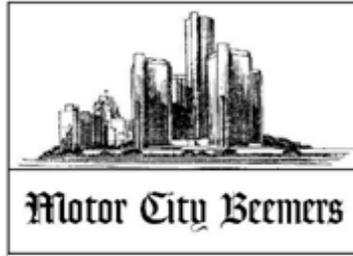




# Motor City Beemers



Club Newsletter



BMW MOA Club #231

BMW RA Club #209

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All meetings are held at BMW Motorcycles of Detroit at 10:30 AM on the first Saturday of the month.

Next Meeting: Sunday - July 5th, 2009 - 10:45 AM – Dealership will be closed

Next Meeting: August 1<sup>st</sup> 2009

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## **THE PREZ SEZ**

I am currently riding Alaska for 6 weeks. This is a tough job but somebody has to do it! This is my latest dream ride. I'll tell you more about the trip to Alaska when I get back. The first dream was riding Europe on a BMW, this was on my first BMW which I took delivery of in Munich. This first dream ended after 3 short years.

I want to remind our members that there are 2 more great riding opportunities coming up in the MOA Rally in Gray/Johnson City, Tennessee and the RA Rally in Canaan Valley, West Virginia. Both are relatively close to Michigan. They are both located in some of the best riding roads in the country. Gas prices are down from last year and this is a perfect opportunity to see some very pretty rural areas. I will be coming back to Detroit prior to riding down to the MOA Rally and would be happy to ride down with anyone who wants to go.

Get out there and ride!  
Respectfully, John Saarinen

### **Wednesday Dinner Rides**

Wednesday dinner rides are seeing a regular turnout of 5 to 6 beemers. Sounds like all have allot of fun. The schedule is on the club web site.

### **Motor City Beemers Yahoo Group**

This is a great resource for club members; information sharing; file sharing is easily done. It can be a great way to find a ride companion. Or learn about places to visit. Contact Allen at [giglio@comcast.net](mailto:giglio@comcast.net) for an invitation to join.

### **NEWS FROM THE BEEMERSHIP**

We want to thank all of you for your support during the BMW Demo Days in Lansing last month. There was a pretty good turnout and hopefully we will get a few more Beemer riders out of it. This could possibly become an annual event.

Great news folks!!! For those of you whose schedule doesn't allow you visit the Showroom for your motorcycling needs before 6:00PM, we are now open until 8:00PM on Thursdays.

Most of you have already met our Sales Manager, Dale Black. He has a background in the motorcycle industry from Davis Honda, in St. Claire Shores. His experience in both sales and finance will be a great asset to the Beemership and our customers. His riding experience includes motocross, dirt biking, touring, and sport bikes. Dale is also a drummer in local bands and will be playing throughout the metro area.

Have you all heard about the new Bike Night in Warren? Bike night is every Monday starting at 7:00PM at Johnnie Vegas' located at 7231 Chicago Road, Warren, MI. Stop by and bring your friends, open to all bikes. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Thanks,  
Angie Goodman  
BMW M/C of Detroit

### **BMWMOA NEWS - Reminder**

This year the MOA Rally will be in Johnson City, Tennessee on July 17th-19th. This is a great riding area and close to Michigan. Anyone interested in going, can go to the BMW MOA website and gather additional information. If anyone is interested in going as a group we can discuss travel plans at our next monthly meeting.

BMA RA Rally will be on the weekend following the MOA Rally. It is in Canaan Valley, West Virginia. This is only a few hours north of Johnson City and would make sense for those who can get the time off, to stay in the area to do some riding if they plan to attend both.

Both of these rally's are in the middle of some of the best riding roads in the country. The scenery is beautiful, the roads are twisty, and the locals are friendly. It should be a great time. Give some thought to joining us on the ride.

We will include a ride during the MOA Rally to Ridgewood Barbeque near Elizabethton, Tennessee. We will meet near the entrance of the rally by the registration tent at 3:30 Friday afternoon for the ride to the restaurant. This is real southern barbeque at it's best. Mr. and Mrs. Proctor started this restaurant and now their grandson runs the place. They developed their own sweet, spicy sauce, smoke their own beef and pork, make their own barbequed beans, and coleslaw. Pork is their signature dish, however their beef is good also. For those who want to go on their own; take 11E north (please understand that 11E is the name of a road not a direction) to 19E south. After crossing over the Massengel Bridge (either John or George Massengel, can't remember which first name is correct) look at the street names on the right side of the road. I believe it is either Old 19E or Old Elizabethton Highway, and may be the second road on the right. This is a small road which winds and twists into a hallar. About a mile or so on the right will be the restaurant. Their hours of operation are limited. If you go much beyond 6:15 or 6:30 the lines will prevent you from getting in before they close at 7:00PM.

