



# Motor City Beemers

## Club Newsletter



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### **THE PREZ SAYS**

The March issue of BMWMOA listed 100,000 mile riders and I am proud to announce that our little club has TWO new 100,000 mile riders. Let's give a big hand to John Saarinen and Norm Ott - way to go guys!

On that note, the April issue of BMWMOA posted the results of the mileage finishers for the 2005 riding season. Once again the MCBeezers shine with Chris Messenger leading the pack with 23,488 miles. Top ten finishers included yours truly in the 5th spot with 18,440 miles and VP Dick Hautau in 7th place with 17,499. I am very proud to be affiliated with this riders club and very proud of its members. True riders and enthusiasts with hearts as big as the distance they ride.

Last months ride was very enjoyable, a little cool, but what a way to relax after a long winter of being trapped in a 4-wheeler. Rhys was kind enough to pen an article about the ride, so I won't steel his thunder. May's ride will be to Waldo, Ohio for a fried baloney sandwiches. Yeah I know - they don't sound all that good, but if you have never had one - don't miss this ride. Last year was my first and I was very pleasantly surprised. The sandwiches are great and it is an enjoyable ride. This is one of our longer rides and you should plan on the whole day. Rhys normally leads this ride, but is unable to make it this year, so he has given me directions and I will do my best to "Find Waldo?"

One final note - "SELLER BEWARE". I am trying to sell my 2000 K1200LTC and placed a couple of free ads on the Internet. This week I had my first response. The subject was "I AM INTERESTED IN YOUR BIKE". I responded to the email with a link to info about the K1200LTC. Yesterday I got a telephone call in very broken English. The reception was very bad, but did manage to understand a request to check my email. More questions answered and the old police officer in me started to become a little suspicious. But he did call. The next e-mail cinched it. "Please send me your bank account info and I will transfer funds to your account." Then my shipping agent with stop by and to get the bike and you can give him the extra money I am sending to make it easier. WOW... the oldest scam in the world and I guess it must still work because he tried. Needless to say, I still have the motorcycle and it is still for sale. SELLER'S BEWARE!

I hope to see everyone on May 6th and remember - Ride Safe & Have Fun!

## **APRIL MEETING**

Saturday morning, April 1<sup>st</sup> our club ride was once again at the Dorsey House in St. Clair County between Avoca and Wadham's on the Mill and Black Rivers. We departed our favorite dealership at 11:15 a.m. sharp with yours truly in the lead. I was guided by my trusty side kick Duncan.

As we motored up Van Dyke Ave, 10 bikes and 12 riders in all, the sky was overcast and there was a little chill in the air. Somewhere around 18 Mile Road my trusty side kick tapped me on the back and motioned me to look to my left. In his left hand Duncan was holding the communication patch cord that connected his helmet head set to the bike's intercom system. He wanted to know if I could hook it up for him. Apparently it popped out sometime between the time he put on his helmet and Metropolitan Parkway. In half sign language and half yelling I told him to try and connect it himself. That didn't work. I then indicated that we'd have to stop somewhere up the road where it was safe.

We turned east on 32 Mile Road and across from the Ford Motor plant there is a restaurant with a large parking lot and entrances at either end of the lot back onto 32 Mile Road. We led the group into the lot and I was able to get out of my seat, hook Duncan's gear back up and get back in the saddle before the tail bike rolled into the lot. We then got back on the road again.

The ride took us to Armada Ridge Road through Armada to School Section Road. That road has two nice sweepers, one to the left, and the other to the right. From there we went north on M-19 or the Richmond Road up through Memphis and Emmett to Brockway and M-136. M-136 has a couple of nice turns from Brockway heading into Avoca. Once out of Avoca the speed limit climbs back up to 45 and then 55 as it heads for the Black River Valley fishing area. About 3 miles from the river there are two big right sweepers. The first just warms you up for the second. As we were leaving Avoca our tail bike passed the column and quickly disappeared ahead of us. He was headed for some serious speed around the two upcoming turns. The nine bikes maneuvered through both sweepers nicely and were entering the twisties in the river valley when we met the former tail bike as it zoomed by us in the opposite direction. We weren't sure if he wasn't staying for lunch or he'd forgotten his wallet.

