



# Motor City Beemers



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### **THE PREZ SEZ**

Well...another month has flown by, and wow...what to do now...the riding season end is in site for most of us. As for myself, I got another few weeks to ride. I usually don't stop completely until it starts to get below freezing. But that is not all that far away and for me, winter is just a little depressing. My motorcycle is my favorite and most successful way to just get away from everything. There are days I wish I was crazy enough to ride all year. BUT, then I recall the Snow Color Tour of 2004 and those thoughts fly away.

Oh well, moving on, October's ride was great fun and as always, the food was great. We did things just a little different this month. Our ride leader was absent so yours truly set the GPS and simply followed it. We finally made it to M-15 and I knew where I was. The first third was too much traffic, so I just pointed my Beemer north and we got out of the traffic. Then I let the GPS lead the way again. We made it to Grand Blanc Inn and then onto Rocky's. Didn't see too many purchases being made, but I did buy a new pair of deer skin riding gloves and saved 10%. Many thanks to Rocky's for this annual one day discount to our club members who attend the ride.

Will we ride in November? YES...unless it is freezing rain or snow.... We will at least meet and share a coffee and donut. Anyone with program ideas for December, January and February...please get a hold of me. We might ride in December; all depends on Mother Nature, and who knows about March..... Ride Safe....

Ives R. Potrafka,  
President - MC Beemers

## **BIKETOBERFEST SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2006**

Stop by the Beemership, Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. See the new 2007 models. Register for the chance to win the BMW of your choice from BMW North America. If you win you can choose any bike up to \$22,300. Stop in and check it out.

## **RIDE TO GRAND BLANC AND ROCKY'S**

Six bikes, seven people left the Beemership and headed north up Van Dyke, lead by our illustrious president. It was a beautiful, slight chill in the air but the sun shining down kept us warm. We wound our way north and west until we arrived at Grand Blanc Inn for lunch. Betty met us in the parking lot. She left after us but took a more direct route. The eight of us enjoyed the meal and each others company. I still think this is one of the most diverse groups I ever hung around with. The people in this group have had some great experiences, on and off their bikes.

We arrived at Rocky's and met up with Jason and his wife. They went directly to Rocky's from the Beemership. Even with the 10% discount only a few members bought something. A couple of bikes took off from there to head home or other destinations. Six bikes with 8 people headed east towards Cook's Dairy on Seymour Lake Road. Hitting some construction we got turned around and only 5 bikes/seven people arrived at Cook's. I don't know how he does it but Jason and his wife beat us again and were waiting for us at Cook's.

I have to tell you, the ice cream is great. They raise their own cows and chickens. They sell eggs, milk, cheese and ice cream. Most of the group had either pistachio or cow pie in a cone. Single scoop was more than enough. The cow pie was great. Bet you never thought you would hear someone say that! It was chocolate ice cream with cashews and other stuff blended in. After the group finished their cow pies we headed to Washington Township, the back way. In Washington we broke up and headed our separate ways. I think I am going to have to find my way back to Cook's for some more cow pie...maybe 2 scoops of cow pie next time.

## **NEW CLUB TREASURER**

The MC Beemers is proud to announce that Sharon Saarinen has accepted the position of Treasurer and assumes her duties immediately. We would also like to thank Norm Ott for his hard work this past year as treasurer. Norm has changed shifts at work and can no longer attend meetings and asked that he be replaced. Thank You to both Norm and Sharon.

## **YEARLY DUES**

We are starting to collect yearly dues in November and December. Please help the club by paying as early as possible. The dues remain only \$10 per year. It is quite a deal. This is the main source of our revenue that covers the doughnuts, picnic and Frankenmuth ride. Thank you in advance for your co-operation in paying early.

## **GENERAL**

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

Any body interested in joining the RA (Rides Association) please send Sharon Saarinen (ssaarinen@peoplepc.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.

## **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](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!".

## **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**

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**

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](mailto: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](mailto:meierbj2@comcast.net)

1999 R1200C Jens Schoening [Jens.Schoening@hna.hella.com](mailto:Jens.Schoening@hna.hella.com)

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

Highway pegs for LT's: [www.ridingiswonderful.com/ridingiswonderfulinc/](http://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, truck, waterproof liners and tank bag. It also has a Corbin seat, heated hand grips, radio, 4 speakers, adjustable tinted windshield. If Interested contact Patricia [@beemerlt93@yahoo.com](mailto:@beemerlt93@yahoo.com)