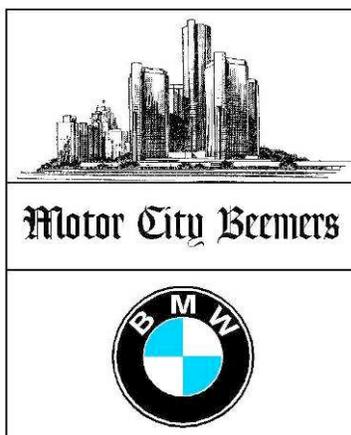




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THE PREZ SEZ

The picnic was well attended and the food was great as usual. The steaks, side dishes, and especially the deserts were enjoyed by the whole group. As I announced at the annual picnic I will not be running for the office of president of this great club. Taking care of my mother after the death of my father requires an increasing amount of time. I had to cut back on many activities. The presidency is one of those activities. Normally it is hard to find someone to take over the reins of the club. I've talked with John Saarinen about taking over the presidency. He said he would if we can't find a better candidate. His concern is that we give some of the new blood a chance to direct the club in potentially new and exciting directions. It does take a lot of time and it has become increasingly hard to find people willing to plan or even lead the monthly rides. John said he would run if needed. We would like some new blood, and new ideas to help take the club into the next year and beyond.

If John does take over as president we will need someone to take over as editor of the news letter. In fact, we need more people to get involved in all of the officers positions, like to mix it up a little. Remember this is your club. You can make it anything you want.

Ride Safe and see you at the October meeting...

Ives R. Potrafka - President - MC Beemers

MOTOR CITY BEEMERS ANNUAL PICNIC AT STONY CREEK METRO PARK

People started to arrive at 11:00am at the Lakeview Pavilion, at Stony Creek Metro Park. This year we had great weather (may be a little bit chilly) and a great turnout. Twenty four members showed up to eat steaks, side dishes and deserts...and the deserts were great...come to think of it...everything tasted great.

Our Grill Meister, Rhys, did his usual excellent job with the steaks. I don't know how he keeps it straight; well done (not too many), med-wells, and rare. I believe everyone got it just as they ordered. I know I can't run my grill that effectively.

Some of us even played Bachi Ball. I couldn't believe after eating so much that we could still bend over to pick up the balls.

Thank you Frank, for reserving the pavilion, picking up the eating implements and beverages.

Thank you Rhys for buying the steaks, charcoal, and coming earlier than everyone else to get set up. Thank you especially for doing such a great job of cooking the steaks and always being so cordial when we came to get the steaks and you so patiently waited for your opportunity to eat..

OCTOBER 6th 2nd ANNUAL RIDE TO PECK MICHIGAN, YOU CAN EAT WALLEYE

This trip is being lead by Jim Mick. From members that went last year, they say the fish is great and you won't go away hungry with the all you can eat walleye. The restaurant has moved into town and added a soup and salad bar and the meal is still less than \$10.

The route incase you can't make it with us is:

North on Van Dyke to 32 Mile Road.

East through Armada, then Memphis and north to Peck .

Jim arranged for our own smoke free dining room. Save plenty of room, because after lunch we're riding east to Lexington. We'll walk around the marina for a while and then grab some ice cream.

South on M25, by pass Port Huron and ride along the river through St Clair and Algonac. Those who want to stay at the end are invited to tour, Riding is Wonderful, Inc which is the home of Mick-O-Pegs. There is no pressure to buy anything but Jim thought it would be a good opportunity to see a small motorcycle accessory manufacturing facility. This one just happens to be owned by a club member.

There are several opportunities to shorten your ride and skip RIW, Inc.

- 1) Leave the group after lunch, but you'll miss some fun...
- 2) Peel off near Port Huron, but we can't show off 'your ride' to the boaters...
- 3) Peel off in St Clair or Marine City, if you just have to get home sooner to mow the lawn...
- 4) Peel off near New Haven or North Ave, if you aren't interested in learning about a local small business...

When you are comfortable...RIDINGISWONDERFUL

Web Site: www.ridingiswonderful.com/

OCTOBER 20-21 THE BLAIR COLOR TOUR

This year we are heading up the same approximate area but the Blair cabin is not available due to construction. Rhys is thinking of picking a new restaurant for us to try. If you are interested in a motorcycle tour, check this out. The color has varied somewhat from year to year but it has always been pretty. Ken Mitchell is getting a head count to find out how many people are interested. He is going to reserve cabins. This is a great group of riders. I had great fun both years I went and you get to see another side to your fellow club members.

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!".

NEWS FROM THE BEEMERSHIP

Alaska Tour, July 14th -August 15th, 2008

Come in and Talk to Peter "Rockman" Payton Adventure Tour Specialist about our Alaskan Tour scheduled for July 14th thru Aug 15th summer 2008. Some highlights of this tour include: (1) MOA Rally in Gillette, Wyoming, (2) Dawson City summer music festival, (3) Halibut fishing in Valdez, Alaska with Fish Central, (4) Touring Alaska with Alaska Rider Tours, 7 days in Alaska, (5) Explore the world famous AL-CAN highway (6) Top of the world highway, (7) Kenai River, (8) The Salty Dog Saloon, Moose nuggets (9) wildlife viewing, (10) Vancouver Island, BC, (11) Seattle, Jackson Hole, (12) The Bad Lands...and more. The trip will be fully supported with a guide, mechanic, and a support rig for minor adjustments on the fly. Come in and see us for more details and trip registration. (\$1100 non refundable deposit due at registration). The Cost ~ \$8150 per person, includes registration for MOA Rally in Gillette, Wyoming, nightly hotel stay, most dinners, daily bag lunch on the fly, fishing trip, 2 banquet style meals, tour t-shirts, sticker ...and more.

This tour is limited to 20 people. We are now accepting deposits (\$1,000 non-refundable) for the remaining positions. Hurry in and reserve you space today.

Check out our Tour/trip board

Stop by the shop and talk with Peter "Rockman" Payton, we are planning evening supper club rides. We will meet at the shop on Van Dyke at 6 pm on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month and ride to a predetermined spot for supper. The rides will be to places located in the greater Detroit metro area. Contact Peter at 586-274-4000 for more details and to reserve

your demo ride. The next rides will be Wednesday, October 10th and 24th. Come join us as we check out the sites and bites in Port Huron

Also check out our '07 GS Back country adventure tour pack special, visit the store for more details.

We want to know what your summer tours were like~ we are putting together an in house display of BMW Tours~ so if you have any pictures and a brief story to tell bring them in and we will add it to our Adventure Wall.

We have a 2007 apparel line clearance sale, come in to the Beemership for more details.

Watch the web page for our newly expanding apparel line coming soon!!!

Peter "Rockman" Payton
Adventure Tour Specialist
Marketing

MONTHLY CLUB RIDES

We are looking for ideas of where to go and what to do after our winter meetings. Check the web site for planned rides.

OTHER RIDING OPPORTUNITIES

Third Sunday of every month – Phil Aylesworth is trying to get a Windsor Beemer group started in Canada. For details 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. 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. 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

K1200LT Champagne, 26K miles, 6CD changer, and Bailey windshield, MC BMW maintained, asking \$8900. Bill Meier 810-824-7382 or meierbj2@comcast.net

HIGHWAY PEGS FOR LT's: Gives you optional places to put your feet for those long trips. Note that this is a new web site address: www.ridingiswonderful.com Jim & Jason Mick