



# Motor City Beemers

## Club Newsletter



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BMW RA Club #209

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

**Next Meeting: September 11, 10:30AM at BMW of Detroit**

**Following Meeting: October 9th at BMW of Detroit**

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### THE PREZ SEZ

The riding season is has been great and in a few months winter will come to Michigan. A lot of us have ridden up a storm, but there is so much more to see and do this riding season. My ride this year took me 9011.7 miles, in 23 days (only 16 of which I was riding). I completed my iron butt but not without a lot of excitement along the way. Running into so many of our members at both the MOA rally and RA rally was great! After so many lonely days on the road it was nice to pull in and see so many friendly/familiar faces. I am very proud of our membership...a friendlier and more passionate riding group probably doesn't exist.

There are still many riding opportunities available this year. Come on out and join us. It would really great to get to know some of our new or less active members.

Respectfully, John Saarinen

## **CLUB EVENTS**

### **WALDO RIDE; August 21<sup>st</sup>**

Greetings! I haven't written anything for our newsletter in a very long time and it's well overdue. I have not had the enjoyment of eating a fried baloney sandwich for at least a year either, so I'll cover both in this month's edition. Saturday, August 21 was our club's annual ride to G&R Traven in Waldo, Ohio and Jill and I led the ride. We met at the prescribed meeting place, our beloved Beemership on Van Dyke prior to the prescribed departure time of 8:30 a.m. Along with us came Joe Dfelio and Ken Mitchell both ready to go on our little adventure. As is my custom, at 8:29 I said it was time to mount up and we were out the drive and headed south on Van Dyke at the stroke of 8:30.

The morning was kind of drab and dreary and threatening rain as we headed for I-696 to southbound I-75. Traffic was light and we moved quickly heading south to our next pick-up and relief point at exit 15 and Monroe. We arrived at 9:20 with little fanfare and Ives and Maury were already waiting for us. Our departure time was 9:45 so there was ample time to make a pit stop, and kibitz a little before we headed out again. On the trip down to this point the sky had threatened rain and we only got a few rain drops more or less on the bikes. As we were getting ready to leave our Prez John rode in to join us too. He filled up with gas and he too was ready when I said we were leaving. Joe had checked the weather on his I-Phone and there seemed to be rain somewhere south of us. Given the real threat of rain we all donned our rain gear. And it was a good thing, because as soon as we got to speed on the freeway it started to rain. It rained the whole 15 miles to the Ohio state line and then abruptly stopped. It didn't rain the rest of the way down. We stuck to the original trip plan of I-75 to I-280 to Ohio 420 and then U.S. 20/23. U.S. 23 then is just 2 lanes until approximately Upper Sandusky where it turns into a divided 4 lane. Shortly after it breaks into the four lanes there is a rest area where once again we stopped and stretched. From the rest area to the Tavern is only 40

miles and with that we arrived at approximately 12:10. The restaurant was full and we had to wait for about 10 minutes to get a table to seat the seven of us. Once seated, we all ordered and you guessed it 7 fried baloney sandwiches served the same way with cheese, pickle and onion and we all had sides of fried mushrooms or onion rings and washed it all down with soda pop or an adult beverage or two. Upon completing the main course there was a significant cry for PIE! John took two pieces home for him and his bride for later in the day, the rest enjoyed theirs on the spot. Huge pieces of pie, chocolate-peanut butter, and coconut cream were the hands down favorites. Jill and I shared a piece and Joe and Maury went without. The rest of them made short work of their pieces. When the pie was gone we headed out the door to make more room for others standing over us waiting to be seated. Once outdoors we commandeered an arriving patron to take a photo or two of us in front of the wall mural outside the tavern. Prior to leaving at 1:30, some of us arranged to go to the President Warren Harding Memorial up the road in Marion. Ives, Ken, Joe, Jill and I spent about 20 minutes reading about the president. After this visit Ives and Ken went west and Joe, Jill and I went



