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THE PREZ SAYS

Well.....

I did it..... Last week, the day my BMWMOA Magazine, arrived I was thumbing thru the classifieds and guess what, a guy named Ken was selling a Graphite K1200LT 2005 loaded with only 8K on it.... You guessed it... My eye's lit up when I got to the "Ohio" part, as in "That's pretty close." One telephone call later I was making arraignments to go and see it.... Then Ken sent me pictures and listed the toys he had installed..... I was hooked.....

So last Saturday a buddy of mine (GoldWing Rider) and I drove to Cleveland in the rain, loaded it onto my trailer in the rain (thanks Larry for the use of the ramp) and I am the proud owner of 2005 K1200LT, Graphic grey in color and simply beautiful. Then along comes Sunday... what a glorious day to ride. If you didn't get your BMW out of storage and on the road you missed a simply wonderful day to ride. I put on about 85 miles and totally enjoyed myself.

One final note. My K1200LTC 2000 with 48K is for sale.... Check it out in this months classifieds

See You all for the April ride to Port Huron, lead by Rhys Blair.

Ride Safe !

THE EX-PREZ SAYS

A request for the future from your past prez...

Actually I could make that statement "from your past prez, vice president, treasurer, newsletter editor, picnic chairperson, Frankenmuth chairperson, and finally 50/50 collector". For the past fifteen years I have volunteered to be a significant part of this club. I will continue to still be around, but thanks to others I will be able to step away from the day to day operations of the club. So what is my request? Get involved! Lots of new faces have joined. We have all new officers with fresh ideas. So for the rest of you, please just do "one thing" for the club over the year. Write an article for the newsletter, schedule a Sunday ride, ask Ives the Prez if he needs any help on a project, or ask John Saarinen if he needs copies of the newsletter for the Beemership. Just raise your hand at the next meeting when Ives is looking for a volunteer.

Last month Ives was pleading for someone to fill the August meeting as a ride captain. He shouldn't have to do that. So, your contribution "just once a year" will go a long way to promote the Motor City Beemers.

Thanks and I'll see you at the next meeting!
Frank Emmerich...

MARCH MEETING

It was a dry/chilly Saturday morning when we convened the meeting. A few members rode in despite the coating of salt on the roads. We need one good heavy rain to wash the roads clean. The business meeting mainly involved getting a few more volunteers to lead rides this year.

George Yosin brought in videos of a few of the rally's he attended. We encourage anyone who has taken a trip that we might find interesting to write about it and submit it to our Newsletter. We are asking that people with videos of motorcycling events or trips that might be interesting to the group should bring them in for the rest to watch. I know from hearing people talk about their trips over lunch that there are a lot of very interesting adventures that we would enjoy hearing about or watching. Everyone has made a trip that the rest of us would find interesting. Many of us are looking for good suggestions as to where to go or what to see. So please write up a trip you would like to tell us about and submit it. I will use them in the order that they are received unless they have a particular significance to an up coming event.

We also want to here different people's perspective of the monthly rides. We need someone every month to summarize, or provide a detailed description of the ride. Remember, if no one else comes up with something for us to read I will do another article on motorcycle safety like the one below. As you can see there is a common theme, get involved. It is your club.

New members Jim and Jason were in attendance. Please introduce yourselves at the next meeting.

Just a reminder: MCBeemers Club Newsletter will no longer be sent by snail-mail. Everyone with an e-mail address will have access via the internet. Anyone not connected via the internet can still pick up a copy at the Beemership.

Any members of or people interested in joining the RA (Rides Association) please send Norm Ott (motorcycleman@comcast.com) an e-mail with your name and membership number. We need 10 members to get the clubs fee waved.

Check out what BMW is: <http://skylands.ibmwr.org/tom/what.is.bmw.html>

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY

Saturday afternoon Sharon and I took a trip up north of our place to get our riding legs (or should I say butts) ready for this season. After abbreviated riding seasons for the last 2 years due to 2 accidents in a 14 month period, I approach this riding season more cautiously than usual. That caution paid off in a close one. As we approached 29 Mile Road traveling south on Van Dyke I saw a van stopped at the red light (red for 29 Mile Road traffic). I slowed, half expecting him to turn right on red forcing me to brake. He was having a very animated conversation on his cell phone. He did the unexpected. He accelerated slowly through the red light and went straight across the intersection presenting the full side profile of his van. This blocked any escape route. Having that cautious approach to riding (and that intersection)

was the only thing that provided that cushion of response time to avoid broad siding another vehicle. This time with a passenger on the back. If I had been driving more aggressively it might have turned out like the picture below left. The rider, car driver and car passenger car were all killed.



