



# Motor City Beemers

## Club Newsletter



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**All meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at 10:30AM at BMW of Detroit**

**Our *next* meeting is scheduled for January 14th**

**Following Meeting: February 11th**

**Web site: [www.bizblvd.net/mcbeemers](http://www.bizblvd.net/mcbeemers)**

President	Betty Ward	crazybet@comcast.net
1st Vice President	Keith Harrison	
2nd Vice President	Rhys Blair	rhysb@att.net
Treasurer	Allen Gigliotti	giglio@comcast.net
Newsletter Editor	Bob Hann	mcbnewsletter@bizblvd.net
Web Master	Ives R. Potrafka	ives@bizblvd.net

### PREZ SEZ

This will be my last Prez Sez as Betty Ward, our new President, won in a land slide victory during the December meeting. I will say that the club picked a very good candidate. She is not only a great rider/adventurer, but is filled with new and innovated ideas. Most members are already familiar with Betty her for her, now famous, Wednesday night dinners. She has been the idea person behind many of our other activities throughout the year. However, a great leader will not be able to accomplish anything without the support of the members. Throughout the year we have a need for volunteers, but also need participants. Come on out, support your officers and the club. Help make the club everything it can be, help it fulfill your needs and desires. I want to congratulate Betty Ward on taking over the reins of the club. She will take the club in new directions. Knowing her I know those directions will be great for the club and its members.

As my final Prez Sez I want to thank those officers and members who supported me over the past four years. I couldn't have done it without your support. Thank you for the honor of being your President.

Respectfully,

John Saarinen, Prez Retired

## **NEW OFFICERS**

I would like to introduce our new officers for 2012. These officers won by unanimous decision of the members at the December 2011 meeting. Please congratulate them and thank them for all of the good things they do.

*Betty Ward* – President; one of the best riders and motorcycle adventurers I know. She rides a phenomenal number of miles every year and goes to so many far flung locations. She has hosted the Wednesday night dinners which have been a hit with those members that have attended. She is full of great ideas and I hope the club comes out to support her.

*Keith Harrison* – Vice President/Ride Coordinator; great long distance rider who has also raced motorcycles. Please support him by sending him ride suggestions for lunch destinations following our club meeting. Also send him suggestions for club rides between those club meetings. We are a club focused on riding, help Keith by coming up with new destinations.

*Rhys Blair* – Vice President/Special Activities; great long distance rider who has come up with a system to keep long trips from getting out of hand. Rhys is not only a great rider but most members know him for being the chef extraordinaire at the September Picnic. He will be organizing the three main events: June Chicken Dinner Run to Frankenmuth, September Steak Picnic, and Mid Winter Dinner January 2013. Please help him by getting your reservations in early to eliminate last minute panics.

*Allen Gigliotti* – Treasurer; he returns for another year. Allen is another great long distance rider who completed his first official Iron Butt Award this year. He's done a great job and implemented PayPal account as a form of paying for membership and Mid Winter dinner. Please renew your memberships early to make Allen's job a little easier. The officers also need to know what kind of a budget they have to work with this year.

*Bob Hann* – News Letter Editor; another returning officer. Bob is another great long distance rider who has enjoyed the freedom that retirement has afforded. As news letter editor he has elevated the news letter to new heights and we are glad to have him back.

*Ives Potrafka* – Web Master extraordinaire; Ives is another great long distance rider who not only created our club web site and continues to host it as well. He has implemented security to prevent viruses from sneaking their way into our web site but also our e-mail group. You have noticed that attachments are automatically stripped from any e-mail if sent through our e-group. Please help make his job a little easier by keeping e-mails to motorcycle and member related subjects. Also remember that all attachments will be stripped from the e-mail. If you want (or need) attachments to be sent to a member, send it directly to the member, not through the e-group.

## **Out Going Officers from 2011**

*John Saarinen* – Prez retired; I am honored to have served as your President. As with any officer, past or present, I have put my mark on the club. I hope that mark made the club better for you as members. I must thank you all for your support and will help in the future in any way I can.

*Rhys Blair* – Vice President/Ride Coordinator; Rhys did a great job of organizing the ride schedule from suggestions made by our members. He organized a lot of rides between the monthly rides following our club meetings. I want to thank him for working so hard to keep us in ride destinations. I also want to thank him for taking on the new task coordinating the special activities for the coming year.

*Maury Feuerman* – Vice President/Special Activities; he has done a great job of pulling together the Special Activities (Frankenmuth, Steak Picnic, and Mid-Winter Dinner 2012). Due to scheduling conflicts he was not able to attend the chicken and steak dinners but hopefully will be able to attend the Mid-Winter Dinner to enjoy the fruits of his labor. Organizing these activities can be particularly difficult due to last minute reservations. I want to thank him for not only organizing these outings but also keeping a sense of humor through some of the difficult times.

