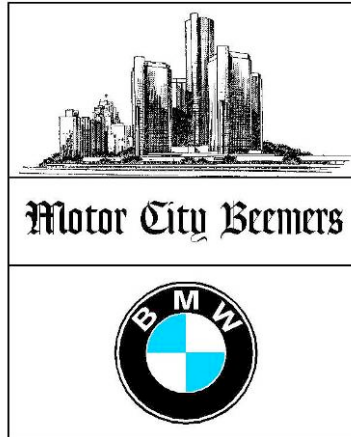




Motor City Beemers



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THE PREZ SEZ

The riding season is approaching fast and it looks like it is going to be another great summer. I plan on taking a few trips this year and that means getting my bike ready for those long lonesome roads. I also need to take some short trips to loosen up the old bones and put the miles necessary to burn up the tires that are currently on the bike. I am planning some longer trips in June and July and need to be ready.

Remember to get your service done early enough to avoid the rush and so you can join us on some the rides this year. You should also take some time to get yourself ready. The community colleges are still offering Motor Cycle Safety Courses. They fill up quickly so if you are interested, sign up soon. If you haven't taken a course, if it has been a few years since you last took the course, or you just want to brush up...take the course. The last thing you want to do is damage your bike. A safe ride is always a good ride!

Respectfully,
John Saarinen

2009 RIDE SCHEDULE/CAPTAINS

Please volunteer to be a ride captain and plan a ride for one of our monthly meetings. I am certain we would all like to join you on one of your favorite rides. It's not a difficult job and I am sure we can come up with a ride leader for anyone that is uncomfortable in that role. Don't forget to pick out a lunch spot! The 2009 meeting dates (first Saturday of the month except Jul 4) are: Feb 7, Mar 7, Apr 4, May 2, Jun 6, Jul 11?, Aug 1, Sep 5, Oct 3, Nov 7, and Dec 5.

Tim Perry (tpbeemer@gmail.com; 586 979 0872) has "volunteered" to be our ride coordinator for the year. Let him know which month you will plan/lead a ride for the group.

Tim will also post the information for non-meeting rides you are planning and would like to request membership participation

RIDE SCHEDULE:

We had some great rides last year and would like to have even more this year. The ride schedule is filling up fast but has some openings. If you have a place you like to ride to for lunch and think we might be interested drop Tim Perry a note volunteering to lead a ride. We are always willing to go new places and try new things so take the group to new places and widen our horizons.

Respectfully,
John Saarinen

NEWS FROM THE BEEMERSHIP

Spring riding season is just around the corner so now is the time to start getting you and your bikes ready. Give Don Lusk a call and schedule your service so you will be ready to ride and contact Ron in the parts department for any accessories you may need.

Don't forget to check out our website often for upcoming news, events and specials. We will be posting photos of Don's adventure through Central America. We are now in the planning stages for the DEMO Ride Days that will be held in Lansing and have confirmed the dates which will be June 6th, and 7th. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Angie Goodman
General Manager,
BMW of Detroit

TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP:

It's that time of year again when we need to renew our members and pay our dues. Dues remain at \$10 for a member and \$5 for an associate member. An associate member is anyone who is you child, spouse, or significant other. This remains one of the best deals available. Your membership pays for the doughnuts at our monthly meetings, the Frankenmuth chicken dinner in June and and September steak picnic. Please renew by sending your renewal to Allen Gigliotti along with a check made out in his name. With proper ID he will also accept cash at the meetings.

I believe we are going to have a great time again this year and would love to have you join us.

Following the March meeting we will be changing the password to the website and updating the Yahoo Group e-mail. If you have not renewed you won't be getting the new password.

MID WINTER MCBEEMER PARTY

Date: Saturday, March 21, 2009, 6:30PM to 12 Midnight.

Place: Pennas at 43985 Hayes, in Sterling Heights. ½ Mile South of M-59 on Hayes.

There is still time to sign up for the Mid Winter Party. We reserved the room and have 25 people already signed up. We are still have room for more to join in on the fun. The dinner will be served family style and the menu is shown below.

Relish Tray
Soups (Minestrone, Chicken Noodle, or Stracciatella)
Salad
Rolls and Butter
Mostaccioli with Meat Sauce
Fettuccine Alfredo
Chicken Piccante
Top Round of Beef
Green Beans Almondine
Roasted Potatoes
Dessert (Spumoni or Ice Cream Sundae)

Cost is \$30 per person and we would like everyone to pay by the March 7th club meeting.

Cash bar.

We will present Bent Beemers after dinner. Due to us not being able to confirm a large enough group, we lost the Bocci Ball courts. However, we will still have a great time. Come on out and join in on the fun!

EUROPEAN BIKE RALLY, May 15th – 17th, 2009

I am currently planning on going to the European Bikes Rally in Burkesville, Kentucky, May 15th through the 17th. It is being put on by the BMW Motorcycle Club of Nashville. It sounds like it could be a good time and I need a short trip like this to shake down the bike/burn up the last of the tire that are currently on the bike. This area has some very good riding roads and is only a short distance from the Dragon/Blue Ridge Parkway/etc. If interested check out their web site at: <http://www.bmwmcon.org/rally.html>

Respectfully,
John Saarinen

MOA RALLY, JULY 17th - 19th, JOHNSON CITY, TENNESSEE
RA RALLY JULY 24th- 26th; CAANAN VALLEY, W.V.

