



Motor City Beemers

Club Newsletter



BMW MOA Club #231

BMW RA Club #209

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

Our *next* meeting is scheduled for December 11th

Following Meeting: January 8th

Web site: www.bizblvd.net/mcbeemers

President	John Saarinen	Jsaarinen@peoplepc.com
1st Vice President	Jerry Pokorski	
2nd Vice President	Tim Perry	
Treasurer	Allen Gigliotti	giglio@comcast.net
Newsletter Editor	Bob Hann	
Web Master	Ives R. Potrafka	ives@bizblvd.net

THE PREZ SEZ

It should be obvious from the weather lately that winter is now upon us. We have had the first snow and the temperatures have remained cold. I used the last few days that were dry to take the bike out for a few last spins. I know there will be good riding days scattered throughout the winter and will make good use of them. It just isn't going to be the same as being able to take off riding where ever and whenever I want. We can all use these months to get our bikes ready for the next riding season.

Remember that we still have a few activities planned to help while away the winter. We will continue to meet the second Saturday of every month at 10:30AM at BMW of Detroit. The Christmas Open House at BMW of Detroit is on December 18th. The MCBeemers Mid-Winter Dinner is on February 5th at Villa Penna's in Sterling Heights at 6:30PM. I wish to invite you all to attend all of these activities. We may not be able to ride but we can continue to have fun.

I want to wish everyone the Best Christmas Season ever and the Happiest of New Years. I have enjoyed the 2010 riding season with so many of you and look forward to next year's adventures.

Respectfully, John Saarinen

THANK YOU TO THE OFFICERS THAT SERVED IN 2010

I want to thank those officers that served with me for 2010. Their support and efforts made the job very easy for me and the club function like a well oiled machine. Through their efforts the club this year has been able to put on many fun activities. Please join with me in thanking the following officers:

Jerry Pokorski – First Vice President, organizing the 3 main dinners
Tim Perry – Second Vice President, organizing the club rides including the color tour
Allen Gigliotti – Treasurer, for handling membership and our finances
Dave Cronberger/Bob Hann – Newsletter Editor for the best newsletter yet
Ives Potrofska – Web Master for a great web site

A special thanks needs to go to two people who are not officers but have served the club:

Betty Ward for organizing the very well attended Wednesday night dinner rides each week.
Duncan Blair for running the very successful 50/50 raffle at each of our meetings.

Thank you for your service to the club,

respectfully, John Saarinen

ELECTIONS FOR 2011 OFFICERS TO BE HELD DECEMBER 11TH

It is that time of year again and we are looking for a few good people to serve as club officers for 2011.

The positions we are looking to fill are:

President - runs the monthly club meetings, holds officers meetings, provide direction for activities. *Currently John Saarinen*

First Vice President - Organizes the three main activities for the club: 1) Frankenmuth Chicken Dinner Run, 2) Steak Picnic in September, and 3) Mid-Winter Dinner, and fills in for President when needed. *Currently Jerry Pokorski (Jerry will NOT be continuing in this capacity for 2011)*

Second Vice President - Acts as ride coordinator: works with volunteers to choose destinations for the lunch rides following our monthly meetings and track other large club rides. *Currently Tim Perry*

Treasurer - Maintains organization financial records, deliver reports, collect dues, etc. *Currently Allen Gigliotti*

Newsletter Editor - Oversees publication of the monthly newsletter and related duties. *Currently Bob Hann*

Webmaster - Maintains club website & E-Group membership. Because of the specialized skills involved, the board is proposing that the Webmaster not be an elected position but rather an ex-official member, i.e., they are on the board because they have volunteered for the Webmaster job. *Currently Ives Potrofska*

We want to have elections at the December 11th meeting. Please step forward if you would be willing to help the club. The person who held the position previously will be available to help coach you if you have any questions during the year. If you are willing, please feel free to talk with any of the officers before the December meeting to get a feel for what the position requires.

Proposed CHANGES TO THE CLUBS BY-LAWS

The officers have reviewed the current By-Laws and are recommending some changes (attachment) be made. Such changes are to clarify some items and better reflect how the club is currently organized. Please review these revised By-Laws and be ready to vote on these proposed changes at the December meeting.

.CLUB EVENTS

INTERNATIONAL MOTORCYCLE SHOW

In Novi; January 7 - 9 and Cleveland at the IX Center; January 28 - 30 - mark your Calendars . . .

