



Motor City Beemers

Club Newsletter



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October meeting

Our next meeting will be held Saturday October 2nd.

Monthly Club rides

Ride schedule for the remainder of the 2004 riding season:

Saturday, October 2 - Shirley Green, Guernsey Farms, Novi
October 16th & 17th, Rhys & Ryan Blair - Blair annual color tour
Saturday, November 6 - Frank Emmerich, Lafayette Coney Island, Detroit
(probably by automobile)

LIFE & MOTORCYCLING *by Pink Linguini*

1. All other motorcyclists seem normal until you get to know them.
2. You need only two tools on a motorcycle trip; WD-40 and duct tape. If it doesn't move and it should, use WD-40. If it moves and it shouldn't, use the tape.
3. Never pass up an opportunity to pee.
4. The five most essential words for a healthy and rewarding motorcycle trip with your significant other are: *"I apologize."* and *"You're right, honey."*
5. Never try and fix a flat tire after four margaritas.
6. How long is a minute? That depends on what side of the port-o-john door you're on.
7. If he/she says that you are too good for him/her ----- believe them.
8. Ride like hell... you're bound to get there.

9. A truly happy motorcyclist is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.
10. Be really nice to your motorcycling friends. You never know when you are going to need them to help empty your oilpan... or your bedpan.

And one of my favorites; work is good, but not that important. Go for a ride

September Club Ride

It couldn't have been a better day for a club ride. It was a beautiful holiday weekend. There was a pretty good turnout at our monthly meeting and a real good turnout for the ride itself.

The club meeting ended at 10:50 a.m. and the club ride departure time was for 20 minutes later. At 11:10 a.m. I put my helmet on, tooted my bike horn and headed out of the dealership. At Mound and Chicago Roads I was informed by the tail rider that the entire group was not exactly intact. Apparently not everyone was ready to go at 11:10 at the appointed departure time. However, by the time we merged on to I-696 westbound all 14 riders were somewhere in close proximity to our formation. On the most part the ride was pretty uneventful. I headed for the second lane from the left, set the cruise control at about 2 miles over the speed limit on the GPS and enjoyed the ride. The sun was shining, the temperature was rising and the concrete was slipping away as we headed for the Willis Pickle Barrel Inn and Restaurant.

It was just about noon and 50 miles later when we arrived at our destination. Some bikes parked out front on the black top, the rest in the semi-wet gravel parking lot. Fourteen bikes in all for a total of 15 patrons sat down for lunch. We were spread out over 4 tables but in close proximity of each other. It didn't take long and all had ordered and the food started arriving at our tables. From my vantage point it appeared everyone was happy with their fare and there certainly was no lack of conversation. As is the case with a bunch of riders who are trying to eat and get caught up on the latest adventures of their riding friends as well as share their stories, conversations got loud and bits and pieces were lost in the verbal exchanges.

By 1:30 lunch was over and we all started out to our bikes. As is our custom after these rides the group breaks up into twos and threes and ride off into different directions to explore the area, head for home or just finish out the afternoon riding. John Either, the PREZ and yours truly were the last two left in the lot after everyone had left. John asked which way I was headed and I said North by Northeast in a general direction. I

was just going to follow the GPS unit and keep an eye on the sky. It looked a little like rain and I wasn't interested in getting too soaked on what seemed such a nice day.

We ended up heading through Ypsilanti and then over toward Livonia and up into West Bloomfield and then through Silver Lake and Waterford and north of Pontiac and to Rochester Hills before heading to O'Grady's (Canal and Hayes) for one long neck and a little conversation. All in all I had clocked about 150 miles to this point so far today. We sat for about 40 minutes shooting the bull and harassing our young waitress. You don't realize how old you are sometimes while you are out riding your bike until you stop for something and the wait staff is as young as or younger than your own children. They look amazed that we old guys are out riding motorcycles instead of at home using walkers. They don't say it out loud, but I know the young whipper snappers are thinking it. If they only knew that some of us have callouses on our butts older than they are, and that we have visited more states by motorcycle than they have drank in nightclubs. It was getting nigh on 4:30 and I knew I should be getting home. John and I said are goodbyes and rode off toward Moravian and our separate homes. By any standard it was a good day for a ride and as far as I'm concerned I had a great one.

Hope to see you all at the club picnic on September 11 at Stoney Creek where yours truly will be grilling up the dead cow for all to enjoy. So far we have 22 signed up to be there. If we don't see you there then at the October club meeting on the 2nd.

Enjoy!

Rhys B. Blair

...from the Beemership *by Pink Linguini*

- **Ladies**, UPS unloaded a new shipment of neat stuff just for you. We have all-season insulated gloves, and 2 versions of gel palm ventilated gloves - all from Olympia. New FirstGear and Hein Gerike waterproof pants hang from our pant rack. If you've been waiting for some of these items, stop by and try them on for size.
- Our Gerbing heated inner and outer jackets, pants, gloves; plus all the accessories continue to sell well especially as folks anticipate cooler weather riding. Be prepared...fall is on its way!
- In that same light, we still have some Cycloak GT Pro and Evolution jackets marked down to a price so low, I'm ashamed to put it in the newsletter. These Gore-Tex[®] lined puppies are guaranteed to keep you toasty and dry so check 'em out before they're gone!

