



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 July 9th

Following Meeting: August 13th

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PREZ SEZ

We are now well into the summer and you see motorcycles everywhere. I am not getting all the chances I would like to get out on the road. So I did appreciate the chance to ride up to Frankenmuth for the Chicken Dinner Run. Maury did a great job pulling the dinner and ride route together. I keep forgetting how many nice roads we have in Michigan and Maury seems to know them all. I really need to get out and explore more.

The two big rallies; the MOA and RA, are going to provide excuses for little bit longer rides. Romeo has a bike night on Thursday and the most important bike night of the week; Betty's Wednesday night dinners. Come on out and meet the rest of the club. I know that we have a lot of great members. Use the riding opportunities presented, we have a short riding season and before long we will be complaining about the snow and ice.

Enjoy the season, 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.
- 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

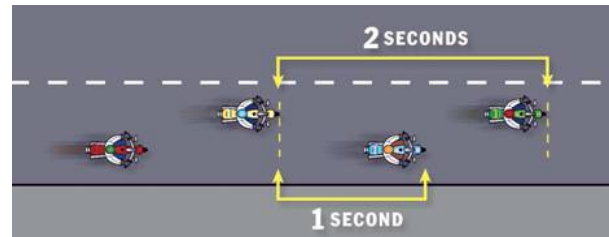
CLUB RIDES

JUST A THOUGHT . . .

This is a great time of year. Between dinner rides, the monthly lunch rides following our meetings and the various planned and unplanned trips to new and familiar destinations we can expect to participate in a fair share of group rides. Group riding can be fun; after all we're doing what we enjoy with others who share our passion. None-the-less, group riding is not without its dangers. While it is true, that a group is generally more visible to other motorists, that phalanx of bikes requires a whole different set of skills. I've touched on 2 such examples for your consideration.

Despite the current housing malaise there is one small piece of real estate that remains invaluable; that is the cushion of space that separates us individually when riding as a group. We observe the customary staggered, interval formation for a reason.

By alternating riders between the left and right sides of the lane, it strikes a balance, ensuring a measure of space around each of us without stretching the group into a rolling obstacle. *(A good reason for breaking larger groups into smaller, more manageable groups)* This interval is based on a 2 second gap between you



and the rider directly in front/behind. Since the next rider splits this gap on the opposite side of the lane, this approach also provides a measure of side-to-side movement as well. While maintaining this 2 second interval, the distance between riders should increase as speed increases. Those of us

more comfortable riding on one side of the lane or the other should take that into consideration when queuing up.

Communication, rather the lack of it, tends to be another annoying problem in group rides. Turn-by-turn instructions . . . *either paper or electronic* . . . help, but there's only so much that can be anticipated. When seen, hand signals can be helpful too. Pre-ride meetings, planned stops and breaking into smaller groups all help as well. Just as bad perhaps are the inadvertent miscommunications we're all guilty of. One of the most abused, the uncanceled turn signal, can be not only be mildly annoying but downright dangerous potentially leading other motorists execute maneuvers based on "their understanding" of what was intended. My own personal issue is that my GPS obscures my left turn signal indicator; thus out of sight out of mind.

An editorial comment . . . illustration courtesy of Maury

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). 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
August 13 th	All you can eat Perch - Peck	Jim Mick
August 27 th	Waldo Fried Baloney Ride	Rhys Blair
September 10 th	Stivers Restaurant - Chelsea	John Sarrinen
September 18 th	Annual Summer Picnic - Fort Gratiot County Park	

FRANKENMUTH 2011 ANNUAL DINNER RIDE, SATURDAY, JUNE 18TH

First of all let me thank Maury Feuerman for organizing the Frankenmuth Chicken Dinner Run. Twenty four members participated in this ride. The route was good and everything went off like clockwork. We actually arrived at the exact time as our reservation. I think that is a first in our clubs history. The food and atmosphere were great as usual. They put us up in a private room and the waitresses didn't leave us wanting for anything other than looser waist bands. Thank you to all that participated and especially to Maury for his efforts. Please thank him personally when you see him next time.

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 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 to reserve a spot. It will be first come first serve.

YALE BALOGNA FESTIVAL, JULY 29 - 31

Small town Americana is alive and well in Yale, Michigan. They celebrate the fact that they were the bologna capital of the United States. They used to produce the majority of the bologna sold. Their motto is "Full of Bologna and proud of it!" Saturday late morning they have a squirt gun fight between any kids that want to bring their squirt gun and they fight against the Yale Stone Cops. The street is blocked off and they (and the spectators) have a great time. There is almost continuous street entertainment. Google them and check it out. I think you will have a great time.

MOTOR CITY BEEMER PICNIC, SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2011

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.

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 as well.

If you are planning on attending, please contact Maury Feuerman (mfeuerman@comcast.net), by Saturday, September 10th so we can make sure we have steaks for everyone. If members are bringing their children or guests make sure I am aware so that we can have enough food for all. (*Dick this includes you!*)

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*.

Please respond to me and let me know what you are bringing.

I will post directions, a suggested route and lead a ride from the dealership if there is a desire from enough people.

See everyone there,

Maury

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

July 13 th	Murphy's Inn	505 Clinton Ave, Saint Clair
July 20 th	Sagebrush Cantina	28 S. Broadway, Lake Orion
July 27 th	Thai Orchid	60 Cherry St., Mt Clemens

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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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...

Will sell for \$20.00 EACH

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FOR SALE

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Link to website:

www.motoport.com/_product_35443/Ultra_II_Cordura_Light_Pant

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