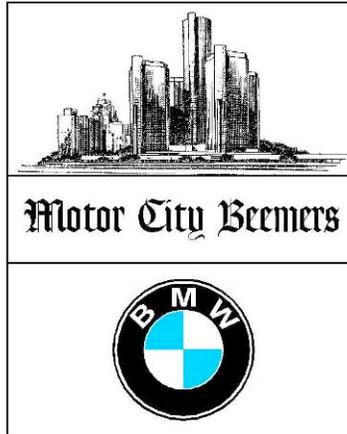




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THE PREZ SEZ

The riding season is upon us. The weather is good and the salt has been washed off the roads by the rain. The club has a lot of great rides planned for this season. I had my bike serviced and am ready to go. I've already put on over 1,500 miles and can't really say I've gone anywhere special. I just used it for grocery shopping, running across town to visit my mom, etc. A funny thing happened when I went to the grocery store a couple of weeks back. I put my helmet in the shopping cart and filled the cart with groceries. When I checked out the girl packing my bags saw the helmet and started laughing. As I walked out to the bike she and about 8 other people followed me out. They came out to the parking lot and stood there watching me as I put my groceries into the bike's luggage. As the last bag disappeared into the luggage, they all looked at each other and walked away.

The 36th Annual BMW-RA Rally in Houghton, Michigan June 19th - 22nd is coming up. I hope many of you plan to attend. It is a decent day ride...better broken up to a few days to see some of the sites on the way. Some sites I would recommend are: Mackinaw Island, Soo Locks, Taquaminan Falls, Pictured Rocks, and what they call the Grand Canyon of the UP. Check them out...as we say the ride is the adventure. Enjoy these warm months as the cold ones are not too far behind.

The Keweenaw Peninsula extends north from the Rally site providing some of the best (if not the best) riding in Michigan. It is commonly called the Copper Country since it produced well into the trillions of tons of copper during the operation of the mines. There are several mine tours you can take while in the area. The roads wind and twist through the forests or along the north shore of the Keweenaw Peninsula. The peninsula is dotted with mom and pop grocery stores, restaurants, gas stations and motels. The people are very friendly and helpful. I feel this is a great opportunity to visit the area, enjoy the roads, and rub shoulders with the locals. The BMW RA Rally website is bmwra.org/rally. This site has a complete listing of accommodations and activities for the rally. Pre-registration is now open. There are concerts Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights as part of your registration fee. The camp sites at the rally site will have more than enough shower and flush toilets for the attendees. The rally site is the sports facility for the university. In addition to the rally activities Michigan Tech is having a number of concerts and meals that you may want to attend. One in particular is the Friday night "Da Yoopers" concert at Rossa Fine Arts Auditorium on campus. It is a short walk down the hill from the rally. On the way back up you can experience the climb back up the hill that Tech students do every day they attend class. Da Yoopers perform a number of songs and skits that poke fun at the stereotype Yooper culture. Advanced purchases of tickets reduce the price to \$12 each.

Dick Hautau sent out an e-mail to the e-group listing a number of good restaurants in the rally area. I will add more restaurants when I reply to his e-mail. In addition to the restaurants don't pass up the opportunity to enjoy a pastie while in the Copper Country. You can pre-order a pastie dinner for Saturday at the rally for only \$5. If you want to be more fluid than to have a dinner reservation you can pick up a pastie at the Soumi Bakery in Houghton. It is on one of the streets going down to the parking area along the water. Ask any of the locals, they can point it out. Check them out they make one of the best pasties in the area.

Thank you for your help,
John Saarinen - President,
MC Beemers

JUNE LUNCH RIDE TO GRAND BLANC INN AND ROCKY'S GREAT OUTDOORS

On June 7th, Ives Potrafka will lead our annual ride to the Grand Blanc Inn and Rocky's. The Grand Blanc Inn has long been known for good food and is well known for pizza and baked sandwiches. The menu includes many other things as well, but the pizza and sandwiches are hard to beat.

After lunch we will go a few short miles to Rockys Great Outdoors (www.rockysonline.com) where each year, on this day only, you can buy motorcycle accessories and camping gear at a 10% discount off the sticker price. A coupon will be provided at the meeting that is Required to get your discount. I have purchased many things at Rocky's over the years, but the one thing I always go back for is the deer skin gloves.

Hope you can join use for a good ride, good food, and good shopping.

Remember! Ride Smart and Ride Safe!

“ANNUAL BAVARIN INN RIDE” JUNE 14TH

Do not forget to let Jerry Pokorski know if you are planning to get on the Bavarian Inn ride!!!! He needs an accurate head count. Remember also, that Lunch is will be paid be the Club. Give Jerry a call or send him and e-mail at Pokorski@hotmail.com. His contact information is also on the web site.

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 then “Hey you!”.

