



# Motor City Beemers

## Club Newsletter



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BMW RA Club #209

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All meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at 10:30AM at BMW of Detroit

Our *next* meeting is scheduled for May 14th

Following Meeting: June 11th

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### THE PREZ SEZ

The riding season is now upon us. We need to make the best use of the time and weather provided to us. Michigan has one of the shortest riding seasons of all of the 48 contiguous states. Yet one of our members is listed in the top 25 (in the nation) for accumulating miles last year. We need to follow Dick Hautau's example and make the best use of our riding opportunities. Dick has already gone to Arizona this year. Four other members just returned from a two week ride to Texas and had a great time. I hope you all get out there and ride for the sheer pleasure of it.

In order to ride we need ride destinations and ride leaders. Many of the club lunch rides following the meetings need ride destinations and even more need ride leaders. We need members to step forward. Use these opportunities to show your fellow members your favorite lunch or dinner restaurants or your favorite road. Contact Rhys Blair at [jross-blair@ameritech.net](mailto:jross-blair@ameritech.net) with your ideas.

Come on out and ride.

Respectfully, John Saarinen

## FROM YOUR "RIDE CAPTAIN"

*We have quite a list of perspective rides for 2011 . . .*

- Tony's Diner in Birch Run
- MCBeemer Club Camp out at Sauder Farms and Craft Village - Archibold, Ohio, June 18-19
- Gilmore Museum in Kalamazoo - could be an overnight camp out also.
- RA Firecracker Rally July 1-3rd - Chippewa Falls, WI
- MCBeemer Club Cycle-more Camp out August 6&7Th
- Tippecanoe Place (Studebaker Mansion) Restaurant in South Bend, IN
- College Football Hall of Fame in South Bend, IN
- Kalamazoo Air Museum
- Fort Malden, Amherstburg, Ontario (bring your passport)
- Jackpines Rally
- The Frederick Meijer Museum in Grand Rapids
- Grattan Raceway Park, Belding, MI June 18&19 AHRMA (antique)

Now we need a few folks to step up and lead a ride or two. You will notice that most of the rides take a large portion of the day and there are a couple that are overnights. Some have already volunteered to lead a ride and that's great, so pick a Saturday, pick a ride/destination and let's get on with it. Call or email me if you have any questions.

Rhys

## **CLUB RIDES**

### TEXAS OR BUST . . . FROM THE JOURNALS OF JOHN SAARINEN

Day 1 - April 9<sup>th</sup> following our club meeting, Bob Hann, Rhys Blair, Keith Harrison and I left for mid Texas to ride the hill country and visit friends/relatives. On the way down we rode the interstates to cover the most distance in the shortest time. We deviated from that plan shortly after passing Ann Arbor where we jogged over to M12 following it through the Irish Hills; stopping for lunch at the Artesian Wells in Cement City. *They had great burgers but skip the water. It will put hair on your chest.*

Riding south on I-69 we stopped at the Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Museum in Cementville, Indiana. The museum is worth seeing. One interesting factoid is that there were more car companies started in Indiana than any other place in the world. We got rooms near Indianapolis, Indiana.

Day 2 - Leaving Indianapolis, Bob hit something in the road that cut his tire but not deep enough to leak. We ate at some hole in the wall place recommended by locals, good food. Memphis evening traffic was an experience worth avoiding. Found ourselves trapped in the wrong lane and missed I-40; ended up on the ring road which was worse.



Rhys stopped on the shoulder to let us re-group after being separated. We had enough and stopped for the night to let the traffic works itself out.

Day 3 - Entering Arkansas it started to rain. We just had time to pull off and don our rain gear when it let loose. It continued to pour all the way to Little Rock. By then the rain had worked its way down the neck of my jacket filling my rain pants, I assume that is why they call them rain pants.

After entering Texas Keith broke off to visit friends near Dallas. The 3 of us rode south, stopping in Carthage where Bob visited his wife's aunt. We ate at "Daddy Sam's Bar-B-Q and Cat Fish"; great barbeque . . . *the better of two places recommended by the locals*. It's a small family run place that was definitely worth the time to find it.

