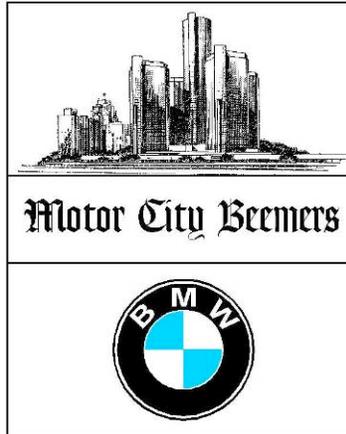




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THE PREZ SEZ

There have been a lot of good riding opportunities in the month of August. As far as club rides; I want to congratulate George Yosin and Ken Mitchell on leading some very good rides. George lead about 20 riders to Whitey's in Davison, Michigan. Ken lead 8 riders to Waldo, Ohio for our yearly fried balogna run. Following these rides some of each group went on an overnighiter (or longer). Following the Whitey's ride three of us went to a cabin near Mio that George borrowed for the weekend. George did a great job of leading the group on some scenic and twisty roads. He also played the terrific host for those that went to the cabin. Sunday morning George continued his ride to the UP, the rest of us headed for home. Following the Waldo run 4 of us headed further south east to ride the twisties of Ohio. We pitched our 4 tents in one camp site and struck up a conversation with the couple in the next campsite who had started riding 2 years ago. Ken did his usual excellent job at laying out some great routes. We had rib dinner one night on the side of the road at a barbeque trailer parked next to a gas station where we stopped for fuel. The following Thursday John Hooper, Sharon, and I rode to Caseville for the Cheeseburger Parade. This was the crowning moment of the weeklong Cheeseburger in Paradise celebration. I am taking this weekend off for my mother's birthday party, but next weekend will fire it back up again. Hopefully we will have a four day trip around northern Michigan. Don't want to lose any good opportunities. There are still more riding opportunities coming this season. Hope you get out and enjoy the roads!

Ride Safe,
John Saarinen

MOTOR CITY BEEMER PICNIC SEPTEMBER 13, 2008

Members and associate members: Our annual picnic at Stoney Creek Metro Park is coming up Saturday, September 13th. We start to gather 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, cole slaw, potato salad, and beverages (water and soft drinks). Only paid up members and associate members can have steak. We will bring a couple of pounds of hamburger and hot dogs if members are bringing their children. Please contact me, John Saarinen (jsaarinen@peoplepc.com), by Saturday September 6th if you are planning on attending so we can make sure we have steaks for everyone. Everyone attending should bring something to pass (salads, beans, deserts, 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. Alcohol is permitted but not in glass containers. There is an entrance fee for the park.

SEPTEMBER 6TH LUNCH RIDE

Jerry Pokorski will be leading the Lunch ride at the Club's September 6th Meeting. If you enjoy watching beautiful old places, restored and turned into a productive business. Clare's of Lansing is a must see. The owner took what was left of an old train station and built what is now a fine dining area. Just blocks away from the State Capitol Building, Clare's offers a rustic atmosphere filled with ambiance of train travel days of old. The soft lighting takes you back in time. The hard wood floors with all of their unique squeaks and crackling offers a feeling of history. Also, the food is excellent ! Check Clare's out on their web site at :

http://www.claras.com/10_99updates/cls10_99.html

Jerry was the Ride Captain of an earlier ride this year and selected an absolutely great route! This Ride promises to be just as good, if not better !!

NEWS FROM THE BEEMERSHIP

The new F650GS Twin Cylinder Bike is due into the Beemership at anytime now. The F800GS will make it's appearance in the latter part of October. If you are a GS rider or interested, drop by and take a look. The press has been very good about these Bikes.

Our Service Department has 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!

"Red Hot" Hot Dogs every Saturdays until Labor Day. Stop in for a snack while you are out on the bike. Bring a friend by for a visit and a snack!!!!

The Beemership has a number of previously owned motorcycles, of several manufacturers. In the opinion of some people, a person needs at least three Bikes. There are a few 2007 Bikes

left in the Inventory. They are being offered at invoice cost. You or someone you know might find exactly what you need in them. The remaining 2008 Bikes have Special, Special pricing. You might find just the right Bike to add to your current stable.

Fall Open House at the Beemership is coming in October. Stay tuned for the date and specifics. You will not want to miss it!!

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

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!"

ATTENTION K1200LT OWNERS (IVES POTRAFKA)

It was not one of BMW's better ideas when they designed the trunk mirror system in the LT. If you own a LT, I would bet that your hinges (the plastic peg) have broken more than once, that is if you replaced it the first time. My warranty covered 2 or 3 of these.

Last week, with 40K plus on the LT and the warranty long gone, the hinge broke again. So I got a little creative and fixed it myself this time. Total cost of \$3.75. I thought I would share the details of this with the other LT riders in our club.

TOOLS NEEDED:

- Screw driver, pliers and torx driver from your tool kit.
- Dremel tool or small hack saw blade.
- Drill and small drill bit

SUPPLIES NEEDED

- 3/4" x 5/8" brass hinge
- 8 small bolts and nuts

This is really quite simple and took about an hour, including the two trips to the hardware store figuring out what hinge would work and getting the 8th bolt that I lost between home and the hardware store.

1. Hold the sections in place and note the distance between the top and bottom sections.
2. Remove the 5 torx screws from the lower cover that holds the hinge pins of the mirror.
3. With the Dremel tool or fine hacksaw blade, trim of the plastic hinge arm from the mirror section. This is necessary, as the non-broken hinge pin will bind unless the new hinge is perfectly placed and you don't need it in the way anymore.
4. Carefully align the two sections, be sure to leave the same distance between the two parts as checked in #1.
5. Lay the hinge in the outside of the two sections and align as far to the outer edges as possible. The hinge size specified will fit and you will to not hit the actual mirror. But be sure to double check. I tired a couple different sizes and the ¾ x 5/8 is the best.
6. Drill the 8 holes for the bolts.
7. Install the hinges.
8. On the inside of the sections (nut side) cut off the extra bolt with a Dremel tool or fine hacksaw blade.
9. Reinstall the two sections using the 5 torx screws.
10. YOU ALL DONE.....

The picture so this can be found in the eGroup in the folder, "Hinge Pictures".

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>

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 jvhooper@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 Roster.

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 your postings to motorcycle items. The one thing that we ask is that once your item 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

TOP CASE: Fits an R1200 RT or K1200 GT, Model 2005s and up. Call Bill at 586-933-3561

NEW SEATS: For R1200RT and R1200 GSs, Call Bill at 586-933-3561.

TANK BAG: Previously owned tank bag for RT and GT Bikes, 2005 and up. Call Bill at 586-933-3561

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