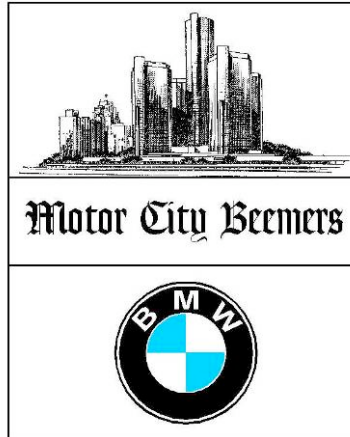




Motor City Beemers



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THE PREZ SEZ

As the new year is about to start, I am looking forward to another great riding season with the club and to all the new places...and some old, which we will be visiting on our lunch rides. We have some new members about to join and I hope that all current members join us for this coming year. I want to remind everyone that this is your club. Participate, lead, and make suggestions on how MCBeemers can better support your riding experience. Get to know your fellow members and contact them when you are looking for riding partners. Working together I know we can help make every ones club and riding experience really rewarding.

Ride Safe,
John Saarinen

New Officers:

We welcome 3 new officers to the club. I will be staying on as president. George Yosin will be replaced by Jerry Pokorski. Jerry, first Vice President, will organize the picnic in September and the Frankenmuth ride in June. Ken Mitchell will be replaced by Tim Perry who will coordinate the ride schedule. Tim the second Vice President will request ride leaders and suggestions for monthly rides and mid-month rides. Sharon Saarinen will be replaced by Allen Gigliotti as Treasurer. All new and renewal membership applications need to be sent to Allen. We will also be collecting applications and money at the monthly meetings through March.

We still have one position that we need to fill. John Hooper who has been our News Letter Editor for the last year or so, is taking on some additional responsibilities outside the motorcycling community and needs to pass the editor's position on to some one new. Please consider taking on this important position. John has done an excellent job and I am sure you will too!

Beemership Christmas Party:

Despite the snowstorms, freezing temperatures, and horrendous condition of the Roads, there was a good turn out for the Beemership Christmas Party on December 20th. We had a pretty good club membership turnout and enjoyed getting to know some of the newer members even better. The food as usual was great but the camaraderie was even better. I even got to meet Stephan who is going to be a new members next year. He is from Germany and is picking up a new 800 for this coming season. He is very enthusiastic about riding with us and having a chance to tour the United States over the next few years.

Membership Renewal:

It is that time of year again to renew your MCBeemer membership. Forms are available at the Beemership but one small correction needs to be done. Please make checks out to Allen Gigliotti, our new Treasurer. We also accept cash, that can remain made out to Uncle Sam. Remember that our membership year goes from January to December. New members having joined prior to September of 2008 must renew their membership for this coming year. Membership remains at \$10 for members, associate members (wives, husbands, sons, daughters, and significant others) is only \$5.

Cycle World International Motorcycle Show® - Novi, Michigan January 2 – 4, 2009

Where

Rock Financial
Showplace
46100 Grand River
Avenue
Novi, MI 48374

When

- Friday, January 2
2:00pm - 9:00pm
- Saturday, January
3
9:30am - 8:00pm
- Sunday, January 4
9:30am - 5:00pm

Admission

Adult: 1-day \$13 (save \$1 online!) • 2-day \$20 (box office only) • 3-day commemorative pass \$25 (online only) | Children 6-11: 1-day \$6 • 2-day \$10 (box office only) • 3-day commemorative pass \$10 (online only)

Children 5 & under free; Buy your e-tickets and 3-day commemorative pass online and save!

Download your \$3 off coupon here - <http://motorcycle.progressive.com/ims-admission-discount-coupon.pdf?imsemail>

2009 BMWMOA National Rally

Hello Everyone:

Check out the Fairgrounds web site for next summers BMWMOA National Rally. Happy planning for making your trip next summer down to so great riding country.

For those who are not aware, the 2009 rally will be held in upper East Tennessee at the Appalachian Fair <http://www.bestofshoware.com/appalachianfair/> July 16-19, 2009. The fairground is located in Gray, TN very close to Johnson City and Buff City home of the famous Ridgewood BBQ a MUST visit while there! This happens to be one of my favorite parts of the country (yes, I am a bit biased) and offers some of the best riding in the Eastern US!

Happy a great Holiday season,

Dick Hautau
BMW MOA Ambassador

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 then "Hey you!"

OTHER RIDING OPPORTUNITIES

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

PICTURES ON THE WEB SITE

The pictures made during meetings have been placed on the web site for all to see. Take a look; some of them are fairly good.

The idea is to make this a common practice each meeting. The pictures may add to the flavor of the Club and be something we all enjoy. Take a look and let the President know your thoughts.

Some of these pictures are also posted on the Snap Fish web site in full 4 meg a pixel quality. If you would like access to the Snap Fish Albums, please send John Hooper (Newsletter Editor) an email and he will send you an invitation to view them. You will be required to set up an account in Snap Fish, but it is free. This way, only those who have been invited to view the album of pictures have access to them, not just anyone with internet access.

Send John an e-mail at jwhooper@comcast.net and he will add you to the invitation list for these and future Motor City Beemer Albums in Snap Fish.

CLUB ROSTER IS POSTED ON THE WEB SITE

The Club Roster has been posted on the web site. It requires the password to access and available to all up to date Club Members. Only names, phone numbers, town and e-mail addresses are on the Web Site. If you are a current member, you have the password and can get to the Roster.

The hope is the Roster will help us contact each other for riding partners and bring the group closer together; making Motor City Beemers the kind of Club we all would like to see. Try it out and let President John know what you think would make it more helpful.

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 your postings to motorcycle items. The one thing that we ask is that once your items sell, please notify us so we can remove it from the newsletter. Please let John Hooper 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

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

Don't forget to check the Club Web Site as well. You might find something you can't live without!!