Day 4 - Bob and Rhys rode towards Austin. I rode south to Houston to see the space center. This was my first exposure to 70MPH speed limits on two lane roads. It was great until I hit construction. The detour took a 4 mile stretch of 2 lanes with stop signs every half mile. Police at every stop sign to make sure that the people stopped. It took almost 2 hours to go those 4 miles. When the bike over-heated, I shut it off and pushed. No problem keeping up with traffic but I thought I was going to die pushing that bike up those hills in 85+ degree weather. Houston Space Center was expensive to see and only had two areas open; Mission Control & Simulator area. The real adventure was the traffic. It took over an hour to get to the Space Center after getting to the Houston City limit, that wasn't rush hour traffic. I got out of the tour during rush hour but wanted to be in San Antonio that night. The expressways are 5 lanes wide with an additional MOV (Multiple Occupant Vehicles) lane(s) for car pools. After an hour of crawling, I realized that motorcycles were allowed to use the MOV lanes. A quick look over my shoulder revealed a rapidly approaching tour bus in the leftmost of the two MOV lanes. Seeing my chance, I jumped over the double white lines and between the rubber posts meant to stop vehicles from crossing. Only then did I realize that the MOV lanes were narrowing to a single lane and the bus was now rapidly filling my rear view mirror. No going back, I accelerated as fast as I could. *Thanks for the tune-up Don!* I don't know who was scared worse, me or the bus driver. Continuing on the MOV lanes I flew the rest of the way out of the city, but with the earlier delays I didn't make it to San Antonio. Texas is huge with a lot of open space between towns. I finally found a town a few miles off the interstate and got a room...the last vacancy.

Day 5/6 – The next morning I pulled into San Antonio and toured the Alamo. I'll save you the details about the Alamo except for the fact that the city government tore down 60% of the original structure to allow hotels to be built back in the late 1800's. They did save the iconic façade of the church and one of the inner courtyards. It was still worth seeing. Leaving San Antonio I rode to the hill country where they have a stretch called the 3 Sisters (aka Twisted sisters); routes 335, 336 & 337 near the town of Leakey. The area caters to motorcyclists with a refreshment place called the Hog Pen and the *motorcycle only* D'Rose Motel. Riding and scenery are great here, but watch out for Axis deer and vulchers. The sisters have extracted their toll among those who outride their abilities, the most recent of which occurred while I was there (details were not released). If you're in the area, be sure to check out are the Lone Star Motorcycle Museum East of Leakey and the Two Fat Guys Barbeque in Campwood.



Day 7 - We met up again in Fredericksburg, Texas for the ride home.

Day 9 - Riding east we passed through Shreveport, Louisiana enroute to Vicksburg, Mississippi where we toured the Civil War battlefield and started our ride up the Mississippi River. Rhys, Bob, and Keith opted to just a ride through of the battlefield so they could get to Clarksdale early to check out the blues cafes. I dropped back preferring to soak up the history and tour the museum. Finding the museum closed, I filled up the bike and rode hard to catch up. Along the way I visited the little store that made the first Teddy Bear, traveled some rather interesting detours, got turned around and rescued by locals who must have thought I was nuts. I arrived in Clarksdale only to find they hadn't arrived. Turns out they found a museum with a recovered Union Iron Clad. The crazy thing...I went to the museum to see the iron

clad...only it was the wrong museum.



Day 10 – We toured the Delta Blues Museum and stuck our heads in at Morgan Freeman’s Ground Zero Blues Club. We would have liked to stay for lunch but prudently continued north to stay ahead of the approaching storms.



Day 11 - The rest of the trip we would plan our route every evening to avoid the severe thunderstorms with damaging hail and tornados that were passing up the Mississippi Valley when we were there. We stopped in Hannibal and toured the Samuel Clemens boyhood home and museum.

Day 12/13 - Leaving Hannibal we had two days of cold weather starting out at 34 degrees Fahrenheit and not getting much warmer than that. It would be nice to get back home and warm up.

My bike showed 4,651 miles covered in 13 days. It was a lot of great riding shared with friends. I would highly recommend riding the hill country of Texas.

### CLUB LUNCH RIDES

If you know a restaurant that you think we might enjoy, please forward the name and location to Rhys Blair ([jross-blair@ameritech.net](mailto:jross-blair@ameritech.net)). We need to start putting the riding schedule together for this and we need your ideas quickly. These rides will be used as our lunch destinations following our monthly meetings. If you can recommend a route please forward that to Rhys also.

Thank you for your help, John Saarinen

Date	Lunch Ride Destination	Ride Planner
April 9th	Billy’s Tip ‘n Inn, White Lake	Ken Mitchell
May 14th	TBD	
June 11th	Rocky’s	Ives Potrafka
June 18th	Chicken Run – Bavarian Inn, Frankenmuth	
July 9th	Zurch Lake	Jon
August 13th	All you can eat Perch - Peck	Jim Mick
August 27th	Waldo Fried Baloney Ride	Rhys Blair
September 17th	Annual Summer Picnic - Fort Gratiot County Park	

### BMW MOA BLOOMBURG, PA RALLY

This year’s BMW MOA Rally is in Bloomsburg, PA, on July 21-24, 2011. This is expected to be the largest rally in the history of the MOA. We have reserved four suites (which are all full) for the rally at Bloomsburg’s University Apartments. All of the two bedroom (4 person) suites are now gone. They still had a few 6 bedroom suites available. These suites have 6 private bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. Linens, blankets, towels, washcloth and air-conditioning are provided. Cost per suite is \$150 and will be split evenly by the number of people in each suite. There is a kitchen in each of the suites or food can be purchased in the food court that services the University.

