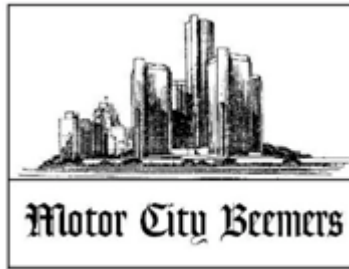




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THE PREZ SEZ

There are some great riding opportunities at our meetings, Wednesday nights, and upcoming rally's. For the club rides, check out the ride schedule on our website. Betty Ward is sending out e-mails on the Wednesday night rides. The rally's are covered in some short articles in the newsletter.

Three of us just returned from the European Rider's Rally in Burkesville, Kentucky. For those who didn't go, you missed a good rally. It was a good base for operations. The rides they laid out were great!. The town's people were very friendly and helpful. The Nashville BMW Club that put it on did a great job of providing a good camping experience, good food, and great entertainment. I can honestly say that we had a great time...some 2300+ miles of great time! I am going next year and I hope you join me.

Get out there and ride!
Ride Safe,
John Saarinen

Ride Report

EUROPEAN RIDERS RALLY - BURKESVILLE, KENTUCKY, May 15th, 16th and 17th For those that didn't make the European Riders Rally in Burkesville, Kentucky...you missed a great rally. The MOA Club from Nashville put on a great rally. The weather could have been better but it just added more of a challenge on the winding roads that surround Burkesville. Ken Mitchell and myself left on Wednesday and rode down through southeast Ohio and then back west to the rally site. Wednesday was semi dry except for the last 4 hours or so where it rained like the great flood was coming. We got to Burkesville about 8:30PM and went to find a campsite. As we drove by a very large rainbow we heard someone call out "John!". It turned out to be Tim Perry who rode down on Thursday. We pitched our tents near his and went to dinner in town. This is a very small town and just about everything was close and they were in the process of putting the sidewalks away. We found Jones's Restaurant, which was in the process of closing. They held it open long enough for us to eat a nice leisurely dinner. The next morning we all registered and they gave us suggested roads to ride. We grabbed breakfast and hit the road. Since Ken led all of the way to the rally it was my turn to take the lead. Their directions were pretty good except for a short leg on the return trip. It led to some small adventures....but sometimes those are good. We stopped at a small store called "The Store" for some refreshments. After getting our milk shakes we adjourned to the front porch to sit in their rocking chairs. Over the top of the mountains came a thunderstorm and we sat there drinking our milk shakes and talking with the owner while the rain washed our bikes. When we got back to the camp site we found the rain washed our tents, sleeping bags...in fact anything that was inside out tents. We grabbed dinner at Jones's after bailing out our tents. The next morning we attended a charity breakfast for terminally ill and handicapped children to cover the expense of them going to a special camp for the summer. From there it was more riding with someone we met at the rally. Doug rides a 1968 Moto Guzzi and was a great addition to our group. We came back early after visiting the Dam which creates Lake Cumberland. The lunch was provided free by the BMW dealership from Nashville. Following lunch we went riding again only to shorten the ride when the rain just about washed us off the road. We got back in time to see if we won any of the approximately 20 50 door prizes. The club provided a steak dinner with baked potato, coleslaw, barbequed beans, green beans, au gratin potatoes, and peach or black cherry cobbler for desert.

The band, Key Largo, was very good. They played 70's and 80's music. They played at a reasonable volume and sounded very good. During the first intermission they awarded the 50/50 prize and the Garmin GPS which was the grand prize. During the second intermission they awarded the standard awards, oldest rider, youngest, farthest distance man, woman...etc. The longest distance ridden was 430 miles other than Ken, Tim and I. I edged them out by a few miles and won my first award ever at rally with approximately 830 miles...we took the long way.

Breakfast was provided by one of the neighborhood churches and they provided singers and a band to entertain us during breakfast. Ken, Tim, and I parted ways. Tim came back to Detroit, Ken to the Carolina's and I went to Memphis to visit my college roommate. It was a great rally. The people were friendly and helpful; crowds were small and easygoing. The rally was well organized and provided great value for your money. I would highly recommend it for next year's itinerary.

You New Editor

One of these 2 people is the real editor. The other chap is his friend from Germany and was never really there. One still has an RT and the other doesn't. Your job is to figure out which is which:



NEWS FROM THE BEEMERSHIP

So your editor was looking over the dealer web page and noticed that allot of rebates have been announced. So if you or anyone you know has MBS (Multiple Bike Disorder) or just wants their first one; now may be the time.

<http://www.bmwdetroit.com>

BMWMOA NEWS

**MOA RALLY, JULY 17th - 19th, JOHNSON CITY (GRAY), 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 as a group we can discuss travel plans at our next monthly meeting.

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

Both of these rally's 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.

We will include a ride during the MOA Rally to Ridgewood Barbeque near Elizabethton, Tennessee. We will meet near the entrance of the rally by the registration tent at 3:30 Friday afternoon for the ride to the restaurant. This is real southern barbeque at it's best. Mr. and Mrs. Proctor started this restaurant and now their grandson runs the place. They developed their own sweet, spicy sauce, smoke their own beef and pork, make their own barbequed beans, and cole slaw. Pork is their signature dish, however their beef is good also. For those who want to go on their own; take 11E north (please understand that 11E is the name of a road not a direction) to 19E south. After crossing over the Massengel Bridge (either John or George Massengel, can't remember which name is the correct first name) look at the street names on the right side of the road. I believe it is either Old 19E or Old Elizabethton Highway, and may be the second road on the right. This is a small road which winds and twists into a hollow. About a mile or so on the right will be the restaurant. Their hours of operation are limited. If you go much beyond 6:15 or 6:30 the lines will prevent you from getting in before they close at 7:00PM.

We hope you get out and ride this summer and check out some of these great rallies.

Rides

Frankenmuth:

The annual Frankenmuth Dinner ride is scheduled for June 13, 2009. The ride will leave from the Beemership (BMW Motorcycles of Detroit) around 11:00 am. Dinner will be scheduled for 2:00 pm or 2:30 pm.

The cost of dinner is included in your annual dues. The ride organizer, Jerry Pokorski (pokorskij@yahoo.com) will need a firm head count of those planning on attending no later than at the June 6th meeting.

See Jerry at the June meeting, or send him an e-mail at pokorskij@yahoo.com to confirm your attendance. Include the number of members and guests planning on attending.

Thanks and hope to see all the members there.

August Ride

It's a mystery!

Wednesday Dinner Rides:

Check the MCBeezers Group on Yahoo (members only access) for the location each Wednesday. This is an unstructured ride, or you get there on your own and get home on your own and if you don't want to be alone then call a friend to keep you company.

PICTURES

Start riding early!!



Training

For those attending the MOA Rally in July the folks from Total Control will be giving a class each of the 3 days.

http://dragonsafe.com/enroll_now.php?mth=7

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.

New Highway Pegs for your R1200RT or 'tried and true' Highway Pegs 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 Saturdays.

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