



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 September 8th

Following Meeting: October 12th

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PREZ SEZ

Well I will have to say; by talking with most of you we have been out riding and enjoying our summer. For those I haven't seen or talked to I assume you are out and about enjoying the few months of riding. It was nice to see some of you in Colorado at the RA Rally. There were some hot and windy days there and the roads were really awesome. Please continue to let us know about other rallies you have attended.

We have our Annual Steak dinner coming up on Saturday, September 15th. Please let Rhys know if you are attending and the dish you will be passing. Hope to see you there. Ives is setting up the Annual Color Ride to Leggs Inn so please let him know if you will be coming and reserve you a spot.

Keep up the good work and communication officers. :)

Thanks a bunch!

See you at the next meeting,

Betty

CLUB RIDES

CLUB LUNCH RIDES

Date	Lunch Ride Destination	Ride Planner
Sep 8 th	Port Huron	TBD
October 13 th	All You Can Eat Walleye - Peck, MI	Jim Mick
November 10 th	TBD	

Waldo, Ohio Fried Baloney Ride, Aug 18

"Saturday morning, August 18 could not have been a better day for a bike ride, especially for a bike ride to Waldo Ohio. Once again members of the Motor City Beemers headed to the land of Buckeye to partake of the world famous fried baloney sandwich. At 8:30 sharp two members Rhys Blair and Layne Steward departed the Beemership for Waldo. We picked up a third member Joe Dfelio in front of the Kmart store and our fourth member John Saarinen several blocks south on Van Dyke at a gas station, all without missing beat or having to pullover. Joe couldn't catch a break with the traffic lights and John had just picked up his trusty steed from Don at the shop and needed fuel. We dutifully rode through traffic along Van Dyke to I-696 and then south on I-75 to exit 15. This is our exit for picking up our members from the west and the south of Detroit. Here we found JJ of Flatrock and Larry Turk of Dearborn. We all made the routine rest stop ritual, traded niceties and then mounted up for the ride to the next rest area on U.S. 23 south of Upper Sandusky. It should be noted that with us on this trip were two fried baloney "virgins". Layne and JJ had never heard of, been or tasted a "world famous fried baloney sandwich." What a treat we had in store for them. So the four K-bikes and two R-bikes made our way to Ohio. At the U.S. 23 cutover we found the road closed for construction and had to detour a couple of miles down U.S 20 to Woodvale to cut over to U.S. 23 again.

The day was absolutely gorgeous for riding. The sun was out; the temperature in the mid 60's and the roads were mostly free of southbound traffic. We pulled into the rest area on 23 about 11:00 a.m. and were on the road again by 11:30. By 12:15 p.m. we were in downtown Waldo and 10 minutes later seated in the G&R Tavern. No wait, no nothing, we had a table for 6, menus and our drinks already ordered. In the meantime we explained to our "virgin" friends what a treat they were in for. We basically all ordered the same thing the same way... regular sandwich with cheese, pickles and onion. Someone ordered mayonnaise on theirs and someone else held the pickles. We all ordered onion rings! I couldn't wait to see the look on JJ and Layne's faces when the sandwiches arrived. Words can't describe their expressions. Even though we very carefully explained what they were going to get, they had no idea. It was beautiful. We even had an order of deep fried pickles accidentally delivered to our table which were eaten promptly. The only thing missing was Ives and his comments that went along with every meal on all of his trips. During the meal we spoke of PIE, yes even while we were gorging ourselves with fried baloney, we were talking about PIE. The best pie in the Midwest, the biggest pieces of pie in the Midwest, the most whipped cream on pie in the Midwest and you guessed it, everyone but John ordered PIE...he had to go out and check on an oil leak on his recently repaired iron steed. But the rest of us ate PIE. JJ had coconut cream, Layne I think had banana cream, Larry had Dutch apple and I had peanut butter chocolate cream pie!

Oh, oh Joe didn't have pie; I don't know why he didn't have pie! I ordered an extra sandwich to go for Jill and then we were off to people watch on the corner. Remember I said we walked right in and got a table for six? Well at 1:30 on our way out we had to fight our way through hordes of people standing around waiting for a table, and outside there must have been another 20-30 people waiting in line to get in. We crossed the street and stood or sat close to our bikes and watched the HD riders, actually listened to the HD riders come and go. It was quite a scene. Around 2:00 p.m. we all fueled up at the only gas station in town, gas was less than \$3.80 a gallon and discussed our plans for going home. Joe was headed back to Roscommon before nightfall, and Layne was headed for Lima to visit a friend. Larry, JJ, John and I headed out on the Marion road to find a different way home than U.S. 23. John wanted to stay close to the group, as he still was not able to stop the oil leak on the left side of his bike around the cylinder head. We found our way up to OH 309 west to 68 and then north to Findlay and I-75. We stopped at the rest area north of Findlay for the obvious reasons and to check on John's non-appropriate oil consumption. He was only down a tad and decided to go all the way home on the bike, even though both JJ and Larry offered him the use of their trailers. He declined and off we went. JJ peeled off at Flatrock and Larry at Telegraph. John stayed with me through the Kenny Chesney traffic around the Grand River exit and on up I-75 to 696 and Mound. I headed for the Groesbeck exit and was home by 5:30. It was a great day for a 400 mile lunch ride and I know everyone that went thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We tell this story and make this ride every year, and now I think we have been doing it for 10-12 years. If you have never made the ride or had a fried baloney sandwich go to www.gandrtavern.com and check it out for yourself. So until next year, you'll just have to do with a steak fry on September 15 at Fort Gratiot. See you all then.

