



Motor City Beemers

Club Newsletter



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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 March 12th

Following Meeting: April 9th

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THE PREZ SEZ

The short spurt of warm weather in February the ice finally melted the ice on the streets near my house. This allowed me to get the bike out for a few days. Only rode couple hundred miles but enough to get that motorcycling bug. I've started to plan some trips. The list of places I haven't been, or places I want to go again keeps getting longer. Time available has increased, but so have my options.

I need to get the bike and myself ready for this riding season. Tomorrow I'll call Don at the Beemership to schedule the needed maintenance. Don't want any problems on that first long haul to Texas. I also need to contact one of the community colleges in our area to schedule a Motorcycle Safety Course. This is the time of year to get registered because the classes fill up quickly. Just want to make sure the bike and I are both ready.

Riding is fun! John Saarinen

The New Riding Season by Pete Lentini

If you wandered down the aisles of the recent bike show in Novi I suspect your desire to get on the bike is overwhelming. Drooling over the new 2011 models always fosters a much-anticipated launch into the official riding season. We yearn for fresh adventures on original roads with newfound friends. It's all part of the anticipation and excitement that fill our thoughts during a typical arctic January. Did you know The Riding Season is actually comprised of a number of smaller, sub-seasons? You don't jump immediately onto your bike when that first clear, crisp, salt-free day in March (if we're lucky) graces our Michigan flatlands. Oh no my fellow MCB, it's far more convoluted and tortuous than that. The Riding Season really begins with:

1. "I'm Itchin' to Ride but I'd Rather Wait 'Till All the Salt Washes Off the Road" Season. This one can drive a sane motorcyclist mad. Sure it's only salt dust, and if you have the facilities to conveniently hose off this degenerative dandruff immediately after that first ride – you're fine. If not, this season breeds a good deal of cerebral consternation. You know; the allure of that First Ride vs. the anguish of a nasty clean up.

2. "Pot Hole" Season. Just the mention of these three words brings a shudder to most motorcyclists. Survival requires a heightened awareness of southeast Michigan's annual spring crop of this highly contagious pavement plague. Or at least, familiarity with something that resembles a pothole – like a shadow or oil stain on the concrete.



How 'bout the tattered remains of someone's frozen and pounded flat denim jeans that fell out of their trunk on the way to the laundromat! Don't forget, this disaster avoidance season manifests itself not only in a straight line, but even more dangerously, around corners. Your attention will bounce between the lunar-like road surface ahead and

your mirrors behind to ensure your "lane dance" keeps you away from disaster. Seriously; this really can be a very dangerous, if not white-knuckled, season for us and our bikes. If not approached carefully, i.e., slowly and straight on, a pot hole has the potential to twist the front wheel and spit us off in an instant. Slow down and/or select a different route if you can.

3. "Pot Hole" Season is followed immediately by "I Need to Repair My Front Tire and Wheel" Season. You say mini-canyons and Unfortunately the Succumbing to the ability to safely survive season #2. Either way, not good.



you've managed to bounce into one of the Detroit's winter remained vertical? Count your blessings, my friend. crater has audaciously autographed your front wheel. perilous potential of this season results from a failed

4. "Local Road Commission Employees Celebrate Overtime to Patch Potholes" Season comes next and it creates additional hazards above and beyond the heck is that mystery matter shoveled into a pothole and down by **OUR** tires? Exhaustive research by your trusted, discovered the name of this substance as Crevice Reaching Particulates...otherwise known as CRAP. I've unearthed pebbles of this stuff wedged in the bowels of my BMW as late as October! Stubborn little buggers aren't they.



season #3. What left to pack itself speedy scribe Asphalt tenacious little

Well folks, by this time, sadly, it's only mid-March. Everybody must return to Season #1 and repeat the process. Until maybe July. If we're lucky.

Isn't it great to live in Michigan? Good luck. Ride safe.



Club Rides

FROM YOUR "RIDE CAPTAIN:

We have quite a list of perspective rides in the following list. 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.

- 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)

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Date	Lunch Ride Location	Ride Planner

BMW MOA BLOOMSBURG, 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 three suites for three nights at the Bloomsburg University Apartments. Check in will be on Thursday the 21st and checking out Sunday morning the 24th. Two of the suites still have openings. These two suites have 6 private bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. Linens and air-conditioning is provided. Two of the suites still have openings. Cost per suite is \$150 and will be split evenly between the number of people in each suite. We are also setting up small groups to ride back roads both to the rally. There is a kitchen in each of the suites or food can be purchased in the food court that services the University.

If you are interested in a room or just riding out with a small group please contact me at 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 for additional details.

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 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

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

Respectfully, John Saarinen



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

March 2	Thai Orchid Cuisine	60 Cherry Street, Mount Clemens
March 9	Waves	24223 Jefferson Ave, St. Clair Shores
March 16	Engine House	309 Cass, Mount Clemens
March 23	Red Hot & Blue	33800 Van Dyke Avenue, Sterling Hts
March 30	Filippa's Restaurant	45125 Mound Rd at M-59, Utica

Have you renewed your membership for 2011?

. . . benefits of membership include our participation at our summer Chicken and Steak Dinner outings, *but --most importantly--* the camaraderie of dozens of fellow BMW motorcyclists. All for the low price of \$10 for an individual membership and \$5 for associate membership!



I will be updating our member database soon! Regrettably, only paid-up members will continue to receive e-mail postings from the group.

Don't cut yourself off from an exciting, dynamic group of fellow riders! Time is running out . . . I look forward to hearing from you soon!

Remember, you can submit your payment by check or PayPal.

Allen Gigliotti
Motor City Beemers Treasurer

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!"

NEWS FROM THE BEEMERSHIP

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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- (2) H3 85W (performs like 135W)

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

Pete 586.978.3956 petelentini@yahoo.com

K1200LT Shelf

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

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

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

Will sell for \$20.00 EACH

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FOR SALE

Mens Reed Chaps-calf pockets added, waist 36-42, inseam 32 ,Like new! \$95.00
Womens Steer brand Chaps (small)(U.S.A.) inseam 26" ,waist adjustable Like New! \$75.00
Mens Fieldsheer M/C coat EX.COND. size 48 worn one season \$200.00
Womens leather pants size 8,waist 29, inseam 28. \$30.00
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
Leather mitten like new ,size small. \$5.00
Mens leather gloves (like new) size large.(G.P.Cycle). \$10.00
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
Face shields-3,tinted for 3/4 Helmet 3 for \$20.00

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