MID-WINTER DINNER, FEBRUARY 5, 2011

For the past 2 years our Mid-Winter Dinner has been an unqualified success. This dinner is a no blue jeans event but it is kept laid back. It gives us an opportunity to get together in "Mid Winter" and include our families and significant others in a little more formal environment. We've scheduled this year's dinner for Saturday, February 5th, 6:30PM to Midnight, to make it easier for everyone to attend. It will be at Villa Penna's at 43985 Hayes, in Sterling Heights. ½ Mile South of M-59 on Hayes. Dinner will be served family style and the menu is shown below.

Relish Tray
Soups (Minestrone, Chicken Noodle, or Stracciatella)
Salad
Rolls and Butter
Mostaccioli with Meat Sauce
Fettuccine Alfredo
Chicken Picante
Top Round of Beef
Green Beans Almondine
Roasted Potatoes
Dessert (Spumoni or Ice Cream Sundae)
Cash bar.

As last year, the cost will be \$35 per person. Please put this on your calendar. Please reserve your place by submitting payment to: John Saarinen before the end of December. Contact me at jsaarinen@peoplepc.com with any questions.

Following dinner we will present Bent Beemer Awards. I know we will have a great time as usual. Come on out and join in on the fun!

Club Rides

ALWAYS IN SEARCH OF NEW DESTINATIONS

We would all enjoy going to new places . . . 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.

Date	Lunch Ride Location	Ride Planner
December 11	Polar Bear Ride - Weather Permitting	Dick Hautau

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

December 1	Alibi Inn	6700 Rochester Rd, Troy
December 8	Lone Star Steak Hse	31540 Gratiot Av, Roseville
December 15	El Charro's	16720 E.14 Mile Rd, Fraser
December 22	Da Francesco's Italian Cuisine	49624 Van Dyke, Shelby Twp

NEWS FROM THE BEEMERSHIP

The Beemership will be sponsoring a food drive again this Christmas. Proceeds will benefit St Mark's in Warren. Those contributing canned goods will in turn give themselves an *additional 5%* discount on selected, in-stock merchandise. This discount is on top of your member's discount.

The Dealership Christmas Open House is scheduled for Saturday, December 18th between 10 am & 4 pm. Additional details will be available at our December meeting.

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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RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP BY JANUARY 31ST !

Yes, it's that time of year again when we need to renew our members and pay our dues. Dues remain at \$10 for a member and \$5 for an associate member. An associate member is anyone who is your child, spouse, or significant other. This remains one of the best deals available. Your membership pays for the doughnuts at our monthly meetings, the Frankenmuth chicken dinner in June and September's steak picnic.

And the best deal just got better . . . with a paid 2011 membership; you will be issued membership cards. These cards will entitle you to 10% discount on most in stock items at BMW of Detroit. Naturally, this offer *cannot* be combined with any other promotions and excludes motorcycles, labor and service installed parts.

Please renew by sending your renewal to Allen Gigliotti along with a check made out in his name.

Remember, following the February meeting we will change the password to the website and update the Yahoo Group e-mail. If you have not renewed you won't be getting the new password.

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. 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!"*

FOR SALE:

TourMaster . . .

Pivot Jacket Silver/Black *1st \$110 takes it*

- ✓ 4 months old - brand new condition!
- ✓ Size medium - these jackets run larger than normal I'm 5'10", 180 lbs and it fits me fine
- ✓ 100% waterproof & breathable Rainguard™ shell
- ✓ Waterproof zippered shoulder, sleeve and rear exhaust vents for flow through ventilation
- ✓ Soft microfiber lined collar
- ✓ Adjustable sleeve take-ups at forearm and bicep
- ✓ Removable armor
- ✓ Full sleeve quilted zip-out liner
- ✓ Tons of pockets;
 - external: chest, hand, sleeve, fanny pack
 - internal: wallet, phone, keys, etc., in both shell and liner
- ✓ Adjustable waist belts
- ✓ Zipper attachment for pants



Caliber Pants (medium) Brand New Condition \$159

- ✓ 4 months old - brand new condition!
- ✓ Size medium - these pants run larger than normal. I'm 5'10", 180 lbs., 34-36" waist and it fits me fine.
- ✓ 100% waterproof & breathable Rainguard™ shell
- ✓ Stretch materials in calf and inseam for comfortable fit
- ✓ Reinforced knees and seat
- ✓ Full length, quilted, zip-out liner
- ✓ Full length waterproof zippers along each leg for easy on and off
- ✓ Zippered, waterproof hand pockets
- ✓ Adjustable and removable armor
- ✓ Dual elastic waist and adjustable waist belts
- ✓ Zipper attachment for jacket



Will sell together \$195... Pete 586.978.3956 petelentini@yahoo.com



PIAA Platinum "SuperWhite" Bulbs

- (1) H3 35W (performs like 60W)
- (2) H3 85W (performs like 135W)

All three bulbs are brand new, never used and still in their original containers.