That close call made me think again about riding and motorcycle safety. Some of our members asked about Motorcycle Safety Courses. For those members and for anyone else interested, copies of the Macomb and Schoolcraft Colleges listings of Motorcycle Safety Courses are shown below. They are also shown on our web site. We need to be responsible for ourselves, but also watch out for inattentive drivers and sometimes even aggressive drivers. We all had or know someone that had an experience where someone driving on 4 wheels who wanted the space you were in and took it.

The first of my 2 accidents came in August of 2003. It involved an older gentleman driving towards me. He suddenly swung into the left turn lane and seconds later made a left turn about 50 or 60 feet in front of me. I was cruising south on Livernois at about 35 MPH. I am not just saying that because it happen to be the speed limit, I was doing 35 MPH because the last 3 times I was on that stretch there was a radar car near that intersection. I had just enough time to start a swerve trying to go around the back of his car, and get my hand and foot on the brakes. I can't say for sure the brakes actually had time to slow the bike. I did manage to avoid the passenger compartment. I heard the bang of my body and bike hitting the rear quarter panel of the car. My body passed over the trunk and landed about 50 feet past the impact point and I felt my body hit the ground.

The second came after getting my new bike. I stopped at a stop sign on 26 Mile Road heading east. As I accelerated away from the stop sign. I was struck from behind by a van about half way across the intersection. The lady behind me ran the stop sign. As she said later she just misjudged the distance (she never explained if it was distance from me or the stop sign). See the second photo above right of someone not so lucky. He was killed by a school bus that didn't quite stop in time. I played these two incidences through my mind a million times to see if there was something I should have done differently. I have for several years now planned on taking another Motorcycle Safety Course refresher. This year I will sign up...and soon. Classes fill up quickly. Shown below are 3 pages from the MCC (web site www.macomb.edu) and 2 pages of the Schoolcraft College (www.schoolcraft.edu/ces) on line course offerings. I know I need a refresher to break myself of any learned bad habits, sharpen my riding skills, and help keep safety in the front of my mind. I highly recommend the Motorcycle Safety Courses even for experienced riders.

When, Where & How You Want It!

5 Easy Ways to Register

WEB-ADVISOR, TELEPHONE, WALK-IN, FAX, MAIL-IN

WEB-ADVISOR
(Online Registration)

To begin the Web Advisor process:

- Go to www.macomb.edu
- Click on "Web Advisor" (When choosing your classes use all 5 digits of your course number)
- Choose "Continuing Education"

This will take you to our secure online registration system which allows you to instantly register and pay for a class.

- You **MUST** pay tuition and fees by credit card to use Web Advisor. Have your credit card ready (Master Card, Visa or Discover).
- You **MUST** provide your social security number and birth date or PIN (Personal ID Number) to use Web Advisor. Have them ready!

WALK-IN

Register in person at either South or Center Campus

South Campus
Enrollment Office, G-301
14500 E. 12 Mile Road, Warren, MI 48088-3896

Center Campus
Enrollment Office, G-120
44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Twp. MI 48038-1139

Hours for Registration at South and Center Campuses
Monday & Tuesday
8:00AM–6:45 PM
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
8:00AM–4:15 PM

TEL-REG
(Telephone Registration)

This is a method for students to register for classes by talking directly with the Center for Continuing & Professional Education at 586.498.4000.

- You **MUST** pay tuition and fees by credit card. Have your credit card ready.
- You **MUST** provide your social security number, birth date to use Tel-Reg. Have them ready!

HAVE YOUR 5 DIGIT CODE READY.

FAX

Registration forms are found on pages 63. If you can fax your registration to 586.498.4012. You must include charge card information on the registration form. Please sign the form and include the expiration date. Your fax must be received prior to start of class.

MAIL-IN

Complete a registration form on pages 63. If you are paying by charge card, please include your card number and expiration date and sign the form. Checks may be made payable to Macomb Community College.