east to pick up U.S. 23 again and head for home. We weren't long on northbound 23 when as they say, "the rains came" and came it did! It rained so hard that I pulled off at the next rest area to make some adjustments to our riding gear and spend a few minutes watching the other travelers in cages gaze at us in wonderment. We got back on the road and headed north in the pounding rain. It rained all the way to the Welcome Center at mile marker 12 in Michigan. We stopped here to readjust our gear and make a pit call. While here there was another couple on an H-D who had stopped to dry out their gear. Jill spoke with the pillion who said she was soaked to the bone and was trying to dry out her britches using the hand blow dryers in the ladies room. They left before us, but we passed them around Telegraph Road sloshing along in the right lane. We were almost to the Rouge Bridge before the rain let up and the rest of the ride was just on wet roads. We arrived home about 5:30 p.m. some 375 miles and eight and half hours later. It may have been a wet and sloppy ride, but the meal and company was excellent. We all had a good time and I'm sure we'll be scheduling another ride to Waldo next year. Thanks to all that attended, you made it a great trip.

Rhys Blair

### AUGUST CLUB RIDE TO THE ANGRY BULL, AUGUST 14, 2010

Jerry Pokorski picked a good restaurant for the August meeting and led a great ride. It was a beautiful day. We had 12 bikes with 16 riders/passengers and broke into 4 groups for the ride up through Port Huron, to Gratiot Park for a rest stop, and then west to the Angry Bull. It must have been mandatory garage sale day as we passed what must have been 400 garage sales along the lake. Food at the Angry Bull was good and plentiful. The restaurant had a much bigger turn out for



lunch than expected

so the wait staff was stretched to the max. The restaurant is biker friendly and there were two biker groups there at the same time along with what appeared to be a shower of some type. Three parties were just a little too much to handle for the poor waitresses and waiter. We all got through lunch in good spirits and broke up for the



ride home. I turned the wrong way and enjoyed one more adventure before Sharon pointed out that I must have gone in the wrong direction and we started looking for possible alternatives. One of these days I am going to get one of those GPS things and stop having so many adventures.

John Saarinen

*A week earlier, Ives, Jerry, Jim, Tim & I made a dry run out to the Angry Bull. We stopped briefly enroute to check out the grounded freighter in St Clair. Tim took this photo from the parking lot at the Voyager.*



## MOTOR CITY BEEMER PICNIC SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2010

Members and associate members: Our annual picnic will be held at the Fort Gratiot County Park, located north of Port Huron on Michigan 25 & Metcalf Rd, Fort Gratiot, Michigan 48059



(810) 989-6960 and is coming up Saturday, September 18th. We start to gather at 11:00 am and the steaks will be served right off the grill at approximately 1:00 pm. The club will supply the steaks, steak sauce, disposable eating utensils, coleslaw, potato salad, and beverages (water and soft drinks). Steaks will be provided by the club for paid up members and associate members only. We will bring a couple of pounds of hamburger and hot dogs.

If you are planning on attending, please contact Jerry Pokorski ([pokorskij@yahoo.com](mailto:pokorskij@yahoo.com)), by Saturday September

12<sup>th</sup> so we can make sure we have steaks for everyone. If members are bringing their children or guests make sure Jerry knows!!

Everyone attending should bring something to pass (salads, beans, deserts, etc). Some members do bring steak knives, however, in past years the steaks have been so tender the plastic knives cut the steaks....your choice.

## **Club Rides**

### OPENINGS FOR MONTHLY CLUB RIDES

We still have two meetings for which no one has volunteered to organize a ride; October and November. If you have a restaurant that you like to visit because of its food or ambiance, tell us its name and location. You don't have to lead the ride but it would be helpful if you know a fun route to get there. *It's easy!* Just tell us a little bit about the restaurant and provide a route to follow at least a week before the meeting. It can be as simple as a list of turn points or as complicated as a MapQuest map. Bring at least 5 or 6 copies so we can pick ride leaders and break up into smaller groups at the meeting. We would all enjoy going to new places...and in most cases to the same old places. Come on out and help make the club rides the best they can be.

