



Motor City Beemers

Club Newsletter



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All meetings are held the 2nd Saturday of the month at 10:30AM at BMW of Detroit

Our *next* meeting is scheduled for January 8th

Following Meeting: February 12th

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THE PREZ SEZ

The new year has come and I am looking forward to another great riding season. This past year provided some fantastic trips. I got to see a lot of the country I've never seen before and took part in riding activities I have only dreamed about. I hope you can all get out there this year and take some trips. It doesn't matter how long, it is great just get out there, feel the wind in your face and the freedom of the open road. It is a good time to start planning those rides. If you are looking for riding partners get the word out to see if any of the other members might want to go along.

This year we have many club planned events scheduled. These are the monthly club meetings at the dealership (second Saturday of every month), Wednesday night dinners (planned by Betty Ward), Mid-Winter Dinner (February 5th), Frankenmuth Dinner (June 18th), and the steak picnic (September 17th). I hope you come out and join in the fun. Please renew your membership as early as possible this year to help us plan our budget. Please support the club and help make it everything it can be!

Respectfully, John Saarinen

OFFICERS FOR 2011

We have a few new, and a few old officers. These volunteers were unanimously accepted by the membership at the December meeting. I would like to introduce them for the 2011 calendar year.

President – John Saarinen; runs the monthly club meetings, holds officers meetings, provide direction for activities.

First Vice President – Maury Feuerman; Organizes the three main activities for the club 1) Frankenmuth Chicken Dinner Run, 2) Steak Picnic in September, and 3) Mid-Winter Dinner, and fills in for President when needed.

Second Vice President – Rhys Blair; Acts as ride coordinator: gets volunteers to choose rides following monthly meetings and track other large club rides.

Treasurer – Allen Gigliotti; Maintains organization financial records, deliver reports, collect dues, etc.

Newsletter Editor – Bob Hann; Oversees publication of the monthly newsletter and related duties.

Webmaster – Ives Potrafka; Provides and manages the web site.

We want to thank these members for stepping forward to serve the members. Please at sometime thank these members for their efforts.

Proposed CHANGES TO THE CLUBS BY-LAWS

The proposed changes to the clubs By-Laws were accepted by a majority of the members present at the December meeting. They are available on our website.

CLUB EVENTS

INTERNATIONAL MOTORCYCLE SHOW

In Novi; January 7 - 9 and Cleveland at the IX Center; January 28 - 30 - mark your Calendars . . .

MID-WINTER DINNER, FEBRUARY 5, 2011

The Mid-Winter Dinner in the past has been an unqualified success. This dinner is no blue jeans event but it is kept laid back. It gives us an opportunity to get together in "Mid Winter" and include our families and significant others in a little more formal environment. We've scheduled this year's dinner for Saturday, February 5th, 6:30PM to Midnight, to make it easier for everyone to attend. It will be at Villa Penna's at 43985 Hayes, in Sterling Heights. ½ Mile South of M-59 on Hayes. 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 Picante
Top Round of Beef
Green Beans Almondine
Roasted Potatoes
Dessert (Spumoni or Ice Cream Sundae)
Cash bar.

As last year, the cost will be \$35 per person. Please put this on your calendar. Please reserve your place as soon as possible by placing your reservation with Maury Feuerman (248-321-8296) mfeuerman@comcast.net and then submitting payment to: John Saarinen or Allen Gigliotti by January 8th. Contact Maury for any questions.

Following dinner we will present Bent Beemer Awards. I know we will have a great time as usual. Come on out and join in on the fun!

Club Rides

ALWAYS IN SEARCH OF NEW DESTINATIONS

We would all enjoy going to new places . . . you don't have to lead the ride but it would be helpful if you know a fun route to get there. *It's easy!* Just tell us a little bit about the restaurant and provide a route to follow at least a week before the meeting. It can be as simple as a list of turn points or as complicated as a MapQuest map. Bring at least 5 or 6 copies so we can pick ride leaders and break up into smaller groups at the meeting.

Date	Lunch Ride Location	Ride Planner
January 8	Ride TBA	(need ride planner)
February 12	Ride TBA	(need ride planner)

Dinner Rides - Arrive between 6:30-7pm and hungry,

January 5	Pippers Alley	34802 Gratiot Avenue, Clinton Twp
January 12	Fishbones Rhythm Kitchen Cafe	23722 Jefferson Avenue, St. Clair Shores
January 19	Poncho's	37029 Green Street, New Baltimore
January 26	Malones Tavern	32350 Van Dyke Avenue, Warren

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP BY JANUARY 31ST !

Yes, 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's steak picnic.

And the best deal just got better . . . with a paid 2011 membership; you will be issued membership cards. These cards will entitle you to 10% discount on most in stock items at BMW of Detroit. Naturally, this offer *cannot* be combined with any other promotions and excludes motorcycles, labor and service installed parts.

Please renew by sending your renewal to Allen Gigliotti along with a check made out in his name.

