



Motor City Beemers

Club Newsletter



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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 9th

Following Meeting: April 13th

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PREZ SEZ

Hello All,

Just a short note from the Prez. Spring is almost here and we have a lot to kick our riding season off. Let's remember to do those safety checks on our bikes, check your gear and if you need to get your bike serviced Don is now back at the shop. We have a few guest speakers for our next few meetings so I hope you will be able to attend. Some hot topics will be: The Ride for Kids, Trophy Cycle and Apparel, Powerlet and news about our yahoo group and website; great stuff for all of us! Hey, how about a Ride-n-Camp weekend?? Think about this...anyone up for this or a weekend trip and Hotel....Just options :) Suggestions??

Our Club memberships are a little low right now so round up your riding buddies and let them know about us. We have a great group of people and would be nice to have more! Personally I think we have a lot to offer. Hope to see you at the meetings or Wednesdays dinners.

Enjoy!

Betty

PHOTO SUBMISSIONS

Sorry I missed last month's meeting, but I understand that our new president asked everyone send pictures to me for to posting to the web site. That being said, I would like to explain the process for posting pictures and getting them up on the web site.

For each picture I receive it has to be scaled to 500 pixels wide and 50% quality. The web page then has to be updated by inserting the picture into the code, resizing it and then creating the hyper link. Finally, the picture and updated web page has to be uploaded to the web site via FTP. All this takes time.

On our web site we have two areas to place pictures. The first area is for "club pictures" which is our rides and events. The second area is for "member pictures".

I welcome submissions to both areas!

Just remember that it all takes time. If you want to submit pictures for the "club pictures" section I would ask that you review them and select a few good ones to post. If you took several pictures like most of us do, just send the best of the group, rather than everyone you took.

In the "member pictures" section I ask that you just submit 6 pictures or less.

Want to be even more helpful. It would be a huge help if the picture came sized or scaled to the following specs:

- 500 pixels wide / the height scale according to the width
- JPG format and saved to 50% image quality.

The goal of sizing the pictures to these specifications is to keep the size small enough to download quickly when displayed on the Internet. I try to keep all pictures 50 KB or less.

Don't know how to scale images or have the software to manipulate pictures. I have a answer for you. <http://www.gimp.org/downloads/>

GIMP is free software that runs on multiple platforms. It is very powerful and compares with Photoshop in features.

Thank You for Your Cooperation and I hope to see you all at the March meeting.

From the Webmaster's Desk...
Ives R. Potrafka

CLUB RIDES

CLUB LUNCH RIDES

Date	Lunch Ride Destination	Ride Planner
March 10 th	?	

GOING SOMEWHERE

Club Members,

Keith Harrison, Maury Feuerman, Steve Penczak and myself have planned on attending the 2012 European Bike Rally in Burksville, Kentucky the weekend of May 18-20. We will be leaving the general area of the Beamership early on Thursday, May 17 and returning on Sunday, May 20. We may also have another general pick-up area at Exit 15 (Monroe) for those out on the west side who plan on attending.

The ride is approximately 500 miles one way and mostly on I-75. It is a very simple and straight forward route we plan on riding in one way. Details will be discussed at the next meeting in March should you be interested in riding with us.

You will be on your own to register for the rally on line and make your own hotel reservations. Camping is available at the rally site. All the details for the rally can be found on line at www.nashvilleriders.com. Again, if you are interested let us know and we will discuss in more detail at our March and April meetings.

Ride Safe,

Rhys Blair and Keith Harrison

ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC; SEPTEMBER 15th

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 15, 2012! Keith Harrison has locked in our special picnic location at the Fort Gratiot Park. More details to follow, but the biggest detail is that if you are a paid up member you are in line for a free, grilled to order steak just for showing up. See you all at the next meeting, second Saturday in March at the Beemership! Make a note all you new members; you won't want to miss this party.

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

March 7 th	Twisted Rooster	45225 Marketplace Blvd. , Chesterfield
March 14 th	Camp Ticonderoga	5725 Rochester Rd, Troy
March 21 st	Bahama Breeze	539 East Big Beaver Rd, Troy
March 28 th	Pat O'Brien's Tavern	22385 East 10 Mile Road, St. Clair Shores

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; giglioa@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. 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!"

BMW Test Riders Needed

AKS Engineering is looking for local Michigan BMW Riders to test our new, instant-on & instant-off, throttle lock called the ***Kruz Locker***.

The bikes we need riders for, include the following:

R1100 R '94 to '00
R1150 R '99 to '06
R1200 R '05 to '10
R1100 GS '94 to '06
R1150 GS '98 to '03
R1150 GSA '01 to '05

If interested, we would come to your home and install a production intent prototype on your bike. After 2-3 months we would like your opinion on it. If you would still like to have one, we would replace it at no charge with a new production unit.

You can see how the Kruz Locker works at: **aksengineering.com**.

They have been in production for the R1200GS&A, F6500GS & F800GS, for about 4 months.

We'll only need 1 or 2 riders per bike.

If interested please contact me at: steve@aksengineering.com

Please provide me your name, address and best phone number to contact you.

Thanks;

Steve Ruth
AKS Engineering
Holly, MI

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

**"MICK-O-Pegs"
FOR SALE**

2007 Ural Motorcycle with Sidecar
Spring Loaded Highway Pegs
for your R1200RT or your
Tourist Model - 1200 Kilometers

Custom Handle Bars for Rider comfort

Auxiliary Light on Sidecar

Deep Supp Oil

Fairing and Lowers

Dealer Serviced

\$7600.00

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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



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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.

Price reduced \$60
\$75

Link to website:

www.motoport.com/_product_35443/Ultra_II_Cordura_Light_Pant

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ONE YEAR FREE MEMBERSHIP
With purchase of motorcycle from BMW MOTORCYCLES of DETROIT

MOTOR CITY BEEMERS

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Club Web Site – www.bizblvd.net/mcbeemers
Club eGroup Email – mcbeemers@yahoogroups.com

Annual membership dues are \$10 per year for full membership and \$5 per year for associate members.
Annual membership runs from January to December and payment is required by January 31 of each year.

Please select one: ☐ New Membership ☐ Associate Membership ☐ Renewal

(Please Print)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Home: _____ Cell: _____ Work: _____

Email: _____

National Motorcycle Club Membership Information

Please check the appropriate box to signify current membership in the following national motorcycle club:

BMW Motorcycle Owners of America No ____ Yes ____ #: _____

BMW Riders Association No ____ Yes ____ #: _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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