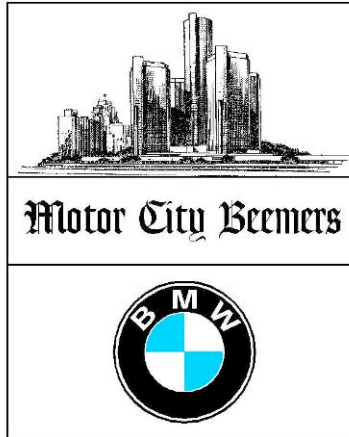




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THE PREZ SEZ

This is a new year and I hope everybody is enjoying our winter weather. It gives us and our bikes a little rest. I've been trying to get my bike to the Beemership for it's 42,000 mile service but have been unable to get it out of my garage, too much ice and snow. I may have to wait until the beginning of March before I see pavement in my sub-division...bummer.

I am looking forward to all of the rides we are going to have this spring, summer and fall. There are the rallies coming up in July; MOA in Tennessee and the RA rally West Virginia. I hope everyone is thinking about going. These areas are well known for their great riding. We will still have our monthly lunch rides following the meetings along with mid-month rides which will probably be over-nighters. There is also a possible trip to Alaska leaving sometime in May or first part of June. Please help make this one of the best riding seasons ever by participating in the rides or better yet...contact Tim Perry and volunteer to lead one. This is your club; make it everything you want it to be.

Ride Free –
John Saarinen

MID WINTER PARTY

The officers met to review options for the MCBemers Winter Party. This party would be sometime in early March at Penna's at Hayes and M-59. This party would be informal. We would like you to bring friends, spouses, significant others, and other riders. They have a room that has two Boche ball courts and we would add a third game of BMW bean bag toss. The game is actually called corn hole and originated in the south at county fairs. People, after eating ears of corn, would throw the corn cob at an inclined board with a hole in it for prizes. The exact meal menu and cost are being worked out. There would be a cash bar available if our membership is so interested. Please look for a separate e-mail with more details. We would like to discuss this party and determine interest at the February 7th meeting.

THAT TIME OF YEAR, DUES ARE DUE!!

The new Treasurer is Allen Gigliotti; his e-mail is giglioa@comcast.com. He is accepting membership dues and forms.

THE 37TH BMW MOA INTERNATIONAL RALLY, JULY 16 – 19, 2009

The site is the Appalachian Fairgrounds located just North of Johnson City, Tennessee. Situated near the intersection of Tennessee, North Carolina and Virginia, this site has it all. Motorcycling in this area is amongst the best in the U. S.; Deals Gap, Cherohala Shyway, Blue Ridge Parkway, the Great Smokey Mountains and so much more.

Now is the time to start planning to attend.

37th ANNUAL BMW RA INTERNATIONAL RALLY, JULY 23 – 26, 2009

The 2009 Rally is going to be at Canaan Valley, W.V. July 23 – 26, 2009. This date was picked in conjunction with BMW MOA. The Rallies will be on consecutive weekends. Those attending both Rallies will receive some token of recognition, as yet to be determined.

The entire State Park will be for the use of the Rally. Facilities such as the ski lift, resort, etc. have been upgraded and a new pavilion has been built. The facilities will be first class!

The Rally is expected to expand the off-road activities since that is the direction BMW seems to be going. Activities in the planning are a dirt bike school as well as both MSF classes and a Lee Parks "Total Control School".

The BMW Vintage Club is hoping to get together a vintage exhibit.

Get ready now for two great weekends of motorcycling in July!!

NEWS FROM THE BEEMERSHIP

We would like to formally introduce Ron Smith in Parts and Apparel. He enjoys working with motorcycle enthusiasts and can assist you in choosing the parts, apparel and accessories for the type of riding you do.

Angie Goodman is now the General Manager coming from the parts counter at the Beemership. She will also be assisting customers with new and used bike sales, as well as promoting the Beemership.

Check out our website often, www.bmwdetroit.com, for news on the K1300's, as they are coming our way soon, and for additional news, upcoming events and promotions. We hope to release the date they will be in our showroom in the March newsletter.

Angie Goodman
General Manager

CHILI SATURDAYS AT THE BEEMERSHIP

We will have Chili every Saturday during the remainder of the winter, (both HOT and Mild). Bring a friend by for a visit, have a snack and check out what's new.

NORTH TO ALASKA GROUP (NTAG) IS FORMING

Between Christmas and New Year's, Jeri told me that I should plan my trip to AK in 2009. A light wind could have blown me over. I almost fell off my chair.

Like many bikers, I have dreamed of a ride to AK, so immediately, I began making plans. Just in case you might participate, here are some highlights of the plan so far:

(Unlike 'Wild Hogs', I plan to have rules - two so far:)

RULE #1: If you don't like the planned route/ride, please feel free to go another way or at another pace (with hopes that you'll join us again).

RULE #2: Plan for flexibility (planned route, but overnight destinations not set until at least lunch time).

I'm breaking up the trip into 400 mile segments which has nothing to do with where we spend the nights. I'm asking each person to become an expert on a segment of the trip and lead for that stretch. Segments include trips/towns in AK. I hope to camp most of the time when weather is OK, but do not like the idea of setting up a tent in rain at 40 degrees, so I expect to get a motel occasionally.

Jeri has been encouraging me to take two months, but I'm thinking of more like 5 weeks June 9-July 14. I have rallies before and after those dates.

If you might be interested, send an E-mail to me and I'll catch you up on more than 60 e-mails that some of us have shared during the first 19 days of January.

2009 is Alaska's 50 Anniversary so there are lots of things to do only in 2009.

Jim Mick HOAWMICKLT@JUNO.COM

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!"

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. Take a look and let the President know your thoughts.

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. 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!!