Mail the form, along with payment to:
Macomb Community College
Enrollment Office, G-301
14500 E. 12 Mile Road, Warren, MI 48088-3896

Our registration period runs from now until the first session of every class (unless otherwise noted, filled or cancelled).

Web Advisor is available Monday through Saturday 6 AM–3 AM

Questions or problems? Help Lines available

586.498.4000 for Continuing & Professional Education Assistance
Mon thru Fri: 8 AM to 4:30 PM

586.445.7225 for Registration Assistance
Mon and Tues: 8 AM to 6:45 PM
Wed, Thurs, Fri: 8 AM to 4:15 PM

DISCLAIMER

Coach/Instructor Preparation

The experienced cyclist will be trained to be a safety expert. State and National certification will be given to successful candidates. Eighty hours of instruction plus selected support assignments must be successfully completed. Specific information regarding eligibility procedure and cost is contained in the application. Call 586.498.4000 to receive an application for admission. Hours vary according to assignment, student teaching included in dates. Instructor: V. Consiglio, Regional Coordinator/Chief Instructor.

28939.....April 7, 8, 9, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29, 30.....South C125 V. Consiglio & M. Ruetter
28940.....June 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11.....South C125 V. Consiglio & M. Ruetter

Cycle Bystander Assistance

A chilling statistic: 52% of motorcycle crashes are serious or fatal. Nationally recognized Accident Scene Management, Inc. (ASMI) believes that the most likely person to be at the scene of a motorcycle crash is another motorcyclist. The goals of the Bystander Assistance Program (BAP) are to reduce severity of injury and fatalities at the scene of a crash through proper actions and reactions, and to reduce rescuer injury. Included with the fee is a pocket-size rescuer fold out with easy to follow highlights of the program.

28941...1 Session...S.....2/4.....9 AM-4 PM.....\$45..Fraser 112.....A. Solari

Advanced Cycle Bystander Assistance

Enhance your knowledge and emergency response skills in advanced airway management, controlling bleeding, common medical concerns, assisting the EMS with long-boarding and lots of hands on practice. Prerequisite: Cycle Bystander Assistance

28942...1 Session...S.....3/4.....9 AM-4 PM.....\$45..Fraser 112.....A. Solari

Motorcycle on Tour

Learn from a veteran-touring rider how to plan trip routes and length, how and what to pack and how to select motorcycles and accessories. Discover how to dress to cope with climate changes, to arrange accommodations and to select attractions. Learn about group and solo riding, common hazards, communications equipment and the set-up of your motorcycle for comfort.

29077...1 Session...T.....2/14.....6:30-9:30 PM.....\$25..Fraser 112 Safer Riding Academy
29078...1 Session...T.....3/14.....6:30-9:30 PM.....\$25..Fraser 211 Safer Riding Academy

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY PROGRAM

For more information, e-mail: motorcycle@macomb.edu

The Motorcycle Rider and Safety Education Program is conducted with Michigan Safety Education funds from a grant administered by the Michigan Secretary of State.

NOTE: State Law for ALL RIDERS

Upon completion of the approved Motorcycle Safety Foundation course the Michigan Secretary of State will waive the riding skills test required for a cycle endorsement. The written test must still be taken. You **MUST** provide your own protective eye wear (glasses or goggles), helmet, boots, gloves, long sleeved jacket or shirt, long pants and rain gear if needed. This equipment is required at the first class session. You are required to be on time for each session and must attend each session. You should be able to ride a two wheel bicycle and must be 15 years of age or older. Motorcycles are provided for the Basic Rider Course unless otherwise stated. No refunds after first day of class.

Motorcycle Basic Rider Course – Two weekend – No Experience Needed

In-classroom and on-range instruction. Required: Successful completion of all tests, both written and riding, to pass the class. Must be available Friday 6 – 10 PM and Saturday and Sunday 8 AM-8 PM. Your specific schedule will be assigned the first night of class.

28923...6 Sessions...FSSU.....3/31-4/9.....\$25.....South S101
28924...5 Sessions...FSSU.....5/5-5/13.....\$25.....South S101
28926...5 Sessions...FSSU.....6/9-6/17.....\$25.....South S101
28926...5 Sessions...FSSU.....7/7-7/16.....\$25.....South S101
28927...6 Sessions...FSSU.....9/8-9/17.....\$25.....South S101

Motorcycle Basic Rider Course – Extended weekday – No Experience Needed

Designed for the student who prefers to learn at a more relaxed pace and/or requires more range riding practice to develop the necessary skills and confidence for the successful completion of the course. **CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED.** Must be available each evening from 5:30 – 10 PM. Your specific schedule will be assigned the first night of class.