NEWS FROM THE BEEMERSHIP

The Open House was a big success, even with the weird weather. There were a lot of demo rides, plenty of food and conversations. There might have been a couple of stories that were stretched somewhat but surely not out of proportion!

BEEMERSHIP SPRING & SUMMER HOURS ARE:

Monday~ Friday 9:30 AM ~ 6:00 PM

Thursday OPEN LATE: till 8:00 PM

Saturday 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

“Red Hot” Hot Dogs every Saturdays Stop in for a snack while you are out on the bike. It will be on Saturdays all summer long. Bring a friend by for a visit and a snack!!!!

Is your old riding coat worn out? Our summer stock pile of First Gear has arrived. Come in and check out the latest designs and technology. Loads of new inventory on hand to get you geared up and ready to ride all summer long.

Our Service Department is ready to help you get your bike ready for the riding season with certified BMW Mechanics.

Bill V.
General Manager,
BMW of Detroit

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY TRAINING

Four of the Club's members participated in the Experienced Rider Course at Macomb Community College on May 18th. Even with a little rain, a good day was had by all. Not mentioning any names but a winner of a 2007 Bent Beemer Award continued to perfect his form in Parking his bike, not once, but 3 times. But hey, who's watching, right! Besides, he might have been the only one to push his practice rides past the maximum limit!! Live and let learn was the word of all that attended. What happens on the range, stays on the range, at least he is hoping so!!

RIDING OPPORTUNITIES (Ken Mitchell)

Monthly Meeting; June 7. Ives will lead us to the Grand Blanc Inn and a stop at Rocky's for 10% discount shopping on motorcycle gear. Please have your tank full when you arrive at the Beemership. It would also be a good idea to review the group riding hand signals and use them. The MSF website (http://www.msf-usa.org/index_new.cfm) has all sorts of additional useful information for safe riding.

Rolling Thunder (RT) / West Virginia Twisties; May 23 – June 1

Jim Mick will lead us on this POW/MIA Memorial ride to Washington D.C.

(<http://www.rollingthundermotorcyclery.com/upevents.html>). We'll depart the beemership Friday, 5/23, 6:30 a.m. for Winchester, VA and the Apple-Cade 2008 Rally (<http://www.apple-cade.org/>). We will join them for a 300 mile scenic mountain ride on Saturday <http://www.apple-cade.org/rides/wvmountainstour.html> and their Saturday night BBQ Dinner.

An early start Sunday will get us to the Pentagon assembly site before noon RT POW/MIA demonstration ride to The Wall (<http://www.rollingthundermotorcyclery.com/upevents.html>). We will play it by ear (no pun intended) regarding staying for the evening concert or heading on out of town Sunday evening.

After Rolling Thunder, we will spend the rest of the week riding the great WV mountain roads and working our way back home. This will be very unstructured. I have lots of great looking roads identified but we will make daily decisions on which ones to actually ride. We will return no later than Sunday, June 1st for a maximum trip of 10 days. Anyone not interested in RT can rendezvous with us in West Virginia for that part of the trip. Let me know if you have interest in participating in either RT or both of these rides. kpsacone@comcast.net.

Third Sunday of every month – Phil Aylesworth of the Windsor Sun Parlour Beemers welcome us to participate in any of their rides. For details go to the group's website: <http://SunParlourBeemers.org>

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER RIDE

The Dealership is hosting a Dinner ride every Wednesday evening beginning in April. Please come and join the fun. Not only will you have great rides but you will eat at some equally great places! Peter would like this to be a club sponsored event along with the Dealership. Wednesday Dinner Rides will give every one a chance to ride together more often. Meet at the Beemership at 6:00 PM on Wednesday evenings and have a great time!!!

PICTURES ON THE WEB SITE

The idea is to make this a common practice each meeting. The pictures may add to the flavor of the Club and be something we all enjoy. Take a look let the President know your thoughts.

Some of these pictures are also posted on the Snap Fish web site in full 4 Meg a pixel quality. If you would like access to the Snap Fish Albums, please send John Hooper (Newsletter Editor) an email and he will send you an invitation to view them. You will be required to set up an account in Snap Fish, but it is free. This way, only those who have been invited to view the album of pictures have access to them, not just anyone with internet access.

CLUB ROSTER IS POSTED ON THE WEB SITE

The Club Roster has been posted on the web site. It requires the password to access and available to all up to date Club Members Only names, phone numbers, town and e-mail addresses are on the Web Site. If you are a current member, you have the password and can get to the Rooster.

The hope is the Roster will help us contact each other for riding partners and bring the group closer together; making Motor City Beemers the kind of Club we all would like to see. Try it out and let President John know what you think would make it more helpful.

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 Hooper 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

Don't forget to check the Club Web Site as well. You might find something you can't live without!!