Minutes later we turned into the Dorsey House parking lot and lined our nine rides up. The 10<sup>th</sup> bike was no where to be seen. We made our way inside and commenced to put 4-5 tables together for lunch. As always the Dorsey House has a great menu and excellent food. Today's lunch special was a beer battered fish and chips with coleslaw.

Shortly after the menus were handed out and the drink orders taken, I walked our 10th bike operator and former tail bike. Now there were 12 of us for lunch. We arrived at the road house about 12:35 and it was after 1:30 when we all departed. The sky was just as cloudy and the chill was even more prevalent than when we arrived. But we had enjoyed the ride, good food and great company which made the ride home a little bit better despite the weather conditions. We made some new friends and indulged in good conversation all over a short ride and a good meal. It was well worth the time and price of admission.

Next month the ride is in May and hopefully the weather will be a little more accommodating. The May ride is to Waldo, Ohio for fried baloney sandwiches. If you have a little time and never enjoyed a fried baloney sandwich you have to join the club on this ride. Like it or not,

you'll talk about it many times over. You rode 165 miles one way to chow down on a fried baloney sandwich. It's a sandwich like you have never tasted before.

To all those that made the April ride, thank you and maybe next time you can pick a spot to eat, a road to ride, a column to lead.

Eat to Ride, Ride to Eat

Just a reminder: MCBeemers Club Newsletter will no longer be sent by snail-mail. Everyone with an e-mail address will have access via the internet. Anyone not connected via the internet can still pick up a copy at the Beemership.

Any body interested in joining the RA (Rides Association) please send Norm Ott ([motorcycleman@comcast.com](mailto:motorcycleman@comcast.com)) an e-mail with your name and membership number. We need 10 members to get the clubs fee waved. Membership applications available @May mtg.

### **F800 MOTORCYCLE REVIEWS**

<http://www.motoring.co.za/index.php?fSectionId=882&fArticleId=3191063>

[http://www.motorcycledaily.com/04april06\\_bmw\\_f800st.htm](http://www.motorcycledaily.com/04april06_bmw_f800st.htm)

### **RALLIES/OVER NIGHT RIDES**

July 7-9, 2006 RA rally in Boise, Idaho.

Dick Hautau is putting together a camping group to ride and/or meet at the rally. If you have any questions or contributions get with Dick. There are several members that are going for sure. Dick will also have information for those that prefer a motel to a tent.

MOA Rally July 20-23, 2006

April 1, 2006 registration opens for the MOA Rally in Vermont. Dorm rooms are going to be made available to those who do not wish to camp at the rally. George Yosin has volunteered to coordinate a club luncheon at the rally. This is something we have done for most of the MOA rally's in the past. This gives us a chance to get together as a group for an organized ride and have a chance to eat lunch together, share some experiences, and maybe make plans for other activities during the rally weekend. George will determine a location and time to meet. He will have a route and restaurant planned. Just in case you wondered, no George isn't buying your lunch!

October 21-22, 2006 Color tour.

This is a two-day trip covering approximately 720 miles. Last year the colors, dinner, ride and camaraderie was great. We stayed at Rhys's cabin at Lake's of the North and ate dinner at Legs Inn. The food was great

### **MONTHLY CLUB RIDES**

April 1, 2006 Rhys Blair led a ride to the Dorsey House Restaurant in Port Huron.

May 6, 2006 Rhys Blair will lead a ride for fried bologna sandwiches. At first I went just for the ride. But I have to tell you it was well worth the ride. The bologna is made at the restaurant and it is great! Don't miss this once a year opportunity!