28927...9 Sessions...TWTH.....5/2-5/18.....\$25.....South S101
28928...10 Sessions...MTWTH.....6/5-6/20.....\$25.....South S101

Motorcycle Basic Rider Course – One weekend – Some Riding Experience Suggested

No additional practice hours are provided for range riding skill development. In-classroom and on-range instruction. Required: Successful completion of all tests, both written and riding, to pass the class. Must be available Friday 6 – 10 PM and Saturday and Sunday 8 AM-8 PM for all FSSU classes. Must be available Thursday & Friday from 5-9 PM and Saturday from 8 AM-6 PM for all THFS classes. Your specific schedule will be assigned the first night.

28916...3 Sessions...FSSU.....3/17-3/19.....\$25.....South S101
28917...3 Sessions...FSSU.....3/24-3/26.....\$25.....South S101
28919...3 Sessions...FSSU.....4/21-4/23.....\$25.....South S101
28920...3 Sessions...THFS.....4/27-4/29.....\$25.....South S101
28921...3 Sessions...THFS.....6/8-6/10.....\$25.....South S101
30222...3 Sessions...FSSU.....5/19-5/21.....\$25.....South S101
28922...3 Sessions...FSSU.....6/23-6/25.....\$25.....South S101
28953...3 Sessions...FSSU.....8/18-8/20.....\$25.....South S101
28954...3 Sessions...FSSU.....8/25-8/27.....\$25.....South S101

Performance Based Course – Experience Needed

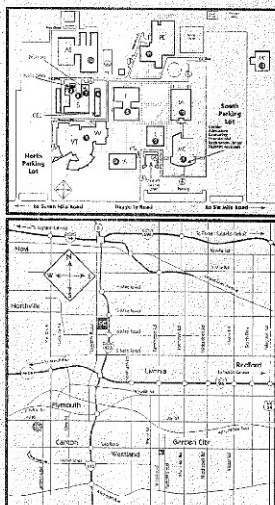
Unlicensed riders only. A sample riding skills test based on Sec. of State Motorcycle Skills Test will be given. Students **MUST** furnish their own cycle with a clutch, riding gear, no scooters, and proof of insurance. Bike must pass a safety inspection prior to the riding skills test. One day class from 8 AM – 6 PM.

28930...1 Session...SU.....4/2.....\$25.....South C125
28931...1 Session...SU.....4/30.....\$25.....South C125
28932...1 Session...SU.....5/21.....\$25.....South C125
28933...1 Session...SU.....6/11.....\$25.....South C125
28934...1 Session...S.....6/17.....\$25.....South C125
28958...1 Session...SU.....7/16.....\$25.....South C125
28959...1 Session...S.....8/12.....\$25.....South C125
28960...1 Session...SU.....9/17.....\$25.....South C125

Motorcycle Experienced Rider – Licensed Cyclist Only

Emphasis is on advanced riding skills for the experienced rider. Participants **MUST** furnish their own cycle, riding gear, proof of cycle endorsement and proof of insurance. Cycle must pass a safety inspection. One day class from 8AM-6PM.

28935...1 Session...S.....4/29.....\$25.....South C125
28936...1 Session...S.....5/13.....\$25.....South C125
28937...1 Session...S.....6/3.....\$25.....South C125
28938...1 Session...SU.....6/4.....\$25.....South C125



Courses in LA, AS, or MC rooms will be held at:

Schoolcraft College-Livonia Campus
18600 Haggerty Road
Livonia, MI 48152-2696

Courses in RC 280 or RC 320 will be held at:

Schoolcraft College-Radcliff Center
1751 Radcliff Street
Garden City, MI 48135

www.schoolcraft.edu/ces

Motorcycle Safety Program

2006

Schoolcraft College Continuing Education Services

The Motorcycle Safety Education courses offered by this agency are conducted with state funds from a Motorcycle Safety grant administered by the Michigan Department of State.

