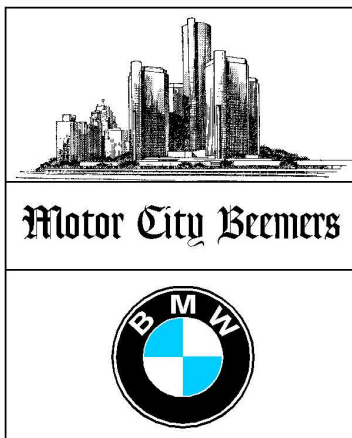




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THE PREZ SEZ

I did it...Route 66 from Chicago to Santa Monica...2418 miles from my house to the pier. We did it thru the heat wave that swept across the nation. It was 104 when we left Chicago. It was 120 in Needles, California at the edge of the Mojave Desert. There were very few days that the temp did not reach over 100 degrees. So, what can you say about riding in all that heat, 90-95 isn't so bad after all.

I enjoyed the trip, but was a little disappointed in Route 66. I thought there would be more historic stuff than there was. The road is OK, but rough in spots. We didn't take every dead end so I know we missed parts of the old road, but still covered most of it. During our travels we found a herd of cows blocking the road, a herd of goats along side the road, a pack of wild dogs that we just missed chasing a fox across the road and wild burro's in Oatman, AZ.

I kept a diary of the trip. As time permits I will try and write something more elaborate than this little article. I do regret missing the National Rally in Vermont. I hear it was a good time for all.

Remember, September's regular meeting is a week early on August 26 and don't forget the PICNIC, September 16th.... you gotta let Frank know your coming or NO STEAK FOR YOU.....

Ives R. Potrafka
President - MC Beemers

NATIONAL RALLY IN VERMONT

The weather going there was hot but no unbearable. Speed has a way of cooling you off. The Weather at the campground made us wish we stayed in a motel. It was interesting staying at the campground. Met a lot of real nice people but being a people watcher was interesting at the very least. Waiting in line for the showers reminded us of high school as we were herded into the showers after physical education. There was free coffee every morning for those lucky enough to find the coffee station. No one we talked to near the tent knew where the coffee was, they did not know where to find beer. Camped right across from the BMW display (and demo ride sign up station we thought we had a leg up on everyone else. Should have known there were going to be so many early birds (and I do mean early). One morning woke up at 5AM. Saw only 8 people in line thought I could get in a shower before the line grew by many more people. Ten minutes to take the shower and get back to the line. I was now #89. Couldn't get a ride on a 1200RT or 1200GT. Ended up taking a ride on a 1200S...insanely fast. At 6,000 rpm it scared me enough to know that I didn't want to know what it would do at 11,000. The last night it rained. Packed up wet tents and sleeping bags. Nothing remained dry. A lot to see and do in that part of the country. I know a return trip is going to happen.

AUGUST MEETING

Saturday morning, August 5th was a fantastic day for a ride. Lunch must have been good. Bouy Junction was always a good restaurant when I ate there. Didn't get a chance to go, family matters have a higher priority. Like to hear from some people who go on the rides to get some various points of view.

MOTOR CITY BEEMERS ANNUAL PICNIC

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16TH. STONY CREEK METRO PARK AT THE LAKEVIEW PAVILION (SAME LOCATION AS IN PAST YEARS)

TIME: 11AM TO ABOUT 5PM.

STEAKS PROVIDED BY DR. PHIL "WHERE'S THE BEEF" MARTIN, AND GRILLED TO PERFECTION BY RHYS "THE MASTER CHEF" BLAIR. CONDIMENTS, BEVERAGES AND OTHER ESSENTIALS PROVIDED BY ABLE ASSISTANTS JOHN ETHIER AND FRANK EMMERICH.

MINIMAL RULES:

1. NO GLASS CONTAINERS ALLOWED.
2. LUNCH WILL BE SERVED AT 1:30PM SHARP!!!
3. WE NEED A FIRM HEAD COUNT BY SEPTEMBER 6TH. IF YOU DON'T LET ME KNOW YOUR COMING, WE WON'T HAVE A STEAK FOR YOU. PRETTY SIMPLE EH?

THIS IS GENERALLY AN ADULT PICNIC. IF YOU BRING ANY CHILDREN, PLEASE BRING THEM SOMETHING TO EAT. STEAKS ARE FOR THE ADULTS.

IF YOU CARE TO BRING A DISH TO PASS – GREAT. THE CLUB PROVIDES A STEAK, COLE SLAW, CHIPS, AND POP AND WATER. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, WE GENERALLY HAVE APPROXIMATELY 25+ PEOPLE.

THIS IS A MEMBERS ONLY FUNCTION. IF YOU ARE BRINGING YOUR SPOUSE OR SIGNIFICANT OTHER THEY MUST BE A MEMBER!!!

PLEASE STICK AROUND TO ASSIST WITH THE CLEAN UP TO BEGIN AROUND 4:00PM.

REMEMBER TO CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE BY SEPTEMBER 6TH TO FRANK EMMERICH AT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING: BEEMERSHIP 586-274-4000 OR BMWFRANK@COMCAST.NET. FRANK...