*Allen Gigliotti* – Treasurer; he did a great job and implemented PayPal as a payment option. He not only handles our finances but also keeps the membership roster and sends out the invitations to join the e-group. I thank him for keeping the membership rolls accurate and keeping us solvent.

*Bob Hann* – News Letter Editor; he's kept the newsletter going and brought it to a higher level. I look forward to another year of great reading. I thank him for the great job he has done, continues to do, and will do in the future.

*Ives Potrafka* – Web Master extraordinaire; what can I say but thank you to a great Web Master. Without him we wouldn't have our web-page of e-group. He has worked tirelessly for at least the past 6 years to keep us informed and connected. Thank Ives for bringing us into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Please take the time to thank your officers, past and present for their efforts on your behalf.

## **CLUB RIDES**

### **CLUB LUNCH RIDES**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Lunch Ride Destination</b>	<b>Ride Planner</b>
January 14 <sup>th</sup>	?	

**MID-WINTER PARTY, JANUARY 28, 2012 . . . *Only 3 weeks away!***

*Just a reminder . . .* the Mid-Winter Party is coming up! It will be held at Penna's on Hayes Road about 1/4 mile south of M-59. This is the same location we've used for the last 4 years. As in prior years, the cost will be \$35 per person. The meal will be served family style. It will include salad, pasta, main course and desert. There will also be a cash bar.

We will be presenting Bent-Beemers to those people who have entertained us with minor spills or other embarrassing situations in the 2011 riding season. If you have any nominations for this prestigious award please forward the nomination to John Saarinen [jsaarinen@peoplepc.com](mailto:jsaarinen@peoplepc.com). These awards must be ordered in plenty of time from No-Ones Cheaper Awards. Where the price is minimal and so is the quality.

Those attending should please contact Maury Feuerman at [mfeuerman@comcast.net](mailto:mfeuerman@comcast.net) to make your reservation. Please make the check out to "Allen Gigliotti" and mail it to: 32096 Rosevear, Beverly Hills, MI. 48025. Alternatively, you can make payments by e-mail to [giglio@comcast.net](mailto:giglio@comcast.net).

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

January 4 <sup>th</sup>	East Side Mario's	2273 Crooks Rd Rochester Hills
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January 11 <sup>th</sup>	Murphys Inn	505 Clinton Avenue St. Clair
January 18 <sup>th</sup>	Thai Orchid Cuisine	60 Cherry St., Mt Clemens
January 25 <sup>th</sup>	Gus O'Conner's	324 S Main St , Rochester

## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

It is that time of the year to renew your membership in Motor City Beemers. There is a form included in the newsletter to make the job of renewing easier. The dues stayed the same at \$10 for the primary member and \$5 for the associate member. An associate member must be associated with a primary member. This allows you to attend the Chicken dinner ride to Frankenmuth and steak picnic near Port Huron. The club picks up the cost of the chicken dinner and the steaks. The dues also cover the cost of donuts at the meetings. We need members to renew as early as possible so we can figure out a budget for the year. Send renewals to Allen Gigliotti; [giglio@comcast.net](mailto:giglio@comcast.net)

## **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!"

## **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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**FOR SALE**

### **2007 Ural Motorcycle with Sidecar**

Tourist Model - 7000 Kilometers

Custom Handle Bars for Rider comfort

Auxiliary Light on Sidecar

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\$7600.00

Ives Potrafka 248-207-1575 [ives@bizblvd.net](mailto:ives@bizblvd.net)

### 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!**

Pete 586.978.3956 [petelentini@yahoo.com](mailto:petelentini@yahoo.com)

# FOR SALE

## Motoport "Canyon" Pants - size small

- ✓ A few years old but worn about 3 times! - ***Absolutely like new!***
- ✓ 100% waterproof & breathable DuPont Cordura™ shell
- ✓ Full length mesh non-stick lining
- ✓ Stretch material behind calf for comfort
- ✓ Accordion pleats above knees for comfort
- ✓ Reinforced knees and seat
- ✓ (1) snap & (3) zippered pockets
- ✓ 12" zipper in calf for easy removal
- ✓ Removable armor in the hips and knees
- ✓ Elastic waist at sides and rear plus adjustable waist belt
- ✓ Similar to the new Cordura Light Pant only w/o the removable lining & full leg zippers.

\$75

*Link to website:*

[www.motoport.com/\\_product\\_35443/Ultra\\_II\\_Cordura\\_Light\\_Pant](http://www.motoport.com/_product_35443/Ultra_II_Cordura_Light_Pant)

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