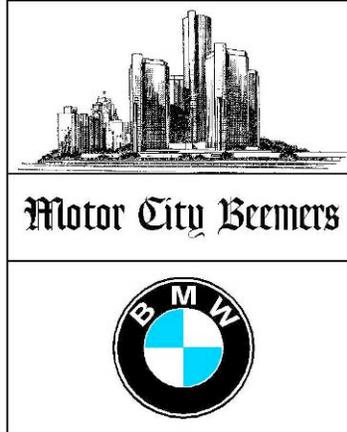




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THE PREZ SEZ

For those of you who didn't make it to the RA Rally this year in Houghton let me tell you that you missed some great riding. There were some rain and cold temperatures on the way up but the weather during the rally was fantastic. The facilities at the rally were great. The sports facility at Michigan Tech easily handled the almost 1200 attendees. Everything was indoors. I saw 13 MCBeemers at the rally. The weather could not have been better and the lunch ride went off without a hitch.

There were a number of animal sightings on the way to the rally and during the rally. George Yosin almost hit an eagle while riding up. Luckily he ducked in time and just missed getting hit in the helmet. On our lunch ride we had a bear run across the road just in front of the lead bike. One minute later a suicidal rabbit ran across the road the lead bike braked hard easing off just as the rabbit passed in front, only to have it make a u-turn and run in front of the bike a second time. Many of us had deer either run out in front of them or just stop short of running in front of them on individual rides. I know everyone enjoyed the roads and scenery of the Keewenaw. I hope you have the opportunity to ride some of those roads at a later date if you weren't able to go to the rally.

The general feeling about the RA rally in Houghton seems to be that everyone had a great time. I particularly enjoyed the opportunity to ride with other club members in the Copper

Country...including seeing the bear run out in front of the group as we approached Bay de Gris.

Following the RA rally, with the exception of our July lunch ride, I've been kept off the bike by family matters. Plans to ride to Arkansas and Missouri in July had to be shelved to help my mom who is getting up in years. I hope to kick off the rest of the riding season With the lunch ride to Whitey's in Davison for fish and chips during our August 2nd meeting. For those interested, the ride will continue further north to a cabin that George Yosin is reserving. We can make a weekend out of it. George impressed me again in the UP by leading a few of us down some lesser traveled back roads and to Laughing Whitefish Falls. He is very familiar with a lot of out of the way places that can be interesting and fun. His rides are always interesting.

I would like to say the turn out for our meetings and following rides has been very good. I hope that more of you will join in on the fun. We've been running about 20+ riders at all of the lunch rides. Join in; it is your club...makes the most of the opportunities.

Thank you for your help making our Club so Great!
John Saarinen - President,

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

With gas prices like they are, the showroom is getting a lot of traffic. One of the first questions these days is "how many miles per gallon does this bike get?" BMWs on average get 50 mpg, if you did not already know. The Beemership can't seem to keep a used Bike around! There are a couple of really nice previously owned Bikes in the Showroom at this writing, but they will not be there long! If you have a bike you want to sell, consider letting the Beemership sell it for you on consignment.

The new F650Gs Twin Cylinder Bike is due into the Beemership in August. If you are a GS rider or interested, drop by and take a look. The press has been very good about this Bike.

Our Service Department is very busy this time of year but always ready to help you keep your BMW in top running condition. There is a pick and delivery service. Your Bike will be picked up and trailored to the shop and trailored back to you when the work is completed. There is a charge for this service but the cost is related to the work done. Call the Service Department and talk with them about your needs. They are there to help you!

BEEMERSHIP 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 starting April 12. 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!!!!

The Parts Department has reorganized the Parts Room and the process for ordering parts. Parts come in much more quickly with this more efficient process, even special order parts!! If you need parts, give them a chance to impress you.

New mens size Kenya Summer Riding Jackets are in stock. Check them out. Also, there is a good selection of fall, or cool weather, Kilimanjaro Riding Jackets in stock. If you need a new riding jacket, check them out during the Club meeting on August 2nd.

Bill V.
General Manager,
BMW of Detroit

AUGUST RIDING OPPORTUNITIES

August 2nd & 3rd: Monthly Club Meeting and Lunch Ride with continuation to Lewiston Hunting Cabin
George Yosin is leading the Lunch ride for the August meeting to Whitey's, in Davison, for their Fish & Chips.
For those who are interested, he will lead the, on to the Lewiston area for a night out and more riding on Sunday. Those not going to the Hunting Cabin will separate after lunch in Davison and return home as they please.

August 9th G & R Restaurant in Waldo Ohio for Fried Bologna Sandwiches
Ken Mitchell, sometimes known as Mitch (some have called him other names) will lead a ride to eat Fried Bologna sandwiches in Waldo Ohio on August 9th. If you are interested, Ken and others are continuing to Southeast Ohio to ride some “interesting” roads there. If not interested, you are welcome to return home or ride to some other exciting places after lunch.

August 26 thru 29th 2008 Curve Cowboy Reunion in Midway Utah
Dick Hautau is leading this first class ride. If you have ever wanted to ride the scenic and exciting roads of Utah, this is your chance. Dick is not only well experienced with this kind of event, but he and his wife are delightful people to ride with!!

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>

TOP TO BOTTOM RIDE, JULY 2008

Ives Potrafka and Ken Mitchell rode from the tip of the Keweenaw Peninsula in the UP to Miami, Florida on Route 41 during June 2008. They continued to Key West before returning home making it a true Top to Bottom trip!

Ives kept a dairy and cost spread sheet during the trip and is willing to share it with any Club Member interested. The pictures and daily journal are posted on the Club's Web Site under club pictures, Top to Bottom Ride. Take a look at it and envy their adventure!!! It might give you ideas of how you can share your adventures with the Club Membership.

PICTURES ON THE WEB SITE

The pictures made during meetings have been placed on the web site for all to see. Take a look; some of them are fairly good.

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 and 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.

Send John an e-mail at jyhooper@comcast.net and he will add you to the invitation list for these and future Motor City Beemer Albums in Snap Fish.

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

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!!