit the Ohio border. It boggled my mind as to how much road construction there is in Michigan. We did a lot of lane changing to avoid the construction barrels. We got to the restaurant somewhere near 1:00PM. It looked bad as our reservations were for 12:00 noon. They seated us quickly anyway and I believe we all had a good meal and great company. The group broke up for the ride home. Tim Perry, Jerry Pokorski, and myself road west along the Maumee River and took US23 north then I94 east. Things moved pretty quickly until we exited at I-696 west. We got separated and the backup was terrible. Separated we just headed home. It was a great day for a ride. Most of us dressed warm expecting it to be chilly. I know some of us removed some of those layers for the ride home. It was like a summer day. Hope you join us for some of the other rides we have planned. - John Saarinen

(Ed. Note -Yours truly went on my annual Pheasant hunting trip with my church. The switch grass was 8 feet tall, the dogs could not find the birds, and we were sweating. I should have went with you all to Tony Packo's)

Elections Saturday, December 5th.

We are still looking for a few good people to act as officers for next year. We have a vice president and president position open that just might be what you are looking for. If not come on out and at least confirm the officers who are stepping forward. This is your club, come on out and make it everything you want it to be.

Meeting dates for 2010:

It was proposed during the October meeting to move the meeting to the second Saturday of every month to avoid the holidays during the summer. At the November meeting a motion was made to move the meeting. With a quorum determined to be present. After a brief discussion a vote was taken and passed the proposal. Therefore the 2010 calendar year meetings have been changed from the first Saturday of the month to the second Saturday of the month, and will take effect in January of 2010.

Our next meeting will still be on December 5th.

Club Rides

December 5 Ride

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

Rides for 2010 will be scheduled.

NEWS FROM THE BEEMERSHIP

Christmas Party

Visit the dealership and enjoy the party Christmas party on December 12th. Also use this as an opportunity to help others have a decent meal for Christmas.

Food Drive

The dealership is holding a food drive for St. Mark's Food Pantry in Warren during the month of December. Anyone who contributes to the food drive will receive a coupon for a 10% discount on parts, accessories and apparels.

The following is a suggested contribution list provided by St. Mark's. It contains items that will help feed a family for 5 to 7 days. You may choose all or some of these items as your contribution.

St. Mark's Food Pantry Holiday List

Canned Soup	Gravy
Canned Vegetables	Canned Tuna
Canned Spaghetti	Canned Baked Beans
(Chef Boy-R-Dee or Franco American)	Cake Mix
Jelly or Jam	Hamburger Helper
Spaghetti Sauce	Jell-O
Stuffing Mix	Macaroni & Cheese
Jiffy Muffin Mix	

Let Angie Goodman know if you are interested in participating in a blood drive sponsored by the Beemership.

BMWMOA NEWS

Dick Hautau has masterfully recruited several club members to man the OA booth at the International Motorcycle Show at the Rock Financial Showplace. If you are not a member today stop by the booth and join. The show is January 1st thru the 3rd, 2010.

Other News

If you are a member of the BMW Motorrad XPLORE web site you may have received a coupon from BMW for \$100 for a purchase of \$300 toward BMW apparel.

Rides

The Wednesday dinner rides for November have been a success and if this weather keeps up we could have them in December?

Training

There was discussion at a couple of meetings about taking Lee Parks class next summer. Lee may be at the Motorcycle show at Rock Financial Showplace and this would be a great chance to learn more about the class.

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.

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