



# Motor City Beemers



## Club Newsletter



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

Our *next* meeting is scheduled for November 10th

Following Meeting: December 8th

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### PREZ SEZ

Here we are, and our riding season is winding down for most of us. It has been another wonderful season. I have heard from a few members that the Color Tour was a successful event. Thank you Ives for setting this up and a special thanks to the ride leaders. I am looking forward to hearing everyone's travel adventures from this summer. I hope to see most of you at our next club meeting. We will be discussing a holiday open house, this winters club banquet, and suggestions for next year. Please let me know about some more dinner spots :)

Sincerely,

Betty Ward

"The Prez"

## **CLUB RIDES**

### CLUB LUNCH RIDES

Date	Lunch Ride Destination	Ride Planner
November 10 <sup>th</sup>	TBD	
December 8 <sup>th</sup>	TBD	

## **GOING SOMEWHERE**

### *Caught in the act . . .*

It is sagacious, erudite and astute to acquaint one's self with the next motorcycle one intends to procure. MCBeemers Layne Stewart (shown right) and Pete Lentini agree - the best way to begin the "get to know you" process is with a nice, long hug.



*From the tank bag of Pete Lentini*

## **2012 Color Tour; October 20-21, 2012**

This year's Color Tour was my first in 6 years and I have to tell you, it was no disappointment and a far cry better than the ones I used to lead. Mother Nature didn't cooperate very much the first 2 hours of the ride out of the BMW Dealership. We caught a light rain on Hall Road going west and rain all the way up I-75 to the breakfast meeting place at 10:00 a.m.

Breakfast was great, people wandered in from 9:15 until after 10:00 so we were in different stages of breakfast throughout. At 11:00 we all suited up and remounted and ready to go by 11:15 except for one soul who had to ride back a mile or so for gas. Once on the road though it was pretty smooth going. I even had the route in my GPS so I knew where we were going from the second position in the procession of 8 bikes. Every mile west the weather seemed to get better and eventually the sun popped out and the temperature got up to 57-58 by mid-afternoon. Our first stop for gas was uneventful except for the fact there was no public restrooms, which makes it rough on our female riders. Leaving there we were up the road 5-6 miles when we had to stop...someone had forgot to pay for his or her gas and back we went. The next gas stop was the same, no public restrooms so we backtracked to a local park and used the facilities there.

This was a real color tour. The color peak had passed but the trees still holding their leaves for us to see had a great selection of reds, golds, and all the shades in between. I

was impressed. The roads were great too! I have been riding Michigan roads since 1980 and I was amazed at some of the roads that Ives and Ken found in mapping this route. Except for one road in particular I didn't think that the road surfaces were all that bad...maybe it was just knowing that this was probably one of the last big rides of the season, so I was savoring it. We finally got to Harbor Springs and headed up the 22 miles of The Tunnel of Trees. The road was pleasantly clear of leaves and water hazards as in past years and the road was very smooth. This part of the ride was the end of a 422 mile jaunt and I expected to be a little more tiring, but it was very pleasant and not as nearly as long as I remembered. As I was riding along I was remembering my first motorcycle ride through this area on M119 and it took me back to June of 1984 with the Jersey Pine Cruisers and we were doing what was called then "Bust Your Buns" Tour around Lake Michigan in 3 days with 2-25 riders. We left from Chicago on a Friday morning and returned to Chicago sometime on Sunday afternoon, hopefully with all the riders you started out with.

I digress; we pulled in to Cross Village and found our cabins and checked in, unpacked and headed for the restaurant for dinner. When we arrived in the lounge we found there were now 18 for dinner. What a nice surprise. We were seated around 8:15 I think, maybe earlier and we had two great servers work our two tables. Dinner was great, way too much food and drink as usual. By 10:30 or so I was in bed and sound asleep, but I know there were a few souls checking out the meteor show outside in the dark sky.

Morning come much too early for most. Some folks were gone by 7:00; I didn't get out of bed until 7:30, but was on the road by 9:15 after some friendly conversation with folks from our cabin and the one next to ours out by the bikes. I know some riders were meeting in Brutus for breakfast, but this rider was headed for our cottage to winterize it for the upcoming cold weather and snow, so I had breakfast at Betty's in Boyne Falls.