June 3, 2006 Phil Aylesworth will lead a ride into and hopefully back out of Canada.

Remember to bring 2 picture I.D.'s or a passport to speed the crossing of the border.

June 10, 2006 Frank Emmerich will lead the ride to Frankenmuth in his 4 wheel BMW.

Members with paid up dues will be treated to a family style chicken dinner.

July 1, 2006 Stuart Krueger will lead a ride. Destination to be announced.  
August 5, 2006 Glenn Hibbert will lead a ride. Destination to be announced.  
August 22, 2006 John Saarinen will lead a ride to Harsens Island.  
September 9, 2006 Picnic at Stony Creek. Members with paid up dues will be treat the barbecued steaks grilled by our very own Grill Meister Rhys Blair. The only man brave enough to wear and apron!  
October 7, 2006 Need ride captain to pick destination and route.  
November 4, 2006 Need ride captain to pick destination and route.  
December 2, 2006 Need ride captain to pick destination and route.

We need to get our 2006 ride schedule filled out for the riding season, and your dues paid. All those donuts, the Frankenmuth luncheon, and club picnic need to be funded!

### **OTHER RIDING OPPORTUNITIES**

Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> - Please join us for our second annual Peace Ride and Blessing of the Bikers to celebrate in the peace the Lord gives us in a country rich in freedom and blessings. We will meet June 3rd for a 10 AM service at `Peace Lutheran Church in Shelby Township (between Van Dyke and Mound on 24 Mile Road). Then we will take a ride up into Michigan's beautiful `Thumb area and meet at Lake Huron Retreat Center in Lakeport for a catered dinner. Well have music and prizes and a great time while comparing bikes and sharing in stories and fellowshiping with sister and brother motorcycle enthusiasts. Registration starts at 9 AM with refreshments and music. Early registrants (before May 18th) are guaranteed a shirt.

The price is \$30 for 1 up and \$45 with a passenger. Late registration will be \$45 for 1 up and \$60 with a passenger, and we plan to have shirts available for all. Also included is a map with directions of our route and we will have a chase vehicle available for emergencies and a partial police escort to get us started.

All proceeds will go to the Peace Scholarship Fund and Bikes for Missions. Go to [www.peaceshelby.org](http://www.peaceshelby.org) and click on the Peace Ride, or phone 586/781-3100 (this is not a political ride) for further instructions, directions and a registration form that can be downloaded for mailing. Join us for a friendly ride with friendly people who like to ride.

Sunday, July 23, 2006 - Another poker run? Ride with a bunch of Harley folks? Well let me suggest why this is a poker run you want to attend. The proceeds go to a childrens group (Clarkston Scamp) that is well established and helps kids with special needs. The money gets used for just the children.

This poker run isn't organized by a motorcycle group, but by the Lambda Chi Omega Sorority. Don't get all excited, these isn't a bunch of coeds looking to meet a bunch of motorcycle guys. The Sorority is an organization of ladies that have been together since the 20's and look for unique ways to support Clarkston Scamp. As in most poker runs there are prizes, fun, and fellowship. But the first place prize is a dinner at Schuler's Restaurant & Grill in Marshall Michigan. A dinner in Marshall? Did I mention that transportation is provided by airplane? The second place is an airplane tour of Oakland County Lakes. Very unique!  
I would like the Motor City Beemers to support this ride. It's for a very good cause! There are copies of the flyer in this newsletter and on the bulletin board at the Beemership.  
Frank...