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Just \$25 for any course!
(non-refundable fee)

Basic Rider Course (BRC)

This Motorcycle Rider Course is offered for someone who has minimal experience operating a motorcycle. Participants must be at least 15 years of age and must be able to ride a two-wheel bicycle. For students under 18 years of age, a parent must sign a waiver that will be given to the student the first day of class. The waiver must be returned to the instructor before the student will be allowed to ride a motorcycle on the range. This class focuses on the development of the basic riding skills, turning, shifting and braking. In this course you will receive approximately 16 hours of instruction, 4 in the classroom and 12 on the range. Four schedule choices available are listed below.

(1.6 CEU)

One Weekend Schedule

(The most physically demanding of all BRC options!)
Friday 6-10 pm, Saturday and Sunday 8 am - 8 pm. Students need to be available during the 12 hour period, but are not expected to be on site the entire time. Variable schedules will be assigned the first night of class. The first night is in the classroom (not range). No equipment is needed the first class meeting.

CES 6519

Date	Section	Room
Full May 17-19	919001	LA 280
Full May 21-Apr 2	919002	MC 200B & C
Full May 19-21	929001	RC 280
Full June 2-4	929002	RC 280
June 23-25	929003	RC 280
July 7-9	939001	RC 280
July 14-16	939002	RC 280
Aug 18-20	939003	RC 280
Aug 25-27	939004	RC 280
Sept 22-24	949001	MC 200B & C

For more information,
please call 734-462-4448 or email
motorcycle@schoolcraft.edu

To register, complete the attached
registration form and return it as soon
as possible. Classes fill early!
www.schoolcraft.edu/ces

Just \$25 for any course!
(non-refundable fee)

Two Weekend Schedule
Friday 6-10 pm, Saturday and Sunday 8 am - 8 pm. This course is extended over a two-week-end time period. The actual class time is equivalent to the one weekend class.

CES 6519

Date	Section	Room
Full Apr 21-23	919003	MC 200
May 5-13	929004	RC 280
June 9-17	929005	RC 280
Sept 8-17	949002	LA 200

Two Week Schedule

This course meets Monday through Thursday for two weeks. (AM) denotes 8 AM - 12PM sessions and (PM) denotes 5:30 - 9:30 PM sessions. Variable schedules will be assigned the first meeting. The actual class time is equivalent to the one weekend class. The pace is more relaxed with riding time spread out over seven or eight days.

CES 6519

Date	Section	Room
June 19-29 (AM)	929006	RC 260
June 19-29 (PM)	929007	RC 280

= Motorcycle provided

Course Fee & Attendance

Non-Refundable and Non-Transferable
Course fee for all motorcycle safety classes is \$25. You must be present for the entire class. Students arriving late by 5 minutes or more for the first class session will not be allowed in the course, and no refund will be given. You must be on time for and attend all class and riding sessions, and pass all written and riding skills tests to successfully complete the course. You may not be allowed to continue in the class if, in the judgment of the instructor, you present a hazard to yourself or the other students or instructors, and no refund will be given. The instructor's decision is final.

Who should take the Motorcycle Safety Courses?

- Those who want to learn to ride safely and are able to ride a two-wheel bicycle
- Those who fail the State riding skills test twice

Upon successful completion of a State-approved Motorcycle Safety Foundation course, the Secretary of State will waive the riding skills test required for a cycle endorsement. However, a short written test required for license endorsement will be given at the Secretary of State at the time of endorsement application. In addition to the short written test, given at the Secretary of State, a more extensive test will be given as part of the Motorcycle course. You must take the Basic Rider Course if you fail the State skills test twice or if you are under 18 years of age.

For your protection, all motorcycle classes require you to have the following protective clothing, and rain gear, if necessary!

Long sleeve jacket or heavy shirt: Arms must be covered while riding. It is best to dress in layers according to the weather. The outermost layer must have long sleeves.

Long pants: No shorts. We suggest jeans. Man-made materials will melt when exposed to heat from engines or exhaust pipes.

Helmet: DOT-approved helmet.

Eye protection: Goggles or glasses (no face shields, they make it harder to hear instructions).

Gloves: Driving gloves are fine. Any gloves will do, as long as they fit your hand and are full-fingered.

Boots or heavy shoes: Your ankles must be covered. A shoe or boot with a six-inch top is fine. No high heels. No high-top tennis shoes are permitted.