Date	Lunch Ride Location	Ride Planner
September 11	All You Can Eat Walleye - Peck, Michigan	<a href="#">Jim Mick</a>
September 18	Annual Summer Picnic - Details under club events	
October 9	Ride TBA	(need ride planner)
October 16 & 17	Annual Color Tour Ride to Leggs Inn - 2 day ride - Details TBA	Ken Mitchell Ives Potrafka
November 13	Ride TBA	(need ride



		planner)
December 11	Polar Bear Ride - Weather Permitting	Dick Hautau

### **Dinner Rides - Arrive between 6:30-7pm and hungry.**

September 1	Capri Club	6343 Dyke Rd, Clay
September 8	Great Baraboo Brewing Co.	35905 Utica Road Clinton Township
September 15	Ikes Family Dining	38550 Van Dyke Avenue, Sterling Heights
September 22	Engine House	309 Cass Avenue, Mt Clemens
September 29	Armada Roadhouse	23084 East Main Street, Armada

### **NEWS FROM THE BEEMERSHIP**

For all you dual sport types check out Ted Chandler's Hill Challenge (AMA Dual-sport Adventure Tour) Sept. 25 & 26 in Wolverine, MI. (exit 301 off I-75) at the Sturgeon River Campground. Our own Don Lusk will be participating! Detroit BMW, BMW & KTM will be represented. For more information: [www.gldsmc.org](http://www.gldsmc.org) / [info@gldsmc.org](mailto:info@gldsmc.org) -or- (989) 751-6863.

### **Rides**

#### **COAST TO COAST AND AN IRON BUTT TO BOOT!**

Left Detroit Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup> and rode hard for two days to position myself for the Iron Butt ride (1000 miles in less than 24 hours) from Cheyenne, Wyoming to Redmond, Oregon. The first two days I rode 1450 miles and got through the construction in Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois. Had a chance to make some side trips to see some sights. I got a motel room in Cheyenne so I could get a good night sleep and hit the road at about 7:00 AM on the 13<sup>th</sup>. The days ride turned out to be over 1100 miles after getting lost in the desert and almost hitting a coyote, mountain lion, and timber wolf, all in the same hour. My map quest directions were by street name...found out in the desert they don't put up street names. Enjoyed the MOA Rally and then rode to California to see the Red Woods and then ride east to Vermont.

Couldn't make it too easy, I Denver, St Louis, Memphis, Rode north-east up the Blue Shenandoah Skyline Drive Passing through New York experience. I will never (little) about Detroit drivers understatement. Went from Hampshire, and then to



Canada after finally getting past Canadian Customs in Buffalo, and re-entered the US at Port Huron, surprisingly easy compared to Canadian customs. It was a fantastic trip and the roads in both the northwest and north east were fantastic. There wasn't a straight road to be had in either Oregon, or Vermont. I would highly recommend both locations for rides...however I don't think I would pack so much into such a short time span again.

headed further south into and Kingsport, Tennessee. Ridge Parkway and and up into Pennsylvania. was an eye opening complain (okay, maybe a again. Aggressive is an there to Mt Washington, New Maine. Shot back through

It is good to be back home...planning the next one.

## YOUR ROAMING REPORTER . . .

John Saarinen

### ROMEO BIKE NIGHT

This 180° V-Twin was observed at bike night in Romeo this past Thursday. *Look familiar lves?!*



### 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!"

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Cycloak - Gortex gloves size med. cold weather ,never worn.\$15.00

Womens Leather Vest button down size med. \$10.00

Leather mittens w/index finger, size small never worn. \$10.00

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1-clear usedCX1.\$5.00

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