- The latest shipment of Alaska Leather sheepskin seat covers has arrived in black, gray and natural colors...comfy and nicely ventilated for your seating pleasure!
- Our display cases now sport new personal BMW accessories that include:
 - A travel journal book with embossed "Motoman" and "The Ride is On" with complementary pen
 - High tech aluminum pens with matching custom aluminum carrying case
 - "The Ride is On" Unibal® pens
 - "Motoman" and "Motowoman" pins for your cap, vest or jacket
- I've been reviewing the technical training manual for the new K1200S and must admit it's even more impressive than the articles available to the general public so far. Sporting very sophisticated electronics through a CAN (Controller Area Network) electrical system, the new bike offers many outstanding features. Sophisticated diagnostic systems will also permit the bike's computer to essentially monitor itself as it operates. Innovative features permeate throughout the entire machine as well, i.e., electrically adjustable front and rear suspension, instrument panel readouts for the rider, security/alarm system through a coded ignition key with remote activation, and *much more*. If the magazines have peaked your interest, the real thing will impress you even more. Talk to Joel for targeted delivery of our first bike.
- "Previously owned" bikes currently on the floor for sale include:
 - 1994 R100M Mystic, red, **235 miles**
 - 1995 K1100LT, dark charcoal, 35900 miles

2004 Demo bikes with *extra savings* include:

 - R1150R, Piedmont red, 120 miles
 - R1150RT, piedmont red, 510 miles
 - R1200GS, blue, 1500 miles
 - K1200GT, orient blue, 400 miles

Motor City Beemer Name Tags

Our Motor City Beemers name tags are available for purchase at Highest Honor, Inc. Highest Honor, Inc is located at 34777 Dequindre Road, Troy, Michigan 48083. Their shop is located on the west side of Dequindre Road, just south of 15 Mile Road. Herb and Jeff have a die set up already with our club logo on it. The cost of one name tag is just \$8.00. The Motor City Beemers picked up the cost of the die set back in August 2003.

The easiest way to get your name tag is send an email to Jeff at www.jeff@highesthonor.biz and spell out exactly what you want on the name tag and when you would like to pick it up.

You can also call the guys at the shop at 248-588-7845 ask for Jeff and give him what you want on the name tag and they'll take care of it for you and let you know when you can pick it up.

So hurry up and get your special name tag engraved with **YOUR** one of a kind moniker. There will be special attention paid to those members that show up to the club meetings with their new name tag displayed proudly on their chests.

If you have any questions concerning any of this call me.

Rhys B. Blair

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Annual Blair Color Tour

It's almost here!!! Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 16 and Sunday, October 17, 2004. Yes, you guessed it! It's the Blair's Annual Color Tour along M119 and Legs Inn at Cross Village, Michigan. We promise everyone that comes along, a lot of riding, great food, the best Michigan riding road in the entire state and good company.

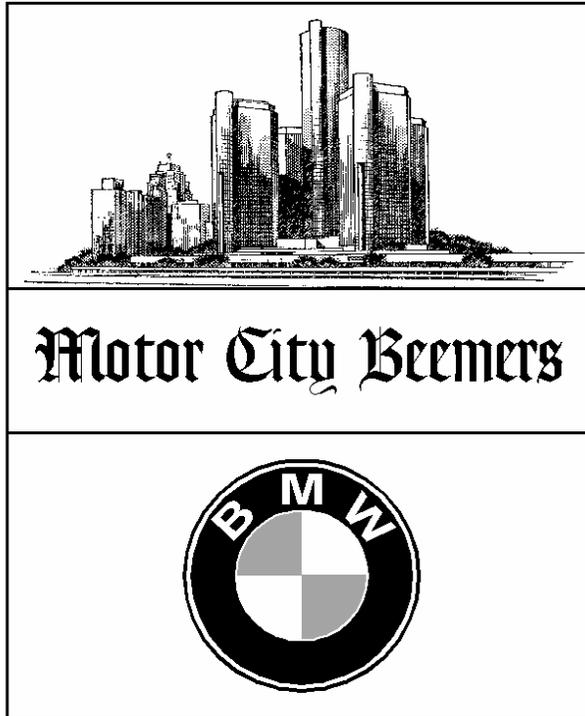
It's a mere 240 miles from the dealership to the Blair's cottage. Then 50 miles to Legs Inn for dinner. A free nights lodging and some kind of entertainment at the cottage. Sunday it's anybody's guess, but we manage at least another 300 miles to get home so you are guaranteed at least 600 miles of great riding from one side of the state to the other and from the bottom to the top.

As usual we leave the dealership at 8:00 a.m. sharp and brunch in Standish. By 2:00 p.m. we have reached the cottage and settle in for a short while. Then by 6:00 p.m. we are usually up at Leggs for dinner. Sometime around 10:00 p.m. we are back at the cottage playing cards, watching a John Wayne movie or getting ready for bed. Sunday morning we're on the road by 10-11:00 a.m. making a breakfast stop somewhere on the road home. One year we had as many as 14 folks on the ride and other years as few as 5. So if you are inclined to join us mark your calendar and let Rhys or Ryan know your intent.

The ride is open to both singles and couples. Usually Jill rides along with me and it's not unusual to have one or two couples ride along too. So mark your calendars and plan on

joining us this year in October. It may be your last big mileage ride before the end of the riding season!

See ya at the dealership.
Rhys and Ryan Blair



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