NEWSLETTER

Beehive Beemers Motorcycle Club of Utah
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April's BMW Enthusiast: Dana Elaine Owens aka: Queen Latifah



Queen Latifah is a passionate motorcycle rider, known for riding in her films, music videos, and even entering the stage of her talk show on her bike. She's reportedly owns five motorcycles and two Vespas. She has been riding her whole life and uses motorcycling as a way to escape the pressures of fame and traffic.

Of her motorcycles, she is a longtime sportbike enthusiest (Honda CBR900 and CBR600), and a member of the Redline MC, a motorcycle club that promotes safety while riding and enhances riding skills.

She is often seen riding her BMW R1200GS as her commuter bike.

In the television series, "The Equalizer" she rides a BMW S1000RR - of which she does her own riding (including action sequences) without a stunt double. The stunt coordinator, Chris Place, was initially hesitant to allow her on the bike but was impressed by her riding skills and vehicle awareness.



BMW K1200S

2004-2008

Motorradwerk Spandau, Berlin, Germany



The BMW K1200S is a hyper-sports touring bike, which means it's designed for long-distance riding with a focus on performance and comfort. After decades of obstinance, the BMW K1200S has BMW's first across-the-frame four motorcycle engine – the layout the Japanese motorcycle manufacturers have used to dominate motorcycling.

Low down torque is plentiful, midrange and top end power are excessive in the BMW K1200S that puts out 167 horsepower and 94 lb-ft of torque. The duolever front wheel suspension and integral ABS brakes provide exceptional stability and control, making it a great choice for sport touring.



The K1200S was marketed to compete with the Suzuki Hayabusa, Kawasaki ZX-10R, and Honda CBR1100XX Super Blackbird. Like most super-sport touring motorcycles, it has a difficult time finding an audience while trying to maintain enough qualities of high performance and long ride seat and body position comfort.

The bike was followed with the K1300S which added larger displacement and electronics. It was eventually discontinued in 2016.







Engine:1157cc type16v in-line four, 6 gears
Fuel capacity: 19 litres
Weight: 227kg
Average fuel consumption: 41 mpg
Max power: 167 bhp
Max torque: 96 ft-lb
Top speed: 170 mph

On 5 May 2005, motorcyclist journalists visited the BMW Performance Centre at Rockingham circuit in Northamptonshire to test ride BMW Motorrad's new 167bhp super tourer bike on the track. Participants were allocated three free sessions out on the circuit - two on their own bike and one on the K1200 S.

The day attracted riders with high performance superbikes, as well as tourers and everyone that attended was impressed with the handling, power, performance and comfort of BMW Motorrad's new superbike.

Yamaha FJR1300 rider Jon Spencer said: "Got to say that you have a winner here! It handles like nothing I've ever ridden before. It is very forgiving, comfortable and goes around corners brilliantly."

Kawasaki ZZR1200 rider Mike Perring said: "The K1200 S has excellent handling and brakes, and is really comfortable."

Honda CBR900RR rider, Chris Rees-Veal: "I was very impressed. The K1200 S is comfortable and I had no major loss of handling (if any) which meant that it is more than comparable with my current bike."

Suzuki GSXR750 rider, Therese Chatfield said: "It's awesome! It is much more suitable for me than my own bike."

BMW R1100 S rider, Chris Cook said: "The K1200 S is utterly awesome, comfortable and like a luxury race bike! Rockingham showed how easy handling the K1200 is. It is very light on the move."

Honda CBR600 rider, Julian Brailsford said: "The K1200 S is impressive. Quick acceleration, awesome brakes and it handles better than I expected. It is confidence inspiring."

Yamaha R1 rider, Fiona Iris commented: "It has better riding position than my bike and is smoother, has a more comfortable seat and smoother power delivery."

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SAFETY

It's beginning to look a lot like motorcycle season

Just a friendly reminder that as the weather warms up, and we find ourselves eagerly wanting to ride again - remember a few things:

Be hyper-aware.
Cars aren't accustom to seeing motorcycles on the streets again.

You're rusty.
Don't expect to jump on that seat with the same riding skills you had when you parked the bike for the winter. Hit those empty parking lots and practice your skills and emergency braking before heading straight out on the road. [You should do this regularly throughout the year anyway]

It's not summer yet.
Just because the temperature is warming doesn't mean there isn't patches of potential ice in the shade - especially where snow melt happens and refreezes over night.