We are also trying to coordinate small groups to ride back roads to the rally. So far it appears that all of the people sharing a suite are riding out as a group. If you are interested in a room or just riding out with a small group please contact me at [jsaarinen@peoplepc.com](mailto:jsaarinen@peoplepc.com) to reserve a spot. It will be first come first serve.

### BMW FIRECRACKER RA NATIONAL RALLY

The RA Rally this year will be in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin from June 30th to July 3rd. The location is the Northern Wisconsin State Fairgrounds. Please check the RA website at; [www.bmwra.org](http://www.bmwra.org) for additional details. So far all of the people that are going plan on riding through the upper peninsula of Michigan and are making it a 2 days trip. They have mentioned camping at a camp ground just west of Escanaba on Lake Michigan.

### EUROPEAN RIDERS RALLY

This rally is in Burkesville, Kentucky May 20th-22nd. It is a small multi brand rally that draws a crowd of about 200 to 300 riders. You will find that the people in the town are very friendly and happy to have the visitors. The roads are curvy and well maintained. Rally fee is \$40 per person if pre-registered by May 13th or \$45 at the gate. Rally registration includes: camping, Rally T-shirt & Rally Pin for the first 250 registered, Friday night at the movies, Saturday lunch provided by Bloodworth Motorcycles, Saturday night steak & baked potato dinner, Saturday night live entertainment and door prizes. Free coffee & lemonade available all day. There will also be a 50/50 drawing held Saturday night. For motel information website at: [www.bmwcon.org/rally.html](http://www.bmwcon.org/rally.html)

I've been to this rally and it is fun.

Respectfully, John Saarinen



### DINNER RIDES – Arrive between 6:30-7pm and hungry,

May 4th	Grand Azteca	40300 Van Dyke Ave, Sterling Hts
May 11th	Gus O'Connors Irish Public House	324 Main St, Rochester
May 18th	Rodgers Roost	33626 Schoenherr, Sterling Heights
May 25th	Murphys Inn	505 Clinton Avenue, St. Clair

### 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. You can have two lines of text, the first your name, and you can add a nick name as the second.

Join the growing number of members who proudly wear their ID tags with their one of a kind moniker. It will help us to get to know each other and sure works a lot better than "Hey you!"

## **NEWS FROM THE BEEMERSHIP**

FROM THE TANKBAG OF PETE LENTINI

Joel managed to snap a photo of me taking the demo S1000RR out for a ride last week.

I know, tough job...



...but somebody has to do it.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY BMW DETROIT!!!

I wonder how many Motor City Beemers realize that 2011 is the 20th anniversary of BMW Detroit. Quite a few of us have been friends and customers of the dealership through both decades.

It seems a shame not to recognize this anniversary in some shape or form. Although no specific plans are currently in motion, Joel is considering some type of "special" Open House, but he is open to suggestions.

Would the club like to help celebrate this anniversary? If so, how? What are your thoughts, in general?

If you have an idea, it would be very helpful to Joel to obtain an initial, approximate cost estimate. I hope we can summarize some of the ideas and review with Joel and John Saarinen as soon as possible. Unless someone has another suggestion, let's use this group forum as a record of ideas and information

Thank you in advance,

Pete

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John



***A tip of the MCBEEMER helmet . . .***

. . . goes to **Viles & Associates, Inc.**, Ron's parents, who have volunteered to print the free copies of the newsletter available at the dealership. They are also BMW riders.

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**BREAKING NEWS** (Progressive's [www.motorcycleshows.com](http://www.motorcycleshows.com) Monthly E-Newsletter)

**Polaris acquires Indian® Motorcycle**

Polaris Industries Inc. announced the acquisition of Indian Motorcycle. With this acquisition, Polaris adds one of motorcycling's legendary brands to its stable of Victory cruiser and touring bikes.

**BMW Motorcycles to offer antilock brakes on all models**

According to a press release issued by BMW Motorrad USA, the company, which pioneered antilock brakes (ABS) on motorcycles 23 years ago, will now offer ABS on its entire 2012 motorcycle lineup as part of its standard package. "Plain and simple, being able to stop a motorcycle faster and more predictably helps prevent a rider from becoming a statistic," said Pieter de Waal, Vice President, BMW Motorrad USA.



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<http://www.ascycles.com/detail.aspx?ID=1960>

List for \$90.00 . . . **Will Sell for 25.00**

Also . . . have smaller shelf that mounts where the BMW GPS bracket goes just above the center console where the radio controls are... Sorry no picture...

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