This year the MOA Rally will be in Johnson City Tennessee on July 17th-19th. This is a great riding area and close to Michigan. Anyone interested in going can go to the BMW MOA website and gather additional information. If anyone is interested in going we can discuss at travel plans at our monthly meetings

BMA RA Rally will be on the following weekend in Caanan Valley West Virginia. This is only a few hours north of Johnson City and would make sense for those that can get the time off to stay in the area to do some riding if they plan to attend both.

Both of these rallies are in the middle of some of the best riding roads in the country. The scenery is beautiful, the roads are twisty, and the locals are friendly. It should be a great time. Give some thought to joining us on the ride.

DETROIT-METRO REGIONAL CONSORTIUM MOTORCYCLE SAFETY SCHEDULE 2009

<http://www.schoolcraft.edu/ces/motorcycle.asp> • 734-462-4452 •

It is the time of year when we begin planning our return to the 2Wheel world. Part of the planning is to get our Bike ready. **The other part is to get US ready!** Along with physical exercise, one of the areas' motorcycling training centers might be just what you need for getting you ready. Check the above web site for a class being taught near you. It will be a great investment in your personal safety.

Basic Rider Course (BRC) A 15-18 hour Motorcycle Safety Foundation course for the inexperienced rider. Motorcycles are provided. The State of Michigan riding skills test is waived for course graduates. To obtain your motorcycle endorsement you must take the written test & visual exam at the Secretary of State Office. One-weekend courses are very demanding and not for the totally inexperienced student. The Weeknight/day course is recommended for the inexperienced student and provides extra range time on basic skills.

Performance Based Course (PB) A 6-7 hour course for the experienced, but unlicensed, rider to become licensed and legal. **Also, many experienced, licensed riders use the PB as an annual refresher and skills tune-up.** Students must provide their own motorcycle with a clutch (no scooters). This course covers braking, turning, counter-steering, speed judgment, and other techniques. All students will take a riding skill evaluation at the beginning of class. If a student fails this evaluation, then he/she must enroll in the basic rider motorcycle course (BRC). Each student must provide proof of insurance for his/her bike and the bike must pass a safety inspection before the student may take the skills

Experienced Rider Course (ERC) A 6-hour Motorcycle Safety Foundation course for the experienced licensed rider. Emphasis is on advanced riding skills. Student must provide their own motorcycle.

PITTSBURGH RIDES: WHO ARE THE REAL BIKERS? By DAVID RYDER

(Adapted from the PITTSBURGH POST GAZETTE)

OK, here's an unpopular opinion for you -- all who ride are not "bikers." Somehow American pop culture has merged the word "motorcycle" with visions of tattooed nonconformists who all stand around with belligerent expressions on their faces and who wouldn't be caught dead wearing anything but black leather.

There's an entire world of motorcyclists out there who'd rather be out riding than posing around Quaker Steak and Lube's parking lot admiring each other's overpriced driveway jewelry.

Hey, I've got nothing against bikers. I mean REAL bikers, you know, the guys who rode motorcycles and acted antisocially because they didn't give a damn what anyone else thought about them. But these guys don't really exist anymore, outside of a Hollywood movie set. All we've got now are wannabe bikers, guys who walk into a dealership, sign a loan large enough to pay for a college degree, then buy a closet-full of "I'm bad!" T-shirts (black, of course), a set of mirrored Ray-Bans, and head for the nearest parking lot so they can show off their new toy. Yeah, real individuals, these guys along with the 500 other guys in that parking lot just like them.

.... So, speaking to the rest of the world, there are "bikers" and there are "motorcyclists." Motorcyclists are those of us who wake up and immediately think, "Where can I ride today?" We don't need 50 of our friends to join us, nor do we particularly care what color our T-shirts are, because we probably won't have our riding jackets off long enough for anyone to notice them.

We care far more about the quality of the road surface, and whether the gear we're wearing protects us if some dingbat changes lanes without looking. We avoid parking lots and slow moving parades down Main Street, instead seeking open vistas with sweeping two-lane roads. State lines hold no significance for us; we're more concerned with cornering lines, anyway. All we really need from you is a solid shoulder check when you change lanes and maybe, if you really want to be nice, could you please finish texting your BFF at the next red light?

News Letter Editor Needed

John Hooper, who has done the news letter for the last year and a half, has family obligations which will require us to find a new editor. Please talk with John or myself about this position.

We need someone to step forward and help out the club. Please come and talk with us at the March club meeting.

Respectfully,
John Saarinen

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>

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 Rooster.

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 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. 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

New Highway Pegs for your R1200RT or 'tried and true' for your K1200LT. Riding Is Wonderful has completed their first production run of Model R12R Mick-O-Pegs for the R1200RT which will mount to the forward two bolts to each valve cover. These are so new, you may not find a picture yet, but if you look at "www.RidingIsWonderful.com" you can find a picture of the prototype on the 'prototypes' web page. The production version will have cleaner cuts and bends, but look very similar. Don't expect to see them at a club meeting until April - Jim's doing rallies in the SE and Jason is working on Saturday
Don't forget to check the Club Web Site as well. You might find something you can't live without!!