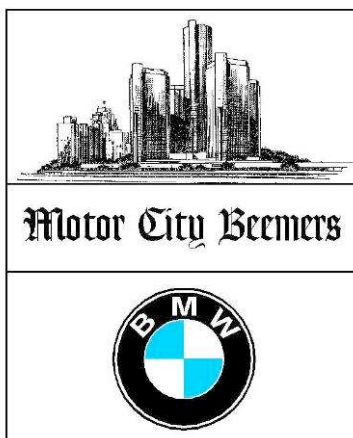




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THE PREZ SEZ

The month of April has been a BIG bust for me so far..... had to be out of state 2 weeks.... WITHOUT my Beemer.... and then... got home with the worst cold I have ever had..... Talk about riders withdrawel....

This month we will once again attempt to have "Trailer Demo" month..... as it stands we should have at least one camper, one two wheeler and one Unigo (one wheeler)..... that's the ones I know about... So if you have a trailer you pull with the Beemer, bring it on down..... Time to show off and brag a little bit.... AND if you curious about trailering, then this is chance to talk to the riders who do pull trailers... Check them out and decide what would be best for you...

This months ride will leave at a little later than normal to give everyone a chance to view the trailers. Rhys is leading us to the Dorsey House.... It is a good ride and very good food.....

AND REMEMBER.... Ride Safe....

Ives R. Potrafka
President - MC Beemers

2007 CLUB DUES DUE

Dues for 2007 are due. Remember that dues are \$10 for Members and \$5 for Associate Member (member's significant other). Please give Sharon Saarinen your dues with Membership Form at the next meeting, or mail them to:

Sharon Saarinen
6094 Whispering Oak Drive
Washington, Michigan 48094

Make checks payable to Sharon Saarinen and include Membership Form. We need these dues to cover things like doughnuts, Frankenmuth Chicken Dinner, & steak picnic in the fall.

CLUB COFFEE CUPS

We still have plenty of club_coffee cups available at the low, low price of \$15. Help support the club. They are a good size, quality cup...and best of all they have the club logo boldly displayed for everyone to admire. As I found out at work...most people don't know that BMW makes motorcycles. One of those strange questions...So when did they start making motorcycles?...Ah, long before they made cars? Pick one up at the next meeting and save us from having to carry them back and forth from the meetings.

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 than "Hey you!".

MOTOR CITY BEEMERS - ANNUAL FRANKENMUTH LUNCHEON

WHEN & WHERE: SATURDAY JUNE 16TH. BE READY TO DEPART AT 11:30 SHARP FROM THE BEEMERSHIP. MAKE SURE YOU HAVE A FULL TANK OF GAS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE. THERE MAY BE ONE "SHORT" STOP ALONG THE ROUTE. ESTIMATED TIME OF ARRIVAL AT THE BAVARIAN INN RESTAURANT IS 1:00PM.

THIS IS A MEMBERS ONLY FUNCTION. IF YOUR SPOUSE OR SIGNIFICANT OTHER ISN'T A MEMBER, GET WITH SHARON SAARINEN BY JUNE 2ND AND SIGN THEM UP AS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER (\$5).

WE NEED A HEAD COUNT TO RESERVE SUFFICIENT TABLES AND CHAIRS FOR EVERYONE. PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE BY JUNE 2ND TO FRANK

EMMERICH AT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING: CLUB MEETING, 586-731-6951 OR
BMWFRANK@COMCAST.NET

FRANK...

RA RALLY IN ASHVILLE, NC JUNE 7 – 10, 2007



For anyone going to the RA Rally in North Carolina I would like to recommend a route. This route is I75 south out of Detroit to save time. In Kentucky take exit #29 to Corbin, Kentucky.

The road is 25E. Go east towards Middlesboro. Get used to one thing real quick. In this area there are roads with numbers like 25, 25E and 25W. This has nothing to do with the direction you want to go. Which ever way these roads are going the E road will be east of the W road. And the 25 will either be between them, an extension of one or the other or where both E and W combine to go around something. Now that we've cleared that up.

There is a town of Pineville where you will see flood gates at both ends of town. These gates are used to keep the town from flooding during the spring rains and snow melts.

After Middlesboro, Kentucky you will come to Cumberland Gap National Park. The road used to go up over the pass used by the original white settlers that came to the area lead by people like Daniel Boone. This is also a location that the north and south fought over to control access between the Union and the Confederacy. It is worth a visit.

When approaching Tazwell, Kentucky be careful, the police are looking for speeders. After passing through Tazwell, you will come to a long up hill section of road. At the top is the Clinch Mountain look out. Barring fog you get a view of the Tennessee Valley. The large lake below is Cherokee Lake, the largest dam formed lake in the United States.

Continuing south on 25E you will pass over sections of Cherokee. After crossing I81 the next body of water is the French Broad River. This is also as the result of damming rivers. It is highly recommended that in the stretch between the French Broad River and 10 miles past Newport that you do not stop in any of the small bars you see along the sides of the road. They do not have a very good history. There is a very good restaurant in Newport. It is called the Grease Rack. Their specialty is the marinated rib eye. Not that easy to find but the locals know how to get you there. They used to have a bouncer who would look through a small window in the door to check you over before letting you in. That says a lot about the area. In Newport turn left when the road ends in a T intersection. This is 25/25E. In about a mile, turn right onto 321 heading south. This will lead you to I40 East to Ashville.

This area is full of great roads to ride. Deals Gap (the Tail of the Dragon) is about 45 minutes east, Blue Ridge Parkway is 30 minutes north. Ridgewood's the best southern barbeque east of the Mississippi River is about an hour away on Old Elizabethton Highway (Old 19E) just south of 11E. A lot of restaurants around that area advertise that their sauce is like Mrs. Proctor's Ridgewood recipe barbeque sauce but so far no one has matched the flavor.

There is a lot to see and do in that area. I encourage you to attend this rally and take as many rides as possible out into the surrounding area. Travel back roads in any direction to the north and east and you will be amazed by the riding opportunities you will find.

MONTHLY CLUB RIDES

We are looking for ideas of where to go and what to do after our winter meetings. Check the web site for planned rides.

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 or go to the group's website: <http://SunParlourBeemers.org>

Art Haley, Vice Pres. and Road Captain for Battle Creek BMW Club #14 is inviting us to their mini-rally May 4th thru May 6th in Sturgis, Mich. He would also like to know about any events our club is planning to see if there is any interest in their club attending.
Art Haley BMW Club of Battle Creek #14

FOR SALE:

For sale section of the newsletter is for all club members to post ANYTHING (legal) that 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.

PAINT PROTECTION FILM: Protect your bike's paint from stone chips and damage from your tank bag. Kelly, 248.312.0968 or graphixwerk.com

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

K1200LT Champagne, 26K miles, 6CD changer, and Bailey windshield, MC BMW maintained, asking \$8900. Bill Meier 810-824-7382 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: 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