



Motor City Beemers



Club Newsletter



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BMW RA Club #209

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All meetings are held on the second Saturday of the month at 10:30 AM.

Next Meeting: March 13, 2010, 10:30AM at BMW of Detroit

Following Meeting: April 10 at BMW of Detroit

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THE PREZ SEZ

I want to thank everyone who came to our Mid Winter Dinner and all of those behind the scenes who helped pull it off. Everyone had a great time and it was a good opportunity to hand out Bent Beemers to those deserving individuals. It was a wonderful opportunity to get to know our fellow members.

Spring is just around the corner and I know we are all looking forward to another great riding season. There have been a few good riding days...if you like a bit of cold weather to get your blood flowing. We have a lot of great activities coming up this year. There are a number of motorcycle training courses available; MSF the cheapest, and then the Lee Parks type training. Reps from Lansing are coming to our March 13th meeting to give us information on these courses. There are going to be a lot of good monthly lunch rides, and then the special activities; Frankenmuth Chicken Dinner, steak picnic, and color tour to Legs Inn.

It is a good time to get your bike serviced and ready for the riding season. Don't want to miss any of the great adventures that come your way when you are on your bike. I need to get my bike in for service and am going to go soon to avoid the spring time rush. It might be the year to take a motorcycle course to tune up your riding skills. Hope you all have a great riding season with plenty of adventures.

Riding is Fun, John Saarinen

CLUB EVENTS

Good Friends by Ives R. Potrafka (Webmaster)

Last weekend was our annual winter party. We had a great turnout and a great meal. It was nice to get together with some good friends. We ate, we talked, and we had the “Bent Beemer” awards. When John called my name, all I could think was “No, I didn’t bend my beemer this year.” When I got the award and I saw what it was for – kidney stones, pinched nerve in my thumb, and yup... a dead battery on one of the rides. OK, so I guess I earned it.

So what are good friends... Good friends don’t let you drive home with kidney stones! Good friends stick around and push start your LT when the battery is dead! Good friends ask “How’s the thumb this week! Wow, Good Friends just seem to care!

That is what I think the MC Beemers is about. Good Friends from all walks of life who just seem to enjoy each other company while we tell stories and ride our motorcycles. We don’t have a lot in common outside of motorcycling. But – that’s enough!

So... I saw my surgeon this week. He assured me the physical problem causing the pinched nerve is fixed. He said it could take as much as three years for the thumb to come back to normal. For me... I guess it is time to just ignore the thumb and get ready to ride with my good friends.

Remember... Ride Safe and Have Some Fun!

AWARDS

The Winter Party also provided an opportunity to say thank you to the Beemership who so graciously allow us to use the store for our meetings. They all left with the best leftovers (my favorite was the Alfredo Noodles)

We also issued the “Bent Beemer Awards for this year. A good natured recognition of the adventures one may have on their ride:

- ❖ Endurance – Ives Potrafka, everything hooks to the battery right?
- ❖ Parking Innovations - Don Best, gotta love those kick stands
- ❖ Deer Slayer - Bob Hann, it was supposed to move before I got there?
- ❖ 200,000 Miles - Rhys Blair, anybody got a cushion I can sit on?
- ❖ Off Road on an R1200RT- Kourtney Thompson, who said no dirt riding?

Special Awards went out to:

- ❖ Betty Ward for the excellent job she does with the Wednesday night dinners
- ❖ Duncan Blair for running the 50/50 raffle in a way that would make any CPA proud

Club Rides

Date	Lunch Ride Location	Ride Leader
March 13th	Jim and Amy Kraus of the Alpha Training Center will be giving a presentation about the Advanced Rider Courses they offer in Lansing, MI. These courses include Lee Parks "Total Control" program. Don't miss this great meeting. The MC Beemers is hoping to get enough riders together to have our own "Bent Beemers" class this Spring or Summer. www.alphatrainingcenter.com	Ives Potrafka
April 10th	Ride TBA	*
May 8th	Ride TBA	*
June 12th	Ride TBA	*
June 19th	Annual Frankenmuth Chicken Dinner Ride	*
July 10th	Ride TBA	*
July 15th - 18th	BMW MOA National Rally - Redmond, Oregon http://www.bmwmoa.org/rally10	
August 14th	Ride TBA	*
September 11th	Ride TBA	*
September 18th	Annual Summer Picnic - Details to be announced	*
October 9th	Ride TBA	*
October 16th & 17th	Annual Color Tour Ride to Leggs Inn - 2 day ride - Details TBA	Ken Mitchell Ives Potrafka
November 13th	Ride TBA	
December 11th	Polar Bear Ride - Weather Permitting	Dick Hautau

NEWS FROM THE BEEMERSHIP

At our last meeting the dealership passed out some nice coffee mugs, so thanks from the club!

BMWMOA NEWS

Join if not a member. The web site is full of great information like the "37th Original Mini Rally" put on by the BMW Club of Battlecreek #14.

Other News

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

As some of you know, Dave Cronberger, our newsletter editor, is moving to sunny California and will leave us around June of this year. We want to thank him for his efforts and the great job he has done. We are jealous that he will have 12 months a year to ride but do wish him the best.

With his leaving, we need someone to volunteer to be the newsletter editor. Stepping up early will give you an opportunity to learn the ropes before he leaves. Please contact John Saarinen at jsaarinen@peoplepc.com if you are interested in this position.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is still only \$10 and associate membership is \$5. To join or renew as soon as please contact Allen Gigliotti at: giglio@comcast.net

Friendly reminder to those that have not renewed, we will be removing any non members from our e-group and issuing new passwords for website access following the March 13th meeting; honest!

Rides

Make sure you check the "Who's Going Where" section of the club web site if you are looking for a ride and ride partner.

EUROPEAN RIDERS RALLY, MAY 14-16, 2010

A few of us attended this rally last year and found the people to be friendly, the facilities were good, and the riding was great. It is put on by the BMW Club of Nashville. It is held in Burkesville, Kentucky and costs \$30 for preregistered and \$35 at the gate. The towns people are extremely enthusiastic about this rally and go all out to ensure you have a great experience. The towns people provide breakfast one day and also some good entertainment. Restaurants are open late just for the rally goers. It is a smaller rally with 250 to 300 attendees being typical. They will provide some suggested routes which proved to be fun and lightly traveled. Their website is www.bmwcon.org/rally.html or e-mail rally@bmwcon.org Check it out, it was fun last year and if I can get away I am going to go again this year. John Saarinen

MOA RALLY JULY 15-18, 2010

The MOA rally this year is going to be at the Deschutes County Fair and Expo Center Redmond, Oregon. Registration at the site will open at noon on the 14th to allow early arrivals to set up. Check out the BMW MOA website for further details.

RA RALLY July 29 - August 1, 2010

RA rally will be at the Green Mountain Energy Park, in Pownal, Vermont. Check out their website www.bmwra.org for additional details.

Training

See the reference for the March Meeting. Your editor is a 2 time customer of Jim and Amy Kraus' Alpha Training Center (BRC and ERC). They do a great job and personally I think if you are looking at the Basic Rider or Experienced Rider Course it is well worth the money over the courses at the community colleges.

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 item sells, please notify us so we can remove it from the newsletter. Please let Dave Cronberger know if they need to be removed.

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. You can have two lines of text, the first your name, and you can add a nick name as the second.

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!".

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