Just \$25 for any course!
(non-refundable fee)

Extended Practice Basic Rider Course

Class meets weeknights from 5:30-9:30 pm for three weeks. This course is for the inexperienced motorcycle student. This course teaches the same information as the Basic Rider Course, but it provides 4 hours of additional range riding time and moves at a slower pace. The additional range practice focuses on the development of basic riding skills, turning, shifting and braking. (2.0 CEU)

CES 6660

Date	Section	Room
Aug 7-10, 14-17, 21-22	939005	RC 280

Performance Based Motorcycle (PB)

(For the experienced but unlicensed rider)
Class meets from 8 am-6 pm. This course is designed for the experienced but unlicensed rider to become licensed and legal. Many experienced riders use this course as a refresher and skills tune-up. Topics include: braking, counter steering, turning, speed judgement, and other techniques necessary for the experienced rider to operate a motorcycle skillfully and safely. All students will take a skills riding test covering the riding exercises used in the Secretary of State Motorcycle Skills Test. If a student under 18 years of age fails this riding skills test, the student must enroll in the 20 hour Extended Practice Basic Rider Course and pay the \$25 fee. Students must furnish their own cycle with a clutch (no scooters). ALL students MUST provide proof of insurance for their bike, and the bike must pass a safety inspection prior to taking the riding skills test. (9 CEU)

CES 6400 -- one day class

Date	Section	Room
Full Apr 2	919006	AS 740
Apr 30	919005	AS 920
June 11	929008	LA 465
July 9	939006	LA 465
Aug 27	939007	LA 465
Sept 17	949003	AS 920

Just \$25 for any course!
(non-refundable fee)

Experienced Rider Course (ERC)

(For the licensed cyclist only)
Class meets from 9 am-4 pm. This course is for the licensed cyclist and is specifically designed for large touring motorcycles and sport bikes. The emphasis is on advanced riding skills for the experienced licensed rider. Students must furnish their own cycle. ALL students MUST provide proof of cycle endorsement, insurance for their bike, and the bike must pass a safety inspection. (6 CEU)

CES 2 6082 -- one day class

Date	Section	Room
Full Apr 30	919007	RC 280
Full May 13	929009	LA 470
June 17	929010	LA 465
Aug 13	939008	RC 280

For more information,
please call 734-462-4448 or email
motorcycle@schoolcraft.edu

Walk-In Policy

There is no guarantee that open seats will be available. Occasionally class space becomes available when a registered student fails to show up on time for the first class session. Students with an approved class re-take form have first priority, and then open seats are filled by random drawing. If you want to take a chance at getting a walk-in seat, arrive at the classroom no earlier than 30 minutes prior to and no later than the start of the first class session. Be prepared to register, pay and attend all class sessions. You will be included in a random drawing for seats that may become available. There is no waiting list, and available seats are NOT assigned on a first-come, first-served basis; it is a random drawing. Do not show up earlier than 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start of class. Do not show up after the scheduled start time.

You can mail in, fax or walk-in your registration. No web or touch-tone registration.
Fees cannot be confirmed via phone.
Please see our registration sheet for details. Fee is non-refundable. (See our website for more information.)

Motorcycle Safety Program 2006 - Registration Form

Student Number _____ Date of Birth _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Section No. _____ Title of Course _____

CES No. _____ Start Date _____

Number _____

☐ Enclosed is my Check/Money Order payable to Schoolcraft College. \$25 Non-refundable and Non-transferable course fee

☐ Charge to Visa/MasterCard/Discover

SIGNATURE REQUIRED in charge and parent.
For Officer use only

Mail to: Schoolcraft College/CES
18600 Haggerty Rd., Livonia, MI 48152-2696

Fax: With a charge card, you can fax the fee.
Your registration to 734-462-4472

When faxing, send this end through first!

RALLIES/OVER NIGHT RIDES

Branson, Missouri, Easter Weekend

Internet Rides IMBMWVR being organized by Dick Hautau. If interested please contact Dick for details and to join the group.

July 7-9, 2006 RA rally in Boise, Idaho.

Dick Hautau is putting together a camping group to ride and/or meet at the rally. If you have any questions or contributions get with Dick. There are several members that are going for sure. Dick will also have information for those that prefer a motel to a tent.

