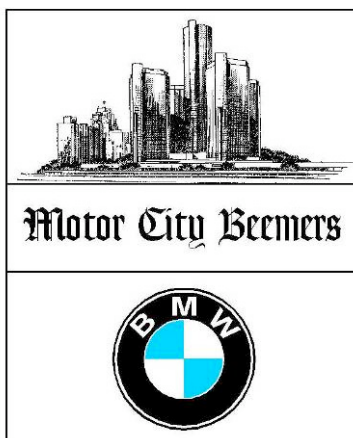




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THE PREZ SEZ

Well I did it...bought a NON-BMW motorcycle...so if you need a new Prez because I am a traitor, so be it..."GRIN".... Still got the K1200LT and even added a CB to it...but couldn't stand not riding all winter, so after seeing the URAL's at the International MC show and then finding out they have a dealership 2 miles from my house...I just could not resist. A WINTER motorcycle... what a cool idea.....

YUP...it is looks a lot like a 1939 BMW with a sidecar...but is sure is a lot of fun to drive. It is definitely not a long distance ride and top speed is only 65...but I am riding it NOW and that puts a very big smile on my face, even though it is behind a mask to keep the smile from freezing....

I plan on leading the ride to South Lyon in March on it.... So...while it might be a little cold, I hope many of you will join me.... I have been watching the extended weather reports and it looks like it will at least be dry.....

ON ANOTHER NOTE..... April will be our "Trailer" meeting. I am asking anyone who owns a trailer to bring it to the meeting, set it up, open it up and show your stuff.... Many of our members do not pull trailers and I thought this would be a great chance for them to see and asked questions about it....

I already have promises for 2 campers, a Unigo and my aluminium box trailer.... If you own a trailer, let me know your gonna make and lets have some fun talking and looking at trailers....

The ride will leave at noon instead of 11 AM to give every one a chance to see the trailers...

Ride Safe and I'll see you at the March meeting....

Ives R. Potrafka
President - MC Beemers

2007 CLUB DUES DUE

Dues for 2007 are due. Remember that dues are \$10 for Members and \$5 for Associate Member (member's significant other). Please give Sharon Saarinen your dues with Membership Form at the next meeting, or mail them to:

Sharon Saarinen
6094 Whispering Oak Drive
Washington, Michigan 48094

Make checks payable to Sharon Saarinen and include Membership Form. We need these dues to cover things like doughnuts, Frankenmuth Chicken Dinner, & steak picnic in the fall.

CLUB COFFEE CUPS

We still have plenty of club_coffee cups available at the low, low price of \$15. Help support the club. They are a good size, quality cup...and best of all they have the club logo boldly displayed for everyone to admire. As I found out at work...most people don't realize BMW makes motorcycles. One of those strange questions...So when did they start making motorcycles?...Ah, long before they made cars? Pick one up at the next meeting and save Ives from having to carry them back and forth from the meetings in his Ural!

RA NATIONAL RALLY AT BILTMORE ESTATES IN ASHVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA



The Biltmore House, the center piece of Biltmore Estates is nestled in 8,000 of beautiful country side. In 1880, a 25 year old George W. Vanderbilt purchased 125,000 acres for a

retreat. He hired his friend Richard Morris Hunt to design and build the 250 room home, making it the largest privately owned home in the United States. In 1809 construction started. George Vanderbilt opened his door officially for the first time by throwing a Christmas party in 1895. The estate with it's 8,000 remaining acres was given to the State of North Carolina as part of a historical trust. It is now open for tours.

This home contains some 70,000 treasures from all over the world. It has art from artist such as; Renoir, Sargent, Whistler. This home when built had central heat and electricity. This was considered leading edge technology for the day. Self guided tours of the home includes 60 rooms opened to the public. It is possible to rent audio players to help narrate the tour of the house. Limited behind the scenes tour are available for an additional charge.