*FIRST ANNUAL  
Ride for  
Clarkston Scamp*

**Sunday, July 23, 2006**

*Noon to 4:00 Rain or Shine*

Registration from 10:30 to Noon at: Riders - \$15.00 Passengers \$10.00

**Boomers Roadhouse,**  
6650 Highland Rd, Waterford  
248-431-8244



**Grand Prize: Brunch for Two at  
Schuler's Restaurant & Grill,  
Marshall, MI  
Transportation by AIRPLANE**

**Second Prize:**



**Aerial tour of Oakland County Lakes  
for one with lunch**

**Third Prize: Aerial tour of Oakland County Lakes**

\*\*\*\*\*Prizes Galore\*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* 50/50 Raffle\*\*\*\*\*

Clarkston Scamp is a 5 week summer day camp for children & young adults with special needs.  
For additional information access: [www.clarkstonscamp.com](http://www.clarkstonscamp.com)

Organized by: *Lambda Chi Omega Sorority* - Contact Number: 586-730-0001 or 810-664-5722

**Route**

All bikes out no later than noon and must be in by 4:00pm

Depart right on Highland to Fenton	14.7
Right on Fenton to White Lake	8.5
Left on White Lake to Bennett Lake	3.9
Left on Bennett Lake to Snapper's On the Water 6484 Bennett Lake Road 810-735-4307	2.8
Leave Snapper's - Left on Bennett to Argentine	.9
Right on Argentine (turns into Seymour) to Silver Lake	1.5
Right on Silver Lake (name changes to Broad, Main then Grange Hall Rd) to Dixie	16.6
Left on Dixie to Bottom's Up 14007 Dixie Hwy, 248-634-0040	1.2
Leave Bottom's Up - Right on Tripp to M-15/Ortonville Rd	6.5
Right on M-15/Ortonville Rd to Bull Frog's 2225 Ortonville Rd, 248-627-7755	2.4
Leave Bull Frog's - Left on Ortonville to Dixie	7.1
Left on Dixie to Andersonville	1.3
Right on Andersonville to Airport	.2
Left on Airport to Williams Lake	.8
Right on Williams Lake to Airport Immediate Left on Airport to M-59/ Highland Rd	2.0
Right on Highland to Boomer's Roadhouse.	2.0

Every weekend: [www.ridingiswonderful.com/ridingiswonderfulinc/](http://www.ridingiswonderful.com/ridingiswonderfulinc/)

We are primarily LT rider couples that just ride. We have developed others who join in as it fits their schedule. We will usually have from as low as two bikes to five who ride.

We ride each weekend. Meeting many times in Toledo or Waterville, OH for a breakfast and then a ride into MI or further into OH. It is just who ever can go and wants to go. We have been attempting to get a weekend per month for either a long weekend overnight stay at an interesting place or just a Saturday night somewhere. The agenda is as we set it.

With all this said we are attempting to expand the group to other like minded and flexible BMWers. We typically ride about 200 miles a day but have done 400 to 500 when needed to get some of the group home. It is very much about the people as it is the riding so we take brakes as needed and always have an eye out for the neat lunch stop. Some of us are members of the Toledo BMW Club but this is not a club activity, this is about just riding with friends and we always welcome new friends.

Our big trip for this season will be the CCR Reunion over Labor Day weekend. Departing Saturday, August 26th and plan on arriving at CCR on Monday, August 28. Leave for home Saturday Sept 2 and arrive home Sunday night the 3rd. This will be a no Interstate ride, unless we need to make up time. Ride will include Deals Gap and Dragons Tail in TN and NC. We welcome all who want to join in any or all of the above. Contact me for more information at 419 420 7422. We look forward to riding together  
Fred Turner - REMEMBER, THE RIDE IS THE DESTINATION

Sunday, April 30, 2006, 10:00AM - Phil Aylesworth is trying to get a Windsor Beemer group started in Canada. First ride to leave from the Arner Stop, 1958 County Road 20 (Old Hwy 18) @ County Road 23 (the Arner town line) halfway between Kingsville and Harrow. For details contact Phil, [purpleduck@gmail.com](mailto:purpleduck@gmail.com) groups website: <http://SunParlourBeemers.org>

...from

# the *BeemerShip*

bye,



Our service department is getting busy as spring settles in so if your German steed needs maintenance, don't wait too much longer to make an appointment. And speaking of service, we have another addition to the staff here at the Beemership. **Paul Williams** comes to us from Macomb Powersports with both sales and service experience. A Motorcycle Mechanics Institute graduate, Paul's expertise in our service department is another welcomed addition to the team. Welcome aboard, Paul.