We hope you get out and ride this summer and check out some of these great rally's.

Respectfully,  
John Saarinen

### **Other News**

#### **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](mailto: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!"

### **Rides**

#### **Annual Frankenmuth Chicken Dinner Ride Report**

Ride Leader: Dave Cronberger

We departed the Beemership at about 11:15 AM following the route published. We were blessed with no rain even though it threatened. At Rochester and Dryden road we had the good fortune of acquiring Betty. This took us to 9 bikes and 12 members in

good standing. Traffic was no issue either. We stopped in North Branch some at the Marathon station and others across the street. The parking lot at the Marathon Station was packed and a fuel truck was unloading. For those of us that chose the Marathon the cone training paid off as we negotiated our way to park. After about 10 minutes but not 15 we headed off to our chicken dinner. We pulled into the Bavarian Inn Parking lot at 1:54 PM only to find our club parking space occupied. Venturing further into the lot we found 2 spaces end to end that was enough room for all.

The our server Kyle did an especially good job as compared to last year or any time I have personally ever gotten

## **PICTURES**

Could it be that a K1200LT may be more practical then a SMART car? A quick comparison:



Specifications	K1200LT	SMART
Passengers	2	2
Length	98.5"	106.1"
Width	42.5"	61.38"
Payload	470 lbs.	507 lbs.
Top Speed	More than 125 mph	90 mph
Horsepower	116 @ 8000 rpm	70 @ 5800 rpm
Torque	86 ft/lbs @5250 rpm	68 @ 4500rpm
Fuel Consumption	41/54.5 mph (actual)	33/41 mpg (EPA)
0 to 60 mph	<6 seconds	12.8 seconds

I suggest the K1200 can actually haul more stuff. What cannot be measured is the fun factor. Having driven both the K1200LT is way more fun. One can only conclude that motorcycles are a truly practical and "Green" solution to urban congestion and pollution.

### Training

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It is the time of year when we begin planning our return to the 2 Wheel world. Part of the planning is to get our Bike ready. **The other part is to get US ready!** Along with physical exercise, motorcycling training centers might be just what you need for getting you ready. Check the above web site for a class being taught near you. It will be a great investment in your personal safety. Basic Rider Course (BRC) A 15-18 hour Motorcycle Safety Foundation course for the inexperienced rider. Motorcycles are provided. The State of Michigan riding skills test is waived for course graduates. To obtain your motorcycle endorsement you must take the written test & visual exam at the Secretary of State Office. One-weekend courses are very demanding and not for the totally inexperienced student. The Weeknight/day course is recommended for the inexperienced student and provides extra range time on basic skills. Performance Based Course (PB) A 6-7 hour course for the experienced, but unlicensed, rider to become licensed and legal. **Also, many experienced, licensed riders use the PB as an annual refresher and skills tune-up.** Students must provide their own motorcycle with a clutch (no scooters). This course covers braking, turning, counter-steering, speed judgment, and other techniques. All students will take a riding skill evaluation at the beginning of class. If a student fails this evaluation, then he/she must enroll in the basic rider motorcycle course (BRC). Each student must provide proof of insurance for his/her bike and the bike must pass a safety inspection before the student may take the skills Experienced Rider Course (ERC) A 6-hour Motorcycle Safety Foundation course for the experienced licensed rider. Emphasis is on advanced riding skills. Student must provide their own motorcycle.

For those attending the MOA Rally in July the folks from Total Control will be giving a class each of the 3 days.

[http://dragonsafe.com/enroll\\_now.php?mth=7](http://dragonsafe.com/enroll_now.php?mth=7)

## **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.

**New Highway Pegs for your R1200RT or 'tried and true' Highway Pegs for your K1200LT.** Riding Is Wonderful has completed their first production run of Model R12R Mick-O-Pegs for the R1200RT which will mount to the forward two bolts to each valve cover. These are so new, you may not find a picture yet, but if you look at [www.RidingIsWonderful.com](http://www.RidingIsWonderful.com) you can find a picture of the prototype on the 'prototypes' web page. The production version will have cleaner cuts and bends, but look very similar. Don't expect to see them at a club meeting until April - Jim's doing rallies in the SE and Jason is working on Saturdays.

## **2007 URAL W/SIDECAR - \$8000.00**

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