This year's RA Rally, June 7th thru 10th, allows you to camp on the grounds of this historical site. The rally fee (\$61 pre-registered & \$67 at the gate) includes 3 nights camping, and unlimited access to the Biltmore House and Winery. Access to the house for one day last year was \$43 per person. It is a good deal and an unequaled opportunity to visit one of our most pristine historical sites. The yearly dues for the RA is down right inexpensive. I would have said cheap but the can conjure up the image of not having much value. Sharon and I joined this year to get the minimum number of members to get the RA club membership. I was impressed by their magazine. I was more impressed by where they are going to have their rally. This is a class organization. Check it out. The yearly membership and the cost of the rally are a small price to pay for the experience of camping at Biltmore Estates.

If you are not into camping, there is an Inn on the estate. There are many Hotels, Inn's, and Bed & Breakfast's in the area. It is just off of I-40 in Ashville, North Carolina. If hanging around a beautiful estate isn't you bag of tee, the Blue Ridge Parkway and a ton of other less than straight roads are available in the area. The trip there and back on secondary roads through Kentucky, Tennessee, West Virginia, will make it the trip of a life time. This area has a lot of good barbeque places. One of the best in the nation is Ridgewoods Restaurant, just North of Elizabethton, Tennessee, on old 19E. The trip to the RA rally is a good excuse to stop by Ridgewood's. This out of the way restaurant is family run. They smoke their own meats and features, "Mrs Proctors Barbeque Sauce". Since you haven't tried it you wouldn't know what you are missing...and that is the best southern barbeque in the nation. Don't believe me? They have the news paper articles and TV appearances to prove it.

I know I am going. I'm taking extra time to enjoy the roads and restaurants along the way. After all don't we say, "Ride to eat, eat to ride"?

RA website for additional information and pre registration is: bmwra.org

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.

Join the growing number of members who wear their ID tags proudly with their one of a kind moniker. It will help us to get to know each other. Works a lot better than "Hey you!".

MONTHLY CLUB RIDES

We are looking for ideas of where to go and what to do after our winter meetings. March 3rd, Ives is leading us to the South Lyon Inn.

OTHER RIDING OPPORTUNITIES

Third Sunday of every month – Phil Aylesworth is trying to get a Windsor Beemer group started in Canada. For details contact Phil, purpleduck@gmail.com or go to the group's website: <http://SunParlourBeemers.org>

FOR SALE:

For sale section of the newsletter is for all club members to post ANYTHING (legal) that they have for sale or wanted. Take advantage of a circulation of 90+ club members. You don't have to limit you postings to motorcycle items. The one thing that we ask is that once your items sells, please notify us so we can remove it from the newsletter. There are several items that have been posted for some time now. Please let John Saarinen know if they need to be removed.

PAINT PROTECTION FILM: Protect your bike's paint from stone chips and damage from your tank bag. Kelly, 248.312.0968 or graphixwerk.com

1995 K1100 LT: All stock (bags, trunk, radio with rear speakers, heated grips, elec. windshield, gauges, touring seat) heavy metallic gun metal gray paint, new battery, new tires and all servicing done, including spline lube.
\$5200.00 Dale & Denise 734-789-8249

1986 K100 RT: New Black paint, new seat, very good tires, new battery, all service done, bags. \$3500.00 Dale & Denise 734-789-8249

K1200LT Champagne, 26K miles, 6CD changer, and Bailey windshield, asking \$9600. Bill Meier 810-824-7382 or meierbj2@comcast.net

1999 R1200C Jens Schoening Jens.Schoening@hna.hella.com

1996 R1100R for sale, excellent condition, for details contact Allen Gigliotti, giglio@comcast.net

HIGHWAY PEGS FOR LT's: Gives you optional places to put your feet for those long trips. www.ridingiswonderful.com/ridingiswonderfulinc/ Jim & Jason Mick

1995 BMW K1100LT \$5,500. Less than 18,500 miles. Dealer serviced. The Bike is located in Warren, Michigan. It comes with hard bags, truck, waterproof liners and tank bag. It also has a Corbin seat, heated hand grips, radio, 4 speakers, and adjustable tinted windshield. If Interested contact Patricia @beemerlt93@yahoo.com