*As much as she loves to go for a ride...  
I should really leave Daisy home when I take the van to the dragstrip.*

***Spring Open House !!!***

***MAY 13<sup>th</sup>.***

***Spring Garage Sale !!!***

Be sure to rev up your Beemer and rumble on down. We plan to have a few bikes available for demo rides. All non-current parts from the old store and miscellaneous current clothing will be sold at smokin' prices...don't miss it!

We just received our initial shipment of REV-IT boots. Very high quality and designed in the Netherlands, all REV-IT products offer practical and thoughtful features at a very competitive price. Any of the 3 styles of boot will suit your riding needs...the full length ERGO or FUSION,



or the more casual ankle high FREESTYLE. All are 100% waterproof and feature leather or leather/DuPont cordura construction.

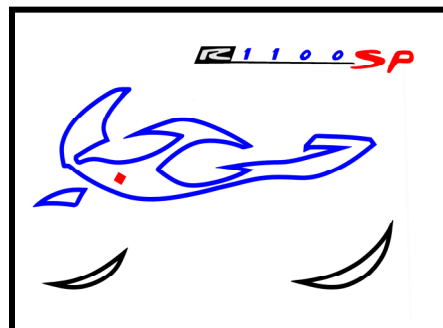
Want the ultimate BMW motorcycle? How 'bout a 4 liter 740i 300 hp V8 engine in a custom fabricated 88" wheelbase frame? Check out all the amazing details on pg. 78 of the May 2006 [Motorcyclist Magazine](#).

The state legislature in Mississippi has changed the way a motorcycle registration fee is calculated, a move that has tripled the cost of license plates for some bikes. Now the price of tags is based on the assessed value of the motorcycle. Previously, the cost was based on the size of the bike's engine, regardless of its value. Hmmm.

The Macomb County Motorcycle Safety Foundation, now known as MSP (Macomb Safety Program), recently celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Pavement buckling forced portions of the community college parking lot to be closed over the years, but that's remedied now. Fresh pavement commemorates the silver anniversary offering increased safety for students. Over 50,000 riders have gone through the motorcycle classes at the largest individual training site in the state. Our club roster includes a few MSP instructors so you usually don't see them at the monthly club rides. They're busy teaching students! Congrats to all!

While working the Cycle World International Bike show, I visited the J & H Digital Imaging Inc. booth. These folks operate a local custom printing business capable of - quite simply - printing almost anything on almost anything! Whether it's a promotional, professional or personal item, J & H can adhere a digital image, photograph or created piece of artwork to coffee mugs, T shirts, sweatshirts, and countless more products. These images don't sit on the top layer of the shirts J & H provide, as the case in typical silk-screening, but actually embed into the surface for greater durability. Their ink contains UV protection, is extremely vibrant for true color match, will not crack or peel, and is bleach resistant – all great features for T-shirts.

As I studied the array of products on display at their booth, I realized I needed to get off my Italian butt and finish a project initiated months ago. After putting the finishing touches on some artwork I created, I Heather Stafinsky, the can work with a JPEG, 300 dpi resolution. A samples of various sizes week later, I received my shirts for my **R1100SP**.



imagined if I could exceptionally bright and original artwork lost nothing during the printing process. Prices were very reasonable even for this low volume job, and the turnaround time was obviously quick.

reviewed the JPEG file with "H" in J & H Digital Imaging. She BITMAP or TIFF file with at least few days later, we were looking at she printed on paper. About a custom designed, one of a kind T-

