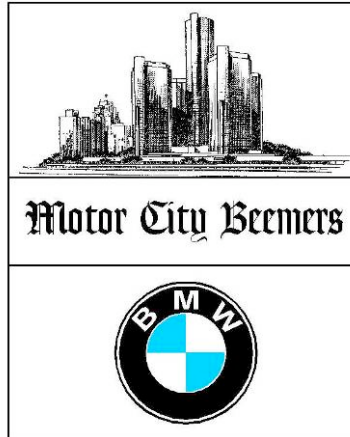




Motor City Beemers



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THE PREZ SEZ

We are entering what appears to be another great riding season. I've been out on the bike a few days this year and already put on over 500 miles. I forgot what a feeling of freedom and power you get when you are riding. It was a thrill to roll on the throttle and scoot on down the highway. I hope you get the chance to pull out your bike soon, if you haven't already and experience it for yourself. If you haven't done your preseason check, do it now before the absolutely perfect riding weather comes. Don't forget to charge your battery, check/adjust your tire air pressure, and top off your motorcycle fluids. Start out slow to allow your get the feel of the bike again. Consider taking a motorcycle safety course to refresh your skills. If you are considering a motorcycle safety course contact one of the community colleges as soon as possible as the classes fill up quickly. Our first club ride will be April 4th. We will be going to the Bistro 1894 in Port Huron. Come on out and enjoy the ride and lunch!

Respectfully,
John Saarinen - remember riding is fun

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 your 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 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.

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

NEWS FROM THE BEEMERSHIP

Hello! Welcome to BMW Motorcycles of Detroit. We have accelerated our optimism this year by hiring a new sales manager who will prove to the Detroit metropolitan area that it is important to take care of our current customers as well as to develop a new client portfolio. The atmosphere has certainly changed when you walk into our showroom, we are now under new management! So now is the time to come into our showroom and see for yourself the changes we have made and give us a second chance to prove that we want you as a customer.. In order to be successful you need team players and the willingness to endure through hard times as of today's bear market, and now we are here for you! Come in and ask for the new sales manager Kirk and let him tell you of all the great offers that are available on our new and used BMW motorcycles.

We would also like to announce our Spring Open House on Saturday, May 2, 2009. We will be having a Pig Roast with all the trimmings, music, and fun to be had by all. Hope to see you here!!!!

Angie Goodman,
General Manager

Mid Winter Dinner at Villa Penna's

I want to thank Betty Ward for arranging the Mid Winter Dinner at Villa Penna's. We had a good turn out with 29 attendees. Members, associate members, and their guests were all

given door prize tickets when they arrived. The meal was great, and having the chance to hang out with club members was even better. We had a chance to talk about one of our favorite interests...motorcycles and motorcycle touring. Between dinner and desert we presented the 2008 Bent Beemer Awards. Awards were presented to Ives Potrafka, Betty Ward, Sharon Hautau, and Dick Hautau. Following the Bent Beemers, Cliff Trudeau, owner of BMW of Detroit and Angie Goodman manager of BMW of Detroit drew ticket stubs to award the door prizes. All of the members, associate members, and guests won a door prize. The prizes ranged from hats/t-shirts to helmets and jewelry, and a lot of stuff in between. If you didn't attend you missed a great party proven by the fact that a bunch of us were still there to almost 11:30 PM. We want to thank Cliff, Angie, and the whole staff at BMW of Detroit for participating and providing so many great door prizes.

We hope to do this again next year, hope to see you there.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

40 members (37 paid); current balance: \$1208.12. All new members have been invited to join the Yahoo! Group. I'll be purging that group following the April meeting and changing the website password. Get your dues in as soon as possible. Membership application is attached. Dues can be paid via PayPal to giglioa@comcast.net.

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.

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!"

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.bmwcon.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.

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>

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.

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Ives Potrafka

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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!!