MOA Rally July 20-23, 2006

April 1, 2006 registration opens for the MOA Rally in Vermont. Dorm rooms are going to be made available to those who do not wish to camp at the rally. George Yosin has volunteered to coordinate a club luncheon at the rally. This is something we have done for most of the MOA rally's in the past. This gives us a chance to get together as a group for an organized ride and have a chance to eat lunch together, share some experiences, and maybe make plans for other activities during the rally weekend. George will determine a location and time to meet. He will have a route and restaurant planned. Just in case you wondered, no George isn't buying your lunch!

October 21-22, 2006 Color tour.

This is a two-day trip covering approximately 720 miles. Last year the colors, dinner, ride and camaraderie was great. We stayed at Rhys's cabin at Lake's of the North and ate dinner at Legs Inn. The food was great.



EX-PREZ FRANK LEADING FRANKENMUTH RIDE ON NEW 4 WHEELER

MONTHLY CLUB RIDES

April 1, 2006 Rhys Blair will lead a ride to the Dorsey House Restaurant in Port Huron.

May 6, 2006 Rhys Blair will lead a ride for fried bologna sandwiches. At first I went just for the ride. But I have to tell you it was well worth the ride. The bologna is made at the restaurant and it is great! Don't miss this once a year opportunity!

June 3, 2006 Phil Aylesworth will lead a ride into and hopefully back out of Canada.

Remember to bring 2 picture I.D.'s or a passport to speed the crossing of the border.

June 10, 2006 Frank Emmerich will lead the ride to Frankenmuth in his 4 wheel BMW for the annual chicken dinner. Members with paid up dues will be treated to a family style chicken dinner.

July 1, 2006 Stuart Krueger will lead a ride. Destination to be announced.

August 5, 2006 Glenn Hibbert will lead a ride. Destination to be announced.

August 22, 2006 John Saarinen will lead a ride to Harsens Island.

September 9, 2006 Picnic at Stony Creek. Members with paid up dues will be treat the barbecued steaks grilled by our very own Grill Meister Rhys Blair. The only man brave enough to wear and apron!

October 7, 2006 Need ride captain to pick destination and route.

November 4, 2006 Need ride captain to pick destination and route.

December 2, 2006 Need ride captain to pick destination and route.

We need to get our 2006 ride schedule filled out for the riding season, and an emphasis on getting your dues paid. All those donuts, the Frankenmuth luncheon, and club picnic need to be funded!

...from the BeemerShip

by Pete Lentini



st. and foremost, let's use the newsletter to officially welcome some new faces to the BeemerShip. Currently owning a Buell S2 and a Honda ST1100, Gary Latessa has sold motorcycles locally for nearly 10 years at a number of locations. Focusing primarily on new bike sales, Gary's wealth of experience will help serve all of us even better. A familiar face to many members, Chris Asselin returns to the dealership.

Chris worked for quite some time at both previous locations and brings his expertise back to spearhead the parts department. Another welcomed addition. Introduce yourself next time you're in...they'll buy you a cup of coffee!



My pet penguin Daisy is a firm believer in...
"If you're not living on the edge, you're taking up too much space!"
I guess the icicle doesn't fall far from the igloo.

Spring **IS** here, right?. I've been out a number of times since our last newsletter without too much duress. A few members even rode to the March club meeting. When you see a fellow rider braving the cold in atypical riding weather, do you feel a heightened sense of camaraderie? As if his or her "wave" has more enthusiasm behind it? Are you both thinking, "I feel much better knowing I'm not the only one dumb enough to ride in this weather!" ? Or maybe the car drivers think, "Oh God...there's another one of those crazy motorcyclists out! Spring must be around the corner." In either case, it still feels good.

BMW in Moto GP racing? In February, BMW Motorrad issued a press release and a photo of a prototype motorcycle it described as a "test vehicle". The intent was to study dynamic engine management processes under extreme conditions and apply the findings to future production models. Although BMW stated there were no specific plans to race the bike, most

of us racer-types suspect the bike is a prototype of a BMW factory MotoGP racing effort in 2007; when the maximum displacement is lowered from the current 990cc to 800cc. Rumor has it the bike is powered by a three-cylinder engine, although unclear whether it's an "in line" or "V" configuration. Apparently this "test vehicle" has been ridden only at BMW facilities but will soon be tested at other circuits. That means more "spy photos" and hopefully more detailed specs on the bike. And no...it does not have a driveshaft. Race bikes have chains!