The final product is exactly what I create the shirts myself. Colors are the accuracy and detail of my Other products that might appeal to fellow Motor City Beemers could include, but are not limited to: clothing (including men's **and** women's cut T-shirts), ceramic tile murals, license plate covers, car or floor mats, key chains, decals, bottles, trailer hitch covers, mouse pads, clocks, plaques, and tons more. Do you have a memorable photograph of, let's say, you, your BMW and maybe the Grand Canyon in the background? How would you like to show that off on a sweatshirt at the next club meeting? If there's sufficient interest, Heather has offered to

attend one of our monthly club meetings to review samples and discuss any specific request you may have. More detail about J & H Digital Imaging can be found at [www.jandhdigitalimaging.com](http://www.jandhdigitalimaging.com) or by calling 313-406-9202.

The April issue of the BMW ON magazine contains a poignant letter by Mr. Thomas Brazier on page 12. Be sure and read it...again.

### **FOR SALE:**

The for sale section of the newsletter is for all club members to post ANYTHING (legal) they have for sale or wanted. Take advantage of a circulation of 90+ club members. 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. There are several items that have been posted for some time now. Please let John Saarinen know if they need to be removed.

1995 K1100 LT

All stock (bags, trunk, radio with rear speakers, heated grips, elec. windshield, gauges, touring seat) heavy metallic gun metal gray paint, new battery, new tires and all servicing done, including spline lube.

\$5200.00 Dale & Denise 734-789-8249

1986 K100 RT

New Black paint, new seat, very good tires, new battery, all service done, bags.

\$3500.00 Dale & Denise 734-789-8249

I would like to buy a used low drivers seat as I am too short for comfortable riding. Bill Meier 810-987-4566 or [meierbj2@comcast.net](mailto:meierbj2@comcast.net)

K1100LT stock seat, used 1 month, in new condition. \$125. Brake pads \$10 set. John Saarinen, 586.596.4027 [jsaarinen@peoplepc.com](mailto:jsaarinen@peoplepc.com)

2000 K1200LT

48 K, Backup Back Rest, J-Pegs, AutoCom Intercom System, ZTecnik Arm Rest, ZTecnik Trunk Rack, RKA Saddle Bag Liners, HID Headlight. Dealers telling me it is worth between 8-10K, make me an offer. Ives Potrafka phone: 248.207.1575

1999 R1200C

Jens Schoening [Jens.Schoening@hna.hella.com](mailto:Jens.Schoening@hna.hella.com)

2000 VW Passat GLS Wagon - Excellent Condition, 4-cyl. 1.8 Turbo, Tiptronic Automatic Trans, 49,000 miles, white with tan interior,

Features: Air conditioning, Power windows, locks, steering & brakes, traction control. ABS brakes, alloy wheels, tilt steering wheel, cruise control, AM/FM stereo cassette, factory security alarm, heated side mirrors, dual front air bags & front side air bags, roof rack & power sunroof, Extended VW Master Guard Warranty, Warranty & road hazard coverage on Pirelli tires.

BLUE BOOK private party value = \$9,690

MAKE OFFER, call Valerie at: cell: 248-875-5536, home: 248-674-8525



GERBING Heated Electric Gloves

Men's small (fits about the same as the new G3, size medium), Waterproof/breathable inner membrane to protect wiring, DuPont "Thermolite Active" insulated, Less than 2 years old, Worn only 3 TIMES!, Excellent condition, \$95  
[petelentini@yahoo.com](mailto:petelentini@yahoo.com) OR 586-978-3956

2002 R1150RT blue, 56k, large Givi trunk, Abs, Hawk pegs, liner bags, garaged. \$8500.  
Shirley Cunningham 734-671-5215, [sjgreentoo@yahoo.com](mailto:sjgreentoo@yahoo.com)

1996 R1100R for sale, excellent condition, for details contact Allen Gigliotti,  
[giglio@comcast.net](mailto:giglio@comcast.net)