GOING SOMEWHERE

"Battle of the Brits" car & bike show, September 9th

The annual "Battle of the Brits" car & bike show at the Campus of Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

There is a \$5.00 entry fee for spectators and \$10.00 to enter your bike which includes the spectator fee.

This may make a nice club ride. Perhaps we could meet somewhere for breakfast. There are some nice roads around Orchard Lake & then go to the show.

Annual Club Picnic; September 15th

Club Members

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 and is coming up Saturday, September 15, 2012.

We start 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, and beverages (water and soft drinks).

Steaks will be provided by the club for paid up members and associate members only. If you are receiving this email then you are a paid up member. We will bring a couple of pounds of

hamburger and hot dogs as well.

If you are planning on attending, please contact Rhys Blair at (rhysb@att.net) by Saturday, September 8th 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.

Everyone attending should bring something to pass (potato salad, coleslaw, salads, beans, deserts [easy on the cookies this year], 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.

See everyone there,

Rhys

2012 Color Tour; October 20-21, 2012

So, if you have never been on our annual color tour, let me give you a little history. The color tour was originally founded by our our Ryan and Rhys Blair. It was a cozy little group that took our sleeping bags and stayed at the Blair Cabin at Lake of the North. I am not really sure how long we have been doing this, but I think it is about 15 years or so.

On my very first color tour, we had a wonderful supper at Leggs Inn and then road to the cabin, about 15-20 miles in the rain and snow . . . *about 3 inches of sticky wet snow by the time we made the 2.5 hour ride.*

Don't let that scare you. I have been leading the ride since Rhys retired as ride leader a few years back and the weather has been fairly cooperative. We had a little rain one year, but no more snow.

Leggs Inn is located at Cross Village, at the north end of the tunnel of trees. They are very traditional Polish Restaurant and the weekend of October 20th is there last weekend of the season. So the menu is sometimes limited, but the food is always great.

This is about a 600 mile weekend, give or take and we have a planned route up on Saturday and everyone tends to go their own way home on Sunday. There will be a route home, but I leave between 8-9AM, so if you plan on sleeping in, better plan of finding your own way home too... :)

Here are the details (*as they say, the fine print*) to get signed up . . .

FIRST... If you have not PAID yet, please do not consider yourself registered for a place in one of the three cabins I have reserved....

READ ON FOR MORE INFO....

One group will leave the dealership at 8:00AM sharp.... (*I need a ride leader for this group*)

Others will meet at Hope Junctions, on M-54, just west of Montorse City, MI at 10:00AM.

I will be at this location... this is a breakfast / lunch (brunch) stop and while we will take regular rest breaks, we will not be stopping for food until dinner at Leggs Inn.

We will leave Hope Junction at 11:00AM sharp.....

The rest of the details follow.....GPS routes will be coming as we get closer to the date...

IF YOU GOING ON THE COLOR TOUR I NEED YOUR MONEY TO HOLD THE CABINS...

I have reserved three cabins at Leggs Inn for our annul color tour ride.

The cost remains the same.... \$25.00 each as long as we fill the cabin... unfilled cabins will split the cost equally amongst the number of riders in the cabins. NO Exceptions... First Come First Served Basis.

The cabins have 2 bedrooms each with a queen size bed... and 2 day beds.... a total of 4 can comfortable sleep in each cabin.

Couples in the bedroom are charged as 1. Bedrooms go to couples first and then on a first come, first served basis to others. I will not hold cabins for any couple unless they have paid before September 31st, 2012.

In order to get a spot in a cabin you MUST pay in advance. Please pay the \$25.00 to myself directly as the cabins are reserved in my name.

Payment can be mailed to:Ives Potrafka, 645 McMunn Streeet, South Lyon, MI 48178

ALL payments must be received no later than the October 11th meeting...

If you need more info, I will be at the club meeting September & October or you can call me at 248-207-1575 or email me at <mailto:ives@40bizblvd.net>

Ives Potrafka

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

September 5 th	Moose Preserve Bar and Grill	43034 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills
September 12 th	Twisted Rooster	45225 Marketplace Blvd., Chesterfield
September 19 th	Ikes Family Dining	8550 Van Dyke Ave., Sterling Heights
September 26 th	The Mitt Restaurant	143 North Main Street, Mount Clemens

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.

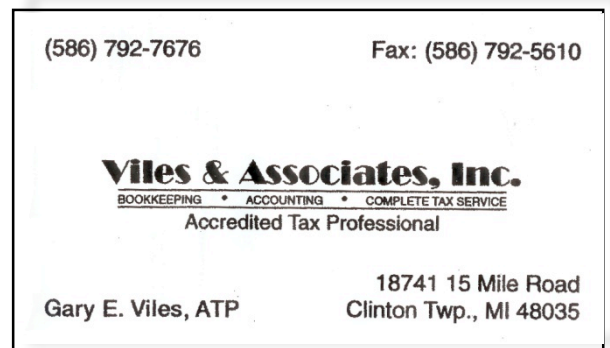
The easiest way to get your ID tag is to send Jeff an e-mail at: www.jeff@highesthonor.biz. Spell out exactly what you want on your tag and when you want to pick it up. You can also call Jeff at 248-588-7845. Tell him what you want on your tag and when you want to pick it up. You can have two lines of 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!"

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.



FOR SALE

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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