Remember, following the February meeting we will change the password to the website and update the Yahoo Group e-mail. If you have not renewed you won't be getting the new password.

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 proudly wear their ID tags with their one of a kind moniker. It will help us to get to know each other and sure works a lot better than "Hey you!"

NEWS FROM THE BEEMERSHIP

A tip of the MCBEEMER helmet . . .

. . . goes to **Viles & Associates, Inc.**, Ron's parents, who have volunteered to print the free copies of the newsletter available at the dealership. They are also BMW riders.

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Does your favorite comfy chair find you thoughtfully boring a hole in the wall of your den; reminiscing about memorable rides this past season? Did the January issue of the BMWMOA newsletter fall into your lap (again) as you daydream about rides you will not soon forget? Yes, one can always tell when a few weeks have elapsed since the first significant snowfall. We find ourselves mentally drifting back a few months, back in the saddle of an unforgettable ride. Did you take an extended vacation on the bike? Can you still feel the soreness as you carefully crawl from that brand new Eureka tent at your first national rally? How about that performance riding class in the spring? Or simply enjoying the twisties out in the country with a friend at a brisk but safe pace? Good memories, all.

Pen falls to paper on this final day of 2010 and I, too, cannot seem to mentally stop riding. I long to maximize even the smallest window of palatable weather - especially knowing folks in half of the rest of the country are still riding. But wait; only two days ago, in 27°F, with snow and ice scarcely clinging to the pavement, what do my eyes reveal? What is that vehicle, the **ONLY** vehicle I might add, in BMW Detroit's' parking lot? You guessed it. A bike! Well, a scooter to be precise. And not just any scooter. Could this rider have endured an epic, arctic voyage from distant lands like, maybe, 13 mile and Hoover? Certainly no further than Troy. Right?

Wrong, piston puss. Brad Nicol is the proud owner of this white, 2009 Suzuki Bergman, his third scooter by the way. Brad was properly dressed alright with heated vest, gloves and pants; topped off with an ever-stylish black balaclava. You know, the one barely exposing two eyes and encouraging any customs officer worth their salt to detain you for questions. If I was going to begin a ride in 24°F from Canada, I would be cocooned in similar insulation.

Yeppur, every Highway 402 motorist wore a look of astonishment all the way from London, Ontario. I'm quite sure each person in Brads' wake mused, "Dat guy's crazy!" You and I, however, would power the window down and give him a smiling "thumbs up".



Brad lingered well over an hour purchasing a few parts, trying on clothing, thawing out and of course, perusing the bikes. We had a great conversation as I showed him around the shop, talked about the Motor City Beemer's and gave him as much free literature as I could muster. I learned Brad owned many other motorcycles along the way including a K bike. Some of his friends still ride BMW's so subsequently, he spent a great deal of time salivating over one particular barely used, pastel green, K1200GT. My usual commission applies, Maury.



As the afternoon shadows quickly lengthened, Brad suited up for his chilly two-hour jaunt back east. I could only think of the balmy 45° promised for the next two days and possibly taking a cruise. Passionate motorcyclists desperately exploit every conceivable opportunity to ride...don't we.

By the time you read this we will be immersed in the second decade of the second millennium. I expect Brad had a safe journey back to London and I know he'll return with friends for a Saturday club meeting. I trust my riding cohorts, especially Motor City Beemers, will enjoy thousands of trouble free miles next year. And I aspire to a bit more free time and longer rides in 2011.

Those are my Final Thoughts for 2010. Happy New Year, my friends.

by Pete Lentini



FOR SALE:

Caliber Pants (medium) Brand New Condition \$159

- ✓ 4 months old - brand new condition!
- ✓ Size medium - these pants run larger than normal. I'm 5'10", 180 lbs., 34-36" waist and it fits me fine.
- ✓ 100% waterproof & breathable Rainguard™ shell
- ✓ Stretch materials in calf and inseam for comfortable fit
- ✓ Reinforced knees and seat
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- ✓ Zipper attachment for jacket



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K1200LT Shelf

<http://www.ascycles.com/detail.aspx?ID=1960>

List for \$90.00 . . . **Will Sell for 25.00**

Also . . . have smaller shelf that mounts where the BMW GPS bracket goes just above the center console where the radio controls are... Sorry no picture...



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Cycloak - Gortex gloves size med. cold weather ,never worn.\$15.00
Womens Leather Vest button down size med. \$10.00
Leather mittens w/index finger, size small never worn. \$10.00
Leather mitten like new ,size small. \$5.00
Mens leather gloves (like new) size large.(G.P.Cycle). \$10.00
Leather-like Bra (never worn)(Fredericks)size 34B. \$8.00
Hot Grips Model STF, for street M/C's 6 or 12 volt ,15watts per grip,
7/8" handlebars (needs resister and hi-low switch. \$5.00
SHOEI Face Shields .1-tinted new GRV \$12.00 1-clear new GRV \$8.00
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