A small correction from the February newsletter - the correct website for Prism Motorcycle Painting owned by member John Diakonis is, not surprisingly, www.prismmotorcyclepainting.com

March is Women's History Month **AND** women represent a larger percentage of riders in the motorcycle industry every year. There is a new website featuring motorcycling news and information designed specifically for women called www.womenridersnow.com. It includes profiles, road tests, product reviews, info on how to get into racing and much more. Athens, Georgia will host the 4th annual Women & Motorcycling Conference from June 30 – July 3. Welcoming a number of women's motorcycling organizations, the rally offers demo rides from the major manufactures, tours, vendors and more...all of which can be found at www.womenandmotorcycling.com

The Motorcycle Hall of Fame just outside Columbus, Ohio currently houses, among other exhibits, "BMW: The Mastery of Speed". There, you can admire historically significant BMW's from the past 80 years plus displays and trophies that made BMW a racing legend.

Dave Grzywacz and I both attended the February Dealer Exposition in Indianapolis. This is the largest and most diverse collection of aftermarket companies in the powersports industry. We found tens of thousands of products from over 1500 suppliers for every market segment – dirt bikes to snowmobiles, sportbikes to cruisers - everything was there. The presence of choppers and the entire American V-twin industry was significantly diminished. Over the past few years, separate shows have been dedicated to accessory products for this market leaving the Indy Expo to focus on the balance of the industry. Occupying a bazillion square feet and spanning the entire convention center, RCA dome and 2 downtown hotels, it's estimated a person will easily walk over 8 miles to view all the exhibits. This year marked the 38th Expo and the first one Dave attended. I've been to about 8 of them, mostly for the sportbike race shop I used to work for, so my feet are accustomed to it. Hiking boots are recommended!

It was nice to also visit with old friends and business contacts. However this year, I attempted to keep an eye on products the BeemerShip might sell or use rather than the latest carbon-fiber bodywork for your Ducati. I would consume far too much space in the newsletter mentioning everything I saw. Sufficed to say we have the latest generation of Olympia AirGlide II and ¾ length Bushwacker Air jackets already in the BeemerShip. We also expect the ¾ length All Season Touring (AST) jacket and the 2006 array of women's apparel very soon. All the Olympia products are very high quality and offer a ton of features. The Oxtar boots remain one of the best in the market and our inventory will soon be replenished. Any of you desire a bit more performance and sound from your 165 hp K1200S or R? (Or any other bike for that matter) We have the latest info on Laser, Remus and Staintune exhaust systems and mufflers.

And for those who eagerly await the(ir) new K1200GT, R1200S or R1200 GS Adventure...well, only about 4 more weeks to wait. Just remember, 'Anything worthwhile is worth waiting for!'

FOR SALE:

The for sale section of the newsletter is for all club members to post ANYTHING (legal) they have for sale or wanted. Take advantage of a circulation of 90+ club members. 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. There are several items that have been posted for some time now. If they need to be removed, please let Frank Emmerich know.

Pete Lentini offers a good source for motorcycle painting. John Diakonis is the owner and operator of Prism Motorcycle Painting. John has painted bikes, parts, and helmets for several club members. Check out his website: www.prismmotorcycles.com

1995 K1100 LT

All stock (bags, trunk, radio with rear speakers, heated grips, elec. windshield, gauges, touring seat) heavy metallic gun metal gray paint, new battery, new tires and all servicing done, including spline lube.

\$5200.00 Dale & Denise 734-789-8249

1986 K100 RT

New Black paint, new seat, very good tires, new battery, all service done, bags.

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I would like to buy a used low drivers seat as I am too short for comfortable riding. Bill Meier 810-987-4566 or meierbj2@comcast.net

K1100LT stock seat, ridden on only 1 month before unfortunate car peeled motorcycle out from under seat. In new condition. Asking \$125. Brake pads available \$10 set. John Saarinen, 586.596.4027 jsaarinen@peoplepc.com

2000 K1200LT contact Ives Potrafka

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Backup Back Rest

J-Pegs

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ZTecnik Arm Rest

ZTecnik Trunk Rack

RKA Saddle Bag Liners

HID Headlight

Dealers telling me it is worth between 8-10K, make me an offer.