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY

Motorcycle safety should always be in the front of our minds. It is obvious that nothing is in the minds of those driving most of the 4 wheel vehicles on the road.

GENERAL

Reminder: A vote at the May Meeting confirmed unanimously that we will continue our policy to no longer send the MCBemers Club Newsletter 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.

A set of keys was mailed to the Beemership this week because the key ring had a "BMW Motorcycles of Detroit" key fob attached. There is a Master key, automotive remote fob, ignition key with Ilco on the key, and several door keys. If you think it is your missing keys, contact Frank Emmerich at the Beemership. If you can prove ownership - they are yours.

Any body interested in joining the RA (Rides Association) please send Norm Ott (motorcycleman@comcast.com) an e-mail with your name and membership number. Membership forms are at the Beemership next to the news letters. We need 10 members to get the clubs fee waved.

Is there anyone interested in MCBemers coffee mugs. Frank at the Beemership is putting together an order with our logo on the side.

The Beemership will be closed Saturday September 2nd and Monday September 4th (a real weekend off for the troops, ahhhh!). In the past the club still had the meeting in the parking lot and went for a ride but that ride has been scheduled for Saturday, August 26th. Beginning Monday September 11th the Beemership will be closed on Monday's until the Spring. I will get an article to John on the winter hours.
Frank...

FROM BMW NORTH AMERICA

They are offering a free Navigator III with the purchase of a new 2006 K1200s, K1200LT, or R1200RT. Bike must be purchased before September 16, 2006. The new Navigator has additional features including 2D/3D maps and Blue Tooth Radio.

Looking to sell your bike? BMW is offering financing for 2002 and newer used bikes. From their e-mail: "With BMW's financing option, you can finance the purchase of a pre-owned vehicle from a private party with confidence. Our Person to Person financing program offers competitive rates and flexible financing options, customized to perform best for you. And we make the process easy. Just visit <http://p2p.bmwusa.com> to apply now-and be among the first to take our Person to Person Financing program for a spin. 1-877-457-3577. (Open Monday through Thursday 9 am to 9 pm EST, Friday 9 am to 6 PM EST

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 nick name for a cost of only \$8.00.

The easiest way to get your ID tag is to send Jeff and 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!".

RALLIES/OVER NIGHT RIDES

October 21-22, 2006 Blair 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 Ryan Blair led a ride for fried bologna sandwiches in Waldo, Ohio.

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

June 10, 2006 Ives Potrafka led the ride to Frankenmuth in his 4 wheel BMW.

July 1, 2006 Ives Potrafka led a ride to lunch.

August 5, 2006 Glenn Hibbert lead a ride to Buoy Junction, Marysville.

August 26, 2006 John Saarinen (with a lot of help from Betty Ward who knows these road like the back of her hand, actually you would have to say she picked the route, I put it to paper) left maps and directions of the route at the Beemership for the ride. Lunch will be at The Vernier Restaurant has a very interesting history along with great food.

September 16, 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 an apron!

October 7, 2006 Stuart Krueger will lead a ride to Grand Blanc Inn and Rocky's (Flint)

November 4, 2006 Dick Hautau will lead a ride destination to be announced.

December 2, 2006 Ride captain needed to pick destination and route.

OTHER RIDING OPPORTUNITIES

Every weekend - Group of BMW riders (primarily LT) ride every weekend and once month take longer trips. They are based out of Toledo but do ride into Michigan if that is what the group decides.

Their big trip is to the CCR Reunion over Labor Day weekend. Departing Saturday, August 26th and arriving at CCR on Monday, August 28. Leave for home Saturday, Sept 2, arriving home Sunday night the 3rd. This will be a no Interstate ride. Ride will include Deals Gap and Dragons Tail in TN and NC. Contact Fred Turner for more information at 419 420 7422.

Third Sunday of every month – Phil Aylesworth is trying to get a Windsor Beemer group started in Canada. For details contact Phil, purpleduck@gmail.com or go to the group's website: <http://SunParlourBeemers.org>

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 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. 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

1999 R1200C Jens Schoening Jens.Schoening@hna.hella.com

1996 R1100R for sale, excellent condition, for details contact Allen Gigliotti,
giglioa@comcast.net

Highway pegs for LT's: www.ridingiswonderful.com/ridingiswonderfulinc/ Jim & Jason Mick

1995 BMW K1100LT \$5,500: Less than 18,500 miles. Dealer serviced. The Bike is located in Warren, Michigan. It comes with hard bags, trunk, waterproof liners and tank bag. It also has a Corbin seat, heated hand grips, radio, 4 speakers, and adjustable tinted windshield. If Interested contact Patricia @beemerlt93@yahoo.com

KWIK-PLUG is an accessory for the oil head BMW. It is installed in the alt. belt cover. After installation, the next time you need to adjust the valve, instead of removing all the bodywork, side cover, mirror, etc., you just unscrew the plug part of the KWIK-PLUG. This gives access to the crankshaft bolt to turn the crankshaft to adjust the valves. When done, screw the plug back in. The link is www.SCA-1.com. Thanks for your interest, Gene Smith SCA