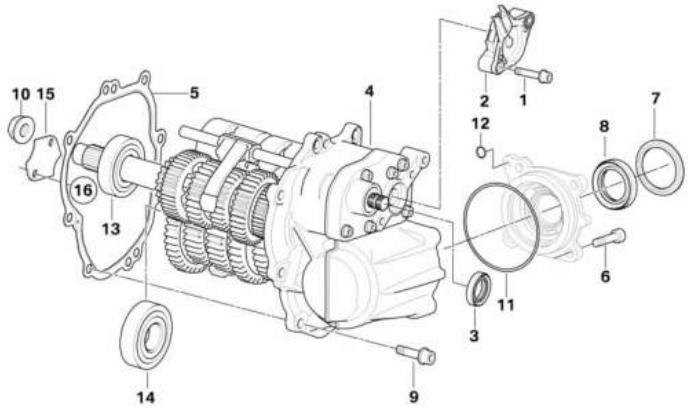
The sun is out... kind of.
Be aware of the sun's location. Despite the days getting longer, the sun is still low in the sky. This can cause a blinding glare on drivers in the morning (or evenings) right at commuter times (unlike the summer when the sun comes up early and sets much later). Know that if a glare or sun in the eyes is hampering your view ahead, the car behind you also can't see you (who is even smaller than a car). Or if the sun is low behind you, the oncoming direction traffic may have a more difficult time seeing you (potentially turning in front of you).

Be safe out there!



NUTS & BOLTS

General Announcements & Information



GOOD NEWS!:
Monthly Brunch Status

A huge "Thank you" to Kristi Brockman who has stepped in to help organize our brunches.

She has created a list of new places as well as new summer locations to get out of the valley and into the twisties.

She has already begun calling ahead and making sure we have reservation. We will still send out RSVP reminders the week of because we will need to give the restaurants an accurate count ahead of time.

Kristi has also included a ride meetup to the Snow Basin Octoberfest. This will be in September, and we will give more details as it gets closer.



EUROSPORTS UTAH: Another year of Track Experiences for Customers

This year Eurosports Utah has put together another round of track day experiences. This exclusive event not only gives you premium track access but also the chance to demo the latest and greatest motorcycles from BMW and Ducati.

Enjoy four full hours of uninterrupted track time in a non-competitive, safe, and stress-free environment. Take advantage of premium garage spaces for comfort and convenience between your sessions. Connect with fellow Eurosports Utah customers and enthusiasts who share your passion for exceptional riding experiences.

For more information and pricing swing by the dealership or go to euroutah.com.
As a participant of these event for the last four years, feel free to ask me, Bryan Cody, any questions.

BUSINESS AS USUAL

Membership Renewal

Club renewal membership can be obtained via the club's website: https://beehivebeemers.org/

Click on the “Join/Renew” tab, fill out the renewal information on the form and use PayPal for payment. You should receive a confirmation from the Treasurer.
Of course, you can always print and mail your membership renewals, along with a check, to our mailbox.

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EUROSPORTS UTAH / BMW Motorcycles of UTAH

Eurosports Utah (formally Harrisons) generously offers a 10% discount to our club members on parts, accessories, and apparel.

Check out their ever expanding apparel and gift items. If there are licensed BMW items that you would like to see added to the sales floor, please let them know, as they would appreciate input from their customers.



Share your trips!

I am encouraging members to get involved by sharing their stories that I will publish in the Newsletters. Reach out to me about your trips and rides. Let me help share your adventures and photos with our members as well as those interested in joining our club.
(re: 2023 Spring Q/2 Quarterly for examples)

You can either write the story - or send me the bullet points and I'll be happy to create the narrative.

Things I know people like to see: route map, points of interest, and fun unique places to eat/drink/lodge.

April

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Saturday Brunch
11:00 am

GRACIE'S

326 S. West Temple,
Salt Lake City, UT 84101

May

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EUROSPORTSUTAH

Track Experience

Utah Motorsports Campus

https://www.euroutah.com/ for Info and RSVP

May

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Saturday Brunch
11:00 am

Wasatch Brewery Sugar House

2110 S Highland Dr,
Salt Lake City, UT 84106

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monthly club meetings are the second Saturday of each month (unless noted otherwise). Recommendations are welcomed. Reminders and RSVPs will be emailed to members one week prior to breakfast/brunches.

Please note that event dates, locations, and times are subject to change. Any changes, additional information, and updates will be emailed to club members, updated to website, and announced in the monthly Newsletter sent by the 1st of every month.

June

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Saturday Brunch
TBD

Lodgepole Grill

Hwy 40 Daniels Summit,
Daniel's Summit Lodge,
Heber City, UT

June

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July

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Saturday Brunch
TBD

Back 40 Ranch House Grill

1223 N Hwy 40,
Heber City, UT 84032

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