Again kudos to Ives and Ken for putting together another great Color Tour for the Club. It has really grown from the 3-4 of us back in 1995-96 when we went to our cottage and then up to Leggs and back to our cottage to spend the night. This was indeed a real color tour!

Rhys Blair

DINNER RIDES – Arrive between 6:30-7pm and hungry,

Watch for emails giving the location each week . . .

## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

It is that time of the year to renew your membership in Motor City Beemers. There is a form included in the newsletter to make the job of renewing easier. The dues stayed the same at \$10 for the primary member and \$5 for the associate member. An associate member must be associated with a primary member. This allows you to attend the Chicken dinner ride to Frankenmuth and steak picnic near Port Huron. The club picks up the cost of the chicken dinner and the steaks. The dues also cover the cost of donuts at the meetings. We need members to renew as early as possible so we can figure out a budget for the year. Send renewals to Allen Gigliotti; [giglio@comcast.net](mailto:giglio@comcast.net)

## **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](mailto: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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*Yes, they're finally in . . .*

. . . and not in the usual prostate gray or navy blue. The shelves now boast long and short sleeve shirts in brilliant and pleasingly unique colors (...at least for the shop!) We're talkin' teal, gold, umber, violet, sand, rust, lime green, pink, chartreuse, and more! And limited women sizes too! And of course the classic black and white . . . especially in long sleeve.

Come on in and pick up some new, colorful BMW Detroit shirts and support the shop. You may want to stop by soon and beat the rush during our next, Oct. 13th club meeting.

HINT: they would make great gifts for that out of state BMW owner friend of yours.

***Ride Safe Every One !***

## **FOR SALE**

### PIAA Platinum "SuperWhite" Bulbs

- (1) H3 35W (performs like 60W)
- (2) H3 85W (performs like 135W)

All three bulbs are brand new, never used and still in their original containers.

... normally \$35 to \$40 each **on sale: \$20 each \$50 for all three!**

Pete 586.978.3956 [petelentini@yahoo.com](mailto:petelentini@yahoo.com)



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## **FOR SALE**

### **"MICK-O-Pegs"**

Spring Loaded Highway Pegs  
for your R1200RT or your  
K1200LT.

Look at  
[www.ridingiswonderful.com](http://www.ridingiswonderful.com) to  
find information.

## **For Sale . . .**

2-piece (comfort seat) for my 2009 R1200RT

Also my 2007 R1200R is for sale at the dealership with all the extras  
Price?? We can talk. [crazybet@comcast.net](mailto:crazybet@comcast.net)

## **For Sale . . .**

Recently acquired Corbin front and rear seats, with front seat backrest, for a K12LT.  
If anyone in the group is interested, I will let you pop a squat on it before diving in,  
and cut a member discount if you decide you want the set. If you are interested,  
email me, [laynerstewart@gmail.com](mailto:laynerstewart@gmail.com) and we will set something up.

# FOR SALE

## Motoport "Canyon" Pants - size small

- ✓ A few years old but worn about 3 times! - *Absolutely like new!*
- ✓ 100% waterproof & breathable DuPont Cordura™ shell
- ✓ Full length mesh non-stick lining
- ✓ Stretch material behind calf for comfort
- ✓ Accordion pleats above knees for comfort
- ✓ Reinforced knees and seat
- ✓ (1) snap & (3) zippered pockets
- ✓ 12" zipper in calf for easy removal
- ✓ Removable armor in the hips and knees
- ✓ Elastic waist at sides and rear plus adjustable waist belt
- ✓ Similar to the new Cordura Light Pant only w/o the removable lining & full leg zippers.

Price reduced \$45  
**\$75**

Link to website:

[www.motoport.com/\\_product\\_35443/Ultra\\_II\\_Cordura\\_Light\\_Pant](http://www.motoport.com/_product_35443/Ultra_II_Cordura_Light_Pant)

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**For Sale . . . 1985-K100**

- \* 52,000 miles
  - \* New Battery (sealed)
  - \* Very good tires
  - \* hard cover side bags
  - \* Corbin custom seat (needs tlc)
  - \* accessory outlet
  - \* Maintenance through BMW
- Detroit
- \* Asking \$2,000



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*. . . ask for Vickie*