... normally \$35 to \$40 each **on sale: \$20 each \$50 for all three!**

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K1200LT Shelf

<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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Leather-like Bra (never worn)(Fredericks)size 34B. \$8.00
Hot Grips Model STF, for street M/C's 6 or 12 volt ,15watts per grip,
7/8" handlebars (needs resister and hi-low switch. \$5.00
SHOEI Face Shields .1-tinted new GRV \$12.00 1-clear new GRV \$8.00
1-clear usedCX1.\$5.00
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By-Laws of the Motor City Beemers Motorcycle Club

- Article 1)** The Organization shall be known as the Motor City Beemers
- Article 2)** The purpose of the organization shall be to pursue, promote, and protect the interests of BMW motorcyclists. To develop better and more enthusiastic relations with the general public and the operators and riders of all motorcycles.
- Article 3)** The officers of the organization shall be a President, 1st Vice President-Events Coordinator, 2nd Vice President-Ride Coordinator, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor and Web Master.

The duties of the President shall be:

- To preside at all meetings of the organization
- To have general supervision of the affairs of the organization
- To appoint any person of committee not otherwise ordered by the organization
- To personally represent the organization on proper occasions and business contacts
- To assist all other officers of the organization with their duties.

The duties of the 1st Vice President-Events Coordinator shall be:

- To assist the president with his duties
- To preside in the president's absence
- Organize and coordinate activities of the club events.

The duties of the 2nd Vice President -Ride Coordinator shall be:

- To assist the president with his duties
- To preside in the president's & 2nd Vice President's absence
- Encourage & work with volunteers to organize rides following the regular monthly meetings and other scheduled club rides.

The duties of the Treasurer shall be:

- To collect dues from all members.
- To collect all other money due the organization.
- To maintain organization financial records and deliver reports.
- To pay financial obligations on a timely basis.
- To maintain E-Group membership.
- Maintain MOA & RA membership status.

The duties of the ~~Recording Secretary~~ Newsletter Editor shall be:

- ~~To keep a record of the meetings of the organization.~~
- Oversee publication of the monthly newsletter.
- To handle all organization correspondence.
- To perform such other duties as generally fall to that office.

The duties of the Web Master shall be:

- To send out electronic notices of regular or special meetings.
- To perform such other duties as generally fall to that office.

- To maintain club website.
- To perform such other duties as generally fall to that office.

The immediate past president shall serve as an advisor to the executive board.

- Article 4)** The nomination of club officers will be held at the regular club meeting in November. Nominations may be made from members in attendance or if not in attendance, members may make a nomination in writing to the person selected to act as nomination chairperson. Written nominations must be presented to the nomination chair prior to the start of the November meeting. Ballots will be mailed and must be returned to the nomination chair prior to the start of the December meeting. Ballots will be opened and tabulated by the officers at the December meeting under "New Business" and will be done so under the supervision of the membership in attendance. **Except that uncontested positions may be confirmed by show of hands.** Candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected to terms of office lasting one (1) year. Terms shall start and end under "New Business" at the January meeting.
- Article 5)** The club shall be operated by majority vote of the membership at regular meetings. All members in good standing shall have one (1) equal vote. All issues voted on must pass by ~~at least 51%~~ **a majority of those present.** Club officer shall act as the management and administration of the club and represent the club at formal functions.
- Article 6)** Membership is open to all persons interested in furthering the purpose of this organization. All members are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the rules and by-laws of the organization. Failure to do so could be subject to dismissal. Violations will be handled by vote of the membership at the recommendation of the club officers.
- Article 7)** Annual dues of \$10.00 for **an individual Regular** membership shall be for the calendar year from January to January. **Associate membership(s) are available for family members and significant others of regular members at 50% of the regular membership, the current associate membership rate being \$5.** All dues **are** to be collected by January 31 of each year. Unpaid members shall not have a vote at meetings ~~and no~~ **or enjoy** other club benefits until such time as dues are paid.
- Members have the right to one (1) vote, hold office and enjoy all other club benefits.**
- Article 8)** Regular meetings shall be held the ~~first~~ second (rev. Dec 5, 2009) Saturday of each month unless otherwise rescheduled for Holidays and other special occasions. Changes shall be noted in the club newsletter before the meeting date.
- Article 9)** Any amendment or proposal to change the By-laws shall be submitted to the president, be published in the newsletter and be discussed at a regular meeting before a vote is called.
- Article 10)** In the event of dissolution of the Motor City Beemers, all funds in the treasury will be donated to a charity selected by the majority vote of the remaining membership of the club.